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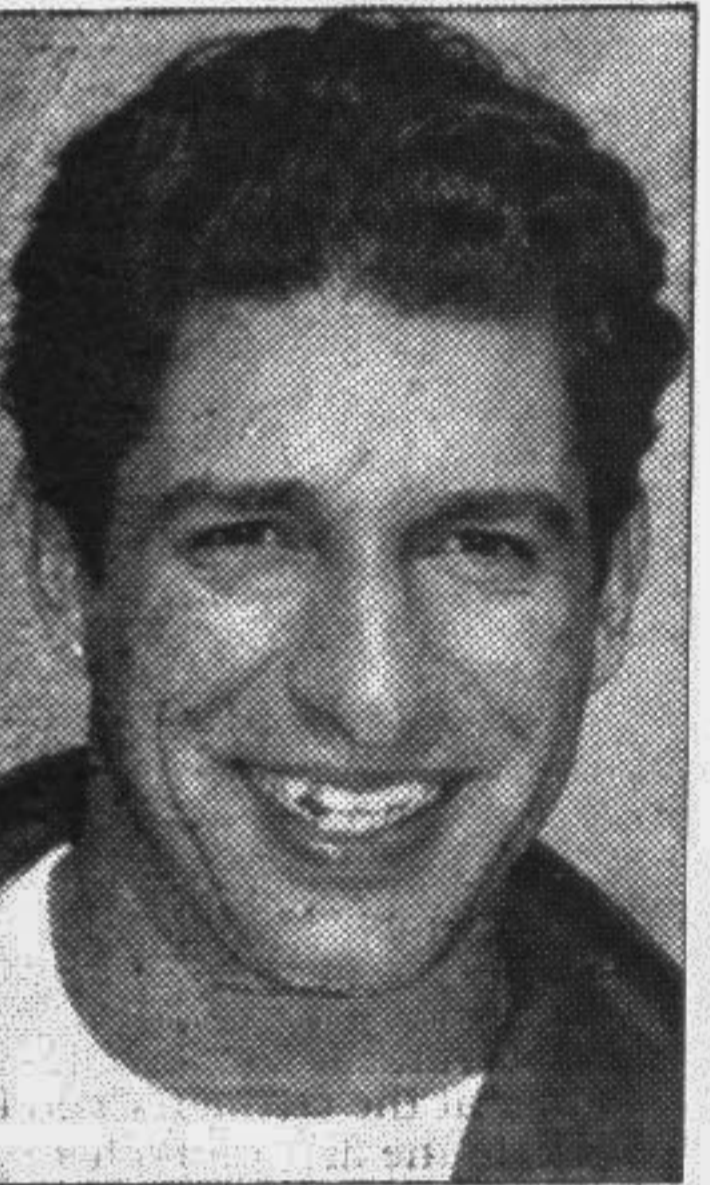
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN competition-69 Tick the Correct Answers

- 1 Who was adjudged man-of-the-final in the 6th ICC Trophy? Pilot Tikolo Rafique 2 Who scored two half-centuries for Bangladesh in the 6th ICC Trophy? Akram Bulbul Nannu 3 Who was the man-of-the-match in the second semifinal of the 6th ICC tournament? Williamson Pilot Dumble 4 How many centuries has Sanath Jayasuriya scored in Test cricket? Two Three Four 5 How old was Denis Compton when he died? 75 78 79

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SPORTS TALK



Wasim Akram (Pakistan cricket captain) 'I can't bowl and I can't bat. The cure is rest.' On arrival in Sri Lanka with his team to play two Test matches recently.

New MSC hockey body formed

Sports reporter Mohammedan Sporting Club yesterday formed a strong 23-member hockey committee for the next two seasons with Giasuddin Quader Chowdhury as chairman and Sajjad Akil as secretary.

The committee also included three vice-chairman - Habibul Alam BP, Monwar Hossain and Sayed Rabiul Akbar - and 18 members.



Giasuddin Adel The members are - Mahatab Uddin Ahmed, Fahim Hossain, Khurshid Alam, Dewar Hossain, Hossain Imam, Hanif Bhuiyan, Tariquzzaman Nannu, Sarwar Hossain, Abdus Salam, Borhanul Karim, J A Naser, Masum Ali, Athar Molla, Dost Mohammed, Asgar Ali, Rejanur Chowdhury, Luthfur Rahman and Wasim Khan.

NBL v'ball

Titas Club recorded their fifth consecutive victory to maintain their solo lead in the NBL Premier Division volleyball league beating Power Development Board by 15-6, 15-5, 15-11 points at the volleyball court yesterday, reports UNB.

With the day's win, the title aspirants Titas Club overcame a big hurdle on their way to the league title earning full points. It was the first defeat for the Power Board in their third league outings. Bangladesh Rifles also maintained their all-win record defeating Bangladesh Police AC by 15-1, 15-1, 15-7 points in their fourth league engagement at the same venue.

In the day's other match, Water Development Board earned the fourth victory in their fifth league ties beating Dhaka Sabuj by 15-6, 15-8, 15-8 points in the afternoon. Earlier on Wednesday, Water Development Board beat Bangladesh Police AC by 16-17, 15-5, 15-12, 16-14 points.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Insurance First Division league match between Mariner Young's Club and Victoria Sporting Club at the Hockey Stadium. Mariner won the match 4-0. - Star photo

Mariner men march on

Sports Reporter Title aspirants Mariner Young's Club extended their all-win streak to four when they handed promoters Victoria Sporting Club a 0-4 defeat in one of the two Green Delta Insurance First Division Hockey League matches held at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Skipper Biaka Lusal, centre forward Musa Miah, winger Giasuddin Rubel and centre half Khaja Fazal Mahmood struck one goal each for the winners, who dominated the whole proceedings and led the first half 3-0. Biaka, the short and speedy Mariner centre forward, put his side ahead in the 22nd minute flicking the ball home cashing in on a Musa free hit from the right corner. Biaka then went on to generate the second goal after wresting the ball from the middle. He sped into the Victoria D box and neatly passed on to Musa who hit the ball passed an advancing Victoria custodian Shahidullah in the 24th minute.

Rubel notched the last goal of the first half just after six minutes. After receiving a short pass from Fazal inside the danger area, the tall Mariner winger dribbled past two Victoria defenders to rock the board with a power-packed hit. Mariners went into the second half with quite a relaxed mood and as a result they had to satisfy with only one goal when Fazal steered the ball home from a Musa pass in the 50th minute. With yesterday's victory, Mariners raised their tally to 12 from four matches and

joined Usha Krira Chakra, Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra on the top of the 16-team meet. On the other hand, it was fourth successive defeat for Victoria from as many matches. TEAMS MARINER YOUNG'S CLUB: Don, Isah Miah, Ashique, Kanchan, Amirullah, Fazal, Biaka, Musa Miah, Jewel, Azharul, Hafiz Anadel, Munna, Javed and Rubel. VICTORIA SC: Shahidullah, Shamsuddin, Faruque, Al-Mamun, Ramjan, Latif, Mozammel, Khaza Danesh, Sadeq, Sohan, Rafique, Noor Mohammad, Tuhin and Karim. Umpires: Maksudur Rahman and Abdul Rashid Khan.

TAB earns recognition

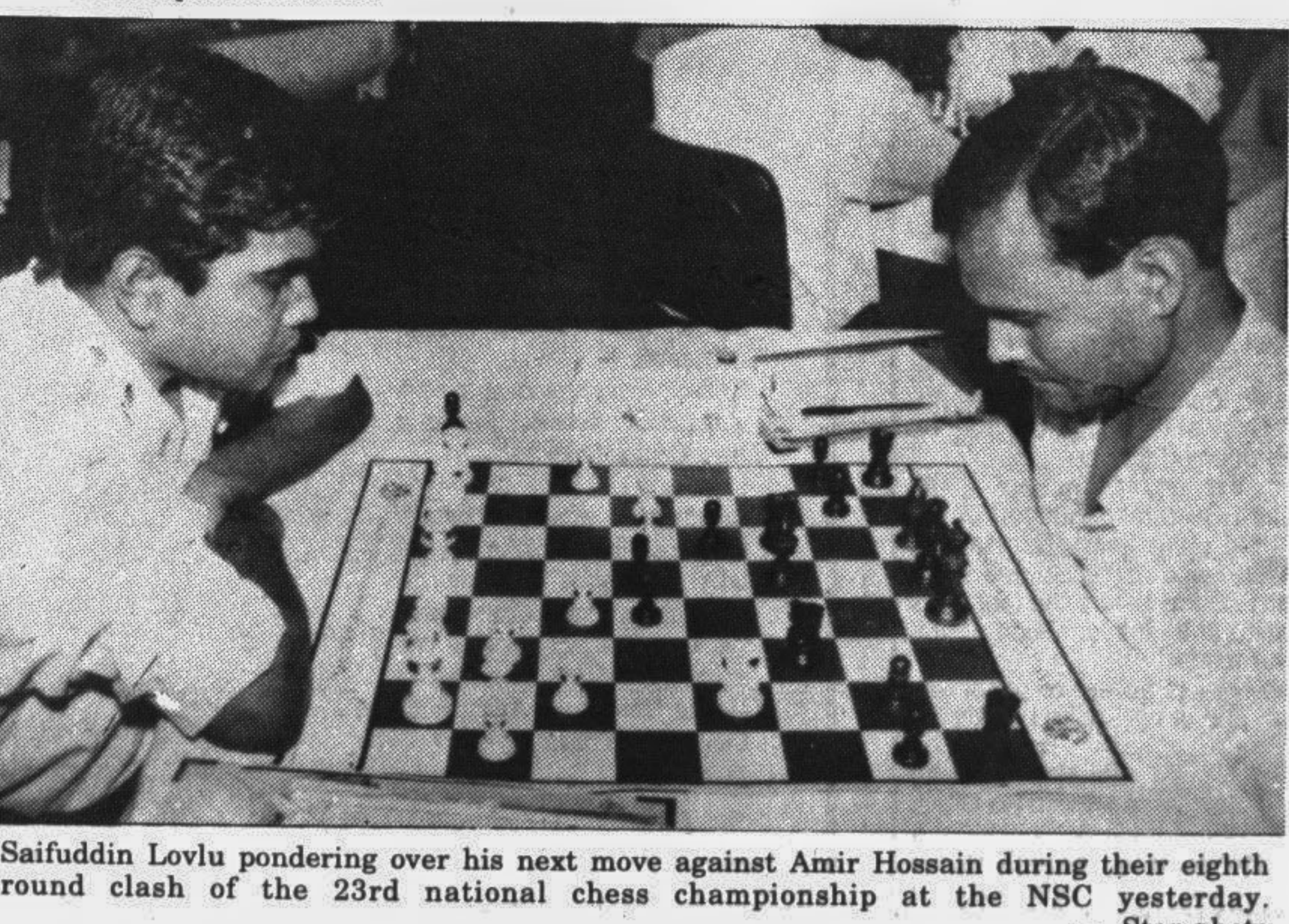
Sports Reporter The National Sports Council (NSC) has recognised Taekwondo Association of Bangladesh (TAB) as a national federation in a circular issued on May 6.

The announcement by the governing body of local sports means that TAB will be the 29th affiliated body of the NSC. Besides, the NSC has also appointed Sayed Mohammed Ziaul Haq as the president of the association.

Meanwhile, the TAB, in a press release issued yesterday, have expressed their gratitude to the State Minister for Youth and Sports and NSC chairman Obaidul Quader for the recognition.

Quddus goes to Beirut May 17

Secretary General of Bangladesh Olympic Association Golan Quddus Chowdhury will leave for Beirut on Saturday to attend the annual meeting of the National Olympic Committees of Asia, reports UNB. The two-day programme for the secretary generals of the Asian NOCs will be held on May 24-25 at the capital of Lebanon.



Saifuddin Lovlu pondering over his next move against Amir Hossain during their eighth round clash of the 23rd national chess championship at the NSC yesterday. - Star photo

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LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with 7 columns: Teams, M, W, D, L, GF, GS, Points. Lists teams like Usha KC, Abahani KC, Mohammedan SC, Mariner Young's Club, Ajax SC, Farashganj SC, War Club, Sadharan Bima KS, Sonali Bank, Azad SC, Bangladesh Railway, Police AC, Bangladesh SC, Bachelor SC, Victoria SC, Dhaka Ansars with their respective stats.

Hattricks: Kamal (Usha-KC) against Bachelor SC, Bangladesh SC and Ansars (double hattrick); Hasan Roni (MSC) against Ansars; Biaka Lusal (Mariner Young's Club) against Bachelor SC; Raju (Abahani KC) against Bangladesh SC; Javed (Mariner Young's Club) against Ansars; Tutul Kamal Nag (Usha KC) against Victoria SC; Murad Ikramullah (Sadharan Bima) and Sadeq (Usha KC) against Ansars. Leading goalscorers (minimum 5 goals scored): 15 goals - Kamal (Usha KC); 9 goals - Shuvo (Ajax SC); 8 goals - Sadeq (Usha KC); 7 goals - Siam-e-Noor (MSC); Mohammad Javed (Mariner Young's Club) and Biaka Lusal (Mariner Young's Club); 5 goals - Hasan Roni (MSC) and Tutul (Usha KC).

Rajib takes solo lead

Sports Reporter Enamul Hossain Rajib took solo lead in the 23rd national chess championship when the young Mohammedan contender defeated fellow title-aspirant Ali Amjad Mintu in the eighth round of the 15-round Swiss league meet at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Rajib, who was jointly sharing the top slot with yesterday's vanquished Khandaker Kayes Hassan at the end of the seventh round of Wednesday, adopted the Pelican variation of the Sicilian Defence to beat Mintu after only 27 moves on the board. With the crucial victory Rajib improved his points tally to highest six and a half points. While Kayes, whose performance often fluctuates, suffered a stunning defeat at the hands of an unheralded Arifuzzaman Shikder. Both Mintu and Kayes are now sharing the second slot with Abdullah-al-Rakib, who recorded an impressive victory over Swapan on the day. Besides, in a day of upsets FIDE Master Rezaul conceded a defeat against Shiplu to remain content with his previous collection of five points.

Meanwhile, in the other matches of the day, Saifuddin Lovlu defeated a lowly-rated Amir Hossain; Masum outwitted Shawkat Hossain; Pallab Nasir beat Javed and Shakil subdued Sumon. Standings: 6.5 points - Rajib, 5.5 points - Kayes, Rakib and Mintu; 5 points - Lovlu, Reza and Shakil; 4.5 points - Sumon; 4 points - Masum and Shiplu; 3.5 points - Nasir; 3 points - Pallab and Arif; 1.5 points - Javed; 1 point - Amir Hossain; 0.5 points - Swapan.

DU football

Islamic History Department trounced Finance by 4-0 in the Dhaka University inter-department-football tournament at the university ground yesterday, reports UNB. The winners led the first half 1-0.

Suncrest h'ball begins today

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Ansars will take on Victoria Sporting Club in the inaugural match of the Suncrest Cup handball tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF), at the handball court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium today. Nine teams are participating in the meet. Sponsor National Beverage Industries Limited will provide Taka 60,000 to the budget, planned Taka 85,000. A press conference in this regard, was held at the National Sports Council conference room yesterday. Hamida Ali and Brig Enam Hossain, the two vice-presidents of BHF, and tournament committee chairman Naim Ahmed spoke on the occasion. Among others, BHF general secretary Asaduzzaman Kohinor was also present. Following are the participating teams: Bangladesh Rifles, Bangladesh Police, Bangladesh Ansars, Menjis Krira Chakra, Victoria Sporting Club, Dhaka Wanderers Club, West Jatrabari Krira Chakra, Bangladesh Air Force and Kendrio Kishore Kafeila.

Earlier, in the day's first encounter at the same venue, Ajax Sporting Club recorded a 2-1 victory over Azad Sporting Club. Centre forward Shuvo scored both the goals for the Elephant Road outfit while Habul reduced the margin for Azad. With yesterday's two goals, Shuvo scored nine goals in the league so far to become second highest goalscorer behind Usha Krira Chakra's Rafiqul Islam Kamal who scored 15 goals. For Ajax it was third win out of four matches which raised their tally to 10 points while Azad remained glued to their previous collection of four points.

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Reinstatement of rebel on

LAHORE, May 15: Pakistani cricket managers Wednesday suspended a two-year ban on Test cricketer Amir Sohail but fined him 50,000 rupees (1,250 dollars), officials said, reports AFP. The council of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) suspended the penalty imposed by it in April on charges of indiscipline against Sohail after the player submitted a written apology last week, board officials said. Sohail has been asked to reappear before the PCB disciplinary committee to explain his match-fixing and betting accusations against teammates which had triggered the harsh action, they said.

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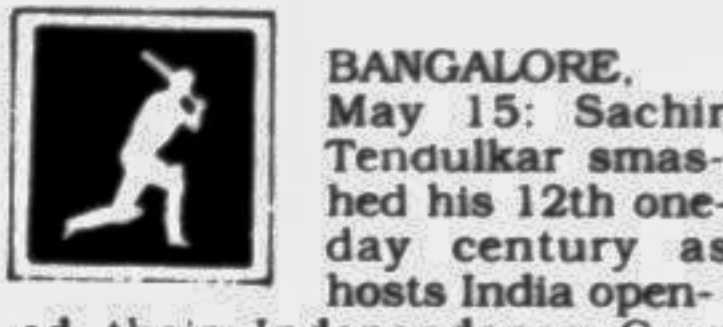
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Some solace for Taylor

ARUNDEL, England, May 15: Some gentle bowling allowed Mark Taylor to get back among the runs as the Australians began their tour of England with the traditional curtain-raiser against a Duke of Norfolk's XI today, reports AFP. Taylor, so out of form last winter that he eventually dropped himself from the Aussie one-day side in South Africa, scored 45 as Australia, who had chosen to bat, reached 145 for four from 37 of their 50 overs at lunch. Taylor and Mark Waugh put on 101 for the first wicket, with the stocky Aussie skipper Taylor enjoying some much-needed early luck against the aging former England seamer Neal Radford and Neil Foster. But the Aussies suffered a double blow just before the interval, losing Steve Waugh, stumped for 27, and Ricky Ponting, bowled for 13 trying to cut Duke of Norfolk's XI skipper John Emburey, in successive overs. Both Waugh brothers hit sixes, off Andy Whittall and Grant Flower respectively. A third Zimbabwean Test player, former national captain Andy Flower, missed a stumping off Emburey when Steve Waugh was on 18 - but then made no mistake to give his younger brother a prized wicket. Taylor spent 86 balls over his runs, but was beginning to play with some fluency in front of a good-sized crowd when he tried to swing Emburey away and was bowled. Nevertheless, it was a valuable workout for Taylor, who has already admitted that if he does not regain his batting touch over the next few weeks, then he would consider leaving himself out of the Ashes Test series.

Tendulkar torments Kiwis Indians open in style



BANGALORE, May 15: Sachin Tendulkar smashed his 12th one-day century as hosts India opened their Independence Cup campaign with an impressive eight-wicket win over New Zealand here on Wednesday, reports AFP. The Indians, who returned home from the tour of the West Indies and Bermuda just 40 hours earlier, overcame fatigue and energy-sapping humidity to outplay the Kiwis from start to finish. They brushed aside a superb 92 from Nathan Astle to restrict New Zealand to 220 for nine, taking the last eight wickets for the addition of only 111 runs. Tendulkar, the 24-year-old Indian captain, then steered India towards an easy win with a brilliant 117 after sharing a 169-run opening stand with Saurav Ganguly (62). Ganguly was caught behind off Gavin Larsen in the 32nd over, but Tendulkar stayed till the 42nd before being bowled by Astle when only six runs remained for victory. Rahul Dravid (21 not out) and Vinod Kambli, who hit the winning boundary, ensured there were no last-minute hitches as 40,000 boisterous home fans at the Chinnaswamy Stadium celebrated with bonfires. The lop-sided win threw open the round-robin league with India, New Zealand and Pakistan level with two points each. But the hosts have the advantage of two matches in hand. India need to beat either world champions Sri Lanka at Bombay on Saturday or Pakistan at Madras on May 21 to qualify for the best-of-three finals starting on May 24. New Zealand defeated Pakistan, who then upset Sri Lanka in the first two matches of the tournament being organised to celebrate the 50th year of India's independence. Astle, who hit 117 against Pakistan last Friday, missed his second successive century by eight runs after Stephen Fleming won the toss and elected to bat in the day-night encounter. But the Kiwis, who would have qualified for the final had they won, undid the good work by sloppy running between the wickets. Four batsmen were run out and Adam Parore's 32 was the next highest score against some tight bowling and fielding by the Indians. Tendulkar started slowly, scoring only two in the first three overs while his partner Ganguly raced to 16. But Ganguly managed only three more as Tendulkar smashed 48 to reach his half-century in the 12th over with the help of two sixes and seven boundaries. Seamer Heath Davis, who bowled a 10-ball first over with two no-balls and as many wickets, was hammered by the Indian captain for 18 runs in

four consecutive balls of his third over. Davis, visibly tired in the heat, needed 12 balls to complete his fifth over and was not asked to bowl again. His five overs cost 54 runs. The travel-weary Indians appeared set for a long haul at the start when Astle and Bryan Young put on 59 for the first wicket by the 10th over. But Young's dismissal in the 11th over, caught at mid-wicket off spinner Sunil Joshi for 17, slowed the run-rate dramatically. Just 66 runs came in the next 15 overs and India seized the initiative by grabbing quick wickets as the Kiwis went for desperate runs. Matt Horne (23) and Fleming (13) were run out in midfield mix-ups with Astle to reduce New Zealand to 136 for three by the 29th over. All-rounder Robin Singh opened up the lower-order with

two wickets in successive overs, including the vital one of Astle. After trapping Chris Cairns leg-before with slow medium pace, Singh uprooted Astle's middle-stump as the batsman played over a seaming delivery. Leg-spinner Anil Kumble removed Chris Harris with a superb return catch and then Dipak Patel became the third run out victim after a misunderstanding with Parore, who was himself run out later. Singh and Joshi finished with two wickets each, but Kumble was the pick of the bowlers, conceding just 30 runs in his 10 overs. SCOREBOARD NEW ZEALAND Young c Kumble b Joshi 17 Astle b Singh 23 Horne run out 13 Fleming run out 13 Cairns lbw b Singh 3 Harris c and b Kumble 3 Parore run out 32 Patel run out 12 Larsen b Joshi 12 Penn not out 7

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Skippers' summit

CALCUTTA, May 15: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has invited all the captains of the Indian cricket team in official Tests and one-day internationals since independence to witness the second and third finals of the Pepsi Independence Cup scheduled here on May 27 and 28, reports PTI. The BCCI secretary, Jagmohan Dalmiya revealed it today. "A cricket tournament for such a special cause cannot be completed without the presence of the cricketers who have had outstanding contribution to Indian cricket," Dalmiya said. "All these stalwarts have played a great role in the shaping of Indian cricket history and their presence will certainly add to the grandeur of an event like Pepsi Independence Cup," Dalmiya said. The list of invitees by the board includes: Lala Amarnath, Vijay Hazare, Ghulam Ahmed, Polly Umrigar, Hemu Adhikari, D K Gaekwad, Pankaj Roy, G S Ramchand, Nari Contractor, Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, Chandu Borge, Ajit Wadekar, S Venkataraghavan, Sunil Gavaskar, Bishen Singh Bedi, G R Vishwanath, Kapil Dev, Dilip Vengsarkar, Ravi Shastri, K Srikkanth, Mohammad Azharuddin and Sachin Tendulkar.

Azhar fans may go on agitation

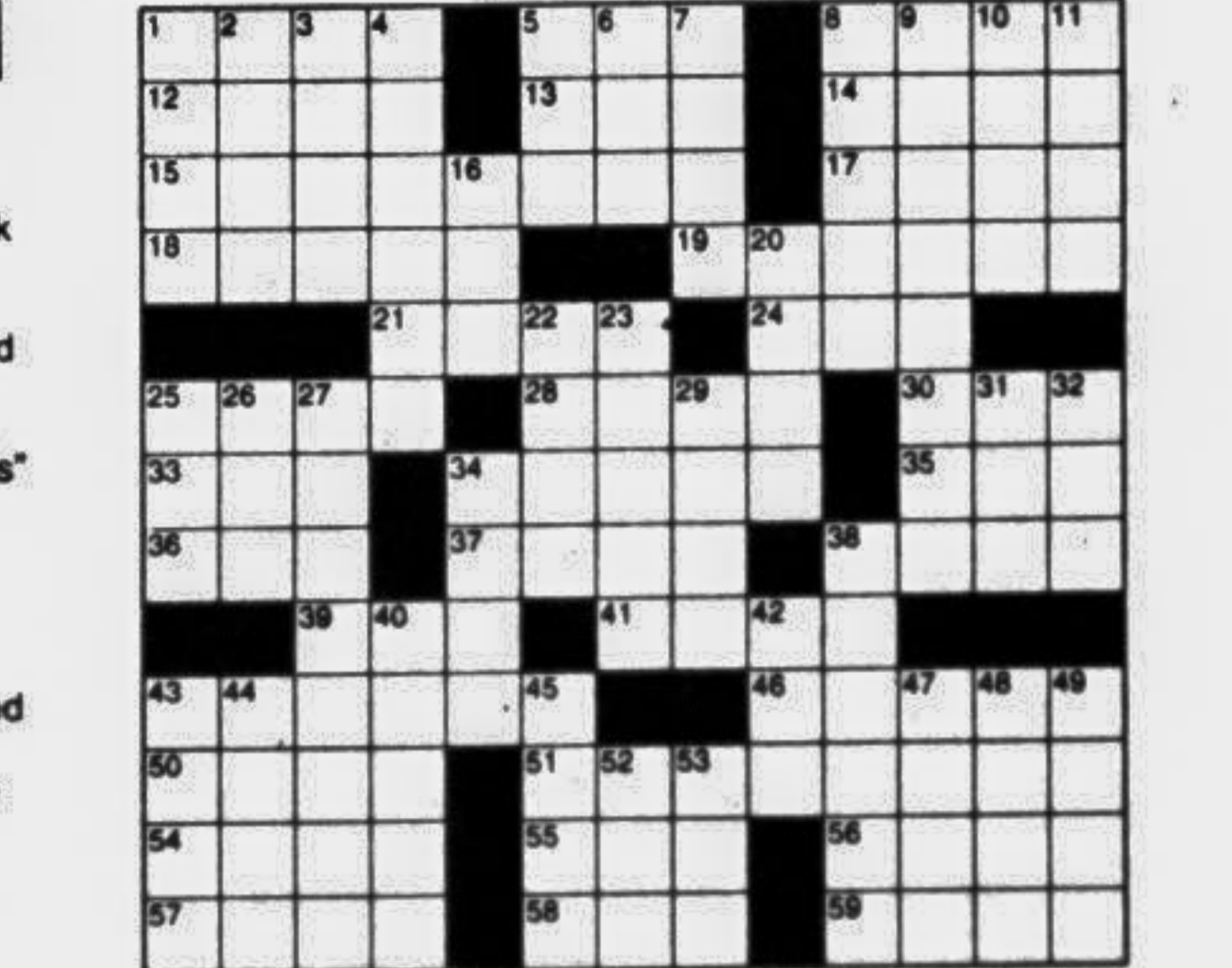
NEW DELHI, May 15: Fans of former Indian cricket captain Mohammad Azharuddin are staging a hunger strike and calling on the prime minister to intervene to get him reinstated to the national squad, the United News of India said today, reports Reuters. The news agency said 30 people in the western city of Aurangabad had written to Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral and current team captain Sachin Tendulkar demanding Azharuddin be given back his place. Indian cricket selectors last week dropped Azharuddin for the four-nation Independence Cup one-day tournament. The fans threatened to stage a massive demonstration on Saturday during a match between India and Sri Lanka, scheduled to be played in Aurangabad, the agency said. They also threatened to launch nationwide agitation. Azharuddin was last at the centre of a controversy when he married a Hindu movie star Sangeeta Bijlani in November 1996 and received death threats from Muslim fundamentalists outraged by his marriage outside his faith. Azharuddin, a divorcee with two children from his previous marriage, as then given special armed protection usually reserved for VIPs.



Australia's Mark Waugh and Duke of Norfolk's XI keeper Andy Flower watch as the ball goes into the crowd during their match in Arundel, England on May 15. - AFP/UNB photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP V I H Q P E F E K P V E U M V Q P E V H Z G K D V H M V I Q V Q Z Z I H H Q U K M W M M W X F Z G F W K X D K W G Yesterday's Cryptogram: BRAUNNY HAWAIIAN BASKETBALL PLAYERS USUALLY LIKE TO SHOOT HULA HOOPS. Today's Cryptogram clue: K equals N 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.