

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-71

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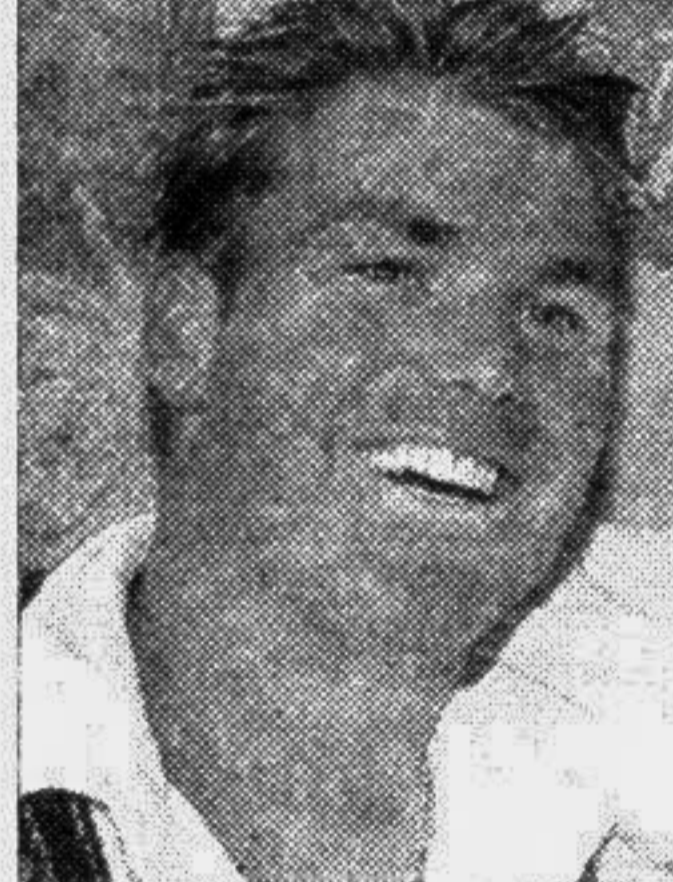
Competition closes 8 pm, June 13, '97

- 1 Who lifted the Independence Cup cricket title? Pakistan Sri Lanka India
2 Who won the European Cup football title? Borussia Bayern Juventus
3 How many fours did Saeed Anwar clout in his record one-day innings of 194? 20 21 22
4 Who was adjudged man-of-the-series in the Independence Cup? De Silva Jayasuriya Aaqub
5 Who became champion in the 23rd national chess tourney? Rakib Lofwi Rajib

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SPORTS TALK



Shane Warne (Australian leg-spinner) 'This is always the best series of all, on matter whether we are the two best teams or not.'

About the Ashes Test series.

WHIZZ KID-70 winner

Shehrin Mehjabin (Tuhin) Mirpur Model Academy (Remember to bring your ID card and a passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on June 4. Please collect it on time or be left out)

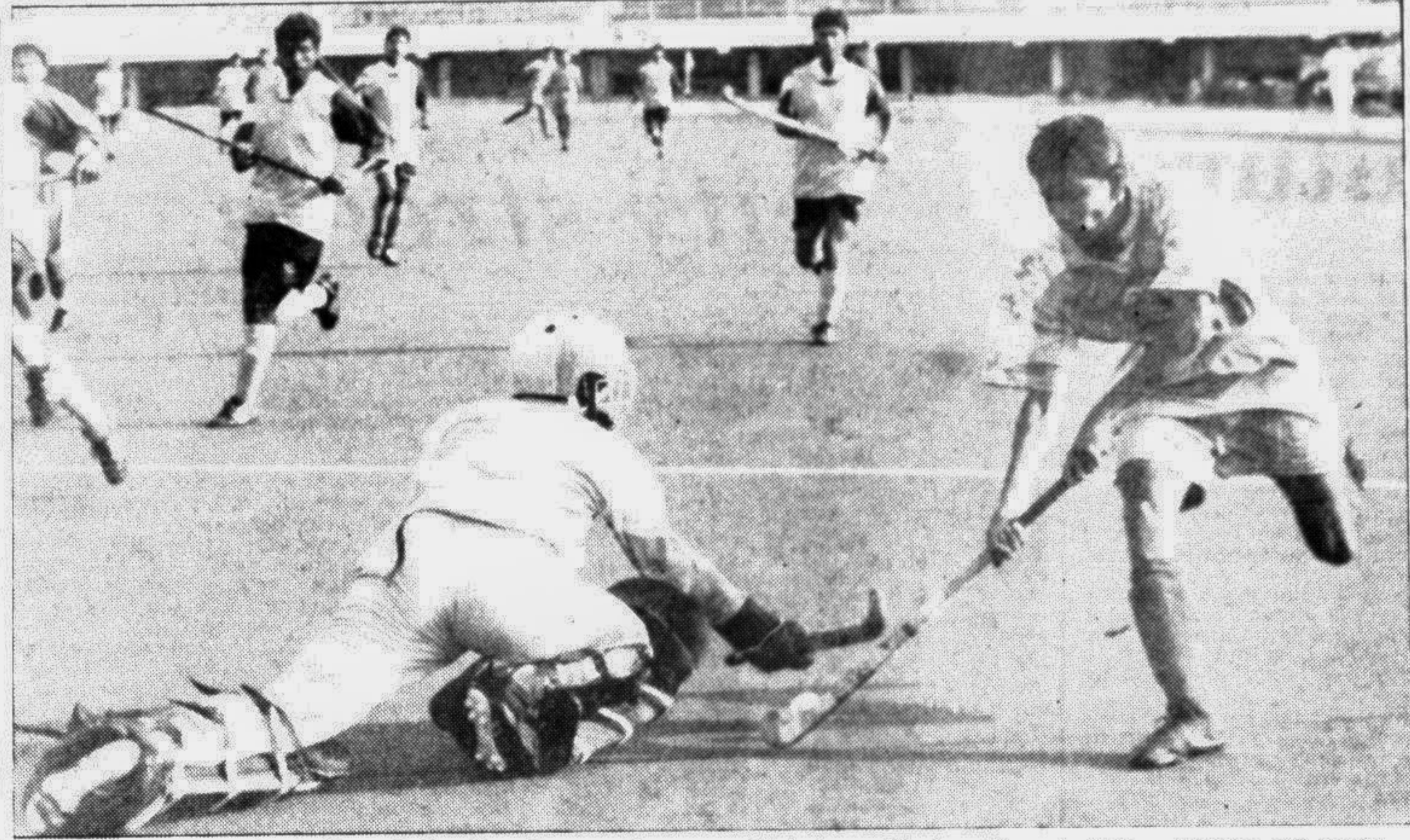
WHIZZ KID-70 correct answers

- 1. How many one-day centuries has Sachin Tendulkar scored so far? Ans. 12
2. How many one-day matches did Saqlain Mushtaq play to capture his 100th wicket? Ans. 52
3. Who won the Italian Open ladies' tennis title? Ans. Pierce
4. Who scored the first hat-trick in this year's Premier Division hockey league? Ans. Kamal
5. Who clinched the national cricket championship title this year? Ans. Chittagong.

Given joins Magpies

LONDON, May 30: Newcastle United Signed Blackburn Rovers goalkeeper Shay Given today and will now test whether they have to pay their English Premier League rivals a transfer fee, reports Reuter.

Ireland international Given has accepted a four-year deal. His contract with Blackburn expires at the end of June. An independent tribunal will settle the transfer fee as the two clubs failed to agree on a sum. Newcastle plan to seek clarification on payment for out of contract players involved in domestic transfers. Following the European Court of Justice ruling in the Bosman case, the requirement for the payment of a compensation fee at the end of a player's contract may be unlawful where the player moves between two British clubs, Newcastle said in a statement. 'NUFC proposes to raise this issue before the independent tribunal,' it added. In a ruling in December 1995, the European Court of Justice upheld the right of players to move to other clubs within the European Union on free transfer once their contracts expire. The legal implications for transfers between two British clubs have yet to be fully established.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta First Division league match between Mariner Young's Club and Police AC at the National Hockey Stadium. Mariners won 9-0. —Star photo

Mariners maul policemen

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Mariner Young's Club stayed on course in the Green Delta First Division league after trouncing Police Athletics Club by nine goals to nil in one of yesterday's two matches at the National Hockey Stadium. The winners led the first half 3-0. In a match which saw Mariners enjoying a complete domination over the policemen, forwards Biaka Lusai and Giasuddin Rubel scored three goals each while Mohammed Javed and two brothers — Isa and Musa Miah — added one apiece to guide their side to the seventh successive victory in the meet. With the win, the Arambagh outfit raised their tally to 21 points and joined leaders Usha Krira Chakra, Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra at the crowded top spot in the 16-team league. On the other hand, it was the seventh defeat for Police who are yet to open their account. In the second match of the day, Biaka Lusai, the Mariner skipper, put his side ahead in the seventh minute placing the ball home with a reverse hit from a Javed pass. Isa Miah doubled the margin in the 26th minute converting a penalty corner. Javed then sealed the first flicking the ball home from a Isa free hit after five minutes. After the breather the inspired Mariners kept their pressure on the helpless policemen and added six more to their account beginning again with Biaka who pushed the ball home from a Rubel pass in the 38th minute. Musa, the younger brother of Isa, made it 5-0 after seven minutes. The tall national centre forward sounded the board capitalising on a Javed pass from the right flank. Rubel blasted the board in the 60th minute with a power packed hit from the top of the box and then Biaka scored his third goal from a Fazal pass in the next minute. Towards the end Mariners tore apart the Police defence with a series of offensives and scored two more through Rubel in the 66th and 68th minutes.

Collymore's dream comes true

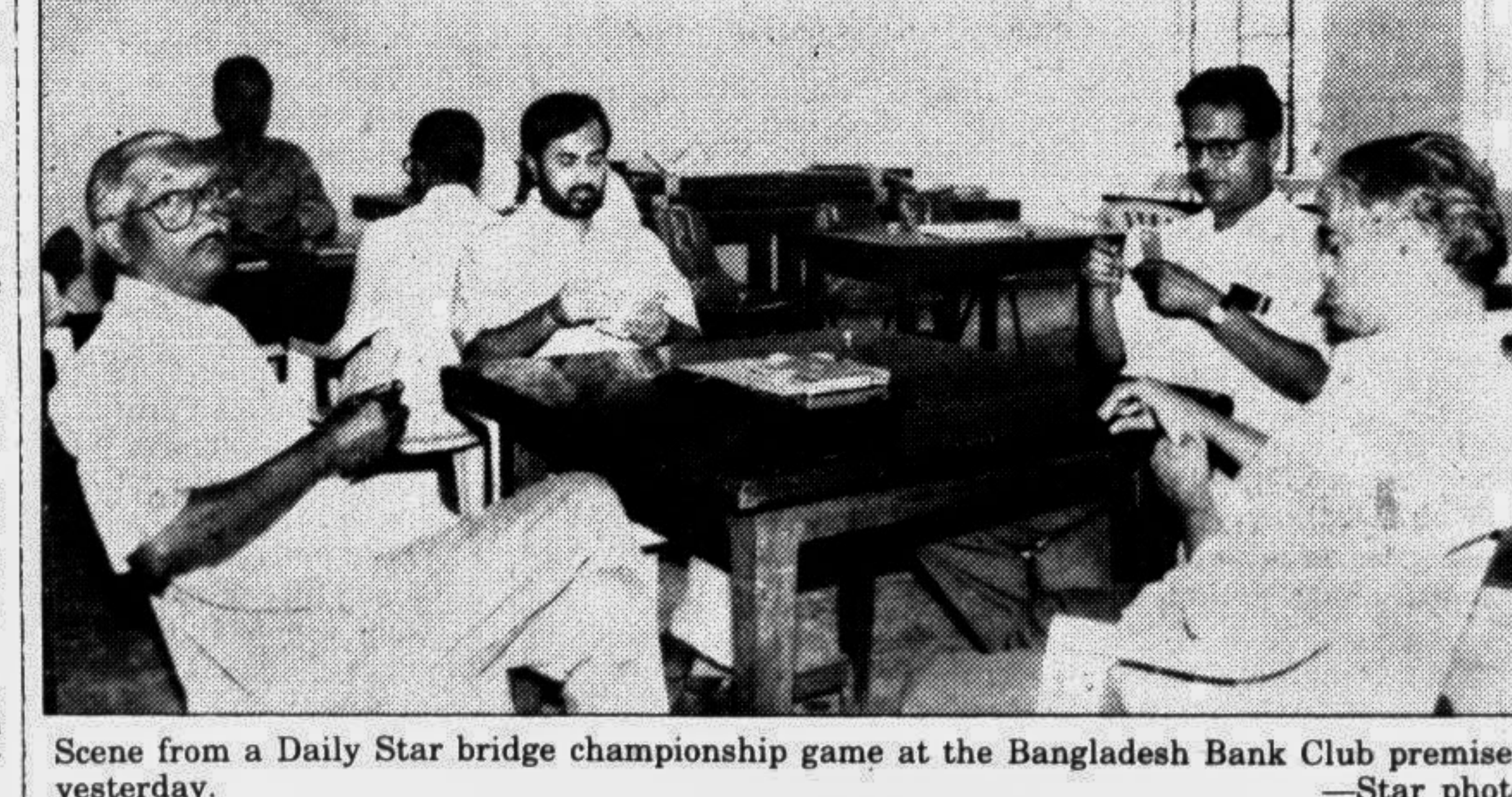
Sports Reporter

LOS ANGELES, May 30 (Reuter): England striker Stan Collymore always knew one day he would play for his hometown team — Aston Villa. He just never imagined he'd be wearing the famous claret and blue shirt for the first time in front of fewer than 9,000 fans in a meaningless friendly in Los Angeles. More than 5,000 miles from Birmingham and a week after Villa paid seven million pounds (£1.14 million dollars) to Liverpool for him, Collymore scored on his debut last week in a 1-1 draw with the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer. His effortless header sparked nothing like the roar it would have brought from the Villa Park terraces, where a six-year-old Collymore first stood 20 years ago cheering a Villa team destined to become European champions in 1982. In the Rose Bowl locker room after his debut, Collymore talked about playing his first game for Villa. 'Emotional? Yes, it was a little bit strange because of the surroundings. I didn't expect of make my debut for Villa in the Rose Bowl in a game like this. 'But it will be more so back home with the Premiership or the FA Cup at stake,' he said of playing for a club with a rich tradition of seven league titles and seven FA Cup wins, as well as the European Cup. He talked wistfully of the days he stood on the terraces. 'I was six years old. Twenty years ago, so it's come full circle,' he said. 'My sister and her husband took me a few times when I was younger. Then I started playing myself so I didn't have so much time. But I was pretty much a fan.' Collymore, a deadly striker himself, recalled the Villa goalscorers of the late 1970s and early 1980s, including Collymore's new manager Brian Little. 'When Villa won the Euro-

Charity soccer

Sports Reporter

Two charity football matches, organised by Football Player's Welfare Association (FPWA) to help the cyclone affected people of the southern Bangladesh, will be held between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra at the Dhaka Stadium on June 5. According to press release issued yesterday, the first match, a 60-minute affair, will be played between the former players of the two leading clubs followed by a 80-minute match between the present players of the two clubs. The press release signed by Shaiful Islam Manik also confirmed that FPWA have got the permission from NSC to use Dhaka Stadium for the charity match on June 5.



Scene from a Daily Star bridge championship game at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises yesterday. —Star photo

Tanveer made CCDM chief

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board in its executive committee meeting yesterday, appointed former national cricketer Tanveer Haider as chairman of the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) for the forthcoming 1997-98 season. Tanveer, the secretary of the previous committee, will replace Al-Farid. In the new CCDM, Tanveer will be joined by Jalal Yunus of Abahani Krira Chakra as secretary, Mizanur Rahman Sana as treasurer and ANM Chowdhury, Mahmudur Rahman Manu and Janul Abedin Liton as joint secretaries respectively. The meeting chaired by the BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury, MP also approved the newly-reshuffled national selection committee and formed two new bodies — grounds and logistic sub-committees. Besides, the BCB also nominated umpire Mohammad Asgar to officiate matches in the forthcoming Asia Cup to be held in Sri Lanka in July.

18 cagers called up

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BAFB) yesterday called up 18 players primarily to select the national team for the forthcoming 19th Asian Basketball Confederation championship qualifying rounds to be held in Dhaka next July. The players have been instructed to report to the BAFB office at the Dhanmondi wooden floor gymnasium tomorrow at 5:30 pm. They are: Kamran, Mizan, Delwar, Shiplu, Amin (Sr), Sohel, Rahim, Ruhul, Huda, Ayub, Iqbal, Hafiz, Jinnah, Wahid, Titas Fazole, Tinku and Amin (Jr).

England-Poland WC tie today

Sports Reporter

CHORZOW, May 30: History is against Glenn Hoddle and his England team, which is desperate for a win against Poland in a crucial Group 2 World Cup qualifier Saturday, reports AFP. England have never beaten the Poles on their home territory in World Cup action, and English fans will never forget their team's defeat in 1973 when Alf Ramsey's men went down 2-0 at Chorzow in another critical World Cup qualifier. England were lucky to qualify for Italy '90 after escaping with a 0-0 draw at Katowice in October 1989 when Peter Shilton was beaten by a shot which crashed into the crossbar. Only a late goal by substitute Ian Wright — his first for his country — saved England from defeat at Katowice in May 1993 when the teams drew again, this time 1-1. A draw for England would effectively guarantee them the second spot and a play-off for France '98. But Hoddle wants the top spot and the automatic qualification which comes with it. For that he must beat Poland and then defeat Italy at Rome in October.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Dipalee Jubo Sangha recorded a solitary goal victory over Kawranbazar Progoti Sangha in the lone Third Division football league engagement at the Rajuk ground yesterday. Wahid scored the all-important goal in the 47th minute.

TODAY'S MATCHES

- Green Delta First Division hockey league: (Venue: Hockey Stadium) Sadharan Bima KS vs Victoria SC (2:15 pm) Mohammedan SC vs Azad SC (4 pm)
Third Division football league: (Venue: Rajuk ground) Mirpur Ekadash vs Jatrabari KC (4:30 pm) (Venue: Army Stadium) T&T Club vs Kashaituli SKP (2:45 pm) Rayerbazar AC vs Kadamtala Sangsad (4:30 pm)
Cute Premier handball league: (Manjris KC vs West Jatrabari KC (4 pm).

Super league begins June 2 Y Cricketers top Group A

Sports Reporter

Young Cricketers emerged Group A champions in the Danish First Division cricket league with a convincing 84-run victory over Postal Cricket Club in one of yesterday's two matches at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Electing to bat first, Young Cricketers piled up a huge 196 for seven in the stipulated 40 overs with one down Badshah hammering highest 52 off 78 balls. Ramu (27) and Aziz (26) were the other notable run-getters. In reply, Postal Cricket Club were bundled out for 112 in 38.4 overs. Young Cricketers' Paplu, the man behind Postmen's debacle, captured three wickets for only 13 runs while his teammates Roman and Moon shared four wickets. The result meant Young Cricketers secured a berth in the four-team super league Group A champions with nine points. Progoti Seba Sangha, who finished second in this group with seven points also made it to the super league. In the day's other match of the same group at the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Eastern Sporting Club recorded a six-wicket win over Ekata Samaj Kalyan Sangstha. Chasing a paltry Ekata total of 123 in 40 overs, the Narayanganj outfit reached their target

BRIEF SCORES

YOUNG CRICKETERS: 196 for seven in 40 overs (Badshah 52, Ramu 27, Aziz 26; Mridul 3/40, Latif 3/42). POSTAL CC: 122 all out in 38.4 overs (Mridul 17, Rashed 17; Paplu 3/13, Roman 2/15). Result: Young Cricketers won by 84 runs.

EKATA SKS: 123 all out in 32.5 overs (Jamal 18, Topu 15; Nazmul 4/22, Betu 2/18). EASTERN SC: 124 for five in 27.2 overs (Azimul 51, Zakaria, 19; Romel 2/31). Result: Eastern SC won by six wickets.

add 19 and 16 runs respectively. Earlier, opting to bat first, Ekata Samaj Kalyan Sangstha were booked on 123 on 32.5 overs. Nazmul was the most successful Eastern Sporting Club bowler with four wickets while Nasir, Azimul and Betu shared six wickets. Both Eastern Sporting Club and Ekata Samaj Kalyan Sangstha have earned two points each. With yesterday's matches,

the first phase of the eleven-team league was completed. Monipur Cricket Club and New Eagles Club of Group B are the other two teams to move into the super league. The super league will begin in the city from June 2. On the opening day, Young Cricketers will face Progoti Seba Sangha at the Uttara Friend's Club ground while Monipur CC will meet New Eagles Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Tutul & partners win Daily Star bridge title

Sports Reporter

Tutul and partners emerged champions in The Daily Star bridge championship held at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises yesterday. At the end of the six-team round robin league, they earned the top slot with 76 points out of possible 100 points while Aces Alpha secured the second spot having 68 points to their credit. Hosts Partizans Bridge Club finished third with 52 points while Picwick Purple got the fourth position having two points less. Besides, the other two teams — Bangladesh Bank Green and Amateur Bridge Club earned 44 and 20 points respectively. The prize-giving ceremony will be held this afternoon.



Members of the Tutul and partners' team, which became champions in The Daily Star bridge championship at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises yesterday. —Star photo

Ronaldo makes mind up

Sports Reporter

BARCELONA, Spain, May 30: Brazilian striker Ronaldo on Wednesday confirmed he was leaving the club barely 24 hours after apparently agreeing a new contract, reports AFP. The 20-year-old, believed to be on his way to Serie A club Inter Milan, said in a Spanish television interview from Brazil's training camp in Oslo that he was quitting the Catalan giants to preserve his dignity. 'We will not be renegotiating with Barca,' said Ronaldo. 'I have my dignity. They have been trying to trick us for seven months now. 'I have been disappointed with the way things have happened because I would have liked to stay, but it hasn't been possible. It's a pity because I love the city, the club has a very good team and I have a lot of friends. Ronaldo was thought to have agreed a new contract with Barcelona on Tuesday, but the world footballer-of-the-year's future was plunged into doubt earlier on Wednesday when it emerged his advisors had failed to actually sign the contract. Barcelona president Jose Luis Nunez then announced that negotiations between the club and Ronaldo had been broken off for good and that he expected the player to join Serie A club Inter Milan. According to a Barcelona spokesman the signing of the contract, reputed to keeping the Brazilian star at the club till 2006 while doubling his salary to 3.2 million dollars, had been suspended because of objections agents had been 'artificial' because 'they had already concluded a deal with the Italian club.' 'I believe they had already reached an agreement with Inter Milan because when our meeting was over and we had shaken hands they spoke for almost an hour with the Italian team,' Nunez said. Regarding his future, Ronaldo refused to confirm that he was moving to Inter, though he did imply that a deal had already been done when he said: 'I am going to another club.' Last week Inter were reported to be ready to make a 75-million-dollar bid for the Brazilian, who has scored a record 34 league goals in his first season for Barcelona. A spokesman for Inter said on Wednesday: 'We are waiting to see if talks have really been broken off — if it's true, Ronaldo will be coming to us.'

Baggio injured

Sports Reporter

ROME, May 30: Milan's Roberto Baggio picked up a groin injury in a friendly match on Thursday, putting him in doubt for a four-nation soccer tournament in France next week, reports Reuter. Baggio's Milan club had no immediate details of the extent of his injury, which happened in a tackle, but he was expected to be out for Sunday's Serie A match against Cagliari.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. Includes crossword puzzle grid and solutions for ACROSS, DOWN, and CRYPTOQUIP.