Column One

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Competition-77

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Competition closes at 8 pm, Sept 5, '97

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   Parag | Bobby | Ratul
5. Who lifted the Pioneer Division soccer league title?
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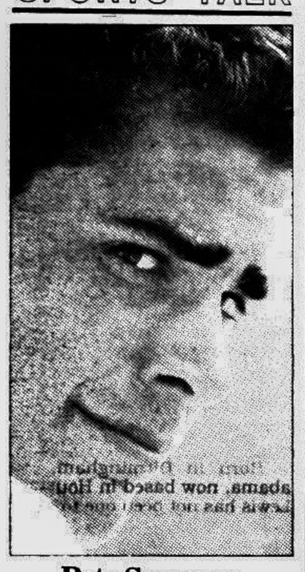


Pete Sampras

(American tennis superstar)

"It's very simple out there. I mean, you just have to hold serve and hopefully you'll have a couple of chances to break if you return well. That's really it out there."

About grass court tennis.

Rahmatganj in Round Two

Sports Reporter

A late strike by midfielder Asif Yusuf led Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society to the second round of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup football tournament with a solitary goal victory over Wari Club in one of the two Group C matches played at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

After a sterile first session, Asif, who joined the old town outfit this year after spending two successful seasons at the Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool, broke the deadlock in the 85th minute with a powerful grounder from the top of the box to ensure his side's second successive win in the first round. In their previous match last week, Rahmatganj collected full three points as they edged past Agrani Bank with the identical score.

Rahmatganj, who dominated the entire proceedings quite convincingly, could have run away with a respectable margin win yesterday had not their marksmen spoiled some ample chances.

In the ninth minute, Panas headed on swerving flag-kick which deflected off the near post while, in the 34th minute, Munir kicked the ball straight into the hands of Wari custodian Mithu.

However, Wari had to play with ten players for nearly twenty-five minutes as their defender Shahbaz Alam Majhu, who was involved in an argument with the man in uniform over a controversial decision, was given a marching order by referee Ilyas Fulu in the 65th minute.

With yesterday's victory, Rahmatganj emerged as Group C champions and became the first team to enter the next round with one match still in hand. They have collected the maximum six points from two matches.

On the other hand, Wari remained glued to the last position of the four-team group, tallying one point so far.

In the second match of the day, Agrani Bank twice came from behind to enforce a 2-2 draw on local side Mirpur Chalantika.

In a see-saw encounter, with both teams playing some entertaining soccer, defender Babu put the locals ahead with a magnificent 30-yarder from the right side in the 30th minute while Zahid equalised the margin for the bankers with a cool placing shot capitalising on a Kanchan cross from the right side in the 42nd minute.

After the breather, Chalantika once again took the lead through forward Sohag. The tall striker, after receiving a defence-splitting through from Hanif, dodged past three bank defenders before finding the net with a superb right footer in the 67th minute.

But the locals were able to keep the lead for about 22 minutes before Agrani Bank substitute Hasan levelled the match in the 89th minute with yet another placing shot from a goal mouth melee.

With the draw, Chalantika earned two points from as many outings and occupied the second spot in Group C. On the other hand, the bankers, who lost their first match 0-1 to Rahmatganj, joined Wari Club at the bottom with one point.

GROUP C TABLE

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
Rahmatganj MFS	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Mirpur Chalantika	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Agrani Bank	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Wari Club	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

TODAY'S MATCHES

Police AC vs Victoria SC (4 pm)

Arambagh KS vs Badda Jagarani (6 pm)

Rupali Insurance badminton on

Sports Reporter

The Rupali Insurance Summer Open badminton tournament organised under the aegis of the Bangladesh Badminton Federation (BBF), got underway at the NSC wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Twelve first round and a quarter of second round encounters of the men's singles event were decided on the inaugural day.

Earlier, managing director of the sponsors Rupali Insurance Company ZA Khan declared the meet open in a colourful ceremony.

BFF baffles newsmen

Sports Reporter

The national football team leaves the capital on Friday to take part in the six-nation SAFF tourney, scheduled to begin in the Nepalese capital of Kathmandu from September 4.

But the fate of our successlorn footballers, who are always tipped as favourites but end up without a trophy in the regional carnivals, took an ominous turn even before taking off as the never-disciplined pugnacious Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) officials kicked up a fuss yesterday at a press conference, calling both their patriotism and commitment into question.

BFF, the ruling body of country's football, had invited the press for a briefing at its office last evening to provide the detailed picture of the team's preparation and prospect in the Kathmandu spectacle.

The newsmen were there, but surprisingly no conference was held as the German coach of the national team Otto Pfister and chef-de mission Anjan Chowdhury Pintu failed to turn up to meet the press. The only available person at the tidy BFF office was Shah Alam Chowdhury, the manager of the 24-member Bangladesh squad. But the queries of the aggrieved reporters trailed off as the bearded man failed to even confirm whether he communicated with the people concerned, raising an obvious question mark over his abilities of performing at a demanding level of managing a team.

Shah Alam, however, managed to indistinctly utter that he had duly informed the two wanted persons about the press briefing. But no proof of his statement was immediately found as none of the two could be reached after a repeated attempt through the telephone.

Shah Alam, however, pulled up his socks finally after lurking in the lurch and went on to arrange another uncertain encounter with the press at the Mirpur Stadium today following the warm-up match between the national team and BFF President Eleven, scheduled for a 2.30 pm kick-off.

Although the BFF officials treated the press in an ominous way, they appeared hyper-active to get the blessings from their bosses. The national team had a busy night on Tuesday when they attended a dinner which the State Minister for Youth and Sports, Obaidul Quader, also attended.

Besides, the team also met the BFF president Mayor Mohammed Hanif at his office yesterday, skipping the afternoon practice session.

Celtic click at the end

LONDON, Aug 27: Craig Burley and Morten Wieghorst scored two goals in the last three minutes as Celtic scrambled into the first round of the UEFA Cup Tuesday after a see-sawing 6-3 victory over Tirol Innsbruck, reports AP.

Trailing 2-1 from the away leg in a second round qualifying match, the Scottish team twice drew level only for the Austrians to pull away again.

Simon Donnelly's penalty followed by Burley's first of the night gave Celtic a 4-2 lead on the night and an overall advantage of one. Then substitute Gurnot Krinner added a third for Tirol eight minutes from the end which would have put his team through on away goals.

With some 47,000 Celtic fans yelling their team on for a last effort, Burley scored again two minutes from the end and Wieghort clinched it in the final seconds.

Having made the last 16 of the Champions' Cup for the last two seasons, Grasshoppers of Zurich only just qualified for the first round of the less prestigious UEFA Cup after a 2-0 loss at Brann Bergen.

Brann's Stefan Paldan scored twice in the 41st and the 44th minute and the Norwegians launched wave after wave of attacks in the second period of a qualifying game.

But the Swiss had the cushion of a 3-0 first leg lead and held on reach Friday's first round draw which also includes seeded clubs such as England's Arsenal and Liverpool and Italy's Inter Milan.

Another Swiss club, Neuchatel Xamax, also took a 3-0 lead on the road and made it to the first round despite losing 2-1 at Norway's Viking Stavanger.

First half goals by Per Zetterberg and Enzo Scifo eased Belgium's Anderlecht into the first round with a 2-0 victory at Ukraine's Vorskla Poltava for a 4-0 overall triumph in the second qualifying round.

Zetterburg drove a 30th minute free kick round a defensive wall and Scifo, one of Belgium's top stars for the past 13 years, forced the ball home in a goalmouth scramble three minutes before half time.

The two shutout victories mean that Anderlecht, UEFA Cup titlist in 1983 and a two-time Cup Winners' Cup champion, also joins up with the bigger clubs.

Belgium's Club Brugge, already armed with a 5-3 lead from the away leg, made it 8-3 overall by beating Slovenia's Gorica 3-0 at home.

Two Russian teams, Rotor Volgograd and Alania Vladikavkaz, each scored four goals away from home to advance to the first round.

Rotor, already 2-0 ahead from the home leg, won 4-3 at Poland's Odra Wodzislaw with two strikes by Oleg Vierietiennikov while Alania gained a 4-1 victory at Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk of Ukraine for a 6-2 aggregate triumph.

Croatia's Hajduk Split, a team likely to cause problems to the bigger clubs in the competition, won 2-0 at Sweden's Malmoe to complete a 5-2 overall triumph.

Denmark's Aarhus edged Hungary's Upjest TE 3-2 after a scoreless first leg in Budapest and Rapid Vienna, virtually sure of qualifying after winning the home leg 6-1, weren't bothered by a 2-0 loss at Boby Brno of the Czech Republic.

Batistuta left out in the cold

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 27: Argentina's Gabriel Batistuta, who is almost universally regarded as his country's top goalscorer, has once again been left out of the national team, reports Reuter.

Batistuta, who last played for his country in January against Uruguay, was excluded from the squad named by coach Daniel Passarella on Tuesday for next month's World Cup qualifier away to Chile.

His successive exclusions have caused consternation in Argentina. Batistuta holds the record for the number of goals scored for his country, having last year overtaken Diego Maradona's previous best of 33 goals.

Passarella has insisted that Batistuta is not compatible with fellow striker Hernan Crespo but many believe personal differences, similar to the ones which have kept midfielder Fernando Redondo out of the team, are to blame.

Argentina lead the South American qualifying group and will qualify if they beat Chile in Santiago on September 10. Chile, however, have a 100 per cent home record in the competition.

Action from yesterday's Cute First Division handball league clash between Mariner Youngs Club and West Jatrabari Krira Chakra at the outer stadium. — Star photo

Cute handball

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club and West Jatrabari shared honours to an eighteen-all draw in a keenly contested Cute First Division handball league match at the court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The see-saw battle was also locked in a 8-8 draw in the first half.

Humayun and Haridas with five and four goals respectively were the leading marksmen for Mariners while Rezaul Hakim scored highest six goals for Jatrabari.

Christian Youth Club take on Satirtha Club today at 4.30 pm.

New DUCPA body formed

Sports Reporter

Dhaka University Central Players' Association (DUCPA) has formed a 41-member executive committee with Mahabubur Rahman Roxy and Sayed Iqbal Anwar as president and general secretary respectively.

The new body, which replaced the long-standing ad-hoc committee, was constituted in a general meeting on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the DUCPA officials met the Vice-Chancellor of the University AK Azad Chowdhury at his office yesterday.

UEFA's award for them

GENEVA, Aug 27: England, Finland and Norway were each awarded an extra place in the 1998-99 UEFA Cup competition on Tuesday in recognition of their fair play last season, reports Reuter.

England topped UEFA's fair play rankings for the 1996-97 season with a points total of 8.57 followed by Finland with 8.42 and Norway at 8.37.

Rankings were based on 900 matches played by UEFA member associations up to July 31, including the under-16, under-18 and women's European Championships, the Intertoto Cup and games from the first qualifying phase of this season's UEFA Cup and Champions' League.

It is the second consecutive year that the England and Norway Football Associations have been rewarded for their fair play, with Aston Villa and Brann Bergen earning a berth in this year's competition thanks to the scheme.

Sachin stays in the saddle

NEW DELHI, Aug 27: Beleaguered Indian cricket captain Sachin Tendulkar retained his job today and was asked to lead the team against Pakistan for a five-match one-day series in Canada, reports AFP.

Jayant Lele, acting chief of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said Tendulkar has also been invited to attend the board's meeting to be held in Mumbai "to present his views in the selection of the team."

In July, Tendulkar had complained of being stuck with "B-grade" players, after the Indian selectors dropped left-handed batsman Vinod Kambli and wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia.

Tendulkar, one of the leading batsmen in the world, became captain of the side in August last year but his leadership was discussed by the selectors before the Sri Lanka tour after a series of defeats.

Tendulkar is still looking for his first series win abroad after a year as captain, under his captaincy, India lost one-day series in West Indies and a triangular contest in South Africa.

His woes continued when Indians were ruthlessly beaten by Sri Lanka in the one-day series concluded last week. Sri Lanka, who won the four-nation Asia Cup, also created batting records in the drawn two-Test series.

The one-day series in Toronto starts on September 13.

Srinath out of Sahara Cup?

MUMBAI, Aug 27: Pace spearhead Javagal Srinath has not yet submitted a fitness certificate to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) which has effectively ruled him out of contention for a berth in the national squad for the series of one-day internationals against Pakistan next month, reports PTI.

India are to take on their arch-foes in the five-match Sahara Cup at Toronto (September 13, 14, 17, 20 and 21) before flying off to Pakistan to engage the home team in the three-match golden jubilee independence series (September 28, 30 and October 2.)

BCCI acting secretary Jaywant Lele said here today that Srinath had informed him that he has started training and would play a match on September 6 and 7 in Bangalore.

"But he has not given a fitness certificate and in its absence I can't see how he can be included in the team (on August 29 in Mumbai)," Lele said.

Srinath has been out of action for over six months since returning home without playing a match in the West Indies because of a rotator cuff tear in his right shoulder which had to be operated upon by a surgeon in South Africa.

Wake-up calls for Wright

LONDON, Aug 27: Arsenal's Ian Wright's is being urged to turn up the volume of his favourite dance records in a bid to help him rediscover his goalscoring rhythm and finally break the club's goalscoring record, reports AFP.

The controversial England striker, who normally thrives under pressure, admits that all the hype is getting to him.

"Every time I step out of my house I get people coming up to me and asking me about the record," he says. "I just want to get it done and out of the way."

Wright looked off form in the 3-1 at Southampton on Saturday as he sought the two goals he needs to overhaul Cliff Bastin's 50-year-old 178-goal mark.

France makes history

PARIS, Aug 27: France became the first country in soccer history to have 10 teams taking part in European Cup competition when Lyon, Auxerre and Bastia qualified for the UEFA Cup first round via the Intertoto Cup on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Lyon ousted compatriots Montpellier 4-2 on aggregate while Auxerre overcame Germany's Duisburg 2-0 and Bastia had to play extra time to beat Swede's Halmstadt.

Nine out of the French First Division's 18 team, plus demoted nice who won the French Cup last season, will take part in the three European competitions this season.

The pervious record was held by England and Italy with eight clubs.

Auxerre, who had a goalless draw at Duisburg two weeks ago, went ahead one minute before the hour when striker Bernard Diomede netted a tremendous free kick.

The 1996 French champions put the issue beyond doubt when Cyrille Jeunechamps scored with seven minutes to go.

Lyon's opponents Montpellier finished with nine men after Ivory Coast striker Ibrahma Bakayoko was sent off for two yellow cards in the 69th and defender Laurent Robert left the pitch on a stretcher because of an injury.

Montpellier were not allowed to replace him as their three substitutes had already come on.

Lyon, who were trailing 2-1, scored twice in the final 10 minutes.

Bastia had to work hard to earn their comeback in the UEFA Cup after a 15-year absence.

The Corsicans, who beat Halmstadt 1-0 in the first leg, were forced to extra time by the Swedish side before Ousmane Soumah scored in the 113th minute.

Hollywood cine-star and wife of American player Andre Agassi Brooke Shields (R) enjoying her husband's first round clash at the US Open in New York on Aug 26. — AFP/UNB photo

Hingis begins in style

NEW YORK, Aug 27: Martina Hingis thought she might be in for some double trouble, but in the end she delivered a fast, painless defeat to Tami Jones in first-round action at the US Open tennis championships on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Top-seeded world number one Hingis, 16, hardly laboured as she hurried to a 6-0, 6-1 victory over pregnant opponent Jones to launch her campaign for a third Grand Slam title this year.

"Okay, I'm going to face two opponents at one time," Australian Open and Wimbledon champion Hingis joked about her reaction to playing an expectant mother. "She did a great job out there. She had a little stomach to play with."

Hingis led a charge of women's seeds into the second round, including number three Jana Novotna, fourth-seeded French Open champion Iva Majoli and ninth seed Mary Pierce, all of whom raced to easy, straight-set wins.

Michael Chang and Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the second and third seeds on the men's side, also breezed to victory but French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten had his hands full before prevailing in five sets over American qualifier Geoff Grant.

The ninth-seeded Brazilian, who captivated the crowd at Roland Garros with his scraggly looks and bright blue and yellow tennis outfit, overcame the equally scruffy-looking, freckle-faced grant 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2, 6-3 in a tussle that enthralled the grandstand audience.

Chang beat Swede Patrik Fredriksson 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, and Kafelnikov beat Italy's Cristiano Caratti 6-2, 6-4, 7-6.

Other men advancing included 1996 Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, who swept past Zimbabwean Wayne Black, and Armenian Sargis Sargsian, who battled back to beat Spain's hard-serving Julian Alonso 2-6, 0-6, 6-0, 6-4, 6-4. The Hingis express was barely slowed by the 28-year-old Jones, who is 15 weeks pregnant with her first child.

The one highlight for the mother-to-be came in the third game of the second set when she broke Hingis with a drop shot to take her only game in the 42-minute contest.

"Obviously I would have liked a longer and closer match," said the 103rd-ranked Jones, who moved reasonably well and showed only a slight bulge as she navigated around the court in her 10th US Open. "Fortunately I at least won that game."

Jones, playing in her last tournament on the WTA Tour, harboured no hopes of beating Hingis but still found it a joy to be matched against the brilliant young star of women's tennis.

"I think someone was smiling at me when I drew Martina Hingis," said Jones, who up to this year had played under the name Whitlinger-Jones until deciding to drop her maiden name.

"My whole family came out to see me on the stadium court, being as that was may last tournament," she said. "They got to see me play out on the stadium and play Martina. That will definitely be something to remember."

Two other women's players secured fond memories from the Open on Tuesday.

Croatian sensation Mirjana Lucic, a 15-year-old who won her first pro tournament and finished runner-up in her second, beat Czech Sandra Kleinova 6-0, 6-3 in her Grand Slam debut.

Lucic's next opponent will be 17-year-old American wild card Aubrie Rippner, who won her first match as a pro with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Natalia Nedvedeva of Ukraine.

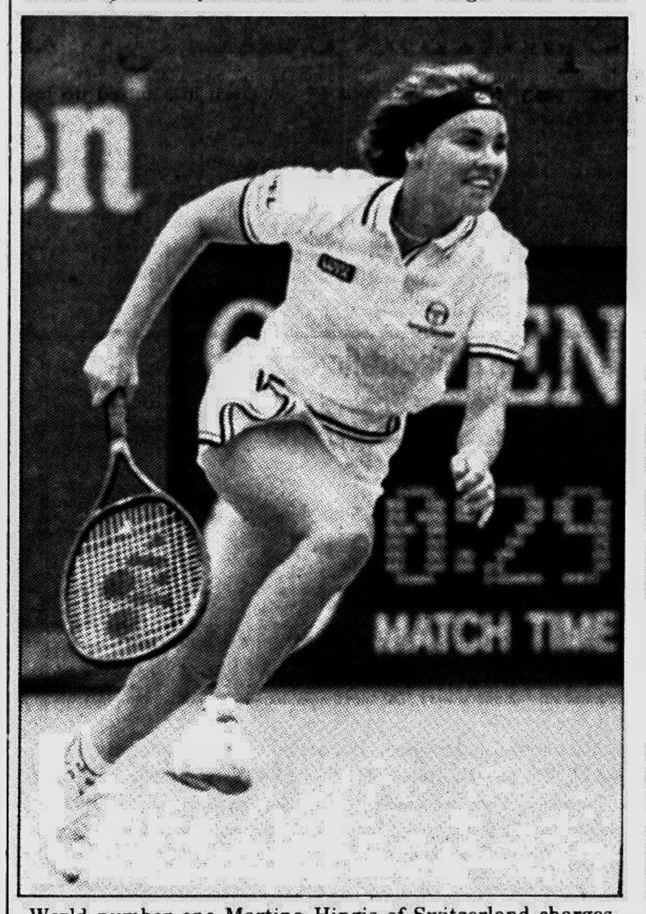
Former teenage hot shot Jennifer Capriati, struggling in her comeback after stints in drug rehabilitation and brushes with the law, was bounced from the tournament by seventh seed Conchita Martinez of Spain 6-1, 6-2.

"I got chills being out there," the 21-year-old Capriati said about the support she received from fans at the old stadium court.

"I think I've just got to still keep positive, don't get discouraged, you know," said Capriati, who had played just one tournament in the last three months as she battled nagging injuries.

"Hopefully if I just get myself in good shape, hopefully I'll just get over that hump."

Tenth seed Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario cruised to next round with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Kerry-Anne Guse.



World number one Martina Hingis of Switzerland charges the net during her first round US Open encounter against American Tami Jones on Tuesday. Hingis won 6-0, 6-1. — AFP/UNB photo

DU badminton TT trials

Sports Reporter

The inter-university badminton and table tennis championships will simultaneously begin in the city from September 13.

Dhaka University, one of the firm contenders, have decided to arrange selection trials on September 3 as part of their preparation.

Interested students of the university have been asked to attend the trials, to be held at the university gymnasium at 4 pm.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 26 mins.

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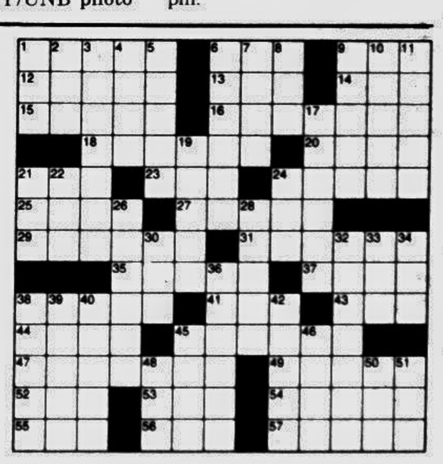

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'VE HEARD THAT TOPNOTCH DIVING-SCHOOL GRADS MIGHT GET A DEEPLOMA.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals B

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.

(**NB:** For unavoidable circumstances we cannot publish the results of yesterday's **Crossword** and a new series is beginning today.)