

Column One



Competition-80

Tick the Correct Answers
Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 17, '97

- Who clinched the U-17 soccer World Cup?
Argentina Brazil Nigeria
- Who was the man-of-the-tournament in the recent Sahara Cup?
Azhar Afridi Saurav
- Who lifted the Grand Slam Cup?
Rafter Sampras Korda
- Who are the Mahanagari Cup soccer champions?
Mukujodha Abahani Mohammedan
- Which company will sponsor the '99 cricket World Cup?
Pepsi Wills Coca Cola

Name
Class Roll No.
School Address
Phone: (if any)



SPORTS TALK



Saurav Ganguly
(Indian cricketer)
The Sahara Cup series has given me the confidence that I can win matches for India.

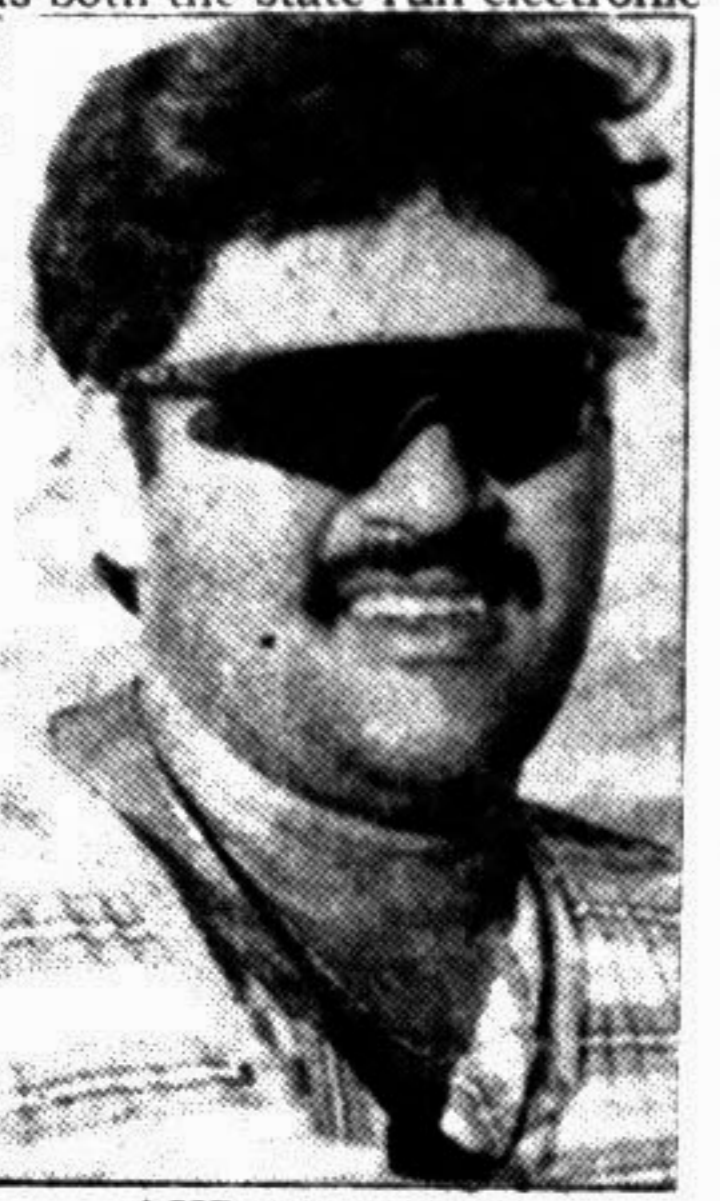
Azizur passes away

M Azizur Rahman, father of Arifur Rahman Shiblee, sports editor of Daily Janakantha, died of cardiac arrest at BIRDEM hospital on Wednesday night. He was 60, reports UNB. Azizur, a former additional director of the Housing Directorate, left behind his wife, two sons and three daughters. His namaj-e-janaza was held at Mohammadpur Jam-e-Masjid and later buried at Mirpur Intellectual Graveyard.

Nairobi show starts today



Bangladesh will renew their rivalry with Kenya when the two newcomers in international cricket meet in the inaugural match of a triangular tournament in Nairobi today.



The match, the first ever invitational international tournament for Bangladesh after being awarded with one-day status along with Kenya in July this year, will get underway at the Gymkhana ground at 1 pm (BST). But the cricket-crazy nation sinks in depths of despair as both the state-run electronic media - Betar and BT, have decided to stay off the spectacle, which also includes the latest Test-playing nation Zimbabwe, for reasons best known to them. The occasion, the first official one-day encounter between Bangladesh and Kenya, will mark the ninth clash of the two opponents. But Bangladesh, who led the record with five wins, will look forward to their maiden win on the Kenyan soil after three defeats including the heart-breaking one in the 1994 ICC Trophy championship. But the Bangladesh squad, led by Akram Khan, will enjoy a moral edge as they beat the African nation in the final of the last ICC meet in Malaysia.

early this year. The ICC Trophy champions, who arrived in Nairobi on Monday, will have to go into the serious battle without having played a single warm-up match. Although their plan to acclimatise with new conditions could not be materialised due to the non-cooperation of the hosts, who are eagerly waiting to avenge their Kuala Lumpur defeat. The Kenyans meanwhile played a series of international matches against Zimbabwe, New Zealand and Northern Transvaal. Khaled Masud, Mohammad Rafique, Saiful Islam, Hasibul Hossain, Sheikh Salahuddin, Mafizur Rahman and Safiuddin lays, will be led by Aliaster Campbell and play their first match against Bangladesh on October 11. Kenya have already named their squad on Tuesday.

SQUADS
Bangladesh (from): Akram Khan (captain), Aminul Islam, Minhazul Abedin, Athar Ali Khan, Shahriar Hossain, Jahangir Alam, Habibur Bashar, Khaled Masud, Mohammad Rafique, Saiful Islam, Hasibul Hossain, Sheikh Salahuddin, Mafizur Rahman and Safiuddin

Bangladesh, who were having some minor injury problems to few key players, are yet to disclose their final eleven for today's tie. But a leg injury to experienced all-rounder Minhazul Abedin Nannu, finger bruises of vice-captain Aminul Islam Bulbul and wicketkeeper Khaled Masud are not that serious to rule them out of the match, claimed the Bangladesh team manager Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu over telephone last night. Bangladesh coach Gordon Greenidge however said, his boys are very much capable of beating Kenya on their home soil. On the other hand, Kenyan skipper Asif Karim is confident to beat Bangladesh. "We want to show them that if it were not for heavy rains in Malaysia, they would not have beaten us," said the left-arm veteran off-spinner, who succeeded star batsman Maurice Odumbe after the ICC tourney. Favourites Zimbabwe, who was due to arrive in Nairobi on Wednesday night after flight de-

| DATE | MATCH | VENUE |
|--------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Oct 10 | BD vs Kenya | Gymkhana |
| Oct 11 | BD vs Zimbabwe | Gymkhana |
| Oct 12 | Kenya vs Zimbabwe | Gymkhana |
| Oct 13 | Rest day | |
| Oct 14 | BD vs Zimbabwe | Aga Khan ground |
| Oct 15 | BD vs Kenya | Aga Khan ground |
| Oct 16 | Kenya vs Zimbabwe | Aga Khan ground |

FINALS: Oct 18, 20, 21

Senior Div soccer from Oct 12

The Senior Division football league, Premier and First Divisions, will begin at the Mirpur Stadium from October 12. A total of 20 teams - ten in Premier and ten in the First, will participate in the league which will initially be held on double league basis. At the end of the first round, top five teams from both leagues will qualify for the super league while the bottom ten clubs will play in the relegation league. The other by-laws will remain unchanged. This was decided by Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee in its meeting last night. Two matches - one from each division will be played every day. On the inaugural day, defending champions Mohammedian Sporting Club will take on promoters Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society in Premier League opener at 3 pm while East End Club meet Dhaka Wanderers Club in the First Division opener at 5 pm.

Abahani's plea turned down?
Sports Reporter
The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) seems to have turned down Abahani Krira Chakra's plea to escape their Asian Cup Winners Cup second round away match against Chinese side Beijing Guoan which was scheduled for October 4. In a message to Bangladesh Football Federation on Tuesday, Kuala Lumpur-based AFC said that they had temporarily postponed the engagement and a fresh date would be announced when secretary general Peter Velappan, who is now touring Indonesia, returns to the Malaysian capital. When contacted last night, Bangladesh Football Federation joint secretary Shirajul Islam Bachchu confirmed the news and said that Abahani might have to go to Beijing to play the match. The first leg was held in Dhaka on September 25 which Abahani lost by a solitary goal.

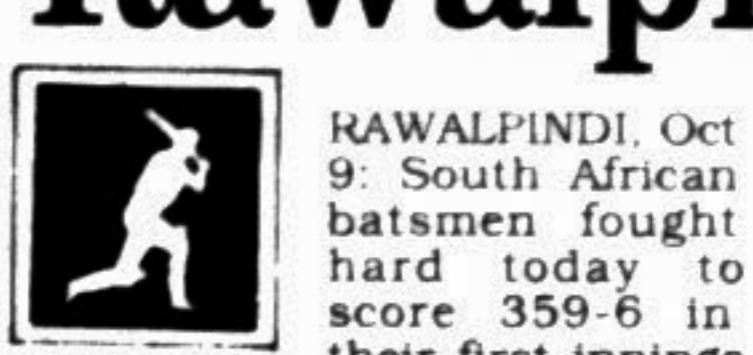
N Transvaal trounce Kenya
Nairobi, Oct 9: South African provincial side Northern Transvaal concluded their tour of Kenya with a massive 11-1 run victory over a Kenya Cricket Association (KCA) development side here on Wednesday, reports AFP. Transvaal's Chad Grainger top-scored with 87 in the match at Nairobi's Gymkhana Stadium. The hosts were chasing a target of 219 runs for 9 in 45.4 overs but were rattled out for 108 runs in 37.3 overs. The Kenyans were outclassed in both batting and bowling with only Kennedy Otieno with 13 and Joseph Odemo with 12 putting up any resistance. A KCA selection beat the South Africans by four wickets in the first match on Saturday. The development side match was to have been played on Tuesday, but was washed out then by a morning shower. It was played on Wednesday in place of another match between Northern Transvaal and the KCA selection.

Uttara thrash Rayerbazar
Sports Reporter
Uttara Hockey Club blanked Rayerbazar SC 9-0 while Cantonian Sporting Club recorded a hard-fought lone-goal win over Young Star in the Green Delta Insurance Second Division league at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday. After a dull and insipid first match where Mahabubul Haq Mithu scored the all-important goal for Cantonian in the 36th minute from a penalty stroke, the second encounter saw goal-garner where Asad led the Uttara charge notching up four goals. Asad apart, Hamid struck twice, one apiece in each half, after Imran opened the Uttara account in the 11th minute of the proceedings. The winners led the first half 7-0.

Sammer again sidelined
Bonn, Oct 9: Matthias Sammer faces knee surgery again and will miss Germany's World Cup qualifier against Albania in Hanover on Saturday, reports Reuters. Sammer had cartilage damage to his left knee repaired in August but needs another operation, a German team official said today. He could be out of action for several weeks.

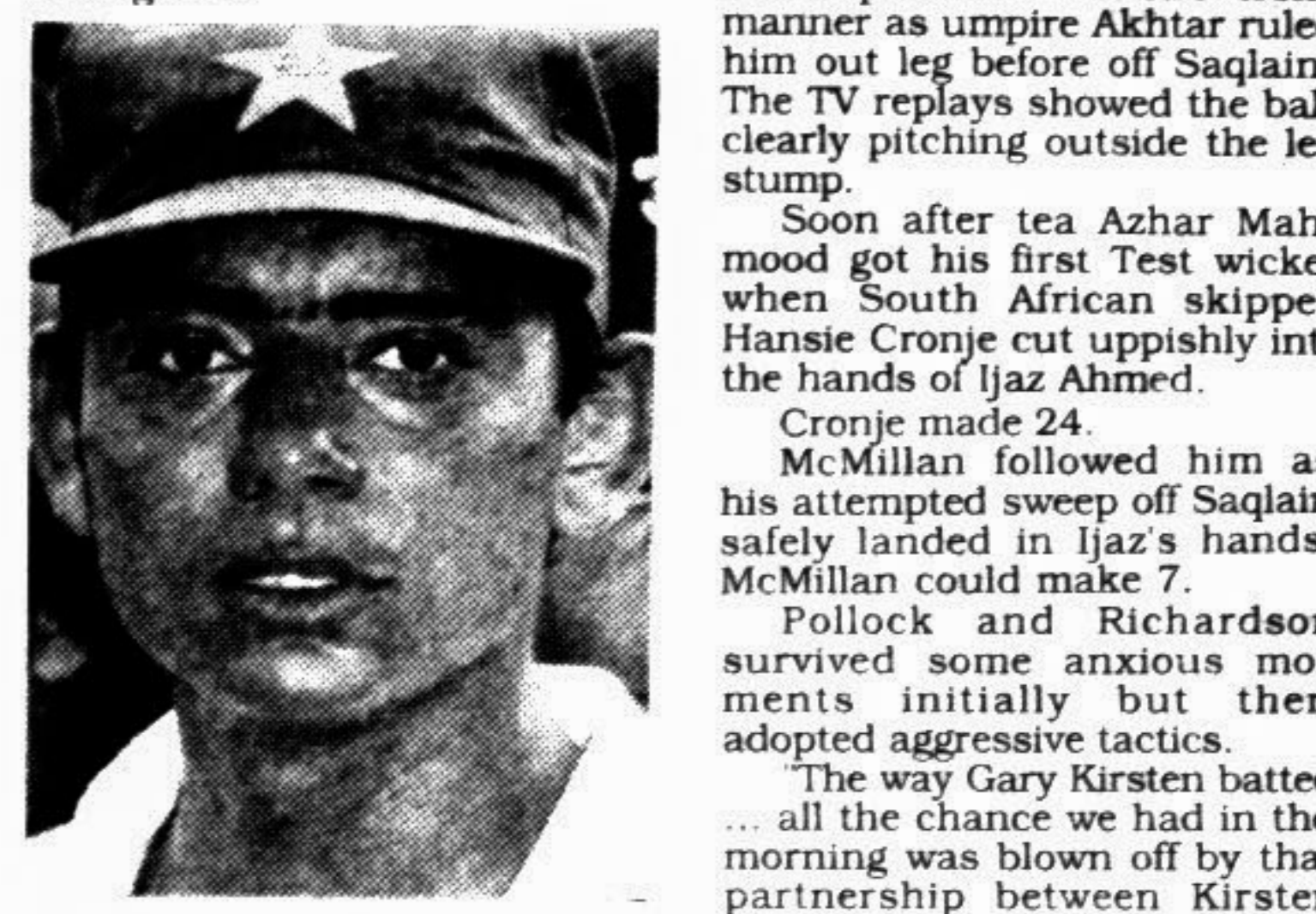
Kuerten bites the dust
Vienna, Oct 9: French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten became the third seed to crash out of the CA-Trophy when he lost 6-4, 6-4 in the second round to Czech Bohdan Ulrich on Wednesday, reports Reuters. The hard-court tournament already lost its two top seeds, Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Sergi Bruguera, in the first round, leaving Goran Ivanisevic as the favourite.

Saqlain's second 5-wkt haul



Rawalpindi awaits a draw
RAWALPINDI, Oct 9: South African batsmen fought hard today to score 359-6 in their first innings on the fourth day to ensure a draw in the first Test, report agencies. Wicketkeeper Dave Richardson (30) and all-rounder Shaun Pollock (35) forged a 77-run unbroken stand for the seventh wicket to see off the day, cut short due to bad light. Off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq bagged his second five-wicket haul of his career. Mushtaq Ahmed failed to bag any wicket in 49.3 overs. Saqlain tore the South African middle-order apart but not before opener Gary Kirsten and Jacques Kallis were involved in a tenacious century second-wicket stand to help visitors avoid the follow-on. Pakistan made 456 in their first innings, thanks to two debut centuries by Azhar Mahmood and Ali Naqvi. Pakistan's hopes of making South Africa bat again were dashed once overnight batsmen Jacques Kallis and Western Province 30-year-old Kirsten survived the first session. The pre-lunch period saw the pair adding another 66 runs to their team's overnight total of 139 for one. On a docile wicket where only an occasional deliv-

ery spun sharply, the South African batting duo dug out 14 overs of leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed. However, the home team had a fruitful second period when off-spinner Saqlain claimed three wickets and allowed Hansie Cronje's team to add only 54 runs. He got rid of both Kirsten and Kallis in space of his 11 deliveries. First he got a lucky leg before verdict on Kallis from umpire Javed Akhtar when the ball seemed to have going down the leg side. McMillan followed him as his attempted sweep off Saqlain safely landed in Ijaz's hands. Cronje made 24. Pollock and Richardson survived some anxious moments initially but then adopted aggressive tactics. The way Gary Kirsten batted... all the chance he had in the morning was blown off by that partnership between Kirsten and Kallis, Pakistan coach Haroon Rasheed said. Meanwhile, Pakistan's regular wicketkeeper, Moin Khan, developed a back problem during the first session and partner Mohammedian Wasim replaced him for the remainder of the day. Wasim had difficulty behind the wickets and conceded 13 byes. Although he stumped Dave Richardson of Mushtaq, umpire Akhtar declared it a no-ball as the bowler's front foot was well over the crease. Tomorrow is the final day and the Test appears to be winding up a draw.



SAQLAIN MUSHTAQ



South Africa opener Gary Kirsten, who was denied his fifth Test century, is caught by Ijaz Ahmed for 98 of Saqlain Mushtaq during the fourth day of the first Test in Rawalpindi yesterday. —AP/UNB photo

War revisits Pacific

SANTIAGO, Oct 9 (Reuters): Chile President Eduardo Frei on Wednesday appealed to the national soccer teams of his own country and of Peru to abandon a heated war of words which has accompanied the run-up to Sunday's key World Cup qualifier. The two Pacific nations, both of whom made their last World Cup appearances in 1982, clash in Santiago on Sunday with the winners taking a large step towards next year's finals in France. The two squads have been training amid a bitter atmosphere of war-like rhetoric with promises of a heroic victory and accusations of witchcraft thrown in. The atmosphere has brought back memories of the "War of the Pacific" in the last century when Chile defeated Peru in a four-year war and made off with two nitrate-rich provinces in the Atacama desert. "This is a football match, it is a sport and it does not make sense to treat it as guerilla warfare between two brother nations, we have to keep a sense of proportion," said Frei. "Sport is important in life but we mustn't create a warlike atmosphere." Almost simultaneously, however, Chile coach Nelson Acosta was telling Peruvian journalists: You started all this... our country is more educated than yours. Chilean newspapers have reproduced articles published by their Peruvian counterparts telling how witches have cast spells on Chile's star players Ivan Zamorano and Marcelo Salas. Zamorano, who has scored 12 of Chile's 25 goals in the qualifiers, has already been ruled out of the match through injury while Salas is fighting to be fit in time. Peru coach Juan Carlos Oblitas had set the ball rolling by claiming that "Peru will have to play very badly to lose in Santiago." Chile is a desperate team, and there is no cure for desperation. "This is a team that generally loses," he added. Zamorano, who said the biggest regret about not playing would be that he would not be able to see the expression on Oblitas' face when Peru lose, has led the Chilean repulse. "Every day, Oblitas sends us messages," he said. "But on Sunday, we're going to beat Peru and their arrogance." On Wednesday, however, Oblitas, who played for Peru in the 1978 World Cup, toned down his comments and appealed for national anthems not to be played to avoid inflaming nationalist passions. "This sort of atmosphere is normal before this type of match but there has been too much talking," he said. Argentina, Colombia and Paraguay have already claimed three of the four South American places at the World Cup. Peru are fourth in the table, three points ahead of Chile and will qualify automatically if they win the match. If the match is drawn, Peru will need to win their last game at home to Paraguay while a win for Chile will leave them needing a home win against modest Bolivia in their last match to qualify.

SCOREBOARD
Scorecard at stumps on the fourth day of the first Test between Pakistan and South Africa in Rawalpindi Thursday: **PAKISTAN:** First innings 456 all out (Azhar Mahmood 128 not out, Ali Naqvi 115; Shaun Pollock 3-74, Allan Donald 3-108). **SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings (overnight 139-1) Kirsten c Ijaz b Saqlain 98; Bacher c Ramzan b Saqlain 58; Kallis lbw b Saqlain 61; Cullinan lbw b Saqlain 16; Cronje c Ijaz b Mahmood 24; McMillan c Ijaz b Saqlain 7; Pollock not out 35; Richardson not out 30; Extras: (b-13, lb-9, nb-12, w-4) 38. Total: (for 6 wickets, 149.3 overs) 359. Fall of wickets: 1-107; 2-221; 3-228; 4-249; 5-278; 6-282. **Bowling (to date)** O M R W Waqar 20 8 45 0 Mahmood 21 1 57 1 Mushtaq 49.3 13 109 0 Saqlain 59 13 126 5 To bat: Pat Symcox, Allan Donald, Brett Shultz.

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet

Tender Notice

No. 16 of Sylhet Road Division, 1997-98

- Tender Notice No.: 16 of Sylhet Road Division, 1997-98.
- Name of works: Tender for construction of RCC box culvert at diff. KM of Sylhet Town Railway Station bypass road in 3 (three) groups under Sylhet Road Division during the year 1997-98.
- Charge to: 266 (Development).
- Estimated cost: As per group list.
- Earnest money: As per group list.
- Whom estimate approved: Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Sylhet.
- Time allowed: As per group list.
- Name of offices where tender will be received: Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla/Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Sylhet/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka and undersigned.
- Name of offices where tender document will be sold: Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet/Undersigned/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Moulvibazar/Hobiganj/Sunamganj/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Planning & Programming Division, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Sylhet/Golapganj/ Biswanath and Mechanical Sub-Division, Sylhet.
- Last date of selling of tender: 26-10-1997 up to office hours.
- Last date and time of receiving the tender: 27-10-1997 at 12-30 PM.
- Date and time of opening the tender: 29-10-1997 at 12-45 PM.
- Date of lottery: 30-10-1997 at 11-30 AM (If required) in office of the undersigned.
- Eligibility of contractor: Under RHD Department 'A' to 'C' special and Road Circle, Sylhet 'D' special categories contractors.

| Group No. | Name of work & location | Estimated cost | Earnest money | Time allowed |
|-------------|---|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| I (One) | Const. of 6.09m span, 3.66m height RCC box culvert in 1/3 gap at 1st KM of Sylhet Town Railway Station bypass road. | Tk. 16,03,186/- | Tk. 32,064/- | 150 days |
| II (Two) | Const. of 3.05m span, 3.66m height & 12.20m wide two Nos RCC box culvert in 2/2, 2/3 gaps at 2nd Km. of -do- | Tk. 21,08,818/- | Tk. 42,177/- | 240 days |
| III (Three) | Const. of 1.53m span, 2.44m height & 12.20m wide two Nos RCC box culvert in 3/2, 3/3 gaps at 3rd KM of -do- | Tk. 11,77,890/- | Tk. 23,558/- | 120 days |

DFP-22416 - 6/10 G-2409

Durand Cup football

NEW DELHI, Oct 9: Bangladesh Army drew goalless with Indian Army in their last Group A match at the Durand Cup football tournament here today, reports BSS. In the other match of the day Mohun Bagan beat Jogit Cotton Mills 2-0. The Bangladeshi armymen lost both of their previous matches against Jogit and Bagan.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-----------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------|
| ACROSS | 1 Shooter | 4 Well-protected | 8 Revue segment | 12 Einstein's birthplace | 13 Gunk | 14 Elite alternative | 15 Mr. Ziegfeld | 16 Fermented apple drink | 18 Atom smasher? | 20 Run up phone bill | 21 Letters' mates | 24 Duck ingredient | 28 Milk, chocolate and seitzer | 32 Pivot | 33 Author | 34 Appurtenance | 36 Get ready to rumble | 37 Teens' destination | 38 Coffee variety | 41 Sequence | 43 Largest of | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DOWN | 44 Pair | 46 Anaheim team | 50 Carbonated beverage | 55 Busy critter | 58 Garfield's chum | 57 Shake-speare's river | 58 Castilian king | 59 Band in Boston | 60 Neighboring | 61 Kinsey subject | 1 Jackie | 2 Paper's pal | 3 Model | 4 BETA CRAB DOE | 5 IREON LIRA IVY | 6 BREAKALLEG SEE | 7 DIME GEARS | 8 WIPED RAMP | 9 ADAM ALLEGU PION | 10 LEGS GLE EGO | 11 LASTLEGS CARD | 12 ERAS THREE | 13 TONYS POIE | 14 EGG SHAKE EAL EGO | 15 ALE SMIR TYKE | 16 MEAS SOLIA SEEM | 17 Cupid's forte | 18 Apollo 7 commander | 19 Altar constellation | 20 PETA's concern | 21 Shake-speare's river | 22 Add alcohol to | 23 A little butt-er? | 24 Boston "Rocks" | 25 Seaman | 26 Upper boundary | 27 Far prefix | 28 Chi sauce | 29 "Woe is" | 29 Mongsre | 30 Blood: prefix | 31 "Seame Street" denizen | 32 Paraphernalia | 33 Outcry at Sutter's Mill | 34 Broom-cord items | 35 Neptune's spear | 36 Silas | 37 Evin water | 38 Wish otherwise | 39 Stopover en route to Casablanca | 40 Train components | 41 Dangling s | 42 Charon's river | 43 Bueh league? | 44 Inlet's "What'll -?" | 45 Pinch | 46 "Hall" to Caesar | 47 Bage! topping |

Solution time: 28 mins.

Y C I T B R M D A E B U R D W C A
Y M T N B A B V U C I A E
C I C E W X "A B B I U C I A"
Yesterday's Cryptquip: THE DING-A-LING WANTED TO CATCH AN ELECTRIC EEL WITH A LIGHTNING ROD.
Today's Cryptquip clue: U equals W. 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.