

Column One
DID U' KNOW?
(The Professor does)

THAT 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."

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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✓ 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 SMAH kabaddi league this year? Dilkusha SC Azad SC Victoria SC

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14 Revenue
15 Old Testament prophet
16 Blackbird
17 Opposites
19 Bat stat.
20 Optician's creation
22 Mid-June honoree
23 Scot or Welshman
24 Casino lineup
26 Century fractions
28 Put together
30 Weep loudly
31 More contrite
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52 Estimate
53 You'll get a rise out of it
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4 Body of an organism
5 Drift
6 Further-more
7 History chapters
8 It's up your sleeve
9 Went bad
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11 Test tubes
13 Long cuts
18 Lincoln last
21 Walk of Fame motif
23 Explorer Sebastian
25 "Star Wars" initials
27 Male swan
29 Some folks have gained from it
31 Lustrous silk fabric
32 "at a Time"
33 Conundrum
34 Same old
36 Elements in a Spike Jones recording
37 Agitation
38 Garden starters
41 Bicycle part
44 Dogfight participants
45 Emblem for York or Lancaster
46 Actress Hagen
50 Springsteen's "birthplace"

Solution time: 28 mins.

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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.

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 in the last minute of the proceedings.

With yesterday's win, Mohammedans earned 33 points from 13 matches and continued their solo run atop the standings with a two-point lead over arch rivals Abahani, who have 31 points from as many matches.

On the other hand, the defeat kept the Bankers third from the bottom in the ten-team elite league with 11 points from 13 matches.

On Saturday evening, Mohammedans, who appeared with their suspended goalkeeper Ponir after the Metropolitan Football League Committee withheld his one-match suspension awarded following an appeal launched by the Motijheel outfit, dominated the match for most of the time but failed to score because of some poor brand of football by their forwards.

With Manik back in the squad after facing an one-match suspension for receiving three yellow cards and Shabbir and Arman playing superbly, Mohammedans had a much more organised midfield than that in their previous match against Farashganj last week. But somehow it was the forward-line which lacked the

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 Fakirerpool	13	7	2	4	28	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 (Mukti), 7 goals — Mizan (Abahani), Tutul (Agrani Bank), 5 goals — Rumi (Abahani) and Sourav Raju (East End), 4 goals — Rakib (Abahani), Reaz (Mukti), Roxy (Arambagh), 3 goals — Jahangir (Abahani), Ranjan (MSC), Askar Babu (Fakirerpool), 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, showed Japan's Kimiko Date into retirement with a 6-1, 6-2 drubbing.

The twin troupings set up contrasting semifinals for this

afternoon's programme at Madison Square Garden.

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.

The right-hander, from the Czech Republic, roared through the first set in 19 minutes.

Hingis dominated her quarterfinal battle, but that had as much to do with Date's mistakes



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 14-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 Babulal, M K Hossain, S N Baishakhi, Sancheta, Yasmin and M Khosru (manager).

Haessler sidelined

BONN, Nov 23: Karlsruhe midfielder Thomas Haessler could be out of action for three months after breaking an ankle and tearing ligaments in his side's 2-0 win over Fortuna Duesseldorf on Friday night, reports Reuter.

Haessler sustained the damage after a Duesseldorf player fell awkwardly on his left ankle. The Karlsruhe club doctor performed an overnight operation on the 30-year-old player.

Karlsruhe said Haessler would be out at least until the end of the Bundesliga's winter break, which lasts from December to mid-February.

The news was a big blow for Germany coach Berti Vogts as Haessler, who has been in brilliant form for club and country, will now miss an important World Cup qualifier away to Portugal in December.

Sampras in final

HANOVER, Germany, Nov 23: Top-ranked Pete Sampras survived 35 aces by Goran Ivanisevic and went on to reach the final of the ATP Tour World Championship with a 6-7 (6-8), 7-6 (7-4), 7-5 victory Saturday, reports AP.

In the second semifinal, Boris Becker played Richard Krajcek.

Ivanisevic's powerful serve rattled him at the worst possible moment, in the last game of the match.

Until then, it was a match of nearly perfect serves, with only one break points, which Ivanisevic saved in the first set.

Sampras is seeking a record third title in the season-ending event. The 3.3 million dollars tournament brings together the top eight players in the world.

Ivanisevic saved a set point at the end of the first set. He hit a wild forehand that sailed long. But he thundered an ace with his second serve and went on to hold, sending the set into a tiebreaker.

The second set went with serve, with neither player facing a break point. Sampras lost only two points on his serve until the tiebreak.

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

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

AKC ride on Munir's ton

Sports Reporter

Monirul Huq scored a blazing century as last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra avoided a premature confrontation with arch-rivals and defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club with a squeaky 10-run win over Agrani Bank in the last group league match of the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The middle-aged Pakistani, a contemporary of Javed Miandad, scored a swashbuckling 110 off 117 balls to help Abahani shore up a fighting total of 220 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs.

It was Monirul's first century in the season's curtain-raiser which overshadowed another brilliant all-round performance from his compatriot Shahid Iqbal in a match marked by England international Philip DeFreitas' debut in the local cricket.

In an otherwise insignificant affair with both Abahani and Agrani Bank having already qualified for the semifinals from one group of the six-team second round, Monirul's pyrotechnics which saw Abahani emerge as Group Y champions and the combatants against Kalabagan on November 26 for a passage to the final, remained the main source of entertainment.

The highest run-getter in the domestic cricket last year, who came into bat at number four with Abahani totalling at 36/2 in 12.5 overs, played a lone battle in his side's search for a respectable total.

The man with a conspicuous moustache clouded two huge sixes and five sweetly-timed hits across the rope in his 154 minute stay at the crease before being dismissed in the last over with Abahani in possession of a more than a fighting score.

Skipper Akram Khan with a sedate 27 off 56 deliveries was the other notable run-getter for Abahani, who were ill at ease



Abahani's Pakistani middle order bat Monirul Huq cuts the ball to square during their match against Agrani Bank in the Damal Smriti cricket tournament at the Dhaka University yesterday.

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Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Procurement of Pipeline Materials under OECF Loan No. BD-C18

Date of issuance of Invitation : November 21, 1996

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has undertaken the Third Natural Gas Development Project for the development of its natural gas production, transmission and distribution system. The part of the foreign exchange requirement of the Project is intended to be financed out of the "Energy Sector Adjustment Loan" (the loan No being BD-C18), signed between the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) and The Overseas Economic Corporation Fund (OECF) of Japan. Out of the total loan of Japanese Yen 3.8 billion under the said "Energy Sector Adjustment Loan, an amount of Japanese Yen 1996 million has been made available for Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Co Ltd, (TGTDCL), an undertaking of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and it is intended that part of the proceeds of the allocation for TGTDCL will be applied to eligible payments under contract(s) for supply of Gas Pipeline Materials and Equipments (The Goods).

2. Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co Ltd now invites sealed bids for the supply of the following goods from eligible bidders from Eligible Source Countries [Eligible Source Countries are (a) all the developing countries except People's Republic of Bangladesh, and (b) all the member of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)].

Sl No	IFB No	Short description of goods	Quantity	Cost of bid document	Bid closing date
1.	PD 2312/369-P(2)	Line Pipe API 5L Gr B ERW, 16"x0.312" WT	31,500 Meter	Tk 3,000.00 or US\$ 70.00	14 Jan '97
2.	PD 2312/369-P(3)	Line Pipe API 5L Gr B ERW, 12"x0.219" WT.	20,000 Meters	Tk 2,500.00 or US\$ 60.00	15 Jan '97
3.	PD 2312/369-STRIP	Hot Rolled Steel Strips (Material : API 5 L Gr B)	4,150 M/Ton	Tk 3,000.00 or US\$ 70.00	16 Jan '97

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the office of:

Deputy General Manager (Purchase)
Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co Ltd
105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
Kawran Bazar Commercial Area, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh
Phone : 819380, Fax : 880-2-813031, Telex : 632468 TGNC BJ.

4. Bid documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder upon payment of the cost (non-refundable) of the respective bidding document as indicated above from the following addresses from 27th November, 1996 between 09:00 hrs and 13:00 hrs on all working days.

4.1 Accounts Department, Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.
4.2 Bangladesh Diplomatic Missions in (i) Bonn, (ii) London, (iii) Ottawa, (iv) Paris, (v) Rome, (vi) Singapore, (vii) Tokyo and (viii) Washington DC.

No Bid document will be sold on the closing date of the respective IFB.

5. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order or Bank Guarantee of 2% of Bid Amount must be delivered to Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co Ltd, Dhaka within 11:00 hrs of the closing date of the respective IFB.

6. Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co Ltd will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation and delivery of bids.

7. Bids will be opened on the same date of closing at 11.15 hrs in presence of Bidders, if any. Should this day happens to fall on any holiday, bids shall be opened at the same hours on the 1st subsequent working day.

8. TGTDCL reserves the right to accept any bid and reject any or all the bids at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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