

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT your Professor once hiked 130 miles from Jhenidah Cadet College to Dhaka in three days some hours. I had nine companies. At the end of the journey, I could hardly bend. After all, walking all those miles was indeed a stiff challenge.

But, before you begin shower your accolades, hear this one. Theodore James Combs (b. 1954) of Hermosa Beach, California, skated 5193 miles from Los Angeles to New York and back from May 30 to Sept 14, 1979.

Now, next time there is a hartial, you know what to do. Buy yourself a pair of skates.

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1 In Test cricket, how many centuries did former West Indian opener Gordon Greenidge score?
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37

2 The only hattrick in the first leg of the Danish Premier Division football league was scored by Naqib Tutul Mizan

3 How many balls did Pakistani batsman Shahid Afridi face to score the fastest one-day international hundred?
42 35 37

4 Former Bangladeshi cricket captain Faruque Ahmed will play next season for Abahani Kalabagan Brothers Union

5 The man-of-the-series in the quadrangular cricket meet in Kenya was Afridi Donald Kirsten

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SPORTS TALK



Martina Hingis

(Swiss tennis sensation)
"My life for me is very normal, because I've already played tennis for 10 years. I've played tournaments since I was six years old. I always knew that I would be a tennis player, but I never felt pushed to be one, and I never worried about how good I could be. I think I'm doing pretty good for my age, but it isn't because I was in a big hurry to go to the top."



Real Zaragoza keeper Juan Miguel Garcia "Juanmi" (1) tries to stymie Real Madrid's Yugoslav forward Predrag Mijatovic (R) during their league encounter in Zaragoza on Oct. 22. Madrid won 2-1. — AFP/UNB photo

Stockport baffle Rovers

LONDON, Oct 23: Blackburn Rovers miserable season continued on Tuesday when they were dumped out of the English Football League Cup by Second Division Stockport, reports Reuter.

Ray Harford's side lost 1-0 at home to a side 34 places below them in the league thanks to a first-half own goal from captain Tim Sherwood, who just 18 months ago lifted Blackburn's first English League trophy since 1914.

Tuesday's defeat compounds the Lancashire side's dismal start to the league season. After 10 matches they are the only club in the 92-team English league without a win, and sections of the home crowd chanted for Harford to quit at the final whistle.

Blackburn were not the only Premier League side to struggle in the League Cup, the least prestigious of England's three soccer competitions.

Rued Gullit's Chelsea relinquished a 1-0 lead to go down 2-1 at First Division Bolton, while Wimbledon and Coventry could only manage draws against Second Division opponents.

High-Flying Wimbledon, who have won their last seven league matches, were held 1-1 at

home by Luton, and Ron Atkinson's Coventry, only one place above Blackburn in the Premier league, drew 2-2 at tiny Gillingham.

Leicester were the only top-flight side to advance to the fourth round. They won 2-0 at York, conquerors of Everton in the previous round and Manchester United in last season's competition.

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pecially sensitive to crowd trouble after 82 people died in a stampede during a World Cup qualifying match between Guatemala and Costa Rica last week.

Two stadia shut down in Poland

WARSAW, Oct 23: The Polish Football Federation on Tuesday closed the Lech Poznan and Slask Wroclaw stadiums indefinitely because of crowd trouble, reports AFP.

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Dundee kicks up a row

CAPE TOWN, Oct 23: Karlsruhe striker Sean Dundee was at the centre of a tug-of-war on Tuesday between his adopted country Germany and his native South Africa, reports Reuter.

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