

Column One

Sports
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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm,
Apr 25, '97

1	Who won this year's British Open squash title?	Jansher	Nicol	Eyles
2	Who won the Lipton Championship tennis title?	Hings	Seles	Novotna
3	Who lifted the international water polo trophy?	Army	Sri Lanka	Navy
4	Who clinched the national women's chess crown?	Nipa	Rani	Eva
5	Which team won the Top Five volleyball title?	BDR	Army	Air Force

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (if any)

SPORTS TALK



Wasim Akram
(Pakistan cricket captain)
"We are also human beings."
While expressing his feelings on too much cricket schedules.

MSC reception
for cricketers

Mohammed Sporting Club will accord a reception to the ICC Trophy champions Bangladesh cricket team on Saturday, reports UNB.

The reception will be held at 7.30 pm at Hotel Purbani, said a PID handout.

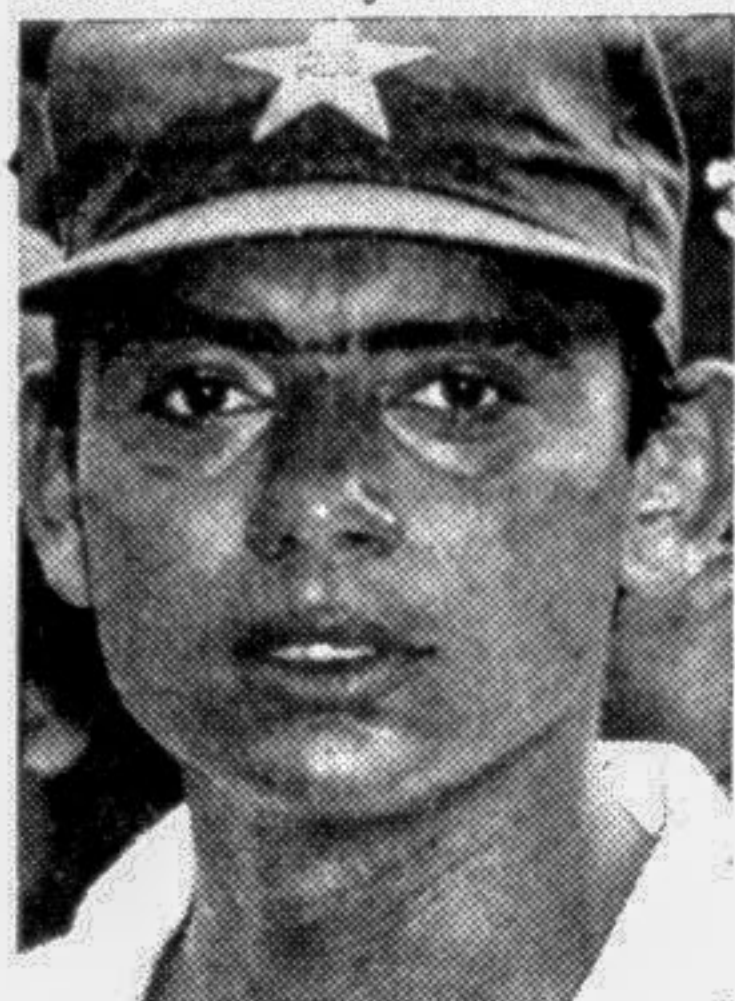
Tame draw at Colombo



COLOMBO, Apr 23: Aravinda de Silva hit up 168 as Sri Lanka batted through the fifth day's play to draw the first cricket Test against Pakistan here today, reports AFP.

The 31-year-old batting made amends for a lean patch in Test cricket by smashing 14 boundaries and a six in his ninth century that lit up the dreary fifth day's play.

The Sri Lankans gave themselves useful batting practice before Saturday's second and



SAQLAIN ... m-o-m

final Test by carrying their second innings from the overnight 206 for three to 423 for eight, a lead of 375.

Left-hander Hashan Tilak-erane followed his first innings 103 with a strokeful 54 and one-day specialist Sanath Jayasuriya hammered 82 off 54 balls as the depleted Pakistani attack struggled on the lifeless wicket.

Pakistan, without their injured pace duo of skipper Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, were compensated by a fine all-round performance by man-of-the-match Saqlain Mushtaq.

The 21-year-old off-spinner took nine wickets, including a career-best five for 89 in the first innings. Hit up 58 batting

at number eight and took a splendid catch in the covers to remove De Silva.

Saqlain, playing only his eighth Test, sent down 107.2 overs in the match under scorching heat at the Premadasa Stadium, he was supported by experienced leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed who picked up three wickets in each innings.

As the match petered out into a draw, the rival captains hoped the wicket at the Sinhalese Sports Club, the venue of the next Test would provide more support to the bowlers.

The wicket here was so slow there was little scope of a result, said Pakistan's Rameez Raja, who stood in for Akram.

"But I don't think we did badly without our ace bowlers Saqlain bowled and batted well, and Ijaz continued his good form with the bat, the gains outweighed the losses in this match."

Sri Lanka's Arjuna Ranatunga said De Silva's return to form was timely. "He is our best batsman and we lost 2-0 in New Zealand because we did not get runs from him."

"But he is too good a player to fail for long, and his century here put us in an advantage for the second test," Ranatunga said.

De Silva, 79 overnight, took an hour to reach the three-figure mark, his first in 15 Test innings after the 105 against Pakistan at Faisalabad in September 1995.

His sixth wicket stand with Jayasuriya provided the best entertainment of the day for some 3,000 home supporters, as 75 came off in just 86 minutes of attacking cricket.

De Silva reached his 150 with three boundaries and a two in four successive balls from Mohammad Zahid. Jayasuriya then swung Saqlain high over long-on for six.

De Silva appeared set to go for a double century when he fell in the second over after tea, miscaring a drive off Mushtaq to Saqlain in the covers.

Jayasuriya became Saqlain's ninth victim, holding out to point an hour before close.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Wednesday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 330 (H Tilak-erane 103, R Ranatunga 49; Saqlain Mushtaq 5-89, Mushtaq Ahmed 3-123).
PAKISTAN: First innings 378 (Ijaz Ahmed 113, Salim Malik 58, Saqlain Mushtaq 58; M Muralitharan 6-98).



DE SILVA...168

SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 206-3)

Atapattu c Nazir b Saqlain 25
Arnold c Nazir b Saqlain 15
De Silva c Saqlain b Mushtaq 168
Ranatunga c Raja b Saqlain 58
Tillekeratne c Raja b Saqlain 54
Kaluwitharana c Moin b Nazir 17
Jayasuriya c Elahi b Saqlain 62
Dharmasena not out 11
Vaas c sub b Mushtaq 1
Extras: (b-3, lb-4, nb-5) 12
Total: (for 8 wks) 423

Fall of wickets: 1-38; 2-53; 3-182; 4-265; 5-315; 6-390; 7-420; 8-423.

Bowling: O M R W
Zahid 11 0 60 1
Nazir 12 0 61 1
Saqlain 63 13 137 4
Mushtaq 39.1 9 94 3
Mujtaba 30 5 64 0

Only cricket at
Dhaka Stadium,
says Quader

Different sections of people including cricket officials and fans yesterday congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her allotting the Dhaka Stadium only for cricket.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader told BSS that a letter from the National Sports Council would be sent to the respective federations today.

The state minister is also chairman of the National Sports Council.

The state minister said to protect the natural pitch at the stadium, no other sports could be played there.

The manager of the Bangladesh cricket team Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu expressing his gratitude to the Prime Minister said it has fulfilled the long-cherished demand of the hundreds of cricketers and cricket lovers.

"The fans termed the decision as 'excellent and wise'."

Greenidge visits
BKSP today

National coach Gordon Greenidge accompanied by some senior cricketers will visit BKSP today to examine the facilities for indoor training, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP and Youth and Sports Secretary ASM Shahjahan will be present on the occasion.

Inter reach
UEFA Cup
final

MONACO, Apr 23: International football reached its third UEFA Cup final of the decade despite going down 1-0 to Monaco in the second leg of their semifinal on Tuesday, qualifying 3-2 on aggregate, reports Reuters.

The Italian side winners in 1991 and 1994, meet Schalke of Germany who eliminated Spain's Tenerife 2-1 on aggregate in the two-leg final next month.

Nigerian striker Victor Ikpeba, who scored Monaco's only goal in a 3-1 first leg defeat in Milan gave the French league leaders new hope when he volleyed home in the 70th minute.

Inter claimed hand ball but he referee patted the right side of his chest, showing midfielder Sylvain Legwinski had controlled the ball legally as he laid on the goal.

The Italians weathered a Monaco storm after tricky teenage winger Thierry Henry came on for Scotland's John Collins with less than half an hour to go.

With the home side committed to attack Inter came as close as the width of a post to Equalising in the final minutes.

First striker Maurizio Ganz, who scored twice in the first leg, broke through and looked set to score but central defender Martin Djetou just got back in time to boot the ball over for a corner.



An aerial Sonny Anderson of Monaco (C) shows his acrobatic skills during their UEFA Cup semifinal second leg clash against Inter Milan on Apr 22. Inter went down 1-0, but won 3-2 on aggregate to reach the final.

Boro-Chelsea FA Cup finale



SHEFFIELD, Apr 23: Middlesbrough reached the English FA Cup final for the first time in their 121-year history on Tuesday, thanks to a Dane, an Italian and a Brazilian who all scored in a 3-0 semifinal replay victory over giantkillers Chesterfield, reports Reuters.

The biggest impact on the game at Hillsborough was made by another of Middlesbrough's overseas signings — the Brazilian Juninho who had an outstanding match and was unlucky to have what seemed a perfectly good goal disallowed for an innocuous foul by a team mate.

Dane Mikkel Beck (12 minutes), Italian Fabrizio Ravanelli (57th) and Brazilian Emerson (89th) all found the net as the Premier league side finally overcame the stubborn resistance of Second Division Chesterfield, who held them to a 3-3 draw in the first encounter.

Middlesbrough will now meet Chelsea in the final at Wembley on May 17 in a match

that could feature five Italians — ex-Juventus team mates Ravanelli and Chelsea's Gianluca Vialli as well as Chelsea's Gianfranco Zola and Roberto Di Matteo and Middlesbrough's Gianluca Festa.

It means Middlesbrough's schizophrenic season could yet

Croat squad for
WC qualifier

ZAGREB, Apr 23 (Reuters): The Croatia squad for their World Cup European Group One qualifier against Greece in Salonika on April 30 was announced on Tuesday as follows:

Goalkeepers — Drazen Ladice, Toni Gabric, Marjan Mrmic.

Defenders — Goran Juric, Zvonimir Soldo, Dario Simic, Slaven Bilic, Dubravko Pavlicic, Robert Jarni.

Midfielders — Zvonimir Boban, Aljosa Asanovic, Robert Prosinecki, Niko Kovac, Nikola Jurcic, Krunoslav Juric.

Strikers — Alen Boksic, Davor Suker, Goran Vlaovic, Igor Cvitanovic, Silvio Maric, Igor Pamic.

end on a high note. It will be their second final after losing to Leicester in the League Cup final, yet they could still become the first team in English soccer history to win the FA Cup and be relegated.

Middlesbrough manager Bryan Robson, who captained Manchester United to three Cup final victories in 1983, 1985 and 1990, was delighted afterwards.

"If we win the Cup and stay up this wouldn't have been a troubled season after all."

Chesterfield manager John Duncan who had guided his club close to the first major final in their 131-year history, said he hoped Middlesbrough achieved both those aims.

The atmosphere inside Hillsborough was remarkable with the majority of the 30,000-plus crowd supporting the underdogs whose home ground is only 12 miles away.

But unlike the first game in which Chesterfield had led 2-0, the Second Division team never stamped their authority on the game and rarely troubled the Middlesbrough defence.

World Championships begin today

Sino supremacy at stake



MANCHESTER, Apr 23: China's continuing supremacy in world table tennis will be put to the ultimate test at the 114-nation World Championships starting here on Thursday, reports AFP.

China's seven-gold clean sweep in Tianjin on home soil in the last world event two years ago plus their four-gold whitewash at the Atlanta Olympics have made them a prestigious target to be shot down.

World champion Kong Linghui, Olympic and World Cup champion Liu Guoliang for the men, and world and Olympic champion Deng Yaping, the most successful woman player in the modern era, form an intimidating trio.

China are overwhelming favourites in both men's and women's team events which have a three-player-per-team, best-of-five single matches format in a change from Tianjin.

They are the only nation to have more than one player in the top 10 in the world for both men and women.

The five individual events offer the other nations a better chance of glory.

Sweden's world number two Jan-Ove Waldner and world number four Vladimir Samsonov from Belarus represent Europe's biggest hopes of wresting the men's singles title and boosting the continent's standing against Asia.

Current European champion Waldner, the only player to have won World Championship, Olympic, and World Cup singles crowns, began the year winning the 1997 Qatar Open and will be his continent's torchbearer.

That said, Waldner may be exused should he find himself with little motivation having won all there is to be won in the sport.

Samsonov, the World Cup bronze medalist from Nimes, France last year is the most improved player in the world since the 1995 event.

A right-handed attacking player in his early 20s, Samsonov has been likened to the having the talent of Waldner at the same age.

Samsonov's second place in the ITTF pro-tour finals to Kong Linghui in Tianjin in December is a recent reminder of his prowess on the highest stage.

Other challengers for the singles title include South Korea's Kim Taek Soo, China's portly Olympic silver medalist Wang Tao, the best defensive player in the world Ding Song also of China, and Jean-Michel Saive of Belgium, who won the English Open title earlier this year.

A women's singles champion

from outside China is unlikely but a European winner is almost unthinkable. World number 12 and European champion Nicole Struse of Germany is only one of four from her native continent in the top 20 and two of those are China-born.

Chinese Taipei's world number three Chen Jing, champion in Seoul in the first Olympic event, a left-handed close-to-the-table player with a formidable forehand, is a major non-Chinese threat in the singles.

Other possible winners read like a team sheet for China, including penholder Yang Ying, Li Ju, Wang Chen and teenager Wang Nan, with Japan's Chire Koyama and Hong Kong's world number 10 Chai Po Wa posing some threat from outside the premier nation.

Home hopes are led by England's Matthew Syed, crowned Commonwealth Games champion in Glasgow a matter of days ago, and Lisa Lomas, a former European silver medalist.

But this biggest ever World Championships — the 1991 World Student Games in Sheffield only had 104 nations and the 1993 World Championships in Gothenburg had 88 competing countries — should attract the home support their 31-player squad needs to challenge for medals.

Notice Inviting Tenders

1. Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited in BD Form No. 2911 from Special Class-I (One) and Class-I (One) enlisted Building Contractors of PWD Bangladesh, Class-II (Two) enlisted Building Contractors of PWD Chittagong Zone, Chittagong and Class-III (Three) enlisted Building Contractors of PWD Circle-I (One), Chittagong for the under mentioned works and will be received by the undersigned and as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division No. I/II, Chittagong/PWD Division, Rangamati up to 12:00 Noon of 7/5/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers who will remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

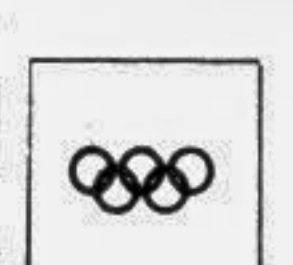
2. Name of work : 1. Construction of 6 (Six) Nos. 10-Bedded Thana Health Complex—one at Lakshmichhari under Khagrachhari Hill District under the Scheme Construction of 50 Nos. New Thana Health Complexes (2nd Phase). Sub-Head:-Construction of Generator & Store Room. Group No. I (One) Nos. 2. Construction of 6 (Six) Nos. 10-Bedded Thana Health Complex—one at Matiranga under Khagrachhari Hill District under the Scheme Construction of 50 Nos. New Thana Health Complexes (2nd Phase). Sub-Head:- Construction of Generator & Store Room. Group No. II (Two).
3. Construction of 6 (Six) Nos. 10-Bedded Thana Health Complex—one at Panchhari under Khagrachhari Hill District under the Scheme Construction of 50 Nos. New Thana Health Complexes (2nd Phase). Sub-Head:- Construction of Generator & Store Room. Group No. III (Three).
3. Estimated cost : Group No. I= Tk. 3,64,969/-
Group No. II= Tk. 3,72,775/-
Group No. III= Tk. 3,48,340/-
4. Earnest money : Group No. I= Tk. 7,300/-
Group No. II= Tk. 7,456/-
Group No. III= 6,967/-
5. The tender form together with schedule of items, specifications, special-1 terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, PWD Division No. I/II, Chittagong/PWD Division, Rangamati and all offices of the Sub-Divisional Engineers under this Division during office hours on all working days on or before 6/5/97 on payment of usual charge.

Md Nazrul Islam
Executive Engineer

Khagrachhari PWD Division
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Waiting for Africa's dawn



CHANTILLY, Virginia, Apr 23: The 21st century should be an African century, starting with the 2004 Olympic Summer Games at Cape Town, South African Deputy President Thabo Mbeki told corporate and government leaders Monday, reports AP.

"The time has come for the rest of the world to demonstrate its commitment to the African renaissance by awarding the Games of 2004 to the African continent," Mbeki said in a speech appealing for both in a vestment and positive new attitudes toward Africa from the international community.

He addressed the Corporate

Goodwill Games' attraction

ATLANTA, Georgia, Apr 23: Goodwill Games organisers will offer five million dollars in prize money as inducement for participants in the 1998 New York event, reports AFP.

"We're going to be pretty close to bringing the best people at that time at the top of their game," Goodwill Games president Michael Plant said.

"In order to build a credible event, we had to induce people to come. Now the inducement is going to be the total package."

More than 100 competitors were given appearance fees to compete at the 1994 Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia. But Plant said only a handful of 1998 competitors will be paid merely to attend.

More than 1,300 competitors from more than 70 nations are anticipated to compete from July 19-August 2 in 12 sports, the most exciting of which are athletics, gymnastics, figure skating and basketball.

The event was conceived as an Olympics alternative in the 1980s when the United States and Soviet Union had boycotted the Olympics.

Recent years have seen the format reduced to elite fields and fewer sports and made it at best a long-term advance look at favourites for future Games.

Council on Africa, made up of major US and transnational corporate executives, with high officials from Algeria and 24 government south of the Sahara Desert invited as guests.

US President Bill Clinton addressed Monday night's closing session at a suburban Washington conference centre through a video screening introduced by his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The Olympic bid from Cape Town, at the Cape of Good Hope on Africa's southernmost tip, comes not only from his country but 'is in reality an African bid', Mbeki said.

"Apart from the fact that Cape Town can successfully host the 2004 Olympics... Africa's time has come," Mbeki said. "Africa needs your support to carry through the difficult and complex task of achieving her renaissance."

The 2000 Summer Games have been awarded to Sydney, and the International Olympic Committee plans late this year to choose among Cape Town and four other candidates for the 2004 Games: Athens, Buenos Aires, Rome and Stockholm.

As described by Mbeki, a Cape Town Olympics could be another in a series of African "miracles" emerging from a continent too often dismissed by outsiders as a "netherworld" of hunger, poverty, underdevelopment and unending conflict.

"I stand here today as a product of one such miracle, the peaceful transformation of South Africa from white supremacist apartheid to racial equality, he said.

Angola's new Government of Unity and Reconciliation, formed after decades of bloodshed, is another miracle, Mbeki continued.

In strife-torn Zaire, "a new miracle slouches towards its birth," he said, not mentioning embattled President Mobutu Sese Seko by name while voicing hope for "a new Zaire, perhaps with a new name, which shall be democratic, peaceful, prosperous, an exemplar of what the new Africa should be."

Ronaldo remains
Barcelona's?

BARCELONA, Apr 23: Barcelona's Brazilian striker Ronaldo is poised to sign a new contract with the First Division side, said club president Jose Luis Nunez here today, reports AFP.

Nunez said the new deal would keep the 20-year-old at the club until 2006.

The contract includes a 107-million-dollar payment to the club if Ronaldo leaves before the end of 2006.

Several clubs have been after the Brazilian sensation including Lazio. The Italian side recently offered 30 million dollars.

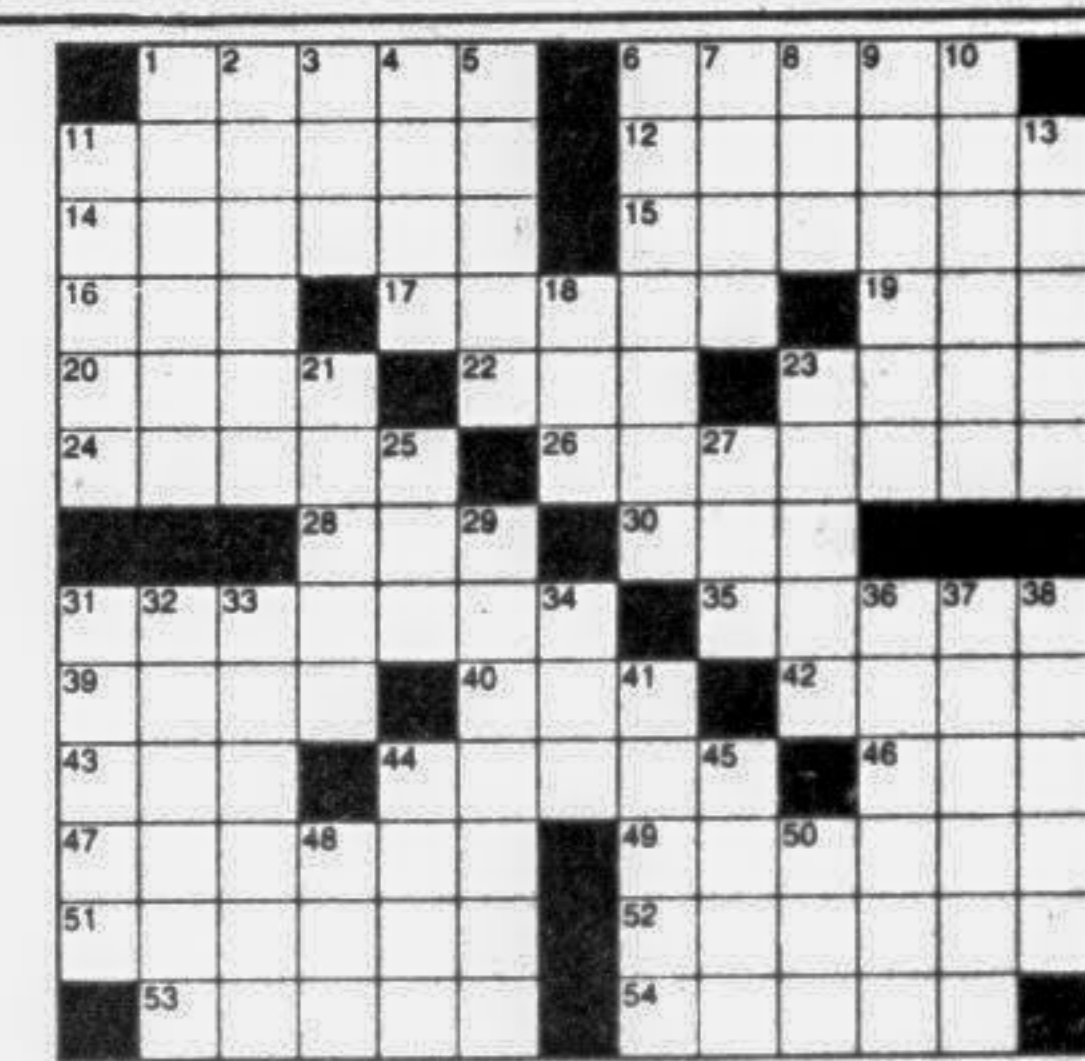
Army hockey

JESSORE, Apr 23: Comilla Area defeated defending champions Jessore 2-0 in the inaugural match of the Bangladesh Army annual hockey championship that began here today, reports UNB.

The winners led the first half by a solitary goal.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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39 "So be it"	8 1950s sitcom family	21 "South Pacific" lack?	47 Impresario
40 Tablet	9 1950s sitcom family	22 "South Pacific" lack?	48 Impresario



CRYPTOQUIP

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S D J H R G Q K Q H M R X C

X E U D T V T E R S X Z A

T U H T J E Z A U X G Q

Yesterday's Cryptogram: I THINK A FAKE DIAMOND IS OFTEN CONSIDERED A SHAMROCK.

Today's Cryptogram clue: H equals L

The Cryptogram 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.