Competition-81 ✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm. Oct 31, '97

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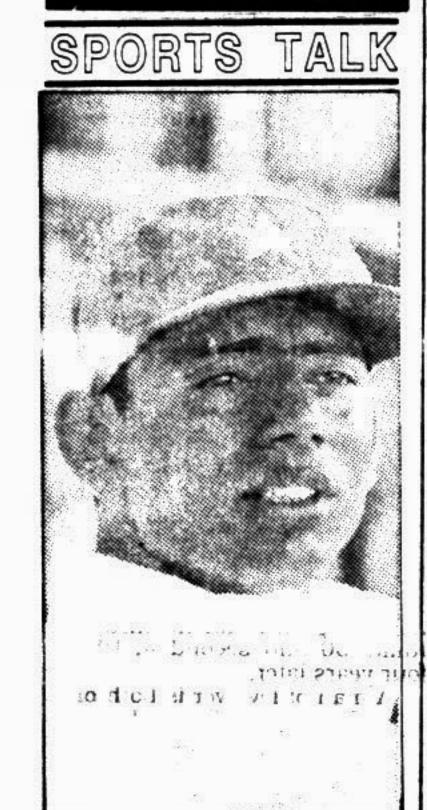
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The players (in order) he respects and admires most.

#### Again Diego sidelined

BUENOS AIRES, Oct 29 Diego Maradona said on Tuesday he will be out of action for at least 10 days after suffering another injury in Saturday's Buenos Aires Derby between Boca Juniors and River Plate, reports Reuters.

Maradona playing his first match for Boca for nearly a month, limped off at halftime on Saturday with River leading 1-0, without him Boca turned the match around and won 2-1.

He said he would not play in today's South American Super Cup match at home to Chilean club Colo Colo or in Saturday's Argentine championship match against Lanus.

#### Eves' water polo on Olympic schedule

SYDNEY, Oct 29: Women water polo players will compete at an Olympics for the first time in the Sydney 2000 edition, giving females parity in all Olympic team sports, reports AP. International Olympic Co-

mmittee spokesman Dr Jacques Rogge announced the inclusion of six teams on the 2000 Games programme.

Australian water polo officials had threatened to sue the IOC and world swimming governing body FINA for discrimi-

nation if they were excluded from the Games. Rogge told a news conference Wednesday that the number of athletes would remain at 10,200 in Sydney, meaning 66 swim-

shaved to allow the women's teams to compete. Water polo was the only Olympic team sport restricted

ming places are likely to be

to men. The decision was hailed by United States IOC member Anita DeFrantz, the only fe-

male member of the IOC's Co-Ordination Commission for the Games. "We now have parity in all team sports and I think it's a positive way to start the new millennium," DeFrantz said.



Action from yesterday's Premier Division football league encounter between Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra and Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool at the Mirpur Stadium. Muktis won the match 2-0. -Star photo

# Muktis maintain streak

Sports Reporter

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Premier Division league after After Rana did the spadedefeating Youngmen's Club work with another telling cross Fakirerpool 2-0 at the Mirpur from the left, Nakib's head did Stadium yesterday. Nakib scored both goals to the rest.

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**MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD:** Aminul, Paritosh (Reaz), Jewel Rana, Tito, Moon, Masood Rana, Iqbal, Swapan, Rakib. Aliyu Rahman and Nakib.

YMC FAKIRERPOOL: Lahul, Rezaul, Mithu, Nazrul, Kashem (Jalal, Jr), Anupam, Sharuful, Apu (Sohel), Moni, Monwar and Jalal (Sr).

Referee: Monirul Hague

BADDA, BRTC DRAW

Earlier in the day's first match, front-runners Badda Jagarani Sangsad and Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) shared points in the First Division with a one-all draw.

Khokon, who has already scored eight goals including two hattricks in three matches, put Badda Jagarani in front heading home a Motaleb cross at the stroke of the breather while Liton Khan levelled the margin with a powerpacked right footer in the 78th minute.

The draw kept both Badda and BRTC at the crowded top spot of the First Division table alongwith East End Club each having eight points from four matches.

**TODAY'S MATCHES** Premier Division: Brothers Union vs Rahmatgani MFS

(4:30 pm) First Division: Dhaka Wan derers Cast vs Mirpur Chast tika (2:30 pm).

## Pete stands in Boris' way a special occasion.

Three-time winner Boris Becker has dismissed Australian Mark Woodforde min en mi Tuesday and will next face Pete ... Sampras, the player he rates as the best ever, in the second

round of the Paris indoor event. reports Reuters. The 30-year-old German. currently 38th in the world rankings, took just over a hour to beat Woodforde 6-2, 6-4 and earn his clash with the world

number one and top seed. "I'm glad I've beaten someone older than me," said the former world number one, whose match with Sampras could be his last in the French capital should he lose.

Against the 32-year-old Australian, Becker, sometimes serving as hard as in his best days, was only briefly in trouble at the beginning of the second set, when he trailed 3-1.

But he took Woodforde's service back straightaway, broke again in the ninth game, served for the match and called it a night on his first match point. Winner of the inaugural

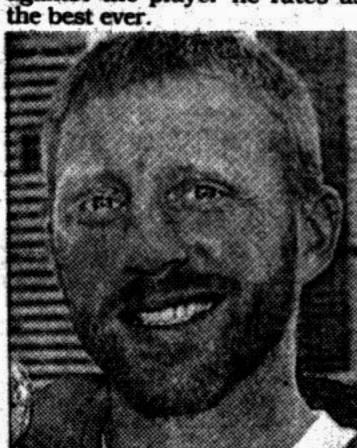
Paris Open in 1986, Becker won it again in 1989 and 1992 but lost his last final here in 1995 to Sampras, his second round

opponent on Wednesday. The Parisian crowd have always been behind me. I hope it will again be the case against Pete," said Becker, with some

irony as he was booed off court after the match against Carlos Moya last year.

In his first set against Wood-forde, it took him hardly 25 succession, much to the plea-sure of the French crowd anticipating his next match.

Despite the expectation. Becker insisted his match against Sampras could not compare with other clashes against the player he rates as the best ever.



BORIS BECKER

"We've played some matches against each other and this is not the most important one. It is important of course and as long as I play, I will play 100 per cent," he said. But his comments on the

American top seed made the tie

"I've had the opportunity to play against some of the best players in history, Bjorn Borg. John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors. He (Sampras) has the power of today's tennis and the finesse of Borg's days," he said.

"Let's face it, in today's game there are more good players than 15 years ago and he still managed to produce the results. He has no weak spots, he just has weak days," Becker added.

As for his own standing in the history of tennis, he would not say. But he confirmed his last match here this year would be the last ever in Paris.

"There are very slim chances that I will play again there," he

Before Becker's victory, spectators had been warmed up by the fine showing of home players in the first round.

Fabrice Santoro, 24, who recently won the first tournament of his career in Lyon, beat Swede Magnus Larsson 0-6, 6-4, 7-6 to snatch his first-ever victory in five tries at the indoor

arena in Bercy. Nineteen-year-old Arnaud Clement also confirmed his status as a rising force when he beat former Olympic champion Marc Rosset of Switzerland 5-7. 6-2, 6-4.

Spain's Felix Mantilla was the first seed to bow out of the 2.5 million dollars tournament when he lost to Czech Bohdan Ulirach 7-6, 5-7, 7-6.

# Rally of China from Nov 2

The Rally of China, which begins on November 2 in Xiamen, is a special race in may more ways than on for the UIM Formula One World Powerboat circus, says a press release.

First, it comes after a sevenweek hiatus from competition. the longest break during the nine-race 1997 campaign. The lengthy break was necessary, however, as all of the teams competing in the previous round at Campione in mid-September had to pack all of their powerboats, engines and other equipment into containers and ship them off to China within days of the Italian Grand Prix.

"It's a very different kind of layoff than other breaks in the racing season," says Jonathan

Both Jones and Massimo Roggiero raced at Campione. and Roggiero was among the leaders on Sunday when a brand new power frim pump gave out early in the race, dropping him into ninth place. Jones finished sixth. "Massimo is very optimistic, and looking to win in China. Bad-luck season or no, we fully expect to be on the podium in China and Abu Dhabi," Jones says.

Off longer still was Peng Linwu, who last raced at Gallipoli in July.

All three drivers are looking forward to good results at Xiamen, and Jones places a great deal of importance on Peng's performance.

The Gold Leaf F1 Racing Team will race three different boats at Xiamen: Jones in a Seebold, Roggiero in a DAC, and Peng in a Burgess. The race will

take place on Yuandang Lake, which has a average depth of 1.8 metres. The course will be a triangle of 600 metres, 1000 metres and 590 metres.

ABOUT XIAMEN

Xiamen, more familiar to westerners for many years by its name in the native Fujian dialect, Amoy, is an island off the coast of southeast China. The entire city of 1.2 million

comprises Xiamen Island, Gulangvu Islet and the coastal part of the inland Jiulongjiang River. The Island of the Egret named after local folklore which described a mighty battle between the graceful birds and poisonous snakes for dominance of the island, was linked to the mainland in 1955 with the construction of the Gaogi-Jimei Causeway.

Xiamen is a city which does China proud, in all senses of the phrase. The Xiamen Special Economic Zone was decreed in 1981, making the city a leader

in education, high technology manufacturing and other development. The city boasts excellent sea, air and land (road and rail) transportation facilities, a number of excellent universities and many scientific and professional organisations.

More importantly, it is a sultry jewel of a coastal centre that enjoys and a subtropical monsoon climate, mild in temperature and rich in rainfall. The rains which fall in May, June and July, coupled with an annual average temperature of 21 degrees Celsius, make it an attractive centre renowned for its botanical garden and lush vegetation and vistas at every turn. Seen from Longtou (Dragon's Head) Hill across the channel at Xiamen, the islet of Gulangyu is a sea of green trees and the red tile roofs of houses which cling precariously in tiers to the sides of hills. Locals have a popular saying for those who visit Xiamen: "Bring a camera."



POWER BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

Biman U-14 football

#### Hosts, Manikganj reach semis

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, Oct 29: Cox's Bazar and Manikganj moved | into the semifinals of the Biman under-14 national footbal championship at the local stadium here today.

In the day's first match, the hosts beat Shariyatpur by a solitary goal. Forward Shipon struck the winner in the 63rd minute. Manikganj eliminated holders Dhaka by an identical margin.

Rakib scored the goal for Manikganj in the 48th minute. In the semis Cox's Bazar will take on Nilphamari while Manikganj will face Joypurhat on Friday.

#### Damal cricket on Betar

Bangladesh Betar will broadcast the running commentary of the semifinals and final of 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament from the Dhaka stadium, a press release said yesterday, reports BSS.
The semis will take place on

November 3 and 4 and the final on November 6.

#### Div II h'ball

**Sports Reporter** 

Mansoor Sporting Club recorded a tight 12-11 victory over YDP handball team in yesterday's lone Ashraf Real Estate Second Division handball league match played at the handball court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium.

The winners led the first half 6-4.

**TODAY'S MATCHES** Azampur SKS vs West Jatrabari KC (2:30 pm) Farashganj SC vs Protyasha

#### Club (3:30 pm) **AB Bank TT** super leagues begin today

**Sports Reporter** 

The super leagues of the AB Bank table tennis league will begin at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium toda

Armanitola Jubo Sangha, Biman, Biman Red, Brothers Union and Inter Sports will participate in the Senior Division super league while Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club, Uttara Club, Bangladesh Bank, Young Pegasus. BSJA and Mohammadpur Boys Club will be featured in the First Division super league.

Besides, the six-team First Division women's league will also begin simultaneously at the same venue.

The teams are: Biman, Brothers Union, Biman Red, Swamibagh TTS, Armanitola Samaj Kalyan Sangha and Armanitola Juniors.

#### Team bridge

Nine-day team bridge championship organised by the Dhaka Metropolitan Bridge Association will start at 3 pm on Friday at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises, states a press release, reports BSS.

Sixteen teams are expected to participate in the preliminary rounds of the tournament on Friday and Saturday. Six top teams will then play in the round robin league, the press release added.

#### Hockey squad announced

Bangladesh Hockey Federation yesterday announced a 20member squad for the Surjit Singh memorial and Nehru Cup meets to be held in India, reports UNB.

Surjit Singh tournament will be held in Jalandhar of Punjab from November 3 to 15 while Nehru Cup in New Delhi from November 15 to 25. The team comprises four of-

ficials and 16 players. Center forward Mohammad Sadek has been named as captain while Khurshid Alam as his deputy.

Players: Shamim Ahmed. Javed, Rabiuddin, Mamun-ur Rashid, Isa Mia, Ishtiaq Ahmed, Khurshid Alam, Mahbub Harun, Rafigunnabi Nakib, Musa Mia, Ashiquzzaman, Mahbub Ehsan, Sadek, Rafigul Islam Kamal, Giasuddin and Ramiz Ahmed. Officials: Monwar Hossain

(Chief of the mission), Zahidur Rahman (manager), Ehtesamul Haq (coach) and Fazlul Bari Ahmed Bakth (physician). Stand by: Rashel Khan, Shahidullah Khokon, Tutul

#### Venkata's refutal VIJAYAWADA, Oct 29: Vice

Kumar Nag and Shamsuzza-

man.

president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) N Venkata Rao yesterday said people with vested interests were making baseless allegations against International Cricket Council president Jagmohan Dalmiya, reports PTI. He was reacting to allega-

tions made by the sports secretary of Delhi and Districts' Cricket Association (DDCA) Sunil Dev involving Dalmiya that the telecasting rights for the Independence Cup were awarded to US-based firm WorldTel even before the bids had been proceeded. Rao, who is also honorary

secretary of Andhra Cricket Association, in a statement said it was strange to note that Dev chose to make allegations after more than a year.

# Agrani stoop to Athar

Sports Reporter

A scintillating all-round performance by Athar Ali Khan inspired title-chasers Bangladesh Biman to

a 69-run win over last year's runners-up Agrani Bank in their second round group league opener of the 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The tall right-hander, opening the innings with Ahmed Faiyaz Shaheen, laid the foundation of a fighting Biman total of 180 with a flawless 38 and then went on to capture three wickets for only three runs in his miserly eight overs, which yielded five maidens, to help the national airliners knocking Agrani Bank out for a meagre 111 in 46 overs.

Athar, who played some brilliant shots in his 70-ball knock, gave Biman a solid start putting on 71 runs in 22 overs before being caught at square

openers with the addition of only six runs to the total, Faruque Ahmed buckled down to the task of rebuilding innings with a sparkling half-century.

The former national captain, who was never recalled after becoming the scapegoat of the infamous 1994 ICC campaign of Bangladesh in Kenya. blasted another reminder towards the selectors with a 66ball 54 which included five fours.

The stockily-built right hander, who was in the thick of things in Biman's smooth passage into the six-team second phase, held the Biman innings together before being eventually out in the 47th over with the scorecard reading at 171 for

Faruque was bowled by Sumit while going for a big hit. The off-spinner, who played the pivotal role in restricting the Biman total, mopped up the fragile tail to finish with three

National pace prospect Mofizur Rahman Munna laid his future on the line when he hurtled down five wides and three no-balls in his first over while his partner Sajal struggled to maintain both line and length.

But once the flustered Biman skipper Ziaur Rashid Rupom removed them from the firing line and brought an experienced Athar Ali in the eighth over, the complexion of the game changed rapidly.

Athar, who made the most of the turning wicket, struck with the very first ball when he had opener Hannan Sarker caught at gully for nine. The slowmedium pacer then went on to dismiss one-down Sumit (6) and Pakistani Shaheen Malik (2) to swing the match in Biman's

And Agrani Bank, who were at one stage cruising with 24 for no loss, lost half of their wickets for only 47 runs. After the good work of Athar, the tweak trio of Effee, Plabon and skipper Rupom, did the rest sharing the last six wickets. Of the three off-spinner Effee returned with a fantastic figures of 9-2-

For Agrani Bank Pakistani Shahid Iqbal, who offered some sort of resilience, top-scored

#### SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH BIMAN: Athar c Babu b Dofin Shaheen b Dofin Sumon c Nahid b Malik Faruque b Sumit Hasanuzzaman run out Atiar run out Munna c Babu b Sumit b Sumit Rupom not out Plabon b Suja Effee not out Extras: (b-1; lb-6; nb-4; w-9) 20 Total: (for 9 wkts in 50 overs)

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Khorshed	4	0	16	
Dofin	10	1	21	
Babu	4	0	11	
Shahin Malik	9	1	33	
Suja Sumit	10	2	37	
Sumit	7	0-	31	3

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Rupom	8	2	14	
Plabon	10	2	18	
Effee	9	2	18	
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Ali (Biman)

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**TODAY'S MATCH** Mohammedan SC vs Brothers

Man-of-the-match: Athar

### After the dismissal of both Ranatunga being hopeful

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for 31 in his seven overs.

In reply, Agrani Bank, aided

by some indisciplined bowling

from Biman's new-ball duo of

Sajal Chowdhury and Mofizur

Rahman Munna, were off to an

inspiring start with their open-

ers Hannan Sharker and Sajjad

Kadir sharing 24 runs in 22

Biman opener Athar Ali Khan drives Kalabagan's Shahid

Iqbal of Pakistan during their 18th Damal Smriti cricket

tournament clash at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

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COLOMBO, Oct 29: Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga said that his side was keen to do well during the forthcoming tour of

In an interview to PTI before the Test series beginning next month, Ranatunga noted that his side has not done well in India for 15 years but said, "This is the first time we will be going (there) on a longer tour after we

leg off a wicked Dofin delivery

which popped up from a good

length to earn a nick from the

Agrani Bank bowler, struck

again in the 26th over when he

dismissed Shaheen for 26 with

Dofin, the first change

national opener.

a gem of an in-swinger.

won the World Cup. About the Indian team he said, "The batting is very strong though bowling is slightly weaker. But I think it's not a side you can underestimate

anyday. "They have brilliant players like Sachin and Azhar to start

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The Sri Lankan skipper however, felt that is was not wise of India to open with Sachin in one-dayers. "He is too good a player to sacrifice early. It's like Sri Lanka opening with Aravinda de Silva.

The Sri Lankan skipper is also of the view that Sachin took over as captain too early, but now that he has been given the job everyone should encourage him.

Attributing physical fitness as the key to the radical transformation of Sri Lanka, that is from everybody's whipping boys to world beaters, Ranatunga said it was the appointment of Alex Canturi as the physical instructor that

paid rich dividends and moulded the team into a crack

outfit. "If you take the Sri Lankan side of 1982-83, I think it was a better side compared to the present team, but the fitness and the commitment was not there at that time."

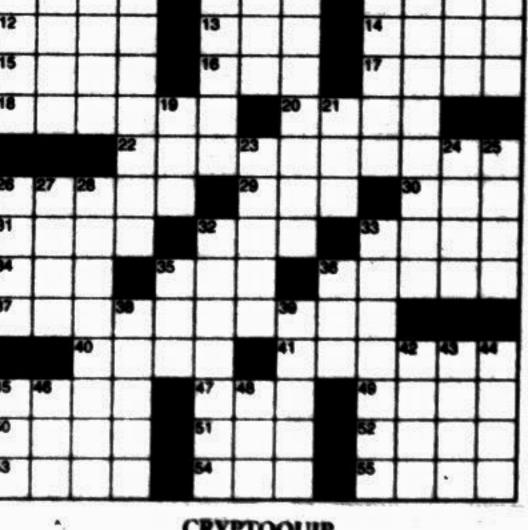
ers and trainers including coach Bruce Yardley and Canturi.

Ranatunga said the credit

should not go to any individual.

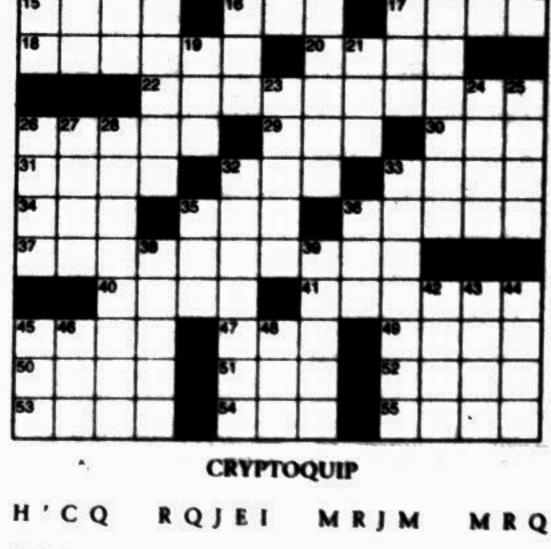
but to a dedicated unit of play-

Outlining the qualities that make or mar a captain, the vastly experienced and arguably the most feared skipper of the time said the captain should be able to analyse the game well that gives him the edge in taking risks as and when the situation demands.



Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IT STILL SEEMS THAT THE CRITICAL MASON OFTEN CASTS THE FIRST

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.



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TJW PEQJO GN THM. Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals M
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