

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT there has been continuous talk for the past decade or so of introducing professionalism in Bangladesh sports.

Consider that sports do become professional in Bangladesh I wonder if an athlete's salary would be deducted every time some one in the gallery utters a four-letter, often five, word.

WHIZZ KID

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-58

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm December 6, 1996

- 1 Who won the Sharjah Champions' Trophy? Pakistan/New Zealand/Sri Lanka

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SPORTS TALK



Hansie Cronje (South Africa cricket captain) 'I put the team first.' The minute I realise that I am not contributing to the team I will stand down.

Div I soccer Police let go of Rahmatganj MFS Sports Reporter

An 89th minute strike from Shaheen pulled title-aspirants Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society from the verge of a defeat to a face-saving one-all draw with police AC in one of the two Danish First Division football league matches at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Jayasuriya, Ranatunga in MSC tent Stars descend in Dhaka

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh to feature in a club-level meet. The imaginative captain of Sri Lanka, who inspired his country to lift the World Cup for the first time earlier this year, had played for Mohammedans way back in 1988.



A RANATUNGA

Mohammedans line-up in today's match will also be bolstered by a portly Arjuna Ranatunga, the captain of the World Cup winning Sri Lankan team.

cricketers in your country. What you need is proper planning to reach the ultimate target, pointed the most sought-after man in contemporary cricket. He further added that the appointment of Gordon Greenidge as coach of Bangladesh will certainly help its cause a great deal.



S JAYASURIYA

'I will never forget the hospitality that Mohammedan officials extended me when I first played for the club,' said the left-arm batsman at a crowded press at the BCCB office last night.

But, given the strength of Mohammedans, whose local shopping basket includes star batsmen, skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul and an experienced Minhazul Abedin Nannu, it is going to be an uphill task all the way for the bankers in predictably an unevenly-poised encounter.

Shahid Iqbal, who is equally impressive with both the bat and the ball, is ready to take up the challenge of styming the blitzkrieg of Jayasuriya when he opens the Agrami attack with his more illustrious compatriot Mehboob.

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Vaas vs De Silva tomorrow? Sports Reporter

Sri Lanka's strike bowler Chaminda Vaas is likely to feature in our domestic cricket for Kalabagan Krira Chakra when the Dhanmondi outfit meet their neighbours Abahani Krira Chakra in the second semifinal of the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament tomorrow.



A DE SILVA

They were eventually bowled out for 231 with debutant middle-order batsman Mohammad Wasim fighting a lone battle. Wasim became the fourth Pakistani after Khalid Ihsanullah, Javed Miandad and Salim Malik to hit a century in his maiden Test, but it was to no avail.

Meanwhile, in another development, it was gathered that Aravinda de Silva, the star Sri Lankan middle-order bat, has a remote chance to feature for Abahani against Kalabagan.

Sheetal Div II h'ball BAF's

Bangladesh Air Force emerged unbeaten champions in the Sheetal Metropolitan Second Division handball league yesterday to earn promotion to the First Division league from next season, reports UNB.

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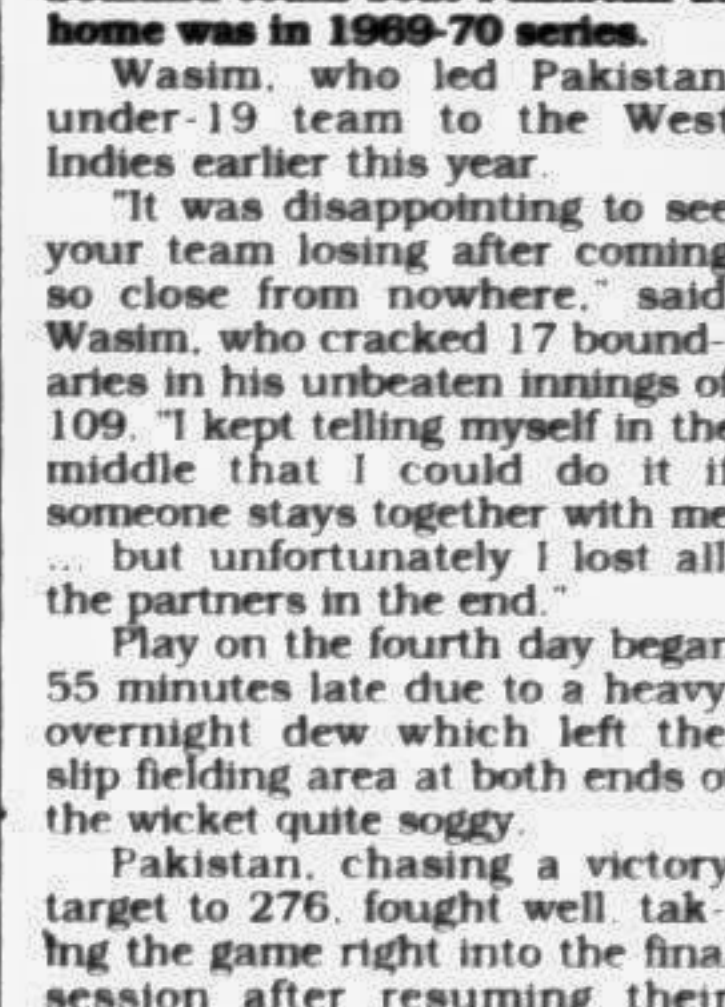
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Rookie delays inevitable Kiwis' epoch marking win

LAHORE, Nov 24: Pakistan debutant Muhammad Wasim hit an outstanding debut century Sunday but it wasn't good enough to pull the home team out of its slump and in the end New Zealand beat Pakistan by 44 runs in the first Test, report agencies.



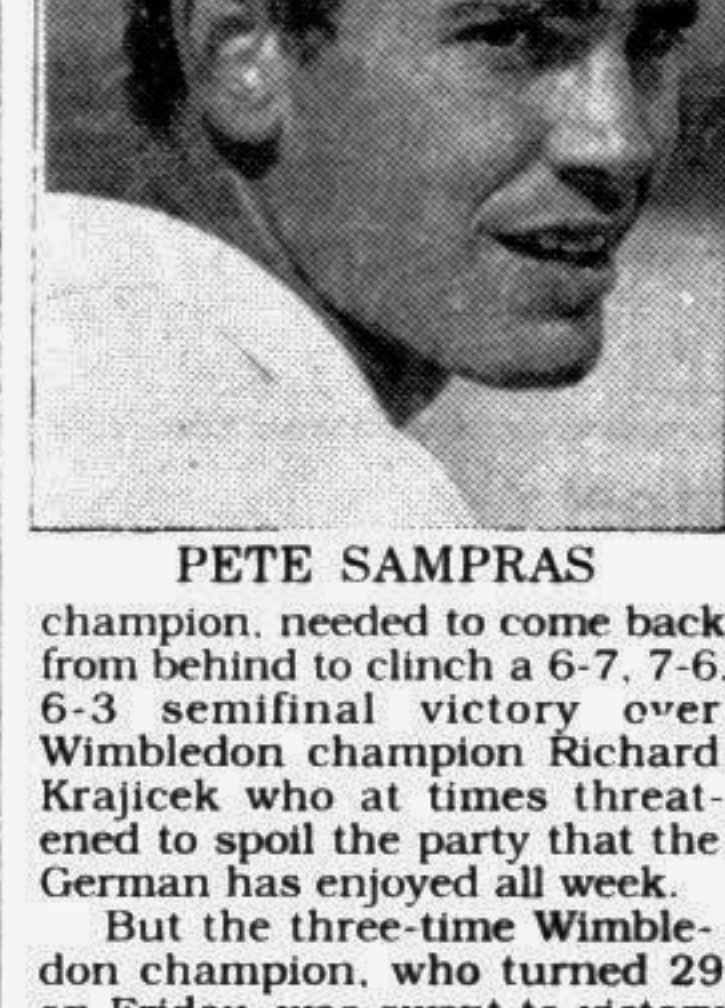
SIMON DOULL

Wasim, who led Pakistan under-19 team to the West Indies earlier this year. 'It was disappointing to see your team losing after coming so close from nowhere,' said Wasim, who cracked 17 boundaries in his unbeaten innings of 109. 'I kept telling myself in the middle that I could do it if someone stays together with me... but unfortunately I lost all the partners in the end.'

Wasim, who needed four runs at tea to complete his century, scored the necessary four runs shortly after the break when he guided Patel to his 16th boundary toward fine leg.

Biggies' battle of nerves

HANOVER, Germany, Nov 24: Boris Becker today with the nerves of his excitable home fans before moving to wards a dream final against world number one Pete Sampras at the ATP World Championship on Saturday, reports Reuter.



PETE SAMPRAS

Becker needed to come back from behind to tame big-serving Goran Ivanisevic, one of the most awkward customers on a fast court, in the first semifinal. The American won 6-7, 7-6, 7-5 to set up a repeat of the 1994 final today.

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who hit eight fours in his fluent knock, gave Lee Germon his second catch behind the stumps. Pakistan's total was given further impetus when Wasim was joined by Mushtaq Ahmad, and they flourished in the eighth wicket partnership of 76 in 18 overs.



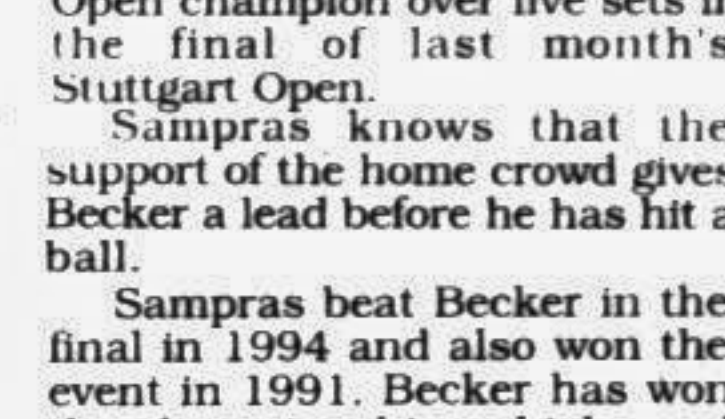
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Wasim was in a dominant role, driving beautifully on the front foot and equally strong on the leg side. But it came to an end just as the tea interval was to begin when Stephen Fleming had Mushtaq caught and pad off the bowling of Dipak Patel's off-spin.

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BORIS BECKER

Becker netted a crucial volley in the first set tie-break of his match against Krjacsek to give the Dutchman a 6-4 lead and set point. The Wimbledon champion took his chance, taking the next point with an ace.

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Doull. 'I think all the guys on our team deserve credit for putting up a brilliant performance against a strong Pakistan side.'

'It is indeed a great day for us,' said jubilant New Zealand captain Germon, adding that the team had to overcome injuries to key players.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for New Zealand and Pakistan scores in first and second innings, and bowling figures.

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Sampras saved the point after a long rally when both players were at the back of the court. But when Sampras double-faulted to give Ivanisevic a 7-6 lead, the Croat took his chance to clinch the set with an ace on tie-break, Ivanisevic, who hit a total of 35 aces in the match compared to Sampras's 17, was the sharper player, soon building up a 6-4 lead for his first set point.

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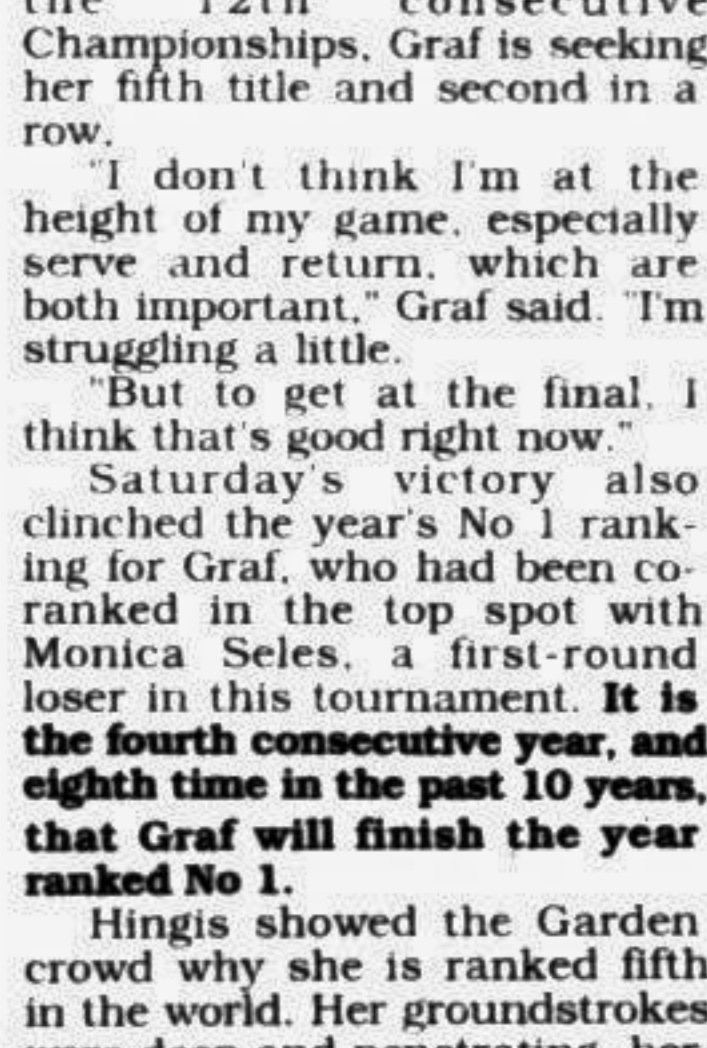
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Steffi tames a toughie

NEW YORK, Nov 24: Steffi Graf stopped the brilliant run of Jana Novotna with a come-from-behind, three-set win to set up a showdown with up-and-comer Martina Hingis in today's final of the Chase Championships, report agencies.



STEFFI GRAF

Graf lost the first set and was down a break in the third of the brilliant battle but raised her game and benefited from a Novotna lapse to snap the Czech's 14-match win streak 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 in Saturday's semifinals of the season-ending event.

So many winners shot off the racket of Hingis that she wore down the desire of her opponent. In the third set, Majoli found herself on the wrong side of the court to reach Hingis's shots.



MARTINA HINGIS

Hingis took a 5-0 lead before Majoli held serve. With the victory, Hingis has a chance to become only the second player to win this tournament in her debut. The only one to do it was Evonne Goollagong in 1974.

leading 5-0, 40-0 in the final set, eventually wasting five match points.

She followed her masterful quarterfinal victory over Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario with a gutsy performance against the world's best player.

Novotna suffered only one lapse of concentration, and it cost her. She had broken Graf at 15, then held at 30 to begin the final set. But Graf began a five-game run to earn a spot in the final.

Novotna and Sanchez-Vicario, who have teamed up in the last three years to win 100 doubles titles and were the defending champions, played their last match together. Next year, Novotna will team with Davenport.

Hingis set for last hurdle

NEW YORK, Nov 24: Bring on Steffi Graf, making it best-of-five sets and put 500,000 dollars on the table for the winner — you still won't rattle fearless young Martina Hingis.

The 16-year-old Swiss player beat friend and former doubles partner Iva Majoli 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 in the semifinals of the 16-player Chase Championships to reach today's final against world number one Graf.

said about making the final in her first try at the season-ending championships. 'I've had a great last few weeks and I played just great tennis.'

Hingis has already had a busy season against Graf — she beat her in the quarters of the Italian Open last May, lost to the German in the fourth round at Wimbledon and held a set point before losing to Graf in the US Open semifinals against her at the US Open, and I had four set points in the first set.'

The cheerful teenager said, 'I will try to do it tomorrow better and just take every point I can get.'

The hard-hitting Hingis, who has shot up the rankings to number five after winning two weeks ago at Oakland where she trounced Monica Seles in the final, is not fazed about playing her first best-of-five match today.

Hingis singled out her doubles triumph with partner Helena Sukova at Wimbledon — where she became the youngest champion ever crowned at the All-England Club Championships — as the turning point of her season.

Taher tennis results

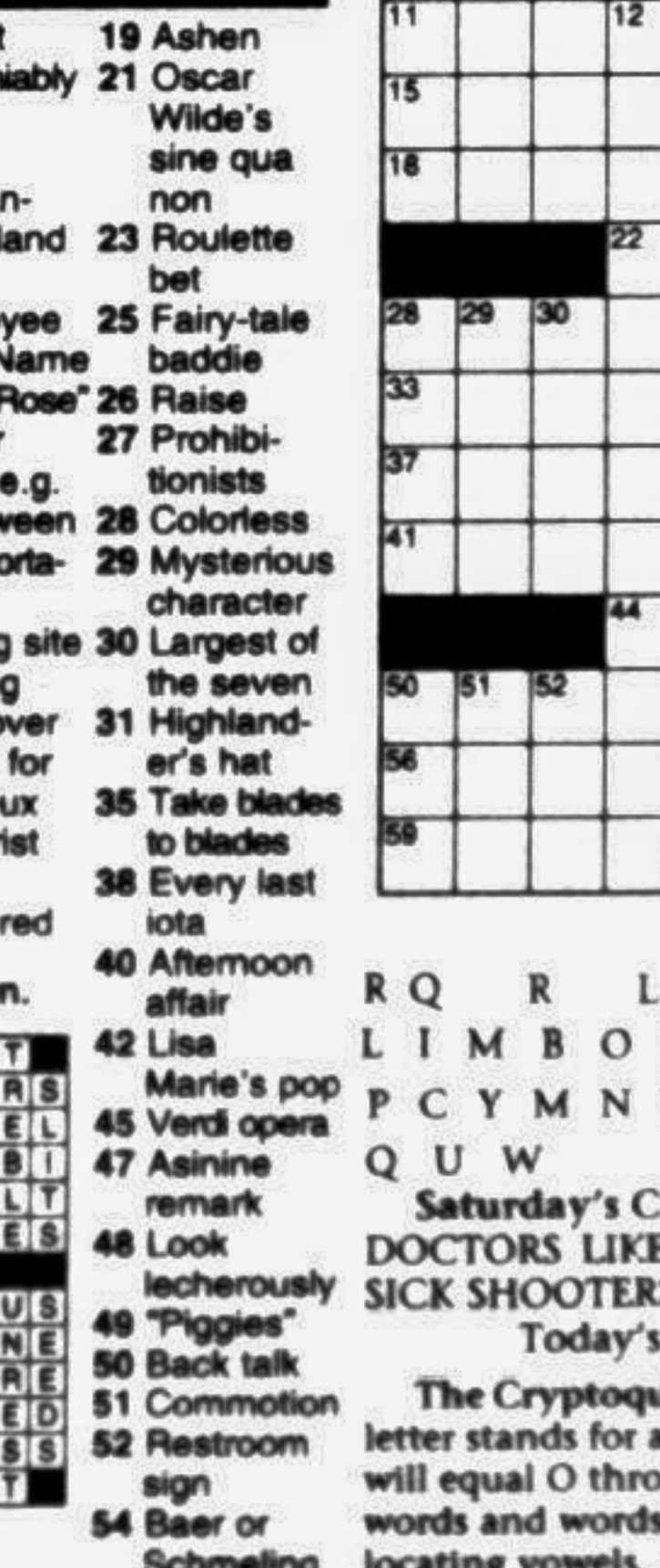
Engineers' Club recorded a hard-fought 2-1 win over Officers' Club in the Taher inter-club tennis tournament at the Gulshan Club tennis court yesterday.



MARTINA HINGIS

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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