

# Column One

## DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

**T**HAT volleyball has suddenly become popular worldwide, particularly since the telecasting of its beach version. But, "lungi" volleyball had caught the Bangalee imagination ever since this American game came to India via England, perhaps between the wars and with a little help from the YMCA network.

As with basketball, the modern game owes its origin to another YMCA instructor, William Morgan of Holyoke, Massachusetts. Discovering that basketball was too strenuous for older men, Morgan devised a game called Minonette, in which a basketball was punched to and fro over a net.

Formal rules were drawn up in 1897 and volleyball was born. I mean, till we can improve in football, why not try fanball — tossing the ball between the Mohammedan and Abahani galleries over the Press enclosure. How's that Morgan?

## SPORTS TALK



Steffi Graf

(German ace tennis player)  
"It's something I've never imagined I would be able to do, and be capable of doing."

On reaching the landmark of 100 career titles, after winning her seventh Wimbledon crown.

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## Sports WHIZZ KID competition-54

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm  
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1 How many Tests has Wasim Akram played to capture 300 wickets?  
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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## Inter-varsity aquatic on

Sports Reporter

The three-day inter-university aquatic championships began at the Dhaka University swimming complex yesterday morning.

Professor A K Azad Chowdhury, the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, inaugurated the meet as chief guest.

Total six swimmers from Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong and Bangladesh Agricultural University are participating in the championships.

## Tomorrow, eve of metro eves TT

Sports Reporter

The AB Bank Metropolitan Eves table tennis league, organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, will begin at the wooden-floor gymnasium from October 10.

Eight teams will participate in the league. The teams are: Brothers Union Club, Bangladesh Biman, Biman Junior, Uttara Youth Club, Swamibagh TTS, Combined Sporting Club, Swamibagh Girls and Cynthia Sporting Club.



SEE YOU TOMORROW: Imtiaz Sultan Johny and Dewan Shafiqul Arefin Tutul, the managers of Mohammedan SC and Abahani respectively, exchange their views in a press briefing prior to their head on clash of the Danish Premier Division football league, at the Dhaka Stadium last night.

## Mohammedans-Abahani crucial clash today

# Do or die at the big bowl

Sports Reporter

It will be the same old Dhaka Stadium, the national venue for all sorts of sport, throbbing once again to the vibration of a heady battle between the two most crowd-pulling outfits when arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club lock their horns in a crucial Danish Premier league match today.

The Dhaka derby kicks off at 5 pm. Bangladesh Television will cover live the 59th clash of the titans while Bangladesh Betar will broadcast running commentary of the nerve-wrecking encounter from the big bowl.

The emotional drama enacted by the two perennial foes of the sport world is equally important for both Mohammedans and Abahani, who like the previous years are running neck-and-neck to reach the ultimate goal — the coveted league title.

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra, who are hot on the trail for a hattrick title and are lagging behind their arch-rivals by two points, will be desperately in search of a win in their 42nd league clash against Mohammedans.

On the other hand league-leaders Mohammedans, though in a position to afford a draw to maintain their solo lead on completion of the first phase in the double-leg league; but, given their poor record of not a single league win against Abahani since 1988 and with their reputation in jeopardy, the black and whites will be looking for a win to salvage their pride.

With the entire city bubbling with widespread speculations about the crucial league tie, both Mohammedans and Abahani have already finalised their respective characters for the big occasion.

Abahani, who had gone through a chronic injury problem from the very beginning, is expected to field the same eleven which featured against Muktiyoddha in their previous match.

"But, we may miss the services of striker Mizan", said Abahani manager, Dewan Shafiqul Arefin Tutul, in a crowded press conference at the Dhaka Stadium last night. Mizan is running a fever for the

Bangladesh go

down to USA

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh ended their campaign in the 9th men's World Cup hockey qualifier on a disappointing note when they went down fighting to USA 4-5 in their last group league match at the Italian city of Cagliari yesterday.

Bangladesh, who are already out of the race, were trailing 1-3 at the breather.

Kamal struck twice while Musa and Sadeque scored the other two to enable Bangladesh restore parity on two successive occasions before being undone by a late winner.

It was Bangladesh's fourth defeat in six group league matches of the 14-nation meet.



Substitute East End Club custodian Sohan (R) grips the ball before Muktiyoddha striker Nakib could connect with the ball during their Danish Premier Division football encounter at the Dhaka Stadium last night. Muktiyoddha won the match 2-1.

## Cricketers' transfer

# BU stronger by the day

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Brothers Union Club, last year's runners up in the Premier Division cricket league, further enriched their squad when they reserved the services of Pakistani cricketer Zahid Ahmed on the third day of the four-day inter-club cricketers' transfer at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board office yesterday evening.

Zahid, the short Pakistani hard-hitting batsman, who had a magnificent season with Kalabagan last year, joined the Gopibagh outfit along with two of his teammates of last year — office Saidul Islam Effe and Wahidul Islam.

Besides, national opener Harun-ur-Rashid Liton of Abahani and former national opener Nurul Abedin Nobel were the other important cricketers who shifted their allegiance yesterday. Liton, who was a member of the Bangladesh team which won the ACC trophy last month, joined Kalabagan Krira Chakra while Nobel left Kalabagan for Lalmita Club.

72 cricketers completed their transfer yesterday raising the total number of cricketers who shifted to new clubs so far to 209.

After a day of break for the important Premier football league match between Mohammedan SC and Abahani, the last day of transfer will be held at the same venue tomorrow from 4 pm to 8 pm.

## Div One soccer

# Victoria end first leg atop

Sports Reporter

Sadhuran Bima Krira Sangstha recorded their second success in the Danish First Division football league with a convincing 3-1 win over Mirpur Chalanika Sporting Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Striker Palash struck twice in the 34th and 41st minutes while Ershad scored the third in the 66th minute for the winners. Meanwhile, Chalanika skipper Selim pulled back one in the 89th minute converting a spot-kick.

With this win, Bima earned nine points from six matches and ended up, on completion of the first leg of the league, with second position from the bottom along with Badda Jagarani Sangsad. On the other hand, Chalanika have collected 13 points from nine matches which placed them third in the table.

In the day's other match away at Mirpur Stadium, Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society and Wari Club split points in a goalless affair.

In this draw, Rahmatganj finished their first leg with the second spot having 16 points from nine matches, two points adrift of leaders Victoria Sporting Club, while Wari raised their tally to 13 points from nine outings which kept them jointly third with Mirpur Chalanika.

## STANDINGS

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Victoria	9	5	3	1	10	2	18
Rahmatganj	9	4	4	1	9	5	16
Chalanika	9	4	1	4	9	13	13
Wari	9	3	4	2	8	9	13
Dhamondhi	9	2	5	2	10	8	11
PWD	9	2	5	2	5	11	11
BRTC	9	2	4	3	9	10	10
S Bima	9	2	3	4	9	10	9
Jagarani	9	2	3	4	8	9	9
Police	9	1	4	4	8	13	7

## Greenidge's arrival a fact

Sports Reporter

Former West Indian Test opener Gordon Greenidge arrived in the capital on Sunday at the invitation of Bangladesh Cricket Control Board.

During his visit at the BCCB office yesterday, Greenidge discussed various cricketing matters with the local officials.

Meanwhile, it was learnt that the prolific Indies batsman will take over the role of coaching the Bangladesh cricket team on a three-year contract. It is expected that his inclusion in the squad will bolster the spirits of our cricketers for the ICC trophy.

## Meril U-16 soccer

# BFF award final berths to N'ganj and Bagerhat

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday announced Bagerhat and Narayanganj as the winners of their respective zonal qualifiers of the Meril under-16 national football championship.

According to a BFF press release, Bagerhat were declared Bholia zonal champions after the hosts failed to ensure proper security for the visitors and the final was postponed on October 4.

## Army boxing

SAIDPUR, Oct 7: The Chittagong Area clinched the title of the annual boxing championship of the Bangladesh Army which concluded at the Saidpur Cantonment here yesterday evening, reports BSS.

The champions won 5 golds while Air Defence Artillery Area became runners-up with 2 golds and one silver.

L Nk Raifar Ali Sardar of the Savar Area was adjudged the best boxer of the meet while L Nk Wadul Ali of the Chittagong Area was the best among the losers.

# Muktiyoddha stand third

Sports Reporter



Muktiyoddha Krira Chakra completed their first leg of the Danish Premier Division football campaign on a winning note defeating promotionees East End Club 2-1 at the Dhaka Stadium last night.

Striker Reaz and midfielder Zakir struck once each for the winners in the first half while East End's Mir Arman pulled one back in the second-half.

Muktiyoddhas, who lost their previous match to reigning champions Abahani 1-2, dominated the entire first-half and took the lead in the 20th minute with Reaz heading home a left-side Gaus cross from a goal-mouth melee past East End's goalkeeper Tota who was beaten on his right (1-0).

Zakir, the inspirational Muktiyoddha mid-fielder, who had been the only consistent player throughout the league for the reds, doubled the margin after eight minutes. After receiving a through from Tito inside the East End box, Zakir rushed towards the right side and beat the advancing keeper with a brilliant left-footer (2-0).

Trailing by two goals in the

first-half, East End, who have won one match and drew three in their previous eight outings, played all-out soccer from the beginning of the second session and reduced the margin in the 50th minute with Arman heading home a Sourav cross

from the right (1-2).

With yesterday's victory, fifth in the league in nine matches, the Muktiyoddhas raised their tally to 17 points and completed their first leg in the third slot of the elite group behind leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club (22 points) and Abahani (20 points) and

TEAMS

**MUKTIYODDHA SANGSAD**  
KC: Pannu (Arun), Paritosh, Moon, Kingshook, Massod Rana, Tito, Zakir, Rupu (Shafiqul), Gaus, Nakib and Reaz.

**EAST END CLUB:** Tota (Shohan), Badal, Palash, Haran, Sagar, Selim, Mir Arman, Uzzal, Ratan (Kamal) and Sourav Raju.

Referee: Ehsanul Haque.

## N'ganj football

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 7: DSS Club beat Siraj Dullah 1-0 in their Hangin Shipping First Division football league engagement at the Osmani Stadium here today.

Gopal netted the all-important goal after one minute into the game.

In tomorrow's match, Godnail Krira Proshikshan Shibir will take on DSS Club Blue.

# Yugoslav soccer in soup

COPENHAGEN, Oct 7

(Reuters): Yugoslavia, back in World Cup contention after suspension for political reasons, are more affected than ever by their perennial problem of top players in soccer exile.

Coach Slobodan Santrac has 14 players in Spain, five in Italy, three in England, two each in Portugal and Scotland plus captain Dragan Stojkovic in the J-League, where he was voted Japanese player of the year in 1994 and 1995.

"The problem with them, not playing in Yugoslavia, is that we can never be sure when they might be injured," he said. "They are all fighting in super leagues."

"It's normal to expect some to be injured but we don't have enough time to work with them," he told reporters at UEFA's national coaches convention.

"Another problem is moulding a side with players coming from clubs with such different styles. In Italy, not all the coaches are even Italian. The players have too much influence from other schools of football," said the former Yugoslav international.

"For a long time in the ex-Yugoslavia we had the Yugoslav school. We will try to retain the Yugoslav style while taking some finer points from others."

Santrac, a former OFK Belgrade, Partizan and Grasshopper.

## Sponsor sets a world mark!

SYDNEY, Oct 7: The sponsor of Australia's domestic one-day series is lobbying the Australian Cricket Board to sanction a world record one million Australian dollar (790,000 US) jackpot prize, reports AFP.

A batsman hitting a six onto one of the designated signs at the various grounds stands to win up to 200,000 dollars (158,000 US) this season.

Last year New South Wales' batsman Steve Waugh netted 140,000 dollars when he struck a straight six off Western Australia all-rounder Tom Moody at the WACA Ground in Perth.



South African skipper Hansie Cronje poses with the trophy after winning the Kenyan Centenary four-nation cricket tournament in Nairobi on Oct 6.

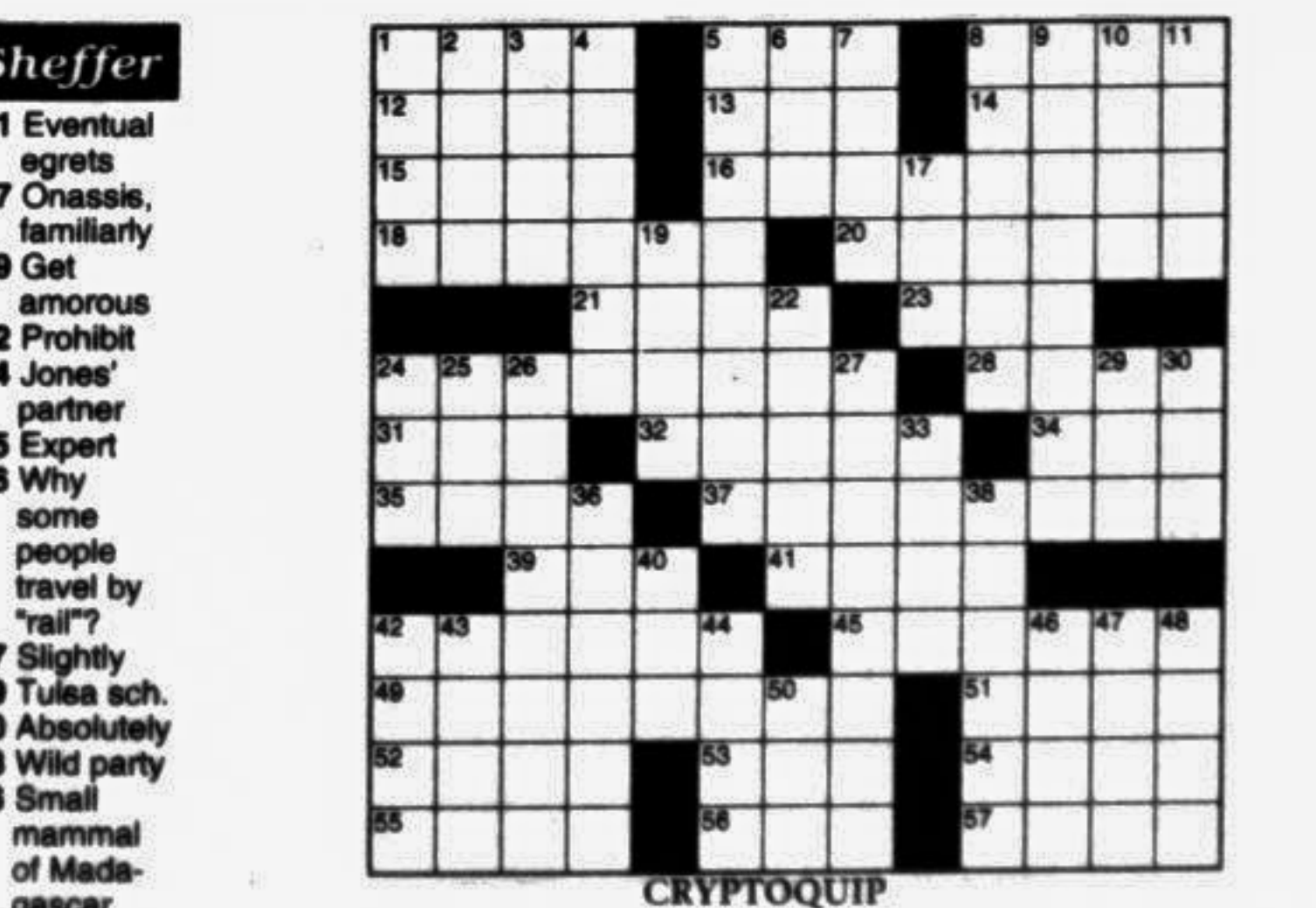
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## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	1 Eager	41 Take five	57 Helper: abbr.	11 Eventual egrets
5 Fighter of the Moors	42 List of stuff to do	1 Obsessed seaman	17 Onassie, familiarly	
8 Fountain of music?	45 Pod members	2 President's pre-rogative	19 Get amorous	
12 Long lunch?	49 Conductor Walter	3 Unyielding partner	22 Prohibit	
13 Dream Team's logo	51 "Hud" Oscar winner	4 Half mask	24 Jones' partner	
14 Buy — in a poke	52 Author: critic James	5 Hit with a club	25 Expert	
15 Infinitesimal bit	53 One-customer link	6 "There — tavern..."	26 Why some people travel by "rail"	
16 Injurious	54 O	7 Woman of the knight	27 Slightly	
18 Crum-ming, with "up"	55 Playwright Connelly	8 Eastern temple	28 Tula sch.	
20 Wears away	56 Formicary resident	9 Wide-spread	30 Absolutely	
21 Requisite		10 Fork feature	33 Wild party	
23 Cynoid			36 Small mammal of Madagascar	
24 Syco-phant of Dionysius			38 Verse	
26 Chinese seaport			40 Commo-	
31 Goose, in Guadalupe			42 Leading man	
32 Skewered entrée			43 Enthusiastic, plus	
34 Dander			44 Nick and Nora's dog	
35 Leather strip			46 Sediment	
37 Syrian city			47 Dumbo's wings	
39 Goddess			48 Change place?	
			50 Oppos-	

Solution time: 26 min.

MEETS	OLIMAR
SAVANT	RAVIOA
PRESTO	OSPREY
ACRE	RADE ASS
LAMB	REL
ABOVE	RETTICA
MAY	DEERHOUSE
ARLO	RADE TWO
INT	SEND
ANN	HATE EKEK
RODER	ODDITIES
IDEATE	EDITION
DERMAS	DOLES



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BSKQN SQTXY OZNC

UNQIBXC IZ SBXXZY

B P Q O H Z H Y X Z

Saturday's Cryptogrip: I THINK THAT MANY CANDLE MAKERS ONLY WORK ON WICKENDS.

Today's Cryptogrip clue: X equals L.

The Cryptogrip 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.