

(New Zealand cricket captain) "All the way through we've under-achieved and that is an alarming aspect." After the Perth Test against

Competition-85

drawn for France '98?

coach of Saudi Arabia?

Parreira 4 Who were Bangladesh's opponents in the World Youth Cup cricket qualifiers' final?

How many teams are taking part in the Premier Division cricket league?

ROLL NO.

PHONE: (IF ANY)

SCHOOL ADDRESS

Officers' Club bridge today

Officers' Club duplicate pairs bridge competition on the occasion of the Victory Day will now be held today at 6 pm, reports

BCB Eleven finish atop

Sports Reporter

collected a sizable 186 for five in the stipulated 20 overs with Bangladesh Criopener Nasiruddin Faroog cket Board Eleven scoring highest 62 off just 41 deemerged group liveries. champions in the first round of the

All-Bengal sub-

junior cricket tournament with

In their last Group X match played at the Dada Bhai ground

in Shiliguri, West Bengal, BCB Eleven handed local Agragamee

Cricket Coaching Centre a huge

Bodybuilding

The pre-judging round of the 17th national and third veter-

ans bodybuilding champi-

onship began yesterday at the

National Sports Council gym-

different clubs and organisa-

tions took part in the first

today at the WAPDA Bhaban

Bodybuilding Federation and

former IGP Azizur Rahman will

be the chief guest in today's

Friday when they handed

leaders Kaiserslautern only

their third defeat of the season.

ing champions Bayern Munich

2-0 to move seven points clear

One week after beating reign-

phase of the two-day meet.

Some 150 bodybuilders from

The final round will be held

President of the Bangladesh

ded some extra

spice to the Ger-

man league cham-

pionship race on

nasium, reports UNB.

auditorium.

closing function.

Electing to bat, the visitors

13-run defeat.

an all-win record yesterday.

After losing his opening partner Mohiuddin (20) on 78, Farooq then added another 26 runs for the second wicket with Biswajit (45) before being stumped by Ranjit Saha off a

BRIEF SCORES

BCB ELEVEN: 186 for five in 20 overs (Nasiruddin 62. Biswajit 45, Nafees 22, Kaleem 21, Mohiuddin 20; Prasun 2/28, Amit 2/30)

AGRAGAMEE CCC: 73 for four in 20 overs (Riddhiman 28, PS Bhattacharjee 18; Towhid 1/4, Ali Shah 1/7) Result: BCB Eleven won by

Prasun delivery which left the BCB side 104 for two.

113 runs.

For the locals, Prasun and Amit evenly shared four wickets conceding 28 and 30 runs respectively.

In reply, the Agragamee boys could muster only 73 runs in their share of overs for the loss of four wickets. Middle-order Riddhiman

Saha topscored with 28 fol-

lowed by opener PS Bhattacharjee who added 18 runs. Towhid, Ali Shah, Mohiud-

din and Nafees captured one wicket apiece for the visitors. It was the third successive win for the BCB boys in the four-team Group X.

The BCB side will enjoy a

V-Day kabaddi

rest day today before playing in

tomorrow's quarterfinals.

The Victory Day kabaddi tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation, began at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court yesterday. reports UNB.

In the inaugural match. Sonali Bank Club earned a facile 35-12 points win over Azad Sporting Club with five creditable lonas to reach the next round.

Secretary of the National Sports Council ASM Ali Kabir inaugurated the meet.

Meanwhile, the final match of the Dhaka kabaddi league between Dilkusha Sporting Club and Sonali Bank Club will be held today at 4 pm at the same

State Minister for Jute and Textiles AK Faezul Huq will be the chief guest in the final.

"We played aggressively, lie

forward with plenty of confi-

Rehhagel said his players had

and conceding that early goal

Friday, Werder Bremen won 2-1

at Hansa Rostock thanks to two

goals from international mid-

Rostock in front after 11 min-

utes but Bode levelled it up one

minute later before hitting the

winner in the 53rd minute.

Defender Marco Rehmer put

not fought hard enough.

did not help," he said.

fielder Marco Bode.

Kaisarslautern's coach Otto

"We lost far too many duels

in the other match played on

ITF U-14 circuit

Indian duo lifts girls' doubles title

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Dec 13: The Indian duo of Megha and Sharsha won the girls' doubles title in the first leg of the ITF South Asian under-14 circuit at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex to-On an eventful day, where

the hosts' last hopes were dashed with the exit of Bangladesh's boys' doubles pair of Kabir and Mustafizur, the Indian girls posted a cakewalk 6-2, 6-2 win over the Central Asian duo of Aiguf and Eleina to make a mockery of the final. But the excitement of the day

was provided in the boys' doubles semifinal where Kabir and Mustafizur led the last local hopes against the Pakistani duo of Niazi and Nadim, who won the see-saw battle 6-4, 6-3.

The Pakistani pair will now take on the Indian duo of Vishal and Gajjar, who won the threesetter (6-3, 6-4, 6-0) against the Central Asian pair of Artur and Daskarav, in the final, Vishal, however, will be

looking for a delightful double along with his Pakistani rival Niazi when they meet in the singles final. Both Vishal and Niaz earned easy victories against Nadim and Gajjar respectively.

a fantastic double when the indian girl will lock her horns with Aman Maradona in the singles final

All the finals will be held tomorrow. Although the firstleg of the two-leg circuit was scheduled to be completed today, the organisers were forced to reschedule the fixture due to inclement weather. The secondleg will however commence on the same day as scheduled ear-

Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Dec 13: Mohammedan Sporting Club defeated Cosmos Eleven 2-1 in the Senior Division football league at the local stadium here today. reports BSS.

Winners led the first half 2-0. Gopal scored both the goals for the winners. After the break Cosmos

pulled one back in the dying minutes. In the another match Abahani beat Ulka Club 2-0.

Abahani scored both the

goals in the second half. Dipu Roy's father dead

Sports Reporter PK Roy Chowdhury, father of former national cricket player Dipu Roy Chowdhury, died at his Dhanmondi resi-

dence yesterday. He was 83. PK Roy, who was also the father of AR Chowdhury, a retired deputy-secretary and joint-secretary of Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, was suffering cancer.

His body has been kept at the BIRDEM.

However, the sad news did not reach Dipu Roy till last night, who is now in Shiliguri Managing the touring BCB

Eleven team. Meanwhile, the governing body of local cricket and Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, in separate messages, expressed their shock at his

Another blow to Thai preps

BANGKOK, Dec 13: Metal beams supporting the roof of a swimming pool for next year's Asian Games have collapsed, injuring five people, but officials said Friday the accident would not delay Thailand's troubled preparations for the event, reports AP.

The accident Thursday was the latest misfortune for Thailand's attempt to host Asia's most prestigious sporting competition, coming a week before a crucial meeting in New Delhi, India, to determine whether a different host country should be chosen.

Games organising officials said that a worker from the Christian-Neilsen construction company mistakenly cut a cable holding the beams together. causing the entire roof support structure to collapse. Three workers were badly

injured and two had minor injuries. A Finance Ministry official estimated damages at 116,000 dollars to the (4.65 million dollar) facility.

Bhichai Rattakul, a deputy prime minister and chairman of the Bangkok Asian Games Organising committee, expressed regret over the accident and said it would not delay completion of the pool. "I'd like to know what really

happened and who is responsible for this," Bhichai said. "If there is some wrongdoing, the person must be punished. Sheik Ahmad al-Fahd al-

Sabah, president of the Olympic Council of Asia, was in Thailand at the time of the mishap. assuring the prime minister and king that Thailand was making good progress in organ-

likely keep them. The OCA is the supreme authority over the Games. In September, the council called an emergency meeting in Kuwait to mull shifting the Games to another country. The Sheik had complained Thailand was far behind schedule in organising the event and building promised infrastruc-



A grounded Roberto Carlos of Brazil intercepts Saudi Arabian Khamis Al-Dssary during their Confederations Cup clash in Riyadh on Dec 12. Brazil beat the hosts 3-0.

- AP/UNB photo

Hertha astonish leaders Brazil, Australia win Meanwhile, Megha, fresh after his triumph in the girls' doubles, will also be looking for but had spent seven seasons in from close range in the 71st Hertha Berlin ad-

tralia took the points on the opening day of the Confederations Cup on Friday but it was Saudi Arabia who got all the plaudits. reports AFP The plucky Asian champi-

RIYADH, Dec 13:

Brazil and Aus-

ons lost 3-0 to Brazil in the opening game but turned in a surprisingly solid and well organised performance that drew praise from all quarters. Among the delighted view-

ers was Brazilian Mario Zagallo, who had a spell as Saudi national team coach in the mid 1980s. He beamed like a proud father when asked about his team's opponents. "Some of those boys were

brought into the team by me. he recalled, " And I was delighted to see how well they Australian coach Terry Ven-

ables also praised the Saudi team. 'They surprised me with their organisation and they only really lost it when they had a man sent off."

Brazil scored all three goals in the last 30 minutes after the expulsion of Saudi defender Abdullah Zubromawi for a second bookable offence, Romario

other as the world champions overwhelmed the home defence. "You can't expect to get a result against Brazil with 10

got two and Cesar Sampaio the

Tunisia's WC

prep plans TUNIS, Dec 13: Tunisia have

agreed in principle to play a friendly with Wales in the buildup to the 1998 World Cup finals where they have been drawn with England, the Tunisian Football Federation announced on Friday, reports AFP.

The Tunisians, whose only other World Cup finals appearance was in 1978 in Argentina. see Wales as an ideal opponent in preparation for the match with their fellow British team.

They have also arranged friendlies with Chile and Paraguay, who they believe compare favourably with the style of play of their two other group opponents — Colombia and Romania.

Henri Kasperczak, the Tunisian coach, will take his squad to a training camp in Vicenza, Italy, in May and also hopes to arrange a friendly with the Italian national team.

men. You really need 12," said Venables, whose team meet the Brazilians on Sunday.

Australia share the lead with Brazil at the top of the Group A standings after beating Mexico 3-1 in the second game on Friday. They led 1-0 at half-time

through Mark Viduka and added a spectacular second soon after the break through John But they conceded a penalty Il minutes from time, converted by Luis Hernandez, and

had to defend a late Mexican flurry before Damien Mori made it safe with an injurytime goal. But there were some anxious moments for the Australians before they got their third goal, evoking memories of their

the World Cup qualifying play off match in Melbourne. "That flashed through my mind a few times," said Ven-

surprise elimination by Iran in

ables. Saturday sees the opening matches in Group B with the United Arab Emirates playing Uruguay Followed by the game between the Czech Republic and South Africa.

Eight countries are taking part in the competition.

Jonathan crashes out

Jonathan Jones "caught some air" coming into a turn, and corksc-rewed into the water on the 25th lap, to finish out of contention at the Grand Prix of the United Arab Emirates on Friday, says a press release.

All was not lost for the Gold Leaf F1 Racing team in the 1997 UIM Formula 1 powerboating finale, however, as Italy's Massimo Roggiero held a steady course in what he called a "sea of confusion" to finish third behind winner Scott Gillman of the US and runner-up Francesco Cantando of Italy. Roggiero's 12 points from the race enabled him to move to ninth from 13th place in the drivers' standings. Peng Linwu of China, in the third Gold Leaf boat, retired with engine failure

on the 29th lap. Gillman completed the 43 laps in 56 minutes, 32.85 seconds, comfortably ahead of Cantando's 57.10.64. Roggiero was one lap behind in a time of 56:45.11. None of the three was in the running in the early going as 1996 champion Guido Cappellini of Italy, and Gold Leaf's Jones duelled for the lead on an exciting course under clear blue skies and temperatures of 35° Celsius. Cappellini dropped out with four laps remaining.

"There was no way I could have caught Cappellini today. but I could have finished a strong second if I had not crashed," Jones said. "I was coming into a turn when the

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got to the turn, it still hadn't settled and the result was a corkscrew." There was extensive damage

to Jones' No. 7 Seebold and he



was taken to hospital for a complete check-up, over the tempestuous Welshman's

protests. "I really didn't think I had to go to the hospital, but the emergency people insisted. They ran some tests on me, including a brain scan, and I'm all right." he said after his release.

Malcolm Williams: "This really was an 'engine' race, with the longest track in the championship. You have to stay on the water, and not push the boat too hard, in order to finish."

Jonathan Jones: "I started very well and kept behind Cappellini in second, but then my boat stopped. The engine was

ABU DHABI, Dec 13: boat lifted a bit in front. When I slowing down. I managed to restart it and I was going well again when the accident hap-

Massimo Roggiero: "I had a very good start although I was 10th on the grid, and after 10

laps I was running fifth. There was a yellow flag and a restart and I wasn't doing well for quite a while. "There was a lot of confusion out there and I decided to run easy, not push too hard, to finish the race. I didn't know where I stood until somewhere in the last eight laps when my mechanics said I was in fourth. Thanks to Cappellini (abandoned with four laps remaining) I managed to get on the podium for the last race."

> Peng Linwu: "My engine died on the 29th lap, but up until then, I was competitive. I was quite pleased that I managed to pass a few drivers today. My confidence was building up as the race went on."

TODAY'S MATCHES

Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League: Brothers Union vs Azad SC

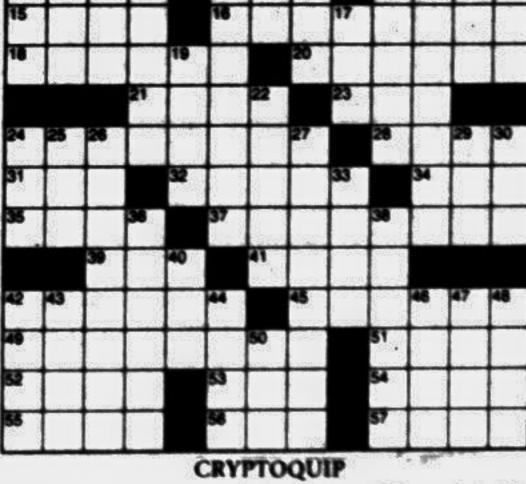
(BKSP) Victoria SC vs Lalmatia Club (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

First Division Cricket Gulshan Youth Club vs Dhaka Wanderers Club (City

Club ground) Premier Division Football

Abahani KC vs Agrani Bank SC (Mirpur Stadium 4 pm)

RK VJR EOBDDQU Saturday's Cryptoquip: WOULD INCOMPETENT



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Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals C

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OQNAODQOF? MUSICIAN'S TRY TO GET BETTER SIMPLY BY WEAR-ING BAND-AIDS?

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.

Stephen Fleming

Australia.

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

✓ TICK THE CORRECT ANSWERS Competition closes at 8 pm on

Dec 26, 1997 1 In which group have Brazil been

How many centuries has Atapattu hit in Test cricket to Who is the national soccer

> at the top of the table, Kaiserslautern went down 2-0 in the German capital. Second-placed Bayern have a chance to close the gap on the 1991 champions to four points if they can win at home to lowly

reports Reuters.

today. Hertha Berlin were promoted with Kaiserslautern to the First Division last May and were last only a few weeks ago. But a goal in each half helped them tame the southwesterners and move up three

Borussia Moenchengladbach

places to seventh in the Bun-The Berlin club, who won

two German titles in the 1930s

Jap karate coach due tomorrow Sports Reporter

Japanese karate coach

Sensei Ryuichi Tanaka will

arrive in the capital tomorrow

to witness the 4th Bangladesh

shito-ryu karate and kick boxing championship which will be held from December 25 During his stay in Dhaka, Tanaka will supervise a special training camp organised

by Bangladesh Shito-Ryu

Karate-do Association.

the Second Division before rejoining the top flight, have now scored six wins and one draw in their last seven outings.

Defender Steffen Karl delighted the 60,000 crowd in Berlin's Olympic Stadium by opening the scoring in the third minute with a seemingly harmless freekick from 25 metres which Kaiserslautern

injured goal ace Olaf Marschall, came close to scoring with a header from midfielder Andreas Buck which went just wide in the 11th minute.

keeper Andreas Reinke failed to catch.

we have been for the last few weeks," said Hertha's coach Juergen Roeber. "We kept going

dence.

The visitors, still without

But Hertha created more opportunities and deserved their victory which striker Michael Preetz clinched with a goal

NSC secretary ASM Ali Kabir being introduced with the

participants in the Victory Day kabadi tournament, which

started at the Outer Stadium court yesterday.

Goalkeepers not above the law **Michael Cockerill**

foreseen for the goalkeeper to be the planner and initiator of at-And neither was it ever intended for

him to use his privilege of handling and holding the ball to delay the game and waste time for the advantage of his own team. After all, football is essentially a game of skill, and there is no skill in simply standing there, holding the ball in one's hands — especially when the 'Laws of the Game' make special provision for protecting the goalkeeper's safety and allow

the opposing players little or

no chance of getting the ball away from him when he is holding it in his hands. Time-wasting is one of the worst forms of unsporting behaviour, because it attempts to deny opponents a fair chance of using the full allotted time to use their skills to win the game. As the FIFA general secretary has frequently said, spectators do not go to football matches simply to see the goalkeeper standing still with the ball in his hands and waiting for nothing in particular before playing it, they want to see real skills. passes, dribbles, tactical

less time for these attractions if time is consistently wasted with the ball in the hands of a stationary goalkeeper. So as soon as he has a clear and ample opportunity to do so, the goalie must, for the good of the game, get it back into normal running play as quickly as pos-

GAME OF CAT AND

moves, shots-and of course bril-

There would logically be ever

liant saves by the goalkeepers.

MOUSE Goalkeepers have of course always tried different tactics (or these have been devised for them by their coaches) to exploit the handling privilege in order to use up time. The International Football Association board, as the rule-makers of football, have repeatedly tried to counteract this, and it has resulted in a kind of running bat-

tle, or game of cat and mouse.

between the board and the

goalkeepers over the years.

It is quite a fascinating story to review, to see how we arrived at the latest rule changes introduced by FIFA on

July 1 this year. The story starts in the early 1960s, at which time the goalkeeper was still allowed to keep the ball in his hands for virtually as long as he liked, taking as many steps as he wished in the process, as long as he bounced the ball on the ground or threw it in the air and caught again as he moved. In other words, he was free to use up as much time and penalty-area space as he wished, and it was up to the opposition to try to get the ball away from him fairly

and safely - a virtually impossible thing to do. It was around this time, as gamesmanship crept in and the privilege first became systematically abused, that the rulemakers felt it necessary to fire the first salvo in the battle, by introducing the four-step rule. The goalkeeper was given up to four steps to travel while holding bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again, without having to release

The goalkeepers and coaches were quick to react. The goalies exploited the wording of the new law by using the four steps rule as they liked: They would hold the ball, put it on the ground after one or two steps, dribble it a few metres and still have two or three steps "in the bank" when they picked it up agum — thus using up valuable space and time.

it into play.

THE BOARD HITS BACK The Board hit back by declaring that if the goalkeeper held the ball with his hands and then put it on the ground. he would not be allowed to touch it again with his hands until it had been touched by another player. The goalkeepers responded by holding the ball and then

throwing it to a nearest de-

or two away, who would pass it

fender, sometimes only a metre

back to the goalie, who would

repeat the whole process all

- It was the turn of the rule-

so-called back-pass rule. In over again ... and again. Another 1992, it was ruled that if a way of wasting time, and player deliberately kicked the against the spirit of the FIFA ball with his feet for his goalkeeper and the latter touched it ruling.

would otherwise be virtually impossible. But it is a privilege that should not be abused. makers to react, which they did by saying that if the goalkeeper held the ball in his hands and then put it on the ground, he could not touch it again with his hands unless it was played by another player, of either team, outside his own penalty area. That meant that goalkeepers now risked having

> intercepted by alert opposing forwards. But it did not stop some goalkeepers abusing the basic privilege of handling the ball. as they developed a new tactic: that of parrying the ball instead of catching it cleanly, even when they could have done so. They would merely pat the ball down to the ground with their hands; then take their time dribbling it to the edge of their penalty area before finally picking it up and holding it in the true sense of the term. Of course the goalie could always be challenged by an opponent, but he would react by quickly

their short passes to defenders

picking the ball up, thus limiting the effectiveness of such a challenge. So the Board came up with an anti-parrying rule, saying that such deliberate parrying for the purpose of evading the Law was to be regarded also as

holding the ball. That effec-

tively put an end to that tactic. But still the goalkeepers continued to defy the aim of the rule-makers to prevent timewasting, now by use of the infamous back pass. Defenders would pass back to the goalkeeper, sometimes even from the halfway line, simply to exploit his special privilege of being able to pick the ball up with his hands and stifle all movement of the game. This frustratingly negative tactic was difficult to prevent for many years, and struck a very sour note in the minds of all those who loved the game for its real spirit of skill and attack. THE BACK-PASS

REVOLUTION

salvo yet from the Board: the

with his hands or arms, there

Then came the most potent

wards stealing a wayward back

pass to their advantage. Within a matter of days of this revolutionary new rule be-

any player thus deliberately negating the spirit of the new rule would be likely to be cauindirect free-kick.

sponded by making clear that

thigh, chest, etc) was resisted. with an important new clement. From July 1, referees have been given mandatory instructions not to permit the goalkeeper to take more than four steps while holding the ball as stipulated in Law 12, and if the goalie holds the ball for more than five or six seconds the referee must adjudge this as time-wasting and award an indirect free-kick against him.

Has the International Football Association Board fired the definitive shot across the bows

NO CONSPIRACY

their latest riposte? In either case, FIFA has always insisted that there is no deliberate conspiracy against goalkeepers as such -merely the continuing desire to keep football as fluid, as skillful and thus as attractive as possible. Source: FIFA Magazine

The goalkeeper has a rare privilege in football: the use of his hands to keep the ball out of his goal, which would be an indirect free-kick against him. Heading the ball, playing it with the knee, thigh or chest were all still permitted. as it was felt that such situations, deprived of the accuracy of a pass with feet, might create a chance of the opposing for-

- Star photo

ing introduced, the coaches hit back and there were some absurd attempts to circumvent the Law: players used their feet to flick the ball from the ground into the air in order to head it back to their goalkeeper, or would take a free-kick by kneeling down and passing, the ball back with their knees... Within days, FIFA re-

tioned for unsporting behaviour and punished by an This year, after long debate, it was decided to extend the successful back-pass rule by applying it also to throw-ins from defenders to their own goalkeeper.

but the urge to extend it to all

back-passes (with the head.

But the battle continues,

of the goalkeepers in this intriguing battle against timewasting? Or are the goalies and their coaches about to devise