

Column One

Boost sports
WHIZZ KIDCOMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
Competition-86

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm
on Jan 9, 1998

1 Who is the Australia cricket coach?

Lille Marsh Simpson

2 Who is the Argentina soccer coach?

Passarella Venables Cruyff

3 Which county will Lara lead next year?

Essex Durham Warwickshire

4 Who hit the first century in this year's Premier Division cricket league?

Nadim Saad Kazmi

5 Who lifted the women's singles title of the national TT championships?

Lina Tumpa Zulekha

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)

EN-VITS

SPORTS TALK

Javed carries seniors

Sports Reporter



An unbeaten half century by opener Javed Omar steered the primary selection of Bangladesh national team to a comfortable six-wicket victory over the youth outfit in an exhibition match played at the BKSP ground in Dhaka.

BRIEF SCORES

YOUTH TEAM: 135 all out in 39 overs (Sumon 26, Mushfiq Babu 25 n.o., Hannan 18, Rokan 17, Shizan 10, Sujon 3/19, Sanvar 3/28)

SENIOR TEAM: 136 for four in 40.1 overs (Javed Omar 65 n.o., Hasanuzzaman 21, Nahid 20, Shahriar 11, Sanvar 8 n.o., Tanvir 2/22, Manjurul 1/9, Sumit 1/30)

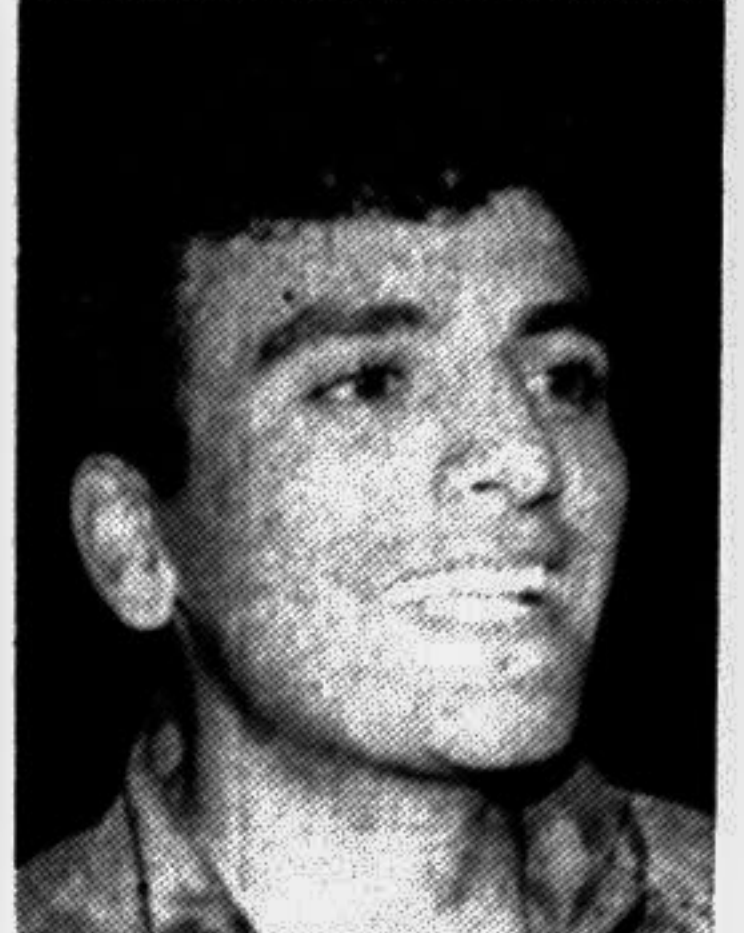
Result: Seniors won by six wickets.

Savar yesterday as part of the preparation for the forthcoming tri-nation Coca Cola Independence Cup.

According to a message received over phone, Javed, the right hand opener, scored a 65 not out as the primary selection, chasing a paltry youth total of 135 in 45 overs, reached

136 for the loss of four wickets and more than four overs to spare.

In his 122-ball knock, Javed hammered eleven boundaries. Middle orderers Hasanuzzaman and Nahid scored 21 and 20 respectively while opener Shahriar Hossain contributed



JAVED OMAR... 65 n.o. 10 runs. Middle order Habibul Bashar Sumon was out for a duck while Sanvar was not out on eight.

Tanvir was the most successful bowler for the South Africa bound youth team who finishing with two for 22 while new-ball bowler Manjurul captured one wicket for nine runs from seven tight overs.

Former national skipper Faruque Ahmed, who earned a recall in the 20-man primary squad, was not included in the first eleven because of a groin injury. According to manager Gazi Ashraf Hossain, the middle order bat is likely to play in their next trial match on January 2.

Earlier, batting first in a 45-over-a-side affair, the youth team were bundled out for a meagre 135 in 39 overs thanks to tidy bowling from right arm medium pacer Khaled Mahmood Sujon and occasional off spinner Sanvar Hossain.

Sujon, who was ignored from the team after its successful campaign in the ICC Trophy last April, finished with three for 19 from nine overs while Sanvar conceded 28 runs in eight overs for his three wickets.

Left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique and medium pacer Zakir Hossain captured one wicket each giving away 20 and 30 runs respectively.

Sumon of the youth team scored highest 26 while Mushfiq Babu was unbeaten on 25.



Players and officials of the victorious BKSP team who clinched the national youth hockey championship title.

— Star photo

Nat'l youth hockey
BKSP's third
in a row

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) earned a hat-trick of titles in the national youth hockey championship when they blasted last year's runners up Faridpur by five goals to nil in the 16th edition final at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In a one-sided repeat final, forwards Ariful and Moudud struck twice while Rubel scored the other to the winners credit who also won the crown in 1994 and 95. The championship was not held last year.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader witnessed the final as chief guest and distributed prizes.

Dalmiya due during
Independence Cup

Sports Reporter

A number of dignitaries from the cricketing world including International Cricket Council (ICC) president Jagmohan Dalmiya will arrive in the capital during the Coca Cola Independence Cup to be held at the Dhaka Stadium from January 10 to 18, sources around the Bangladesh Cricket Board said.

Dalmiya apart, Dave Richards, chief executive of ICC, Zulfiqar Ali Shah Bukhari and Majid Khan, president and chief executive of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and Jayantha Lele, general secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) are also expected to come here during the three-nation tournament which involves India, Pakistan and hosts Bangladesh.

Dull draws

Sports Reporter

Draw was the order of the day as the Senior Division football league resumed at different city venues yesterday.

At the Mirpur Stadium, promotes Victoria Sporting Club kept their super league hopes alive when they came from behind to hold Agran Bank to a 1-1 draw in their Premiership return leg engagement. The first leg encounter also ended in a 1-1 draw.

Forward Johnny put the bankers ahead with a brilliant left footer in the 81st minute. The dapper marksman, receiving a defence splitting pass in the danger area, dodged past two defenders before slotting the ball past the advancing Victoria custodian Shimul.

Johnny could have easily made it 2-0 in the next minute when he got the ball inside the danger area with only the keeper to overcome. But he was fouled by Victoria skipper Farhad. Referee Ramkrishna Ghosh overlooked the incident and instead a goal kick.

After surviving the close call, Victoria, the only side in the league who have beaten Federation Cup champions Abahani early this month, staged a late second half rally and equalised through Towhid who tapped in from a goalmouth melee in the 85th minute.

Victorians, with the draw, moved to fifth place with a point lead over Farashganji having raised their tally to 13 points from 14 matches.

On the other hand, the draw raised Agran Bank's tally to 11 points on completion of their 14th outings.

Away at the Army Stadium, Wari Club and Dhaka Wanderers Club shared points in the First Division return leg with a goalless draw.

With the draw, Wanderers joined Shantinagar Club in fifth place having raised their tally to 18 points from 14 matches while Wari remained seventh although, they raised their account to 17 points also from 14 encounters.

Swimming camp
Sports Reporter
A long-term swimming camp, jointly organised by the Bangladesh Olympic Association and Bangladesh Swimming Federation, began at the National Swimming Complex in Mirpur yesterday.

A total of 52 male and female swimmers from different districts and organisations are taking part in the camp which will be conducted by Chinese coach Lui Bin Siyal.

PCB justifies omissions



KARACHI, Dec 30:

The chairman of Pakistan cricket selectors Salim Altaf said on Monday that Wasim Akram, Waqar

Younis and Moin Khan had been given well deserved rests after a hectic international domestic season.

The trio were surprisingly excluded from the Dhaka triangular team on Friday.

"Wasim was not considered because of a suspected shoulder injury while Waqar and Moin were not considered because we wanted them to prepare for the demanding and gruelling tour of Africa," Altaf told Dawn from his Lahore residence.

Asked about his injury, Salim Altaf said: "The situation was very dicey and he was struggling with his shoulder in the match against India (at Sharjah). He was clearly uncomfortable. Then we were told that he has proceeded to England for a check-up. So we (selectors) decided to leave him out so that he can get some time to give rest to the injured bowling arm."

Over the exclusion of Waqar Younis, Altaf said the information about the wickets in Dhaka

was that they were spinning ones. "So we thought instead of making him (Waqar) struggle on those dodgy tracks, let him have a break."

"As far as Moin Khan is concerned, he had been keeping wickets non-stop for the last 18 months. He deserved a break. After all, if he had minor injuries, they all needed some time to heal-up."

Salim Altaf emphasised that the basic concept of leaving out the trio was to have them in top physical shape for the African safari. "We want them mentally and physically fit for the South Africa and Zimbabwe tours which are very arduous besides being very tough."

Salim Altaf categorically denied that the ouster of the three was because of reasons other than cricket.

"We lost the Sharjah event because of poor planning. I personally feel that Azhar Mahmood should have gone ahead of Wasim Akram or even Moin Khan. But we (selectors) don't like to impose ourselves upon the team management."

On the selection of unknown Yousuf Yohanna, Salim Altaf opined that he saw the youngster in two warm-up matches that England played earlier last

month. "The boy showed promise and talent. In addition to this, there were problems at No 5 and 6 positions. Therefore, we decided to give him an opportunity to him to show his potential at international level."

When asked what was the idea behind awarding free Test and one-day caps to the players, the chief selector said the main idea was to prepare a team for the 1999 World Cup. "I promise you that when the time comes to pick the team for the World Cup, we will have a larger pool to look at instead of having a select number of players of whom even some might not be around when the event comes."

Salim Altaf expressed his disagreement with the theory of having separate teams for one-day and Test cricket. Though he didn't rule out the possibility if it becomes a normal practice in future, "I feel that the best players should get the chance to play, whether it be Tests or one-dayers. If the players are good, they can adjust to different levels of the game."

Discussing the team for the South Africa and Zimbabwe tours, Salim Altaf admitted that the situation had become very interesting after Rashid Latif was appointed captain for the Dhaka tournament.

"I don't know what the Council will do (while appointing captain), but the situation is very tricky. I have no idea who will be the captain (on the African tour) because it's the job of the Council. But I certainly know that the balance of the team will be tilted if Rashid Latif was made an official (captain or vice-captain)."

"If that happens, naturally Rashid will become the No 1 wicketkeeper as he cannot sit out," Altaf opined.

Salim Altaf gave his consent when asked his committee would shoulder an additional responsibility of recommending a captain. "Technically, the Council is the only competent authority to appoint a captain. But if we are entrusted this job by the Council, we would not reject it because I feel that when we can judge the real potential of a player in the field, we can also gauge the leadership qualities of the same player."

Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Dec 30: Abahani Krira Chakra defeated Dighalia YMA Club by 3-2 in the Senior Division Football league match here today at the Khulna Stadium, reports BSS.

Winners led the first half 3-1.

Abahani Krira Chakra scored all three goals in the first half of the match.

In day's match Winners Club defeated Victoria Club by a solitary goal.

Condolence

KHULNA, Dec 30: Khulna District Sports Association (KDSA) today condoled the untimely death of Azizul Huq Georgy, a reputed cricketer of Khulna district cricket team, reports BSS.

Caribbean ODI series

Selectors prefer Mike



LONDON, Dec 30: Test captain Mike Atherton was named on Monday to lead England in the limited-overs series against West Indies next year despite the "outstanding success" of Adam Holoake in this month's Champions' Trophy tournament, reports Reuters.

Holoake was named vice-captain for the five one-day games and the vast majority of the Sharjah squad will contest the limited-overs games in March and April which follow the Test series.

David Graveney, chairman of selectors, told a news conference both Holoake and Atherton were outstanding captains but the decision to appoint Atherton had been unanimous.

England beat Australia 3-0 in this summer's one-day series under Atherton but their defeat in the Ashes Tests and his own failure with the bat almost persuaded him to resign.

Atherton had been unavailable for the Sharjah tournament, which England won, and it had been widely predicted England would follow the Australian example and appoint different captains for the two series in the West Indies.

"Michael was very enthusiastic about taking part in the one-day internationals. He was tactically outstanding against Australia, and even after the euphoria of Sharjah this should not be forgotten," Graveney said.

Graveney was unwilling to discuss the reasons behind the selectors choice but hinted they were not keen to have two captains playing in the same team. "We took into consideration the tour itself and considered factors on both sides of the fence."

"We have identified the path we want to take in one-day

cricket on the way to the World Cup. But our major priority is to win the Test series in the West Indies."

Fellow selector Graham Gooch, who has taken Atherton back to basics with his batting over recent weeks, said the England captain had recovered his

land and that remains the case. "I'm looking forward to working with Adam — he did an outstanding job in Sharjah."

"All of us in the West Indies will be keen to find out how things worked in Sharjah and look to continue that momentum."



England's chairman of selectors David Graveney (C) speaking at a press conference in London on Dec 29. Fellow selectors Mike Gatting (L) and Graham Gooch are also seen.

enthusiasm for the game. "I've never heard him utter a word that he didn't want to be involved in all England's matches."

"He's very determined to lead his country and is determined to regain his best form. He wants to put things right and lead England from the front with a volume of runs."

Atherton said he was delighted by the decision. "I've always said I was keen to play one-day games for Eng-

land and that remains the case. "I'm looking forward to working with Adam — he did an outstanding job in Sharjah."

"All of us in the West Indies will be keen to find out how things worked in Sharjah and look to continue that momentum."

"All of us in the West Indies will be keen to find out how things worked in Sharjah and look to continue that momentum."



Of the 14 players in the Sharjah squad only two, Alistair Brown and Peter Martin, have not been named in the 13-man party for the Caribbean trip.

SQUAD

Mike Atherton, Dougie Brown, Robert Croft, Mark Ealham, Matthew Fleming, Ashley Giles, Dean Headley, Graeme Hick, Adam Holoake, Ben Holoake, Nick Knight, Alec Stewart, Graham Thorpe.

Tiger AP's man for '97



NEW YORK, Dec 30 (AP): Tiger Woods has a smile that won the hearts of even non-golf fans and a game that makes

chad outlandish hype. With that combination, he pushed his sport to unprecedented popularity in 1997 and became one of the most talked about personalities in the world, reports AP.

Woods, whose success on the course — where he won five times and set the PGA Tour single-season money record — matched his social and economic impact off it, today became the first golfer and male athlete-of-the-year by the Associated Press in 26 years.

The award came as a birthday present for Woods, who turned 22 today.

"I thought I had a good year, but I never expected this," said Woods, whose record-shattering victory in the Masters last April was also voted Sports Story of the Year by the AP.

Woods was the first golfer to be honoured as male-athlete-of-the-year by the AP since Lee Trevino in 1971 and is only the fifth golfer to receive the award since it was instituted in 1931.

He joins Gene Sarazen (1932), Byron Nelson (1944-45), Ben Hogan (1953) and Trevino in receiving the award. It is an honour never won by Jack Nicklaus or Arnold Palmer.

"It's really significant and I appreciate the fact that so few golfers have won it," Woods said. "I'm surprised it turned out this way, but I am very pleased with the award."

Woods finished with 231 points in the voting to easily outdistance the National Football League's Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders, who had 100 points, and boxer Evander Holyfield, third with 98 points.

Sanders joined Eric Dickerson and OJ Simpson this year as the only NFL players to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season.

ear, but retained the WBA heavyweight title in June when Mike Tyson was disqualified for biting him twice.

Rounding out the top-five vote getters were the National Basketball Association's Michael Jordan and the NFL's Brett Favre. Baseballer Ken Griffey Jr was sixth, followed by auto racer Jeff Gordon, baseballer Roger Clemens, baseballer Mark McGwire and ice hockey star Mario Lemieux.

Woods likely won the award as much for his persona as for his performance. His enthusiastic, flair for the dramatic, aggressive style of play and ethnic mix in an overwhelmingly white

social significance that put golf on the front pages because Woods not only became the first non-white to win a major golf championship but also did it at an Augusta National Golf Club, a virtual symbol of racial separation in the sport.

Woods' ethnic background — his father is black and his mother is from Thailand — took on added meaning a week after the Masters when a video tape showed PGA Tour player Fuzzy Zoeller making racially insensitive remarks on the day of the final round at the Masters.

Zoeller apologized and Woods accepted, but was obviously hurt and just as obviously remained angered by the comments.

Woods won his next tournament after the Masters — the Byron Nelson Classic in May — and won again at the Western Open in early July and finished the year as the first player to win more than \$2 million on the PGA Tour.

By the time he reached his first anniversary as a professional — Aug 27 — investigative reporting by The Associated Press determined that Woods' financial impact on the game was valued at more than \$100 million, including more than 100 million dollars in endorsement deals for himself.

Also by August it was clear that the mental and physical demands of his first full year as a professional were taking a toll on Woods. He failed to win after the first week of July, and while playing 20 of 34 rounds in the 80s to start the year, finished by shooting in the 60s only 15 times in his last 47 rounds.

For a while in 1997, it appeared as if Woods was superhuman, and though he faltered off in the second half of the year, it was clear that he was the equal of the enormous hype that accompanied his arrival on the PGA Tour.

It was a performance good enough to make Woods the AP male-athlete-of-the-year.

TIGER WOODS

game made him an almost unbelievable marketing package. And he was the equal of the hype.

Woods won the opening tournament of the year in dramatic fashion when he nearly made a hole-in-one on the first playoff hole at the Mercedes Championships in January.

He then took the Asian Honda Classic the next month in Thailand, his mother Tida's homeland, where his arrival received live TV coverage usually reserved for heads of state.

His victory at the Masters in April was a record-shattering 12 strokes and took on added

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 "The Lion King" villain
2 Measure
3 Lovers' quarrel
4 "Born in the U.S.A."
5 Prince Charles' pastime
6 Oil org.
7 "Casa Blanca" pianist
8 "Euro-pan"
9 Small parcel
10 Babe's master
11 Men's mouse link
12 Collection
13 Self-tormentor
14 Fast lanes
15 Audience reaction
16 Dinner for Dobbin
17 Chit
18 Epoch of the Tertiary Period
19 Secluded valley

DOWN

39 Resort
40 Prohibit
41 Place to pick up
42 Some larks
43 African hard
44 Antiquing apparatus
45 Way back when
46 Late-15th century vessel
47 Coin in the Trevi fountain
48 Line
49 Skatton's Kaddish-hopper
50 Privation
51 Microcomputer syst.
52 23 mins.
53 UPDIP
54 UPDIP
55 UPDIP
56 UPDIP
57 UPDIP
58 Command to Fido
59 DOWN
60 Feed the hogs
61 Nightclub nickname
62 Opposite of sans
63 Consider
64 Day's pride
65 "Star Wars" side in the affairs...
66 Easter
67 Piano type
68 One will hang by the neck
69 Hawkshaw's portrayer
70 11 Animated
71 Gridlock component
72 Seas
73 Plain
74 Partner of
75 32 Across
76 Good time had by all
77 Exchange premium
78 Play area
79 Clio's waterway
80 Lolla-palooza
81 Unaltered
82 Stockum

CRYPTOQUIP

RAMU HSZAU WKY BMGG
M IAKR CJUSOCGW
MNKYU NKOVCO BKGGSIC?
M V KZYHCJUMOW

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NATURALLY, THE BIG-HEARTED ACROBAT WAS ALWAYS DOING SUCH GOOD TURNS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals G

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.