

# Column One

## DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

WHAT the history of racing on mounted horses dates from the first millennium BC. Previously, no breed of horse hardy enough to carry human riders for significant distances had been developed, although horse-drawn chariots were in common use. The first known formal, mounted horse races took place in ancient Greece. In ancient Rome, horse races occasionally were held, although chariot races were much more frequent. After the fall of Rome in the 5th century AD, horse breeding and racing declined in the West. Wouldn't Julius Caesar be surprised if he visited the ascot today?

In the 6th century horseback riding was introduced throughout the Middle East by Muslim missionaries, who travelled on horseback as they preached Islam and sought converts. When the Arabs conquered Spain in the 8th century, they rode strong, swift horses of a breed previously unknown in Europe; these horses were also used to pull vehicles. The fame of the Arabian steeds spread throughout Europe in subsequent centuries. In 1110, Henry I, King of England, imported an Arabian stallion from Spain. The stallion and other Arabian horses were later mated with strong but slow English mares to breed swift, hardy horses suitable for warfare.

So there's Arabian blood in every English horse: Red Rum or not.

## SPORTS. TALK



**Boris Becker**

(Ace German tennis player) "Sometimes, going to the doctor has been more exhausting than playing tournaments."

## Sports

### WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm December 6, 1996

1 Who won the Sharjah Champions' Trophy?

Pakistan | New Zealand | Sri Lanka

2 Who currently holds the WBA heavyweight title?

Tyson | Holyfield | Leonard

3 Which country will stage the 2002 World Cup football final?

Japan | South Korea | France

4 Who scored the Danish Premier Division football league second hat-trick?

Mizan | Alfaz | Nakib

5 Which team has won the SMKA kabaddi league this year?

Dilkusha SC | Azad SC | Victoria SC

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## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 28 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: YOUR GARRULOUS

MOTHS ALWAYS SEEM TO COME TO CHEW THE RAG.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: D equals C

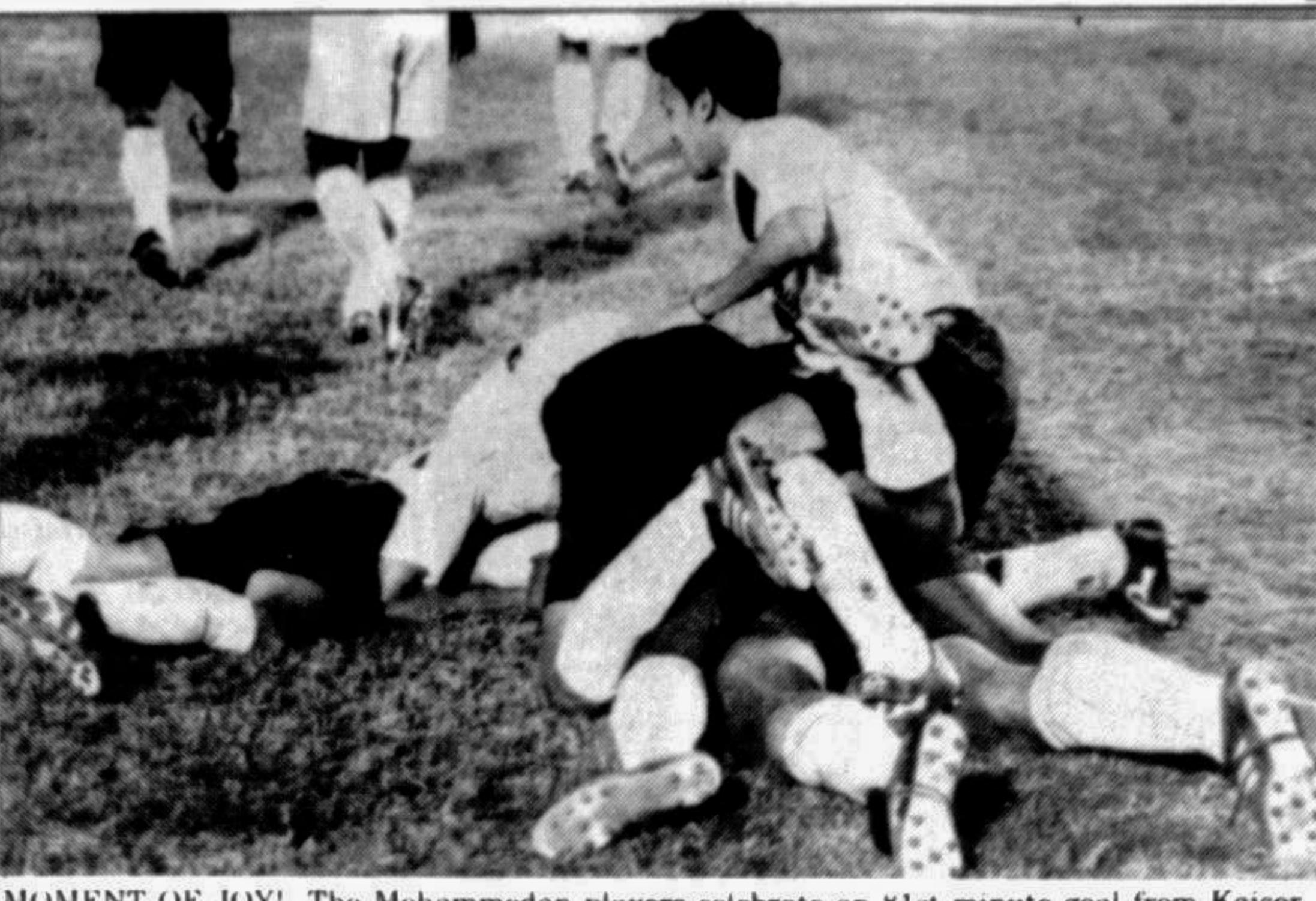
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one

letter stands for another. If you think 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.



MOMENT OF JOY! The Mohammedan players celebrate an 81st minute goal from Kaiser Hamid during yesterday's Danish Premier league match against Agrani Bank at the Mirpur Stadium.

— Star photo

## MSC's late sigh of relief

### Sports Reporter

Two goals in the last nine minutes guided title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club to their tenth victory in the Danish Premier Division football league when they blanked Agrani Bank Sports Club 2-0 in their return leg engagement at the Mirpur Stadium last night.

In a match which remained evenly poised until the 81st minute, Mohammedans' substitute forward Kaiser Hamid, who came to rescue his side from a possible disaster in their campaign to regain the league title replacing an injured Nigerian striker Makino, broke the deadlock with his first touch of the ball while mercurial midfielder Arman doubled the margin from the right flank (1-0).

After eight minutes, Arman doubled the margin with a brilliant right-foot grounder from the top of the box following a centre by Ruhul Amin from the left (2-0).

Earlier, Mohammedans had couple of good chances from which to score. In the 25th minute, Manik's left footer rebounded to play after hitting the cross piece.

Manik completed his hat-trick of misses in the 48th minute when his shot from a goalmouth melee crossed the goal line hitting the near post.

In the 75th minute, Nigerian forward Jide missed the easiest opportunity of the match as his header from a right side corner missed the near post by barely a few inches.

### PREMIER DIV STANDINGS

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
Mohammedan SC	13	10	3	0	26	8	33
Abahani	13	9	4	0	28	9	31
YMC Fakirpool	13	4	7	2	8	6	19
Muktijoddha Sangsad	13	7	2	4	16	10	23
Farashganj SC	13	4	4	5	9	11	16
Brothers Union	13	4	3	6	10	11	15
Arambagh KS	13	3	3	7	10	14	12
Agrani Bank	13	2	5	6	12	19	11
East End Club	13	2	4	7	12	30	10
Bangladesh Boys	13	1	3	9	7	20	6

**Hat tricks:** Mizan (Abahani) against Wari Club, Alfaz (MSC) against Wari Club

**Leading goalscorers:** 8 goals — Alfaz (MSC) and Nakib (Mukt). 7 goals — Mizan (Abahani). Tutul (Agrani Bank). 5 goals — Rumi (Abahani) and Sourav Raju (East End). 4 goals — Rakib (Abahani). Reaz (Mukt). Roxy (Arambagh). 3 goals — Jahangir (Abahani). Ranjan (MSC). Askar Babu (Fakirpool). Towhid (Farashganj). Tipu and Jamal (BU).

## Martina, Jana in last four

NEW YORK, Nov 23: Jana Novotna and Martina Hingis — the hottest players in women's tennis — both blazed their way to easy victories on Friday to reach the semifinals of the two million dollars Chase Championships, report agencies.

Novotna, winner of three successive tournaments in a span of five weeks, demolished her soon to be former doubles partner Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 6-0, 6-3 with an irresistible blend of groundstroke and net play virtuosity.

The 16-year-old Hingis, coming off a tournament triumph of her own in Oakland that pushed her to fifth place in the rankings, shoved Japan's Kimiko Date into retirement with a 6-1, 6-2 drubbing.

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as with the sparkling play of the young right-hander from Switzerland.

The 28-year-old Novotna, whose torrid surge has taken her to a career-high number three in the rankings, goes against world number one Steffi Graf.

Hingis faces fellow-teenager Iva Majoli, a 19-year-old Croat in the up-and-comers side of the draw.

Victory was especially sweet for Novotna, who ended a string of seven successive singles defeats to Sanchez dating back more than five years.

"It's a long time since I beat her," said Novotna, who has teamed with Sanchez to win three Grand Slam doubles titles in a partnership that is ending after this tournament.

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Date, who earlier this year had announced she was retiring after this tournament, was never really a factor in the 51-minute match. She sprayed her groundstrokes wide and long with way too much regularity to challenge for the victory. She committed 25 unforced errors.

When the match was over, Date stayed in the arena and signed autographs. Then, with the crowd giving her a standing ovation, she walked to the centre of the blue Madison Garden court and waved goodbye.

It was over when Ivanisevic served another double-fault, his 12th of the match.

Ivanisevic finished with 17 aces in the match that took one hour and 55 minutes.

— Star photo

Swiss sensation Martina Hingis makes a backhand return during her quarterfinal match against Japan's Kimiko Date at Chase Championships in New York on Nov 22. Hingis won 6-1, 6-2.

## Bangladesh's losing streak continues

Bangladesh suffered another humiliating 1-5 this time against Malaysia in their third match of the Chief Minister's Hockey tournament in the South Indian city of Madras. reports UNB.

Malaysia led the first half 2-1.

Rafiqul Islam Kamal netted the consolation goal for Bangladesh in the 25th minute.

In earlier matches, Bangladesh also conceded a 1-5 defeat against South Africa and a 1-8 defeat against host India.

Bangladesh will face Malaysia again on Monday in a place-deciding match of the tournament.

## Jr tennis squad off to Delhi

### Sports Reporter

A seven-member Bangladesh junior tennis team (14 years and under) left the capital for Delhi yesterday to participate in the forthcoming Central Asian junior tennis championships to be held in the Indian capital from November 27.

The team which comprises six players including three girls, will undergo three-day coaching along with the other participants from November 24 prior to the start of the meet.

The following are the members of the team: Syed Aziz, S Babul, M K Hossain, S N Baishakhi, Sancheha, Yasmin and M Khosru (manager).

Yellow card: Rafique (Agrani Bank).

### TEAMS

**MOHAMMEDAN SC:** Ponir, Rajani, Ruhul Amin, Jewel Rana, Munna, Iqbal, Manik, Sabir, Arman, Alfaz (Makino/Kaiser Hamid) and Jide.

**AGRANI BANK SC:** Milan, Raju (Shariful), Hafiz, Pons, Rafique, Senta, Munna (Johny), Rana (Nayan), Kabir, Tutul and Jahangir.

Referee: Ramkrishna Ghosh.

### BU, E END DRAW

Earlier, in the day's first match, Brothers Union and East End Club shared points with a 1-1 draw.</