

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT swimming is one of the most beneficial forms of general exercise and perhaps the best means of reaching most of your muscles. No other form of exercise uses so many muscles in the body so fully. Other benefits of swimming include means of survival or saving lives in emergencies, and a valuable tool in physical therapy. Swimming's popularity has been helped by the fact that many indoor and outdoor swimming pools have been constructed for public use worldwide. In addition, some residences have private pools.

A private pool can be a pain. Like one Englishman said, "I never knew I had so many relatives till I had my own swimming pool."

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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-57

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm November 22, 1996

- 1 Who won the Titan Trophy? India S. Africa Australia
2 How many one-day matches has Wasim Akram played to capture 300 wickets? 206 207 208
3 The 13th QM Hossain IM chess championship was won by Za Reza M. Lodhi
4 Who clinched the top position in the 16th national age-group swimming championship? BKSP American Int'l School Biman
5 Which country will host the 1998 Commonwealth Games? Malaysia England Hong Kong

Name: Roll No: School Address: Phone: (if any)

SPORTS TALK



Mark Taylor (Australian captain) "Unruly behaviour like this can put an end to one-day cricket. If this happens next time, we wouldn't want to play."

Cuba beat China

TOKYO, Nov 14: Olympic champions Cuba on Thursday repeated their performance in the Atlanta final by scoring a four-set victory here over Olympic silver medalists China at the World Super Challenge women's volleyball tournament, reports AFP.

The Cuban spikers, without ace attackers Mireya Luis and Magaly Carvajal who retired after the Olympics, needed one hour and 52 minutes to fend off the Chinese challenge for a 11-15, 16-14, 16-14, 15-2 win.

REB soccer tourney

The annual football tournament of the Rural Electrification Board (REB) begins at the Khilkhet ground in the capital on November 16, reports BSS. REB chairman Brig. Enamul Haq will inaugurate the eight-day meet as the chief guest.



Brothers Union custodian Milan fisting away the ball before Mohammedans Nigerian striker Jide could pose any threat during their Danish Premier Division football league encounter at the Mirpur Stadium last night. Mohammedans won 3-0. —Star photo

Lightning strikes thrice

Sports Reporter

Two electrified Nigerians made the shocking difference between title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club and Brothers Union at the Mirpur Stadium on Thursday evening. The strikers from the "dark continent" helped the black and whites pull off a flattering 3-0 in a crucial return leg match of the Danish Premier Division football league.

In an one-sided affair, Mohammedans Nigerian recruit Jide struck twice, one in each half, while his compatriot Makino scored the other goal to keep Mohammedans four points clear atop the 10-team elite league.

With yesterday's win, Mohammedans crept closer to regaining the Premier league title having 29 points from 11 outings. Their arch rivals and champions of the past two seasons Abahani have 25 points from as many matches.

On the other hand, the Gopibagh boys, who beat fancied Muktiyoddha Sangsad 1-0 in their previous match last week, remained in the sixth position with 14 points also from 11 encounters.

The Danish Premier Division conditions down at the Mirpur Stadium, Mohammedans took about quarter of an hour to set the down against the briskeness of their opponents. But for the early period, Mohammedans dominated the proceedings which at times delved into boredom, the goals punctuating the occasional excitement. With Manik, Iqbal and Arman controlling the midfield, Mohammedans launched numerous offensives through both flanks feeding the two Nigerians and Alfaz up front.

Although, the league leaders took some time to organise themselves, everything went according to their sweet will when Jide, one of two Nigerians reinforcing the Mohammedans at-

Div I soccer

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I completed one year on the 8th of September and wanted to do so-mething different but it didn't happen. Nevertheless I am happy that many of you are religiously following my advice and have benefited. It's my privilege and to be able to be a part of your life and to be of help.

I always practise whatever I preach. So you cannot say "easily said than done." What ever I have advised you, I have tried it on myself. Everything does not work for everyone. You have to have patience and perseverance. Nothing is so easy like many people claim with their gimmicks.



Over the year, I have used my students to demonstrate for you the various postures and exercises. Some are from my ladies fitness class, some from men's exercise class and the rest from the karate classes. In other words all of them are working out 3 to 4 times in a week sometimes even more. They were not so fit when they first joined. They used to get fascinated by me and I told them they will be able to do it even better and faster 'cause they are younger.

Brolin in depths of despair

STOCKHOLM, Nov 14: The career of Leeds United's want away Swedish striker Tomas Brolin hung in the balance Wednesday, a day after Serie A side Sampdoria ditched plans to buy him because of an old ankle problem, reports AFP.

A bitterly disappointed Brolin told reporters at a press conference in Stockholm it would be "very difficult" for him to find a new club with Sampdoria's doctors ruling that the 26-year-old's ankle injury is too serious to allow a transfer.

"I have failed a medical, so there is evidently a problem with my foot," the former Parma star explained. Doctors said a metal clip at the base of Brolin's left fibula would have to be removed prior before they could review their position on his chances of returning to fitness.

"I was shocked. I just don't know what's going to happen," Brolin said. He added he would discuss the possibility of surgery to remove the clip in a bid to keep alive his chances of a return to Italy.

Earlier in Italy, Sampdoria president Enrico Mantovani said that as Brolin faced at least two months out "the player does not interest us at the moment."

Brolin signed for Leeds in a 4.5 million pound deal from Italian club Parma a year ago, but became involved in a feud with former manager Howard Wilkinson and has been unable to reach an agreement with new boss George Graham.

The Swede threatened to retire after Graham sought to prevent him playing anywhere but Leeds.

Leeds threatened legal action over his refusal to return to Elland Road when a recent loan spell ended at Zurich in Switzerland.

Smah kabaddi

Maniknagar Kabaddi Club emerged group champions to reach the quarterfinal of the Smah Metropolis league out-playing Bangladesh Bank Club by 54-15 points at the kabaddi court of Outer Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners, who earned five creditable points, led the first half by 18-4 points. However, the losing Bangladesh Bank Club booked a seat for the quarterfinal as the group runners-up.

Arundaya Juba Sangha also moved into the quarterfinal beating Sreejani Sangsad by 42-38 points after leading the first half by 20-16 points at the same venue.

Khagrachhari football

KHAGRACHHARI, Nov 14: Senior football league '96 began here at the Khagrachhari Government High School ground today, reports UNB.

Seven teams from different parts of the district are taking part in the tournament. In the opening day, Khelwar Kalayan Samity beat Young Star by 4-2 goals with a hat-trick by Apu Chakma.

Earlier, chairman of the Khagrachhari Local Government Council Samiran Dewma opened the tournament organised by District Sports Association.

Big booster for British sports

LONDON, Nov 14: British sport is set to receive a financial boost to the tune of 40 million pounds (about 65 million dollars) in the wake of the nation's dismal performance at the Atlanta Olympics, reports AFP.

Rowers Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent won Britain's only gold in Atlanta, the team's lowest haul since the Helsinki Games in 1952.

A national outcry ensued and the issue of Britain's sporting failure was even raised in parliament. British athletes did not receive enough financial support, it was argued.

But today the Sports Council will unveil world class performance programme which will involve direct funding for potential medalists, enabling them to train without having to worry about paying bills.

It will provide more full-time coaches, identify young talent and enable Britain to host major championships.

The cash comes from the national lottery sports fund, which previously was allowed to be used only for 'bricks and mortar' projects like leisure centres and swimming pools.

"The programme offers sport the opportunity to plan for, and expect, world class achievements," says the council.

"For the first time it will allow young performers to train and compete full-time should they choose and create genuine career opportunities in sport."

TODAY'S MATCHES

- Danish Premier Division football league: Venue: Mirpur Stadium East End Club vs Bangladesh Boys (3:30 pm) YMC Fakirerpool vs Arambagh KS (5:30 pm)
Danish First Division football league: (Venue: Army Stadium) Wari Club vs PWD SC (3 pm)
17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament: Sadharan Bima KS vs Dhamondi Club (CCG) Biman vs Wari Club (DS) Ajax SC vs Uttara SC (DCG)



Former Pakistan international Shahid Saeed pulls one off the hip during his swash-buckling century for Kalabagan yesterday. —Star photo

Saeed trounces Tarun

Sports Reporter

Pakistani Shahid Saeed celebrated the first ton of the season with a blazing 104 as title aspirants Kalabagan romped into the final round of the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament, inflicting a mammoth 129-run defeat on Surjo Tarun at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The Kalabagan middle-order bat, coming in at number four in reply, Surjo Tarun, facing a daunting task of scoring more than five runs per over, were shot out for only 131 in the face of some fired up bowling from Zakir Hossain.

Saeed, the more aggressive campaigner among the two, clouted two sixes and a quartet of fours in his 116-ball unconquered innings while a portly Zakaria scored a polished 70 off 103 deliveries.

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Zakir, playing in the shadow of two national stalwart pacers Saiful Islam and Anisur Rahman, with a four-wicket haul marked his grade as a serious contender for a slot in the national team.

The right-arm seamer, who has natural in-swingers in his sleeves, ripped through the Surjo Tarun top-order to finish with 4/24 in his ten miserly overs while skipper Saiful Islam took two scalps for only 11 runs in his five overs.

Among the Surjo Tarun batsmen tail-end Munnna scored a gritty 35 to save his side from a complete humiliation.

With this win Kalabagan entered the six-team second round to join defending champions Mohammedan as Group C champions with three wins

MSC close Leonine gap

Sports Reporter

Mahmud, GM Niaz Murshed tamed Enayet Hossain while national junior champion Abdullah Al Rakib outplayed Tanima Parveen.

The win kept Mohammedans firm on course in the title race as they earned 27.5 points so far, half a point less than leaders Leonine Chess Club who have 28 points to their account on completion of yesterday's round.

In their eighth round clash, Leonine registered a 3-1 win over Konica Sangskritik Sangsad.

Leonine's Indian IM Parameswaran, and two locals Sheikh Nasir Ahmed and Farid Ahmed won their boards against Nurul Mannan, Ahmed Jahangir and Nuruddin while Indian Joydev Sharma recorded the lone victory for Konica against Leonine's Rafiqul Islam.

Last year's runners up Biman were in the third spot with 25 points after trouncing Fire Service 4-0.

In the day's other matches, Dhaka University beat Anushil Daba Krira Chakra 3-1. Mahakali Prodeep Sangha defeated Narayanangj Daba Khelwar Kalyan Samiti 3-1. Touch Stone Chess Club outplayed Avjatrik Chess Club 3-1 while BTMCC and Ansars shared points with Farashganj Sporting Club and Narayanangj Chess Club respectively after their engagements ended in 2-2 draws.

STANDINGS

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Points. Leonine CC 28 points, Mohammedan SC 27.5, Biman 25, BTMCC 22, Prodeep Sangha 20, Ansars 18.5, Konica CC 16, Farashganj SC 15, Narayanangj DKS 14.5, Narayanangj CC 13, Touch Stone CC 12, Dhaka University 10.5, Sheikh Russel CC 9.5, Anushil DKS 9, Fire Service 7.5, Avjatrik CC 7.5.

Kiwis call up Hart

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Nov 14: All rounder Matthew Hart was Thursday recalled to the New Zealand cricket team for their tour of Pakistan, reports AP.

Hart, 24, a veteran of 14 Tests, was a surprise omission from a 26-man New Zealand training squad named in August but has been called up because of a hand injury to fellow left-armner Mark Haslam.

Hart will leave for Pakistan on Friday puzzled by his sudden elevation. "I was surprised, totally stunned," he said. "I left home thinking it was going to be just another day at the office."

Today's Cryptiquip clue: A equals C. The Cryptiquip 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.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. Includes crossword grid and clues for Across and Down.