

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That the Professor is human, that he needs a break every now and then. That he, too, has Professors who have inquired about his long silence. But, now he is back from his sojourn and will be sharing his info-bank with you, starting tomorrow. So, look out in Column One after Sunday's sunrise.

Sports WHIZZ KID

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-54

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm October 11, 1996

- 1. How many Tests has Wasim Akram played to capture 300 wkts? 80 70 60
2. The man-of-the-series in the Sahara Cup was Kumble Mushtaq Srinath
3. The final round of the Meril U-16 national football championship will be held in Natore Bogra Pabna
4. The new Indian cricket coach is Madan Lal Arun Lal Gavaskar
5. The captain of Bangladesh hockey team is Harun Sadeq Alamgir

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SPORTS TALK



Fu Mingxia

(Chinese diver)

"It's like climbing a hill. When you reach the top there's no way to go other than down." Explaining her decision to retire.

Fed-Ex squash

Sports Reporter

Ramjagadish, Sohel, Adrian, Bholu and Badal won their respective Fed-Ex Open squash tournament matches held yesterday at the squash court of Dhaka Club.

On the fifth day of the tournament, top seed Ramjagadish beat Asif 9-5, 9-4, 9-5. Sohel outplayed Dulal 9-1, 9-2, 9-1. Adrian defeated Bishu 9-0, 9-6, 6-9, 9-6. Bholu tamed Karim 9-5, 9-4, 9-2 and Badal prevailed over Honey 3-9, 9-4, 9-5, 4-9 and 9-2.

Schools chess from today

Sports Reporter

The 11th schools chess tournament organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation, begins at the NSC at 3pm.

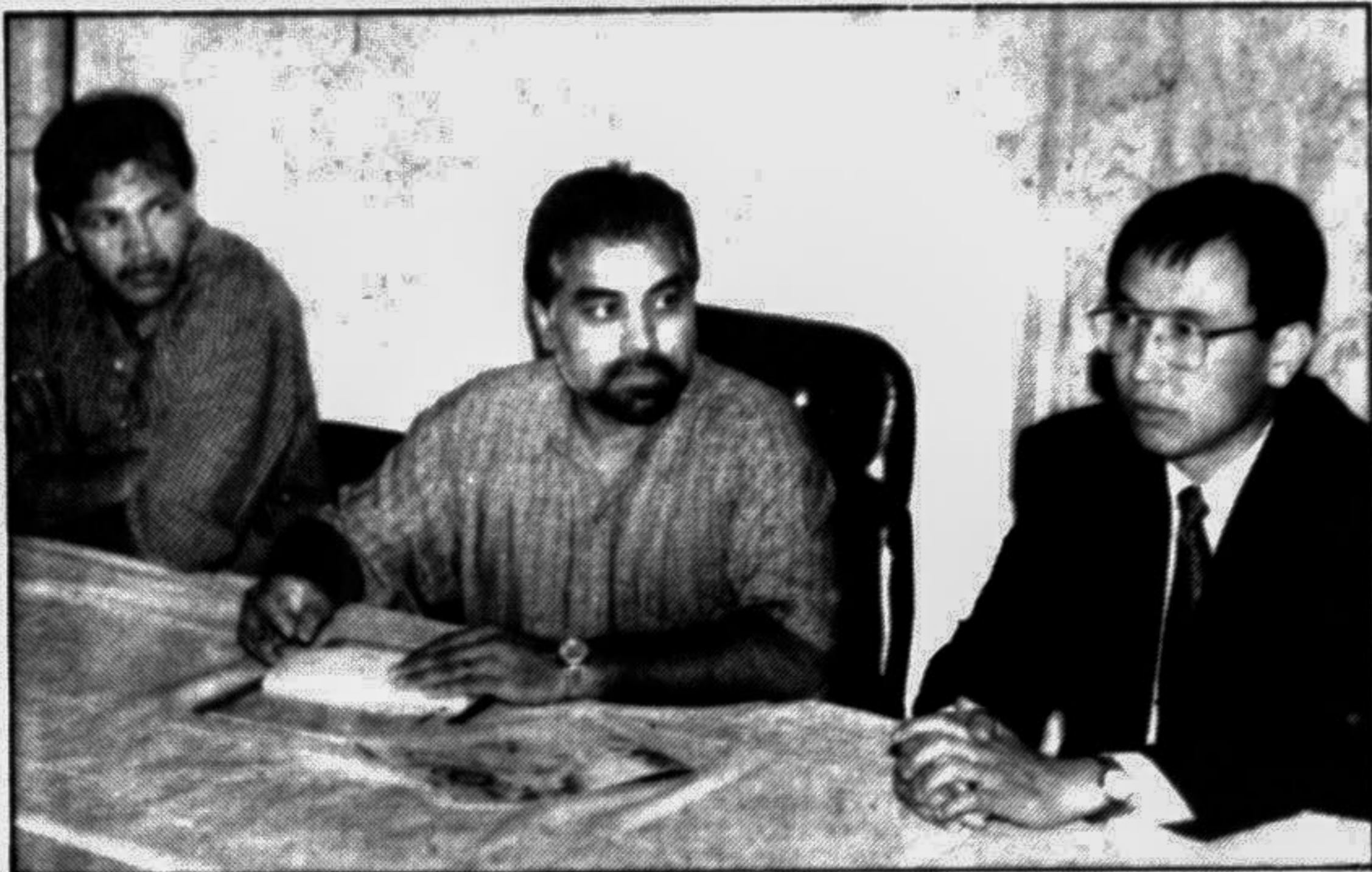
192 students from 79 schools across the country will participate in the nine-round competition of Swiss league format.

WHIZZ KID-53 winner

1. Hasanur Rahman Collegiate School Dhaka Remember to bring a passport size photograph when collecting your prize from the Sports Desk on October 2.

WHIZZ KID-53 Correct answers

- 1. The winner of man-of-the-series award in the Singer World series is Ans. De Silva
2. The number of participating nations in the Pepsi ACC Trophy are- Ans. 12
3. The winner of the US Open 1996 women's title is Ans. Graf
4. Bangladeshi who scored a century in the first round of the Pepsi ACC Trophy is Ans. Bidyut
5. The new England Test Vice-captain is Ans. Hussain



BFF vice-president Anjan Chowdhury is flanked by Mohammedan Sporting Club manager Imtiaz Sultan Johnny (L) and Hyundai Tigers team leader Lee Chul-Kun during a press conference at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Try not to lose today: Johnny We will try to win: Chul-Kun

Sports Reporter



Mohammedan Sporting Club football manager Imtiaz Sultan Johnny said Hyundai Tigers Football Club is probably the best club team to visit Bangladesh so far.

The Mohammedan manager passed the remark last evening while commenting on the visiting South Korean Club during a press briefing at the Dhaka Stadium prior to their home match of the 7th Asian Cup Winners Cup tonight.

"They have five booters from the Korean national team. Of those, three were in their 1994 World Cup squad. Besides, they have four foreigners in the team, including two Europeans. So naturally they are the favourites tonight," said the MSC football manager.

About his own team, Johnny said, "We had a hectic journey prior to our away match in Ulsan two weeks before. Our boys were tired. This time we are better prepared. I think we will have a good match tomorrow."

When asked about his expectation, Johnny, after giving a short pause, said, "We will try not to lose this time. If we can earn a draw, we will be satisfied."

When asked what formation Mohammedans would follow against the tourists, Johnny informed they would form in 1-4-4-1 pattern. Replying to a question whether they were paying less importance to today's match than that of the local league, a bold MSC manager said, "The league is more impor-

tant to us but that will not have any bearing in our tomorrow's match. We will play carefully so that none gets injured. We have a long league schedule ahead."

Finally Johnny informed that all the player were in good shape. Johnny apart, Mohammedan's South Korean coach Man Young Kang was also present in the briefing and helped the former in answering questions.

On the other hand, for Hyundai Tigers, team leader Lee Chul-Kun and manager Seo Chu Ho briefed the journalists about their team.

About Mohammedans, Lee said they were expecting a better opposition in today's match. "They are a good side, but they could not perform well in Ulsan because of their long journey schedules. I think they are all fit now and ready for a much

better encounter. We will also present a good match to the local soccer fans," Lee added.

While commenting on the ground, manager Seo said that the grass is thicker in Bangladesh than in South Korea. "We will try to win. If not, we will be happy with a draw," said Seo when asked about his expectation.

Beside the team officials, Bangladesh Football Federation vice-president Anjan Chowdhury and joint secretary Badal Roy were also present in the briefing from the organisers' side.

Both the teams submitted their 17-man list for today's match.

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN SC: M Ponir (1), Mansur Ali (2), Jewel Rana (5), Monwar Hossain Munna (6), Ruhul Amin (4), Iqbal Hossain (7), Nurul Haque Manik (8), M Arman (9), S Rummon Bin Wali Sabbar (10), Shahidul Alam Ranjan (11), Alfaj Ahmed (17), Kaiser Hamid (3), Mazharul Islam Parvez (14), Rajani Kanta (16), Jagul Karim (19), Mozammel Haque Chowdhury Bipal (20) and Ziauddin Ahmed (18).

HYUNDAI TIGERS CLUB: Kim Sang Hoon (2), Lim Jong Hun (3), Choi Young Joon (5), Jeong Jeong Soo (8), Kim Hyun Seog (10), Im Jae Sun (11), An Hong Min (13), Song Ju Seog (14), Azima (17), Zoran (18), Branko (19), Seo Dong Myung (21), Lee Jung Moon (22), Jang Hyung Seok (23), Mani (26) Lee Hyun Suk (27) and Kim Do Hyung (29).

Angels, Gregs win

Sports Reporter

Angels Club and the Gregs won their respective 8th Federation Cup basketball championship engagements at the Dhanmondi gymnasium yesterday.

In the day's first outing, Angels Club trounced Jhenidah Sports Club 139-58. Apu (34) and Shahed Ali (29) were the leading scorers for the winners who a 70-29 lead in the first half.

In the next match, Gregs outplayed Surid Sangha 91-60. Rinku and Faisal scored 31 and 22 points respectively for the winners.

Mohammedans meet Hyundai Tigers today

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Hyundai Tigers Club of South Korea in the second leg of their 7th Asian Cup Winners' Cup home engagement at the Dhaka Stadium this evening. The match will start at 6 pm and will be broadcast live by Radio Bangladesh.

In the away match held in Ulsan, South Korea on September 14 last, Mohammedans were beaten 0-5.

Three referees from Nepal and Myanmar have already arrived in the capital to conduct the match. The referee of today's match will be Gurung Buddha Bahadur from Nepal while U Theinsewe and Uhlaitay from Myanmar will be the linesman.

Bangladesh Football Federation has reduced the price of tickets for the general gallery. Instead of Taka 30 as announced earlier, the rate of tickets for the general gallery will be Taka 20. The rate of tickets for VIPs will remain unchanged.

U-16 football opener ends abruptly

Sports Reporter

Violence marred the inaugural Meril under-16 national football championship first round match between Barisal and Gopalganj at the Bholu Stadium yesterday afternoon.

According to a BFF press release, the referee left the ground blowing the long whistle as the crowd became rowdy following a decision in the 53rd minute of play after that Barisal declined to continue. Till the abrupt conclusion of the match, Gopalganj were leading by a solitary goal scored by Shahidur Rahman Nantu in the 36th minute.

According to the tournament bylaws, Gopalganj were declared winners by the referee later on. Earlier, Commerce and Industry Minister Tofael Ahmed inaugurated the Bholu zonal round as the chief guest.

Fifty four districts split into seven zones, are participating in the first round knock-out phase from which seven zonal winners will join defending champions Jessore and hosts Pabna in the final round, scheduled to be held in Pabna from October 10.

Merson recalled

LONDON, Sept 27: Arsenal midfielder Paul Merson was recalled to the England squad by coach Glenn Hoddle on Thursday two years after his self-confessed drinks, drugs and gambling problems, reports Reuters.

Merson, who underwent rehabilitation for his problems and has recently been paying some of the best football of his career, was among the 23-man squad named for the World Cup qualifier against Poland on October 9.

While Merson who won the last of his 14 caps against Greece in 1994, returns, there is no place for his Arsenal teammate Tony Adams, who captained England during Euro '96.

Adams, who recently admitted he is an alcoholic, made his first start for Arsenal for eight months on Wednesday but his still struggling with a knee injury. That, rather than his drink problem is the reason he has been left out.

Young Liverpool defender Dominic Matteo, who has made an excellent start to the season, is named in the senior squad for the first time after winning three under-21 caps.

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Forwards: Nick Barmby (Middlesbrough), Alan Shearer (Newcastle), Les Ferdinand (Newcastle), Matt Le Tissier (Southampton), Teddy Sheringham (Tottenham), Robbie Fowler (Liverpool).

Euro b'ball Olympiakos beat Bologna

ATHENS, Sept 27: Leading Greek Club Olympiakos returned to form on Thursday, overwhelming Teamsystem Olympia 96-80 to restore their claim as one of the favourites in the revamped Euro league basketball, reports Reuters.

The Greeks recovered from last week's surprise home defeat by newcomers Alba Berlin to reassure the faithful with a non-stop show of aggression which helped maintain an average 10-point lead throughout.

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But the best news for the Greeks was a delightful display by NBA recruit Willy Anderson who ended with 13 points and was the home side's top blocker.

News black-out by sports officials

Public right violated

Al-Amin and S Ashfaqul Haque

Over the years the most important facet of a touring Bangladesh team to any international meet is a boisterous departure after hectic activities by the officials, starting from picking up the players, selecting the officials, press releases, photo sessions and what not.

But once the squad is out of the country at the expense of public exchequer, there is a lull in the air, leaving the nation in complete darkness. And, after passing off many a sleepless night by any ardent follower of the game, one fine morning he wakes up to a harsh reality, discovering some of the members of the team carelessly roaming the city streets. For the umpteenth time, the characters and the caricatures remain the same. It always starts with a bang and ends up with a hush; not even a whimper.

The latest act of this monotonous drama was staged by the junior basketball team of Bangladesh, which took part in the 14th ABC junior basketball championship, held in Malaysian from September 1-10.

Following the footsteps of their predecessors, the 16-member Bangladesh team left the country likewise, making fuss as much as possible. The

team which had a gruelling training session for more than one month before the final selection, completed all the formalities possible prior to their departure through the green channel of the ZIA. Attired in their best bib and tucker, the team members, with beaming faces, promised to put up their best in the meet.

But, their first visit after 16 years to such an international tourney only proved to be the same old story. Bangladesh, who were placed in group B, lost their first match to Japan 178-17, second match against China 160-27 and in the last league tie stooped to Kazakhstan 124-42. In the position deciding matches our boys lost to Jordan 158-44, India 89-39 and Hong Kong 117-35, and eventually finished 15th in the 15-team meet.

There is no need to comment about the expected outcome. Actually, no one in his wildest dream had hoped for any mouthful success, but everyone in their own right expected, at least, to be informed about the day-to-day results. There in the officials have miserably failed.

Our swanky officials, oblivious of their obligations, always love to give a damn to the taxpayers and the anxious sports buffs. They didn't even

feel the necessity to send a single message to their pet organisations, letting them know either of their whereabouts or the results.

The managers are supposed to communicate with the parent organisation at home about all the information involving the teams. This is a common practice across the world. But our officials are of a different pedigree. Especially, when we lose, our manager, or his deputy, or his assistant choose seems to hush it up. Despite repeated requests from the local press to provide news everyday, whatever may be the results, their wise-words seem to fall on deaf ears.

It's a perennial and unfortunate trend not to abide by the obligation, but to treat a tourney abroad as a merry ride. In Olympics, in the athletics championships or in the ongoing Chess Olympiad the performance of the officials remain changed; a complete news back-out for the nation during and after the tourney.

Officials of sports teams should be taken to task. After all, they are going abroad with public money. The public has a right to know — win, draw or lose.

Badshah's cricket clinic

Sports Reporter

The 6th phase of Acme Cricket Coaching Clinic conducted by former national all-rounder Jahangir Shah Badshah will conclude tomorrow at the Dhanmondi Indoor Cricket Stadium. The clinic began on July 19.

The 22-day programme was scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays with two hours coaching per day.

The clinic is gaining popularity among children of the age-group 7.5 - 14 years.

Cricketer-turned-coach Badshah, who has also authored a coaching book for children, has formulated a five-point tip for parents to help strengthen their children, mentally and physically.

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help children to develop physically, mentally and socially. Remember too, that children learn a great deal by imitating others — their friends, teachers, parents and coaches.

Badshah also has some advice for young cricketers.

1. While batting, do not use power. Just time the ball properly, otherwise you will become a bottom-handed player.

2. During bowling, fielding and batting keep your body side-on. Remember, cricket is a side-on game.

3. A thinking cricketer is always a good cricketer.

4. Always Remember that you all are good cricketers.

5. Try to do your works by yourself, do not depend on others.

6. Wherever you get free time, make sure to use 100 per cent of it.

7. You must be aware what is good or bad for you.

8. Remember, you must take care of yourself and obey your parents.

9. Above all you must bear in mind that education is the foundation of all sustainable success. An educated cricketer can pick up things quickly.

Adopt positive attitude towards your kids. Try to maintain positive attitude at all times. Praise good behavior at once to show that you value it. Do not forget that your aim is to

encourage your children to go to be early so that they get enough rest.

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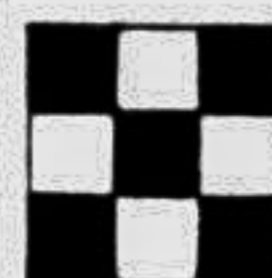
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YEREVAN, Armenia, Sept 27: Russia maintained its lead in the World Chess Olympiad Thursday despite a tie with Bosnia in tenth round, reports AP.

In the tenth of the Olympiad's 14 rounds, Russia tied with Bosnia, 2-2, and now has 29 points. The Russian team leader Gari Kasparov defeated Bosnian player Ivan Sokolov. It was his third victory in the Olympiad.

Ukraine defeated Spain 3-1 and moved to the second place with 25.5 points.

Four teams — Hungary, China, Uzbekistan, Israel — tied for third place with 25 points each.

Five teams — England, Bosnia, Spain, Armenia-1, Georgia have 24.5 points each.

Ukraine's No 1 Vasily Ivanchuk beat Spanish player Alexei Shirov.

Hungary's strongest asset, 20-year-old Judit Polgar, beat former US champion Boris Gulko. Although Polgar is a woman, she plays exclusively against men in international tournaments and is No 9 in the men's rankings.

In the women's competition,

the Georgian team tied with Romania 1.5:1.5 and keeps its lead with 23 points.

Russia defeated Lithuania 2.5:0.5 and moved to the second position with 20 points.

The English team defeated China 2.5:0.5 and moved to the third place with 19.5 points. Israel and Ukraine also have 19.5 each.

Men's results:

Russia 2, Bosnia 2, Ukraine 3, Spain 1, England 2, Armenia-1 2, China 2.5, Sweden 1.5, Hungary 2.5, USA-1.5, Georgia 2.5, Iceland 1.5, Israel 3, Netherlands 1, Uzbekistan 3, Yugoslavia 1, Bulgaria 2.5, France 1.5, Germany 2.5, Czech Republic 1.5.

Latvia 2, Kazakhstan 2, Estonia 3.5, Peru 0.5, Coratia 3, Portugal 1, Romania 2, Macedonia 2, Cuba 2.5, Vietnam 1.5, Argentina 2.5, Greece 1.5, Poland 2, Philippines 2, Slovakia 3.5, Denmark 0.5.

Women's results:

Romania 1.5, Georgia 1.5, Spain 2.5, Ukraine 0.5, England 2.5, China 0.5, Russia 2.5, Lithuania 0.5, Germany 2, Yugoslavia 1.

STANDINGS

Men: Russia: 29, Ukraine 25.5, Hungary, China, Uzbekistan, Israel: 25

England, Bosnia, Spain, Armenia-1, Georgia: 24.5, USA, Bulgaria, Sweden: 24, Iceland, Germany, Estonia, Croatia, Slovakia: 23.5

Netherlands, Latvia, Yugoslavia, Czech Republic, Argentina, Cuba, Indonesia, France: 23

Women: Georgia: 23, Russia 20, Israel, Ukraine, England: 19.5

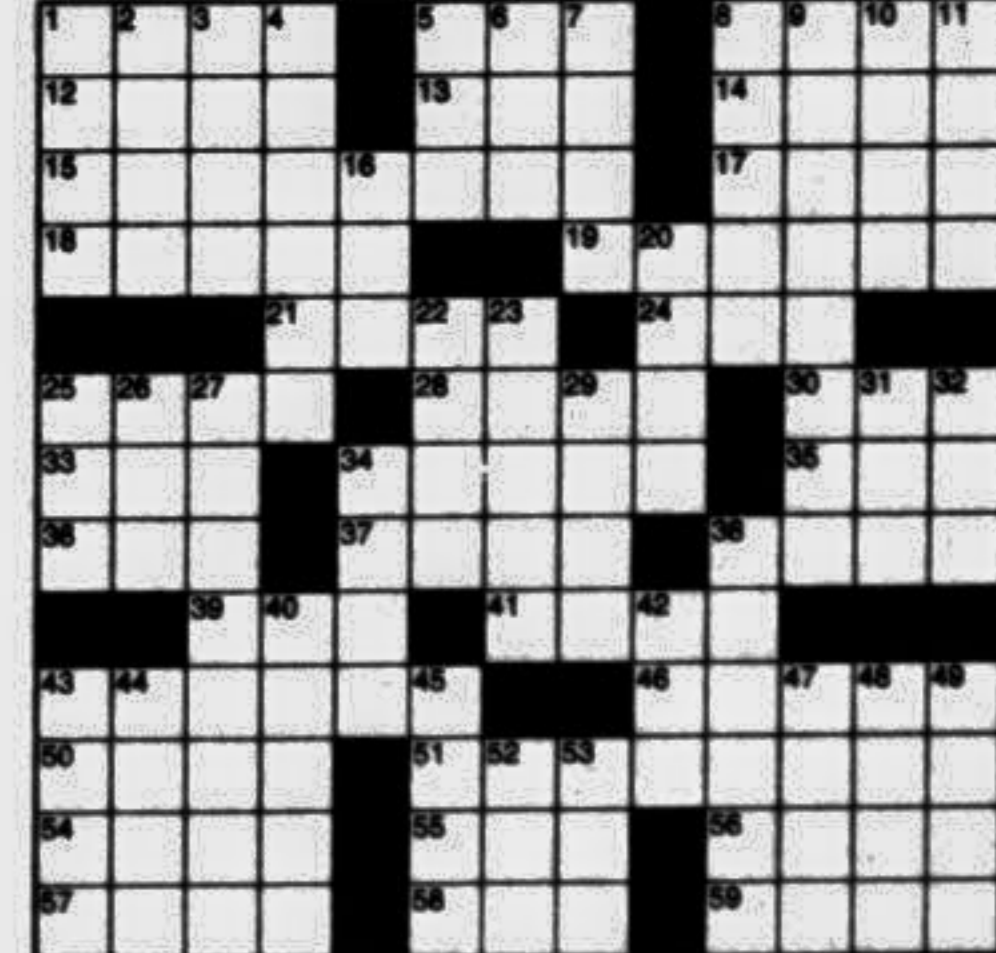
China 19, Poland, Greece, Kazakhstan, Germany: 18.5

Yugoslavia, Slovakia, Moldova: 18

Lithuania, Hungary: 17.5, India, Cuba, USA: 17, Bulgaria, Armenia-1, Czech Republic, Vietnam, Latvia, Belarus, Bosnia: 16.5

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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EHAKV, UHLMVTF WHRT
VMRHEA VKRTHL IQUF
YC DQWWHYE

Yesterday's Cryptogram: IT'S NICE THAT SOME ORGANIC VEGETABLE FARMERS LOVE TO FEEL THE BEET.

Today's Cryptogram clue: U equals P

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.