

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT it's a lot of fun to find out how much older or younger you are than superstar cricketers?

Well, I will not try and guess your time on earth, but it might interest you that Pakistan's Abdul Qadir was born in the year 1955. Curtly Ambrose in '63. Asif Iqbal in '43. Mike Atherton in '68. Mohammad Azharuddin in '63. Bishen Singh Bedi in '46. Richie Benaud in '30. Allan Border and Ian Botham in '55. Geoff Boycott in '40. Sir Don Bradman in 1908. Greg Chappell in 48. Ian Chappell five years earlier. Martin Crowe in '62. Ted Dexter in '35. Fazal Mohammad in '27. Joel Garner in '52. Mike Gatting in '57. Sunil Gavaskar in '49. Graham Gooch in '53. David Gower in '57. Gordon Greenidge in '51. Tony Greig in '46. Sir Richard Hadlee in '51. Wesley Hall in '37. Hanif Mohammad in '34. Desmond Haynes in '56. Michael Holding in '54. Imran Khan in '52. Intikhab Alam in '41. Javed Miandad in '57. Alvin Kallicharran in '49. Roahn Kannai in '35. Kapil Dev in '59. Alan Knott in '46. Brian Lara in '69. Dennis Lillee in '49. Clive Lloyd in '44. Majid Khan in '46. Mushtaq Mohammad in '43. Vivian Richards in '52. Richie Richardson in '62. Andy Roberts in '51. Bobby Simson in '36. John Snow in '41. Sir Garfield Sobers in '36. Sachin Tendulkar in '73. Jeff Thomson in '50. Fred Trueman in '31. Glen Turner in '47. Derek Underwood in '45. Clive Walcott in '26. Everton Weekes in '25. Sir Frank Worrell in '24. Waqar Younis in '71. Shane Warne in '69. Wasim Akram in '66. Kipper Wessels in '57. Zaheer Abbas in '47.

And, me? Well. Professors are not born; they are made.

SPORTS TALK



Abdul Qadir (Pakistan's 'Nawab' of leg-spin) 'He is only 13. He has shown great enthusiasm and determination to get into the junior team. He holds promise, has the ability to mix the googly, leg-break and the flipper in a nice blend. Former England captain Bob Willis had a lot of good words for him.' (Said of his son Imran Qadir).

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Tick the Correct Answers

Table with 5 questions and multiple choice options for sports events.

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Schools chess

The hectic second round of the 11th schools chess championship saw 45 players, who scored their second successive win cling on to the crowded top spot at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Pakistanis stoop to SA

NAIROBI, Sept 29: Daryll Cullinan and Jonty Rhodes shared a one-day international fourth wicket record partnership of 232 as South Africa beat Pakistan by 62 runs in the Kenyan Centenary four-nation cricket tournament today, reports Reuter.



CULLINAN ... 124 included Ijaz among his victims as he ended with three for 29 in eight overs.

in trouble after they had been put in to bat. But then Cullinan and Rhodes began to rebuild the innings with magnificent running between the wickets. Rhodes was dropped on 65 by Ijaz at backward square leg but otherwise the pair were untroubled while the Pakistani fielding and bowling became increasingly ragged.

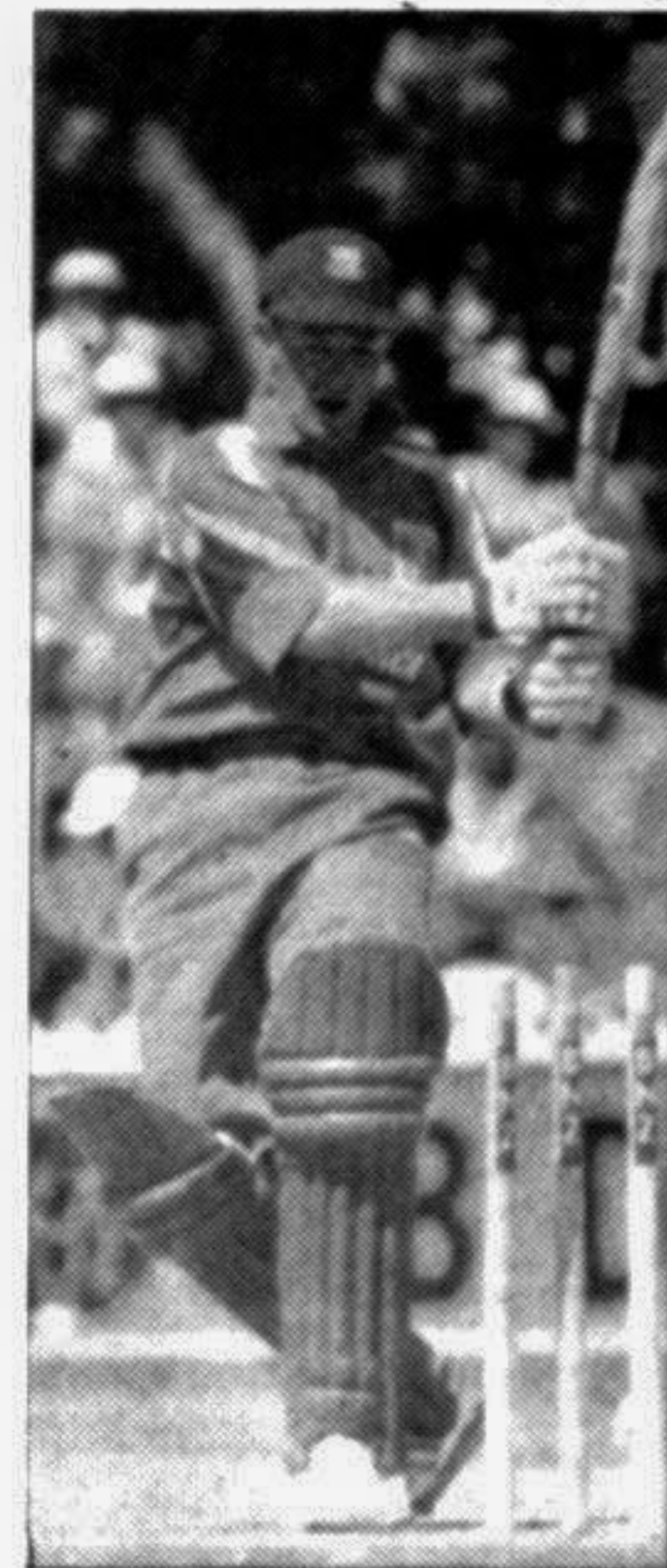
Cullinan eventually holed out to Salim Malik, his 124 coming from 117 deliveries and including 12 boundaries, while Rhodes was run out in the 47th over after hitting 11 fours in his 114-ball innings.

The next highest score was the 30 extras conceded by Pakistan. Rhodes immediately continued his man-of-the-match pace by running out opening batsman Saad Anwar with a direct hit from backward point in the first over.

Opener Saleem Elahi hit 54 and shared a 67-run third wicket partnership with Ijaz but once they were parted Pakistan never looked likely to threaten the South African total.

World champions Sri Lanka will face today's winners South Africa Monday.

PAKISTAN batting and bowling statistics table.



RHODES ... 121 Cronje 2 0 21 0 Cullinan 1 0 8 0 Symcox 9 0 60 1 Result: South Africa won by 62 runs.

WC hockey qualifiers

Bangladesh beat Italy

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh kicked-off their campaign in the 9th men's World Cup hockey qualifiers with a hard-fought 4-3 win over hosts Italy in the inaugural match at Cagliari, according to a message received here late last night.

In the 14-team meet, Bangladesh who have been placed in Group B, were trailing 1-2 at the break before centre-forward Kamal with two quick goals in the post-lesson session pulled of a sensational victory in a goal-feast encounter.

Earlier, Robiuddin and Sadeque scored one goal apiece from short corners to help Bangladesh restore parity before the Italians once again regained the lead midway through the second session.

Kamal made it 3-3 with a spectacular field goal and then added his second 12 minutes from the final whistle as Bangladesh ran away with the slender yet decisive lead.

Bangladesh will play their second match against Ireland today.

The five top finishers from the meet will qualify for the finals, to be held in Malaysia next year.

Saiful's treble for Bagerhat

Sports Reporter

Saiful Islam notched up a brilliant hat-trick to propel Bagerhat to a 4-0 thrashing of Jhalakathi in one of the six zonal engagements of the Meril Under-16 national football championship, held at different venues across the country yesterday.

At Bhola, Saiful struck in the 55th, 75th and 79th minutes to earn the unique feat of a treble as Bagerhat, who were held goalless in the first half, romped home with four goals without reply against Jhalakathi after Mamun added the last three minutes from the final whistle.

Hosts Tangail also scored an impressive 4-0 win against Manikganj in another zonal match at home with Jewel scoring two goals for the winners. Shipon added the second from a penalty while Abed completed the Manikganj round blasting the fourth in the 63rd minute.

Away at Bandarban, Chittagong defeated Laxmipur by three goals to nil with Sajedul, Iqbal and Gobinda scoring for the port city outfit.

In Jhenidah, in a goal-feast encounter, the hosts recorded a 4-2 win over Chapainawabganj with Kamal and Bashir adding two goals in the last quarter of the see-saw encounter. Mehdi Hasan and Rahman were the other scorers for the winners while Aslam and Selim notched one goal apiece for the losers.

Meanwhile, the other two zonal matches of the day were decided in a tie-breaker. At Kurigram, Lalmonirhat recorded a 3-1 tie-break win over Dinajpur after the match was locked 1-1 during the stipulated time. In Chuabanga, Narail also scored an identical 3-1 tie-break win over Kushtia after the match ended in a 1-1 deadlock.

Angels on a roll

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Angels Club recorded their fourth consecutive victory in the 8th Federation Cup at the cost of Josephites to finish top from Group B at the Dhanmondi wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Angels, who will take on The Greys in the second semifinal today, defeated Josephites in their last group league match 78-52.

The winners led the first half 27-25. Siddique and Shahed Ali cage 19 points apiece for Angels while Mikhail, who fought a lone battle for losers, scored highest 23 points in the evenly contested second match of the day.

In the match of the day, Dhumketu Club earned a facile 106-44 point win over lowly Jhenidah Sports Club to set up the first semifinal clash with fancied Mariner Youngs Club, to be held at the same venue today.

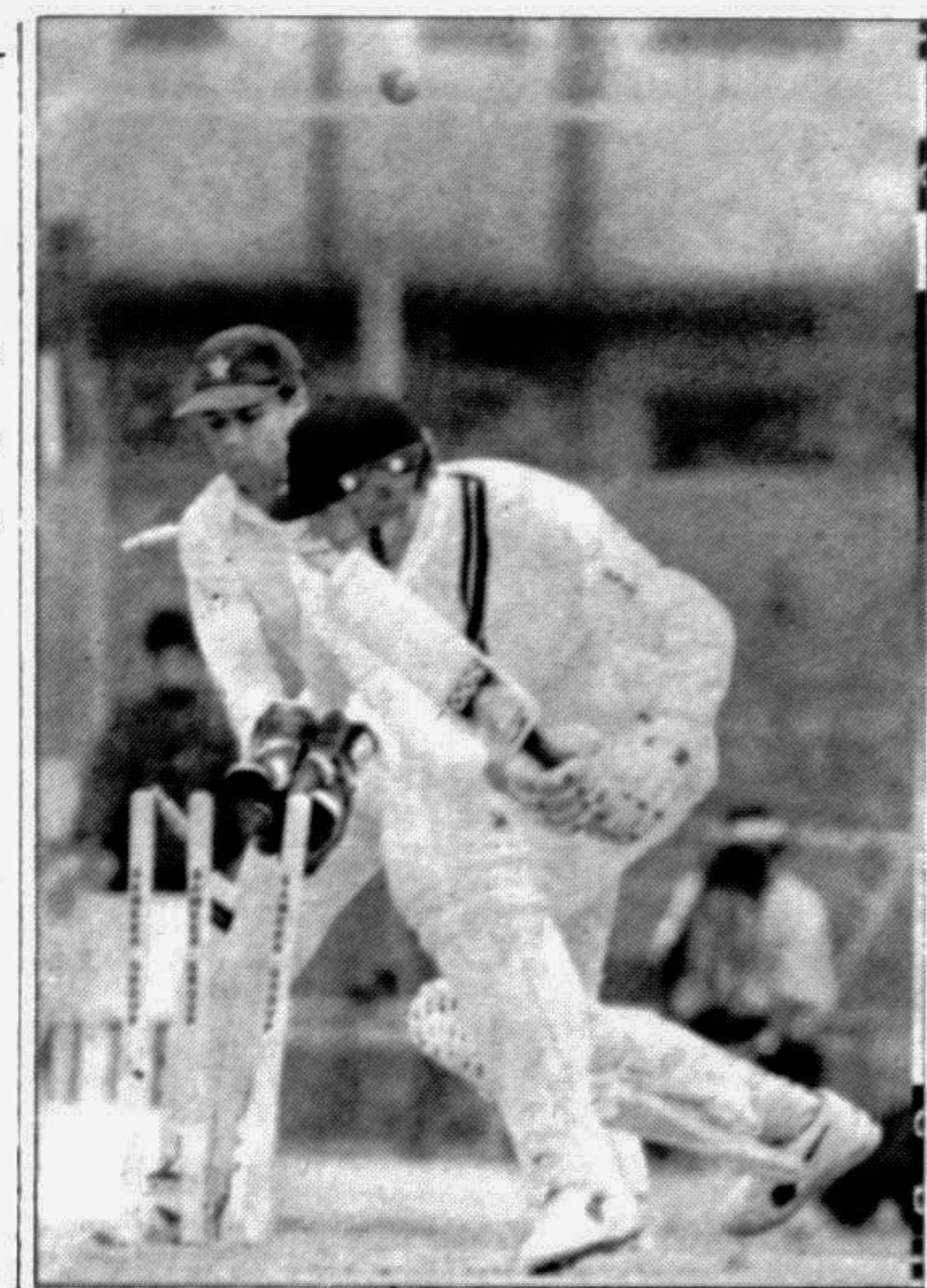
The final will be played on October 2.

Gaibandha soccer

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Sept 29: Gaibandha Town Club won the Jobber Smriti Sangsad Gold Cup football championship defeating Pirgacha College 5-4 in the tie-breaker at the local college ground on Friday.

Hester's A 57 Double-check a sum 17 Rock band crew member 34 "Help" 36 Wears away 38 Big barrels 39 City near Knoxville 40 Inclined 42 Lecherous one, maybe 45 Jean-maker Straus 46 Overhang 48 Send pronto 50 Despondent 51 Remnant



South African tail-ender Fanie de Villiers looks behind his shattered wicket after being outfoxed by Pakistani off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq (not in the picture) during their opener of the four-nation meet in Nairobi on September 29.

S Africa ban bat logo

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 29: South Africa have banned their players from carrying commercial sponsors' logos on their bats because it could gain more prominence than the main match sponsors, national cricket chief Ali Bacher said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The decision runs counter to a ruling by the International Cricket Council (ICC) which introduced a rule change in July allowing players to "rent" out the top nine inches on the front and the whole of the rear of their bats.

"We feel a bat logo could have a greater impact on a viewer than an event or a team sponsor logo on a shirt. We cannot allow this," said Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa.

Bacher said the ICC had faxed the ICC expressing their concern over the issue.

Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Sept 29: Ulka Club beat Brothers Union 1-0 in the Bull Head Premier Division football league at the local stadium here today, reports BSS.

Helal scored the all-important goal through a penalty in the 77th minute.

Earlier on Saturday, Newprint Mills defeated Mousumi Eleven 2-0 at the same venue.

Shajahan of Newprint opened the scoring in the 27th minute of the first half. Hanan doubled the margin in the 71st.

Pete picks up another

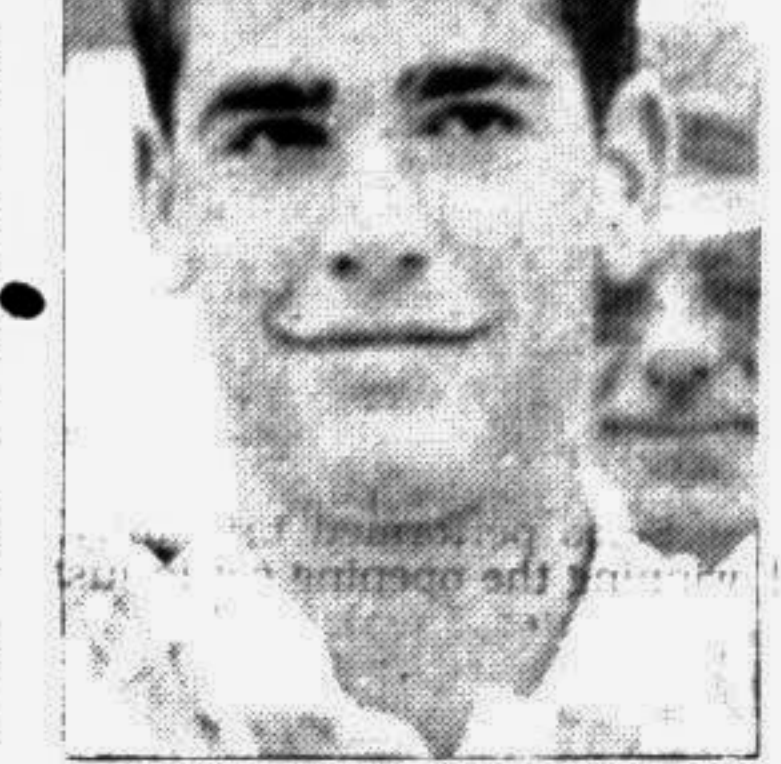


BASEL, Switzerland, Sept 29: Playing in his first tournament since winning the US Open, Pete Sampras easily disposed of the unseeded German Hendrik Dreekmann 7-5, 6-2, 6-0 on Sunday to win the 1 million dollars Swiss Indoors tennis championship, report agencies.

It took only one hour and 22 minutes for Sampras to pocket the title and the 137,000 dollars prize, while Dreekmann, ranked 49th by the ATP tour, went home with 81,000 dollars.

Earlier on Saturday Sampras gained a measure of revenge for his defeat by eventual winner Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the French Open with a 7-6 (6-3) win over the Russian.

While Sampras had won four of the six meetings between the pair, Kafelnikov had taken the last two, including a straight sets semifinal win at the French Open earlier this year.



PETE SAMPRAS

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Chang's tips for Asians

SINGAPORE, Sept 29: World No 2 Michael Chang says Asians can make great tennis players if only they try.

stirred up things for tennis in Sweden ... and Sweden has got so many talented players now.

"Hopefully, it would be nice to be able to do the same for Asia," he added.

He said more international tournaments like the Heineken Open will stimulate young Asians to try tennis.

"That's where things really start and get kids excited," Chang said.

Chang, the tournament's top seed, starts play Tuesday against Dennis Van Scheppingen of the Netherlands, ranked No 103.

Krajicek, a wild-card entry, plays his opening match Wednesday against Nicola Bruno of Italy, one of four qualifiers.

This year, Chang is the only male player to make two Grand Slam finals - the Australian Open in January and the US Open three weeks ago. He lost in both, but has won three titles: at Indian Wells, Washington and Los Angeles.

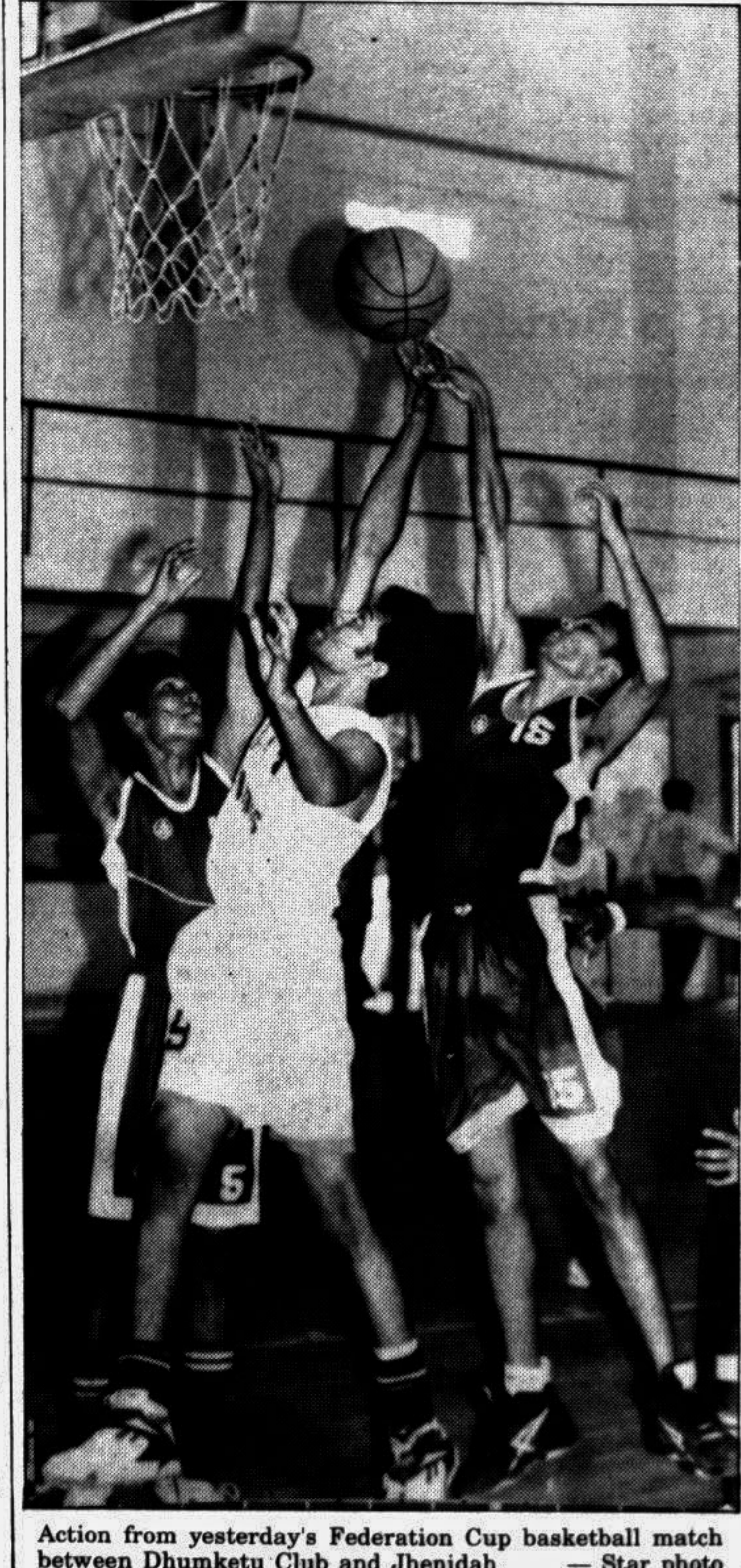
"It is a good confidence booster and makes me strive for the No 1 ranking, and the next Grand Slam title won't be too far away," he said. He won the French Open in 1988.

At age 24, "my best years of tennis are still awaiting me," Chang added.

Krajicek is expected to be his strongest challenger here, although Chang said the standards of men's tennis are so high now that "you just cannot take anybody light whether you know them or not."

Chang and Krajicek have met five times, with Krajicek winning three matches. But Chang joked that Krajicek "never counted the match we played when we were 10 years old and I beat him. So it should be 3-3."

Krajicek, a first round loser in the past two Wimbledon, ended Pete Sampras' three-year domination in the tournament this year by defeating him 7-5, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 in the quarterfinals. He defeated MaliVai Washington for the title.



Action from yesterday's Federation Cup basketball match between Dhumketu Club and Jhenidah. — Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

CRYPTOQUIP

Cryptoquip puzzle: CUJOOD JRH QUWKPK. HKNP NW RCNRJBJPQJ: J. MNAKJOOD ANCUAH BNNMU. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE UNBUILDING, RELUCTANT MOUNTAIN CLIMBER FOREVER FEARED GIVING HIS ASCENT. Today's Cryptoquip clue: E equals G. The Cryptoquip 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.