

Column One

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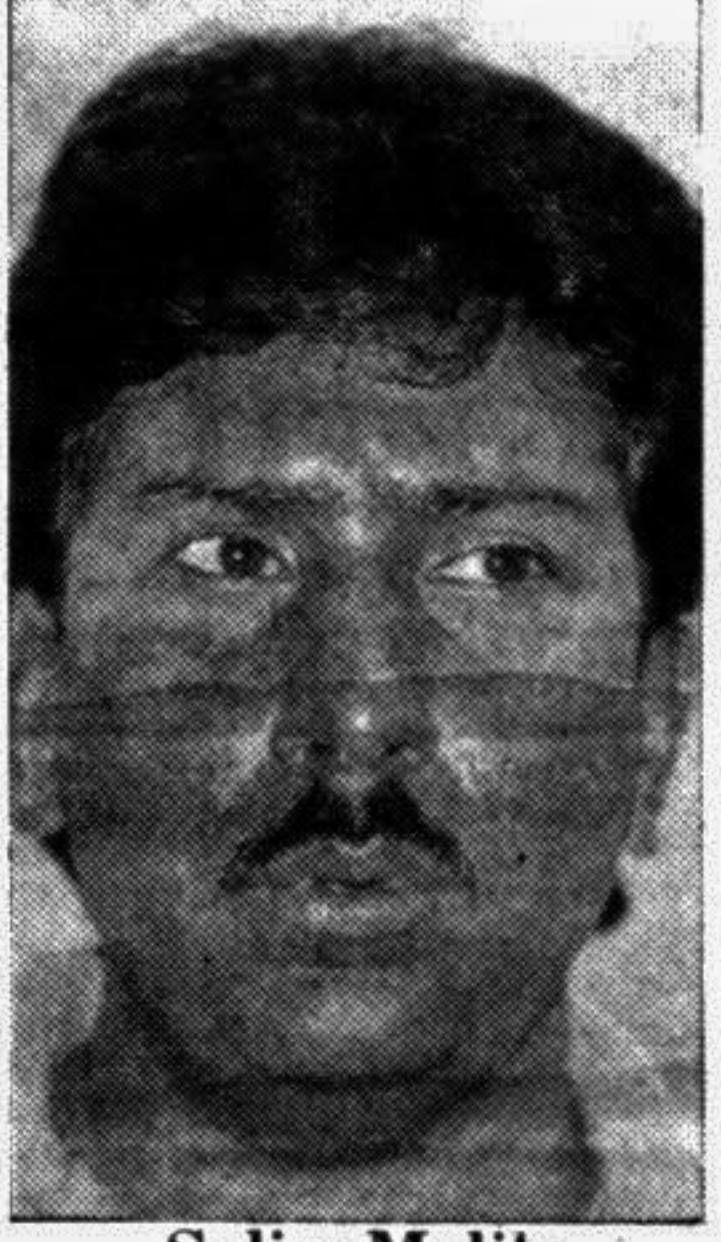
(The Professor does)

THAT, despite its undisputed world-wide popularity and supremacy, one nation that long resisted football's appeal was the United States. Well, they had a wrong beginning. They changed the name of the game to "soccer" before mastering the art of playing it.

For sometime, soccer was played, mostly among immigrants, but it was not until the 1970s that a national professional league gained some popularity. The North American Soccer League (NASL), founded in 1968, brought Brazilian star Pelé to the United States, and by 1980 the league had 24 teams. The NASL suffered financially, and in 1984 it went out of business. However, the league left a legacy of growing American involvement in the sport at youth level. By the 1990s, soccer was recognised as the fastest growing college and high school sport in the United States. The Soccer Industry Council of America estimated that by 1994 there were more than 13 million boys and girls under the age of 18 who played soccer.

Soccer Industry Council? Hmmm not a bad idea. BSIC. Bangladesh Soccer Industry Council.

SPORTS TALK



Salim Malik

(Pakistan cricketer)

"The crowd is not enough. Just few guys."

(On the attendance for the India-Pakistan Sahara Cup series in Canada) www.bangladeshi.com

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✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm
November 8, 1996)

1 How many one-day
hundreds has Gary Kirsten
scored?

6 7 8

2 How many sixes did Wasim
Akram hit to create a world
record?

11 12 14

3 Whose mark did Hasan
Raza eclipse to become the
youngest Test cricketer?

Tendulkar Mushtaq Mohammad Pataudi

4 For how many years Gordon
Greenidge has been
appointed as the Bangla-
desh cricket coach?

3 2 4

5 Who won this year's Meril
under-19 national soccer
title?

Khulna Pabna Jessor

Name: _____

Class: _____ Roll No. _____

School Address: _____

Phone: (If any): _____

J-League results

TOKYO, Oct 31: Japanese soccer team Kashima Antlers retained top place in the J-League on Wednesday after beating Jubilo Iwata 4-3 on penalties, reports Reuter.

Brazilian striker Mazinho scored twice for Kashima Antlers to carry the match into extra-time, but with the score still locked at 2-2 after the two 15-minute periods the match was decided from the penalty spot.

In another match, Brazilian striker Evaril Aparecido Paulino hammered a hatrick of goals to guide Yokohama Flugels to a 3-1 victory against Aviapa Fukuoka.

Kashima Antlers and Yokohama Flugels both have 60 points, but Kashima maintain their league lead on goal difference.

Nagoya Grampus Eight slipped to their place after losing 1-0 to Verdy Kawasaki.



Jubilant members of the American International School who clinched the top position in the 16th national age group championship at the Mirpur Swimming Complex yesterday. — Star photo

National age-group meet ends

Jewel rules the pool

Sports Reporter

Jewel Ahmed of the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP) emerged out as the highest individual gold winner in the national age-group swimming championships, concluded at the Mirpur National Swimming Pool yesterday.

On the final day of the three-day meet, Jewel, the boy from 13-14 age-group who won seven golds in the previous two days, added two more olive crown.

Monirul Islam of Kushtia DSA, Kamala of Ansars and Rosni Pool of American International School set the other three new records of the day.

Monirul set the record in the 100m breaststroke (13-14 age-group) 1:19.53 while Kamala, the girl under 10 years, did it in 100m freestyle (1:24.79). On the other hand, Rosni (13-14) set record in 100m freestyle.

A total of 87 events were held in the three-day meet out of which American International School took 25 gold to stay atop BKSP and Biman emerged out second and third with 20 and 17 gold respectively. Ansars earned the fourth place with 13 gold.

Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Mohammad Nurul Islam, the president of Bangladesh Swimming Federation, distributed prizes among the winners after the competition.

FINAL MEDALS TABLE

Teams	G	S	B
American Int'l School	25	12	9
BKSP	20	11	8
Biman	17	23	8
Ansars	13	10	14
Kushtia DSA	5	5	13
Rajshahi Edn Board	3	4	9
Nawabganj DSA	2	7	3
Kishoreganj DSA	2	8	0
Pabna DSA	0	2	3
Rajshahi DSA	0	2	1
Mosarraf Swimming			
Centre	0	2	1
WSA	0	1	2
Dolphin SC	0	1	2
Bahmanbaria DSA	0	1	0
Chandpur DSA	0	0	3
Tangail DSA	0	0	2
Barisal DSA	0	0	1

Jamalpur meet

JAMALPUR, Oct 31: The under-16 athletics competition for boys and girls was held at the Ruknai High School ground at Melandaha thana here on Monday, reports UNB.

A total of 121 competitors from five organisations participated in six boys' events and four girls' events in the competition organised by district sports association.

WINNERS' PODIUM

Events	Age-group	Name	Team	Time
1500m freestyle	15-17 (boys)	Moris Ogaek	AIS	20:26.25
800m Freestyle	15-17 (girls)	Nawmi Cookson	AIS	12:14.32*
200m butterfly	13-14 (boys)	Jewel Ahmed	BKSP	2:42.27
200m butterfly	13-14 (girls)	Rosni Pool	AIS	3:45.12
50m freestyle	11-12 (boys)	Niamul Haque	Biman	0:31.24
50m freestyle	11-12 (girls)	Kendra Clemer	AIS	0:36.68
400m freestyle	18-20 (boys)	Moris Ogaek	Biman	4:44.37
200m backstroke	15-17 (boys)	Seema Rani	AIS	2:42.75
200m backstroke	15-17 (girls)	Monique Aves	Ansars	3:16.93
100m breaststroke	13-14 (boys)	Monirul Islam	AIS	1:35.29
100m breaststroke	10 (boys)	Motiar Rahman	Biman	1:19.53*
100m freestyle	10 (girls)	Kamala	Ansars	1:22.73
200m indi medley	18-20 (boys)	A Hamid Ripon	Biman	2:32.14
100m butterfly	15-17 (boys)	Abdur Rahman	BKSP	1:06.20
100m butterfly	15-17 (girls)	Meeta Som	Ansars	1:30.36
100m freestyle	13-14 (boys)	Jewel Ahmed	BKSP	1:02.17*
100m freestyle	13-14 (girls)	Rosni Pool	AIS	1:16.46*

Note: * indicates new record.

With rani padamsee

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Benefits:

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* Tones the hip joints and the nerves and ligaments of the legs, and makes them more flexible.

* Improves and slims the waistline and tightens the abdomen.

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