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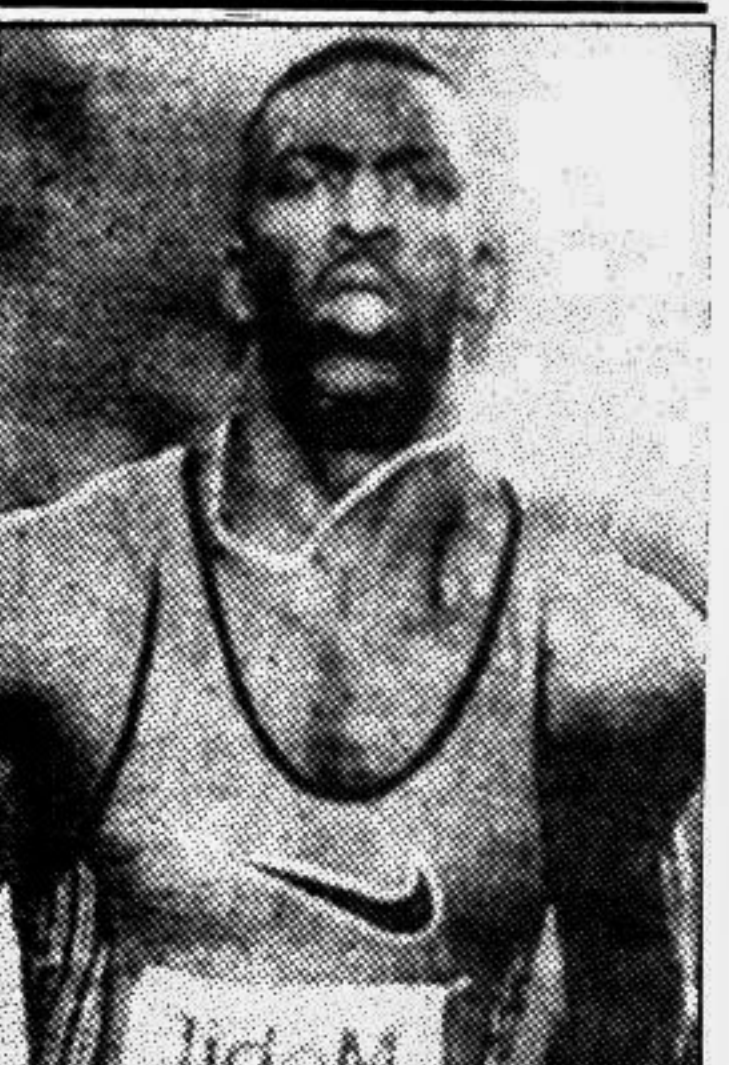
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-77

✓ Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm, Sept 5, '97

- 1 The century Saurav Ganguly hit against Sri Lanka in the second one-day match was his
- 2 Who clinched the Pilot Pen tennis title?
- 3 Who holds the 800m world record?
- 4 Who won the 12th schools chess tournament?
- 5 Who lifted the Pioneer Division soccer league title?

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SPORTS TALK



Michael Johnson (Jamaican athlete) 'What I liked about the four-year ban is that it meant you missed an Olympics. Now you would be banned and still make it to the next Olympics.'

Hernandez says sorry

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Aug 29: Costa Rica's national soccer coach apologised Thursday for joking about firing a missile at the White House.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Directorate of Relief & Rehabilitation HBFC Building (5th Floor) 22, Purana Paltan Dhaka

Tender Notice

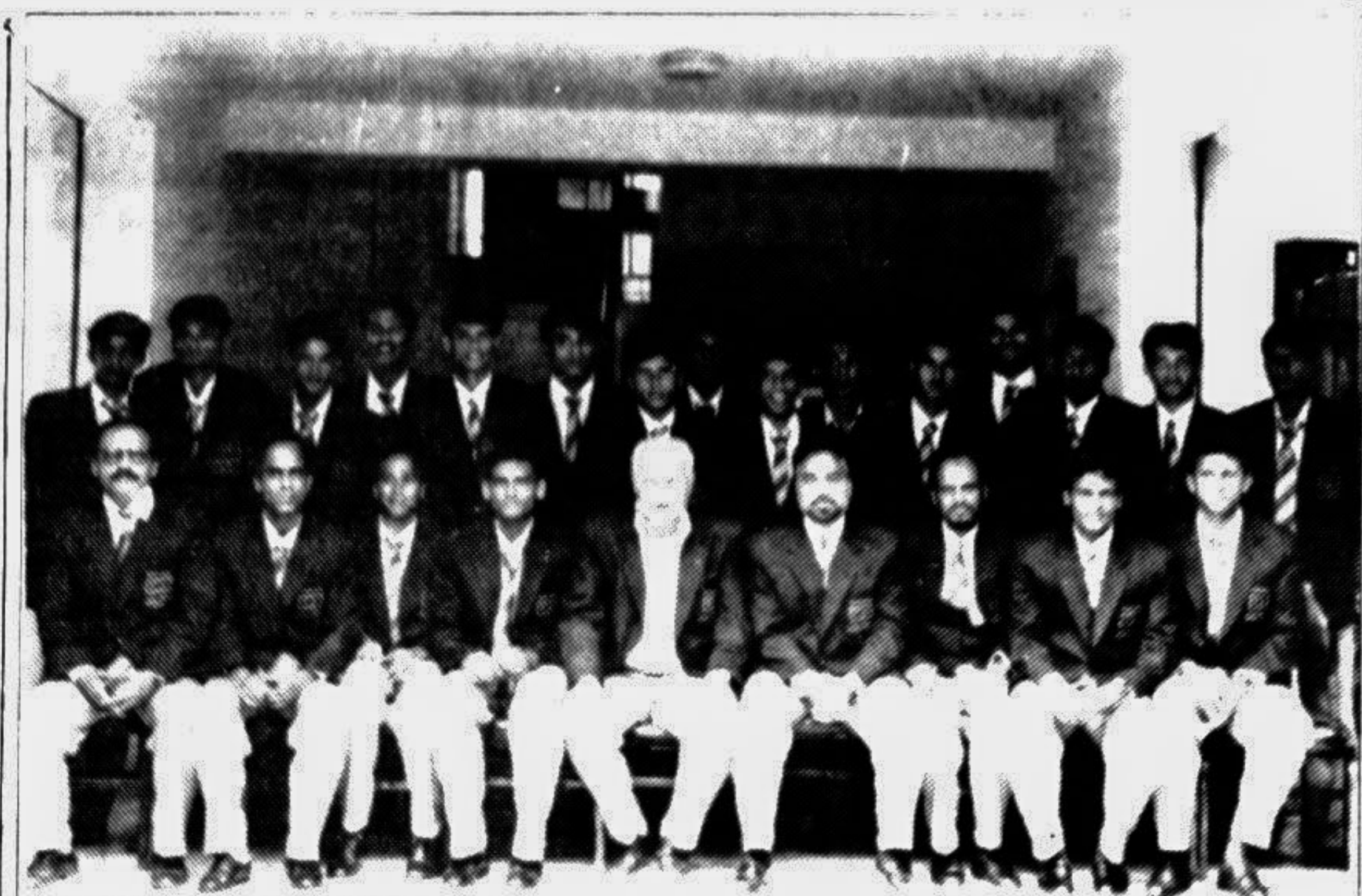
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Sealed tenders are invited from the interested manufacturer/importer and supplier for the supply of 1100 (One thousand one hundred) metric ton (more or less) CI sheet.

The schedule of tenders contained full description, conditions and rules will be available at a cost of Tk 2500/- (Two thousand five hundred) only (non refundable) from the office of the undersigned up to the 8th September '97 during office hours. The tenders will be received in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned up to 12:00 Noon on the 9th September '97. The tender box will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the bidders or their representatives (if there be any).

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DPP-19339-27/8 AM Abdul Jabbar Director General



The national football team members pose for photographers before leaving for Myanmar en route to Nepal at the Krira Pally in Mirpur yesterday. —Star photo

Fakirerpool in Round 2

Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool paved their way into the second round of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup football tournament with a 5-1 thrashing of Dhaka Wanderers in their first round Group A match played at the Mirpur Stadium last night.

In an one-sided affair, forward Saifur Rahman Moni struck two goals while Tariqul Islam, Mozammel Haque Manik and Jalaudinn scored one apiece for the winners who led the first session 2-0. On the other hand, Wanderers skipper Apu reduced the margin converting a penalty in the early second half.

On a muddy outfield, Youngmen's Club, who drew their previous two matches against Bangladesh Boys Club and Dhanmondi Club respectively, took the lead in the 17th minute with Moni placing the ball home from a Mintu free kick while Tariqul sealed the first half beating the off-side trap with a minute to go.

After the breather, Wanderers pulled a mini comeback and staged one back through Apu's 65th minute penalty. The goal spurred Youngmen's into making late second half rally with three goals inside 12 minutes.

Manik opened the floodgates with a brilliant volley from the top of the box in the 33rd minute. Moni made it 4-1 with his second goal in the 43rd minute. Jalal, the experience Fakirerpool striker, wrapped things up with a solo effort on the stroke of the final whistle.

Although, Youngmen's Club joined Dhanmondi and Bangladesh Boys at the top, they entered the second phase on superior goal difference.

On the other hand, it was the third successive defeat for Wanderers.

Earlier in the day's first game, Dhanmondi Club and Bangladesh Boys Club shared the points with a 1-1 draw.

Forward Masood Rana put the Boys ahead with a power packed grounder from a goal-mouth melee in the 35th minute and Tapash headed an equaliser from a left side cross after six minutes.

GROUP A TABLE

Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Youngmen's Club	3	1	2	0	6	2	5
Dhanmondi Club	3	1	2	0	3	1	5
Bangladesh Boys Club	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Dhaka Wanderers Club	3	0	0	3	2	9	0

TODAY'S MATCHES

East End Club vs BRTC SC (4 pm)	Farashganj SC vs Shantinagar Club (6 pm)
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Spanish league kicks off this weekend

Ronaldo a fading memory

MADRID, Aug 29: Ronaldo may be gone, but there's no shortage of Brazilian aces to take his place.

With Giovanni heading a Brazilian striking trio at FC Barcelona, Romario at Valencia and Juninho at Atletico, one could be forgiven for thinking it was the Brazilian league, not the Spanish one, that shoots off this weekend, reports AP.

Ronaldo's departure to Italy's Inter Milan was expected to leave a yawning gap in Spanish soccer. But a flood of signings has all but erased memory of the 1996 FIFA player-of-the-year who helped Barcelona win the European Cup winners' Cup and the Spanish King's Cup.

In all some 21 Brazilians, including at least seven first-team internationals, are playing this year in the Spanish league.

The season opens up with a potential sparkler between defending champions Real Madrid and city rivals Atletico Madrid, both of whom have become heavily reliant on their respective Brazilian aces — defender Roberto Carlos and midfielder Ze Roberto at Real and speedy midfielder Juninho for Atletico.

In other first-round games Sunday, last year's runners-up Barcelona host Real Sociedad, Oviedo are against First Division newcomers Merida, Celta receive Zaragoza, Espanyol travel to Athletic Bilbao, Salamanca are at Racing Santander, newcomers Mallorca host, Valencia, Deportivo go to Tenerife and Sporting are at Compostela.

The round finishes Monday with Valladolid receiving Betis. Barcelona claimed they couldn't afford to keep Ronaldo but as soon as Inter lured him away, the side, under new Dutch coach Louis van Gaal, just went out and bought more where he came from.

Their chief purchase was Brazilian midfielder Rivaldo who became Spanish soccer's most expensive signing at 4 billion pesetas (25 million dollars) when he was wooed away from fellow Spanish side Deportivo La Coruna in a deal that stunned Deportivo.

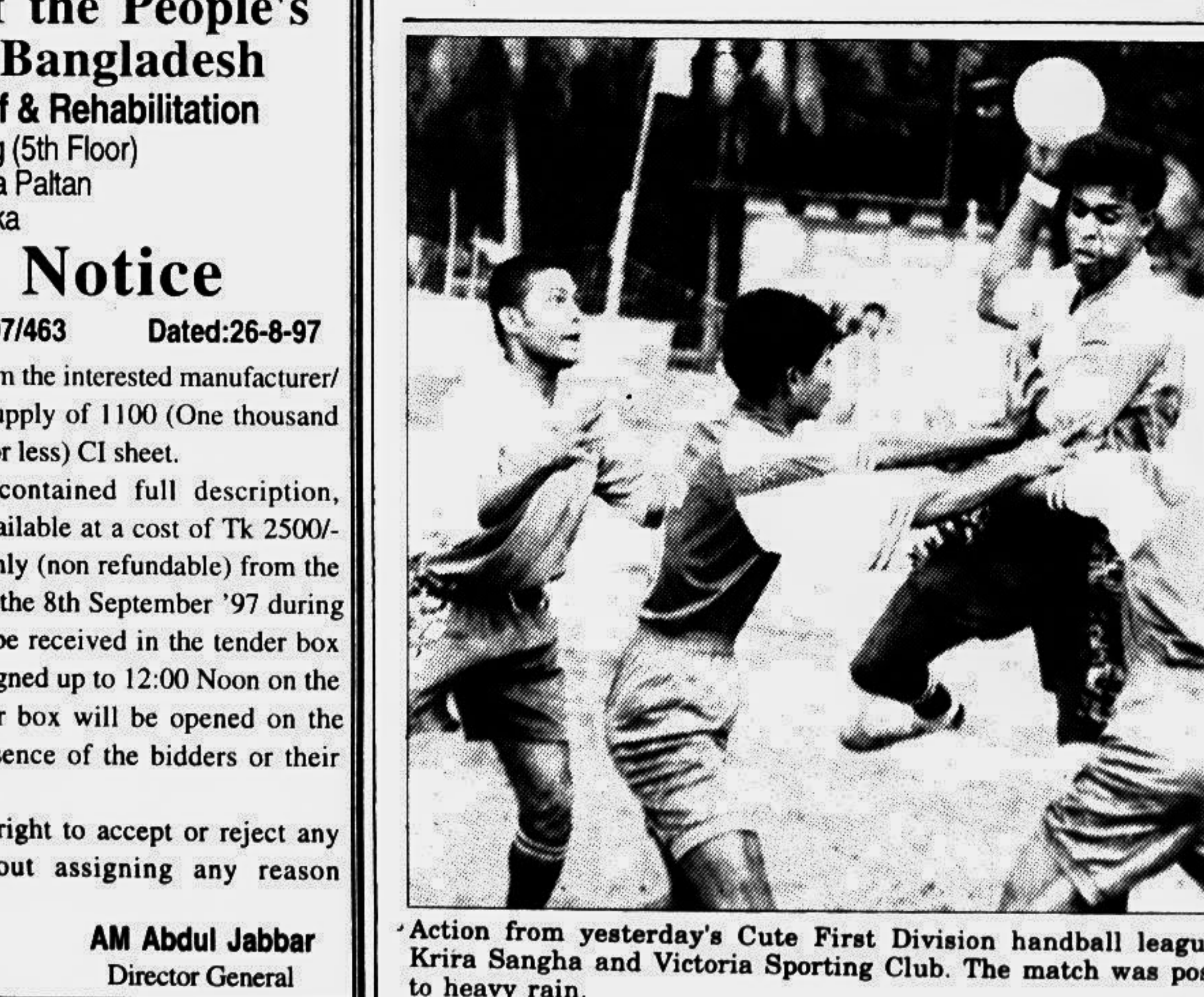
Young Sonny Anderson makes up the Brazilian attacking trio alongside Giovanni while other Barcelona signings including Dutch defender Michael Reiziger, French striker Christophe Dugarry from AC Milan and Yugoslav midfielder Dragan Ciric from Partizan Belgrade.

But so far the purchases haven't paid off.

Last week Van Gaal got his first serious taste of defeat when arch-rivals Real Madrid trounced Barcelona 5-3 on aggregate to land the Super Cup, the season's first trophy.

Van Gaal said he needs time but his more cynical critics say he should get a team first.

In contrast, Real Madrid who appeared threatened by crisis with the sudden departure of coach Fabio Capello back to AC Milan last season, appears to have strengthened themselves doubly with the coming of seasoned German manager Juup Heynckes, realising his predecessor had already compiled a powerful team with Spaniard Fernando Hierro at back, Argentine Fernando Redondo in



Action from yesterday's Cute First Division handball league match between Arambagh Krira Sangha and Victoria Sporting Club. The match was postponed after 10 minutes due to heavy rain. —Star photo

Booters off to Yangon

Sports Reporter

A 24-member Bangladesh national football squad including four officials left for Yangon yesterday afternoon en route to Nepal where they will participate in the South Asian Football Federation tournament scheduled to start in Kathmandu from September 4.

During their three-day stay in Myanmar, the team will play a warm-up match against the home team tomorrow before heading for Nepal via Bangkok on Monday.

Bangladesh, who have been placed in Group B along with India and the Maldives in the six nation competition, will take on the islanders in their opening match on September 5 and face the Indians two days later. The other group holds Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the hosts.

The team: Jewel Rana (captain), Zakir Hossain (vice-captain), Masum, Pradeep, Biplob, Hasan-al Mamun, Iqbal, Amin Rana, Tipu, Jahangir, Arman, Alfaz, Ruhul Amin, Manik, Masood Rana, Nakib, Rajani, Rakib, Aminul and Tony.

Officials: Anjan Chowdhury Pinto (Chef de mission), Shah Alam Chowdhury (manager), Otto Pfister (coach) and Dr. Nazmul Huq (Physiotherapist).

Div II chess

Sports Reporter

West Jatrabari Krira Chakra and Sonali Bank Sports Club were jointly leading the Second Division chess league table after the third round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In Friday's round, West Jatrabari recorded a 2.5-1.5 victory over Sonali Bank and joined the vanquished at the top of the standings with each having nine and a half points.

Dhaka Chess Club with nine points are following the leaders while Jatrabari Krira Chakra are third with 8.5 points.

Dhaka Chess Club tamed BUET A by 3-1 points while Jatrabari registered an identical victory over Kallabazar Jubo Sangha.

The fourth round will begin at the same venue today at 3 pm.

Denilson set to sign mega deal

MADRID, Aug 29: Brazilian international Denilson confirmed on Thursday that he would sign for Spain's Real Betis for what newspapers are reporting as a likely world record transfer fee, reports Reuter.

Speaking to the media at Madrid's Barajas airport, the midfielder said reports which stated his transfer fee from Sao Paulo was 5.3 billion pesetas (34.6 million dollars) were correct.

He also confirmed that the 11-year contract he plans to sign would include a buy-out clause of 65 billion pesetas (424.2 million dollars) and claimed: "It's not too expensive."

Denilson said he would sign the contract on Thursday night in Seville.

Spanish newspapers had speculated that the signing could be the biggest soccer transfer the world has seen since Brazilian striker Ronaldo moved from Barcelona to Italy's Internazionale.

US OPEN AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK, Aug 29 (AP): Highlights of Day 4 Thursday at the 11.82 million dollars US Open tennis championships:

Weather: Rainy. Afternoon high was 72 degrees Fahrenheit (22 degrees Celsius).

Attendance: Day session, 23,532; night session, 21,719; total 45,251.

Stat of the day: Patrick Baur cashed in on the only break point opportunity he had in his straight-set loss to Pete Sampras.

Quote of the day: "Are you kidding?" — Alex Corretja when asked if he was anticipating a semifinal rematch with defending champion Pete Sampras.



Sampras next plays another hard server with nothing to

U.S. OPEN FROM FLUSHING MEADOW

Tawfiq Aziz Khan

NEW YORK, Aug 29: Pete Sampras the defending champion found himself rerouted to the Louis Armstrong Stadium where he won his 4 US Open titles to handle the oldest player in the draw, Patrick Baur, the 32-year-old 338th ranked player. Sampras was originally scheduled to play in the Arthur Ashe Stadium but the organisers did not want to further upset the rain-ravaged card of the day. Sampras despatched Baur in 95 minutes with a score of 7-5, 6-4, 6-3. "The first set was the key and once I won the first, I kind of relaxed and went from there. I have won a lot of big matches on that court," said Sampras.

Play was supposed to start at 11 am, with 66 singles and doubles matches evenly distributed among the 18 courts. As the rains ceased dozens of ground staff set off to dry the courts and the only day time match between the old campaigner Mary Joe-Fernandez, the 12th seed, and the 47th-ranked Rita Grande of Italy started at 4 pm in the new stadium. Despite a first set loss the base-line specialist from the United States rallied to win 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. "Delays are always a bit of a pain," Fernandez said after her victory.

Martina Hingis, the youngest number one seed of the tournament was on course for a third round berth. She demolished 42nd ranked Denisa Chladkova 6-1, 6-2 in 44 minutes. These two met in Wimbledon in the quarters this year



IN FULL FLOW: World No 1 Pete Sampras goes for a smash during his second round match against German Patrick Baur at the US Open in New York on Aug 28. — AFP/UNB photo

Hingis, Sampras ram thru'

NEW YORK, Aug 29: Pete Sampras let loose a first-pumping roar to punctuate his finest shot on a wet and wacky day at the US Open, and Martina Hingis won so fast at night she finished before some day matches began, reports AP.

A semblance of order, oddly enough, prevailed at the Open at the end Thursday after puzzled fans — 23,532 during the day, 21,719 at night — wandered the grounds trying to keep up with the shifting schedule.

Conjuring up miserable memories of this summer's wet Wimbledon, rain soaked the Open as fans and players waited four hours before the first ball was hit in anger. Thirty matches — all doubles or mixed doubles — were postponed. All 31 singles matches eventually were completed.

Sampras, the four-time champion, was supposed to play in Arthur Ashe Stadium during the day but wound up at night in the old grandstand, where he laboured to a 7-5, 6-4, 6-3 triumph over an inspired Patrick Baur of Germany.

"All these guys I'm playing have nothing to lose," said Sampras, who advanced to the third round with his second win over a qualifier — this one No. 338. "I came out firing but he was serving huge."

Sampras showed how fired up he was at the end of the second set when he caught Baur leaning one way, then ripped a stunning backhand pass in the other direction from the baseline at set point. Sampras, in a rare show of emotion, punched the air and belloved.

Sampras next plays another hard server with nothing to lose. Alex Radulescu, who beat Richard Fromberg in five sets. No. 6 Alex Corretja of Spain, who battled an exhausted and sick Sampras through an epic four-hour match last year, struggled to a nearly three-hour 7-5, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 victory over Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech Republic.

French Open champion and No. 9 seed Gustavo Kuerten was switched from day to night and won 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 against Sjeng Schalken.

Unseeded Todd Martin, who knocked out Jim Courier in the first round, succumbed to 17th-ranked Jonas Bjorkman 7-5, 6-4, 6-0. This was Martin's first tournament since elbow surgery last February.

The top women's seed, Hingis, needed only 44 minutes to polish off Denisa Chladkova 6-1, 6-2 in the stadium at night while all the outside courts were filled with players trying to finish — or start — their matches.

No. 3 Jana Novotna, who says she's "suffering while serving" because of a sore shoulder, beat Yuyuk Basuki 6-4, 6-2.

Novotna next faces the tall and talented 15-year-old from Croatia, Mirjana Lucic, who blasted 17-year-old Californian Aubrie Rippper 6-0, 6-1. Lucic, who practiced at Hingis' house in Switzerland before the Open, seems poised in her first Grand Slam event to upset Novotna.

"She doesn't look like a 15-year-old and she doesn't handle all the things like a 15-year-old, on the court also," Hingis said. "She seems for me to be very experienced at a young age. That's a very good beginning."

Asked whether Lucic has a chance of winning the tournament, Hingis laughed. "Hopefully not if she meets me," she said.

and the result was almost identical. Apparently Martina was the writer-producer-director of this short documentary called "How to Play Tennis."

But the most impressive of all was the 15-year-old Mirjana Lucic. Hingis' practice partner who won the Open's junior title last year and is continuing to make a ferocious debut in her first Grand Slam as a main-draw player. Last night Lucic accounted for the junior Wimbledon runner-up Brie Rippner of California 6-0, 6-1 and next meet Jana Novotna who after defeating Basuki of Indonesia 6-1, 6-2 raced to the Grandstand to court. "Basically I'm looking for the challenge," said Novotna, a two-time Wimbledon runner-up, who had heard the hype about the newcomer. "I want to look myself and see what's true about it."

According to Hingis, Novotna will find herself amply challenged.

Today is another day and it is a lovely morning with the sun shining meekly through the clouds after overnight rains. Monica Seles and Mary Pierce will be playing today.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Diamond club
- 4 Clear the tables
- 7 Appoint
- 11 Neighbor-hood
- 13 Fireplace minuts
- 14 The yoke's on them
- 15 Cash drawer
- 16 "Rosen-kavaler"
- 17 Minister
- 18 Banquet room
- 20 Slugging legend
- 22 Sanctions
- 24 Presley prop
- 28 Inter-rogate, in a way
- 32 Aperture
- 33 Pictorial representation
- 34 Symbol of intrigue
- 36 Crossword diagram
- 37 What paparazzi do
- 38 Custodians

DOWN

- 1 More intense
- 43 Earthy prefix?
- 44 Greet
- 46 Vulgarly
- 50 Sci-fi warriors
- 53 Energy
- 55 Infamous
- 56 Not "ter"
- 57 Charities
- 58 What rodents do
- 59 Actress Anna May
- 60 Parcel of land
- 61 Olive of the comics
- 1 Dog

owner's ordeal

- 2 La Scala
- 3 He got the point
- 21 Harbor boat
- 23 Wield a needle
- 25 Went like sixty
- 26 Infamous
- 27 Ohio nine
- 28 Antenna type
- 29 Singer's come-back?
- 30 Italy's silhouette
- 31 A mere handful
- 35 Satchel
- 38 Afternoon affair
- 40 Ump's kin
- 42 Com-petitor
- 46 Prom transport
- 47 Carson's successor
- 48 TV dinner holder
- 49 Bay
- 60 47 Down's trademark
- 61 Conceal
- 62 "Gunga"
- 64 Cambridge sch.

Solution time: 24 min.

JACOB MONNET

ORIGINE OVELLS

ASS TIGER VII

NEVER NUN DEND

SIVIC OBI DANGE

GOA AOK

SQUEEZE GEDAR

AUNT AWE DODO

TAD ALBERT WOO

VIVIDLY RUIEDS

REWATA OULET

REGIS REELS

Saturday's answer

CRYPTOQUIP

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YGFA FRUDXR RFAYGAW

MU VUWFDGMZPO

Saturday's Cryptquip: A GOLF ASSISTANT OFTEN EASILY GETS CALLED A TEE CADDY.

Today's Cryptquip clue: P equals M

The Cryptquip 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.