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1 The century Saurav Ganguly hit against Sri Lanka in the second one-day match was his

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3 Who holds the 800m world record?

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5 Who lifted the Pioneer Division soccer league title?

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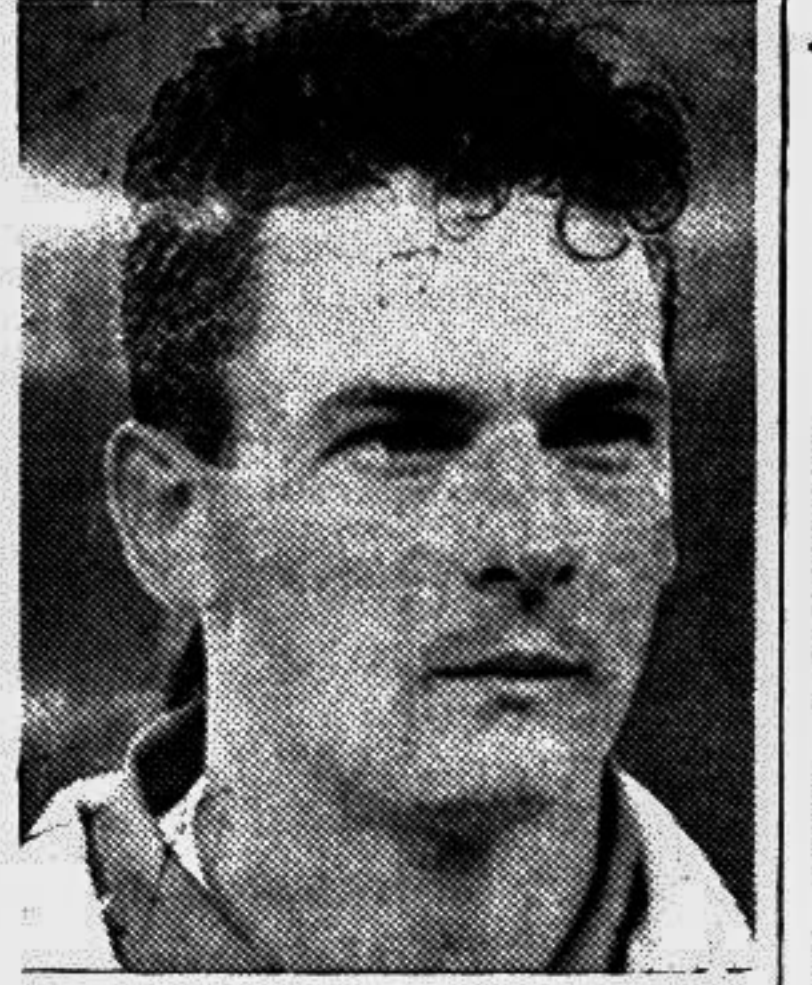
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SPORTS TALK



Roberto Baggio
(Italian soccer star)
"I was tired of having long hair. My family agreed and my wife Andreina gave it a final snip."

Inter-division women's v'ball

Sports Reporter
Khulna and Pabna continued their winning run in the inter-division women's volleyball tournament at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday. Khulna, who recorded victories against Dinajpur and Barisal on Tuesday, posted their third successive win with an easy 15-0, 15-0, 15-1 win over Patuakhali while Pabna, who had earlier beaten Rajbari in their opening match, also extended their streak defeating Narayanganj and Comilla yesterday. After a marathon five-set victory over Narayanganj (15-11, 15-11, 15-15, 15-3 and 15-1) in their first two matches, Pabna had a comfortable ride over Comilla 15-1, 15-4 and 15-0. In the day's other matches, Dinajpur recorded a 15-0, 15-12, 15-6 win over Patuakhali while Narayanganj beat Comilla 15-9, 15-1, 15-3.

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Hosts take on Pakistan in opener
SAFF fiesta kicks off today

Al-Amin from Nepal
KATHMANDU, Sept 3: The first South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) championship, involving six-nations of this region, begins here tomorrow. The stage is all set for a modest opening of the South Asian football fiesta at the Dasarath Stadium at 2:45 (BST) in the afternoon. Prime Minister of Nepal, Lok Bahadur Chand will perform the inauguration of the 10-day tourney which includes all but Bhutan of the seven SAARC member nations. Bhutan preferred to stay off the spectacle citing financial constraints. Hosts Nepal however will take on Pakistan in the opening match following the 30-minute inaugural ceremony. The 25,000-capacity Dasarath Stadium, located at the hub of picturesque Kathmandu valley, wore a new look on the eve of the opening. But, surprisingly though, enthusiasm among the localities is hardly felt at the onset of the biggest regional football carnival, featuring Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Nepal. Although the All Nepal Football Association (ANFA) put up its best in organising the big sporting event properly, it seemingly did not fare better at the end of the day. The association has failed to provide practice grounds to all the participating teams and is yet to issue accreditation cards to the foreign journalists, restricting newsmen from performing their duties properly. Apart from this occasion, Kathmandu hosted another major tournament in the past. The first SAF Games was held way back in 1984. Although the South Asian Football Federation struck a six-year 4,550,000-dollar deal with the Asian Marketing Ltd to popularise the game in this part of the world, it suffered a setback even before the ball got kicked around. Not a single banner or festoon depicting the about-to-open game were seen on the 214 miles of hilly land, let alone spirit of the fans. All the six teams meanwhile arrived in Kathmandu and availed the opportunity to take some preparations.

GROUPINGS
A Nepal Sri Lanka Pakistan B India Bangladesh Maldives

SAFF SCHEDULE

Date	Group	Match	Kick-off (BST)
Sept 4	A	Opening ceremony	2:45
Sept 5	B	Nepal vs Pakistan	3:15
Sept 6	A	Bangladesh vs Maldives	3:15
Sept 7	A	Sri Lanka vs Pakistan	3:15
Sept 8	A	India vs Bangladesh	3:15
Sept 9	B	Sri Lanka vs Nepal	3:15
Sept 10		First semifinal	3:15
Sept 11		Second semifinal	3:15
Sept 12		Rest day	
Sept 13		3rd-4th place-decider	12:15
		Final	2:45

Kiwis arrive in Kenya
3-day tour opener today

NAIROBI, Sept 3: New Zealand's cricket team arrived here on Tuesday confident they will teach their Kenyan counterparts a lesson, despite being plagued by injuries, reports AFP. Kenyan sports commissioner James Tirop assured the Kiwis that enough security they will be provided to them during their trip, which comes in the wake of political violence which hit the country in recent weeks. Coach Steve Rixon said the trip will help the team gauge their standards before playing Zimbabwe in two-test series later this month. Captain Stephen Flemming, leading New Zealand for the first time in a full tour, said their main priority will be to improve his side's middle order batting and expose young players. "We have a young side developed in the last 12 months and is ready for serious test," he said. New Zealand play Kenya in one three-dayer on Thursday and two one-dayers on Sunday and Tuesday at the Nairobi Gymkhana and Nairobi Club. Flemming said injured players have been replaced with proven men. Recently injured opener Bryan Young has been replaced with Craig Spearman. Swing bowler Simon Doull and medium pacer Geoff Allott have been dropped for Shayne O'Connor and Paul Wiseman. Flemming did not belittle the hosts after their historic win over former world champions, West Indies in the World Cup. "Kenya are obviously new to the international game but they have good batsmen and all-rounders," said Flemming. "We are here to develop Kenyan cricket, New Zealand will definitely paint a good picture of Kenyan cricket," he added. The Kenyans also have their problems, they make their three-day match debut without newly hired coach ex-Indian international Roger Binny and captain Maurice Odumbe, who was not cleared to return home by his Dutch side. Jimmy Rayani, the Kenya Cricket Association (KCA) chairman said the body had recalled former international Tom Tikolo to coach the team while team manager Mahmood Qureshi has been taking care of the nets. "We expected the coach would be here over a week ago but he failed to get clearance from the Indian bank that he works for," Rayani said.

SQUAD
Stephan Flemming (captain), Blair Pocock, Craig Spearman, Mathew Horne, Craig McMillan, Chris Cairns, Chris Harris, Adam Parore, Daniel Vettori, Paul Wiseman, Gavin Larsen, Heath Davis, Shyne O'Connor, Nathan Astle and Andrew Penn.

Joao points to Africa

CAIRO, Sept 3: FIFA president Joao Havelange on Tuesday indicated that an African bid to state the 2006 World Cup finals was likely to be favourably considered by world football's governing body, report agencies. Speaking at a meeting of FIFA's executive committee in Cairo, Havelange noted that England and Germany, respectively hosts in 1996 and 1994, were both bidding against each other to stage the tournament. "I hope that the 2006 World Cup takes place in Africa because Africa has the means to do it," Havelange said. The president of the African confederation, Issa Ayatou, seated next to Havelange, made no comment. In other business Tuesday, FIFA officials revealed it would commission a legal investigation into the status of Hong Kong now that the former British colony has reverted to Chinese rule to see whether it can still be considered a separate entity from the Chinese Football Association. A similar detailed study on Gibraltar will be presented at the executive committee's meeting on December 3, which will additionally consider the creation of an Inter-Continental World Cup Championship from 1999. That plant met with a swift rebuttal in Madrid on Tuesday afternoon when the Spanish association said they would veto any move to accord Gibraltar FIFA membership. The six square-kilometre enclave, population 30,000 and which sticks out five kilometres (three miles) from the Spanish coast, has been a British possession since 1713 but Madrid is determined to bring it under Spanish administration. FIFA and European counterpart UEFA will meanwhile continue to investigate the political situation in Bosnia with a view to establishing a national league championship there. Elsewhere, FIFA secretary general Sepp Blatter confirmed there would be no seeding of the eight countries finishing runners-up in European World Cup qualifying groups when the draw is made for playoff matches on October 13 in Zurich. The best-placed of the nine teams coming second qualifies automatically, while the winners of the four playoffs will likewise go through to next summer's finals in France. Besides, FIFA agreed on Tuesday that cannabis should be included on its list of banned substances. Soccer's governing body also announced at a meeting in the Egyptian capital that it would carry out inspection visits to Bhutan and Palestine, who have applied for FIFA membership. The news was issued in a statement after the meeting chaired by Havelange. The under-17 World Championship starts in Egypt on Thursday. Marketing rights for the 2002 and 2006 World Cups will be confirmed on December 3. The governing body also approved new FIFA regulations governing international television coverage of soccer matches which take force on November 1. It said they had "the principal aim of protecting the national associations' rights by giving the associations wide-ranging powers to oppose international transmissions."

Mahanagari Cup
Final round likely to begin Sept 17

Sports Reporter
The final round of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup is likely to begin at the Mirpur Stadium from September 17. A Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC) official said yesterday. Eight teams — four semi-finalists of the 1995 DMFA Cup and four qualifiers from the first round — will be split into two groups for the second round robin league. Mohammedan Sporting Club and Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra, two of the four DMFA Cup semi-finalists, have been placed in Group One along with two qualifiers Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool and Arambagh Krira Sangha while the other group comprises two other qualifiers — Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society and Farashganj Sporting Club along with the remaining semi-finalists of 1995 DMFA Cup — Abahani Krira Chakra and Brothers Union Club. Top two teams from each group will qualify for the semi-finals. According to the draft fixture, which will be passed in a DMFLC executive committee meeting tomorrow night, Mohammedan Sporting Club, winners of the 1995 DMFA Cup, will take on Federation Cup runners-up Arambagh Krira Sangha in the inaugural match on the opening day. Federation Cup champions Abahani Krira Chakra will begin their second round campaign against Farashganj Sporting Club on the following day. The two semi-finals have been scheduled on September 24 and 25 followed by the final on September 27. While his coach Akbar Raisani, who was caught by the journalists at the hotel lobby, said, his team, a blend of youth and experience, has the ability to win the trophy.

Warne tells his own story

MELBOURNE, Sept 3: Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne has repeated allegations that Pakistan's Salim Malik tried to bribe him — and claims corruption might still exist in Pakistan cricket, reports AP. Warne, who released his book "My Own Story" on Wednesday, said he was often suspicious when he watched Pakistani play. "Playing against the Pakistanis or watching their scores from overseas in the papers is now a strange experience," Warne wrote. "They are such a talented team that whenever they collapse for a low score or bowl badly and are beaten, you cannot help wondering about what might be going on behind the scenes. Hopefully nothing, but it is difficult not to wonder sometimes." Warne and teammates Tim May and Mark Waugh alleged that Malik offered them bribes to not win the first Test of the 1994 series in Karachi. "He kept telling me that Pakistan could not lose. When I asked him what he meant, he said again, 'You don't understand, we cannot lose,'" Warne wrote. "I told him Australia were going to out the next day and beat Pakistan. 'No you don't understand. We cannot lose. I am saying to you, you and Tim May are the two key bowlers tomorrow. There will be 200,000 dollars cash in your room in half an hour if you don't bowl well tomorrow. Bowl outside off-stump and it will be a draw,'" Warne quoted Malik as saying. He said the offer was rejected and Pakistan went on to win the Test by one wicket. The Australian allegations were never proven and an inquiry held in Pakistan cleared Pakistani players of wrongdoing when the Australians refused to take part. "A Pakistani judge would say his report ended the matter and in a way it did because nothing further has happened," Warne wrote. "But that judge also called Mark, Tim and myself liars for making the accusations." "Why would anyone make such serious allegations knowing they were false? Inventing something like that would cause more trouble for us than for the accused." Warne said the Australians would have given evidence elsewhere but were worried about possible reprisals from Indian or Pakistani "gangsters."

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SAFF SNIPPETS

From Staff Correspondent
KATHMANDU, Sept 3: Hosts Nepal will face stockily-built Pakistanis in the opening match of the SAFF tourney at the Dasarath Stadium tomorrow. Raju Shakya, the notable survivor of the Nepalese team that won the first SAF Games football gold here way back in 1984, will be at the helm of the hosts. The long-haired defender, who decided to end his 16-year career with the national team after the tournament, promised to win the cup as a farewell gift for his country. "I will quit the national team after the tourney," said Raju while talking to the journalists at the Saint Xaviers School ground on Wednesday afternoon. Raju, who is a frequent visitor to the Dhaka football, however, tipped Bangladesh as the favourites for the championship. "They are very good side and have enough potentials to win the cup. But we will leave no stone unturned to win the laurels for the country," added the soft-spoken Nepalese captain for the last seven years. "We had gone through a rigorous training session for the last 60 days," said Raju. But promptly added that the loss of their four key players, who stayed back in Japan during their World Cup qualifying matches, was a severe blow for them. On the other hand, his Pakistani counterpart Kazi Ishfaq said the standards of both teams were same. "But since we enjoy physical advantage, we are hopeful to win the match," quipped the 29-year-old striker. While his coach Akbar Raisani, who was caught by the journalists at the hotel lobby, said, his team, a blend of youth and experience, has the ability to win the trophy.

PFISTER PACIFIED
The Bangladesh football team had a gruelling practice session at the lush green of Saint Xaviers School ground here in the afternoon today. And Otto Pfister, the German coach of Bangladesh, appeared to be quite happy with the way things were going now. The blond German, who was earlier quoted in a local English daily that his boys were provided with "a garden to practice on", only expressed his dissatisfaction about the poor management of the organisers. "Terrible. It seems that the people have not understood football in this region yet. The reception and arrangements have been very poor. Just imagine, we had to train on the garden of the hotel," Kathmandu Post quoted Pfister on September 3. But Ganesh Thapa, president of the All Nepal Football Association (ANFA), termed Pfister's allegation as baseless. While talking to Bangladesh journalists he refuted Pfister's claim. "We have provided five grounds for the participants to practice. And I think these are the best available grounds in Kathmandu," said Ganesh.

THE CHEERLEADER
Mohiuddin Ahmed seemingly proved himself as the best friend on foreign soil for the Bangladesh football team. The Bangladesh High Commissioner to Nepal performed the role of a cheerleader during today's practice session of the team at the Saint Xaviers School ground and promised all to do the same at the ground every day. Besides, the amicable high commissioner also provided mineral water bottles for the booters after the organisers expressed their inability to supply adequate drinking water.

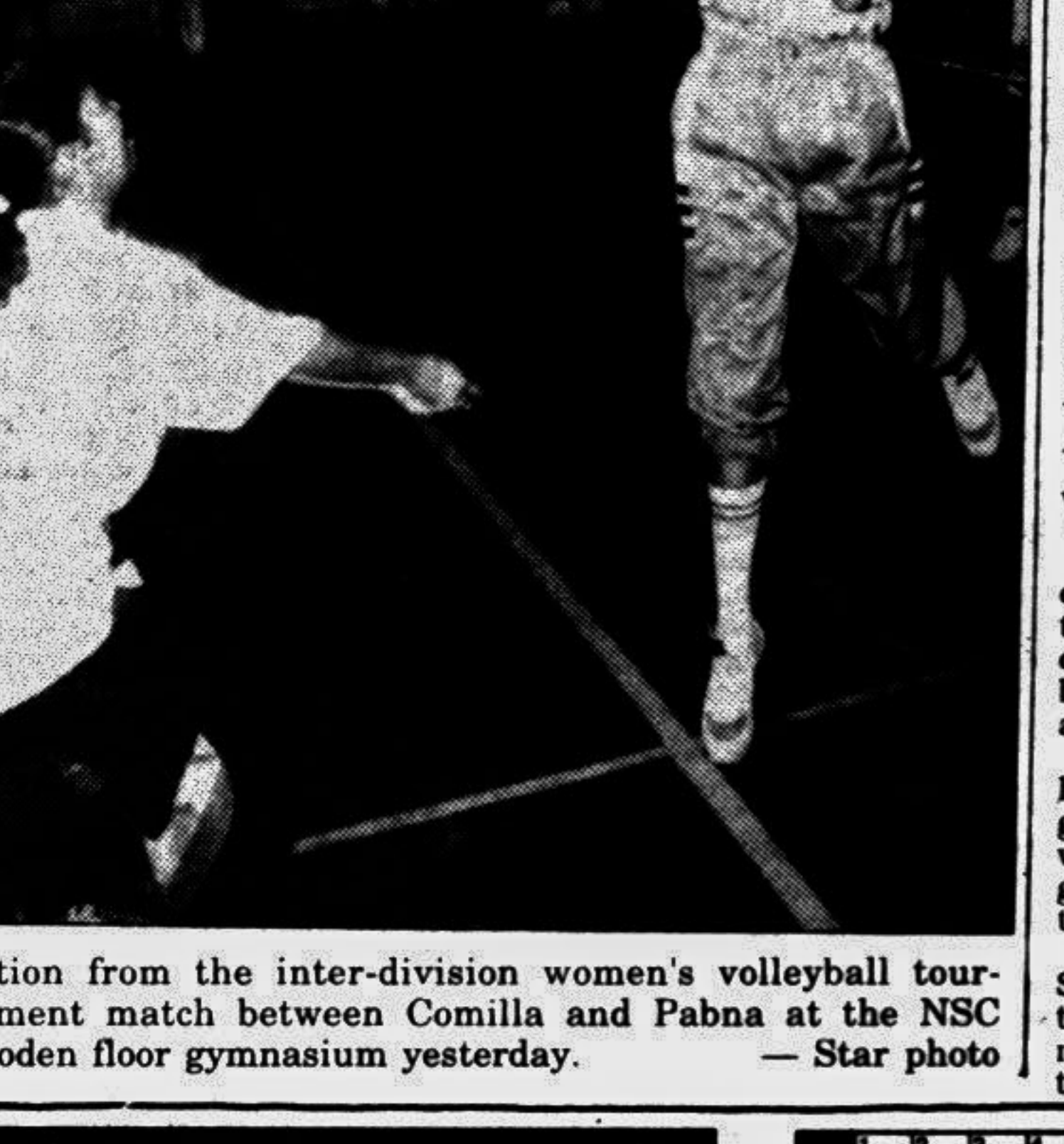
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Dhaka District Sports Association became champions in the 15th national mini and cadet wrestling championship bagging 9 golds, three silvers and one bronze, reports UNB. Jessore Education Board held the second position with 4 golds, 3 silvers and 4 bronzes while Gazipur DSA earned a gold and one silver to finish third. State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader distributed prizes among the winners on the concluding day yesterday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Muscle
6 Musical
12 First to say
13 TGIF?
14 Surgical instrument
15 Poem
16 Impression
17 Judicious
19 Dutch uncle
20 Paid players
22 Cath. or Prot.
24 Surprised
27 Equine
29 Lovers' quarrel
32 Punch and Judy's milieu
35 Membership
36 Sessions with the shrink
37 A real often

DOWN
1 Actor Pitt
2 Mysterious character
3 Musicians' assoc.
4 Distress
5 Testator's
6 Put under
7 Put under
8 Depot abbr.
9 Obelisk
10 Automobile
11 Ferrari
12 Squad
13 Roman
14 151
16 U-235, for example
17 Vindictive
18 Sheltered
19 Prop for the sorcerer's apprentice
20 Incidental privilege
21 Daylight participants
22 overseas
23 Actor
24 Mrs. Wren
25 McKinley

Yesterday's answer
RAY ADEE SPAS
OLIO LVIOR WAP
BIOBEEF BIKY
EDITOR ELF
THE CATNAP
POLLE SYV OBT
ELUO ABO LUP
GEM UNO PRYS
SNOOZE ALI
HIS DAMOED
LIZIA YINDEDE
AVIRA LADE LIL
MYNA EVES LEG

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