

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Stefan Edberg

(Swedish tennis superstar) I've been on the tour for many years. It's time for me to go now, before it's too late.

About his planned retirement from tennis at the end of this season.

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(Competition closes: 8 pm
September 13, 1996)

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| 1 | Pakistan batsman Salim Malik's century in the Oval Test was his | 11th | 10th | 14th |
| 2 | How many athletes from Bangladesh went to Atlanta this year | Two | Three | Four |
| 3 | The top seed of this year's US Open is | Rapin | Agassi | Muster |
| 4 | Pakistan pacer Waqar Younis has signed for English county | Gloucestershire | Surrey | Kent |
| 5 | Cricketer umpire Steve Bucknor is from | Kenya | Zimbabwe | West Indies |

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Who's the fastest?

BERLIN Aug 30: Olympic champions Donovan Bailey and Michael Johnson may argue over which of them is the fastest runner ever but Ben Johnson is the man according to former gold medalist Allan Wells, reports Reuters.

Johnson clocked the fastest non wind-assisted time ever for 100 metres of 9.79 seconds at the 1988 Seoul Olympics before he was stripped of his gold medal following a positive test for steroids.

The previous year the Canadian clocked 9.83 to win the world title in Rome but it was thrown out of the record books in 1989 after Johnson admitted he had cheated with drugs in his career.

Nonetheless, 1980 Olympic 100 metres champion Wells said on Thursday: "You can't ignore it. He is the fastest man over 100 metres. I'm talking about what he did on the track, not off it."

"He did run it (9.79). The record was not recognised, obviously... but unofficially he is the fastest man ever... the way he came out of the blocks was awesome. It was like a fire out of a cannon."

The Briton was talking after 100 metres world record holder Bailey and 200 record holder Johnson got involved in a debate at a news conference before today's Berlin Grand Prix meeting.

WHIZZ KID-51 winner

Miran Hossain
Willes Little Flower School
Dhaka
(Please collect your prize from the Sports Desk on September 4 (Wednesday) at 8 pm).

WHIZZ KID-51 Correct answers

1. The new Zimbabwean cricket captain is Ans. Campbell
2. Number of centuries scored in the Headingley Test between Pakistan and England were. Ans. Four
3. Australian Michael Bevan plays county cricket for Ans. Yorkshire
4. The football skipper Muk-tjodha Sangsri is Ans. Masood Rana
5. What was the position Brothers Union Club in last year's Premier Division football league? Ans. Eighth

Alfaz header stops the clock

Sports Reporter

A goal in the dying minutes by striker Alfaz helped Mohammedan Sporting Club to come alive in the Danish Premier Division football league on Friday evening at the flood lit and soaked Dhaka Stadium. The braves of lowly Farashganj Sporting Club defended their citadel more like Red Indian warriors but failed to deny last year's runners up their third successive league win.

After a barren first half which witnessed some entertaining football from both sides, and almost 42 minutes of fruitless play in the second session, Alfaz, the hero of MSC's 8-0 thrashing of Laos Electricity team in their Asian Cup Winners Cup clash at the same venue last week, netted the vital match-winning goal with a brilliant piece of header.

On a last outfield caused by the heavy afternoon shower, both teams had to rely on short pass tactics and Farashganj seeing their mighty opponents a bit disorganised in the first half, did enough to make their counterparts sweat with their numerous offensives.

The old Dhaka outfit, who launched a good number of attacks through the right wing

keeping MSC left back Ruhul Amin on a hot tin pan, could have easily taken the lead with their all-out domination from the 29th to the 32nd minute. They earned three corners during that period but failed to capitalise, mostly due to a determined Mohammedan defence backed by their custodian Ponir.

On the other hand, Mohammedans, who were attired in orange yesterday leaving their traditional black and white in the laundry, could hardly impress the modest holiday crowd in the first half due to an apparent lack of game planning or execution on the slippery turf.

Hungry for a goal, Mohammedans came out from the shadow of their pre-lim performance and kept Farashganj under acute pressure from the very beginning of the second-half with their midfield trio — Sabbir, Arman and Manik — back on song. However, a certain degree of bad luck and a magnificent performance by a determined Farashganj keeper Aminul fumbled half a dozen MSC maneuvers and kept them waiting till the very end.

The much-awaited match winner came Mohammedans way suddenly in the 42nd minute when they earned a freekick just outside the Farashganj box. Shabbir

lobbed the ball to substitute Kaiser Hamid whose header returned to play after meeting Aminul on the way. The ball went to Ruhul Amin in the mid-field who without any delay shipped one to an advancing Alfaz only to see the latter heading the ball home past an underdone Aminul.

This was the third win for Mohammedans in as many matches but they will have to be content with one short of their collection of nine points as they were penalised a point for their refusal to play against Brothers Union on August 20.

On the other hand, this was the second defeat for Farashganj also in three matches. They won in their first outing against Youngmen's Club Fakirpool 1-0.

Yellow cards: Parvez, Iqbal and Alfaz (Mohammedan SC), Nazrul, Monir and Tawhid (Farashganj SC)

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir, Mansur Ali (Parvez), Ruhul Amin, Jewel Rana, Iqbal, Manik, Arman, Sabbir, Ranjan (Biplob) (Kaiser Hamid), Rajaru and Alfaz.

FARASHGANJ SC: Aminul, Iqbal, Pradip, Abu Sufian, Nazrul, Monir, Mainul (Riaz) (Ripon), Saiful, Ritu (Akhtar), Tawhid, Dulal and Kajal. Referee: Monirul Islam.



A delighted MSC striker Alfaz (lying down) is being congratulated by his skipper Jewel Rana (R) after he scored the match-winning against Farashganj SC yesterday. — Star photo

Rain nullifies Wari's lead

Sports Reporter

Rain spoiled yesterday's lone Danish First Division football league encounter between Wari Club and Police Athletics Club after only 26 minutes of play at the Dhaka Stadium.

Until the postponement, Wari Club were leading the proceedings 1-0 with a brilliant goal by striker Mintu.

According to a press release of Metropolitan Football League Committee last night, the match will now be held this afternoon at 3:30 pm at the Mirpur Stadium.

The other two scheduled matches of the day, Victoria SC vs BRTC SC and Rahmatganj MFS vs PWD SC, will be held at the same venue today at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm respectively.

MSC bars three from BCCB

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club have termed the newly constituted BCCB committee as biased having included about a dozen persons who are directly or indirectly associated with a particular club. In a letter to the BCCB president, released to the press yesterday, the club regretted that the new committee has failed to do justice to its status as a national body.

Moreover, the position of a paid executive secretary in the committee is controversial and placing him above voluntary sports organisers is in no way acceptable, said the letter.

Furthermore, the announcement of the Selection Committee, appointment of the Executive Secretary and the suspension of four senior national players on the eve of the ACC Trophy just before the formation of the full BCCB committee was not palatable to the cricket lovers, the letter added.

Under the circumstances, till such time the new committee is reconstituted by having equal representation from all concerned quarters, Mohammedan Sporting Club has advised three of its members, namely Aminul Huq Monir, Tanveer Haider and Khalid Hassan, not to associate themselves with any activity of the new committee, the letter signed by the MSC general secretary added.

Bangladesh meet UAE in Asian junior opener

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will take on United Arab Emirates in the inaugural match of the forthcoming Asian Youth (under-19) football championship finals, scheduled to begin in the South Korean capital city of Seoul from October 17.

According to the draw of the 10-team final round made by the Asian Football Confederation which was received here yesterday, Bangladesh, who qualified for the final round beating Maldives in both their qualifying round clashes held in Male last month, have been placed in Group A along with hosts South Korea, Thailand, UAE and Iran while Group B featured Syria, Japan, India, Qatar and China.

As per the fixture, Bangladesh will face Iran on October 21, South Korea on October 23 and Thailand in their last first round group engagement of the finals on October 25.

The top two sides from each group will qualify for the semi-finals billed for October 29 while the final will be held on October 31.

Bad news for Bowe & Co

NEW YORK, Aug 30: Boxer Riddick Bowe's camp was fined 250,000 dollars and his manager Rock Newman was suspended from boxing events involving Bowe in New York for a year because of the July 11 melee at Madison Square Garden, the New York state Athletic Commission announced Thursday, reports Reuters.

Bowe and Newman will forfeit 250,000 dollars of the purse earned for the fight, which Bowe won by disqualification over Andrew Golota of Poland. Of that total, 200,000 dollars will go to the state of New York and 50,000 dollar to a charity named by the state athletic commission.

Spencer Promotions Inc, which is Newman's company, also had its promoter's license suspended until July 31, 1997.

The fight came to a halt with 27 seconds left in the seventh round after Golota was disqualified for a series of low blows. Cornermen for the opposing fighters began brawling in the ring and the fight carried over to spectators.

Bowe's camp member Jason Harris, who was caught on video tape attacking Golota with a cellular phone, was permanently barred by the state commission from any employment relationship with Spencer or Bowe.

Spencer Promotions vice president Bernard Brooks was barred from any employment relationship with Spencer or Bowe for a year.

These penalties are unprecedented in the boxing community, said New York state athletic chairman Floyd Patterson. "Clearly these disciplinary measures send the message that this type of violent and outrageous conduct will not be tolerated in our state."

The commission recently rescinded its suspension of Lou Duva, Golota's manager.



Farashganj keeper Aminul parries a close shot from Mohammedan midfielder Sabbir (L) during yesterday's Danish Premier Division football league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium. Mohammedans won 1-0 — Star photo

Bosman case boon or bane?

ROME, Aug 30 (AP) The Bosman ruling is making big waves in Italy. No longer restricted to three foreigners per match, Serie A clubs have opened their doors and their wallets.

But some fear that free-spending efforts to lure top talent from elsewhere may hurt soccer here in the long run.

The Italian Super Cup match was emblematic of the impact foreigners have had on league rosters. All three goals in Fiorentina's 2-1 win over AC Milan last Sunday were scored by non-Italians, 10 of whom saw action during the match.

Less than a year after the European Court of Justice's landmark decision wiped out transfer rules and foreign player quotas, Italian league teams have stocked their rosters with "stranieri" ahead of the Sept. 7 season start.

Serie A teams added 41 foreigners in the off-season, that's an average of more than two per team and brings the total tally to nearly one-fourth of all players. And negotiations for further additions will continue until the market closes in January.

Of the league's 18 squads, only Piacenza sport an all-Italian lineup, as they did last season.

Internazionale, crosstown rivals of defending First Division champions Milan, spurned the most this summer, bringing abroad six new foreigners to complement previous signings midfielders Paul Ince of England and Javier Zanetti of Argentina at a cost of over 40 billion lire (26.5 million dollars).

Coach Roy Hodgson, himself an Englishman, won't have an easy time finding enough minutes for his talented troupe, which includes Swiss midfielder Ciriaco Sforza, Chile's Ivan Zamorano, Nigerian Olympic star Nwankwo Kanu and French stars Youni Djorkareff and Jocelyn Angloma.

The latter two are part of a widespread hiring of players from France's Euro '96 semi-finalist. No fewer than 12 Frenchmen are now based in Italy.

The influx of imports is the result of several factors.

Stockpiling with an eye to rigorous cup schedules and defections to national teams for World Cup qualifying. Deep-pocketed owners such as media magnate and former Premier Silvio Berlusconi (Milan), Fiat auto tycoon Gianni Agnelli (Juventus), and film producer Vittorio Cecchi Gori (Fiorentina), will spare little expense for success and find more and more funds from TV

revenues. And use the Bosman factor when it suits them.

But it's a two-way street and not everyone is please. For the first time, some top Italian players have left to play elsewhere. Gianluca Vialli and Fabrizio Ravanelli, the veteran strikers who led Juventus to the Champions' Cup title last season, are now playing in the English Premier League.

Midfielder Roberto Di Matteo, like Ravanelli a starter on Italy's national side, also is in England, with Vialli's Chelsea. Ruggiero Rizzitelli left Torino for the German Bundesliga's Bayern Munich and Paolo Di Canio is with Scotland's Celtic.

National coach Arrigo Sacchi was outspoken in his criticism of UEFA's decision to scrap the so-called 3-plus-2 rule and warned of "risks that Italian football will go through."

Sacchi, who coached Italy to the 1994 World Cup final and AC Milan to the serie A title in 1987-88, said development of younger players will be hurt. More foreigners — and this year's crop is the largest ever, 13 more than in 1995 — means less space for Italians.

Offers pour in daily for top Italians. Kile other exporters here, soccer clubs have profited from the fall of the lire against most European currencies and the dollar.

Frank hangs gloves up

LONDON, Aug 30 (Agencies): Former world heavyweight champion Frank Bruno has quit the ring on medical advice, Britain's Sun newspaper reported on Friday.

An eye specialist told the 35-year-old Bruno that he could be blinded in one eye if he boxed again, the newspaper said.

The Briton, who lost his World Boxing Council (WBC) title to Mike Tyson in March, said: "I was in shock as soon as he told me and it still hasn't really sunk in."

"I never wanted to end like this but at the end of the day I'm glad I had a good innings."

Bruno, for years one of Britain's most popular sportsmen, had hoped to have another shot at the world title and had been in training until a routine eye test on Monday highlighted a problem with his right eye.

Professor David McLeod, who examined Bruno, told The Sun: "There is a risk he could be blinded in the eye if he steps into the ring again. He is in danger of getting a retinal detachment and there is no point in exposing himself to that."

Bruno lost three world title fights before finally landing the crown by beating American Oliver McCall in a unanimous points decision at Wembley in September 1995.

He was only the third Briton ever to hold a world heavyweight title.

The eye problem is not Bruno's first. In the early 1980s, he had to have an operation to correct blurred sight and weakness in the peripheral vision of his right eye before British officials would give him

a license to box. In 1989, he also had an operation for a detached retina.

Out of the ring, Bruno has parlayed his image as a lovable loser with a Mr. Nice Guy personality into a TV career pitching various products. He also appeared in Christmas stage productions called pantomimes.



FRANK BRUNO
BRUNO AT A GLANCE

1961: Born London, November 16, youngest of six children.

1975: Learns to box while at Oak Hall School in Sussex, an establishment for "problem" children.

1980: Wins ABA heavyweight championship at the age of 18.

1982: Wins first professional fight, beating Lupe Guerra (KO 1st rd) at the Albert Hall.

1985: Wins European heavyweight championship, beating Anders Eklund at Wembley (KO 4th rd).

1986: Wins WBA heavy-

weight title eliminator against former WBA champion Gerrie Coetzee at Wembley in March. But four months later suffers first world title defeat (WBA) at the hands of Tim Witherpoon, also at Wembley (TKO 11th rd).

1987: Beats 37-year-old Joe Bugner at Tottenham.

1989: Experiences second world title defeat (undisputed world heavyweight championship) at the hands of Mike Tyson in Las Vegas (TKO 5th rd).

1993: Suffers third world title defeat (WBC) by Lennox Lewis in Cardiff (TKO 7th rd).

1995: On September 2, wins WBC world title, beating Oliver McCall at Wembley (unanimous pts decision) and becoming the third British boxer to hold a world heavyweight title.

1996: On March 16 loses his title in first defence against former undisputed champion Mike Tyson in Las Vegas. Suffers a cut in the eye in the opening round and referee forced to stop fight in third as Bruno crumbles under a flurry of punches. On August 30 announces retirement on medical advice.

Record: 45 fights, 40 wins, five defeats, 38 stoppages.

Weight: 17st 9lbs.

Height: 6ft 3ins.

Reach: 82ins.

Family: Married to Laura, three children, Nicola, Rachel and Franklyn. Favourite other sports: athletics and martial arts.

Childhood ambition: To be world heavyweight champion, rich and successful.

Hobbies: Music and family. Favourite Meal: Chicken before a fight, steak when training.

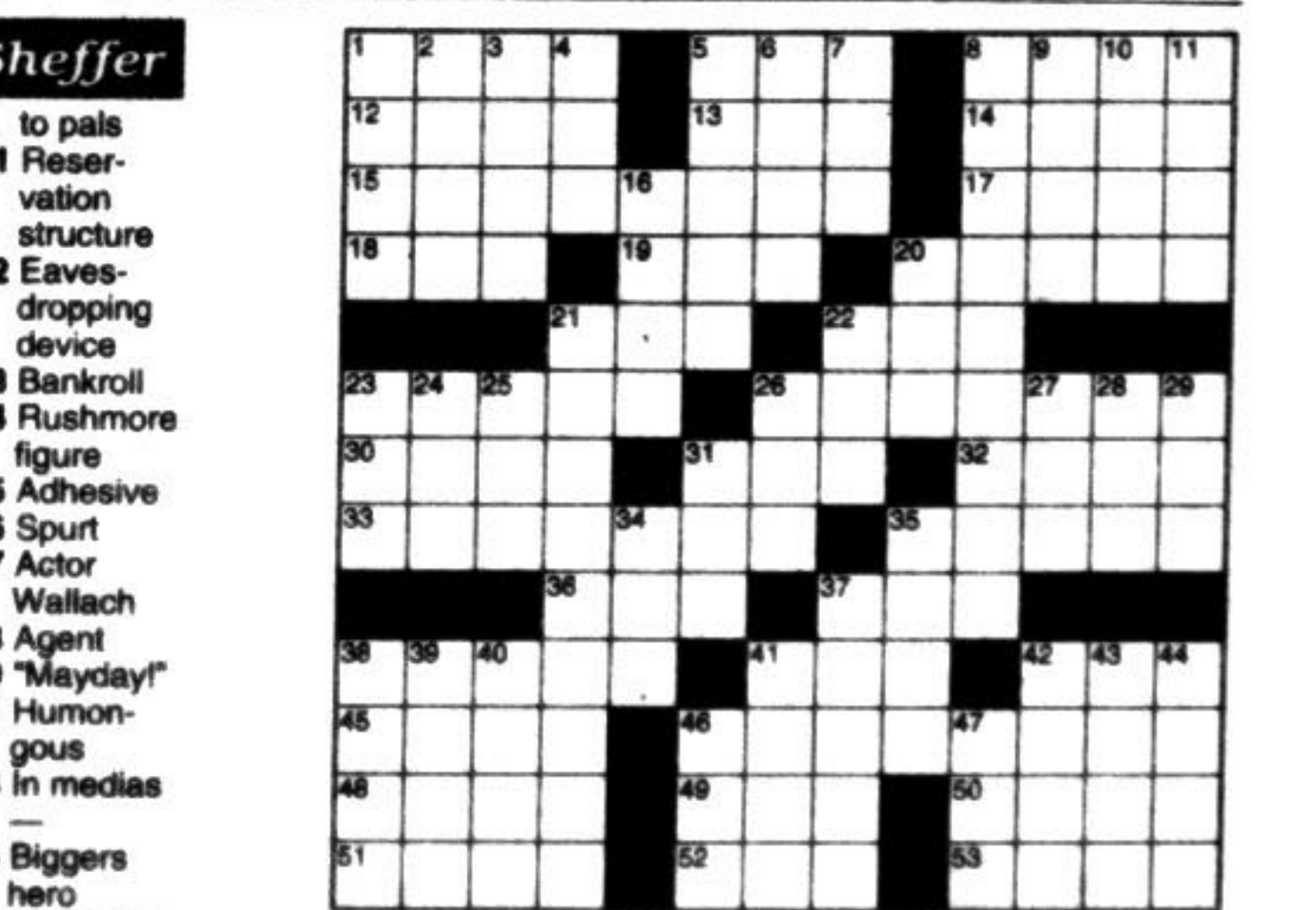
Biggest influence: Father and wife Laura.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 Do the laundry
5 Yon maiden
8 Aphorisms
12 Choir member
13 "Gad-zook!"
14 Evangelist
15 Shipwreck
17 Nullify
18 Pitch
19 Powell costar
20 Precipitous
21 Gregory Hines
22 Scroogean
23 Cart
24 Summer-time women's wear
30 Be tangent to
31 Entreat
32 Margarine
33 Black mark
35 Movie samples
36 One of Louise's girls
37 Article in

2 "...and to good-night"
3 Name above the title
4 Sty
45 Exchange premium
46 Scrawny sort
48 Jodie Foster movie
49 Terrific, in dude-speak
50 Pinnacle
51 Between
52 Sister of
36 Across
53 Libretto
DOWN
1 Float through the air
2 Mark Twain
3 On years
40 Coffee grinder
41 Smile broadly
42 Manage
43 Author Haley
44 Barber-shop call
45 Core-tere's ware
47 Vanna's associate

Solution time: 27 mins.



CRYPTOQUIP

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IKLWR UKMHMVKE
EYMHYTR YKTLH WTY-
YTHE "SN RTMH SOSSN?"

Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHEN A BOUNTIFUL PODIATRIST DINES OUT WITH HER PALS SHE FOOTS THE BILL.

Today's Cryptquip clue: R equals D. The Cryptquip 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.



Music: The key to good exercise classes

One of the most important elements of a successful aerobic class is the music. Because music is the basis of dance-exercise programmes, familiarity with its fundamental elements, such as rhythm, beat, measures, meter, and tempo is very important.

The tempo of the music determines the progression of exercise and, because it dictates the speed of movement, the intensity of exercise. Slow tempos under 100 beats per minute are generally used for stretching, while tempos of 100-120 beats per minute are frequently used for warm-ups and cool-downs. Floor exercises are often performed to tempos of 110-130 beats per minute. However, the tempo for floor exercise should be slow enough for participants to control their movements.

Aerobic dance activities are generally performed at a tempo of 130-160 beats per minute. One must be cautious when choosing tempos over 140 beats per minute because you need to move quickly at higher tempos. Smaller movements will help

you preserve the control necessary for safety at high tempos. Beginners should never move at high tempos because they are not yet proficient enough to perform quick movements under control.

Rhythm can dictate the style of movement. One should select music that has a steady rhythm and a strong beat. Music is the moodmaker, so select your music which is inspiring and energising.

