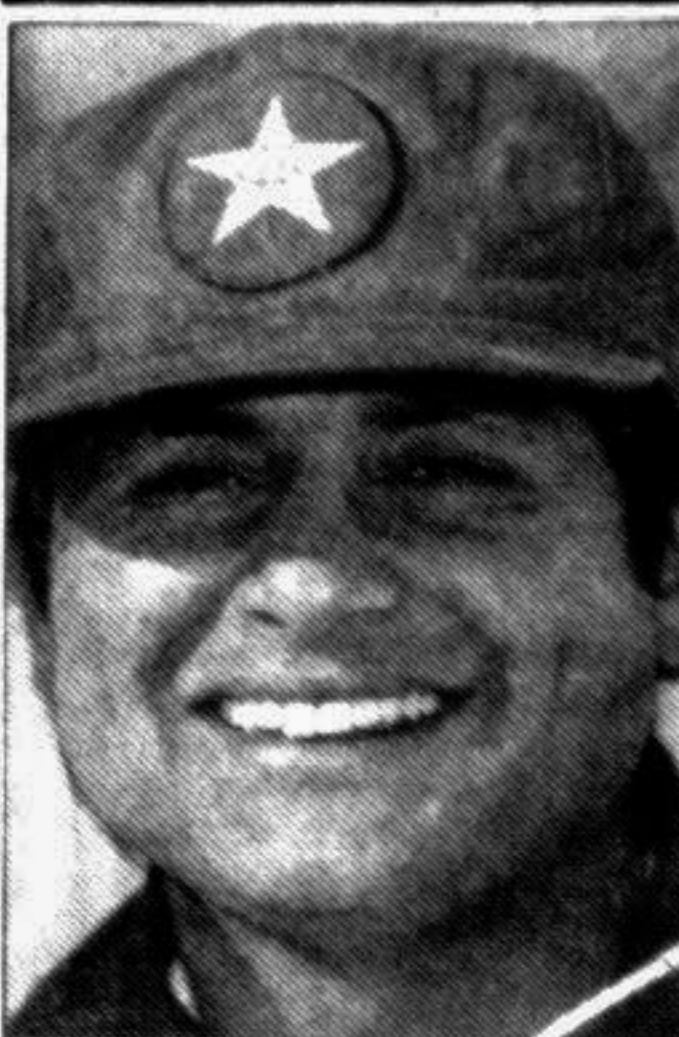


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Mushtaq Ahmed (Pakistan leg-spinner) I soon found that I was not able to get enough spin from this action (like Abdul Qadir's famed action). It was Javed Miandad who advised me to try and come in a lot straighter. I think I am more comfortable with this action.

DID U KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT although no complaint was ever lodged, Cyril Trolley lost to Bobby Jones in the St Andrews Amateur Golf Championship in 1930 only because of the freak intervention of a spectator's ankle.

Jones's second shot, intentionally hit to the left of the bunker, struck the "foot", bounded off to the green, and Jones was able to hole it in a couple of puffs. But for the foot, the ball would have gone to the rough. The spectator was less lucky; he suffered a bruised ankle.

Cyril Trolley was unlucky indeed: the two players were going equal throughout the match. And, Jones only won at the 19th because of a styptic. I could not find out if Cyril had said, "My foot!"

Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-56

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes: 8 pm November 8, 1996. 1. How many one-day hundreds has Gary Kirsten scored? 6 7 8

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BD to play in Madras tourney

Sports Reporter



After a disastrous trip to the 9th men's World Cup hockey qualifiers in Italy early this month, Bangladesh national team will now visit India next month to participate in an invitational four-nation hockey tournament to be held in Madras from November 21.

Hosts India, Malaysia and South Africa are the other three teams in the quadrangular meet, organised as part of India's preparation for the forthcoming Champions Cup hockey tourney in December at the same venue.

Secretary general of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) Shamsul Bari said this at a press conference in the city yesterday while pointing out reasons behind team's poor performance in the World Cup qualifiers in Cagliari, Italy.

The tour expenses of Bangladesh team will be provided by the Indian Hockey Federation, said Bari.

However, Bari, the manager of Bangladesh national squad, in a defensive attempt, went on to explain why the team so miserably performed in Italy.

"We did not have any idea about the standard of European hockey. They are long ahead of us as far as the tactical point is concerned. The off-side system was completely a new thing to us," he said.

Poor physical fitness was also our big disadvantage. In most of the matches we played better in the early stages. But

Nat'l arm wrestling from Nov 20

The first national arm wrestling championship, organised by the Bangladesh Arm Wrestling Federation, will begin on November 20 at the Mohammad Ali Boxing Stadium, reports UNB.

Interested teams and organisations have been asked to send their entries by November 15 to the federation office at the Mirpur National Stadium.

Ten competitions in different weight categories have been included in the three-day knock-out basis national meet, which was earlier suspended in August.

with the progress of the match, we started to toil and eventually fell behind."

He also said that the federation was considering to take disciplinary measures against two players who had deserted the team in Italy.

Referring to a foreign coach for the national team, Bari said, "We have decided not to bring any coach from India and Pakistan. We are trying to hire a coach from Canada."

National coach Protap Shankar Hazra was also present on the occasion.

Pratap said he was completely taken aback seeing the speed and tactics of the Europeans.

"They are very fast. Now, we need to think about our strategy to soup up our hockey before competing in the international level," he said.

"I had high hopes on Harun who used to lead the Bangladesh team from the front. But I don't know why he played so poor this time."

When asked why he did not know about the present standard of European hockey which is one of his prime responsibility, the former national player opted to remain silent.

Ronaldo Barca's livewire



MADRID, Oct 27: Barcelona stretched their lead at the top of the Spanish First Division to four points on Saturday thanks to an extraordinary hat-trick from brilliant Brazilian striker Ronaldo in the 3-2 victory over Valencia, reports Reuter.

Ronaldo's first came on the quarter-hour after he picked up the ball just outside the area, burst through a gap and kept his balance before beating keeper Zubizarreta with ease.

Portuguese winger Luis Figo set up the second 20 minutes later when he caught Valencia square at the back to set up Ronaldo, who ran 30 metres with the ball and shrugged off a challenge to make it 2-0.

Valencia came out strongly after the break, and pulled one back seven minutes into the second half when Francisco Ferreira headed home a cross by Gabriel Moya.

Six minutes later Valencia drew level when Russian midfielder Valery Karpin finished off some good work down the left by Argentine winger Claudio Lopez.

Ronaldo had missed a golden opportunity to seal the game with the score at 2-1 when he

failed to convert a well-weighted cross by Figo.

But he made amends 16 minutes from time with his best goal of the evening.

Picking up the ball in the centre circle, he brushed aside one challenge, stayed on his feet despite being sandwiched by two defenders and once again beat Zubizarreta, emphasising his importance to Barcelona's cause.

Second-placed Real Madrid slipped back after a disappointing goalless draw at home to

Tenerife. Their own multi-million mid-season signings strikers Predrag Mijatovic and Davor Suker saw their goal-scoring run broken by a solid Tenerife defence and the woodwork at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

Tenerife also had chances, but Real's German keeper Bodo Illgner proved his worth with some fine saves.

Home fans angry at their team threw objects on to the field at the end of the game. One of the missiles hit Cesar Gomez, but the Tenerife defender was not seriously hurt.

Struggling champions Atletico Madrid returned to winning ways by beating Sporting Gijon 1-0 thanks to a fine goal by Roberto Fresnedoso.

After three successive defeats, the result came as a relief to Atletico, who dominated the game and would have scored several more but for Sporting keeper Juan Carlos Ablanedo.

Another team who have not lived up to expectations this season, Espanyol, upset fourth-placed Real Betis 2-1.

It was Espanyol's first away win, and relieved some of the pressure on coach Pepe Carlsen after the 3-0 UEFA Cup defeat by Dutch side Feyenoord and a string of poor league results.

used to play for Roma, fumbled a shot by Balbo and dived desperately to recover the ball on the goal line.

Otherwise Roma offered few touches of class, looking disjointed and often vainly chasing high balls while Juventus commanded the midfield and made the running.

Uruguayan Jose Herrera and rising star Filippo Inzaghi both scored as Atalanta upset Lazio 2-1 for their first league win this season.

Herrera's goal from close range in the fourth minute set the tone for a match dominated by the Bergamo club, especially at midfield as former Milan winger Gianluigi Lentini found his best form this year.

The long-haired Lentini, on loan from Milan for the season, sowed panic in Lazio's defence with a series of excursions down the left flanks where Italy midfielder Diego Fuser offered scant resistance.

Lentini's pinpoint crosses gave Atalanta several other chances to score, but Inzaghi wasted at least two of them and also had a penalty saved by reserve goalkeeper Fernando Orsini in the 20th minute.

The 23-year-old finally found the mark three minutes after the interval, beating Orsi with a 16-metre left-foot shot for his sixth goal of the season, one behind top scorer George Weah of Milan.

The former Parma forward could have made it 3-0 five minutes later when he had Orsi one-on-one, but slipped just before shooting.

Defender Paolo Negro pulled one back in the 74th minute but Atalanta continued to dominate, forcing Lazio's Czech coach, Zdenek Zeman to make two substitutions at midfield.

Juventus suffer setback



ROME, Oct 27: Second half substitute Marco Delvecchio grabbed an equaliser deep in injury-time on Saturday as Roma drew 1-1 with Italian league leaders Juventus in a memorable Serie A match at the Olympic Stadium, reports Reuter.

The draw was the second in a week for European champions Juventus — they were held by Third Division Nocera in the Italian Cup on Wednesday — and left them open to being overtaken when the other clubs play today.

Juventus have 14 points from seven games, with champions Milan behind on 12 and Inter and Roma both on 11.

The almost 70,000 strong crowd exploded in delight as Delvecchio, who came on in the 62nd minute, scored after about three minutes of stoppage time being added on.

Tireless Argentine attacker Abel Balbo hit the crucial through ball for Delvecchio to knock in right-footed and maintain Roma's record of being unbeaten by Juventus in the league at the Olympic Stadium since 1949.

Juventus had taken the lead

through Michele Padovano in the 59th minute and seemed to have the win all sewn up after outplaying Roma in almost every area of the game.

Croat striker Alen Boksic, who played home matches at the stadium for three years with Roma's city rivals Lazio, set up the goal with a cross from the edge of the area.

Padovano was ironically the only Juventus player on the field to have previously scored against Roma while playing for the Turin club — he hit the 71st minute equaliser in last season's 2-2 draw — and he kept the record intact.

The player, with the rest of the Juventus team making his first appearance at the stadium since winning the European Cup there in May, gave young goalkeeper Giorgio Sterchele absolutely no chance with a strong, straight shot.

Juventus could have gone ahead as early as the eighth minute when Yugoslav midfielder Vladimir Jugovic had a header tipped just over the bar by Roma's Giorgio Sterchele.

Roma, humiliated by lowly Verona last weekend and beaten 3-0 by Karlsruhe in a UEFA Cup first leg match earlier in the month, desperately needed a positive result to ease the pressure on Argentine coach Carlos Bianchi.

Bianchi said later that the draw was something of a miracle and praised his team for never giving up.

But he reserved most of the accolades for his opponents, saying that they had been in a different class.

Balbo said that Juventus were the best team Roma, who beat Milan 3-0, had come across this season. "If they play like this all the time they will win the title easily," he said.

Roma's best chance came in the final minute of the first half when Juventus goalkeeper and captain Angelo Peruzzi, who

Titan tourney India, Aussies split points

CUTTAK, India, Oct 27: Bad weather forced the Titan triangular limited-overs encounter between India and Australia to be abandoned without a ball being bowled here on Sunday, reports AFP.

Steady drizzle since Saturday evening made play impossible in the key tie which both teams were hoping to win to improve their chances of joining unbeaten South Africa in the final.

The cancellation, which gave India and Australia a point each, set up a keen tussle for the second finalist's spot when the last round of the three-leg preliminary league starts on Tuesday.

After two rounds, India have three points and Australia one, and both teams need to win their remaining two matches to ensure a place in the final.

The South Africans have already qualified for the final, to be played in Bombay on November 6, after winning all their four games so far.

South Africa take on India at Rajkot on Tuesday and Australia at Guwahati on Friday, before India and Australia clash in the last league match at Chandigarh next Sunday.

STANDINGS

Standings in the preliminary league of the Titan triangular limited-overs tournament after Sunday's match between India and Australia was abandoned because of rain (Tabulated under played, won, no result, lost points):

Table with 5 columns: Team, P, W, NR, L, Pts. South Africa 4 4 0 0 8, India 4 1 1 2 3, Australia 4 0 1 3 1

Next match: Oct 29, India v South Africa (in Rajkot)

Damal cricket from Oct 30

Sports Reporter

Inclement weather forced the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) to defer the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament for three days. The cricket season's curtain-raiser, scheduled to begin on yesterday in the capital, will now begin from October 30 with Biman taking on Uttara Sporting Club in the opening match.

The fixture of the 22-team meet will remain otherwise unchanged and be bodily shifted.

Warne works his magic

MELBOURNE, Oct 27: Australia wrist spinner Shane Warne took five wickets in an interstate limited-overs match on Sunday, his first major haul since undergoing surgery on his bowling hand in May, reports Reuter.

Warne, Australia's main strike bowler, pulled out of his country's current tour of India and also missed a limited-overs tournament in Sri Lanka in August after undergoing surgery to correct ligament damage in the ring finger of his right hand.

Australia have struggled in Warne's absence, losing a one-off Test against India two weeks ago as well as their opening three matches of the Titan triangular tournament.

Warne's performance as captain of his Victoria state side against Tasmania was an encouraging sign ahead of a busy year in which Australia are scheduled to take on West Indies, Pakistan, South Africa and England in Test and one-dayers.

The blond Australian took five for 35 in 10 overs and also snapped up two catches as Victoria beat Tasmania by 58 runs.

"The finger feels pretty good," Warne told reporters. "I used it for 20 minutes after the game and it's pulled up pretty well."

Rotary reception

A reception was accorded to the Bangladesh national cricket team by the Rotary Club of Dhanmondi yesterday for their success in the Asian Cricket Council tourney in September, reports BSS.

State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader hailed the members of the team on their victory while addressing the reception. He described the victory as a milestone in country's sports arena.



Haji Md Salim, MP, distributing prizes as chief guest among the winners at the annual prize distribution ceremony of BUET 4th class Karmachari Kalyan Club at the club bhavan yesterday. — Star photo



Arsenal's Ian Wright slots the ball past Leeds' goalie Nigel Martyn during their English Premier league clash at Highbury, London on Oct 26. The Gunners won 3-0. — AFP/UNB photo

Premiership in topsyturvy



LONDON, Oct 27: An astonishing afternoon in the English Premier league ended on Saturday with Arsenal top of the table. Manchester United conceding six, and Chelsea marking the death of Matthew Harding with an emotion fuelled win over Spurs, reports Reuter.

Newcastle crashed to an expected 2-0 defeat at Leicester while managerless Blackburn came close to getting their first league win of the season before losing 2-1 at West Ham.

Former Arsenal manager George Graham made an unhappy return to Highbury at his new team Leeds slumped to a 3-0 defeat as goals from Lee Dixon, after just 44 seconds, Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp (five minutes) and Ian Wright (56 minutes) gave arsenal victory.

The Gunners went top on goal difference as Newcastle, who went into their game at Leicester on the back of seven successive league wins including last week's 5-0 victory over Manchester United, slumped 2-0.

Steve Claridge put Leicester ahead after 17 minutes but was carried off on a stretcher after a heavy challenge from Newcastle's David Batty after 54 minutes. Emile Heskey added Leicester's second 11 minutes from time.

Manchester United, who went down 3-1 Southampton wearing

their unpopular grey shirts last season, came away from the dull feeling off-colour again after crashing 6-3 to the home side whose season has been transformed by their recent overseas signings. Eyal Berkovic from Israel, Egil Ostenstad from Norway and Ulrich von Gobel from the Netherlands.

Ostenstad scored a hat-trick, Berkovic got two and Matthew Tiasier scored the other as the Saints destroyed the champions who played for almost 70 minutes with only 10 men after Roy Keane was sent off for two bookable offences.

David Bekham (41), David May (56) and Paul Scholes (89) scored for United.

Despite Graham's return to Arsenal and United conceding six at Southampton, there was more visible emotion at Stamford Bridge than at any other ground.

But the atmosphere at the Bridge was a subdued one following the death of Harding, Chelsea's 42-year-old multi-millionaire benefactor on Tuesday.

Before the kick-off wreaths and a pint of Guinness — Harding's favourite drink — were placed in the centre-circle and the Chelsea players also laid a special wreath in front of the new North Stand which Harding's money helped build and which now bears his name.

The fans of both clubs observed a minute's silence before

the game started and both sets of players wore black armbands as a mark of respect.

Player-manager Ruud Gullit put Chelsea ahead after 27 minutes and although Spurs' Chris Armstrong levelled four minutes from the break, David Lee, with a 52nd-minute penalty, and Roberto di Matteo with an 80th-minute clincher, brought the blues the three points.

Chelsea skipper Dennis Wise said afterwards: "It was very difficult this afternoon. In the dressing room before the game no-one was thinking about the points, it was very hard."

"We had to turn the TV off because it was all about and we just had to put it to the back of our minds."

Blackburn, under the caretaker management of Tony Parkes following Ray Harford's resignation, remain rooted to the bottom after suffering their seventh defeat of the season, 2-1 at West Ham.

Norwegian defender Henning Berg put Rovers ahead after nine minutes. Portuguese striker Hugo Porfirio equalised for the hammers after 77 minutes and a Berg own goal gave West Ham victory with five minutes to go.

Second-bottom Coventry were held to a 0-0 draw at home to Sheffield Wednesday while Middlesbrough denied Wimbledon an eighth successive league win at the Riverside Stadium in a match which also ended goalless.

Stuttgart, Dortmund dazzle



BONN, Oct 27: German First Division leaders Borussia Dortmund and reigning champions Borussia Dortmund both underlined their challenge for the title on Saturday with five-goal romps against lowly opposition, reports Reuter.

International striker Fredi Bobic hit a hat-trick for 1992 champions Stuttgart as they trounced troubled Borussia Moenchengladbach 5-0, taking his personal tally to 10 goals from 12 games.

Brazilian defender Julio Cesar, labouring with a knee injury, struck the first two goals for Dortmund in a 5-0 win over bottom club Arminia Bielefeld to give them the perfect boost before Wednesday's Champions League match against Atletico Madrid.

Thirteen-times champions Bayern Munich kept up with the pace at the top by winning 2-0 at Fortuna Dueseldorf to jump over Bayer Leverkusen into second place on 27 points, behind Stuttgart on goal difference.

Stuttgart's win was a triumph for their "magic triangle" of Bobic, Giovanni Elber and Krasimir Balakov against an inept Moenchengladbach side missing injured skipper and midfield inspiration Stefan Effenberg.

Bobic, now the league's

leading scorer, pounced as early as the third minute, and playmaker Balakov set up the second for the Brazilian Elber in the 56th.

Moenchengladbach failed to take comfort from the news that Swedish forward Martin Dahlin is returning after just four months with A S Roma, and crumbled under the onslaught.

"At 2-0 down, the dam just burst," said coach Bernd Krauss, whose dispirited side must travel to Monaco in the UEFA Cup this week hoping to overturn a 4-2 first leg deficit.

Balakov converted a penalty in the 68th minute, and Bobic

completed his hat-trick with two goals in the last 13 minutes.

Cesar gave Dortmund the lead against Bielefeld with a 10th minute header but Bielefeld gave as good as they got until 42-year-old keeper Uli Stein failed to punch out a corner just before halftime, leaving Cesar to side-foot into an open goal.

Heiko Herrlich added to Stein's misery by slotting the ball through his legs in the 54th minute, and in-form Rene Tretschok and Stephane Chapuisat bagged a goal each from close range in the 77th and 82nd minutes.

The win was doubly satisfying for Dortmund trainer Ottmar Hitzfeld, whose squad has been badly hit by injury all season and who has had to fend off reports of bickering in the team.

"After the first half we should have been trailing but in the second half we were like a well-oiled machine," he said.

Dortmund's win took them into fourth place on 23 points, one behind Leverkusen, who drew 1-1 at Werder Bremen on Friday.

Bayern did an efficient but lacklustre job at Dueseldorf against one of the most dogged defences in the league.

Dieter Hamann scored in the 38th minute after a one-two with Jürgen Klinsmann, and Mehmet Schol sealed matters with a solo run seven minutes from time.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 Student of Butchside, 5 Hiding place for 'mad' money, 8 Academic, 12 Hedge-podge, 13 Quick trip, 14 Competent, 15 Futon, 17 One may go out with a sailor, 18 Ottoman governor, 19 Nosh, 20 Kilmer classic, 21 Frenzied, 22 "Hear a Waltz?", 23 Pontifical, 26 Beats, 30 Skip over, 31 Government agent, 32 Toast, 33 Kneecap, 35 Hungry, 36 Bob's longtime partner, 37 Turn on, 1 Broadway Top, 2 Wings, 3 Metropolis, 4 Stolen, 5 Moolah, 6 Reddish brown, 7 Response: abbr., 8 Marriage, 9 Theater trophy, 10 Shoppe description, 11 PGA props, 16 Authentic, 20 Garfield or Heathcliff, 21 Hospital, 22 Dolls' role section, 23 Ring out, 24 L200er, 25 Burst, 26 "Camera", 27 Perdu-lum's place, 28 Shell-game need, 29 North Pole worker, 30 "Malcolm X" director, 31 Turf, 32 Aviate, 33 Vegas opener, 34 Bear in the air, 35 Gaius comic strip, 36 Man-handles, 37 "were Paradise", 40 Writer Ferber, 41 Halloween purchase, 42 Lose color, 43 Neighborhood, 44 Item on an old phone, 45 "for the million", 47 Knowledgable

Cryptoquip puzzle: Y M ' D L Z Q V V E G Z Y L N, W Z B H Z G; R H V Y B Z V E, M W A R K W M L R Z; M W Z L Z ' D Q H A V N K H R I. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE RETIRED CHEF CAN RIGHTLY STATE THAT HE'S FEELING SLIGHTLY DERANGED. Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals N. 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.

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