

Column One

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
Competition-82

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, Nov 14, '97

- Which country finished atop at the 19th SEA Games?

Indonesia	Thailand	Vietnam
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- Who was the man-of-the-match in the Faisalabad Test?

Mushtaq	Symcox	Kirsten
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- How many Tests will West Indies play in Pakistan during the ongoing tour?

One	Two	Three
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- Who lifted the Eurocard Open tennis title?

Sampas	Korda	Krajcek
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- Who captured top spot at the women's age-group swimming?

N'ganj	Kushtia	M'ganj
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SPORTS TALK



Ruwan Kalpage

(Mohammedans' Lankan cricketer)

"Crowd behaviour is not at all sporting here. And it will not help your cricket."

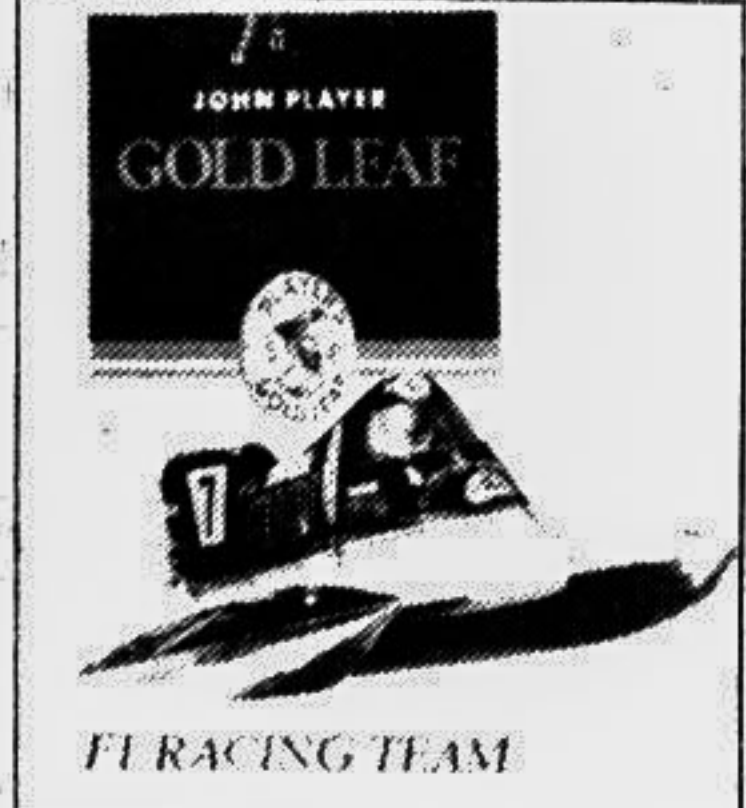
On Saturday's crowd violence during Abahani-Mohammedan match.

Jones earns pole position

XIAMEN, China, Nov 2: Jonathan Jones of the Gold Leaf F1 Racing team blistered the course on nearby Lake Yuandang on Saturday earning the pole position for Sunday's Grand Prix of China UIM Formula 1 powerboat race, says a press release.

The Welshman, who was second to 1996 defending champion Guido Cappellini of Italy after the first two qualifying sessions with a time of 28.23 seconds on the tight triangular course, turned up in the throttle in the super-six shootout final qualifier and was the only driver to come in under 27 seconds, with a time of 26.92 and an average speed of 180 kilometres per hour.

Better still, Gold Leaf F1 Racing teammate Massimo Roggero, qualified sixth with a time of 28.45 in his DAC and is in excellent position for a crack at the leaders on Sunday. The team's third member, Peng Linwu of China, placed 22nd of 23 drivers with a time of 32.90. Roggero was high in the qualifying list, even after a barrel roll on the first turn of the second lap in his second qualifier.



Cappellini will be just behind Jones on the starting grid, as his 27.19 was good for second overall and .11 seconds better than Scott Gillman of the United States, the current leader in the drivers' championship. Finland's Pertti Leppala, the steadiest competitor in the F1 powerboat championship in 1997, was fourth with a time of 27.51, and Andrew Elliott of England rounded out the top six with 28.07 and fifth place.

Roggero turned in the Gold Leaf F1 Racing Team's previous pole position on August 23 at the Grand Prix of Russia in Moscow.

Jones was ecstatic about his performance, but cautious about Sunday's race.



The members of the victorious Abahani team return to the dressing room after defeating their arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club in their last group league match of the 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

AKC win clammy clash

Sports Reporter

A virtuoso performance from slow left-arm spinner Saifullah Gem throttled holders Abahani Krira Chakra to clinch the battle royal against their arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club by 26 runs in their last group league match of the 18th Damal Smriti Cricket tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The young left-arter finished with four wickets for only 25 runs as Mohammedans, resuming their innings on 87 for four in reply to a fighting Abahani total of 199 in the stipulated 50 overs, were all out for 173 in 47.3 overs.

The match, which spanned over two days after the authorities were forced to call off the clash of the titans midway through the second session due to crowd trouble following a leg before decision on Saturday, petered into an anti-climactic finish when Gem removed a menacingly poised Ruwan Kalpage with the last ball of his quota of 10 overs.

Kalpage resumed the Mohammedan chase with skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul. The Sri Lankan left-hander put on an enterprising 51 runs for the sixth wicket with former national wicketkeeper Nasir Ahmed Nasu to throw a caution to the wind after his captain made a long trudge back to the dressing room adding only two runs to his overnight total of 29.

Bulbul, who kicked up Saturday's brick-batting between the rival supporters of Mohammedans and Abahani protesting umpire's leg before decision against Minhazul Abedin Nanna, lasted only four balls before offering a hot stuff into the safe hands of Abahani seamer Iqbal who opened the attack in the morning.

But the real rot started when a wily Nasu, who hammered two fours in his enterprising 17-ball 23, committed a suicidal act at a stage when Mohammedans were needing 59 runs from the last ten overs. The dapper right-hander ran from the bowler's end for a non-existing single after Kalpage pushed off-spinner Naimur straight to backward square leg from where Rokon hurled a measured throw, leaving Durojoy to effect a simple run out.

Gem, returning his second spell in the 40th over, then had Mohammad Rafique bowled round the wicket with a typical slow and swerving delivery with which the young off-spinner had earlier dismissed a marauding Mohammedan make-

arm seamer Zakir, it was all over for Mohammedans.

Although the match had nothing to do as far as the title race is concerned since both Abahani and Mohammedans had already qualified for the semifinals from Group X, the win only established Abahani's supremacy against their perennial foes.

It was Abahani's fifth consecutive victory against Mohammedans since the popular Dhanmondi outfit defeated Mohammedans in the semifinals of the 17th edition of season's curtain-raiser last season.

Both teams will now have to wait for the outcome of today's match between Kalabagan and last-year's runners-up Agrani Bank to know their opponents in the cross-over semifinals.

SCOREBOARD
ABAHANI KC:

MOHAMMEDAN SC	R	B	W	M
Parvez b Gem	1			
S Mehmod b Gem	40			
Mehrab lbw b Rahad	0			
Aminul c & lbqal	31			
Minhazul lbw b Naimur	9			
Kalpage c Akram b Gem	27			
Nasir Ahmed run out	23			
Rafique b Gem	6			
J Talukder c Azam b Iqbal	14			
Hasibul c Akram b Zakir	3			
MA Sumon not out	18			
Extras: (b-2; lb-6; w-10)	18			
Total: (all out in 47.3 overs)	173			
Fall of wkts: 1-7; 2-66; 3-70; 4-87; 5-89; 6-140; 7-148; 8-153; 9-169				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
Zakir	9	0	31	1
Rahad	8	0	37	1
Iqbal	7.3	0	29	2
Naimur	10	1	27	1
Saifullah Gem	10	1	25	4
Monirul Haq	3	0	16	0
Result: Abahani won by 26 runs.				
Man-of-the-match: Saifullah Gem (Abahani)				



A beaming Saifullah Gem, who caught Mohammedans in his spinning web, receiving the man-of-the-match award from the managing director of the sponsors Kasba Housing Limited at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

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McRae triumphs Down Under

PERTH, Nov 2: Scotland's Colin McRae, 555 Subaru World Rally team driver, managed to hold off fast-finishing Finn Tommi Makinen to win the Rally of Australia on Sunday, but defending champion Makinen strengthened his claims on the title, reports AP.

Makinen, driving a Mitsubishi Lancer, would have secured the championship with victory here but, despite a strong surge on the final day, finished six seconds behind McRae's Subaru.

With Spain's Carlos Sainz, the overnight leader, bombing out of contention when the engine of his Ford Escort lost power on the first of Sunday's six stages, Makinen needs only a top six finish in the British rally in three weeks to reclaim the title.

McRae clocked an overall time of 4 hours, 05 minutes, 31 seconds to edge Makinen. Frenchman Didier Auriol (Toyota Corolla) was 21 seconds behind McRae and England's Richard Burns (Mitsubishi Carisma) was fourth.

"It was not enough," said

Makinen, who was 13 seconds down before the final stage. "Just a few mistakes and a few times I went too wide and I knew it was not mine."

"The championship is still looking good."

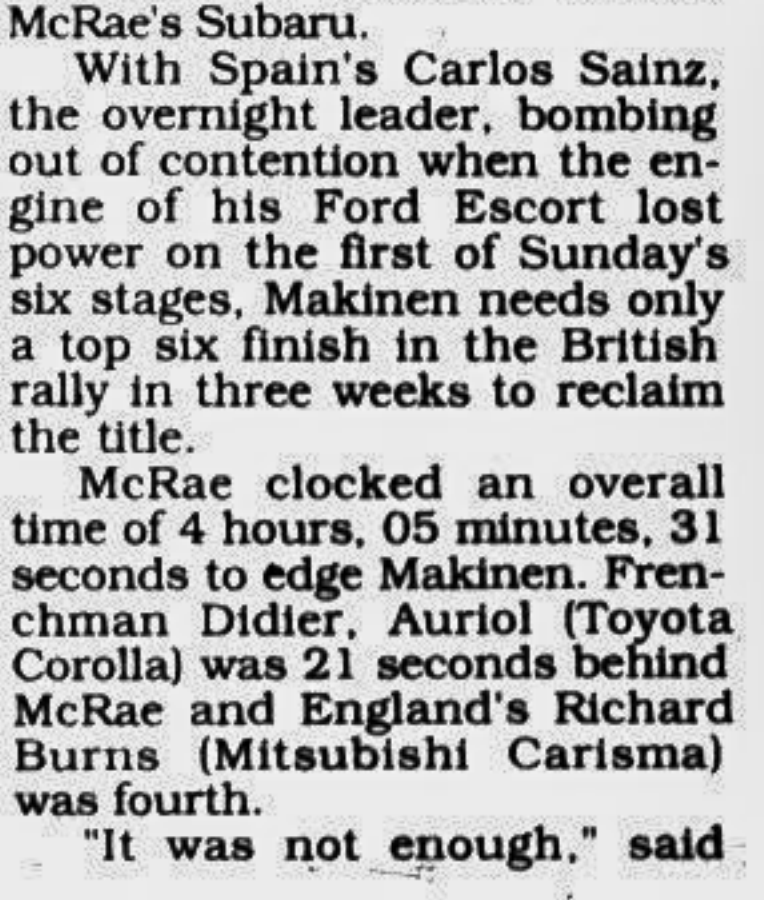
McRae won the title in 1995 but needs victory in the British Rally, and for Makinen to finish outside the top six, to take it again.

Makinen has 62 championship points, with McRae on 52 and Sainz on 47.

McRae said he was looking forward to renewing his duel with Makinen in Britain.

"This is quite unbelievable," McRae said. "To have a fight like this on our hands with so much at stake, and to come out on top, is just fantastic."

When Sainz left the race it ended Ford's hopes of claiming the manufacturer's title, which has been won by Subaru for a third year running.

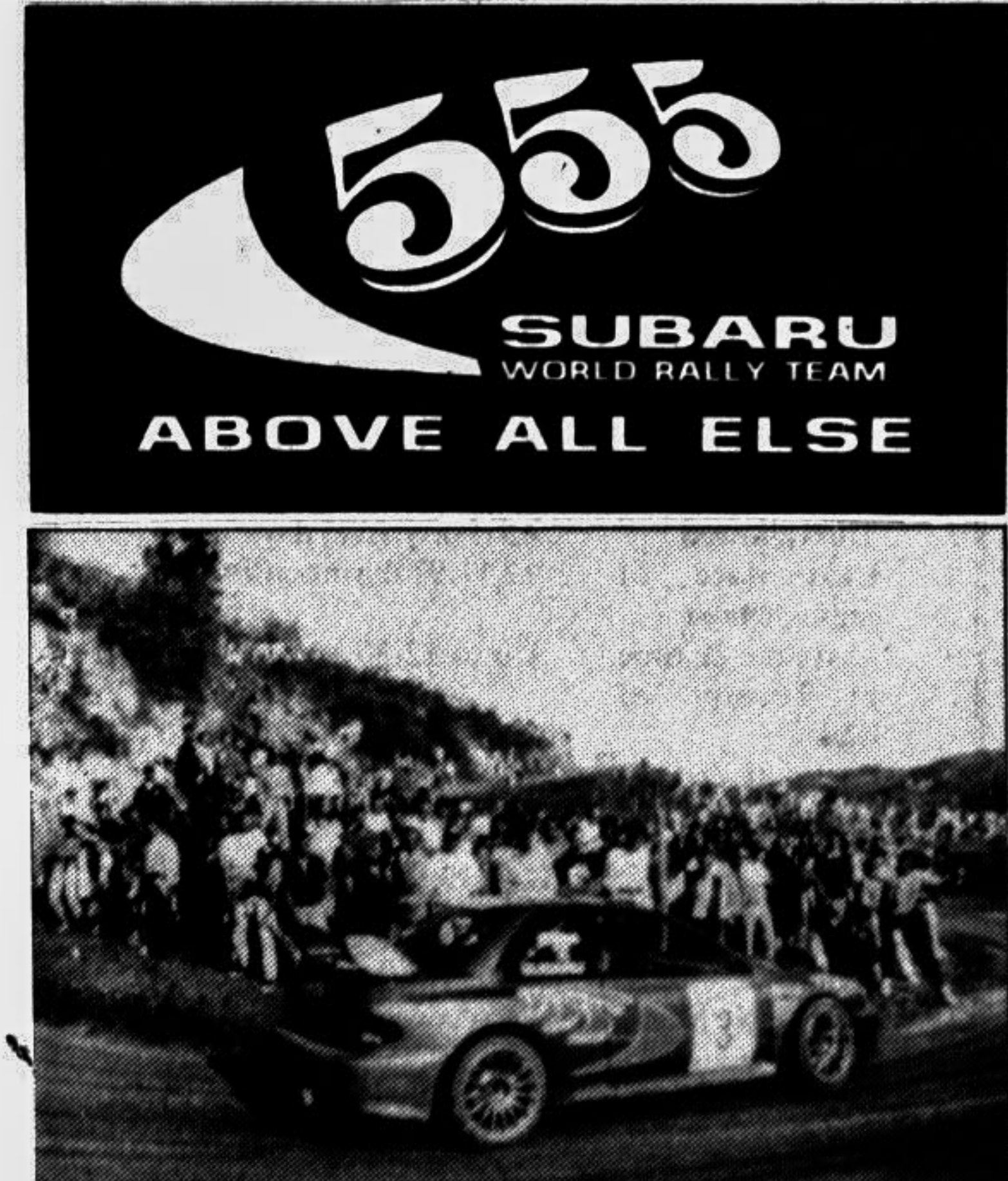


Div II hockey

Cantonian SC maintained their winning spree in the Green Delta Insurance Second Division hockey super league, beating Raktim Hockey 2-0 at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Raktim fielded eight players and were reduced to six men within 26 minutes when two players left the ground suffering injuries forcing the referee to end the match.

In the other match, Uttara Hockey Club and Shishu Kishore Sangha shared points in a 2-2 draw.



Cox's Bazar lift Biman U-14 soccer title

Hosts Cox's Bazar defeated Joypurhat with a golden goal to lift the Biman under-14 football trophy yesterday, reports UNB.

Zahed Hasan scored in the 72nd minute after the regulation period ended in a goalless draw.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir distributed trophies among the winners.

Cup Winners' Cup

Guoan dump Abahani

Dhaka football giants Abahani were eliminated from the eighth Asian Cup Winners' Cup going down 2-0 to Beijing Guoan, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday, reports UNB.

After a barren first half, the Chinese scored two goals in a span of two minutes, first from a penalty in the 15th and the second from a corner in the 17th minute.

Despite the persisting severe cold weather, Abahani displayed a good game, custodian Biplob and Russian recruit Anatoly earned appreciation from local crowd for their performances.

Mamun Joarder and Tipu spoiled two good chances in the later part of the match which was witnessed by officials and family members of Bangladesh High Commission in Beijing.

Abahani lost the first leg 1-0 when the sides met at the Mirpur Stadium on September 25.

Div III cricket qualifiers

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

UTTARA FRIENDS CLUB B: 211 for six in 35 overs (Raihan 59, Extras 54; Shahnewaz 3/40)

SONARGAON YOUNG SPORTS: 137 all out in 29.3 overs (Mobarak 54, Sadek 23; Rahman 3/33)

MEDIA CCS: 168 for seven in 35 overs (Extras 42, Saifullah 32; Khasru 2/32)

SONALI BANK: 156 for nine in 35 overs (Masud 47, Selim 32; Biplob 4/27)

NAKHALPARA SUSSEX CLUB: 209 for eight in 35 overs (Extras 47, Mostasim 36, Saidur 30; Uttam 3/58)

SHAPLA BLOK SANGHA: 188 for eight in 35 overs (Bikash 83, Anwarul 28 not out; Alsar 3/32)

CRICKETERS COMILLA: 178 for nine in 35 overs (Munna 47, Sohail 35; Faisal 2/31)

AZAM-WAQAR CLUB: 119 (all out in 32.3 overs (Asif 24, Extras 24; Ashfaq 4/21)

Uttara Friends Club B, Nakhlapara Sussex Club, Media CCS and Cricketers Comilla won their respective Lotus-Kamal Third Division qualifying matches, held at different city venues yesterday.

At the Mirpur City Club ground, Uttara Friends Club B recorded a thumping 74-run win over Sonargaon Young Sports Club with their opener Raihan notching a dazzling half-century.

Raihan hammered a nine hits across the rope in his 79-ball 59 to help the Uttara boys pile up a commanding total of 211 for six wicket in the allotted 35 overs.

In reply, the Sonargaon team were skittled out for 137 in 29.3 overs in the face of some fired-up bowling from Uttara's new-ball bowler Rahman, who captured three wickets for 33 runs.

At the Mohakhali Eidgah ground, a fine 83 from Shapla Balob Sangha opener Bikas went down the drain as Nakhlapara, defending a commanding total of 209 for eight in the stipulated 35 overs, restricted their opponents to 188/8.

Away at the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Media CCS prevailed over Sonali Bank by 12 runs in a low-scoring affair.

Batting first, Media CCS scored 168 for the loss of seven wickets with Mr Sundrics contributing highest 42 runs to the fighting total. In reply, Sonali Bank could muster only 156 for nine before exhausting their quota of 35 overs.

Biplob, who was responsible for the Sonali Bank debacle at the end game, returned with four wickets for 27 runs in his five overs.

Meanwhile, at the remote Uttara Friends Club ground, Comilla Cricketers handed a 59-run defeat on Azam-Waqar Club.

Opener Munna (47) and one-down Sohail (35) put on 90 runs for the second wicket as Comilla Cricketers, batting first, piled a commanding total of 178 for nine in 35 overs.

In reply, Sonali Bank were shot out for a paltry 119 in the face of an excellent piece of bowling from Ashfaq, who returned as the wrecker-in-chief with four for 21 runs his allotted seven overs.

Austin tennis results

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov 2: Emmanuelle Gagliardi of Switzerland upset third-seeded Anne Miller of the United States, 6-2, 6-3 Friday to advance to the semifinals of the 75,000 dollars Healthsouth USTA Women's Challenger of Austin, reports AP.

Man United in scoring spree

LONDON, Nov 2 (Reuters): Manchester United took their tally to 13 goals in two games as they thrashed Sheffield Wednesday 6-1.

Title rivals Arsenal lost their first league game of the season, 3-0 at Derby.

The results left United four points clear at the top on 28 points. Arsenal have 24, along with Blackburn, who could only draw 1-1 at Barnsley.

Chelsea move fourth on 22 after a 2-0 win at Aston Villa with Leicester fifth on goal difference after a last minute equaliser by John Beresford denied them a win at Newcastle.

Manchester United have traditionally been out of sorts on the Saturday before a European Champions League match but any hopes of an easy afternoon

Leicester and Newcastle were involved in an all-action clash at St James' Park which had six goals and a sending off.

ITALY

Leaders Inter Milan silenced their critics with a brilliant strike from Brazilian Ronaldo to beat Parma 1-0 in a top-of the table Serie A clash on Saturday.

Inter, criticised for unattractive football and relying too heavily on their individual stars, stay two points clear of second-placed Juventus, who came from behind to beat Udinese 4-1 in Turin.

In a later match, 10-man Lazio shocked Roma 3-1 in an emotional Rome Derby.

Inter struck the crucial blow in the 15th minute when Ronaldo grabbed his sixth league goal with a free kick at the San Siro, where Parma never surrendered but rarely

cluding Brazilian Rivaldo's seventh of the campaign since his 25.7 million dollars summer transfer from Deportivo Coruna. Van Gaal's tactics demonstrated a defensive state-of-mind.

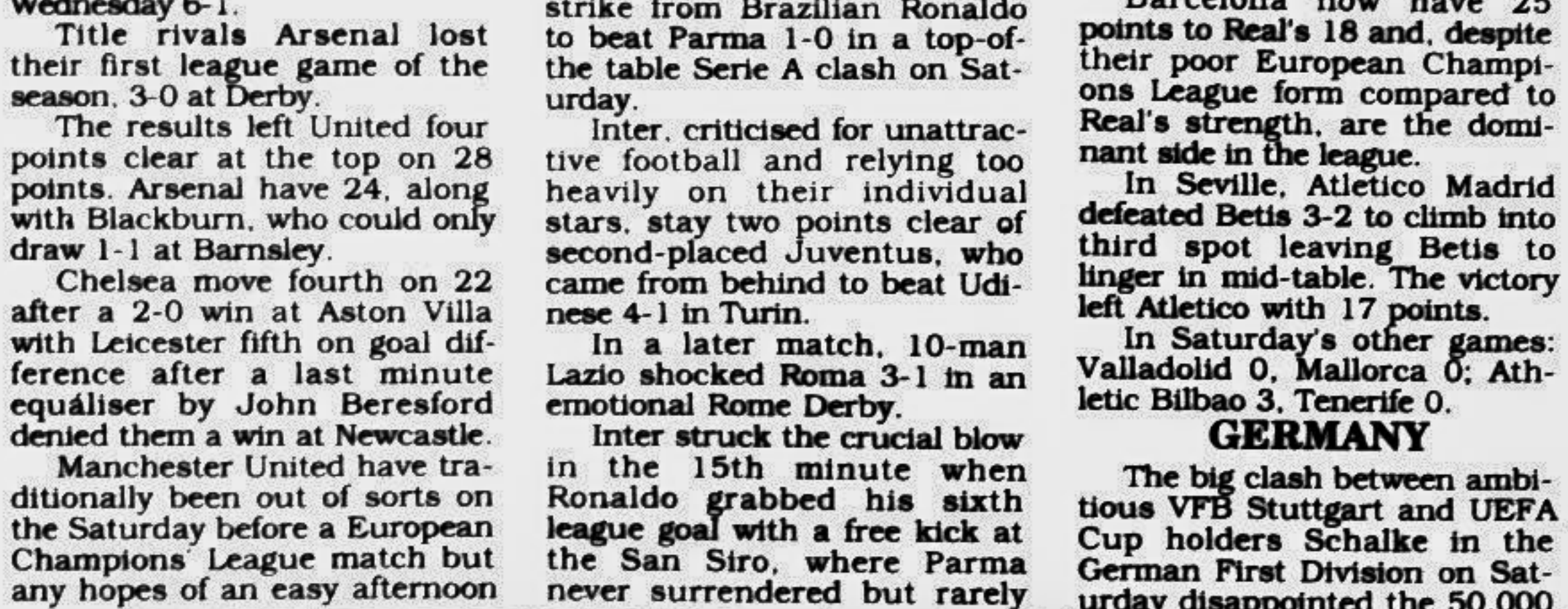
Barcelona now have 25 points to Real's 18 and, despite their poor European Champions League form compared to Real's strength, are the dominant side in the league.

In Seville, Atletico Madrid defeated Betis 3-2 to climb into third spot leaving Betis to linger in mid-table. The victory left Atletico with 17 points.

In Saturday's other games: Valladolid 0, Mallorca 0; Athletic Bilbao 3, Tenerife 0.

GERMANY

The big clash between ambitious VfB Stuttgart and UEFA Cup holders Schalke in the German First Division on Saturday disappointed the 50,000



Inter Milan's Brazilian Ronaldo (C) dribbles past a host of Parma players during their Serie A clash in Milan on Saturday. — AP/UNB photo



David Pleat, beleaguered team disappeared when Teddy Sheringham put the hosts ahead after 13 minutes.

The home fans could surely not have hoped for a repeat of the seven-goal drubbing handed to Barnsley last week — but it was close.

United manager Alex Ferguson says he now has a difficult job to pick a team for next week's trip to Feyenoord but could not have hoped for a better preparation.

Arsenal's 12-game unbeaten start ended at Derby where in-form Costa Rican Paulo Wanchope grabbed another two goals. It could have been different if Ian Wright had not hit the bar with a first half penalty but Derby were worthy winners.

Robbie Fowler had an up and down day as Liverpool drew 1-1 at Bolton.

The striker fired Liverpool ahead in the first minute but was sent off for striking Per Frandsen in the 75th.

Bolton made their advantage pay when Nathan Blake headed the equaliser nine minutes later.

found the inspiration to threaten Italy goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca.

Parma slipped to third, five points behind Inter, who are seeking their first title since 1989 when they won it under coach Giovanni Trapattoni.

SPAIN

Barcelona stunned bitter rivals Real Madrid 3-2 at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium on Saturday to open up a seven point lead in the Spanish league.

Few would have given the Catalans, now unbeaten after nine games this season, much chance of such a result against the equally on-form champions but Barcelona coach Luis van Gaal said he always thought an upset was possible.

"We've always thought we could win here and have been thinking about nothing else," the Dutchman said.

"I thought Real Madrid would attack us like crazy and maybe get a little desperate because they needed the points more than we did."

Despite the three goals, in-

strong crowd with just one real scoring chance in a dull 0-0 draw.

Schalke, who finished a poor 12th in the Bundesliga last season while shining on the European scene, earned a point which allowed them to stay third, behind leaders Kaiserslautern and second placed Bayern Munich.

Champions Bayern were to play TSV 1860 Munich in a city Derby later on Saturday.

Stuttgart stayed fifth, one place behind Hansa Rostock, who could only manage a 2-2 draw at home to VfL Bochum.

Troubled Karlsruhe recovered some pride by using a double on international playmaker Thomas Haessler to beat Cologne 3-1 and climb three places up to 13th.

There was satisfaction also for new comers Hertha Berlin, who recorded their third victory of the season and their second in succession by winning 2-0 at Werder Bremen.

The Berlin club are now level with Bochum on 12 points but stuck to the bottom spot because of a poorer goal difference.

Elsewhere, European champions Borussia Dortmund will be without international defender Juergen Kohler when they host Italy's Parma in a Champions' League Group A match on Wednesday, a club spokesman said.

Kohler injured his knee in Dortmund's 2-2 draw at home to Kaiserslautern on Friday.

Japan's Ai Sugiyama plays a forehand return against Dominican Van Roost of Belgium in the Kremlin Cup semifinal in Moscow on Nov 1.



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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13 Verdi work
14 Canine
15 Heat provider
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18 Croupier's tool
19 Bullwinkle's pal
21 Letter line
24 Pinnacle
25 Acapulco surties
26 Workplace of a sort?
30 Remnant
31 Ann and May
32 Through
33 Meade
35 Utter
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37 Surgeon's

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2 Bulling bravo
3 Vacationing-
4 Ed or Emmylou
5 Enjoy the sun
6 Lo-cal
7 Tribute in verse
8 Library furniture
9 Heat provider
10 Sty cry
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16 Lumox
17 Lingerie
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27 Mimic
28 Seine leader
29 Church service colors
30 Lamented
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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N P K O Z X F K A F I O G -
K P A Y D T Z P G I N .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MANY CARPENTERS WHO MISPLACE THEIR TOOLS ARE REALLY SAW LOSERS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals M

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.