(The Professor does)

THAT the Australian aborigines used the Boomerang as a weapon and for sport. Made of hard wood, it is roughly V-shaped, with arms slightly skewed. The angle between the arms ranges from 90 to about 160 degrees. Both edges of the arm are sharpened. one surface is flat and the other slightly convex

The return boomerang. which normally returns to the thrower, is about 30 to 75 cm (about 12 to 30 in) in length and is used for sport and for hunting small birds. Held vertically in the right hand, it is thrown spinning, on a line parallel to the ground. The missile flies at the same level; then it inclines to its flat side, rises, curves to the left, and, still curving, glides back to the thrower. Throws of more than 91 m (300 ft) have been made with this type of boomerang.

Now you have got to believe this. I have lost more boomerangs than I care to count. They never came back



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Competition closes: 8 pm November 8, 1996) How many one-day hundreds has Gary Kirsten scored?

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

> Whose mark did Hasan Raza eclipse to become the youngest Test cricketer? Tendulkar | Mushtaq Mohammad | Pataudi For how many years Gordon Greenidge has been appointed as the Bangla-

desh cricket coach? Who won this year's Meril

under-19 national soccer title? Pabna Jessore

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SPORTS TALK



Kapil Dev

(Former Indian all-rounder) "It is my wish that players who work hard on the field should be well looked after. They should be given incentives to perform."

Ferreira sent packing

STOCKHOLM, Nov 5: Briton Greg Rusedski ended any hope of South African Wayne Ferreira making the ATP Tour World Championships, defeating the top seed 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 here on Monday night in the first round of the Stockholm Open, report agencies,

Rusedski, ranked 53 in the world and winner of the Beijing indoor tournament last month. ensured that Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands filled the final place in the eight-man finale in Hanover, Germany, starting on November 19 as he knocked Ferreira out of the running.

"I'm really pleased with this win," Rusedski said after his 85 minute triumph.

American Todd Martin ran into the net on the day halting play for an hour while repairs were carried out. Second seed Martin crashed

into the net as he chased a shot in his first round match against compatriot Jim Grabb and damaged one of the support posts.

The mishap occurred in the first game of the deciding third set and Martin came back to win 6-2, 3-6, 7-6.



Spectators crowd in front of the scoreboard at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday in search of some shade from the scorching heat. - Star photo

BU's rosy beginning

Sports Reporter

The departure of Bidyut.

paved the way for Jahangir, the

untional opener cum wicket

keeper who after a disappoint-

in 21.5 overs

BRIEF SCORES

DHANMONDI CLUB: 174/9 in 50 overs (Hira 79, Ripon 20 Moni 2/28, Munna 2/41). BROTHERS UNION: 177/4 in 44.5 overs (Bidyut 67, Jahangir 43 n.o., Akbar Beg 31)



Title-aspirants Brothers Union began their campaign in style with a comprehensive wicket win over

Dhanmondi Club in one of the two first phase matches of the Damal Smriti cricket tournament vesterday. Opener Shahriar Hossain

Bidyut, fresh after his brilliant performance in the ACC Trophy, returned to action in Group D opener at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium with a cracking half century to help Brothers surpass Dhanmondi's modest total of 174 for 9 with more than five overs to spare. The young national opener

scored a polished 67 laced with ten hits to the rope to give the Gopibagh outfit a solid foundation in their chase of a seem ingly easy victory. Brothers. under-strength due to the absence of their four regular players including skipper Faruque and national new-ball bowler Sajal Chowdhury, hardly faced any trouble to cross the hurdle set by the Dhanmondi boys.

Sajal has been suffering from jaundice while Faruque. who joined Brothers this year from Kalabagan, is reportedly

taken ill with high fever. Bidyut, who opened the Brothers innings with Indian Akbar Beg. made the most of the 15-over field restriction on his way to reach 50 off only 57 deliveries. But the right-hand bat was deprived of what could have been a well-deserved century when he fell to a brilliant catch at mid-wicket, leaving his side comfortably poised with 93/1

Div I chess begins today

The 16-team First Division chess league begins today at the chess room of Bangladesh Chess Federation, reports UNB. The teams are: Mohammedan SC. Bangladesh Biman, Leonine Chess Club, BTMC, Ansars, Sheikh Russel Chess Club, Farashgani SC. Pradip Sangha, Fire Service. Konika Chess Club, Dhaka University, Narayanganj Chess Club. Narayanganj Chess Players Welfare Association. Anushilan Chess Club, Touchstone Chess Club and Avijatrik Chess Club.

The draw of the league was held yesterday at the federation

BSJA meeting

A special general meeting of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association (BSJA) will be held on Thursday at its office premises near Dhaka Stadium swimming pool, reports UNB.

The BSJA requested its members to attend the meeting at 11 am.

ing season with Mohammedans last year, celebrated his joining with an unbeaten 43. In his morale boosting 70ball stay at the crease. Jahangir clubbed a quartet of fours while national left arm spinner Enamul Haq Mont, another sensational recruit in the star studded Brothers Union, who

the match with a boundary. On the other hand, Beg, who was initially intended to join Victoria Sporting Club, celebrated his engagement with a more reputed outfit scoring a

scored a rapid-fire 19, rolled off

watchful 31. Earlier, winning the toss and electing to use the wicket first Dhanmondi, a First Divi sion outfit, rode on their opener Hira to pose a fighting total

Hira, who took the Brothers new ball bowlers to the sword. scored a gutsy 79 off 132 balls. But the right-hander fought a lone battle with wickets falling at regular intervals at the other

In his neatly laced innings. Hira, who clouted three sixes and a couple of fours. was particularly harsh on former national left-arm seamer GM Nowsher Prince He smote his second sixer over mid-wicket off Prince after the effortless first one off Mofizur Rahman Munna over the bowler's head.

Although. Prince and Munna failed miserably to fill the void of Sajal, the spinning trio of Brothers - Saifullah Gem. Saidul Islam Effee and Enamul Haq - proved themselves pretty useful to stymie the run-hungry Dhanmondi batsmen after suffering the initial thrust

Enamul Haq, who later did one better with the willow, finished with two for 28 in his 10 economic overs while Gem and Effee took one wicket apiece. But, among the three left-arm spinners. Gem finished with enviable figure of 10-1-16-1.

With 51 for 1. Prince turned out to be the most expensive Brothers bowler while Munna stood second to the veteran pacer, taking 2 for 41

Brothers, who have been placed in Group D along with the other three, will take on Sadharan Bima in their next league match on November 10 at the same venue.

Sri Lankan stars for Dhaka cricket Sports Reporter



RANATUNGA



JAYASURIYA

Mohammedan Sporting Club have finalised negotiations with the Sri Lankan Captain Arjuna Ranatunga, the firebrand opener Sanath Jaya-



TILLEKERATNE suriya and Hashan Tilleker atne, to play for the premier team in the Damal Smriti cricket tournament and the forthcoming league. Provided Mohammedans

reach the semifinals of the Damal tournament, the Sri Lankan one-day and Test stars will join the squad from then onwards. They will also play in the league in all the important matches. If everything works out, the world class superstars will be seen in quite a lot of action this season.

However, in another development, both Abahani and Bi man are leaving no stone unturned to rope in Sanath. A Biman official is already in Sharjah to work out a deal with the world's best one-day opener Abahani will send a delegate to the desert city after the threenation Singer Champions' trophy begins there tomorrow.

Wari Sports Reporter

Ajax abase

Ajax SC recorded a thumping seven-wicket win over Wari Club in the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament at the Mirpur City Club ground yesterday.
In a low-scoring affair, Ajax
chasing a paitry Wari total of
131 in the allotted 50 overs. rattled up the required 132 in only 28.3 overs with opener Rafigul Islam hammering a quick-fire 48.

Rafique, who fell two runs short of what would have been a well-deserved half century. clubbed four fours and a sixer in his 55-ball stay at the crease. One down Morshed Alam and Maqsood Raja then guided Ajax close to victory before the former departed for 28.

Magsood, who later shone with the ball also claiming two wickets, remained unbeaten on a 35-ball 26 punctuated with four hits across the rope.

Earlier, the Wari total was built around a couple of 20-plus contribution as well as a lavish 23 extras conceded by the oppo-

est 35 for Wari while middleorder bat Sohel chipped in with

Biplob took two wickets apiece for Ajax.

Lara at the helm

Batting ace Lara will take over from tour captain Courtney Walsh, who will be rested for the second match of the

An Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI scored a surprise three-wicket victory over the West Indies in their tour opener at Lilac Hill on Monday. Brendon Julian will captain

the West Australian state team for the first time with Tom Moody opting to rest a groin injury

Julian scored a blistering 96 not out from 52 balls, with seven fours and six sixes, for the Chairman's XI on Monday.

An actor's act

MUMBAI. Nov 5: Film star Vinod Khanna yesterday announced cash prizes to the tune of one lakh rupees for the hatsman who scores the fastest fifty (from either side) and the highest wicket taker in the Titan triangular limited overs series final to be held at the Wankhede Stadium here on Wednesday. reports PTI.

50,000 rupees while the highest wicket taker would be richer by 50,000 rupees, the popular cine star told the news agency here.

Khanna said he had taken clearance from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the awards would be called "The Vinod Khanna Productions Award. Meanwhile, South Africans

who will be taking on the hosts India in the final, had a strenuous work out in the morning. With the Indians making it

the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) officials, the tickets

LONDON. Nov 5: British Olympic chiefs worried by the country's dwindling sporting status on Monday announced their backing for a 175-million pound (286-million dollars) plan for a national sports academy in Heyford, central England, reports Reuter.

British Olympic Association chairman Craig Reedie, pledge Heyford.

Titan tourney final today

India need a Sachin show



in the final of the Titan Wednesday - with either bat or ball, reports AFP.
Tendulkar's coolness under

fire in Sunday's crucial game against Australia - he opted on bowl the final over of the match, with Mark Taylor's final pair needing just six for vic-

Opener Adil scored the high-Ahmed Kamal, Magsood and

PERTH, Australia, Nov 5: Brian Lara will captain the West Indies for the first time in a limited-overs day-night match again the West Australian state cricket team at the WACA Ground on Wednesday. reports AP.

The West Indies are playing a

series of warm-up matches before they attempt wrest the Sir Frank Worrell Trophy from Mark Taylor's men with the first Test in Brisbane on November 22.

The batsman would win

to the final, after a slender fiverun win over the Aussies on Sunday, there has been a big rush for tickets. According to have been sold out and a full house was expected for the fi-

BOA's bold step

an annual one million pounds (1.64 million dollars) funding for the academy if it is built in

tory - earned his side the chance of a fourth crack at the

unbeaten South Africans. India's skipper, who launched Sunday's victory with 62 runs. said his top-order would hold the key during

Wednesday's day-night finale. "Basically, we have to get more runs. We have world-class batsmen - the top six - and if they play up to their capabilities we stand a very good chance," he said.

South Africa, however, with seamer Fannie de Villiers fit again, will begin as huge favourites after whitewashing both India and Australia during the one-day tournament. De Villiers, who has recov-

ered from hamstring trouble, is South Africa's most economical bowler and is the only man to manage to shackle Tendulkar during the tournament. Captain Hansie Cronje said coach Bob Woolmer's strategies

had been a crucial part of the team's success, adding, "We'll be treating this game just like the first one. "Our spinners, Nicky Boje

a real force that will also pay off in the Tests against India. Hansie Cronje's men, with six wins in a row, have defeated India by 27 runs, by 47 runs and by five wickets in their three

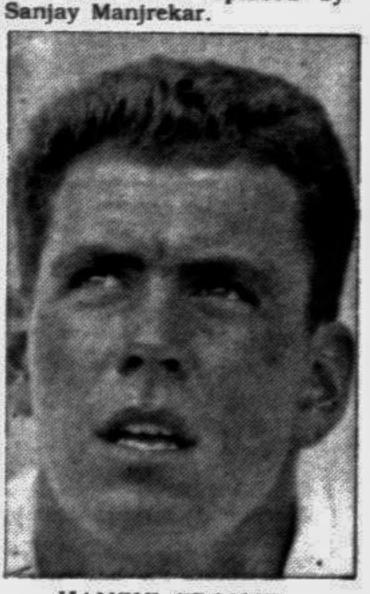
and Pat Symcox, have made us

encounters so far. Crucially - and bearing out Tendulkar's concerns - the

home side has only managed totals of 185, 214 and 222 during those three defeats.

To make matters worse india start Wednesday's game without opening batsman Navjot Singh Sidhu.

Sidhu, who has only just been recalled following a 50day ban for walking out of India's tour to England earlier this year following a row with then-skipper Mohammad Azharuddin, was injured against Australia on Wednesday and has been replaced by



HANSIE CRONJE

They are two different cir-

"Since we started in 1993, it's

cuits and we are doing our thing

very seriously," Borg said. "We

are getting more tournaments

and it's getting more and more

never been like an exhibition

and it's never gonna be. When-

ever we are on the court. every-

body gives his 100 per cent.

think people realise that," said

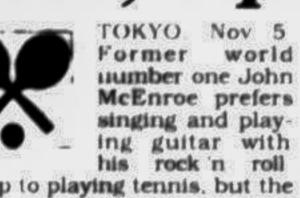
successful every year.

Mac, a player by any means

Last year in Tokyo, the tour-

nament attracted some 8,600

spectators on the semifinal day.



SACHIN TENDULKAR

group to playing tennis, but the American appreciates the growing Champions' Tour for vet eran players very much, reports "When you grow up as a

child, you don't dream about winning the senior tour event but dream about winning Wimbledon and the US Open. This is sort of icing on the cake, or gravy," said the 37-year-old McEnroe.

"If you asked me at 25 if I would play the senior's tour. would have told I would rather stand on my head for six months. "But as you get older, your views change a bit. It's nice to

have an opportunity if you choose to do it to have this option available, you can't compare it with the (regular) circuit. but it's still fortunate for a lot of players to still have a chance to play tennis." McEnroe defeated John

Kriek of South Africa 6-4, 6-4 to

win his first title of the season

in Tokyo Monday and his second overall on the veteran's tour since he joined in 1995. American tennis legend Jimmy Connors started the tour in 1993 with only three tournaments. Five-time Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg of

Sweden was also involved in the fledgling tour. The series are to 10 tournaments this year, with only two of them held outside the United States. It will expand to 21 next year with six new events in Eu rope and one each in Osaka.

ATP's top rankings

Japan, Seoul and Saudi Arabia.

MONACO, Nov 5 (Reuter) Leading rankings issued by the

ATI	Tour on Monday:	d by the
	rour on monday.	Points
1.	Sampras (US)	4.375
2.	Chang (US)	3,837
3.	Kafelnikov (Rus)	3,486
4.	Ivanisevic (Cro)	3,222
5.	Becker (Ger)	3,213
6.	Muster (Aus)	3,166
7.	Agassi (US)	2,364
8.	Enqvist (Swe)	2,325
9.	Krajicek (Net)	2,262
10.	Ferreira (SA)	2,239
11.	Rios (Chi)	2,030
12.	Martin (US)	1,923
13.		1,757
14.	Edberg (Swe)	1,590
15.	Mantilla (Spa)	1,589
16.	Stich (Ger)	1,518
17.		1,515
18.	17 TO 17	1.515
10 17 17 A SHLESS	Roset (Swi)	1,490
	Pioline (Fra)	1,468

ACROSS

10 Light on

much more than in a 450,000dollar WTA tournament held at the same Ariake Stadium in September.

> the Swede. Kriek said: "For me, it's a great opportunity to continue my tennis career, because I'm very physical type of player and it allows me to go and try and have a reason to try again. "It's been fun. I don't know how many years I can keep it up, but I'm going to keep it up as ong as I can.

> > The Champions' Tour spokesman Jim Delorenzo said they intend to continue inviting more players. The tourist open to former players over 35 years Ivan Lendl has a back in-

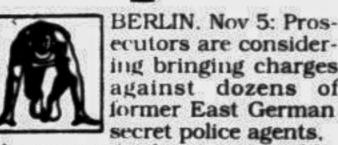
jury that prevents him from

playing tennis. He is the one

player that we don't have on the tour right now. "But there are several other players who have just retired or about retiring - Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander. They are not over 35 yet, but with the six events in Europe, what we are going to do is to have a waver and let them play those events,"

Culprits in the soup

said Delorenzo.



ecutors are considering bringing change of against dozens of East German former East German secret police agents. doctors and others responsible for doping their country's

JOHN McENROE

Olympic athletes, officials said Tuesday, reports AP. The investigation is centered on whether those who administered the banned performanceenhancing drugs can be charged with causing bodily harm, said Corinna Bischoff, a spokeswoman for the Berlin

More than 50 people are under investigation, and the number could rise, she said. Charges can be filed even if the athletes took the drugs voluntarily, she said, because they were not informed about the risks.

prosecutor's office.

Athletes "would never have agreed to damage their health." she said. 'They may have agreed to take certain drugs, but they more than likely were always told that it wasn't so bad." Several ex-East German ath-

ward with health complaints. she said, although she declined to release names.

"Gathering the evidence is

difficult." she added, because of

letes have already come for-

the time elapsed and because prosecutors must prove that

current health problems are directly related to the drugs. Files from the old Ministry for State Security, or Stasi, contain evidence of doping dating to the 1972 Games in Munich. said Johan Legner, a spokesman for the government commission charged with re-

viewing the files. "That was standard prac-

tice," Legner said. At the 1976 Montreal Olympics, the athletes were given performance-enhancing drugs at a clandestine medical centre set up by the Stasi outside the Olympic Village, newly disclosed files show.

Commission director Peter

Busse told Deutschland Radio

last weekend that the drugs

were manufactured without any

markings "so that no one would know where they came from in case they were found." After the Games, he said, Stasi agents sank "10 suitcases with drugs, needles and tubes in

the St Lawrence River." The information came from files that were shredded by the Stasi after the Wall fell in 1989. but before German unification in 1990, and were only recently

put back together. Busse said.



Dhanmondi's opening batsman Hira sweeps one from Efee of Brothers Union in yesterday's match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP LCIKVHVUY D U ' F U

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE COMICSTRIP SHEEP CUSTOMARILY ENJOY MOST OF ALL IS "MUTTON Today's Cryptoquip clue: N equals G

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.