

Sport

Asian Cup soccer

UAE, S Arabia showdown

Sports Reporter

Saudi Arabia moved into the final of the 11th Asian Cup soccer championship with a 4-3 tie-break win over Iran in the second semifinal in Dubai yesterday.

They will take on hosts United Arab Emirates in the final of the Asian soccer's showcase event on Dec 21 at Zayed City. Earlier, UAE reached the final with a lone goal victory over Kuwait in the first semifinal.

BD Games hockey

Dhaka trounce Rajshahi

Sports Reporter

Dhaka DSA and Bangladesh Army won their respective hockey matches of the Sixth Bangladesh Games held at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In the day's first outing, Dhaka DSA trounced Rajshahi DSA by seven goals to nil. The winners led the first half 2-0.

Substitute striker Javed struck thrice while Kamal added two goals to the winners' account. Defender Nakib and forward Sadeq scored the other two goals for the winners.

In the day's other fixture, Bangladesh Army edged past Faridpur DSA through a tie-breaker (4-3) after their scheduled 70 minutes of play ended goal-less.

BASKETBALL

In basketball, Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Navy moved into the next round.

At the Dhanmondi gymnasium, Bangladesh Army cagers outplayed Rajshahi DSA 116-51 while Navy ousted Brahmanbaria DSA 148-45.

SQUASH

Besides, seven players moved into the next round of the squash competition held at the Dhaka Club.

Sohel Hamid defeated Karim 9-4, 9-4. Mannan beat Mahirul Islam 9-1, 9-4. Anisur Rahman beat Rehan Islam 9-5, 9-2. Bishu over-powered Dipak 9-1, 9-5. Shahid beat Sadan 9-2, 9-4; stylish Nowshad easily defeated Omar 9-2, 9-5 while Tasabbur beat Khoka 9-2, 9-3.

Injury worries Windies

WANGARATTA, Australia, Dec 18: West Indies batsman Brian Lara has a bad leg and may have to miss the first Test against Australia in Melbourne next week, reports AFP.

Lara wants to play in the four-day game against Victoria starting in this rural Victorian town on Thursday — West Indies last lead-up match before the test.

The tourists lost their opening two Tests against Australia and a further loss will give Mark Taylor's team an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the best-of-five series.

Fitness coach Dennis Waigh said problems with the studs on Lara's boots meant some bruising and swelling and developed under the right big toe.

"With these sorts of things, you usually wait until the morning," Waigh said today.

Lara has had a dismal tour so far, but scored an unbeaten 31 Tuesday in Adelaide as West Indies ended a seven-game losing streak by beating Pakistan in a one-day international.

Lara said he felt increasingly comfortable during that knock and was clearly looking forward to getting more time at the crease here.

"I'm looking to get out there as much as possible, play the game and at the end of it be very comfortable with my form and with the team's confidence," he said.

Niaz Murshed's

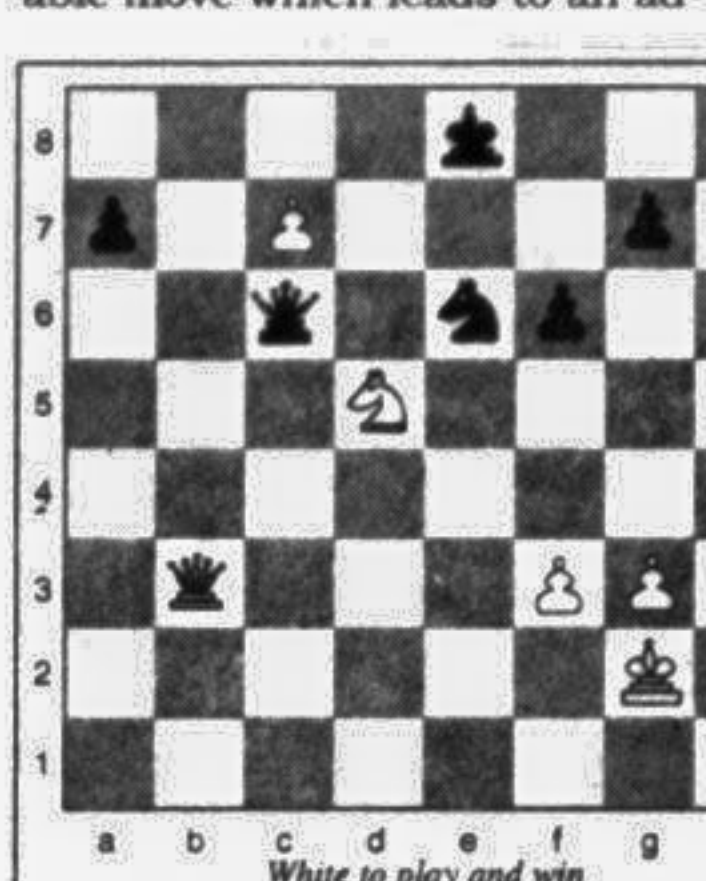
PAPERCHESS

The art of simplification is very important in the game of chess. If there is a simple and clear-cut way of achieving a win, one should never take a chance, no matter how spectacular the other way may be. Some great players such as Aaron Nimzowitch, deprived themselves of greater glories because they could not get over the habit of unnecessarily complicating positions which could be won easily.

Old masters such as Emanuel Lasker, Jose Capablanca, Tigran Petrosian based their play on efficient simplification. In recent times Anatoly Karpov has shown unparalleled skill in this department. It is very uncomfortable to play players of this style since often the player who loses to them, are unable to find out why they lost. Simplicity in this case turns out to be both useful and subtle.

Although it is forbidden in chess to take a crooked road when you have a straight one, it is all right to take a round about

way if it leads to an easy part. Take a look at the diagram. White obviously holds the advantage. But how does he win? Can you think of an unbelievable move which leads to an advantage?



Solution: 1. Q-b5! Q-b5 2. c8 (Q) check K-f7 3. Q-e6 check K-e6 4. N-c7 check.

White wins back the Queen and keeps the extra Knight, the result is a simple ending which



vanageous ending for him. **Hint:** Try to sacrifice the Queen first and then think forking enemy pieces with the Knight.

any reasonable player can win with his eye lashed half lowered. (Niaz Murshed is the sub-continent's first Grand Master.)

Wheels within wheels

ABU DHABI, Dec 18: Saudi Arabia's insistence that Lebanon must host the 2000 Asian Cup threatens to tear apart the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), according to senior AFC officials, reports AFP.

If Lebanon win the vote this weekend it will be the first time the Cup, the showcase of Asian football, has not alternated between west and east Asia.

And AFC senior officials admit privately that a Lebanon vote could cause untold damage to the organisation that runs football in the region.

With the United Arab Emirates hosting the 1996 Cup it was assumed by AFC officials that the 2000 tournament would switch to the east, with either South Korea, China or Malaysia hosting the championship.

But Saudi Arabia has decided to support Lebanon, who, when they first announced their intention to bid, were ranked as outsiders.

South Korea are expected to withdraw their name before the vote is taken to reduce the number of east Asian countries. Attempts were also made to get Malaysia to pull out to make the vote a straight choice between China and Lebanon but AFC sources say the Malaysian government opposed it.

The Asian countries are always looking for a cause and they have decided to back Lebanon. Football is being

forced to take a back seat to politics, said one AFC official. Although the Arab nations in the 16-strong AFC executive committee have only six votes, Saudi clout is likely to convince at least four of the east Asian members to support them.

AFC general secretary Peter Velappan, trying to play down the potential damage a Lebanon victory could do to his organisation, said today: "We have an unwritten rule that every four years the tournament moves from one side of Asia to the other. I hope that, that tradition continues."

But AFC officials fear that the organisation will be split between Arab Asians and

Liverpool lead the table

LONDON, Dec 18: Two goals from Stan Collymore helped Liverpool clamber to the top of the Premier league with a 4-2 victory on Tuesday which condemned Collymore's former club Nottingham Forest to the bottom of the table, reports Reuters.

Collymore, back in the first team after a frustrating spell on the bench early this season, opened the scoring after six minutes before England striker Robbie Fowler extended Liverpool's lead with his fifth goal in four days, adding to the four he put past Middlesbrough on Saturday.

'Asian' Asians if Lebanon wins. "If this happens the damage could be devastating," commented one official.

Officials insist that China is the natural choice for the next Asian Cup.

"Lebanon poses problems with security, facilities and marketing. The executive committee should make their vote based on what is best to advance the Asian Cup and the AFC. Nothing else," said one official.

"Everything points to China. It will be a tragedy if they do not get the vote," he added.

Tension between the two Asian blocks has been heightened by the failure of east Asia's teams in the Asian Cup here.

Pre-tournament favourites South Korea and Japan, who are co-hosting the 2002 World Cup, both failed to make the semifinals. Japan crashed to Kuwait and South Korea were humiliated by Iran in the quarterfinals.

China, east Asia's remaining hope, were thrashed by Saudi Arabia.

With four west Asian countries filling the four semifinal spots a Lebanon vote would only add salt to an already inflamed wound.

Last minute attempts to get Saudi Arabia and Lebanon to change their minds are underway but AFC officials are not optimistic.

"We are always hopeful but things are not looking good. But we will try right to the last minute," said an AFC official.

SA won't play in Ahmedabad

NEW DELHI, Dec 18: South Africa have refused to play Test cricket in the Indian city of Ahmedabad in future, reports AFP.

President of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) Krish Mackerdij, quoted by the Press Trust of India, said his team would not return after being beaten there by India during the recent tour.

The news came two months after Australia said it did not want to play again in New Delhi.

"On our future, tours to India, we will not play in Ahmedabad. It has been decided," Mackerdij said.

Hansie Cronje's team, who complained bitterly about the pitch at the Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad, lost the match within four days and went on to lose the series 2-1.

After the game, Cronje slammed the wicket, crowd behaviour and lack of practice facilities at Ahmedabad, saying: "Ahmedabad was a waste of time."

Australia, meanwhile, who lost a one-off Test to India in New Delhi in October, had blasted both the wicket and the pollution in the capital.

Captain Mark Taylor lashed out at the Kotla wicket after his team's seven-wicket defeat, saying: "I have played 70-odd Tests in my career, but never seen such a wicket where the ball was grounded most of the time."

Team manager Cam Battersby later said: "I've heard that Delhi is the fourth most polluted city in the world. If that's so, I'd like to see the other three."

"The pollution in Delhi is such that we should give serious consideration before coming back to play any more cricket here."

Star-studded cricket tie

NEW DELHI, Dec 18: Indian model-turned-actress Aishwarya Rai, who was crowned Miss World in 1994, will play a charity cricket match to collect money for cyclone victims in the country's south, reports AFP.

Rai will join a galaxy of Indian movie and cricket stars for the match in the city of Hyderabad on December 21.

Other prominent players will include actors and actresses Madhuri Dixit, Anil Kapoor, Amir Khan, Manisha Koirala, Amitabh Bachchan and Rajnikant, and cricketers Kapil Dev and Navjot Singh.

Some 1,000 people were killed when a powerful cyclone hit the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh in November following a depression in the Bay of Bengal.

Sohail to miss 4-day match

Itinerary irritates Akram



HOBBART, Australia, Dec 18: Pakistan opening batsman Aamir Sohail is out of the four-day match against Tasmania here Thursday after falling in the dressing room after his team's loss to West Indies on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Sporting a large bandage over his right eye as he stopped off the plane here, Sohail said the cut — which required 10 stitches — would sideline him for four or five days.

The left-hander said he slipped in the changing rooms after the seven-wicket loss in the World Series match in Adelaide.

Pakistan captain Wasim Akram said the team for the only four-day match of their Australian tour would be decided on the morning of the match after the Bellerive Oval wicket was inspected.

But he said the line-up was likely to be substantially the same as for the one-day matches against Australia and West Indies in Adelaide.

"We'll see the wicket first, see what it's like and then we'll pick the side."

Akram on Tuesday criticised the tour schedule which leaves a fortnight's break between Tuesday's match and the next limited-over international against Australia in Sydney on New Year's day.

Speaking after Pakistan's seven-wicket mauling by the West Indies in their second match of the World Series Test Tuesday, Akram said it was frustrating his side had to wait until New Year's day to play Australia again in the limited-over tournament.

Miller passes away

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Dec 18: Former New Zealand Test cricketer Lawrie Miller died Tuesday, his family said, reports AP.

He was 73. Miller died at Kenepuru Hospital in Porirua, near Wellington, after an undisclosed illness.

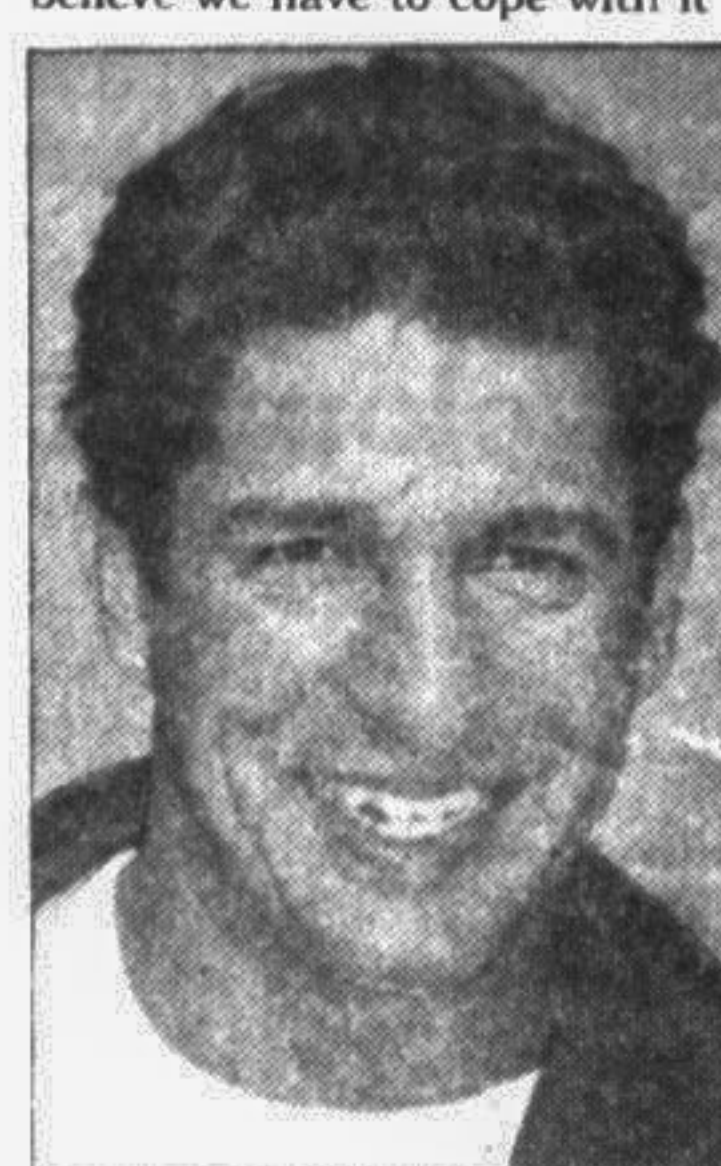
A gritty left-handed opening batsman, Miller played 13 Tests for New Zealand between 1952 and 1958, scoring 346 runs at an average of 13.84.

He played first-class cricket in New Zealand for Central Districts and Wellington from 1950 to 1960 and scored 4,777 runs at an average of 37.61, including five centuries.

Miller won the Redpath Cup, awarded to New Zealand's top batsman each season, three times.

"We should have this sort of tournament over in about 20 to 25 days before we play the finals series," he said.

"It gets a little boring but I believe we have to cope with it



WASIM AKRAM

because we're on tour."

The series, which is scheduled to finish on January 22, is spread over more than six weeks and is interrupted by the third Test between Australia

and the West Indies at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, which begins on December 26.

The Pakistanis will be kept away from family and friends over the Christmas break and have abandoned hope of flying home and returning for the new year's day match — their third of eight one-day qualifying matches.

"We don't like the itinerary. We're not happy with it, but we have to practice," Akram said.

"These games are quite important for us, we're going to take it very seriously, we're going to play this four-day game hard cricket."

Akram's comments will please Tasmania captain David Boon, who is hoping the match will help his young side and give Test batsman Ricky Ponting a chance to Test his skill against Pakistan's formidable spin attack.

BCIC Tender Notice

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Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd, Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur hereby invites sealed tender from the bonafide importers/suppliers/traders for supply of Auto Vehicles spare parts against Tender Enquiry No. JFCL/LP/ GAURAGE/4.444/3186 dated 24.11.96. Tender documents will be available on payment of Tk 50 (Fifty) only per set in cash (Non-refundable) during office hours from the office of the (i) General Manager (A&F), JFCL, Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur (ii) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka & (iii) BCIC Branch Office, No. 6, Agrabad C/A, Chattagong.

Tender will be received up to 11.00 AM on 30-12-96 and be opened immediately thereafter on the same day in presence of the tenderer (if any). No tender document will be sold on the date of the opening.

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UIM F-1 World Championship

Heads for grand finale

The John Player Gold Leaf Formula One Powerboat team, after an exciting day of qualifying for the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, are well placed to retain their second position in the World Championship, says a press release.

Clear blue skies and a slight breeze greeted the team for the ninth and final round of the 1996 UIM Formula One World Championship.

The free practice session in the morning proved uneventful, apart from a fire in Goran Karlof's engine that finished his weekend's racing.

This left 24 drivers for the first qualifier on the flat waters of the Abu Dhabi breakwater. John Player Gold Leaf's Jon Jones was the first to make a mark with a 58.28 second lap on the 1500 metre circuit. He held pole until arch rival, Guido

Cappellini, set a scorching 56.90 lap that he held for the rest of the qualifying sessions.

This left Cappellini, Jones, Werner, Bhakit, Riggiero and Leppala to go into the pole position shoot out. This represented the top six drivers in this year's Championship in a dramatic head to finale.

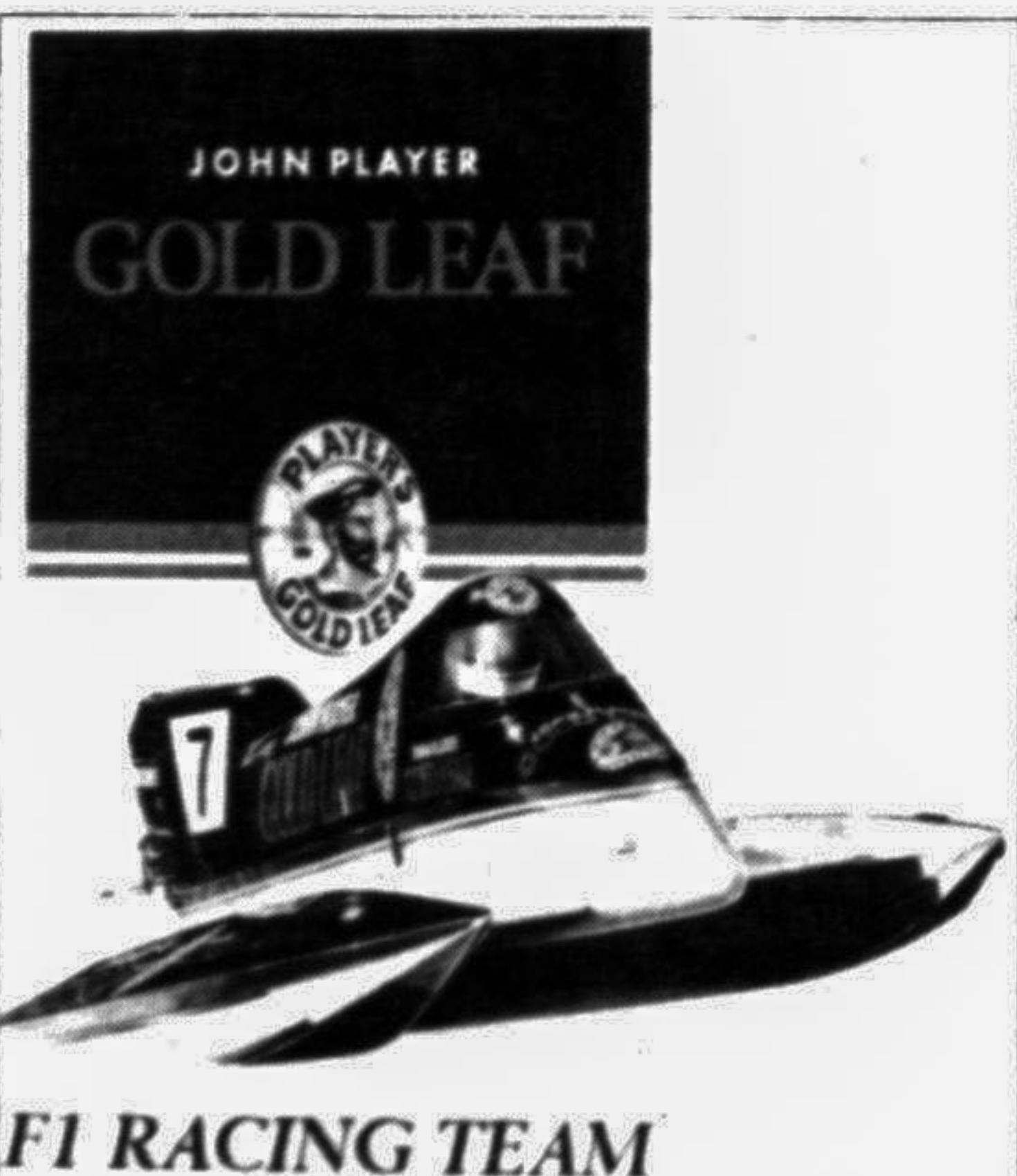
Leppala went first but did not improve his time, followed by Italian Riggiero who stormed into second place, matching Guido Cappellini's time. Local driver, Humaid Bhakit, then came out to improve his time but not his position. John Player Gold Leaf's Jon Jones was then stranded on the start pontoon due to electrical failure, leaving him fifth overall. This left Michael Werner to see if he could beat Cappellini's time, only to have his engine blow up on his first hot lap. The crowd wanted to see if Cappellini would come out.

Finally he exited the pit lane to rocket to a 55.58 second lap and easily the fastest of the day to retain pole position for tomorrow's Grand Prix.

Paul Blackburn, in the second Gold Leaf boat, suffered mixed fortunes during the day but was not totally dissatisfied with his 14th position on tomorrow's grid. "I was only one second off eighth place which can be made up during the 45 minutes of the Grand Prix. I feel confident that I can get into the points again tomorrow and so add to the overall John Player Gold Leaf team performance."

Jones was equally confident. "I was disappointed not to get going in the shoot out, but I am very well placed and feel despite Guido's time in qualifying, I can get the better of him in race conditions. With 4 drivers still going for second place in the Championship, a lot is resting on tomorrow's race."

Position	Driver	Country	Team	Time
01	Guido Cappellini	ITA	Dac Racing	55.58
02	Massimo Riggiero	ITA	Dac Talus	56.90
03	Michael Werner	GER	MM Power	57.34
04	Humaid Bhakit	UAE	Abu Dhabi	57.45
05	Jon Jones	GB	John Player Gold Leaf	57.78
06	Pertti Leppala	FIN	DAC	58.33
07	Fabrizio Bocca	ITA	Seebold	59.16
08	Jean Vital Deguisne	FR	Seebold	1:00.09
09	Yutaka Sugihara	JPN	Dac Racing	1:00.25
10	Carlos Maidana	ARG	DAC	1:00.63



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Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide contractors/suppliers in Bangladesh for supply of the undermentioned materials for uniform of drivers of Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Tender schedule can be collected by depositing Tk 400 (four hundred) only (non-refundable) through Treasury Chaudan under head "Health & Population Control" in favour of Director, Dhaka Medical College Hospital and submitting the original copy of the challan everyday during office hours from 9-00 am to 1-00 pm. Tender schedule will be sold from 21-12-96 (7-9-1403 BS) to 26-12-96 (12-9-1403 BS). Tender with (1) earnest money, (2) current financial year (1996-97) Municipal Trade Licence, (3) 1996-97 financial year payable Income Tax certificate, (4) Bank solvency certificate, as mentioned in the scheduled should be dropped in the tender box kept in front of the office of the undersigned by 11-00 am of 29-12-96 (15-9-1403 BS) and the tender box will be opened on the same day at 11-30 AM by the tender committee in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

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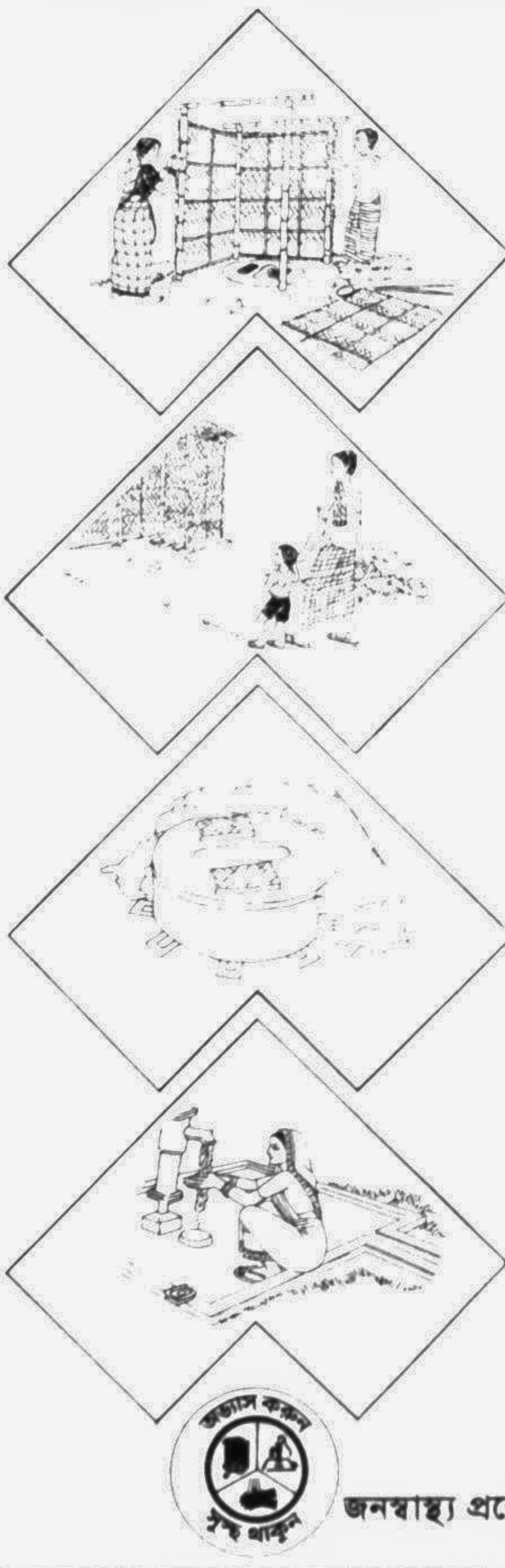
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