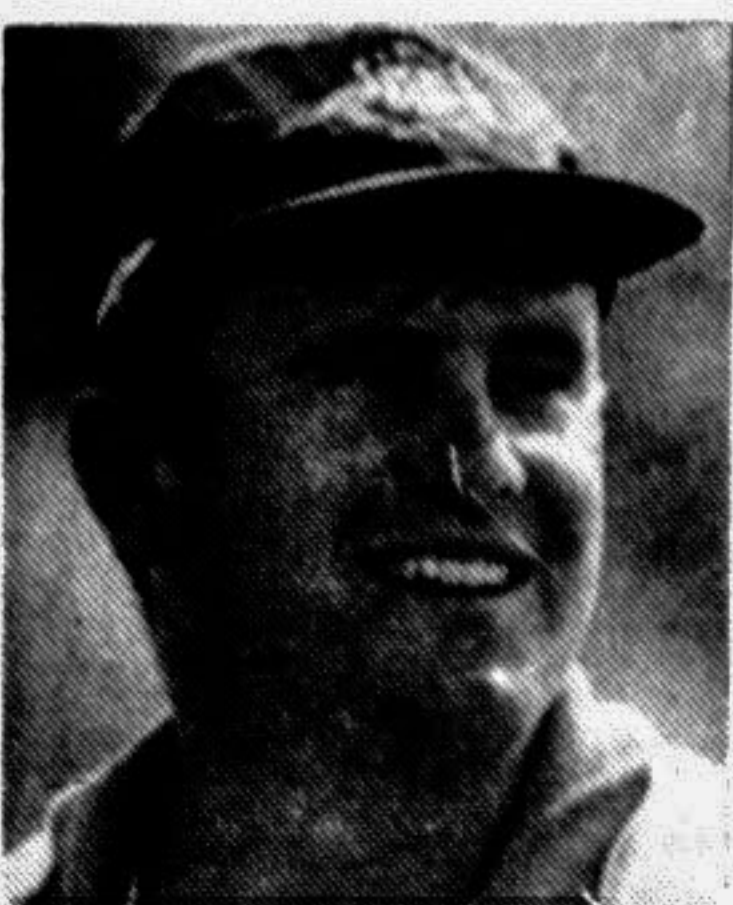


Sport

Column One
SPORTS TALK

Mark Taylor

(Australian cricket captain) "My personal feelings are that it (being left out of the one-day side) is probably going to happen. This will be a disappointment that I'm not playing in the one-dayers (against touring New Zealand) and not travelling with the team for the next three weeks."

Boost sports
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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-84

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, on Dec 12, '97

1. Who lifted the Chase Championships title?

Higgs Novotna Pierce

2. Who became champions in the quadrangular cricket tourney?

Africa Pakistan S Lanka

3. How many stadia will be used during France '98?

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4. Which team clinched the Delta Life handball title?

Shamsunnahar Lalmaia A Bawani

5. Who won the Div II handball league?

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Agassi in final

BURBANK, California, Nov 30: Andre Agassi and Sargis Sargsian will battle Sunday for the singles championship of the HealthSouth/USTA Men's Challenger, reports AP.

Agassi, the tournament's No 3 seed, struggled Saturday before defeating No 2 Daniel Nestor of Canada 6-4, 5-7, 6-3. The former world No 1 needed two hours, seven minutes to eliminate the Canadian Davis Cupper.

In his semifinal match, the top-seeded Sargsian downed No 5 Martin Sinner of Germany 6-1, 7-6 (7-5).

Nat'l meet ends
Navy's impressive haul

Navy clinched the top slot of the 17th national championship securing 12 gold, three silver and four bronze medals at end of the three-day meet that concluded yesterday at the Mirpur Swimming Complex, reports UNB.

Ansars and VDP finished second with nine gold, nine silver and two bronze while Army was a distant third having four gold, 13 silver and nine bronze medals.

Four new records were established in the meet with Navy's Mohammad Moniruzzaman setting two in the 100

and 200 metres butterfly. Army created new marks in the men's 4x100 m medley relay while Ansars and VDP improved the time for the women's 4x100 metre medley relay.

In the water polo final, Navy edged Army 5-4. Army finished runners-up while Air Force took third place.

President of the Bangladesh Swimming Federation (BSF) and chief of Bangladesh Navy Rear Admiral Mohammad Nu-

rul Islam was the chief guest at the closing function.

Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Nov 30: Winners Club thrashed Khulna Town Club 5-0 in a Senior Division league match here today, reports BSS.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

In another game, Dighalia YMA Club defeated Cosmos Club 2-0.



The Ansars and VDP team.

— Star photo

ROK promise to deliver

SEOUL, Nov 30 (Reuters): South Korea reached France '98 with just one defeat but have been warned they must develop to make an impact at the World Cup finals. Their record of one loss and two draws in 12 qualifiers for next year's finals showed traditional South Korean strength in Asia.

However, a Korea Football Association (KFA) official said: "South Korea is one of the strongest teams in Asia. But they need to grow further to compete in World Cups."

South Korea aim to end a barren record at the finals by pulling off their first victory when they go to France.

"Our aim is to win the first World Cup final game and to do well enough to get to the last 16 in France," said Cha Bum-Kum, South Korea's head coach.

Even a single victory would be a blessing for South Korea whose previous four trips to the World Cup finals have produced eight defeats and three draws.

It becomes a matter of pride, too, with South Korea co-hosting the 2002 World Cup finals with Japan.

They will also remember that North Korea beat Italy 1-0

in their only finals appearance in 1966 in one of the competition's biggest upsets.

South Korea did not seem unduly concerned its only qualifying defeat was to arch-rivals Japan in Seoul because they had already booked their ticket to France by thrashing Uzbekistan 5-1 in Tashkent two weeks earlier.

"Our team slackened somewhat after having secured a place in the World Cup," said Cha.

South Korea were not in the best shape when they lost 2-0 to Japan on November 1. An accumulation of bookings kept key playmaker Hong Myung-bo on the bench and a nose injury sent striker Choi Yong-su off the field.

Depression down under

SYDNEY, Nov 30: Sportsman Australia reacted with dismay today to the national sides failure to qualify for the World Cup finals in France and the prospect of another four years in the competitive wilderness, reports AFP.

"The dream is dead," the Sunday Age's front-page headline read after the shock tie that sent Iran to France.

"Oh, No," wailed the Sun-Herald of the five minutes where a seemingly outclassed Iran rallied to even the score 2-2 and silence the record score crowd of 90,000 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Saturday.

"The result was the most significant blow for the sport in this country in 23 years," the Age said.

"For Soccer Australia this was crunch time in its plan for the future of the sport."

The Australian media focused on the dozens of opportunities Australia missed, including seven chances in the opening 10 minutes of the game, as well as the seemingly unassailable position the team had in the second half.

"Two late goals sink our boys," the Sunday Telegraph's headline read.

Choi scored nine of their 26 goals in the qualifiers.

South Korea's most dramatic match was probably when they upset Japan 2-1 in Tokyo on September 28.

Japan, given a ticker-tape welcome by almost 60,000 fans at the National Stadium, seemed to be heading for victory after midfielder Motoshiro Yamaguchi thrust ahead after 65 minutes.

But two goals in the last seven minutes from Korean substitute Seo Jung-Won and defender Lee Min-Sung turned the game on its head, sending off a drumbeat celebration by about 5,000 Korean fans.

Head coach Cha is expected to recall striker Hwang Sun-Hong, who has been recovering from surgery on his right ankle, and may replace some midfielders.

Before going to France, South Korea will play warm-up games against the Netherlands, Egypt and Thailand in Bangkok in January.

"The match between Korea and Holland in the King's Cup international tournament will be a good opportunity to assess the Korean team's strength," said a KFA official.

In March, South Korea will head for Yokohama to take part in the Dynasty Cup international, with Japan and China.

Makiko's maiden Tokyo Marathon

TOKYO, Nov 30: Japan's Makiko Ito outdueled Kenyan sensation Joyce Chepchumba to win the Tokyo International women's marathon here today in a time of 2hr 27min 45sec for her first career victory, reports AFP.

Chepchumba, who joined the ranks of Kenyan laureates by winning the London Marathon last April, let it slip away in the last two kilometres (one mile) to finish second in a time of 2:28:02.

Estonia's Jane Salumae came in third at 2:28:23, followed by Atlanta Olympic champion Fatuma Roba of Ethiopia at 2:30:39.



Members of the Navy team.

Colts begin in style

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh under 20 team got off to a predictable start in the Asian zone qualifying round of the World Youth Cup with a thumping 10-wicket defeat of Thailand at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground yesterday.

The Bangladesh colts, tipped as favourites in the eight-team meet, set to score only 74 runs for an outright victory, rattled up the required runs in 7.2 overs, making mockery of a contest.

Hannan Sharker scored an unbeaten 27-ball 26 (4x4) while his more aggressive opening partner Sejan hammered 35 off 32 balls embellished with seven hits across the rope to guide Bangladesh home without any damage.

Earlier, batting first, the Thai innings caved in for a meagre 73 in 28 overs in the face of some hostile bowling from Mushfiqur Rahman and Sajal Chowdhury, who set the stage for a resounding victory sharing nine wickets among them.

Of the two right-arm seamers, Mushfiq, who plays for Agrani Bank in the domestic cricket, captured five wickets for only six runs in his six miserly overs. Sajal, who opens the Biman attack, finished with three for 30 runs in his 10 overs.

For Thailand, Posheyanorua top-scored with 20 and Suchakanka made 12 while rest of the bunch failed to reach the double-figure mark.

Bangladesh, who have been pencilled in to Group A, will play their second match against Malaysia today. A win in that match will earn them a place in the second phase with one match to spare against a lowly-rated Nepal, scheduled to be held on December 4.

Top two finishers from Asia will qualify for the finals of the World youth cricket championship, scheduled to begin in South Africa early next year.

Soccer leagues resume today

The return leg of the Premier and First Division football leagues begin today at the Mirpur Stadium, reports UNB.

Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club, who finished third behind leaders Muktijoddha Sangsad and Abahani Krira Chakra at the end of the first phase, will meet promotees Rahmatganj MFS.

East End Club will face Dhaka Wanderers Club in the First Division league.

Tuesday, First Division games will be held at the Army Stadium.

Islamic History DU soccer champs

Islamic History lifted the Dhaka University inter-department football title beating Social Welfare 2-1 in the breaker at the varsity ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Shahid Uddin Ahmed later distributed prizes.

Dhaka Club V-Day bridge

Dhaka Club will hold a Victory Day bridge tournament consisting of pairs and team events, says a press release.

The two-day pairs competition begins from December 5. The week-long team event gets underway five days later.

Interested participants have been requested to send their entries to the club's reception.

Asian Club soccer Dalian book quarters berth

DALIAN, Nov 30: China Dalian Wanda has advanced to the quarterfinals of the Asian Club Championships after beating Hong Kong's South China here on Saturday, reports AFP.

Dalian won 2-1 for a 6-1 victory on aggregate after beating South China 4-0 in Hong Kong.

The newly-refurbished People's Stadium in Dalian attracted a crowd of 60,000 despite the freezing weather.

Fleming offers a fair deal



HOBART, Australia, Nov 30: An imaginative declaration by New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming offered faint hope of winning an unexpected result out of the rain-plagued third cricket Test against Australia at Bellerive Oval today, reports AFP.

After more than eight hours' play had been lost over the opening three days and a draw the probable outcome, Fleming changed the course of the match when he declared the Kiwi innings closed at 251 for six late today, some 149 runs behind Australia's first innings of 400.

At the close with Monday's final day to play, Australia were 14 without loss, representing an overall lead of 163 with a minimum of 90 overs to achieve a result.

A fair but challenging Australian declaration around Monday lunchtime could provide the sort of exciting finish which, for most of Sunday, seemed an unlikely prospect.

Fleming said he thought a target of around 260 runs from 65 to 70 overs was a realistic chase for the New Zealanders should Australian counterpart Mark Taylor oblige.

Matthew Horne, who would not have been playing if regular opener Blair Pocock was not injured, scored a maiden Test century after a run of indifferent form on tour.

Horne had the occasional moment of indecision against leg-spinner Shane Warne and survived a couple of leg before appeals.

But nothing ruffled him and he was always prepared to attack. When he was finally out, lifting a tired-looking drive off Paul Reiffel, he had scored 133 in 326 minutes.

It included nine fours and two sixes, one off Warne and the other off Steve Waugh.

He and Bryan Young (31) put on 60 for the opening stand. Then Adam Parore (44) helped him add a further 132 and ensure Australia would have to bat again.

In the last over before tea Steve trapped Parore lbw and next ball had Fleming caught behind down the leg-side.

He had the tea interval to contemplate his hat-trick. It didn't happen, but shortly afterwards he had Craig McMillan lbw for two and finished with 3 for 20 from nine overs.

The Australian one-day team will be announced Monday to play South Africa in Sydney Thursday and it may well be Taylor, who doesn't expect to be included, had the abbreviated game in mind when he started the second innings with Mark Waugh rather than regular partner Matthew Elliott.

Fleming, who has tossed the

challenge back to Taylor, said: "Our philosophy is we are willing to lose one to win one. There's still a lot to play for."

He expected Australia would set a decent target.

Their mouths will be watering after seeing Warne turn a few," he said.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close on the fourth day of the third cricket Test between Australia and New Zealand at Bellerive Oval on Sunday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 400 (M Elliott 114, G Blewett 99, S. Doull 3-87, S O'Connor 3-101).

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (15 for no wicket overnight)

B Young b Reiffel 31
Horne c Elliott b Reiffel 133
Parore lbw b S. Waugh 44
Fleming c Healy b S. Waugh 0
Twose lbw b Warne 2

McMillan lbw b S Waugh 2
Aslie not out 22
Cairns not out 10
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, nb-4) 7
Total: (6 wkts, declared 90 overs) 251

Fall of wkts: 1-60; 2-192; 3-192; 4-195; 5-198; 6-229.
Bowling O M R W
Kasprowicz 13 1 43 0
Reiffel 14 8 27 2
Warne 27 4 81 1
Cook 13 2 50 0
M. Waugh 8 2 17 0
Blewett 5 1 10 0
S. Waugh 9 2 20 3
Elliott 1 1 0 0

AUSTRALIA: second innings
Taylor not out 5
M. Waugh not out 9
Extras: 0
Total: (no wkt, 6 overs) 14

Bowling O M R W
Doull 3 0 10 0
O'Connor 2 1 1 0
Vettori 1 0 3 0
Umpires: Steve Davis (Aus), Russell Tiffin (Zim)

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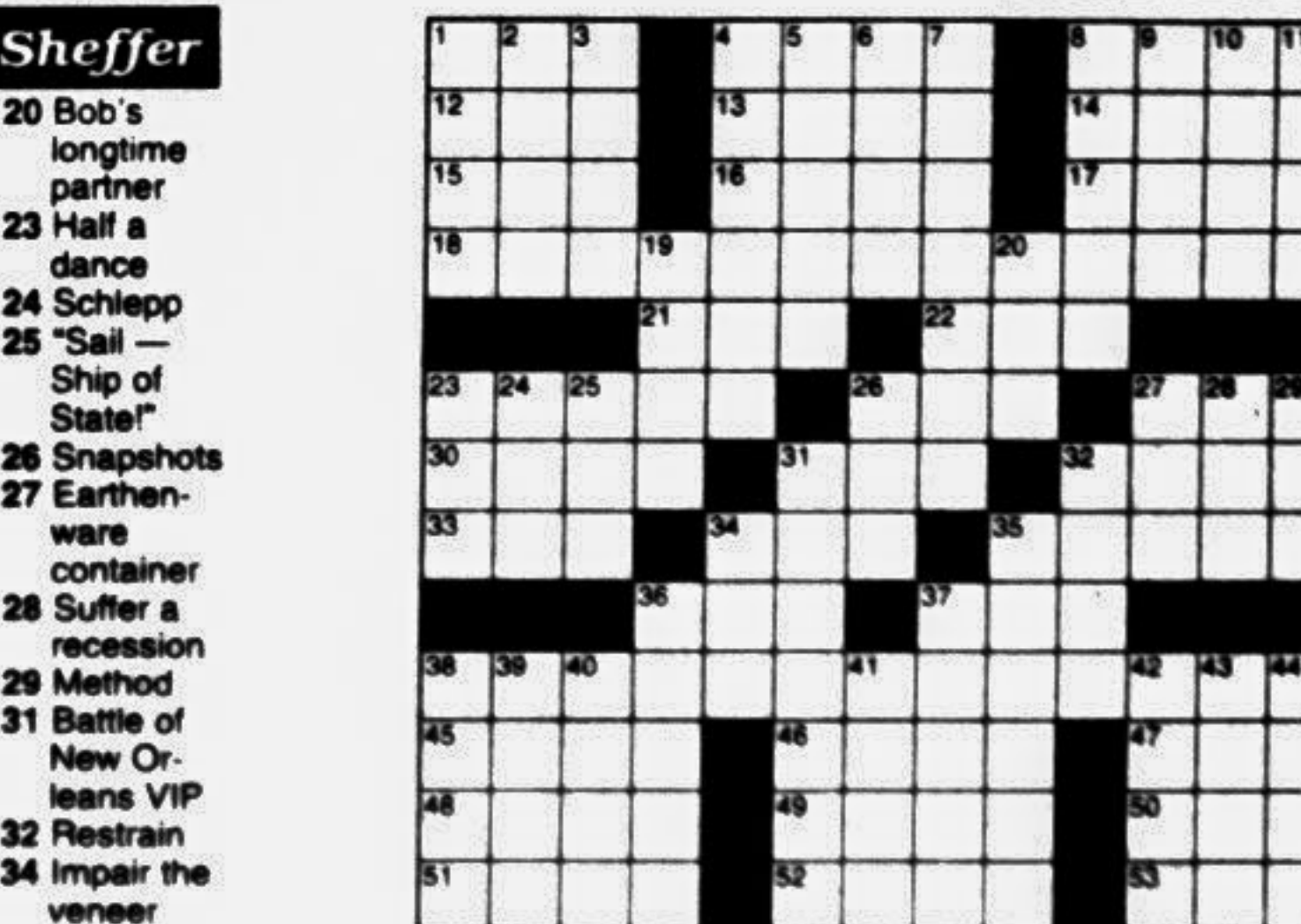
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- (3) Estimated cost : As per group basis schedule.
- (4) Earnest money : 2% of the estimated cost (separately for each group).
- (5) Time limit : 20 (twenty) days from the date of issuing work order.
- (6) Eligibility of contractor : (A) RHD "A" to "C" general class contractors and this Division's "E" class contractors and "A" to "D" class contractors for Group No- "E". (B) Bonafide agents of the manufacturers. (C) Executive Engineer (R&H), Chittagong Workshop Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong. (D) Executive Engineer (R&H), Rangamati Workshop Division, Bhedbhedhi, Rangamati Hill District. (E) Executive Engineer (R&H), Planning (Roads Bridges) Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka (only for Group No-"E"). (F) Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Workshop Sub-Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong.
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- (10) Last date & time of receiving tender : 09-12-97/24-8-1404 BS up to 12:00 Noon.
- (11) Date & time of opening tender : 10-12-97/25-8-1404 BS at 12:30 PM (before the interested contractors present).

Mohammad Azizur Rahman

Executive Engineer (R&H)
Chittagong Workshop Division
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptogram: I SAY IT'S A RECOGNIZED FACT THAT TODAY'S FITNESS CRAZE IS A SHAPING SPREE.

Today's Cryptogram clue: F equals G

The Cryptogram 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.