

Column One

Sports

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Competition closes 8 pm.
Apr 11, '97

- Who lifted the Nirman schools cricket title?
Scholastica N'gan High Maple Leaf
- Who won the 17th national youth cricket championship?
Khulna Comilla Rajshahi
- Who clinched the title of the Club Cup hockey tournament?
Abahani Mohammedans Usha
- Who became champions in the five-nation hockey tournament in Pakistan?
Germany Holland Australia
- Pete Sampras has won all except one Grand Slam singles title. What is that one?
Wimbledon US Open French Open

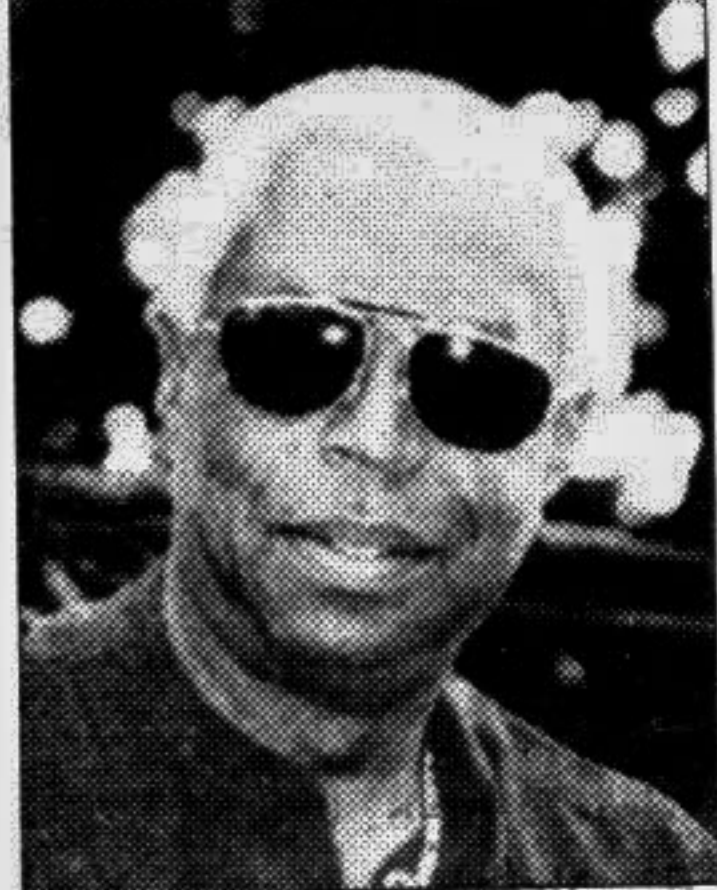
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SPORTS TALK



Lance Gibbs
(Former West Indies off spinner)

"It has stagnated but it will be back for sure. Spin bowling generally has declined due to the fact that fast bowlers have been dominating things."

About off-spin bowling in present day cricket.

TODAY'S MATCHES

- Second Division football league:**
(Venue: Dhaka Stadium)
Shantinagar Club vs BG Press (2 pm)
Dhaka Wanderers vs East End Boys (4 pm)
(Venue: Mirpur Stadium)
Little Friend's Club vs Prantik Kriya Chakra (2 pm)
Jurain Janata Club vs Basabo Tarun Sangha (4 pm)
- Wings Cup women handball league:**
(Venue: Women Sports Complex)
Bangladesh Ansars vs Maghbazar Girl's High School
West Jatrabari KC vs Suk-tara Juba Sangsad
BJMC vs Narayanganj DWSA
Madaripur Handball Club vs Jatrabari KC

Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in ownpad are hereby invited from bonafide Bangladeshi contractors/traders for stitching uniform of the force of Khulna RRF organisation. Tender schedule can be collected on payment of the price Tk 400.00 (four hundred) only (non-refundable) from this office up to 14:00 hours of 13-4-97 subject to abiding by the stated terms & conditions. Schedule (tender) should be submitted with photocopies of the papers produced at the time of collecting the schedule in the tender box kept at this organisation by 12:00 hours of 15-4-97. The tender box will be opened on the same day at 12:30 hours before the tenderers (if any) present. At the time of collecting schedule, bank draft for Tk 10,000/= (ten thousand) only (refundable) should be deposited for uniform stitching and original copies of current year trade licence, income tax certificate, experience certificate of related work & bank solvency certificate shall have to be produced. No incomplete tender will be received. No cancellation-striking off/erasing-overwriting in tender will be acceptable. Decision of the authority regarding acceptance/cancellation of tender will be treated as final.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender/reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

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A chopper being used to dry the soggy outfield before the start of the second semifinal yesterday, which was delayed by five hours due to overnight shower. — AFP/UNB photo

Half the battle done

Sports Reporter

Patience was put through the test of an irritatingly long night as Bangladesh batsmen lived up to the expectation but their bowlers were forced to remain idle in the second semifinal of the sixth International Cricket Council (ICC) Trophy against Scotland at the Kilat Club ground in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

With the early morning shower playing foul once again, organisers had to go on a hectic operation to dry out the soggy ground in a bid to make possible for at least an innings of play.

But, once the play got under way following some back-breaking efforts by the organisers, who along with other means had also brought in helicopter-blower, Bangladesh, after being sent in to bat, gave a solid account of a brilliant batsmanship with an unheralded Khaled Masud Pilot leading the way for an imposing total of 243 for seven in their share of 50 overs.

The Bangladesh wicket-keeper, who came in to bat at number three after the early departure of opener Athar Ali Khan, more than justified the elevation from his usual position of number eleven with a cracking 70 off 96 balls, spiced with half a dozen hits across the rope.

When play resumes today, Scotland, who were left with a daunting task of scoring 4.9 runs per over to win the match, will have to perform exceptionally well to realise all that cricket is a glorious game of uncertainty.

Taking up the challenge of batting at the demanding position of one-down batsman Khaled, who scored only seven runs in his previous three innings as the last batsman of Bangladesh, stepped in an enterprising 39 runs for the second wicket with Naimur Rahman Durjoy before the latter ran himself out for a 42-ball 26 inclusive of a quartet of fours.

After the sad dismissal of Naimur Rahman, Khaled and Aminul Islam then paved the way for a huge total putting on a vital 115 runs for the third wicket much to the delight of thousands of vociferous Bangladeshi expatriates, who cheered every run all the way and crores of fans back at home.

Internet for cricketers
Network Computing Line Ltd (NCLL), an Internet service provider, yesterday offered to give free connection to all players of the Bangladesh cricket team if they qualify for next World Cup, reports UNB.

At one stage it seemed Bangladesh were heading for mammoth total with the two well-set batsmen playing with consummate ease, nudging and pushing the good balls and punishing the odd ones with vindication.

But when vice-captain Aminul Islam, who whacked a huge sixer and four fours in his 82-ball 57 was bowled by the Scottish new-ball bowler Blain, Bangladesh suffered a stunning middle-order collapse, losing their next three wickets for the addition of only six runs to the total of 166. It was Aminul's second fifty in the 22-nation associate members' meet.

Khaled Masud soon followed Aminul. He was brilliantly stumped by Davies off Bevan after scoring a priceless 70.

Apartment from the three, Kenedy, who virtually pinned down the batsmen with gentle medium pace, returned most economic conceding only 23 runs in his quota of 10 overs. It would have been better for Scotland had not Kenedy conceded 11 runs in his last over.

Scotland's innings during their ICC semifinal match against Bangladesh in Kuala Lumpur ground yesterday:

SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH

Athar c Davies b Beven	5
Naimur run out	26
K Masood st Davies b Beven	70
Aminul Islam b Blain	57
Akram c Kennedy b Blain	4
Saiful Islam b Gourlay	15
Minhajul Abedin not out	39
Rafique c Lockie b Gourlay	16
K Mahmud not out	10
Extras: (b-3; lb-3; nb-1; w-4)	11
Total: (for 7 wks in 50 overs) 243	
Fall of wks: 1/12; 2/51; 3/166; 4/168; 5/172; 6/211	
Did not bat: Hasibul Hossain and Enamul Haq	

Bowling

Blain	10	0	49	2
Beven	10	2	29	2
Gourlay	7	0	62	2
Kenedy	10	3	23	0
Williamson	8	0	43	0
Sheridan	5	0	30	0

STATS

After 5 overs	12/0
10 overs	36/1
15 overs	62/2
21 overs	81/2
25 overs	95/2
30 overs	122/2
35 overs	145/2
40 overs	170/4
45 overs	192/5
50 overs	243/7
Reached	50 in 12.1 overs
	100 in 25.1 overs
	150 in 37.2 overs
	200 in 45.4 overs

Khaled was declared out by the third umpire through the electronic eyes.

Tension mounted at the Bangladesh tent when skipper Akram Khan, who hammered an unbeaten half-century in his heroic innings against Holland in the semifinal-decider, fell for only four, leaving his side at 172 for five.

But with an experienced Minhajul Abedin Nannu playing like a spring chicken, Bangladesh, not only recovered from the sudden slide, but also made full use of the last five overs exploits, plundering 51 runs from the last 30 balls.

Minhajul remained unbeaten on a workman-like 39 off only 31 balls which included only one hit across the rope to steer Bangladesh to respectability. But the real slog was, however, provided by Mohammad Rafique, who hammered a whirlwind 16 off only seven balls.

The left-handed long-handed bat, in his brief blitzkrieg, was particularly harsh on Scotland's right-arm seamer Gourlay. Rafique clouted 14 runs off only four balls in that prodigious 48th over which yielded 16 runs for Bangladesh.

Besides, Saiful Islam, one of the two seamers on whom Bangladesh will rely to defend the total today, also made a useful 16.

Among the Scottish bowlers, Blain, Beven and Gourley evenly shared six wickets between them. Although Blain and his new-ball partner off-spinner Beven earned some respect from Bangladeshi batsmen, Gourley was severely punished. The right-arm seamer finished most expensive with 62 for two in his seven overs.

Nat'l chess results

Sports Reporter

Muniruzzaman Khan and Mohammad Jabed remained atop the table in the preliminary phase of the 23rd national chess championship at the end of the sixth round at the NSC yesterday.

In the sixth round, Munir and Jabed played safe and settled for a much expected draw after a brief exchange of pieces.

With the draw, both Munir and Jabed raised their tally to five and a half points each and stayed top of the 114-player table half a point ahead of a group of four — Enamul Hossain Rajib, Tyebar Rahman Sumon, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed and Ruhul Kabir Shiplu.

Rajib edged past Pratul, Shiplu tamed national women's champion Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa while Sumon and Nasir shared points.

Besides, eight players — Saiful Islam Masum, Abdullah Al Rakib, Rezaul Haque, Jahangir Babul, Mizanur Rahman Labu, Munir Hossain, Omar Khaled and Din Mohammad, were third with four and a half points each.

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Promotees Muslim Institute recorded their first victory in the Second Division football league when they handed Mahakhali Ekadash a solitary goal defeat at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday afternoon.

After a barren first half, Muslim Institute striker Mubarak struck the decisive goal in the 69th minute.

The win raised Muslim Institute's tally to nine points from eleven matches. On the other hand, Mahakhali remained with 14 points in 11 outings.

In the day's other match, City Club registered a 2-1 victory over Eskaton Sabuj Sangha.

Rashed and Satyajit scored one each for the winners in the 43rd and 62nd minutes. Jahangir reduced the margin for Eskaton eight minutes later.

With the win, City Club increased their collection to 12 points from as many matches. The defeat kept Eskaton glued to their previous collection of 14 points.

Away at the Mirpur Stadium, the day's lone engagement between Adamjee Sports and Cultural Club and Laimatia Club ended in a 2-2 draw.

Div I women's handball

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC), Jatrabari Kriya Chakra and Rangamati Mukul Fouz won their respective Wings Cup First Division eyes' handball league matches at the Dhanmondi Women Sports Complex ground yesterday.

In the first match of the day, Akherun scored seven goals as BJMC whitewashed Madaripur Handball Club by 27 goals to nil. Nazmun and Irina were the other leading scorers for the winners with six and five goals respectively.

In the next match, Jatrabari Kriya Chakra (routed Narayanganj District Women Sports Association by eleven goals to nil. Rashida topscored with three goals while Rehana, Tahmina and Anami shared six goals.

Besides, Rangamati Mukul Fouz recorded a 7-3 win over Suktura Juba Sangsad in the last match.

Meanwhile, the remaining boys' division matches of the 8th Bata Schools handball championship resumed at the court next to Dhaka Stadium.



Scene from the 23rd national chess qualifiers at the NSC yesterday. — Star photo

Big wins for DU, M'singh

Sports Reporter

Dhaka University, Jessore, Nilphamari, Sylhet, Manikganj and Mymensingh moved into the next round in the preliminary phase of the 23rd national cricket championship after winning their respective zonal venues across the country yesterday.

At the Thakurgaon Stadium, former national opener Sajjad Ahmed Shipon hammered a brilliant 49 to steer Dhaka University to a convincing six-wicket victory over Natore.

Chasing a paltry Natore total of 107 in 50 overs, the winners reached 109 in just 18.4 overs with six wickets in hand. Sajid Hassan (21) and Al-Shahrij Rokon (17) were the other notable runs getters.

Earlier, opting to bat, Natore were bundled out for their poor collection in 44.1 overs with Bidyut scoring highest 33.

Shaikha was the most successful Dhaka University bowler with three for 13 runs while Rahul captured two wickets.

The winners will face Dinaipur in their next match at the same venue tomorrow.

Away in Pabna, Jessore recorded a three-wicket victory over Thakurgaon.

Chasing a moderate Thakurgaon total of 130 in 50 overs, the winners reached home (131) in the 36th over with the loss of seven wickets.

Rashed topscored with 36 followed by Shameem who added 29.

Earlier, electing to bat Thakurgaon could manage 130 before being all out in 46.3 overs.

Sabbir scored highest 44 while Bachchu contributed 13 to the Thakurgaon account.

Jessore will take on Rajshahi University tomorrow at the same venue in their next engagement.

At the Dinajpur Stadium, Nilphamari beat neighbours Rangpur also by the same margin.

Chasing a poor Gazipur total of 89 in 50 overs, the Sylhetes reached 90 in 28.5 overs with four wickets in hand.

Rupak topscored with 38 while Jamal added 17 runs to the winners' account. Meanwhile, in Comilla, Manikganj beat Kishoreganj by five wickets.

Chasing a fighting Kishoreganj total of 82 in a rain curtailed 25-overs-a-side affair, Manikganj collected 83 for five with more than four overs to spare.

In the day's other match at the BKSP ground in Savar, Mymensingh recorded a huge 122-run victory over Rajbari.

Batting first in a rain curtailed 35-overs-a-side match, Mymensingh piled up 212 for five with Moni hammering highest 93. Nasim (35) and Liton (30) were the other leading contributors.

In reply, Rajbari were bowled out for 90 in 22 overs.

One person died immediately, the other died in hospital.

Tragic!

HANOI, Apr 8: Two teenagers died on Sunday and 15 others were injured when a building overlooking a stadium collapsed during a soccer match in northern Vietnam, reports Reuter.

Hospital officials in Vinh City, some 300 km (200 miles) south of Hanoi, said on Monday the victims had been standing on the roof of the building where they had been watching a match between provincial teams from over the stadium wall.

One person died immediately, the other died in hospital.

শাখা স্থানান্তর

সোনালী ব্যাংক, বারহাটা শাখা, নেত্রকোণা

আগামী ১২ এপ্রিল '৯৭ থেকে

প্রস্তাবিত নতুন ভবনে স্থানান্তরিত হবে

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সোনার বাংলার সোনালী স্বপ্ন বাস্তবায়নে নিয়োজিত

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Energy vessels</p> <p>4 In-line skater's protection</p> <p>8 Door-frame upright</p> <p>12 "We — not amused"</p> <p>13 Longtime shadom</p> <p>14 Thought</p> <p>15 Beach</p> <p>16 Beer</p> <p>18 Short and fat</p> <p>20 Recent Broadway musical</p> <p>21 Cushiony</p> <p>24 Camel's cousin</p> <p>28 Beer</p> <p>32 Black, to poets</p> <p>33 Environmentally friendly</p> <p>34 Long-billed sandpiper</p> <p>36 Realty offering</p> <p>37 Piles</p> <p>39 Brandy</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>61 Undeniably</p> <p>1 Cisterns</p> <p>2 OPEC member</p> <p>3 Options list</p> <p>4 Grant Hill's team</p> <p>5 Sitcom</p> <p>6 Zip-a-Dee-Do-oo-"</p> <p>7 Nose-in-the-air sort</p> <p>8 Ad verse</p> <p>9 Estival quencher</p> <p>10 Sea (Fr.)</p> <p>11 "— relief"</p> <p>17 "Capital"</p> <p>19 of 2 Down</p> <p>22 Marshes</p> <p>23 Singer</p> <p>25 Skilled</p> <p>26 Anchor</p> <p>27 The red and the black?</p> <p>28 Indiana city</p> <p>29 PC symbol</p> <p>30 Down times</p> <p>31 Media viewpoint</p> <p>35 Poured forth</p> <p>38 Colonize</p> <p>40 Heavy weight</p> <p>42 Bad hairpiece</p> <p>45 Douse a flame, one way</p> <p>47 Sallate</p> <p>48 Queue</p> <p>49 Prior nights</p> <p>50 That woman</p> <p>51 Polloi</p> <p>52 Possess</p> <p>53 Violently emotional</p> <p>54 Part of RSVP</p>
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CRYPTOQUIP

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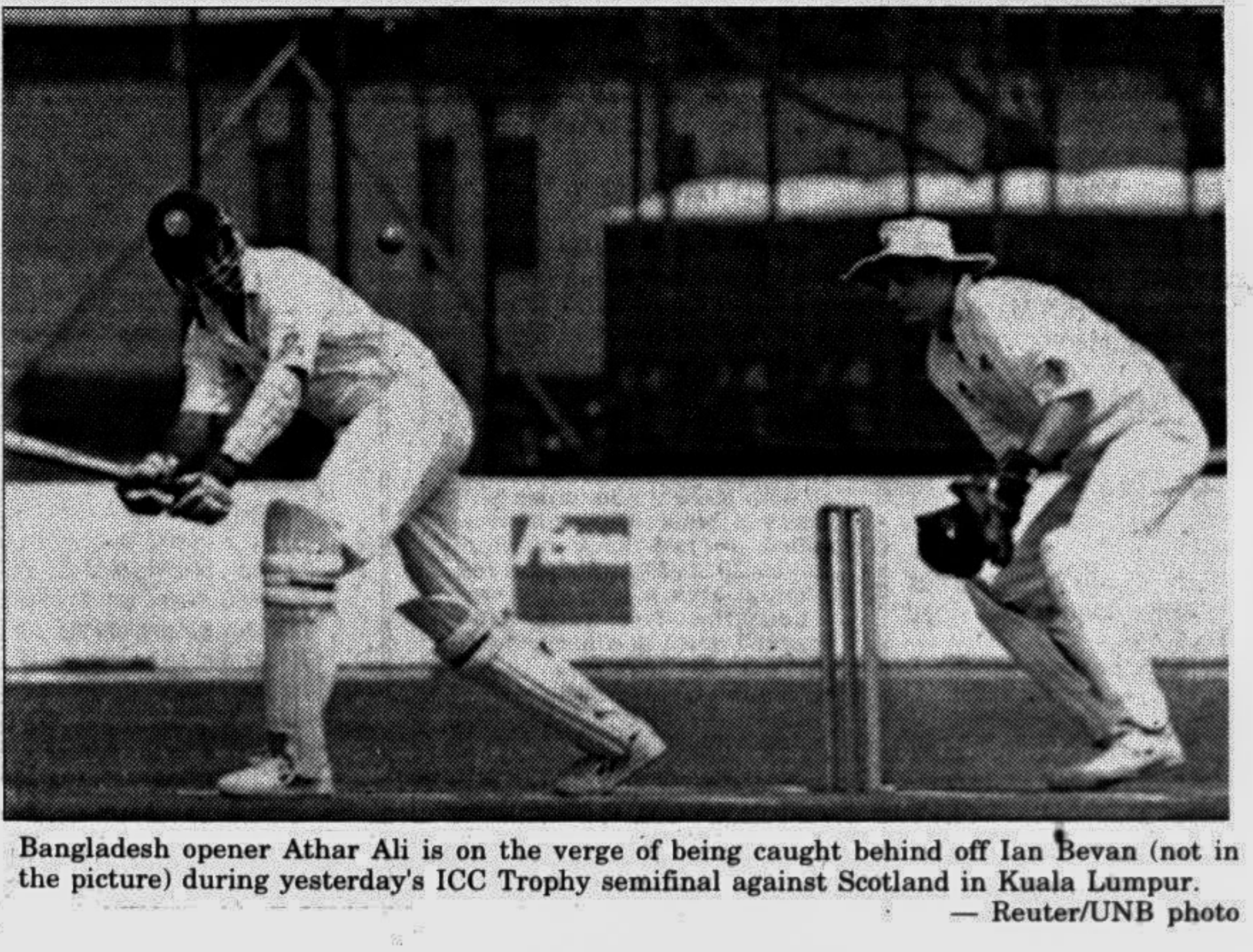
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Z W U V Q N Q D Z A Q N B U C N T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED TWINS ARE BORN ON TWO'S DAY.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals G

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that 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.



Bangladesh opener Athar Ali is on the verge of being caught behind off Ian Bevan (not in the picture) during yesterday's ICC Trophy semifinal against Scotland in Kuala Lumpur. — Reuter/UNB photo