

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT most authorities agree that table tennis is of English origin and that it was first played with improvised equipment on dining-room tables. Around 1900, when celluloid balls began to replace rubber and cork balls, the game became very popular in England and the US. Early manufactured sets were called Gossimar, Whiff-Whaff, and more commonly, Ping-Pong, the latter being a patented trade name. Its popularity as a parlour game quickly waned, but about 1922 a simultaneous movement started in several parts of the world to revive table tennis as a serious sport. A meeting held in 1926 in Berlin among five nations resulted in the formation of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). We still play TT on dining tables.

SPORTS TALK



Andrew Hudson (South African opener)

"People always said I was good against pace bowling. But I proved that I can also play well against spinners."

After scoring a hundred at Eden Gardens against India.

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-59

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm December 20, 1996

- 1 Who was the man-of-the-final in the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament? Partho Bulbul Monrul

Name

Class

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Shahtali girls from Dinajpur performing a folk dance during the opening ceremony of the Sixth Bangladesh Games at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Sixth Bangladesh Games on

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Stadium and its surroundings turned into a scene of festivity as the Sixth Bangladesh Games, the biggest local sporting event, began in the capital yesterday afternoon amidst fanfare and colourful rituals.

Cycling gold for BTMC, Ansars & VDP

Bangladesh Textiles Mills Corporation and Ansars & VDP team shared the first gold of the Sixth Bangladesh Games when they jointly clinched the 100 km road team trial cycling title held on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway yesterday.

Ansars move into h'ball final

Bangladesh Ansars moved into the final of both the men's and women's handball competition of the Sixth Bangladesh Games after winning their respective semifinals at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex ground yesterday afternoon.

PM greets MSC, AKC

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday greeted Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra after becoming the champions and the runners-up respectively in the Danish premier football league which concluded on Tuesday, reports BSS.

Shafiqul lifts V-Day Cup golf title

Shafiqul Islam clinched the Victory Day Cup golf title showing another display of confidence at the Dhaka Club Golf Course on Dec 16, says a press release.



Mahboob Ara Guinea (L) and Mosharraf Hossain Khan (R) carrying the Games' torch during the opening ceremony of the Sixth Bangladesh Games at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Sher-e-Bangla Cup Final round begins today

The final round of the Bangladesh Games Sher-e-Bangla Cup football tournament begins in the capital today, reports BSS.

Div I cricket results

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BRIEF SCORES

UTTARA SC: 176 in 45 overs (Moin 32, Bogu 23, Siddique 22, Zaved 15, Raju 15, Azinal 3/22, Shaheen 2/29).

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CITY CLUB: 216 for 7 in 45 overs (Ali Nishan 30, Mukul 22, Nahid 21, Shahed Mehmood 6/26, Nannu 4/22).

BRIEF SCORES

AGRANI BANK: 128 all out in 45.5 overs (Ali Nishan 30, Mukul 22, Nahid 21, Shahed Mehmood 6/26, Nannu 4/22).

BRIEF SCORES

SURJO TARUN: 273 for seven in 50 overs (Farooque 83, Dofin 38 n.o., Sohel 2/38, Ifekhar 2/46).

BRIEF SCORES

GULSHAN YOUTH: 82 all out in 33.3 overs (Moniruzzaman 12, Arelin 6/25).

Retarded Olympians meet PM

The mentally retarded boys and girls, who took part in the first-ever Special Asia-Pacific Olympics, met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday, reports UNB.

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Shakila Zafar acknowledges the crowd while presenting the opening song of the Sixth Bangladesh Games at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Tarun whack Gulshan Youth

MSC avenge the defeat

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With this victory Mohammedan joined runners-up Brothers Union on the top, both having collected a possible 10 points from five matches.

The two quick bowlers put a break on Agrani's run to build a fighting total. Shahed Mehmood, who eventually finished with a fantastic figure of 10-1-26-6, together with Nannu then ripped through the middle and lower-order.

On the other hand, Mohammedans, in reply, were off to an inspiring start with their openers Pakistani Raja and Parvez sharing 38 runs in 7.1 overs.

Who vindicated his skipper Aminul Islam's decision not to bat first after winning the toss in the morning, revelled on the artificial turf to finish with a six-wicket haul.

Panic gripped the Mohammedan tent when skipper Bulbul and Sanwar Hossain quickly perished after sharing 25 runs for the fourth wicket.

But Mohammedans, smarting under their stunning defeat at the hands of Agrani Bank in the Damal Smriti semifinal, however, made a disastrous start on their way to avenge the defeat.

In their chase for a modest total to win, the holders lost their first six wickets for only 81 runs on the board before Nannu with a gritty unbeaten 31 dig his team out of a possible debacle to reach target with more than twelve overs to spare.

Although Nannu's all-round brilliance seized the limelight, it was Shaded Mehmood who was responsible for caving in of the Agrani Bank's batting order to set the pattern of a low-scoring affair.

The useful Pakistani import, was then accounted for opener Ali Nishan, the highest scorer for Agrani Bank with a patient 30, and Azam Iqbal in span of two deliveries to reduce the bankers for 65/3 in 25 overs.

While Arefin, who later did one better with the cherry, remained unbeaten on 38.

In reply, Gulshan were skittled out for a meagre 82 in the face of a devastating bowling from Arefin who tore apart the listless opponent batting to finish with six for 25 in his 10 overs.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division Cricket League: Abahani vs Wari Club (BKSP, 9 am)

Biman vs Lalimata Club (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, 9 am)

First Division Cricket League: Eskaton SS vs Sadharan Bina KS (Jagannath Hall Ground, 9 am)

Ajax SC vs Bangladesh Boys Club (City Club ground, 9 am)

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.