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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-84

Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm,

on Dec 12, '97 Who lifted the Chase Championships title?

Who became champions in the quadrangular cricket tourney?

Pakistan S Lanka How many stadia will be used during France '98?

Which team clinched the Delta Life handball title? Shamsunnahar Lalmatia A Bawani Who won the Div II handball league?

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Badda Jagarani Sangsad

Forward Walid struck twice in the ninth and 38th minutes

Kamal pulled one back for It was Badda's sixth win in 12 matches which raised their tally to 21 points and took them to the joint second spot along

ping night in Johor Bahru was the unlikely figure of forward Masayuki Okano. It was his In the other match, leaders goal in sudden-death extra-time that sealed the win over Iran. BRTC Sports Club and Mirpur Chalantika shared points after Yet it was Okano's first appearance in the final qualifying a goalless draw. round.

first time.

finals.

and Japan.

He was a substitute for all of Japan's eight matches in Group B of the Asian zone qualifiers. But when Okano's chance came

goalless up to that point.

Rain kept the ma-

rauding Bill Aca-

demy at bay on

the second of the

three-day Shell

(Reuters): Japan's

road to the World

Cup in France was

a rocky one, but

after 44 years of

A tense 3-2 victory over Iran

in a play-off in the streamy

Malaysian city of Johor Bahru

gave Japan one of Asia's three

guaranteed places in next year's

across the country as the nation

joined the players led by coach

Takeshi Okada, and the team's

supporters, the so-called 'Ultra

Nippon, in a party that went on

long into the night in Malaysia

The hero of that energy-sap-

It also sparked a celebration

Conference cric-

ket match against Bangladesh

who faced only seven overs of

their second innings when bad

weather stopped play at Lincoln

respite for the battered visitors

when Bangladesh resume their

play at 13 for one day today. But

the prospect for avoiding yet

another innings defeat seemed

to be a tall task for the whipping

boys of Akram Khan, who were

left with a mammoth job of

But there will be hardly any

Green vesterday.

he took it and is looking for-

A THREE-MINUTE FARCE? Two visibly relieved Abahani booters look on as referee Nazir

Hossain (ball in hand) calls off the Premier League match against Agrani Bank with just

three minutes remaining at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. The referee's 'controversial'

decision was seemingly designed to save Abahani from their fifth draw as the match was

Rain keeps B Academy at bay

Sports Reporter

448 for seven declared, leaving

Bangladesh to score 318 runs to

chiefly responsible for the huge

Bill Academy total, fell ten runs

short of a double century when

he was dismissed by Hasibul.

The young stroke-maker, who

unbeaten on 137 at stumps on

the first day, holed out to Hasi-

bul's new-ball partner Shafiud-

nings with Parlance on 21, fell

for 53. Javed Omar, who hardly

bowls in domestic cricket, cap-

tured the prize scalp of Barton.

Besides, Javed with his occa-

sional off-spin also had Hop-

kins for 47 to finish as the most

successful Bangladesh bowler

SCOREBOARD

nings 130 all out (Akram 39,

Shafiuddin 25; Sewell 5/34,

BILL ACADEMY: First innings

Gaffaney c Shaffuddin b Hasibul 112

Parlance c Shafiuddin b Hasibul 190

BANGLADESH: First in-

with 2/75.

Tuffey 3/57)

(overnight 298 for 4)

Barton, who resumed the in-

Opener Parlance, who was

avoid an innings defeat.

Okano was one of two inspired substitutions made by coach Okada in that final game. The other was the decision to bring on diminutive striker Shoji Jo who equalised with a glancing header to make it 2-2

At that stage the last place Japan seemed to be headed was France. They had opened their Group B campaign in Tokyo

The time of Japan's life

with a 6-3 demolition of Uzbekistan as star striker Kazuyoshi Miura helped himself to four goals. That was followed by a cred-

itable 0-0 draw away to the United Arab Emirates before a crunch match against rivals South Korea, their co-hosts for the 2002 World Cup, in Tokyo.

Although they controlled the game and scored first, Korea hit two goals in three minutes to steal the points in a 2-1 win.

Worse followed, a 1-1 draw away to Kazakhstan, the weakest team in the group, was the last straw for Japan's football authorities and Kamo was sacked.

Brazil's World Cup star Zico. technical director at J-League club Kashima Antlers, offered to fly back to Tokyo from Brazil to help coach a national side in disarray.

But Japan turned to Okada, the players' choice, and after a tentative start with a 1-1 draw in Uzbekistan and at home to the UAE he inspired the team to their final two victories away to South Korea and at home to Kazakhstan.

The 2-0 win in Seoul was especially swept since it avenged the earlier defeat and gave Japan an outside chance of coming second in the group behind the Koreans to make the play-off. The 5-1 thrashing of Kazakhstan was the icing on the cake.

In truth, Japan were given a lifeline by the failings of other teams in the group, especially the UAE and a strangely indifferent performance by the Koreans. After losing, Korea said they hoped their World Cup 2002 co-hosts would qualify as well, and after the UAE could only manage a draw with Uzbekistan in their penultimate game, they did much of the credit goes to Okada, but also to the never-say-die spirit of the players.

Many of them were driven by memories of their last World Cup qualifying campaign four years ago when a last minute goal by Iraq denied Japan a place at USA '94, frustratingly, South Korea went through instead on goal difference.

This time Japan had the determination to qualify after a three-part qualification process that began with 36 countries.

So the team which first tried to reach the final stages of the World Cup back in 1954 in Switzerland will at last be represented and get the chance to play the world's best. However, they face stiff op-

position from the outset having been drawn in Group H with Argentina, Croatia and Jamaica. Okada, now something of a national celebrity, has been given the nickname 'Oka-Chan' by the media. He dominates the sports headlines and has been interviewed countless times on TV. But he knows the success he's enjoyed has to be shared.

England stood in Bangladesh's way

Sports Reporter

It was a major disappointment for not having the opportunity to host the proposed World Cup on knock-out basis in Dhaka, said Saber Hossain Chowdhury, president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), in a press conference arranged in a haste yesterday.

"We have tried our best. But all our efforts to host the gala event in Dhaka fell through due to the stubborn attitude of England", said the cricket supremo of the country, who went to Calcutta to attend the two-day executive committee meeting of the ICC, but returned home with a broken-heart after the world cricket's governing body preferred Sharjah to Dhaka.

"All the nine Test-playing nations but England agreed to play in Dhaka in between October and November next year", said Saber. England showed surprisingly inflexible attitude and refused to reschedule their month-long warm-p session before their Ashes/tour down under."

England, who are yet to win an Ashes series in their last five meetings with Australia, are scheduled to reach Australia one-month before the series begins from November.

Bangladesh had proposed to host the meet in between October and November next year.

-Star photo

Cumming lbw b Shaffuddin

Sinclair b Shaffuddin

Orman Ibw b Satfullah

Extras: (lb-10, nb-6, w-1)

Total for 7 wkts decl: 448

Fall of wkts: 1-213, 2-215, 3

Did not bat: Tuffey, Sewell

BANGLADESH: Second in-

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225, 4-258, **5-383**, **6-383**, **7-448**

Barton c & b Javed

Walker not out

and Anderson.

Hasibul Hossain

Monturul Islam

Saifullah Khan

Mehrab Hossain

Sanwar Hossain

Javed c Gaffaney b Sewell

Sanwar Hossain batting

Hasanuzzaman batting

Total (for one wkt in 7 overs)

Mehrab retired hurt

Javed Omar

Al-Shahriar

Extras: (nb-2)

nings

Sewell

Tuffey

Shafiuddin Ahmed

Hopkins lbw b Javed

The England team was available in between September and October. But during September, a rainy season in Bangladesh, Saber was reluctant to hold the meet fearing weather interruption.

"It would have been a big boost in our claim to gain the Test-status had we got the opportunity to hold the meet". said Saber.

"But we are hopeful to get the Test-status", claimed Saber, adding that three powerful member of the ICC will arrive in the city during the tri-nation Independence Cup to assess the feasibility of our claim.

Abahani-Agrani tie called off

Sports Reporter

The Premier Division football league match between Abahani and Agrani Bank at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday was called off after 87 minutes as the Dhanmondi club refused to play.

At that time. Abahani skipper Zakir claimed the pitchcondition as unplayable and after a 15-minute discussion with the players of both teams, referee Nazir Hossain decided to postpone the engagement. The match was locked at 0-0.

After returning to the dressing room, Nazir said that the condition of the ground was unplayable and he had no other choice.

Earlier, both teams also declined to play from the beginning because of the pitch.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC), the organiser of the league, has decided to rearrange the match on December 13 after a two-day break. It was decided at an emer-

gency meeting of DMFLC last The remaining fixture of the league will be shifted accord-

Cricket leagues postponed

Sports Reporter

All matches of the Janakantha Premier Division and First Division cricket leagues have been postponed for an indefinite period due to inclement weather.

According to a Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) press release yesterday, the fixture of the leagues will be rescheduled once the weather improves.

Women's team go to Iran today

A 15-member Bangladesh women's sports team leaves on Thursday for Tehran to participate in the second Islamic Solidarity Games that begins in the Iranian capital on Saturday reports UNB. Bangladesh will take part in

three events - shooting, athletics and swimming, said a NSC press release yesterday. Bangladesh Women's Sports

Association President Rafia Akter Dolly will be the team leader. The other members of the

delegation are: shooters Sabrina Sultana, Lovely Chowdhury Akhi and official Rabeya Khatoon, athletes Nilufar Yasmin, Sathi Akter, Lovely Begum, Shammy Akter, Rahima Khatun Juthi, Beauty Begum and coach-cum-manager Shamima Sattar Mimu, swimmers Rehana Zaman, Nibedita Das and official Afroza Parvin Popy, and journalist Salma Rafique.

Hockey umpires' course

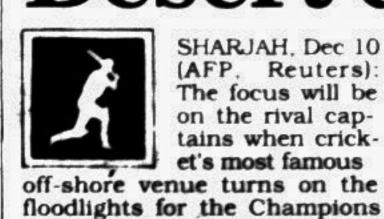
Sports Reporter A ten-day long training course for hockey umpires begins at the Bangladesh Krira

Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) in Savar today. A total of 51 umpires are participating in the course organised by Bangladesh Hockey Federation.

The course will initially be conducted by local instructors up to December 15 while Indian international Grade A umpire. Mohammad Gaus will take over from December 16.

India face England in opener

Desert duel begins today



SHARJAH, Dec 10 (AFP, Reuters): The focus will be on the rival captains when cricket's most famous off-shore venue turns on the

Trophy starting tomorrow. Pakistan's Wasim Akram, Courtney Walsh of the West Indies. Sachin Tendulkar of India and Adam Hollioake of England will receive as much attention as the newly-installed lights at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium. Only Akram finds himself

in an enviable position, having inflicted the first-ever clean sweep on the West Indies in 69 years during the recent three-Test series at home. The Pakistani all-rounder

wants to cap that with his country's 10th title here in 21 ap-

For the others, however, the day-night tournament is a personal battle for survival.

The ageing Walsh is unlikely to get another stint as captain if the West Indies fail to recover from the nightmarish Pakistan tour where they lost two Tests, by an innings and the third by 10 wickets. Brian Lara is waiting in the

wings, and even though the lefthander batted poorly in Pakistan, the West Indian Cricket Board will not overrule the selectors a second time when it comes to giving him the job. However, Walsh, in an inter-

view on the CANA (Caribbean News Agency) radio match cov-

captaincy. "I would just like Caribbean listeners to know that there is no truth in the matter," Walsh

2nd Akai-Singer Champs' Trophy begins today

The Akai-Singer Champions' Trophy gets underway in Sharjah from today. This is a continuous reflection of Singer and its sister company Akai's joint patronisation towards cricket, says a press release. The four-nation tournament

involves England, West Indies, Pakistan and India will run until Dec 19.

This is the second tournament of its kind. The first one was a triangular that had Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe in April this year.

All matches will be played under lights and commence at 4:30 pm (BST) and be shown on

SCHEDULE

Dec 19: Final.

Dec 11: India v England Dec 12: Pakistan v West Indies Dec 13: England v West Indies Dec 14: India v Pakistan Dec 15: Pakistan v England Dec 16: India v West Indies Dec 17 and Dec 18: Rest days

Atherton only for Test matches and giving the one-day job to the elder Hollioake, who has ternationals.

match, is the best limited-over side England have had for a long time. day side with a lot of talent," the

1999 world cup." England's one-day team has just six players, including the captain himself, who will also tour the West Indies with Ather-

Hollioake will be inspired by the fact that the only time England played at this desert venue, in 1987, they won the tournament against India, Pakistan and Australia.

hours.

"The response has been said CBFS coorumator Asif. Igbal, at former Pakistani Test captain: "This is going to be our biggest event

CBFS received a shot in the arm on Tuesday when the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced Sharjah as the venue of its fund-raising limited-over tournament featuring all the nine Test-playing na-

The new England skipper for limited overs matches Adam

Hollioake observes his team's first practice session in



Sharjah on Dec 10.

de Silva currently new world record for the highest number of Test centuries in

gregate of 1710 runs from 11

breaking Richards' record cut short when rain prevented Sri Lanka from batting in the second Test at Nagpur.

It is very unlikely that anyone will overhaul Richards' aggregate for a calendar year. Sri Lanka's master blaste Sanath Jayasuriya is the leading rungetter for the current year with 1184 runs from 10 Tests (17 innings) followed by De Silva

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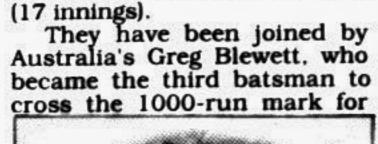
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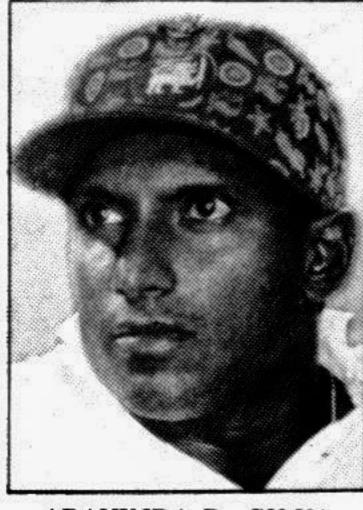
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-AP/UNB photo



1997 during the recently con-Zealand at Hobart. Blewett's Source: The Daily News

Uruguay plans for football fiesta

MONTEVIDEO, Dec 10: Uruguay are set to invite Argentina, Brazil and Italy to a mini World Cup they hope to host in 2000, while England, Germany and Spain may also take part, the Uruguayan Football Federation (AUF) said Tuesday, reports AFP.

The Uruguayans want the tournament to form the centrepiece of their federations centenary celebrations.

AUF president and vicepresident of the South American Confederation Eugenio Figueredo suggested the idea to FIFA during the recent under 17 World Championship in Egypt.

Back in 1980 Uruguay invited Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Italy and Holland to mark the 50th anniversary of the first World Cup, which they hosted and won. Holland replaced England, the only former champions who didn't at-

Although an Italian attempt to host a mini competition was turned down several years ago.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: YOUNG FARMERS WILL GENERALLY PREFER TO CURE THEIR SICK PIGS WITH OINKMENT. Today's Cryptoquip clue: N equals F

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

"I am going to see out my time. I have always given all erage, refuted reports that his frustration at the team's failure would lead him to give up the I've got to West Indies cricket and as long as I think I can do



SACHIN TENDULKAR

said. Tendulkar has been pushed down India's one-day order after a string of poor scores. He desperately needs a title win to pre-empt reported moves by the selectors to hand the one-day captaincy to his deputy Ajay Jadeia

England have already taken the plunge, retaining Mike played just five limited-over in-Hollioake believes his new-

look team, which takes on India in Thursday's opening "This is a specialised one-

26-year-old said. "The team is part of a long-term strategy to build a specialist outfit for the

ton's Test squad early next year.

The Cricketers Benefit Fund Series (CBFS), organisers of one-day internationals here since 1984, installed floodlights in May to attract cricketmad expatriates after office

tions next October.

Aravinda ala Viv with 1136 runs from 10 Tests

Sri Lanka vicecaptain Aravinda going through a purple patch with the bat, is one century short of establishing a

a calendar year. De Silva went past tormer England batsman Denis Compton's record of six Text centuries in a calendar year (1947) with his match-saving knock of 110 not out in the first Test against India at Mohali. He is now on par with former West Indian 'great' Viv Richards, who hit seven Test centuries in 1976 whilst compiling a record ag-

Tests (19 innings) De Silva had his chance of



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cluded third Test against New current tally stands at 1035 runs from 14 Tests (23 innings).

FIFA supremo Joao Havelange was set to give the Uruguayan plan the go-ahead.

WKATPKPB XNKPL ZPVTWSP, "YOL W NTI, TXBP W NTI"?

hom, e.g. locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

scoring another 305 runs to make the home side bat again. Opener Javed Omar Belim, who scored one before being dismissed by Sewell, was the lone batsman out in Bangladesh's second innings, which lasted for only seven overs before heavy rain intervened, much to the relief of the visitors. Earlier, resuming the day on 298 for four, the home side raced on to garner an unnerving **Monica Seles** (American tennis player) "My consistency on key points is missing and it is something I have to work on in time for next year." Div I soccer Sports Reporter trying they have at least reached the final stages for the

outplayed Dhanmondi Club 4-1 in their return leg clash of the First Division football league at the Army Stadium yesterday.

while Aminul and Masud completed the route with goals in the 67th and 88th minutes respectively. Dhanmondi in the 65th minute.

with East End Club. Dhanmondi remained at the bottom with six points.

Nat'l pairs bridge Dec 19

Khandker Fazle Sobhan national pairs bridge competition will be held on December 19 and 20 in the banquet room of Sundarban Hotel, Sonargaon Road, states a press release of Bangladesh Bridge Federation, reports BSS.

quested to contact either Azizul Haque Tel 882212, Naimul Hasan Tel 839557 or Salahuddin Tel 9347567, 9346598 for further details. Entries will also be accepted

at the hotel on December 19 up

Participants have been re-

to 9.15 am. Soccer, tennis interact

down under MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec 10: Football stadiums could host Australia's Davis Cup ties in future as tennis officials seek ways to retain the nation's grass court advantage, according to team captain John Newcombe, reports AFP.

More of Australia's home Davis Cup matches will be played in country centres or in city sports stadiums in a major departure from traditional thinking. Newcombe said here today. The test case will be next April's first-round tie against

Zimbabwe at Mildura on the

New South Wales-Victoria bor-

der, the first time a Davis Cup

tournament has been staged outside a major city. Newcombe on Wednesday checked the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club's 32-grass court centre where the first-round World Group tie will be played from April 3-5.



Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury of Bangladesh in action on the inaugural day of Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship -Star photo at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

ward to the trip to France.

night was Brazilian born forward Wanger Lopes who, despite suffering from a heavy cold, also unsettled Iran's defence with his aerial power.

mances they needed to qualify.

qualifying matches after a dismal 1-1 draw with Kazakhstan in Almaty.

and send the game into extra-Japan's other substitute that

Lopes, who only became a Japanese citizen in September. brought South American flair to an attack lacking the killer instinct. But in the group games even he was unable to inspire Japan to the sort of perfor-

Okada, who replaced Shu Kamo halfway through the final

The man with the midas touch turned out to be coach

