

Column One SPORTS TALK



Martina Hingis
(15-year-old Swiss tennis sensation)

"I would only make one change in my life. I would like to be older. I would like to be between 18 and 25, the age when you can go out with boys, have fun with them, go to the cinema or skiing, whatever. I think those must be the best years for a girl, and I am really looking forward to them."

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1. The new Zimbabwean cricket captain is	Dalrymple	Whitall	Campbell
2. Number of centuries scored in the Test match between Pakistan and England were	Three	Four	Five
3. Australian Michael Bevan plays county cricket for	Leicestershire	Kent	Yorkshire
4. The new football skipper of Muktijoddha Sangsad is	Nakib	Gaus	Masood Rana
5. What was the position Brothers Union Club in last year's Premier Division football league?	Fourth	Seventh	Eight

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Badda Jagarani beat Bima

Sports Reporter
Badda Jagarani Sangsad recorded their first win in the ongoing Danish First Division football league when they handed Sadharan Bima Kira Sangstha solitary goal defeat at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Substitute Selim Kamal scored the all-important match-winner for the winners in the first minute of the second half.

With the win, Badda Jagarani increased their account to four points from three matches while the insurance men have three points from as many outings.

Big boost for Robson

MADRID, Aug 29: Former England manager Bobby Robson enjoyed his first success in charge of Barcelona as his team weathered 90 minutes of non-stop Atletico Madrid pressure to win the Spanish Super Cup 6-5 on aggregate on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Barcelona had won the first leg 5-2 but the second leg was a different story. Atletico came within a whisker of taking the cup on the away-goal rule but squandered several chances after going 3-1 ahead 15 minutes from the end.

Juan Lopez gave Atletico the lead midway through the first half after Barcelona fullback Albert Ferrer and substitute goalkeeper Ulen Lopetegui failed to clear a Milinko Pantic cross.

Gaus, Nakib make Mukti's day

Sports Reporter
The aspirations of Muktijoddha Sangsad Kira Chakra cruised to their second victory in the Danish Premier Division football league with a convincing 2-0 win over Agrani Bank at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium last night.

In a competitive affair, midfielder Golam Gaus and striker Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib scored one goal each in either half for the all-red outfit.

On a rain-soaked slow outfield, Muktijoddha, third in the elite group last season, went out for a positive game from the first whistle and eventually took the lead as early as in the 13th minute.

It was a combined effort of Nakib and Gaus that gifted Muktis their first goal as Nakib, advancing through the centre, passed the ball on the right to Gaus and who without any delay broke through the right flank to beat the advancing Bank keeper Manu with an accurately measured grounder (1-1).

In the remaining first half, Muktis had two more distinct opportunities to increase the margin. In the 17th minute, Gaus' header from a corner hit the crossbar. Later, skipper Masood Rana failed to fill an open Bank net dodging past an

advancing Manu in the 40th minute as his placing shot was brilliantly cleared by defender Pons of the cost of a corner.

The late of the Bankers in the first season could have been otherwise had their prominent striker Tutul not missed the net from a close angle after successfully overcoming the former national defender Moon from the right side.

After the lemon break, both Agrani Bank and Muktis played all out football.

The Bankers, trying their best to get an equaliser, had a clear chance in the first minute of the second half when they launched an offensive from the right wing. But Tutul's header from a Jahangir cross was brilliantly taken by the Muktijoddha keeper Panu.

Muktis, after sustaining the initial thrust in the second

half, gradually reorganised themselves to increase the margin with Gaus, Zakir and Nakib effective in the forward line.

Mukti had to wait till the 20th minute of the second half for their second goal when they were awarded a penalty after Bank defender Kala handled the ball while trying to stop a Tito grounder inside the D-box. Nakib converted the spot-kick for his third goal of the league.

In the last hour of the match, the Bankers had the easiest opportunity to pay back at least one goal when they also earned a penalty as Muktis' Titu roughly charged striker Johnny inside the box. But Tutul proved that all penalties are not convertible as the Muktijoddha keeper Panu flung to his right to give the Bankers no more than a corner.

The win raised Muktis tally to seven points from three matches while Agrani Bank remained stuck with their previous three from as many matches.

Jr b'ball squad off to Malaysia

A 16-member Bangladesh junior basketball team left here yesterday for Malaysia to participate in the 14th ABC Junior basketball championship, beginning in the Malaysian city of Johor Baru on Sunday, reports UNB.

TEAMS
MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD: Panu, Paritosh, Moon, King shuk, Masood Rana, Tito, Zakir, Rupa, Gaus (Shafiqul), Nakib and Reaz.
AGRANI BANK: Manu (Milan), Pons, Rafique, Kala, Raj, Munna, Rana, Sentu, Jahangir, Tutul and Anwar (Kabir/Jony).
Referee: S K Badaruddin /



Players of the Muktijoddha Sangsad and Agrani Bank engage in a battle to take control of the ball during their Premier Division football league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Lens' last minute magic

PARIS, Aug 29: Euro '96 star Vladimir Smicer of the Czech Republic scored at the last second for Lens, allowing them to retain the lead in the French soccer league on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Smicer pushed the ball home in injury time to lead his team to a 3-2 victory over Montpellier, who were leading 2-1 until Cameroon's Marc-Vivien Foe equalised on a header in the 85th minute.

The win was the fourth in as many matches this season for Lens, who lead the table on 12 points. In-form Paris St Germain, who dismissed Nantes 1-0, are second with 10 points.

Along with Smicer, Robert Pires was the star of the night in France, scoring the first hat-trick of the league season in Metz's 3-1, home victory over neighbouring Strasbourg.

Pires, one of the most promising strikers in the country, was called up for the first time this week by French manager Aimé Jacquet for a friendly against Mexico on Saturday at the Parc Des Princes.

Pires scored first with a powerful shot in the 35th minute before striking again

from close range just before the break. A solitary raid allowed him to score his third in the 74th.

Smicer's goal was an hard-won as his team's victory.

Spurred by Foe's leveler five minutes before, Lens pressed hard and Foe hit the crossbar in the dying seconds on another header. The ball bounced back to Smicer's feet and he scored.

Montpellier seized an unexpected lead thanks to Kader Ferhaoui in the fourth minute after a blunder from Lens goal-

keeper Jean-Claude Nodon.

The side from northern France, forced to fight an uphill battle from then on, pulled level thanks to Tony Vaireles in the eighth minute but young striker Fabien Lefevre made it two for Montpellier five minutes later.

League favourites PSG scored a convincing 1-0 win over Nantes and confirmed they would again be the team to beat this season.

Ironically, PSG's victory owed alot to two former Nantes players, striker Patrice Loko, who scored on a brilliant shot in the 23rd minute, and defender Benoit Caulet, who started the one-two which allowed Loko to score.

The Parisians, who have yet to concede a goal, were without Brazil's Leonardo and Panama's Julio Cesar Dely Valdes, both called up by their national sides.

For Nantes, who shocked PSG to win the league crown two years ago, the fall is very painful. The Canaries, who lost most of their key players within two years, have yet to win a match this season.

Reigning champions Auxerre had to settle for a goalless draw against Marseille on Tuesday.

Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Aug 29: Mohammedan Sporting Club drubbed Dighalia YMA Club 3-0 in the Bull-Head Cement Senior Division football league at the local stadium today, reports BSS.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

Rizu scored the first goal in the seventh minute and doubled the margin in the 32nd.

After the breather, Farooq sealed the tally when he comfortably converted a lob in the 65th minute.

Haroon of the Mohammedans and Bani of Dighalia received yellow cards.

Tanveer Haider resigns from BCCB

Sports Reporter
Former national cricketer and the acting General Secretary of Mohammedan Sporting Club, Tanveer Haider, had declined to accept the post of member of the just-announced executive committee of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board and has accordingly submitted his resignation to the president yesterday, according to a letter issued to the press.

Among other reasons for his decision, Tanveer Haider, popular as Mamu, said that he was not consulted before naming him as a member in the committee announced on Wednesday.

In the letter addressed to the BCCB president, the former national manager said that the new committee was formed without going through the routine formalities, particularly the appointment of executive secretary, a new post was done without getting approval from any BCCB meeting.

The appointment of a paid



executive secretary over two club organisers as joint secretaries is beyond his comprehension, the letter goes on. He was also surprised to see the name of the executive secretary right after the president which he supposed would mean that the executive secretary would be more important and powerful than the other 36 members of the 38-man committee. Moreover, the appointment of a paid secretary indicates that there is a dearth of cricket organisers in the country who can be appointed as unpaid secretary.

Thanking the BCCB president for considering him as a member of his new committee, Tanveer assured him of all co-operation, support and effort for the cause of Bangladesh in world cricket.

Keep your football tickets

Sports Reporter
Spectators of the ongoing Danish Premier football league should retain with them their portion of the daily tickets till the particular match is over, according to the Dhaka Metropolitan Football League Committee.

According to a press release issued yesterday, if any particular game is postponed for any unavoidable reason such as rain, crowd violence, etc. fans will be able to watch the match the next day with by showing their half of the ticket.

Ansars flex their muscles

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Ansar and VDP earned a clean sweep in the 16th national bodybuilding championships which concluded in the capital last Tuesday.

In the three-day meet, Ansars clinched four golds out of six in different weight categories establishing their superiority over the others.

The followings are the winners of six weight categories:

- 60kg — Alhaj Lehaududdin (Ansar)
- 65 kg — M Musa Chowdhury (Ansar)
- 70 kg — Harun-ur-Rashid (Dhaka City Corporation)
- 75 kg — M Majharul Islam (Dhaka City Corporation)
- 80 kg — M Abdul Ahad (Ansar)
- 85 kg — Bidyut Kumar Roy (Ansar)

Besides, Mohammad Ali of Bangladesh Police won the gold in the veteran group.

Brazil still the best

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug 29: Sweden, which fell as far as 15th only a year after their third place finish at the 1994 World Cup, seemed ready to drop out of the top 10 again Wednesday in the last FIFA World Rankings, reports AP.

A 1-0 loss to Denmark on Aug. 14 at Göteborg helped contribute to the slide to ninth, a two-notch slip since the last rankings a month ago. It's the lowest Sweden has been since starting the year out at 12th.

The top six remained unchanged from July, with Brazil leading the way followed by European champion Germany, France, Euro '96 runner-up Czech Republic, Italy and the Netherlands. It was the 29th straight month for Brazil atop the rankings.

Spain and Russia each moved up a spot to seventh and eighth, with Denmark completing the top 10.

Most of the top 20 remained the same, with Romania making the biggest jump, up five places to 18th. The United States, which hasn't played since US Cup '96 in June, dropped three places to 20th. It was the second straight three-place drop for the Americans.

Other notable changes included Argentina's crumbling nine places to 24th and Chile's eight-rung climb to 21st.



Michael Chang of the US makes a backhand return against South Africa's Neville Godwin in the second round match of the US Open at the Flushing Meadows on Wednesday.

Chang gets into groove

NEW YORK, Aug 29: Michael Chang bulldozed his way into the third round of the US Open tennis championships on Wednesday with a 6-1, 6-3, 6-1 victory over hapless South African qualifier Neville Godwin, reports AFP.

"Playing Michael Chang — I've never come across anything like it," said Godwin, 21 and ranked 118th in the world. "You think you put one away, and it comes back. You think you put one away, and it comes back. It's an ongoing saga. It's just not fun."

He managed to enjoy himself a little during the match, which lasted an hour and 38 minutes, and had the New York crowd's sympathy for the underdog flowing.

"The crowd were unbelievable," said Godwin. "I didn't play well and they were on my side anyway."

In the third round Chang faces American Vince Spadea, who beat Germany's David Prinosil 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

He was encouraged by his consistency against Godwin, after his tough four-setter against Brazilian qualifier Jaime Oncinas in the previous round.

Godwin's debacle came hours after another South African qualifier, David Nankin, ousted ninth-seeded compatriot Wayne Ferreira from the first round.

While Godwin had reached the fourth round of Wimbledon as a qualifier, Nankin won his first Grand Slam match in

seven tries when he knocked out Ferreira 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

Ferreira, ranked seventh in the world, became the fourth men's seed, and eighth overall, to lose in the first round.

Three other men's seeds advanced to the second round. American Todd Martin, the 12th seed, beat Moroccan Younes El Aynaoui 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Spain's Felix Mantilla, seeded 17th, after seventh-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov withdrew, beat Brazilian Fernando Meligeni 6-1, 6-7 (2/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-3.

Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine defeated France's Jean-Philippe Fleurian 6-2, 6-0, 6-1.

Instead of his now traditional critique of the food and atmosphere at the National Tennis Centre in Flushing Meadows, Medvedev offered a reflection on his efforts to regain the form that saw him move as high as sixth in the world in 1993, compared to his current 36th.

"I think I'm more focused on what I have to do, and that's playing tennis," said Medvedev, who will turn 21 on Saturday. "I realized, especially during this year, that without putting your mind into tennis, 99.9 per cent of your mind into tennis, I don't think you can be successful."

"I had to stay away from many things that I did the last couple of years. I had much less fun off the court. I had much more fun on the court."

Ferreira wasn't really surprised to join the list of upset victims.

"I can't lie, I felt like I've been

playing tennis every day for the last five months," said Ferreira, who won a hard court tournament in Toronto earlier this month, reached the final at Washington and the quarter-finals of the Atlanta Olympics.

"It was very difficult to get motivated to play mentally. When that doesn't happen, your physical side kind of disappears. It was a very difficult day for me."

Olympic Champion Andre Agassi highlights Thursday's programme with a second-round match against Indian Leander Paes. It's rematch of their Atlanta Games semi-final.

In Women's singles, second seed Monica Seles advanced to the third round on a walkover when her schedule deponent, Belgian Laurence Courtois, pulled out with an injury.

Fourth-seeded Spaniard Conchita Martinez beat France's Nathalie Tauziat 6-1, 6-3 in a match moved to the stadium court night session in place of the Seles encounter.

"I arrived here at 1.30 and I had to wait so many hours," Martinez said. "I flew from San Diego on Sunday night. But it's great to play on the stadium."

Martinez needed barely more than an hour to dispose of Tauziat and set up a third-round match with Czech veteran Helena Sukova. Seles' walkover put her into a match with Daily Randriantefy of Madagascar.

Seles' quarter of the draw had already been cleared of all other seeds, a boon since she's nursing a shoulder injury that hampers her serve.

Seles now can't come up against a seeded player until the semifinals, where she could meet Martinez of eighth-seeded American Lindsay Davenport.

Davenport, who followed up her victory in the Olympic Games with a win in the WTA Tour event in Manhattan Beach, California, two weeks ago, beat Slovakian Henrietta Ngoyva 6-0, 6-4.

Davenport trailed 3-1 in the second set, but said her confidence level was so much higher now that she was never really worried.

"I still felt I could win that set," the 20-year-old said. "That is a change of thinking for me. I was able to pull that game out, which was huge turning point. I was able to go up 5-3."

Argentinean 15th seed Gabriela Sabatini the US Open champion in 1990, got through with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over American Ann Grossman. Austrian Barbara Rittner upset 13th-seeded Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands 6-2, 6-1 to reach the third round.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Danish Premier Division football league:
(Venue: Dhaka Stadium)
Mohammedan SC vs Farashganj SC (6 pm)

Danish First Division football league:
(Venue: Dhaka Stadium)
Wari Club vs Police AC (4 pm)

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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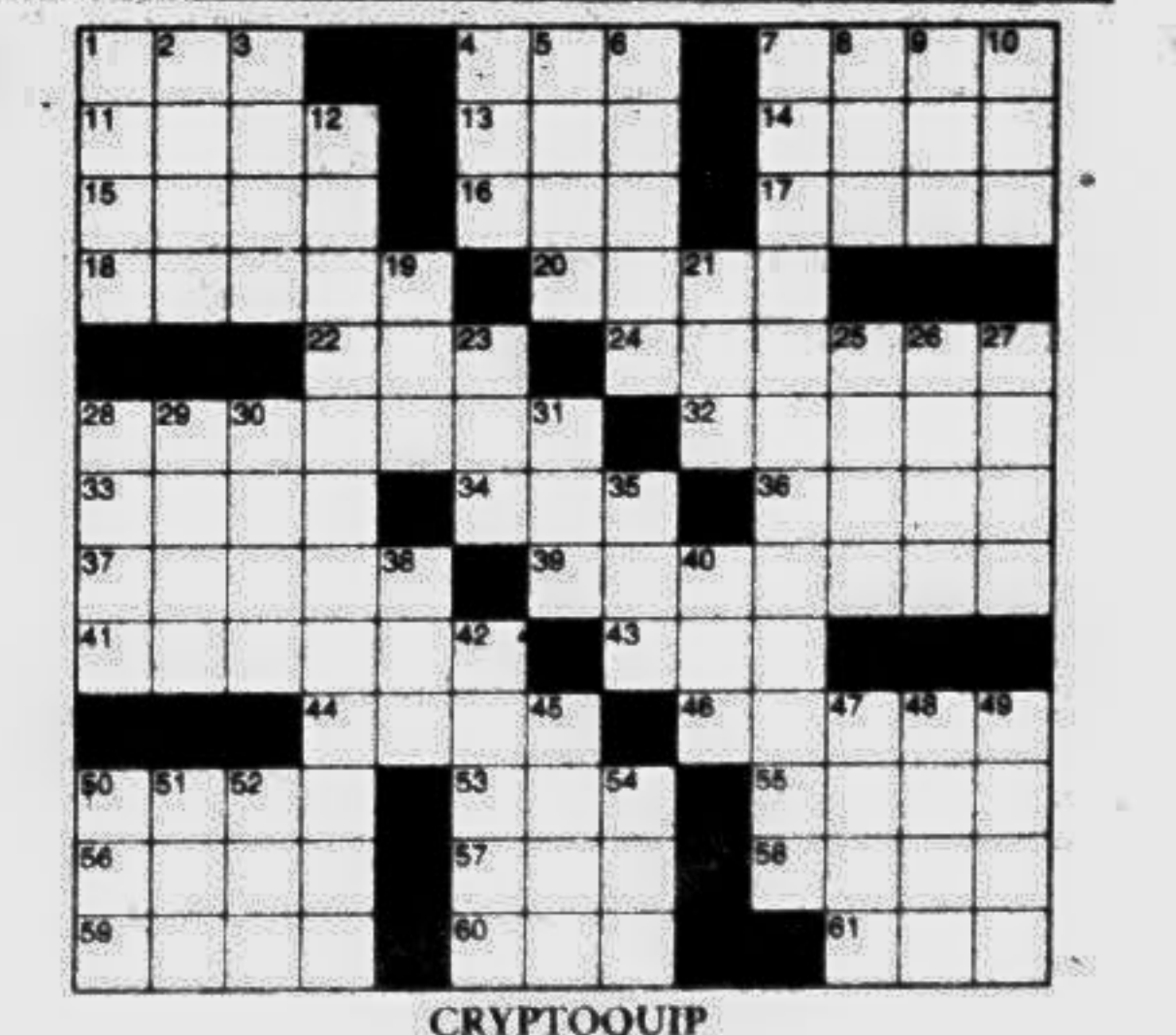
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Saturday's Cryptogram: THE PERFECTIONIST PRO GOLFER LOVED TO CONSTANTLY DO EVERYTHING TO A TEE.

Today's Cryptogram clue: S equals H

The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.