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Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That an attacking batsman of the highest class, Gordon Greenidge of West Indies, Barbados and Hampshire, might easily have played for England.

Greenidge came to England from Barbados with his family at the age of 12. He was brought up in Reading and was spotted early as an outstanding talent by former England captain Ray Illingworth, who was keen to have him chosen for England.

The patriot that he is, Greenidge opted instead to play for the West Indies and he went on to feature in 108 Tests at a time when the Caribbean's totally dominated international cricket.

Greenidge made his Test debut against India at Bangalore in 1974/75, scoring 93 and 107.

As one of the great post-war opening batsman with Desmond Haynes, the most successful pair during the 70s and 80s, Greenidge scored 7558 Test runs, at an average of 44.72 including 19 centuries.

Now, you may ask why all of a sudden the Professor is interested in Gordon. Fear not, friend! So shall you be, interested, I mean.

SPORTS TALK



Pete Sampras (US tennis superstar)

"The more I play, the more I want the Slams. It's not the money, it's not the commercials, it's the titles. That's what I'll be remembered for, and I think about that a lot."

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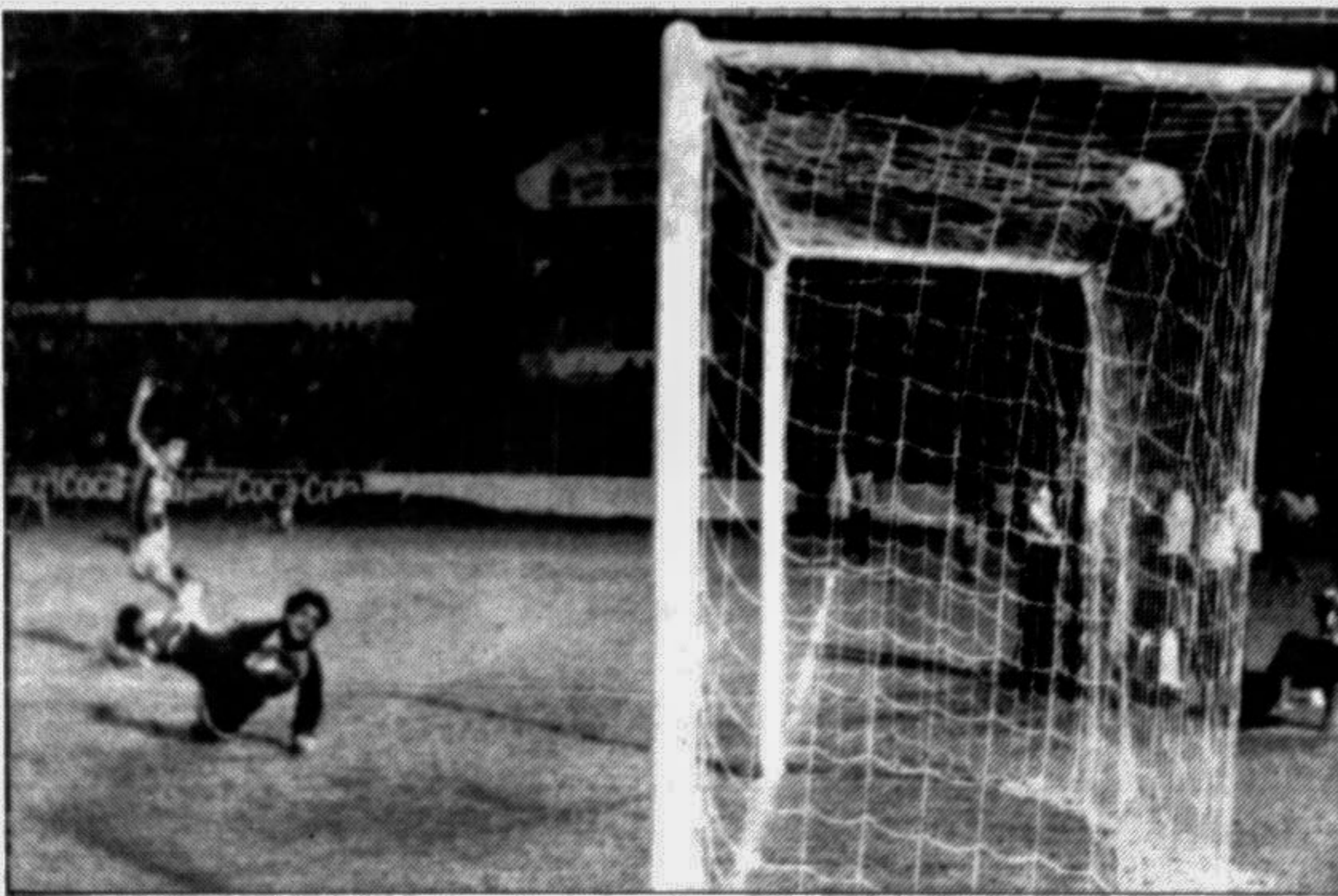
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Kutub made BBF president

Sports Reports Veteran sports organiser and vice-president of Mohammedan Sporting Club, Kutubuddin Ahmed, was named last Saturday the president of Bangladesh Badminton Federation, according to a press release.



Hyundai Tigers Club skipper Kim (background) scores his team's third goal with a brilliant left-footer past a hapless MSC custodian Ponir during their Asian Cup Winners' Cup encounter.

Match with Hyundai tied till late Mohammedans scare Tigers

The visiting Hyundai Tigers FC, powered by two late strikes from substitute Jang Hyun Seok and captain Kim Hyun Szog, staved off a stiff challenge from Mohammedan Sporting Club on their way to a 3-1 win in their away leg match of the 7th Asian Cup Winners' Cup football championship at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Enjoying a 17th minute lead from An Hong Min's goal, Hyundai suddenly found themselves in deep trouble when a fired-up Mohammedans buoyed by a spectacular equaliser from midfielder Arman Miah roared to turn the table on the South Koreans.

In the 25th minute Arman, the first savior in the first twenty minutes with Min shooting into the far corner of the net from the edge of the box, opened the Hyundai defence in the very fourth minute with Alfaz blasting a scorching piledriver. But his shot was parried off by a defender for a corner.

Hyundai, in a bid to preserve their energy for their next crucial league match at home, adopted a rather sedate approach in the first 45 minutes, leaving Mohammedans to have a go against them with some brilliant moves.

In the day's first match, Hornets Club and Dhumketu Club won their respective 8th Federation Cup basketball championship matches held at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yesterday.

The beginning of the end Friday night came in the latter part of the fifth round, when Duran landed a thunderous right that sent Culbert to the floor, his head tangled in the ropes.

the linchpin of each and every Mohammedan attack, lobbed a crispy free-kick over the Hyundai defence. But an unmarked Shabbir, with all the time in the world, headed the ball wide off the mark.

Arman night's best pro-game by Hyundai Sports Reporter Hyundai Tigers Football Club's head coach Ko Jea-Wook said he was very happy to see football being so popular a game in Bangladesh.

Hyundai Tigers Football Club's head coach Ko Jea-Wook said he was very happy to see football being so popular a game in Bangladesh. The experience South Korean national coach who was in charge of the South Korean 1994 World Cup side, was commenting in a post-match interview after his team recorded a hard-fought 3-1 victory over Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club in their away match at the Dhaka Stadium last night.

Talking to local reporters, the bespectacled Hyundai coach said, "Before coming to Bangladesh, I didn't know football was so popular here. It's good to see thousands of football lovers coming to the stadium to enjoy football."

About his team's performance, Wook said his team deserved the win and he was happy to see that the victory came without much hard work. When asked whether they took the match very lightly or not as it seemed from the gallery, the smiling South Korean said, "We have a very important league match in South Korea on October 2. That's why we did not utilise our full potentials today. Our target was to win no matter what the margin is and that is what is important for us."

"The ground and weather condition is not same as in Korea. We had to sweat much. Other than this, we enjoyed the tour," added Wook. Commenting on the Mohammedans, Wook said, "They were a better side than we met first in Ulsan. Specially I'm impressed with the performance of defender Jewel Rana and midfielder Arman. They can be easily fed into any international team."

Zia poised to become a GM

Faisal Murshed from Yerevan, Armenia IM Ziaur Rahman brightened his hopes of becoming the second Grand Master of the country with a win in Bangladesh's 1.5-2.5 defeat against Greece in their 11th round engagement of the 32nd Chess Olympiad here.

Zia, who earned his first GM norm at home last year, now needs two points from the remaining rounds of the 14-round Swiss league meet to joint Niaz Murshed, in the elite group.

Niaz, the lone Grand Master of the country, got the other half point with a draw against his opponent to increase his team's points tally to 23.5. Bangladesh now holding the 35th position, so far our best performance at the pinnacle of chess, in the 113-nation meet.

On the other hand, IM Reefat-bin-Sattar and Khandaker Kayes Hassan lost their matches.

Faridpur b'ball

FARIDPUR, Sept 28: Faridpur police emerged champions in the Dhaka Range Police basketball competition held here today, reports UNB.

Saad's sad performance

The BCCB, or is it BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) is a lesson in sincerity, or lack of it. The mother body of Bangladesh cricket has amply proved over the past couple of months that it is never important whether one is full-time or part-time; rather the crunch question is whether one is sincere or not.

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of September 26. Our reporters contacted the executive secretary twice that night. On the first occasion, he mentioned of



TANJIB AHSAN SAAD the 'pool of players' being finalised but declined to give the names as he said he was in a

hurry. Moreover, the BCB will issue a press release tomorrow (Friday), he added. On the second occasion, he was still in a hurry and handed the telephone to a BCB peon to read out the names of the pool-players. On both the occasions Saad assured our reporters that nothing more pertinent was decided in the meeting.

However, the next morning on Friday, a section of the press carried the pool and many other important decisions.

On Friday evening, our reporter learnt from the BCB office that the press release pertaining to the meeting of Thursday evening was ready but could not be issued to the press as Saad had not signed it.

The press release finally arrived on Saturday evening, dated Friday, and devoid of information already published in a section of the press quoting BCB sources.

At this critical juncture of cricket, when there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel, braughty behaviour by player or official, particularly full-time, may be enough to derail our ICC ambitions. The tunnel may then be blocked for eternity.



The players of Hyundai Tigers Football Club acknowledge the crowd's applause after defeating Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club 3-1 in an Asian Cup Winners' Cup match at the Dhaka Stadium last night.

Hosts fare well in Meril soccer

Sports Reporter Bhola, Mymensingh, Kurigram and Magura moved into the next round of their respective zonal qualifiers of the Meril under-6 national football championship yesterday.

In Bhola, the hosts registered a convincing 5-1 win over Madaripur. Striker Rahat struck two and Saiful, Mizan and Gopal scored one goal each for Bhola while Shahid pulled back one for Madaripur.

AB Bank TT today onwards Sports Reporter The AB Bank Senior Division table tennis league will commence at the wooden floor gymnasium this afternoon under the auspices of Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation.

FA to scan Wright's role

LONDON, Sept 28: The English Football Association said on Friday it would be asking Arsenal striker Ian Wright for his comments after an extraordinary attack on Sheffield Wednesday manager David Pleat, reports Reuter.



IAN WRIGHT

FA spokesman Steve Double said: "We are writing to Ian Wright asking for his observations on the reported comments in today's papers."

The FA are believed to be keen to defuse the war of words between the two and Pleat said: "I have been misled his words aren't worthy of comment."

Wright denies the accusations and is quoted in yesterday's Daily Mail as saying: "He (David Pleat) can do what he likes. He can report me to the FA, but I just ask why is he doing it."

But if I do have to appear at the FA, I'll have my say about David Pleat. He's a pervert - and you can print that."

Wright was referring to newspaper revelations nine years ago that Pleat was cautioned by police three times for kerb-crawling. The publicity forced him to resign as Tottenham manager.

Pleat moved on to manage at Leicester, Luton and now Wednesday, who led the Premiership after the first few games this season. The 50-year-old has not been involved in any further scandal.

Wright, speaking after Arsenal's UEFA Cup exit at the hands of Borussia Moenchengladbach, has accused Wednesday of sour grapes after losing the game. "For him to say I pulled Regi Blinker's hair out of malice is nonsense. It was just a joke. I have spoken to Regi since and he knows that. He hasn't a problem," he said.

Cricket camp

A week-long youth cricket camp began on Friday at Ratoel in Kashiani under Gopalgong district organised by Shaheed Alauddin Smriti Sangha, reports BSS.

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