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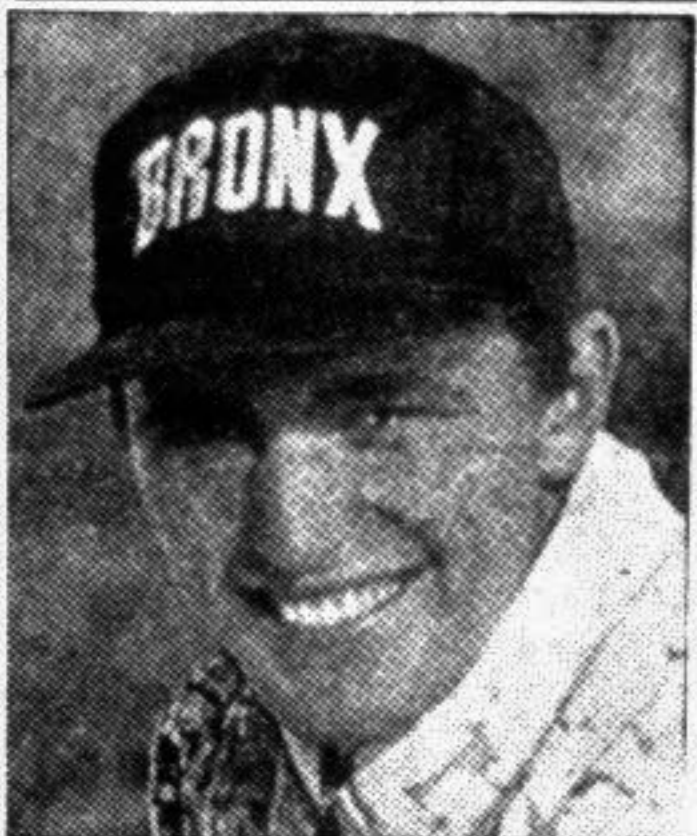
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Competition closes : 8 pm October 25, 1996. 1 In Test cricket, how many centuries did former West Indian opener Gordon Greenidge score? 18 19 17

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SPORTS TALK



Goran Ivanisevic (Croatian tennis player)

After losing to Pete Sampras in the US Open semifinal, First in Brazil RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 16: More than 400 sports stars from 34 of Brazil's indigenous ethnic groups will meet this week in Goiania in the country's first indigenous peoples' games, reports AFP.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina cuts a cake to perform the opening of the national sports conference at the BKSP in Savar yesterday. —Star photo

National sports conference Sharp edges at grass root

Any National Conference is a mammoth undertaking. The Sports Conference which began at Savar yesterday was no exception. But, the needless haste with which conference has been arranged also helped to expose the weakness that is writ large in the frail structure of sport in Bangladesh.

Forty-two sports personalities, all based in Dhaka, have been selected by the Ministry to share their rich experience, dubbed with thought-provoking ideas, on how to develop the standard of sports, scouting talents at grass root level gaining prominence.

Hasan Masood conference before? AS: No, this is my first trip to Dhaka to do anything with sports. DS: Do you think this conference will help our sports? AS: No, I don't think so because the Kenyans or the Nigerians do not hold any such conference for making a champion team. You need proper planning and execution of a system in the sports arena.

DS: What is your expectation from this conference? AS: It has just started. Let's see what we can get. Abdul Mukid (Dhamoirhat, Naogaon) DS: Do you know anything about the previous sports conference held in 1995? AM: No, I don't have any idea.

offer in our thana, we will be helped to great extent. Mustafa Ali (Banskhali, Chittagong) DS: What do you expect from this conference? MA: I hope the stagnant situation prevailing in our sports arena will get some light through this conference to rise because we badly need an unanimous national sports policy. I wish this conference will not be a fake one as it was in the past. We have a very unhealthy and undemocratic sporting system in our country. We need to overcome this for our successors.

DS: There will be six seminars during this three-day conference. Do you know what all discussions have been arranged and are you prepared to participate in those? MA: In fact, I am not very much aware of this seminar because I am yet to receive a copy of programme. Liakat Hossain (District Sports Officer, Narail) DS: Did you attend the previous Sports Conference last year? LH: Yes, I did.

Meril U-16 soccer Khulna move into final

From Our Correspondent PABNA, Oct 16: Khulna moved into the final of the Meril under-16 national football championship after their convincing 2-0 victory over defending champions Jessore in the second semifinal at the local stadium here today.

Bangladesh meet UAE today

Bangladesh national under-19 football team will take on United Arab Emirates in their opening Group A match of the 30th Asian Youth (under-19) football championship in Seoul, South Korea today.



National sub-junior champion Enamul Hossain Rajib (R) pondering his next move against Indian IM Neeraj Kumar Mishra during their 13th Beximco QM Hossain International Master chess tournament clash yesterday. —Star photo

Zia maintains slim lead

The scenario at the top of the ongoing Beximco 13th QM Hossain International Masters chess championship remained similar with table leaders Ziaur Rahman returning back on song after a disappointing draw on completion of the sixth round at the NSC conference room yesterday.

match played in the line of Old Indian Defence. On the other hand, Zia's arch-rival and boon companion IM Refaat-bin Sattar, who after a disappointing start had recorded his first win only in the previous round, registered an impressive victory against his Indian counterpart Vishal Shree to throw a caution to the aspirants. Refaat, who played one match less, is now sharing the crowded third slot with Pakistani IM Lodhi and Rajib, all having collected three and a half points each.

suffered a setback in his bid to stick the course when Indian IM Neeraj Kumar Mishra broke open his opponent's Kings' Indian Defence to win after 39 moves. The victory enable Mishra to claim the third spot with four points behind Zia and compatriot Koshy.

With this win the national champion managed to keep a slender lead of half a point from his nearest rival Verugese Koshy, one of the four Indian IMs in the 13-round Swiss league meet. The bearded Indian defeated Abdullah al Rakib to stay in contention, collecting five points.

In tomorrow's match, Sirajuddin Club will meet Eastern Sporting Club at the Same venue.

Shareen vs Hanif; Sudhakar Babu vs Refaat; Rajib vs Lodhi; Koshy vs Mishra; Kayes vs Rajib; Jamil vs Rafiq; Lovelu vs Zia.

Kirmani due in Dec?

Sayed Kirmani, the celebrated former Indian wicket-keeper, is expected to arrive in



SYED KIRMANI

the capital in December to impart training to our cricketers for a brief period. The decision to bring the prolific Indian came following a request from Gordon Greenidge, the newly appointed coach of the Bangladesh national team, according to a reliable source who preferred anonymity.

Hingis going great guns

ZURICH, Oct 16: Swiss teenager Martina Hingis, fresh from her first tournament win, crushed Japan's Noaka Sawamatsu 6-0, 6-1 in her opening match at the European Indoor Championship on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Hingis, the fifth seed, continued to display the brilliant form she showed on way to her victory in Filderstadt on Sunday, needing just 49 minutes to dispatch Sawamatsu, ranked a respectable 31 in the world. Despite the one-sided score, the 16-year-old Swiss actually began play slowly facing break-point in the opening game.

A semifinalist at the US and Italian Opens this year, Hingis can expect a tougher test in the second round when she meets world number 17 Irina Spirlea of Romania. American Jennifer Capriati took another step in her comeback with a decisive 6-3, 6-4 over Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini, who has struggled with injuries this year, doubling-faulted four times on the way to dropping the first set.

Cochrane plans to cross Niagara

SILVER SPRINGS, Fla, Oct 16: Tightrope artist Jay Cochrane plans to become the first person in 100 years to walk across Niagara Falls on a wire, reports Reuter.

SOCCER SIDELINES

PSG LEFT IN THE LURCH PARIS, Oct 16 (Reuter): Holders Paris St Germain will be without their best player against Galatasaray of Turkey in the second round of the European Cup Winners' Cup on Thursday.

Leonardo, whose seven goals and incisive midfield play have helped PSG open a seven-point lead in the French First Division, has been called up by Mario Zagallo to play in Brazil's friendly at home to Lithuania. "We'll surely miss him," fellow midfielder Vincent Guerin said at Tuesday's training session. "But I think we have enough good players to manage without him."

AGONY IN SILENCE

LONDON, Oct 16 (Reuter): More than 2,000 Brighton fans staged a non-violent protest during their team's league match against Hereford on Tuesday by walking out of the game which still had 15 minutes to go. The fans were protesting about the demise of the club who were in the FA Cup final 13 years ago but are now lying 92nd and last in the English league.

DAHLIN IN DESPERATION STOCKHOLM, Oct 16: Swedish striker Martin Dahlin said on Tuesday that he is ready to quit Italian Serie A club AS Roma.

Dahlin, 28, said that as he was not being played by Carlos Bianchi, the Roma manager, he saw no alternative but to quit the Italian club, which he joined from German side Borussia Moenchengladbach in the summer for 2.2 million pounds (\$3.3 million dollars). "As I am not being selected for the first team I am ready to leave Roma," Dahlin said.

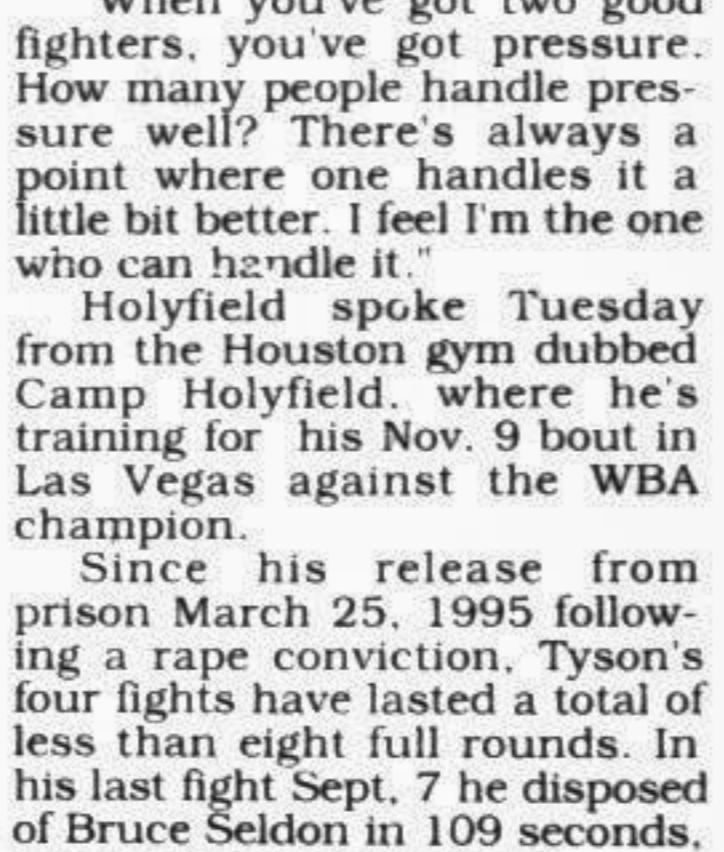
Classes Elefak, Dahlin's manager, said he was flying to Rome to help Dahlin sort out his future. "What he is worried about is his future and what other clubs would be interested in buying him," Elefak said.

Holyfield's spirits high

HOUSTON, Oct 16 (AP): Evander Holyfield insists Mike Tyson hasn't been tested since regaining the heavyweight title, and he's the one to do it. "It's obvious he's been overwhelming competitors who have never pushed him," Holyfield said. "As all fans can see, Tyson has been knocking everybody out early. But it's the caliber of opponents."

When you've got two good fighters, you've got pressure. How many people handle pressure well? There's always a point where one handles it a little bit better. I feel I'm the one who can handle it."

Holyfield accepted the fact he will again come into the ring as an underdog. "Tyson brings to the fight what everybody brings," he said. "They think they can beat me. But he's just another guy that feels he can whip me. Just like all the other guys."



EVANDER HOLYFIELD

At age 33, however, his career in the ring may not be much longer. Holyfield acknowledges while he feels the same as he did a decade ago, he reacts slower. "My boxing style is quite different," he said. "Physically, I'm a lot stronger. The difference is my hands. I was able to throw more punches then, I would hit guys 10 or 15 times. Now I just don't throw that many punches. It's more a thinking game now. Before it

was: Hey, I'm reckless and I'll just run through you. "Everything has to be more right now than then. My stance could be wrong and I could have the quickness to make up for it. The older you get, you have to go according to plan."

Since his release from prison March 25, 1995 following a rape conviction, Tyson's four fights have lasted a total of less than eight full rounds. In his last fight Sept. 7 he disposed of Bruce Seldon in 109 seconds, raising his record to 45-1.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Third Fisheries Project Department of Fisheries, Matshya Bhaban Park Avenue, Ramna, Dhaka. Memo No. TFP(Pro) 7030 Dated: 7 October, 1996 Invitation for International Bids Lot No. 1: Air Conditioners

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of the Third Fisheries Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments under the Contract (s) for which this invitation for bids is issued.

SOCCER SIDELINES SYDNEY, Oct 16 (Reuter): Aston Villa goalkeeper Mark Bosnich, charged with misconduct by the English FA for making a Nazi salute during a match, received a character reference today from soccer chiefs in his native Australia.

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