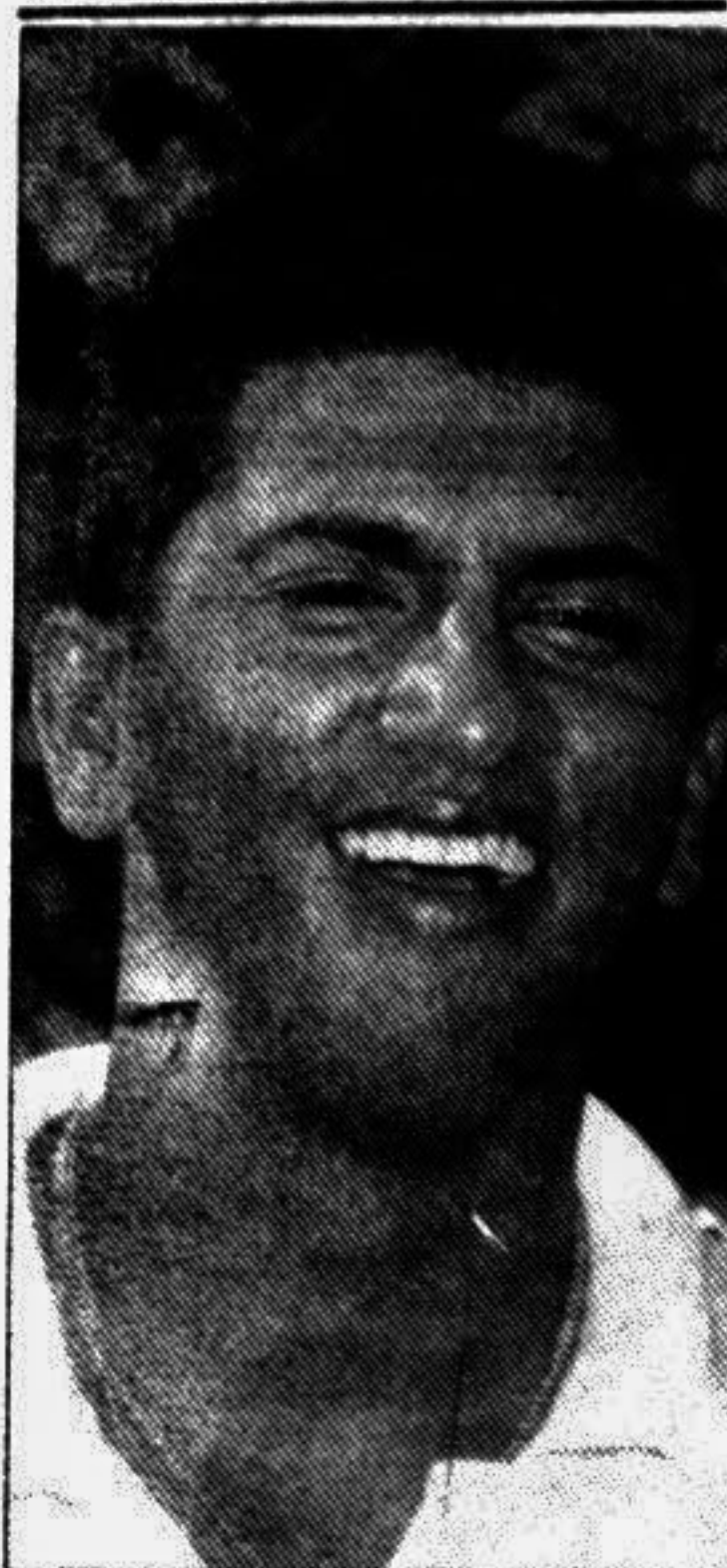


Column One SPORTS TALK



Roshan Siritwardene

Mahanama
(Sri Lankan cricketer)
"I will play as long as possible. I have a wife and three daughters. My parents and my wife have provided a lot of support to me or else I would not have lasted so long. I am at present on a contract with the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka. My motto is to play bright cricket. Let us see how the future goes. I am 31 and I hope God will give the strength to continue for some more time. Play attractive cricket, that is my motto."

His future plan.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-76

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, August 22, '97

- 1 The current New Zealand cricket captain is
Fleming German Thompson
- 2 Brazilian star Ronaldo's new Italian club is
AC Milan Inter Milan Juventus
- 3 Who scored the golden goal for Abahani against Mohammedan in this year's Federation Cup semifinal?
Mizan Zakir Tipu
- 4 Who is the coach of Kenyan national cricket team?
Patil Amarnath Wadekar
- 5 The 100 metres world record holder is
Greene Bailey Fredericks

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)

EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

Car rally

The first ever Volkswagen car rally was held in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

The rally started from Manik Mia Avenue at 3:30 pm after it was flagged off by the President of Old Car Club of Bangladesh, Habibur Rahman Sami.

In all, 40 German built Beetles took part. The event concluded at Rabindra Sarani in Uttara at 4:30 pm.

A two-member judge, comprising Habibur Rahman Sami and Gazi Matul Haque, adjudged the VW of 1965 (Dhaka-Kha 8585), owned by Cadi Moinud-Dahr, as "best restored in original condition."

Others were awarded certificate of participation.

The next VW rally will be held on December 19, 1997.

Metz move atop

PARIS, Aug 16: Metz moved three points clear at the top of the French First Division on Friday night after a 2-1 win at promoted Chateauroux, reports Reuters.

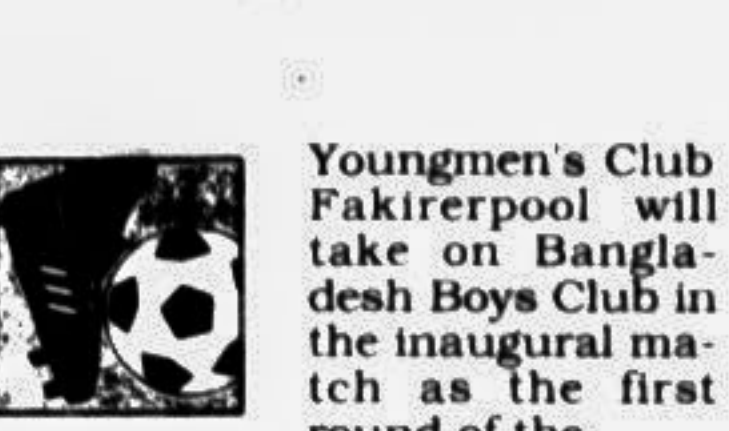
French international winger Robert Pires opened the scoring in the seventh minute with a right-footed strike, he had pulled in the second by Bruno Rodriguez in the 63rd.

Yugoslav forward Vladan Lukic dummied Pires long cross from the right allowing Belgian veteran Danny Boffin to shoot. The ball crashed off the bar and Rodriguez was on hand to chest down and score his third goal in two games.

Chateauroux, Second Division champions last season and making their home debut in the top flight in a new stadium, pulled a goal back 10 minutes from time through Dakar-born central defender Ferdinand Coly.

Paris St Germain, Marseille, Bastia and Toulouse also have maximum points from their first two games. They play tonight and could leapfrog Metz at the top of the table.

Mahanagari Cup begins today F'pool-B Boys opener



Youngmen's Club Fakirpool will take on Bangladesh Boys Club in the inaugural match as the first round of the

Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup football tournament kicks off at the Mirpur Stadium this evening.

Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC), the organisers of the tournament, arranged a press conference in this regard at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) conference room at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

BFF General Secretary Harun-ur-Rashid MP, Kutubuddin Ahmed, chairman of the sponsor Shamsuddin Spinning Mills Limited, DMFLC president Abdur Rahim, tournament committee chairman Nurul Alam and other DMFLC officials were present in press briefing.

A total of 16 Senior Division teams split into four groups will participate in the first round league scheduled to conclude on August 31. Top teams from each group will join Mohammedan

Sports Reporter
Sporting Club, Abahani Krira Chakra, Muktijoddha Sangsad and Brothers Union, four semi-finalists of the DMFA Cup in 1995, in the second round which will be held in two groups again on league basis. The second round is likely to start in the third week of September after the SAF football championship.

The winners will receive Taka one lakh while the runners up will collect half the sum. Shamsuddin Spinning Mills Limited, the sponsors of the meet, is providing Taka five lakh.

For the first round, football fans will have to dish out Taka 10 a day for gallery tickets which will be doubled in the

FIXTURE First week

Aug 17	YMC Fakirpool vs Bangladesh Boys Club	6 pm
Aug 18	Dhaka Wanderers Club vs Dhanmondi Club	5 pm
Aug 19	Shantinagar Club vs BRTC SC	4 pm
Aug 20	Farashganj SC vs East End Club	6 pm
Aug 20	Wari Club vs Mirpur Chalanika	4 pm
Aug 21	Agrani Bank vs Rahmatganj MFS	6 pm
Aug 21	Police AC vs Badda Jagarani	4 pm
Aug 22	Arambagh KS vs Victoria SC	6 pm
Aug 22	Dhaka Wanderers Club vs Bangladesh Boys Club	4 pm
Aug 23	YMC Fakirpool vs Dhanmondi Club	6 pm
Aug 23	Break	

Games Big Boys Like to Play

From Nizamuddin Ahmed in London

Captain of the 1990 World Cup, a loving son who is dedicating the rest of his life to establish a centre of excellence for cancer treatment in memory of his late mother, husband of late Sir James Goldsmith's daughter Jimima and leader of a political party whose entire field of parliamentary candidates were defeated in Pakistan's last general elections, the legendary "all-rounder" Imran Khan has apparently lived up to the Western label of a "playboy".

A Californian court ruled last Tuesday that Khan was the father of heiress Sita White's illegitimate five-year old daughter Tyrian. A default judgement was entered when the former cricketer did not appear for the court hearing; neither did his lawyers.

White, younger daughter of late Lord White of the Hanson conglomerate was enraged when Imran called her a liar and denied being Tyrian's father during his campaign to become prime minister of Pakistan.

Imran refused to take a blood test, which the court wanted him to, saying he would contest the case only in his native Pakistan where he would have a more sympathetic hearing than an unmarried non-Muslim mother and that he was ready to give a blood test there. No sooner had the Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Anthony Jones ruled against him, Imran issued a statement in London on Thursday refusing to acknowledge the court ruling. He added: "It is simply not possible for me to travel round the world fighting court cases in every country. ... my response is to welcome Sita White to Pakistan where I live. And I would more than welcome the opportunity to present my side of the story in a Pakistani court, rather than conducting an undignified trial by the media. ... will fully stand by the decision of the competent Pakistani courts."

Lawyer Gloria Allred who is also appearing for Diana's lat-

est fish Dodi Fayed's jilted American lover model Kelly Fisher told the court that Sita had a relationship with Imran in 1987-88 and when they met again in Los Angeles in October 1991. She told him she wanted to have his baby, her lawyer said. Sita got pregnant and Imran told her he hoped it was a boy.

The fact that Football Association Chief Executive Graham Kelly was once a goalkeeper is not helping the cause of the men under the crossbar as the latest change in rules by the FA will affect them the most.

Goalkeepers will concede an indirect free-kick if they hold the ball in their hands for longer than "between five and six seconds", whatever that means. They may not pick up the ball from throw-ins by team-mates. They cannot take more than four steps holding the ball. But, while facing a penalty, a goalkeeper may move along the goal line.

Other change in rules mean that the side which wins the toss will only have the choice of which end to attack and the opponents will kick off. Also, at corners, the ball does not have to be entirely on the quadrant any more, only part of it needs to be touching the arc. Players must not wear cycle shorts that are a different colour to team shorts. A goal may be scored directly from a kick-off or goal kick.

The FA has also altered its stance on discipline. Five bookings will mean a ban for the player with further suspensions for every three offences thereafter. Also, a player may wipe his last yellow card from the records if he stays clean for five matches after that.

If you thought carom was only played in the alleys of old Dhaka, you may dip your hands in boric powder. For recently the European and World Carom Championships were held at the University of Luton. Germany won the singles title in the European Carom Federation Cup. Two Indians Nagesh Etambe and E. Magmaira Raj reached the final of the International Carom Federation Cup. The final was televised live to 32 countries. I never found out who won the individual trophy but India had won the team world cup.

According to the organisers carom, which originated in Malaysia has more than two billion players world wide.

Cologne, Borussia tumble
BONN, Aug 16: Cologne and Borussia Moenchengladbach became the first high-profile casualties of the German Cup on Friday, both dumped out of the tournament in the first round by regional league sides, reports Reuters.

Cologne, four-time winners of the cup, went down 3-1 away to southern German club Ulm. "Ulm deserved their victory," Cologne coach Peter Neururer conceded. "We're very disappointed. We expect to win a game like this."

Moenchengladbach's match with Hanover ended 0-0 after 90 minutes and 1-1 after extra time and Hanover keeper Jerg Sievers saved Martin Schneider's spot kick to give his team a 5-3 win on penalties.

Bayern Munich had no such trouble against lower league opposition, thumping village team Waldberg 16-1 away to progress to the next round.



Bayern Munich's Mario Basler jumps over Thorsten Ziegler of DJK Waldberg to avoid a sliding tackle from the latter during their German Cup clash in Nuremberg on Aug 15. Bayern humiliated their opponents 16-1. — AFP/UNB photo

Bobby bags 2nd trophy

Sports Reporter

Ruhul Islam Bobby of Manipur High School won his second tournament of the year when emerged unbeaten champion in the 12th schools chess tournament which concluded at the NSC yesterday.

In the final round of the nine-round Swiss league meet Bobby, the winner of the national sub-junior title earlier this year, agreed to a draw after five moves against Sanveer Hasan of Oxford International.

Bobby finished with eight and a half points to remain atop the standings with a half point lead over Mehdi Hasan Parag of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Govt High School who became the runner-up.

Parag defeated Naim Arefin Ratul of Dhanmondi Govt Boys High School.

Sanveer Hasan and Syed Ibrahim Hossain emerged third and fourth after tiebreaker as both finished their campaign with seven and a half points apiece.

Besides, nine players finished with seven points each. They are: Sadequul Haque Romance of Govt Laboratory High School, Naim Arefin Ratul of Dhanmondi Govt Boys High School, Mohammad Javed of Armanitola Govt High School, Mahtabuddin Ahmed Robin of Hazrat Shah Ali High School, Sabbir Ahmed of Nabakumar Institution, Golam Mustafa of City College, Mymensingh, Sabbir Ahmed Sentu of Narayanganj High School, Rownak Ehsan Sajib of Aga Khan School and Abdul Khaleque of Oxford International.

The prize distribution ceremony of the tournament will be held at the NSC conference room on Tuesday at 5 pm.

World University Games

Bangladesh team leaves today

Sports Reporter

A three-member Bangladesh team will leave today for Italy to take part in the World University Games scheduled to be held in Sicily from August 19 to 31.

Maksudur Rahman, the Director of Physical Education Department of BUET, will act as the manager and coach of the team which includes two Rajshahi University athletes Shafiqur Rahman and Zanun Nesa.

They are expected to return home on September 3.

Pioneer soccer final today

Sports Reporter

The final match of the Pioneer football league between Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra and Suritola Right Brothers will be held at the Mirpur Stadium today at 4 pm.

Both teams have already ensured their berth in next year's Third Division league.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will witness the final and distribute prizes after the match. Apart from today's winners, the champions and runner-up teams of the ten first round groups will also be awarded.

Representatives of the following teams have been asked to be present on the occasion: Avijatrik, Deeba Sangsad, Paradagair KC, Islampur Utaran KC, Rainbow AC, Golam Mustafa Lane KS, Badshah SS, Swadesh SKS, Marikati Provat Sangha, Gaspur Ekadash, Tejgan Nabataranga KC, National FTC, Golden Future SC, Shankar SC, Spandan KC, Kalabagan KC, Sheikh Russell KC, Suritola Right Brothers, Dilkusha SC and Chalanitika KC.

Van Basten best of '90s

MILAN, Aug 16: Marco van Basten, whose soccer career was ended by a chronic ankle injury, was voted the world's best player of the 1990s in a survey of Italian coaches and former stars, reports AP.

Van Basten, a Dutch international who played for seven years with AC Milan, received 295 votes in the survey taken by Corriere dello Sport and published Thursday.

The Dutch forward, a three-time European player-of-the-year who led the Netherlands to the continental title in 1988, retired in 1993 after three operations on his right ankle.

His professional career began in 1982 with Ajax Amsterdam.

Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta finished second in the balloting with 205 votes.

Liberian forward George Weah, who replaced Van Basten at AC Milan, was third with 198 votes, ahead of retired Brazilian star Antonio Careca.

Ronaldo's dreams

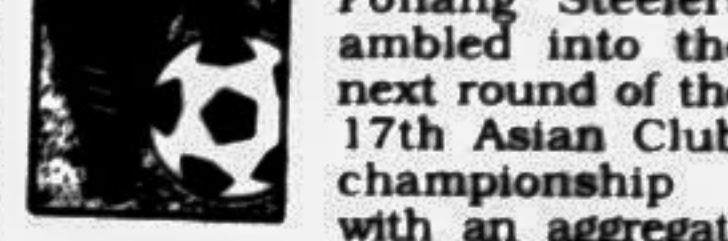
ROME, Aug 16: What does Brazilian football star Ronaldo Luis Nazario de Lima dream about? Meeting Pope John Paul II and US popstar Michael Jackson, the Italian newspaper La Repubblica claimed Friday, reports AFP.

"I am very religious and I would like to kneel before John Paul II," Ronaldo said. "I would also like to meet Michael Jackson."

The football player's other passion is his girlfriend Susana Werner, a blond model who also plays football. She is "my muse," he said.

Two more to MSC's eleven

Sports Reporter



Pohang Steelers ambled into the next round of the 17th Asian Club championship with an aggregate

13-0 whitewash of Mohammedan Sporting Club, who conceded a 0-2 defeat in their home match at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, substitute Joen Kyeong Joon struck both the goals for the South Korean Federation Cup champions to seal a predictable defeat on the local giants, who had earlier succumbed to a mind-boggling eleven-goal thrashing in their away match in South Korea last Saturday.

Joon, who played the role of an incubus in Mohammedans' meek show in Pohang, coming in as a substitute for Kim Myung Gon in the second half, broke the evening's duck in the 58th minute, heading home a right side cross from Park Ji Ho.

The nimble striker, who had scored a couple in his side's home match, then celebrated his fourth goal against the beleaguered Mohammedans with a gem of a right-footer midway through the second half.

The one-stroke brilliance of

Joon, who pierced through the Mohammedan defence with a wonderful away before unleashing a guided-missile into the far corner of the net, underlined the gulf of difference between a professional outfit and a bunch of shamateurs.

The South Korean giants, a professional club from a city which is famous for producing the finest steels in the world, however, did not bother to bring their full-strength squad here after streamlining their opponents in their first meeting.

The runners-up in the South Korean league quite reasonably opted to allow time-off to their regular players and turned up in Dhaka with their second string.

But still the second string of the Asian giants was simply too good for Mohammedans, who adopted a defensive approach right from the word go to avoid yet another humiliation.

The unsporting play of the black and whites, however, was paid off in the first 45 minutes. With their defenders sweating and shivering under a ceaseless attack, Mohammedans somehow managed to keep Pohang at bay and on a few occasions came close to scoring.

Mohammedans, who appeared a more organised team

following the inclusion of Iraqi coach Shamir Sakir, opened up the Pohang defence in the 23rd minute when an over-lapping left-back Ruhul Amin floated a measured cross, which Pohang's tall defender Lee Young cleared for a corner before a menacingly poised Alfaz could pose any threat.

But Arman Miah, the diminutive Mohammedan midfielder, spoiled the easiest chance few minutes later when he failed to shot the ball home with the tall Pohang custodian Kim Ill Jin at his mercy.

Mohammedan success, however, ended at that point when Pohang came after the breather with a purpose. Desperately in need of a goal, the Steelers came firing all their four cylinders. They did not have to wait for long before Joon found the net 13 minutes into the second session.

Mohammedan and national keeper Ponir, who earlier made a brilliant save off a Park Soon Bee free-kick from the edge of the box, hopelessly watched Joon's cool header into an empty net.

After the much-needed breakthrough, Pohang resigned to a casual approach, leaving Mohammedans dance to their tune till the buzzer.

"Our target was not to score as many goals as possible. We have come here to win and the boys did the job clinically," said Yoo Dong Kwan, the coach of Pohang in a post-match press briefing.

Replying to a query Kwan disclosed that they had left out eight of their regular players, who featured in the first leg match a week ago. But the soft-spoken Kwan did not hesitate to give the due credit to his counterpart for making a few technical changes, which he claimed crucial for Mohammedans.

Shamir Sakir, who took the job only a few days back, was happy the way his boys fared in the day's match. The former Iraqi World Cupper has every reason to say so since his side finished with a face-saving defeat.

Yellow cards: Monwar Hossain Munir and Nurul Haq Manik of Mohammedans and Park Ji Ho of Pohang.

TEAMS

POHANG STEELERS FC: Kim Ill Jin, Lee Seung Hyup (Na Seung How), Cho Jong Hwa, Kim Hak Chol, Go Byung Woon, Hong Do Pyo, Seo Hyo Won, Park Soon Bae, Lee Young Sang, Kim Myung Gon (Jeon Kyeong Joon) and Park Ji Ho (Kim Hu Seok).

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir, Mansoor, Faizul, Ruhul Amin (Parvez), Manwar Munir, Nazrul, Manik (Motiar Munir), Joy, Arman, Sabbir and Alfaz (Ashkar Babu).

Referee: Khan Enayetullah (India).

Seles, Martinez in semis

TORONTO, Aug 16: Top-seeded Monica Seles outclassed unseeded qualifier Rita Grande of Italy 6-0, 6-0.

Friday in the quarter-finals of the 926,250 dollars Canadian Open, reports AFP.

"I hit some great shots that even surprised myself," the third-ranked Seles said after her 42-minute win over the

69th-ranked Grande.

Seles will now play seventh-seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain in today's semifinal.

Martinez advanced with her sixth consecutive win over fourth-seeded Lindsay Davenport, beating the American 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

The other semifinal will match fifth-seeded Anke Huber of Germany and 10th-seeded American Mary Joe Fernandez.

Huber edged third-seeded Amanda Coetzer of South Africa 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 while Fernandez prevailed 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4 over unseeded Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria.

Seles and Martinez have played 12 times, and not once has a match gone three sets.

Prize-giving ceremony

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Billiard Club's quarterly meet prize-giving ceremony was held at the club premises yesterday.

Club chairman Saiful Islam attended the function as the chief guest. Fazlul Karim Abid of Asiatic Marketing Communication Limited was also present.

Following are the winners in different categories:

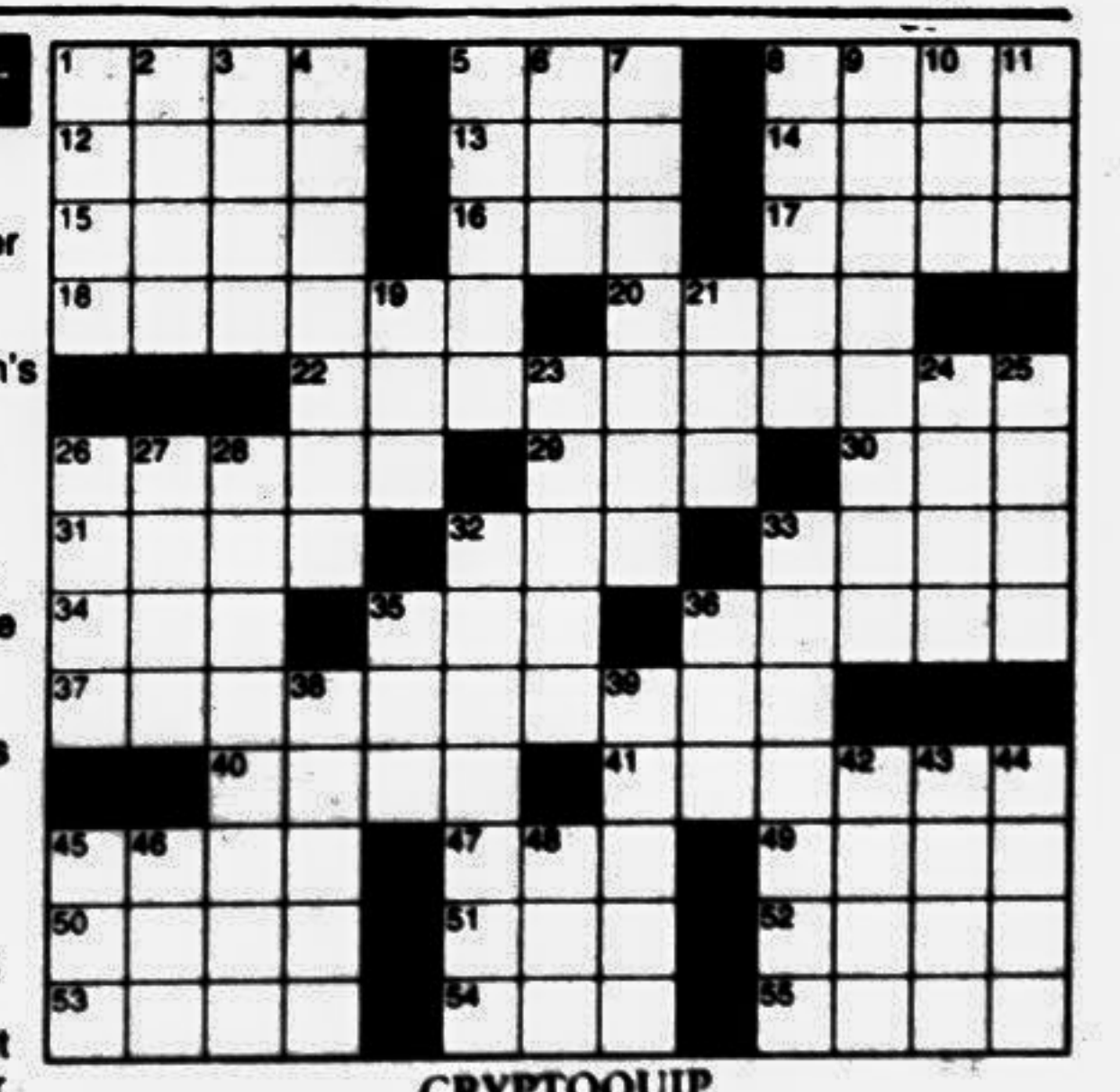
SNOOKER
Champion: Anwar Hossain
Runner-up: Sohel Asif.

POOL (9B)
Champion: Sohel Asif.
Runner-up: Sadi Mohammad Abdullah.

POOL (5M)
Champion: Mahmudul Islam.
Runner-up: Rafiqul Akbar.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS
1 Teens' hangout
5 Kids' card game
8 Animal rights org.
12 Chills and fever
13 Eventual aces
14 Urban pall
15 Margarita enhancement
16 I'll get you moving
17 Center of activity
18 His work was done by Friday
20 Star Trek villain
22 Van Gogh subject
26 West Pointer
29 To kill a mockingbird author
30 Never in Nuremberg
31 Ready woodwind
32 Disencomber
33 Garbage barge, e.g.
34 Bam!
- DOWN
35 Doc's due
36 1993 Sinatra album
37 They often get worn out in the summer
40 Writer Below
41 Disclosure
45 Curly haired
47 B&B
48 She pined for Narcissus
50 Catch a quick 40
51 Playground pastime
52 All hands on deck
53 Bread and whiskey
54 Absolutely chic
55 Afternoon socials
1 Fern. opp.
2 Culture medium
3 Humdrum
4 "Hmmm..."
5 Done on a loom
6 Ms. Gardner
7 Aggravated resentment
8 "Har-rumph!"
9 High station
10 "Mazel—"
- 11 Count
19 No longer chic
21 Prop for Markham's man
23 Takes a plane
24 Disturbance of the peace
25 Tends tears
26 Members of the force
27 "—ben Adhem"
28 Cut back
32 Truth
33 Whodunit character
35 Writer who
36 Rep.'s rival
38 States like Pavarotti
42 "God's Little —"
43 Periman of "Pearl"
44 AAA assignments
45 Ten-cent portrait
46 Dale's mixer
48 Dundee denial



CRYPTOQUIP

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M L V L I B N B S Q Z B U T Z L W
V Q Z Z B K C B X I B Z N Q
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Yesterday's Cryptogram: DIDN'T BAMBI ONCE REMARK TO HIS DISPIRITED CHUM, "BUCK UP?"

Today's Cryptogram clue: N equals F
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.