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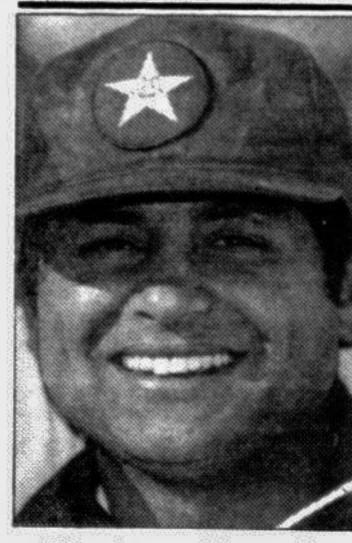
You never know, we may have

become the dwyle flunking

champions of the world. The "ball" is a rag soaked in beer. Now, I know why the English never managed to import this one to Bengal. The "ball" is wrapped around a stick called "wadger" and constantly topped with more stale beer. The object of the game is to hit one's opponent with this concoction, there being different points or "runs" being awarded for hitting dif ferent parts of the body.

Now, I am no one to assert that the English lacked imagination. But, just imagine our potentials in this game. Call it "dile flunking", substitute the beer with "dile" (lentil soup). and hitting each other with it? No problem! Thats what we do anyway.





Mushtaq Ahmed (Crafty Pakistani leg-spin-

"There is no greater joy than bemusing a batsman. And the joy can be greater if you get his wicket."

Said of the thrills of beating a batsman



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UEFA for new format

GENEVA, Oct 6: UEFA, European soccer's governing body. said on Wednesday it expected a proposal to expand the European under-21 championship final round from four to eight teams to be accepted today, reports Reuter.

Under the proposal, which is expected to receive UEFA executive committee approval at their meeting in Antalya. Turkey, the competition would take on a single knock-out for-

The championship would be hosted by one of the competing associations and staged over an 11-or-12 day period before the

end of May in alternate years. The reasons for increasing the number of finalists coincides with an increase of interest and income generated by the championship.

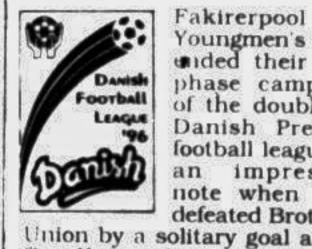
The four finalists in this year's championship, which was won by Italy in a shootout over Spain, each received 821,840 Swiss francs (657,200 dollars). Two years earlier in France, the four associations received 112,742 Swiss frances (90,130 dollars).



Action from yesterday's Danish Premier Division encounter between Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool and Brothers Union at the Dhaka Stadium. Fakirerpool won the match by a solitary goal. - Star photo

Fakirerpool BU's bane After the match, Nilphamari lodged a protest against their opponents for fielding "illegal player".

Sports Reporter



Youngmen's Club unded their first phase campaign of the double-leg Danish Premier football league on an impressive note when they

defeated Brothers Union by a solitary goal at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Alter a barren first half

striker Askar Babu struck the all-important goal in the 75th minute to maintain Fakirerpool's new found habit of upsetting Brothers Union, considered as the traditional third force in the domestic circuit. On a heavy outfield marked

by a heavy shower in the first half, Fakirerpool, who had earlier handed a humiliating 4-1 defeat on Brothers Union last year, permitted little respite to a beleaguered Gopibagh outfit on their way to muscle in on the match. It was Fakirerpools third win on completion of their nine league engagements of the ten-team elite group. They are now holding the fifth position collecting 13 out of a possible 27 points.

On the other hand, Brothers Union, who were on the receiving end of an otherwise onesided affair, showed little motivation to put up a fight, let alone avenging their heavy defeats, against an spirited display by the Fakirerpool young-

Although Fakirerpool ran intervention from Bishu, who away by the skin of their teeth. but it hardly translated their supreme dominance over a languorous and insipid Brothers Union, who oblivious of their glorious past surrendered meekly. The most fascinating revelation about Brothers Union was that the once-enterprising outfit were failed to raid

the opponent citadel not even

on single occasion during the

90-minute encounter.

For Fakirerpool, the first 45 minutes was nothing noteworthy apart from a few flashes of brilliance from striker Asif, who had the rival custodian Milon at his mercy in the 44th minute. But a menacingly poised Asif was denied of a possible penalty when the referee ruled that it was a tackle from behind just outside the box even after being pulled down by Brothers defender Mizan in the forbidden zone.

After the breather, Fakirerpool came out firing all their four cylinders for the much needed breakthrough. But they had to wait till 75 minute before Askar Babu fired the winner from close to complete a combined move initiated by national left-wing back Sohel-al-Masum down the flank.

Earlier, in the 56th minute Askar Babu almost had his scorching grounder from the edge of the box slipped through the shaky defence of custodian Milon. But thanks to a timely

cleared the ball from the goalline.

Six minutes from the final whistle Fakirerpool got another chance to double the margin. But both Moni and Rana had failed to nod home off a Monwar low-cross from an handshake distance.

With this defeat Brothers remained glued to their previous collection of 11 points on completion of their first leg

Meanwhile, in the first match of the day, a Danish First Division tie, league leaders Victoria Sporting Club shared honours with PWD SC to a goalless draw, consolidating their position atop the table at the end of their first-leg engagements in the lesser group of

The draw now left Victoria with highest 18 points while PWD increased their tally to 11 to remain content with the fifth slot behind Victoria, Rahmatganj. Chalantica and Wari Club. Mizan of Brothers received yellow card in the match.

TEAMS YOUNGSMEN'S CLUB: BIjon, Sohel, Ibrahim, Masum, Reza, Sharif, Askhar (Monwar) Apu. Asif, Rana and Jalal. BROTHERS UNION: Milan.

Pijush (Amin Khan), Mizan (Monir), Shahzada, Bishu, Ameer Khan (Dulal), Baktiar, Uttam, Gobindha. Tipu and Jamal

Referee: Ehsanul Hag.

Nantes spring into life



who helped Nantes lift the 1995 French championship, was a one

of seven different scorers as his side won for the first time this season with a spectacular 7-o rout of Nice on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Nantes had won by the same score only once before in 1970 against Nancy and Saturday's result was the first time in the French First Division that all the goals in a 7-0 victory were netted by different players. Paris Saint Germain, who

last won the title the year before Nantes, beat Le Havre 2-0 at home to open a six-point lead with goals by Brazilian Leonardo and midfielder Benoit

The only unbeaten team in the top flight, European Cup Winners Cup holders PSG ended a run of two draws that had Slowed their progress towards their main goal, the league title. Manaco, inspired by two

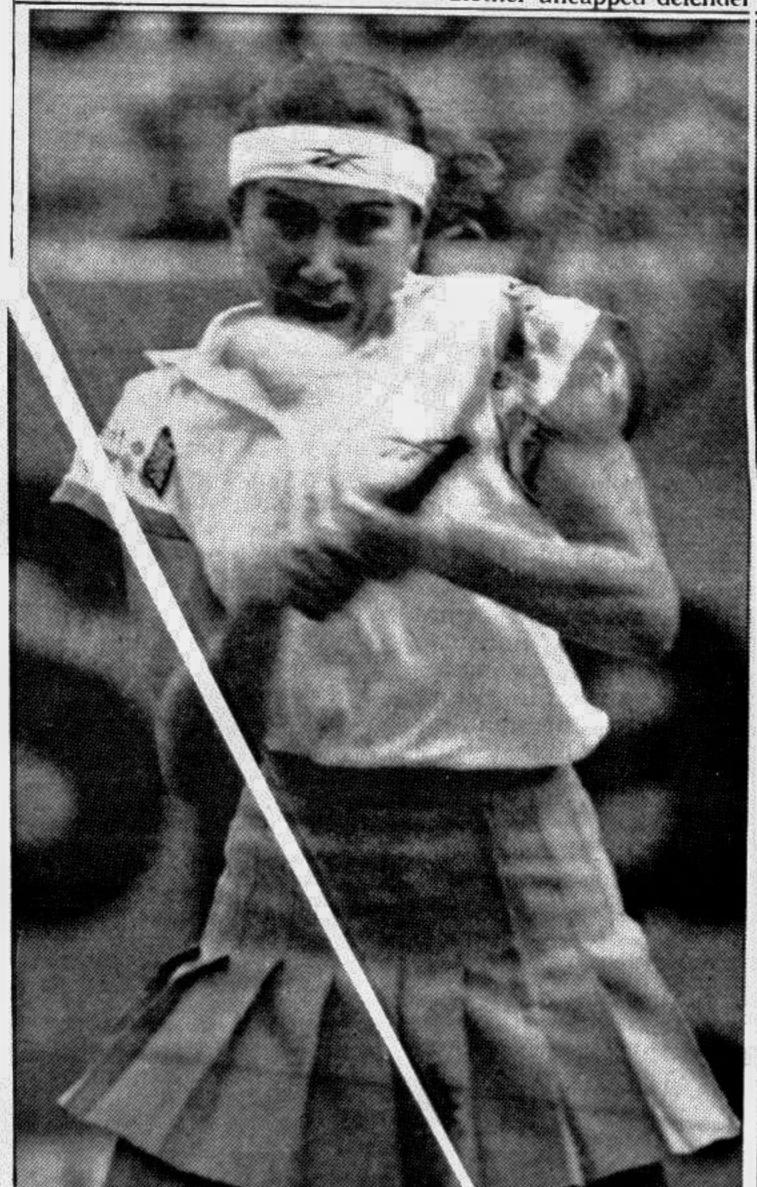
> mid-week defeat at champions Auxerre to beat Rennes 3-1 at home and leap six places to sec-Bastia, previous incumbents

goals by Brazilian striker An-

derson, bounced back from a

of second place, crashed 3-1 at Montpellier to drop behind Monaco on goal difference. Auxerre, equal fourth with

Bordeaux, came from behind to draw 1-1 at Cannes with a goal, by their defender Alain Goma, called up to the French national team this week. Another uncapped defender



Iva Majoli of Croatia plays a backhand return against Czech Helena Sukova in the Leipzig? Open semifinal match in Germany on Oct 5. Majoli won 6-4, 7-5. __ AFP/UNB photo called upon Thursday, Vincent Candela, scored the only goal as guingamp beat Lyon 1-0 at

Metz striker Robert Pires. another member of Aime Jacquet's squad for next week's friendly at home to Turkey, was sent off near the end of his side's 2-2 draw at Lens for violent play.

Lens fought back after the visitors, who are in sixth place, had gone two goals up inside six

At Nantes, N' Doram scored his fifth goal of the season as Nantes, in one stroke, improved their goal difference to 17-17.

Nantes' confidence has grown with the introduction of junior international goalkeeper Mickael Landreau, not yet 18, who has kept clean sheets in his first two First Division matches.

The win did not, however, lift Nantes out of the relegation zone they have languished in all season, taking only five points from five draws in their previous to matches.

Lille robbed bottom club Nancy of their first win of the season with an 88th minute equaliser by Denis Abed in a 2-2 draw at home. Lille, who opened their account through Yugoslav Miladin Becanovic, had not previously scored away this season.

Striker Stephane Guivarch's consolation, goal for Rennes at Monaco put him at the top of the scorers' list with Bastia's Anton Drobnjak, who missed his side's defeat because he was away on World Cup duty with Yugoslavia.

Donadoni returns to Milan?

ROME, Oct 6: Veteran Italian in dileider Roberto Donadoni is set to return to champions AC Milan after a season in US Major League Soccer, the sports daily Corriere Dello Sport reported on Saturday, says Reuter.

The paper, which gave no source for its story, said Dona doni was due to return from h oliday in about three weeks and would sign for his former c lub until June 1998.

Donadoni, 33, helped the s truggling New York-New Jersey Metrostars reach the playoffs in the new United States e ague this season. He won medals for five Serie

titles and three European Cup

v i ctories during his 10 seasons

with Milan. He was a regular in the nati onal team for six years and o ne of the few successes in the si de knocked out in the first re and of June's European C hampionship in England.

Lalmonirhat, Bagerhat in final round

Two more district teams Lalmonirhat and Bagerhat emerged zonal champions to reach the final round of the Meril national under-16 football championship yesterday. reports UNB.

The two teams entered the nine-team final round which will begin on October 10 in

Earlier, Jhenidah, Khulna, Bandarban and Gazipur DSA became zonal champions and earned the right to play in the final phase along with holders Jessore DSA and the hosts. In the day's zonal final at

Kurigram, Lalmonirhat eliminating Nilphamari by a solitary goal. Raj Ahmed scored the only

goal of the match in the third minute of play. Bhutto and Shanta of Lalmonirhat, and Dulal and

Palash of Nilphamari were shown yellow cards. Lalmonirhat will take on Pabna in the inaugural match

of the final phase.

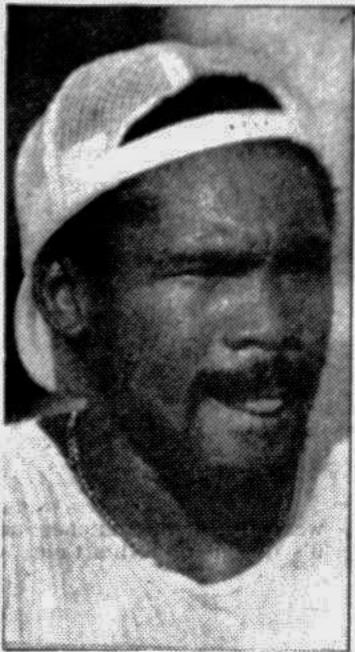
At Bhola, Bagerhat DSA were declared zonal champions against host team. The final was not held on Friday (Oct 4) as some of the Bagerhat players were allegedly manhandled by the local crowd.

The final of Brahmanbaria zone between Narayanganj and the hosts was also abandoned in the 77th minute due to a pitch invasion.

At time, Narayanganj DSA leading 1-0 thanks to a Parves effort in the 46th minute.

Greenidge in the city?

Sports Reporter



A strong rumour swept the Dhaka Stadium yesterday that celebrated former West Indian opener Gordon Greenidge was in the capital to finalise his contract with the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) as the national coach.

But when contacted, the officials concerned expressed their ignorance about the arrival of the Caribbean charmer. However, it was informed earlier by a highly BCCB official that Greenidge might step in to the shoes of Mohinder Amarnath, the mentor of Bangladesh's infamous Kenya mission in 1993.

Nat'l Age Group swimming Oct 29

The three-day 16th national Age Group swimming competition, organised by the Bangladesh Swimming Federation (BSF) begins at the Mirpur National Swimming Complex October 29, Reports UNB.

The federation has requested all affiliated district sports associations, organisations and clubs to send their entries to BSF office by Oct 23.

. 2 acquitted in Vitas trial

RIVERHEAD, New York. Oct 6: A pool mechanic and his employer were acquitted in the carbon-monoxide death of tennis star Vitas Gerulaitis. reports AP.

Gerulaitis died Sept 18, 1994, while sleeping in a friend's Long Island cottage. Investigators determined that a heater for a pool was improperly vented, emptying carbon monoxide fumes inside the cottage. The prosecution argued that

the mechanic failed to read installation instructions for the heater and failed to see the risk even after he was told by experts that it was improperly installed. The mechanic, Bartholomew

Torpey, 34, of Sag Harbor, was acquitted Friday of criminally negligent homicide. His employer, East End Pools and Courts Inc of Sag Harbor, was acquitted of reckless manslaughter. Torpey's attorney, John

O'Brien, had called his client a scapegoat and noted that a family of four had stayed overnight without incident in the same guest house just days before Gerulaitis. Gerulaitis, 40, died while

visiting developer Martin Raynes in Southampton. The tennis player had gone to the cottage for a nap the day after participating in a charity tennis clinic.

Day belongs to Brothers

And the inclusion of Ja-

hangir in the already-strong

signed up young Wari seamer Mofizur Rahman Munna and

Abu Khalid Tota of Gopibagh

but significant visit to sign the

national discard, off-spinner

Shariful Huq Plabon, for whom it would be a lucky break in a

reputed team since his appearance in the Kenya ICC trophy in

national left arm seamer, has

finally joined Kalabagan

While Anisur Rahman, the

On the other hand,

Sports Reporter

alongwith Moni.

Friends.



Last year's runners-up Brothers Union reaped rich on the second day of the three-day inter-club cricketers transfer

by roping in a host of national players at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) office yesterday

After a hectic first day on Saturday and with all the leading clubs staying off the bourse yesterday, the Gopibagh outfit stole a march over their fellow title contenders when they visited the BCCB office with former national skipper Faruque Ahmed, opened cum-wicket-keeper Jahangir Alam and na-tional left-arm spinner Enamul Hug Moni.

Faruque, who played for Kalabagan during the last couple of seasons, was the most sensational signings of the day

N'ganj soccer

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, Oct 6 Prakash Club beat Netaiganj Krira Chakra 2-0 in a Hangin Shipping First Division football league match at the Osmani Stadium here today.

Uzzal of Prakash put the winners in front after the 12th minute. And Tofazzal doubled the margin three minutes from

in tomorrow's engagement. DSS Club will take on Siraj Dullah at the same venue.

Chandpur football

CHANDPUR, Oct 6: The Chandpur football league got underway at the local Stadium here on Friday, reports UNB. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Khalid Anwar inaugurated the league.

maintaining their 100 per cent

But the Dutch hit back strongly and although goalkeper Neville Southall kept Wales ahead with a string of brilliant saves, the overwhelm-

had imagined. "They were simply getting to

Despite being outnumbered in midfield, Italy went ahead in the eighth minute when Middlesbrough striker Ravanelli curved a free-kick from the edge of the area just over the outstretched arms of goalkeeper Denis Romanenko.

Juventus's Di Livio showed his class in the 68th minute. serving up a perfect cross which Lazio's Casiraghi headed in for his 11th international goal.

surance from the spot three minutes from time after Casiraghi was hauled down in the penalty area.

over Wales in their World Cup qualifier. The Celtic striker fired a 72nd minute equaliser with his first touch then swept home a

Ronald de Boer added a third goal with 11 minutes remaining with a diving header from Philip Cocu's cross.

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record when Dean Saunders put them ahead on 17 minutes.

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ing pressure told in the end. Wales, with two big wins against San Marino behind them, had hoped that the Dutch would be vulnerable after a traumatic Euro '96 and a rash of injuries that forced them to field a weakened side.



ARIGO SACCHI

Southall made a vital save 15 minutes into the game when Jordi Cruyff was sent clear. Blocking the Manchester United forward's shot with his

The Dutch piled on the pres-

sure after the break and at the hieght of their siege. Southall made three stunning saves in as many minutes to deny substitute Roy Makaay, Ronald de Boer and Clarence Seedorf. But an equaliser seemed in-

Brothers line-up gave the Gopibagh outfit a solid look. Besides, Brothers have also rather sedate session with the lesser-known clubs capturing the centre-stage to make the

going to play for Laimatia.

putting an end to the wide-

spread speculation that he was

Apart from that, it was a most out of the remaining lot.

A total of 57 players have changed their alliance on the Bangladesh Biman made a brief

Meanwhile, the BCCB deferred the bourse of tomorrow, the planned concluding day of player's transfer, in a bid to accommodate the smooth holding of the Danish Premier football league match between arch-rivals Mohammedan and Aba-

The last day's players trans-fer will be held on October 9.



Former national skipper Faruque Ahmed (R), left-arm spinner Enamul Huq Moni (M) and opener-cum wicketkeeper Jahangir Alam, who joined Brothers Union on the second day of the inter-club players' transfer at the BCCB office yesterday. - Star photo

Italy regain composure donk supplied it the Dutch cut

CHISINAU, Oct 6: Fabrizio Ravanelli scored twice and Pierluigi Casiraghi added another as Italy overcame a case of defensive jitters to defeat Moldova 3-1 in their World Cup European Group Two opener on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The win was important for Italy and embattled coach Arrigo Sacchi, made a scapegoat for his team's shock elimination from Euro '96. But victory was no easy task as the hosts proved far more aggressive than Sacchi — who began the match with a bold attacking trident -

the balls before we were and when you can't even get to it first, well, what can you do?" Sacchi said.

But Moldova struck back three minutes later when midfielder Alexandru Curtianu exploited a defensive blunder by Juventus stopper Ciro Ferrara and blasted the ball past a helpless Francesco Toldo.

The hosts, playing with five midfielders to Italy's three, neutralised the visitors who continued to be nervous in defence until Sacchi remedied the problem by inserting midfielder Angelo di Livio for Chiesa after the interval.

Ravanelli then provided in-

In Cardiff, substitute Pierre van Hooijdonk struck twice in three minutes to lead the Netherlands to a 3-1 victory

second on the break to turn the European Group Seven match on its head.

Wales had high hopes of evitable and once Van Hooij-

In Riga, Latvia, John Collins scored his first international goal for almost 18 months to help Scotland to a 2-0 world cup victory over the home team.

The Monaco midfielder gave his side the lead in the 18th minute. Stuart McCall touched a free kick short to Collins and he drove home a left-foot shot from just outside the penalty

The goal was Collins' ninth for his country, but his first since he scored against San Marino last year. Hibernian striker Darren

Jackson sealed an important European Group Four win for the Scots with a second goal in the 77th minute. In Belfast, Northern Ireland's hopes of World Cup qual-

ification suffered another blow

when they were held 1-1 at home by Armenia. The visitors, who held Portugal to a goalless draw in their first world Cup qualifier in August, took a surprise lead after just eight minutes through Eric Adouyan, who pounced on a deep cross from the left and beat

goalkeeper Alan Fettis. Manager Brian Hamilton's side, who lost to Ukraine at Windsor Park in their first match, now have just one point from a possible six in group nine; and face European champions Germany in their next

In Kiev, Luis Figo looked to have salvaged a World Cup point for Portugal with an 83rd minute equaliser against Ukraine only to see Yuri Maksimov grab the winner for the home side two minutes from The 2-1 defeat left the fan-

match.

point from two games after an earlier draw with Armenia and put Ukraine, also winners over Northern Ireland, top of qualifying Group Nine. Favourites Germany have yet to play. In Tallinn, hosts Estonia lost key striker Andres Oper

cied Portuguese with just one

with a suspected broken leg in the first half but kept their nerve to beat Belarus 1-0 in their World Cup Group Four qualifier.

Oper hobbled off in the 26th minute after being brought down on the edge of the penalty

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THIS CARPENTER PROUDLY ANNOUNCED, "YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT

I SAW!" Today's Cryptoquip clue: M equals K

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 are an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels solution is by trial and error.

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