COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-86

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm on Jan 9, 1998 Who is the Australia cricket coach? Marsh Who is the Argentina soccer

this year's Premier Division

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from January 10 to 18. coach? Athar, considered as one of Venables the best batsmen of the country and a proven performer against India and Pakistan in the in-Which county will Lara lead next year? ternational arena, who dropped Essex Durham Warwickshire along with Mafizur Rahman Munna and Jewel Hossain Who hit the first century in Mona for their poor perfor-

cricket league? New Zealand. The selectors, however, surprisingly kept Aminul Islam Who lifted the women's singles Bulbul in their primary squad although he failed to impress title of the national TT championships? anyone but them with the wil-Zulekha

yesterday.

low in New Zealand. Bulbul apart, skipper Akram Khan, middle-order batsmen Sanvar Hossain, Hasanuzzaman. Habibul Bashar Sumon opener Javed Omar Belim. medium-pacers Hasibul Hossain Shanto, Saifuddin Ahmed Babu, left-arm spinner Saifullah Khan Gem and wicketkeeper Khaled Masood also found their names in the list.

National cricket

selectors have

axed opener Athar

Ali Khan and

recalled former

national skipper Faruque Ahmed

in the squad as they officially

revealed the 20-man primary

selection for the forthcoming

Coca Cola Independence Cup

which also involves two arch-

rivals India and Pakistan, will

be held at the Dhaka Stadium

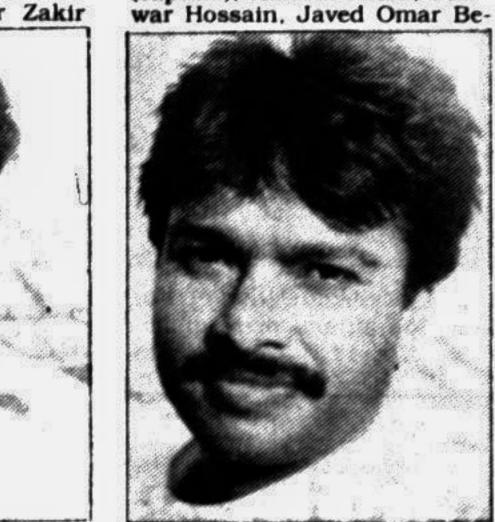
mances in the recent tour of

The three-nation tourney

Faruque Ahmed, captain of the Bangladesh team for the infamous 1994 Kenya tour, was given a vote of confidence by the

selectors for his recent perfor-Two all-rounders — former mance with the bat in the donational skipper Minha. Abedin Nannu and Naimur mestic cricket. Left-arm spinner Moham-Rahman Durjoy, and off-spin-ner Sheikh Salahuddin were mad Rafique, star performer in

the ICC Trophy, who was left once again, ignored by the selecout for the down under tour, was also recalled along with all-The team: Akram Khan rounder Khaled Mahmood Su-(captain), Aminul Islam, Sanjon, right-arm seamer Zakir



FARUQUE AHMED

ATHAR ALI Hossain, off-spinner Shariful Haque Plaban, wicketkeeper Atiar Rahman and opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut.

The only new-face in the 20member side was an right-hand middle-order batsman Khandkar Nurul Islam Nahid, who is playing for Agrani Bank this season.

Primary Independence Cup squad named

Besides, the selectors have included left-arm seamer Morshed Ali Khan Sumon of Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani opener Azam Iqbal.

lim, Hasanuzzaman, Khaled Masood, Hasibul Hossain, Saifuddin Ahmed, Habibul Bashar,

Mohammad Rafique, Khaled Mahmood, Faruque Ahmed, Morshed Ali Khan, Azam Iqbal, Zakir Hossain, Shariful Haque. Atiar Rahman, Saifullah Khan Gem, Shahriar Hossain and Khandkar Nasirul Islam Nahid.

The players have been instructed to report at the Bangladesh Cricket Board at 6 pm on December 28.

National badminton results

Sports Reporter

It's going to be an all Biman final in the ladies' doubles event of the Meril 20th national badminton championships as the national flag carriers dominated proceedings on the fourth day of the meet being held at the Pabna Stadium Gymnasium, according to a faxed message received yester-

In the first semifinal Konika and Momo of Biman downed Pabna's Loba and Juthi 15-5. 15-5 while the Biman pairing of Alina and Nuri outclassed Lucky and Aakhi of Ansars 15-0, 15-2.

Results of the men's doubles matches held yesterday: Suman & Polash (Biman) beat Bhanu & Parvez (Ctg) 15-2. 15-8; Shakil & Khurshid (Biman) beat Himel & Uzzal (Ctg) 15-0, 15-0; Mahboob & Sarwar (Biman) beat Hamid & Sabbir (Sylhet) 15-3, 15-0; Goutom & Bablu (Pabna) beat Enayet & Ruman (Ctg) 15-1, 15-4; Zia & Hamid (Ansars) beat Monzur & Khurshid (Pabna) 9-15, 15-9, 15-9; Gopal & Zakaria (Bogra) beat Miladul & Liakat (BRIC) 12-15, 15-10, 15-7;

Hamid & Rinku (Pabna) beat Azizul Samad (Bogra) 15-2, 15-1; Bhanu & Parvez (Ctg) beat Shahidul & Debashish (Pirojpur) 15-4, 15-0; Posta & Ullash (Ansars) beat Kabir & Zia & Javed (Ansars) beat Goutom & Bablu (Pabna) 15-14, 9-15, 15-9. Meanwhile, amidst escalat-

ing enthusiasm and refined pageantry the championships started on Dec 23. The whole arena wore a fes-

tive look with lavish display of lighting, banner, festoons and designed welcome gates. Guests were accorded bouquet of flowers and a guard of honour by a smart contingent of girls' guide lining on both sides of the road leading to the gymnasium en-Prof A R Shamsul Islam, re-

tired Principal of Govt. Mahila College, Pabna and a former shuttle expert of the country, inaugurated the championships as the chief guest. In his speech he recalled the rich badminton heritage of Pabna. He said in the forties of this century there. was a badminton club in Pabna town named Kamal Kamini Memorial Badminton Club which was not only affiliated with the then Bengal Badminton Association of Calcutta but was also older than it. Around 50 years back from today, Monoj Guha, an Indian Thomas Cupper and co-player of the badminton pair (other being G. Hemmady of India) that was adjudged by World Badminton Federation as pair

twice to participate in the exhibition matches and enthralled the audience by his magical display. He continued that it is from the soil of Pabna that two badminton legends Babul and Jilani, who dominated Bangladesh badminton in the seventies and eighties. were born. He expressed his thanks and gratefulness to Anjan Choudhury Pintoo, managing director of Meril Toiletries. for sponsoring championship held for the first time in Pabna. He also thanked the president, secretary of Bangladesh Badminton Federation, the participating teams, president, secretary of District Sports Associa-

Badminton, came to Pabna

tion, Pabna. Secretary of the organising committee of the tournament and DSA, Pabna Shamsul Arefin Firoz delivered the welcome

address. President of the Bangladesh Badminton Federation Kutubuddin Ahmed, Jannatul Ferdous MP, sponsor Anjan Choudhury Pintoo, Deputy Commissioner of Pabna and president of the organising committee of the tournament and DSA, Pabna Mahbubur Rahman spoke on the occasion.

The championships is being conducted simultaneously in three courts of the gymnasium

The winners led the first Zihad (Sathkhira) 15-6, 15-3; number FOUR of the World half by 1-0. Tyson bit off more than he could chew



ports BSS.

NEW YORK, Dec 26 (Reuters): Even those who wouldn't know a left hook from a fish hook know that 1997 was boxing's "year of the ear.

It was a year that produced the most stunning ending ever to a heavyweight title fight.

John McEnroe

(US tennis great)

Khulna football

Newsprint Mills defeated Ulka

Club 2-0 in the Senior Division

league played here today, re-

KHULNA, Dec 26: Khulna

The desire to win doesn't go

It was a year which saw the most feared fighter of his era become the most derided and a year when the blood sport offended even its avid lovalists after a brutal finish to the most eagerly-anticipated bout in many years.

At the same time, Evander Holyfield, the sport's biggest over-achiever and the man who had been expected to collapse in front of the re-focussed Mike Tyson juggernaut, became a hero for the ages.

Not only did Holyfield again stand up to boxing's biggest bully, but outside the ring he bestowed grace to a sport, which seems obsessed with shunning

any semblance of dignity. The stage had been set in June for the second act of a drama billed as a rematch be-

tween good and evil. It was Holyfield-Tyson II, a fight that would prove whether Tyson's loss to Holyfield in November, 1996 was just a blip or a neon sign luridly exposing the decline of the man who once

defined the sport. In the first act, Holyfield handled Tyson with remarkable ease, stopping him just short of a knockout in the 11th

round. The rematch began almost where the first fight ended, with Holyfield once again showing no fear, of the vaunted power and aggression of his opponent. Holyfield was beating Tyson to the punch, rocking him with combinations, stealing his heart in front of our eyes.

In the third round Tyson, who later would say he "snapped," chopped on Holyfield's left ear, ripping off the tip and spitting it onto the canvas, sending Holyfield hopping around the ring in pain. The fight continued, but

moments later Tyson bit Holyfield's other ear, Referee Mills Lane waved the fight off, forever branding

Tyson as an uncontrollable thug in the ring. Even those who haphazardly govern the sport could not find a way to excuse their biggest

money-maker this time and the Nevada State Athletic Commission revoked Tyson's license to box.

The commission said Tyson could apply for another license next July and suggested the ban could last much longer than the one-year minimum. But no one this side of Pluto believes Tyson won't be reinstated to make mounds of money again for a lot of people in 1998.

Through it all, the deeplyreligious Holyfield remained stoic and even forgave Tyson.

Holyfield, the World Boxing Association (WBA) champion, laid further claim five months later to a place in the sport's pantheon by winning the International Boxing Federation crown after knocking down Michael Moorer five times.

With that victory, Holyfield joined Muhammad Ali as the only three times heavyweight champions.

As the year drew to a close, the drama in the heavy weight division shifted to deal makers' attempts to arrange a unification bout between Holyfield and Briton Lennox Lewis, who holds the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight crown, the last of

the three main titles.

managed to overcome some of his image as a paper tiger by accepting a seemingly risky fight. He took on Andrew Golota,

who qualified for a title fight, in the eyes of those who run the sport, after two consecutive disqualifications for low blows against Riddick Bowe. Lewis knocked out the Pole in the first round.

The year also saw the retirement of boxing's favourite teddy bear, maybe.

In November, 48-year-old George Foreman lost to 25-yearold Shannon Briggs in a 12round decision that with the addition of a gun and a mask would have been highway rob-

Foreman, who became the oldest heavyweight champion at 45 in 1994 by knocking out Moorer, announced his retire-

ment after the Briggs fight. Of course, the punching preacher and champion salesman left the door open a crack for a return for the right price. He pushed it open even further later, saying he wanted to fight again on his 50th birthday.

Former heavyweight cham-

The infamous bite. - Star file photo

pion Larry Holmes continued to fight at the age of 47, a generous Earlier in the year, Lewis description of prowess irretrievably lost against oppo-

nents who had never had it. The shining talent of boxing's lower weight divisions was welterweight Oscar de la Hoya. whose ostentatious blend of raw talent and matinee idol looks have a yet to be endangered in the ring.

In April, De la Hova took Pernell Whittaker's WBC title in a desperately close fight. De la Hoya extended his record to 27-0 and retained the title in December when he delivered a brutal beating to Puerto Rican Wilfredo Rivera.

Whitaker's insistence that he is the world's best pound-forpound fighter stretched credibility in October after he clowned his way to a decision over unheralded Russian An-

drei Pestriav in a boring fight. WBC super-welterweight champion Terry Norris had his showdown with De la Hoya derailed when little known Keith Mullings dethroned him in the ninth round in December.

Roy Jones, who has won titles as a middleweight, super middleweight and light heavyweight and is arguably the best pound-for-pound fighter. knocked out Montell Griffin in the first round of their rematch in August, Jones had been disqualified in their first fight for hitting Griffin twice while he was on one knee.

In a bizarre foul-up by officials, WBA welterweight champion lke Quartey of Nigeria had his majority decision victory over Mexican Jose Luis Lopez in October changed to a draw the next day when the WBA said there was a discrepancy in one of the judge's scorecards. The ruling left Quartey with his ti-

The lights drew dimmer for several fighters in 1997, including 37-year-old Iran Barkley, the former middleweight and light heavyweight champion. Barkley, fighting for just 2,500 dollars took his great heart and 104-kg body into a

1997 boxing sideshow against former heavyweight champion Gerry Coetzee. A plodding Barkley finally stopped Coetzee, ending his

But with Barkley needing to fight to pay his bills, he may have been the loser after all. That's a boxing refrain for any year.

Latif to lead Pakistan

LAHORE. Dec 26: Wicketkeeper Rashid Latif is to captain Pakistan in next month's Bangladesh Silver Jubilee Independence Cup tournament, reports Reuters.

Latif takes over from Wasim Akram, who is in London for treatment to a shoulder prob-The limited-overs competi-

tion in Dhaka also features India, and starts on January 10. SQUAD: Rashid Latif (captain), Saeed Anwar (vicecaptain), Aamir Sohail, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Manzoor Akhtar, Ijaz Ahmed, Shahid Afridi, Yousuf Younha, Azhar Mahmood, Saqlain Mushtaq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aaquib Javed, Fazal Akbar, Mohammad Hus-

Women's WC cricket

Aussie-Kiwi finale

NEW DELHI, Dec 26: New Zealand pulled off a dramatic 20-run win against holders England in the southern Indian city of Madras today to take on Australia in the women's World

Cup cricket final, reports AFP. The Kiwis scored 175 for the loss of six wickets in 50 overs after winning the toss. England were dismissed for 155 in 47.5

The holders appeared to be on the road to victory when they were 78 for three in 28.5

Australia, who have won the tournament three times, scored a tense 19-run win over hosts India in the earlier semifinal in New Delhi on Wednesday. The final will be played on

> Div I cricket Sports Reporter

Monday at Eden Gardens in

Calcutta.

GOPIBAGH FA: 150 all out in 43.3 overs (Mortuza 27, Setu 27. Shyamol 27, Ripon 23; Saifullah 2/20, Turkey 2/22 Aminul 2/24).

GMCC: 96 all out in 32.5 overs (Masudul 35, Bablu 26; Ripon 3/8, Shyamol 3/31) Result: Gopibagh Friend's Association won by 54 runs.

Gopibagh Friend's Association defeated Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) by 54 runs in a First Division Cricket League clash played at the City Club ground yesterday. Electing to bat, the Gopibagh outfit collected 150 runs in 43.3

overs. Opener Setu, middle order Shyamol and lower order Mortuza scored 27 runs each while Ripon chipped in with 23. In reply, GMCC were shot out for 96 M 32!5/806Hs. 199WE 6 CAW

Acme hockey Sports Reporter

Dhaka moved into the semifinals of the Acme 16th national youth hockey championship with a solitary goal victory over Rajshahi in the quarterfinal at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Mamun struck the all-important goal in the 49th minute. In the semis billed for December 29. Dhaka will take on the winners of today's match between last year's runners-up Faridpur and Narayanganj.

Faridpur made it to the last eight defeating Comilla by three goal to nil in one of the other two matches of the day.

Besides, Sylhet qualified for the quarterfinals with a 6-1 thrashing of Pirozpur. In a onesided affair. Sohel scored a hattrick while Hashem, Ishtiaque and Robert added one apiece to the winners' credit. On the other hand, Manjurul pulled one back for Pirozpur. In today's quarterfinal, Sylhet will take on Dhaka Educa-

25th Aga Khan Cup golf on

tion Board.

The 25th Aga Khan Gold Cup golf tournament began yesterday at the Kurmitola golf club. reports BSS.

The two-day tournament was inaugurated by the president of the Kurmitola Club Lt Gen Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman.

The Aga Khan Cup is the oldest and one of the most prestigious tournaments in the coun-

WHiZZ KID-85 correct answers

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In which group have Brazil been drawn for France Ans: A

2. How many centuries has Atapattu hit in Test cricket to Ans. 1

3. Who is the national soccer

coach of Saudi Arabia? Ans. Parreira 4. Who were Bangladesh's opponents in the World Youth Cup cricket qualifiers' final?

Ans: PNG. 5. How many teams are taking part in the Premier Division cricket league? Ans: 12

BOOST WHiZZ KID-85 winner

Samiul Haque Rafi St. Vincent de Pauls Primary School

(Please bring your ID card and a passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star on December 31 at 7.30 pm).



Victoria's Pakistani recruit Asgar sweeps through mid-wicket during yesterday's Premier Division cricket league encounter against Azad Sporting at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. -Star photo

Victoria trounce Azad

Sports Reporter

of Pakistan scored highest 36 of

52 balls while Munir (34), Pak-

istani Nasir Khan (33), Raju (32)

and Jashim (28) were the other

notable run-getters. Off-spinner

Sabbir Khan was the most suc-

Middle order bat Asgar Khan

VICTORIA SC: 223 for seven in 50 overs (Asgar 36, Munir 34, Nasir Khan 33, Raju 32, Jashim 28; Sabbir Khan

BRIEF SCORES

4/50, Sahab 2/25). AZAD SC: 130 all out in 36.2 overs (Biplab 25, Sumon 19, Sabbir Khan 16: Al-Amin (Sr) 3/20, Ferdous 2/31, Al-Amin Junior 2/34). Result: Victoria SC won by

93 runs. Victoria Sporting Club finished their first round campaign of the Janakantha Premier Division league on a winning note when they handed promotees Azad Sporting Club a crushing 93-run defeat at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Sent in to bat in the morning, the Victorians amassed a commendable total of 223 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs.

cessful Azad bowler who claimed four wickets for 50

Sahab took two for 24 from five In reply, Azad were bundled out for 130 in 36.2 overs with

runs from his ten overs while

the spoils. Al-Amin Senior, who ripped through the top order finished with three for 20 while Al-Amin Junior and Rana cap-

tured two wickets each. It was the third win for Victoria in 11 matches while Azad suffered their tenth defeat on completion of their first round. Both teams have already confirmed their berths in the

relegation league. Meanwhile, the day's other match between Agrani bank and Lalmatia scheduled at the BKSP ground in Savar, was not held due to unknown reasons. It will be played at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium today.

The league itself will go for a 40-day break from tomorrow because of the forthcoming three-nation Silver Jubilee Independence Cup and Ramadan and resume from February 5, a Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) official informed last night.

who already have convictions.

courts and then the police who

will have to enforce the restric-

much effect as a measure

against hooligans and as well

"It will all depend on the

"It is not really going to have

Bad news for Brit thugs

But the Football Supporters'

Al-Amin due and Rana sharing



LONDON, Dec 26: Government plans unveiled today to stop English football hoo-

ligans travelling to the 1998 World Cup finals in France were immediately dismissed as unworkable by supporters' organisations, reports AFP.

Home Secretary Jack Straw said hooligans convicted before next summer's tournament will have restriction orders placed on them to prevent them travel-

Offenders must report to a police station at the time the match is taking place and can be prosecuted if they do not comply with the restrictions.

Association said the plans were unworkable and did not tackle the root cause of the problem. And even Straw conceded there would be "no absolute guarantees" that there would be

no trouble at any of the games. All Britain could do was to closely cooperate with the French authorities and to send out a tough message to those who commit acts of hooliganism, he said.

The international officer for the rootball Supporters' Association. Alison Philling, said the government's proposals will have little effect.

"These new rules will only apply to people who are convicted between now and the

as that, I think it is going to prove to be unworkable." She added: "The real problem is organisation. The police need to be taught how to deal with the problem of a small group of hooligans when the vast majority of fans in a ground are being well-behaved." Pilling said the violence during England's World Cup qualifier against Italy in Rome in October showed that the task of preventing trouble lies with the World Cup finals, not to people forces of law and order at the matches.

said Pilling.

tion orders.

She added: "As we saw in Rome, the problem was really bad organisation before the game and the Italian police being very heavy-handed because they did not know how to deal with a small group of trouble makers.'

Straw said he was concerned that the power to impose restriction orders had only been used 10 times, despite being on the statute book since 1989.

"It's for that reason that I have written to magistrates' courts, the crown prosecution service and indeed the crown courts to remind them of the power to give restriction orders in the expectation that when they are more familiar with the power they will use it far more effectively," Straw said.

"If they (football hooligans) misbehave between now and the World Cup and they are convicted and exclusion orders imposed upon them then they will be attending a police station during the World Cup, not a ground in France.'

He added: "It is also difficult to stop people travelling abroad, that's part of being a free society but what we can do is cooperate very well with the French police."

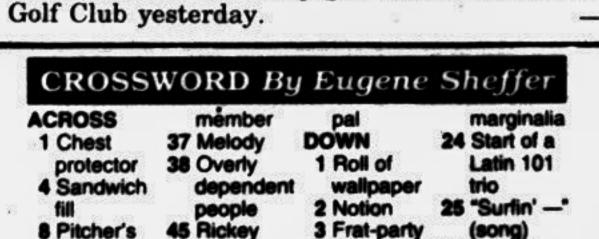
CRYPTOQUIP

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FORMIST GEOMETRY TEACHER IS FREQUENTLY CALLED A SQUARE. Today's Cryptoquip clue: I ecquals P
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipi ser in which one

letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Sin gle letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Mustafizur Rahman teeing off the Aga Khan Gold Cup golf tournament at the Kurmitola - Star photo (song) 26 Prized



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