

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT, in cricket, the highest recorded innings by any team was one of 1107 runs in 10 hours 30 minutes by Victoria against New South Wales in an Australian Sheffield Shield match at Melbourne on December 27-28, 1926.

Of course, in a Test match, the highest score in an innings is 903 by, believe it or not, England for seven-wicket declared in 15 hours 17 minutes against Australia at Kennington Oval, London on August 20, 22 and 23 August, 1938.

I don't know what are we waiting for. No Test side is going to make 900 runs against Bangladesh. So, why shouldn't we get the status the Aussies got years ago?

Sports

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- In Test cricket, how many centuries did former West Indian opener Gordon Greenidge score?
18- 19- 17
- The only hat-trick in the first leg of the Danish Premier Division football league was scored by Naqib Tutul Mizan
- How many balls did Pakistani batsman Shahid Afridi face to score the fastest one-day international hundred?
42- 35- 37
- Former Bangladesh cricket captain Faruque Ahmed will play next season for Abahani Kalabagan Brothers Union
- The man-of-the-series in the quadrangular cricket meet in Kenya was Afridi Donald Kirsten

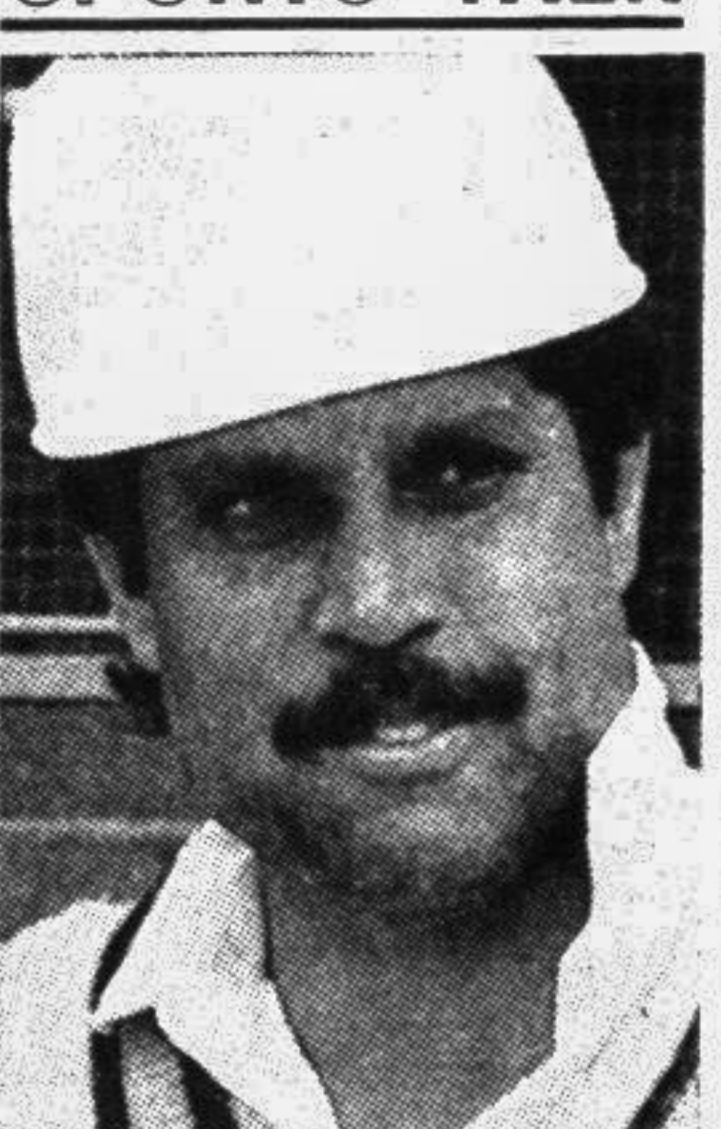
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SPORTS TALK



Kapil Dev
(Former Indian all-rounder)
"The news has come as a surprise. I learnt this from my people at home. The news has not disturbed me."

On the news that there was a conspiracy to kidnap him.

N' ganj kabaddi

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 20: Murapara High School recorded a facile 68-29 point win over Arahazar Thana Krira Sangstha in the Sattar memorial kabaddi tournament at the Narayanganj High School ground today.

National Club will meet Bhulta High School tomorrow.

Condolence

Bangladesh Olympic Association expressed its profound shock at the loss many lives at the tragic stampede in Guatemala during a World Cup qualifying match on Wednesday, reports UNB.

President of the Association Lt General Mahbubur Rahman conveyed his deep sympathies to the members of the bereaved families.

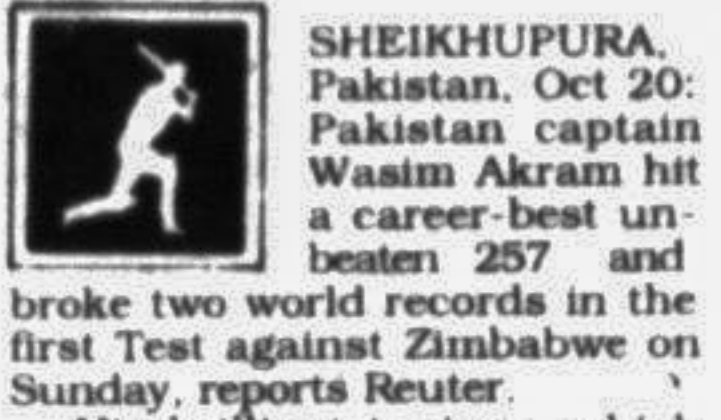
Holmes retains WBC crown

WASHINGTON, Oct 20: American Keith Holmes stopped Briton Richie Woodhall in the 12th round of Saturday to keep his World Boxing Council middleweight title, reports AFP.

Woodhall, the European champion, suffered the first defeat of his pro career when the referee stopped the fight at 2:32 of the final round.

Holmes, who took his record to 30-1 with 20 knockouts, was evenly matched through most of the fight, but went on the attack in the final three rounds.

First Test nicely poised



SHEIKHUPURA, Pakistan, Oct 20: Pakistan captain Wasim Akram hit a career-best unbeaten 257 and broke two world records in the first Test against Zimbabwe on Sunday, reports Reuters.

His brilliant innings, which included 12 sixes, came during a Test record eighth-wicket stand of 313 with Saqlain Mushtaq.

Pakistan, at one stage on Friday perilously placed at 189 for six, were all out for 553 for a first innings lead of 178.

At the close of the fourth day shortened by rain and bad light Zimbabwe were 38 for one.

Akram's stand with Saqlain eclipsed the 65-year-old Test record of 246 set by England's Lesley Ames and Gabby Allen against New Zealand at Lord's in 1931.

Akram's 489-minute, 370-ball marathon also established a record for most sixes in a Test.

The previous record was held by England's Wally Hammond.



W. AKRAM... 257 n.o who hit 10 in his 336 against New Zealand at Auckland in the 1932-33 series.

The Akram-Saqlain partnership was eventually broken by seamer Guy Whittall at 550 when he bowled Saqlain for a career-best 79.

The Pakistani captain, unbeaten overnight on 144 out of total of 395 for seven, cut loose mercilessly after reaching his double century with his eighth six, a towering shot over mid-wicket off leg-spinner Paul Strang.

He made the most of a "life" given him soon after the fourth day began 50 minutes late because of light rain when he was dropped at mid-off by David Houghton.

Akram was especially severe on Strang whom he smashed for three sixes in one over, one of which went out of the ground over long-on.

The sixes took him from 195 to 213 and established him as Pakistan's highest scorer batting at number eight, surpassing Imtiaz Ahmad's 209 against New Zealand at Lahore in the 1954-55 series.

Whittall's dismissal of Saqlain was followed immediately by the wicket of Waqar Younis. His brother Andrew ended the Pakistan innings by dismissing Shahid Nazir for a duck.

Strang, who bore the brunt of Akram's big hitting on Sunday, finished with five for 212 from 69 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe on Sunday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings 375 (G Flower 110, P. Strang 106 not out; Shahid Nazir 5-53)

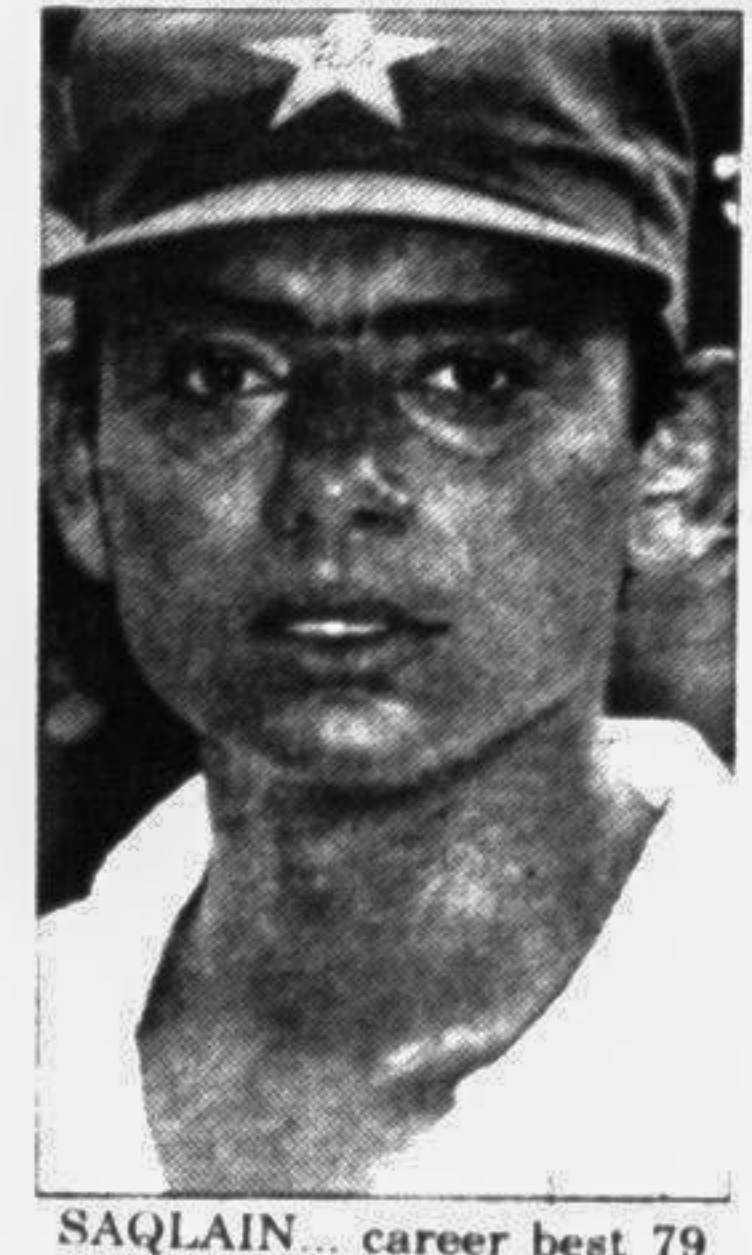
PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 395-7) Saad Anwar at A Flower b P Strang 51 Aamir Sohail c A Flower b P Strang 46 Shadab Kabir c Houghton b A Whittall 2 Ijaz Ahmad lbw b Olunga 9 Salim Malik b P Strang 52

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Olonga	19	6	60	1
B Strang	20	2	34	0
A Whittall	45.2	7	146	2
P Strang	69	12	212	5
G Whittall	25	5	73	2
G Flower	10	4	10	0

ZIMBABWE: Second innings M Dekker c Wasim Akram b Saqlain Mushtaq 13 G Flower not out 11 A Campbell not out 14 Extras 0 Total (for one wicket) 38 Fall of wicket: 1-13

Bowling (to date): O M R W Waqar Younis 4 0 15 0



SAQLAIN... career best 79

Josiah signs 'risky' deal?

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 20: Olympic champion Josiah Thugwane will head up an athletics youth development project worth 10 million rand (2.2 million dollars) over four years, it was announced here Saturday, reports AFP.

Thugwane refused to reveal his cut of the deal for fear of his life.

The deal between the diminutive Thugwane and a soft drink company was kicked off with a symbolic run with Thugwane, piper-style, leading some 2,000 school children through the streets here.

The 25-year-old athlete, barely taller than some of the older children was dressed in green while his followers all wore white T-shirts with the words "Josiah's kids" emblazoned on the back.

Thugwane told a press conference that he did not want to reveal how much he will make from the deal because of "what has happened in the past."

His life has already been threatened by thugs living near the Koorfontein coal mine in Mpumalanga province where he works as a security guard.

In association with Athletics South Africa (ASA), the sport's governing body, the

Josiah Thugwane youth development programme will target projects which will build the athletic skills of the country's youth.

The first project is likely to be the construction of a training track in Middleburg, near Thugwane's home.

Sporting a new front tooth specially fitted for the occasion, the previously gap-toothed Thugwane said the project

apartheid — like Thugwane himself — were consigned to third rate sports stadiums in poorly developed black townships.

Thugwane, the first black South African to win an Olympic gold medal, said his first international appearance since winning at Atlanta will be when he competes in the Japanese marathon in December.



JOSHIA THUGWANE

Ndereya wins Beijing Marathon

BEIJING, Oct 20: Kenyan Nelson Ndereya won the Beijing Marathon today, blocking a Chinese sweep of the men's and women's event, reports Reuters.

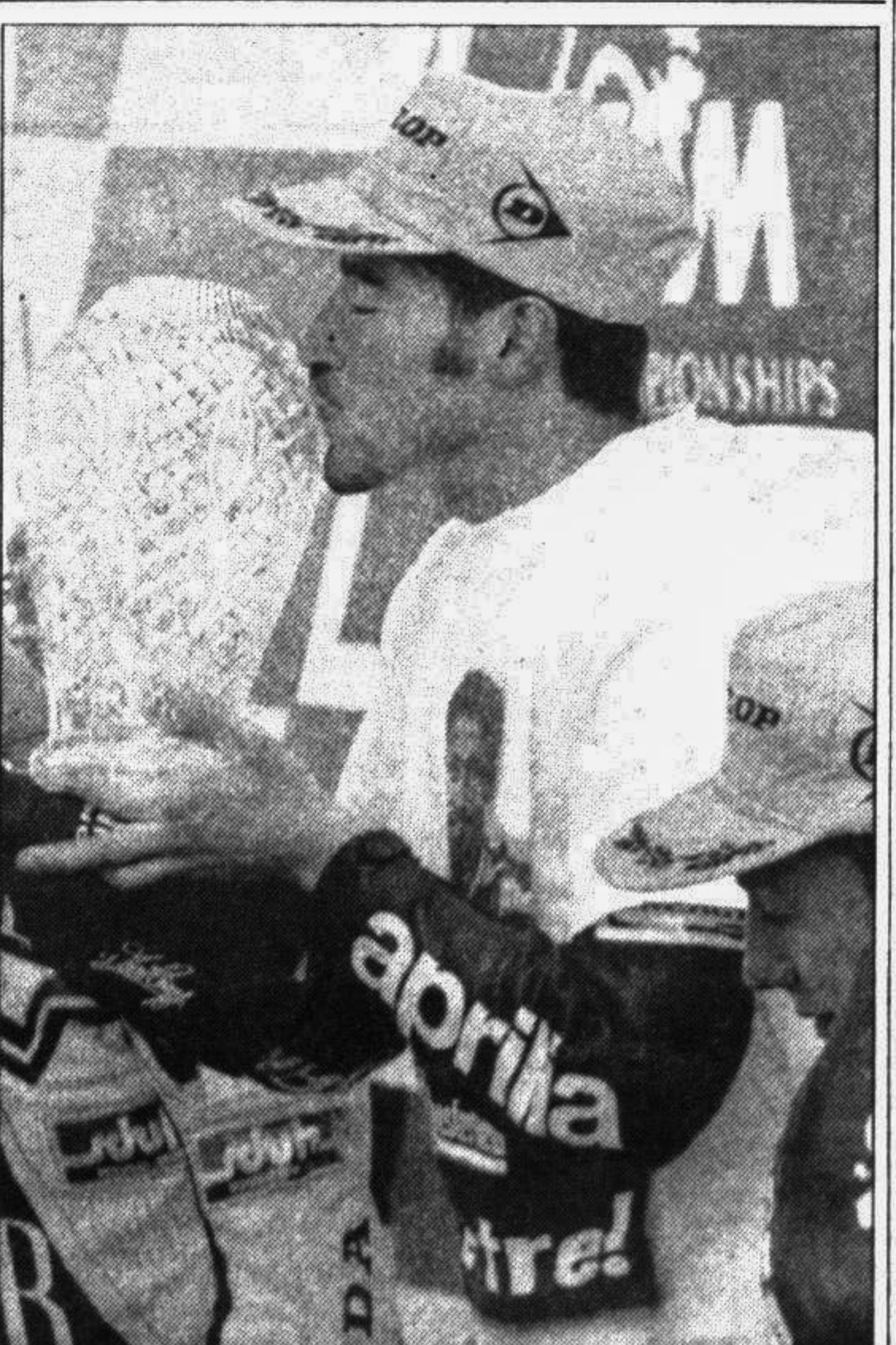
Ndereya broke away from the pack in the final four kms (2.5 miles) to win the event in an unofficial time of two hours 10 minutes 37 seconds, 42 seconds ahead of 1993 and 1994 winner Hu Gangun of China, the Xinhua news agency said.

Another Chinese, Dong Jiangmin, was third, Xinhua said.

"Already I have improved my time, so I am very happy for that," Ndereya told reporters after the race, held on a cold and smoggy Beijing Autumn day.

Chinese runners swept the top three positions in the women's event, with 1995 winner Ren Xijuan clocking 2:27.13 to break the race record by a minute and half, Xinhua said.

Zheng Guixia came in second for the second year in a row with a time of 2:29.38. Pan Jinhong was third in 2:29.48.



World champion Max Biaggi kisses the trophy after winning the 250cc motorcycle Grand Prix at Eastern Creek near Sydney yesterday.



Two time champion Mahmood Lodhi (L), the Pakistani IM and a familiar figure in the local chess arena, make a move against his Indian counterpart Verugeese Koshy during their eighth round engagement of the Beximco 13th QM Hossain championship at the NSC conference room yesterday. Lodhi outwitted the bearded Koshy after only 29 moves.

Asian youth soccer Bangladesh to meet Iran today

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh under-19 team will take on fancied Iran in their second group league match of the 30th Asian Youth football championship in the South Korean capital Seoul today.

The local boys, who are making their maiden appearance at this level, had earlier suffered a stinging 1-6 defeat at the hands of the United Arab Emirates on October 17, the inaugural day of the ten nation final round.

Bangladesh, who have been placed in Group A, will play their next match against the hosts on October 23 before appearing in their last league match against Thailand on October 25.

Titan cricket Indo-Aussie tie today

Sports Reporter

Hosts India will take on Australia in the Titan triangular limited-over series in Bangalore in a day-night affair today.

Earlier, both India and Australia had lost their opening matches of the series at the hands of South Africa, who are now leading the table with two wins from as many matches.

All quiet at the BHF

Sports Reporter

The first day of the five-day inter-club hockey players' transfer turned out to be a very sedate affair with only five changing their allegiances at the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) office yesterday.

On the inaugural day, 36 players had collected their tokens, but with most of the leading clubs of the 20 Senior Division outfits staying out of the bourse, five among the lot got the nod from last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra and Ajax Sports Club, the only teams who made their appearance at the almost barren BFF office last evening.

Title contenders and one of the most crowd-pulling outfits of the country Abahani, who made a brief visit, roped in two players. They are Ajax's custodian Shamim Ahmed and Kamrul Ahsan Ejaz, who played for Mohammedans last year.

On the other hand Ajax signed up the remaining three. They are — Monjur Morshed Ripon, Adnan Mohammed Ashraf Bari and Shamsuddin, who played for Bima, Azad and Mariner last year respectively.

Hanjin soccer

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 20: Mohsin Club and DSS Club shared points to a one-all draw in the lone Hanjin Shipping First Division football league at the Osmani Stadium here today.

In a see-saw battle, Shaymol put fancied Mohsin Club in front with a 17th minute strike while Shafigue pulled off the equaliser for DSS midway through the second half from a penalty.

Defending champions Godnall Krira Proshikshan Shibir will take on Estarn FC at the same venue tomorrow.

Decision on French stadia barriers Dec 7

ZURICH, Oct 20: Sepp Blatter, FIFA's secretary general, said here on Saturday that FIFA's meeting in Barcelona on December 7 will decide whether to ask France to remove their stadia barriers for the 1998 World Cup finals, reports AFP.

Under French law the barriers cannot be removed but Blatter said it was imperative, in light of the tragedy in Guatemala on Wednesday that left 83 football fans dead, for the French football authorities to pressurise the French government to revise their policy.

Zia suffers first loss

International Master (IM) Ziaur Rahman of Biman suffered his maiden defeat in the Beximco 13th QM Hossain International Masters chess tournament when he was upset by Hasibul Hasan of BTMC, reports UNB.

On the resuming day after a two-day recess, national champion Zia, who opted for Sicilian defence playing with the black pieces, surrendered after the 42nd move during the eighth round at the NSC conference room yesterday.

Despite the unlikely loss, Zia still leads the table with six and a points in the 13 round Swiss League meet.

After this round, IM Mahmood Lodhi of Pakistan, IM Verugeese Koshy of India and his compatriot Neeroj Kumar Mishra jointly shared the second spot with five and a half points.

Two-time champion Lodhi, playing with white pieces against Koshy's modern defence system, outwitted his opponent in the 29th move while Mishra

defeated Khandaker Kayes Hasan of Biman.

A former champion IM Reefat-bin-Sattar of Biman, could not shake off his frustrating form and lost to young campaigner Enamul Hossain Rajib of Mohammedan SC in the day's round.

Rajib outsmarted his more illustrious opponent in the 40th move, playing Sicilian defence with black pieces.

Both Rajib and Reefat share the crowded third place with Abdullah-Al-Rakib of Mohammedan SC and Indian IM Sudhakar Babu. All four have collected 4.5 points each.

Rajib beat FIDE Master Jamilur Rahman of Ansars while Sudhakar and his compatriot IM Vishal Sareen settled for a draw after only 8 moves.

In the day's other match, Saifuddin Lavlu of BTMC beat Rafiqul Islam of Leonine Chess Club.

MSC slate Kang's bar

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club have strongly protested the punitive measure on their coach Man Young Kang taken by the Disciplinary Committee of the Mahanagar Football League Committee, according to a press release.

Kang was suspended from entering the ground for one month for calling his players to the sideline and thereby disrupting the game while Abahani were preparing to take a free kick in their match on October 8.

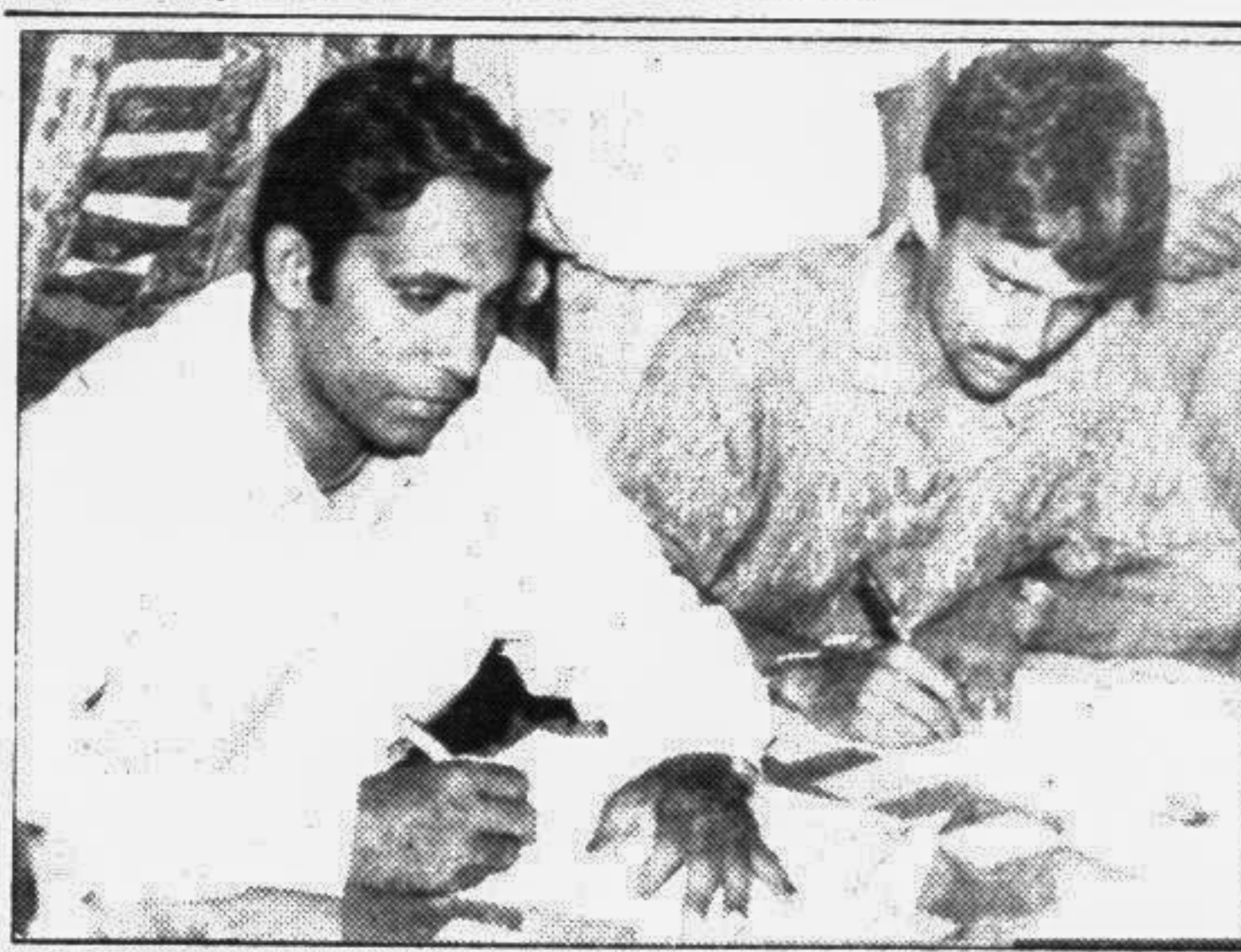
According to his club, after an MSC player committed a foul Kang, in good faith, called on his players to cool down. The coach had no intention of hindering the proceedings of the match or of abandoning it. Moreover, the referee found no reason to even verbally warn Kang during the match. As a result, claimed MSC, Kang's behaviour can at best be considered a minor offence, for which a warning would suffice. However, banking on an incident ignored by the referee and barring Kang from the ground for a month is not within the law.

MSC charged the Disciplinary Committee of bias which, they said, was clear be-

cause the suspension would be effective from the day of commencement of the next league. Normally, any decision of the Disciplinary Committee takes immediate effect.

According to the press release, that the Committee had played a partisan role is proven by the commission of Abahani manager Dewan Shafiqul Arefin Tutul's name from the list of those punished. After the referee had shown Abahani's Jahanangir the red card, Tutul, who was sitting in the dressing room, entered the ground, abused the referee, assaulted the Secretary and Joint Secretary of the League Committee and, finally, abused the MSC players and threatened to use the police on them, says the press release. Press reports and photographs on the incident will bear their statement, says MSC.

MSC felt the committee has played double standards by being harsh on a minor offence and ignoring a major offence. The club demanded the complete withdrawal of the suspension order taken unlawfully on Kang. It also appealed to the League Committee to review the entire situation and punish Tutul, according to the merit of his offence.



Ejaz and Shamim, the two players who signed for Abahani Krira Chakra on the inaugural day of the five-day inter-club hockey players' transfer at the Bangladesh Hockey Federation office yesterday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

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5 Ovine remark
8 Seasonal abbr.
12 Carpet layer's concern
13 Flightless Aussie
14 Top-rated figure
15 Hollywood End of a Christie title
18 Macabre writer
19 Wipes out
21 Toss call
24 Eager
25 Formerly
26 Hollywood figure
30 Downed
31 Hawk's hideaway
32 Nonclerical
33 Hollywood figure
35 There's one below
36 Wayne Manor
37 Trumpeter Harry

DOWN

38 Wisconsin symbol
41 Somewhere out there
42 Piece of work
43 Hollywood figure
48 Barbecue boy
49 Possessive
50 Relaxation
51 Banishes the wall
52 Affirmative action?
53 Everything else
54 U.K. flyers
55 Swiss
56 Warty
57 Canton
58 Solidify, in a way
59 Noire
60 Doc's org.
61 Foreign farewell
62 Citizen Kane
63 Relaxation
64 A few fine words
65 English queen
66 Hit on the noggin
67 Blackbirds/Baked in
68 Frank Herbert tale
69 Invest in
70 Low card
71 Daily
72 Fool
73 Bottom line

22 Oppositionist
23 Bakery worker
24 Pointer
25 Jazz pianist
26 Oscar
27 Reticent
28 Hang-over
29 Dali
31 Farm fraction
34 Prods
35 White House ex-occupant
37 One of the Brady Bunch
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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Eubank back with a bang

CAIRO, Oct 20: Britain's flamboyant former world champion Chris Eubank stopped Argentine Luis Barrera in the fifth of a scheduled 10 round in Cairo on Saturday in an uninspiring and one-sided return from retirement, reports Reuters.

Barrera, a former South American champion who had lost his last four bouts, was no physical match for Eubank although it was the first fight for the British boxer in a year.

The stadium filled to almost half its 24,000-seat capacity by army soldiers and policemen, whistled and jeered as the two pranced around each other for four rounds without doing any significant damage.

But Eubank, would super-middleweight champion in 1990 and 1991, seemed to perk up by the end of the fourth and almost one minute into the fifth he hammered the Argentine's head and side, sending him tumbling to the floor.

"No doubt he (Eubank) was holding back, trying to make the most of the publicity he was getting ... it was not much of a match, it was quite ridiculous," one spectator commented.

Flanked by state security officers, Eubank — nicknamed "simply the best" — had marched into the arena to wild cheering from one Egyptian audience which included Gamal, the son of President Hosni Mubarak.

The fight, dubbed "style on the Nile" by the Eubank camp and held under the auspices of the World Boxing Organisation, was reportedly heavily sponsored by the boxer himself. The Egyptian Daily-Al-Ahram was the other main sponsor.

CRYPTOQUIP

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UXKBJ'O MWBCPM: NAKUOK

XP UMUDI

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OUR NEW DIET-AD WRITER HAS A GENUINE WEIGH WITH WORDS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals V

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.