

Column One SPORTS TALK



Wasim Akram
(Former Pakistan cricket captain)
"Most of my earnings are from Lancashire for whom I have been playing for the last 10 years. Besides, everyone knows how much every individual got after winning the 1992 World Cup. The national team's sponsorship revenues and the players' fees also are in millions. I would only be a foolish person to lose my reputation for a few pennies."

While denying his involvement in any match-fixing allegations.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
Competition-87

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Competition closes at 8 pm on Jan 30, 1998

- 1. Which Kiwi batsman scored the only ODI century against Pakistan?
Claris Astle Crowe
- 2. Which is the highest ODI individual score?
194 189 198
- 3. How many ODI centuries has Azharuddin hit?
3 4 5
- 4. Who scored the only half-century for Bangladesh in the Independence Cup?
Amirul Akram Mahmud
- 5. Who is leading Bangladesh in the World Youth Cup cricket in South Africa?
Sabbir Al-Sharif Sajal

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EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASE VITAMINS

DPRK to take part in Nagano Games

NAGANO, Japan, Jan 19: The presence of North Korean competitors at the Winter Olympics here will be a welcome boost for Asian participation, organisers said today, reports AFP.
Although a final announcement has yet to be made, North Korean speedskaters are certain to compete as they have already cleared qualification.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)
Road Division, Naogaon

Notice Inviting RHD Tender

- 1. Tender Notice No : 10 NRD/1997-98 Eng.
- 2. Name of work : Construction of brick pavement on the floor and yard of the mechanical workshop at 8th km stackyard of Naogaon-Chowmasia-Mohadevpur-Patnitala-Sapahar Road under Road Division, Naogaon during the year 1997-98 Eng.
- 3. Chargeable head : 168 RBF.
- 4. Estimated cost : Tk 4,65,868/=
- 5. Earnest money : Tk 9,317/=
- 6. Time allowed for completion of work : 25 (twenty-five) days from issue of work order.
- 7. Eligibility of Bidders : 'A' to 'E' general category of RHD contractor.
- 8. Last date for selling of tender documents : 2-2-1998 Eng/20-10-1404 Beng during office hours.
- 9. Last date and time of receiving tenders : 3-2-1998 Eng/21-10-1404 Beng up to 12:30 PM.
- 10. Date and time for opening tenders : 4-2-1998 Eng/22-10-1404 Beng at 12:45 PM.
- 11. Name of offices : i) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Rajshahi.
ii) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Naogaon/Nawabgonj/Rajshahi.
- 12. Name of offices : i) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Naogaon/Rajshahi/Nawabgonj.
ii) Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Naogaon/Patnitala/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Naogaon.

NB: Bidding contractor must submit "TIN" and "VAT" Registration Certificate along with tenders, otherwise tender will be treated as informal.
Md Abdur Rahman
Executive Engineer (RHD)
Road Division, Naogaon.
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Rakib rescues Muktis

An early goal by midfielder Rakib guided title-aspirants Mukti to their 12th win in the Premier Division football league with a lone goal victory over promotees Victoria Sporting Club in their last return leg.

Kenya 132 all out

A fantastic display of legspin bowling from skipper Al Shahrier Rokon inspired Bangladesh to bundle out arch rivals Kenya for a paltry 132 in the first match of the Plate League of the world youth cup cricket tournament at Potchefstroom, South Africa, according to a telephonic message received last night.

Rokon finished with wonderful figure of four for 7 from six overs which included three maidens. The Bangladesh innings was yet to start when the news arrived.

clash at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.
The only goal came in the opening minute when the national midfielder after receiving a Nakib pass slotted the ball past the goalkeeper.
The result raised Mukti's tally to 40 points from 18 matches, one point adrift of Mohammedans, Abahani Krira Chakra finished third with 36. Besides Brothers Union and Farashganj, who will play Rahmatganj Muslim Friends' Society in the last return leg clash today, have also booked a berth in the five-team super league which is likely to start from February 10.

STANDINGS

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mohammedans	18	12	5	1	29	8	41
Muktijoddha	18	12	4	2	24	8	40
Abahani	18	11	6	1	19	7	36
Brothers Union	18	6	5	7	13	16	23
Farashganj	17	5	4	8	15	23	19
Arambagh	18	3	8	7	8	17	17
Victoria	18	3	7	8	13	20	16
Fakirerpool	17	4	3	10	13	19	15
Rahmatganj	17	2	8	7	14	21	14
Agrani Bank	17	2	7	8	10	18	13

Leading goalkeepers: 9 goals — Don (MSC) and Nakib (Mukti), 8 goals — Aliaz (MSC) and Amin Rana (AKC), 7 goals — Bakhtiar (BU), 6 goals — Tipu (AKC), Farhad (Farashganj), 4 goals — Anwar (Victoria), Jalal Sr and Jalal Jr (YMC), Aliyu Rahman (Mukti) Askar Babu (MSC).

Sibling rivalry down under

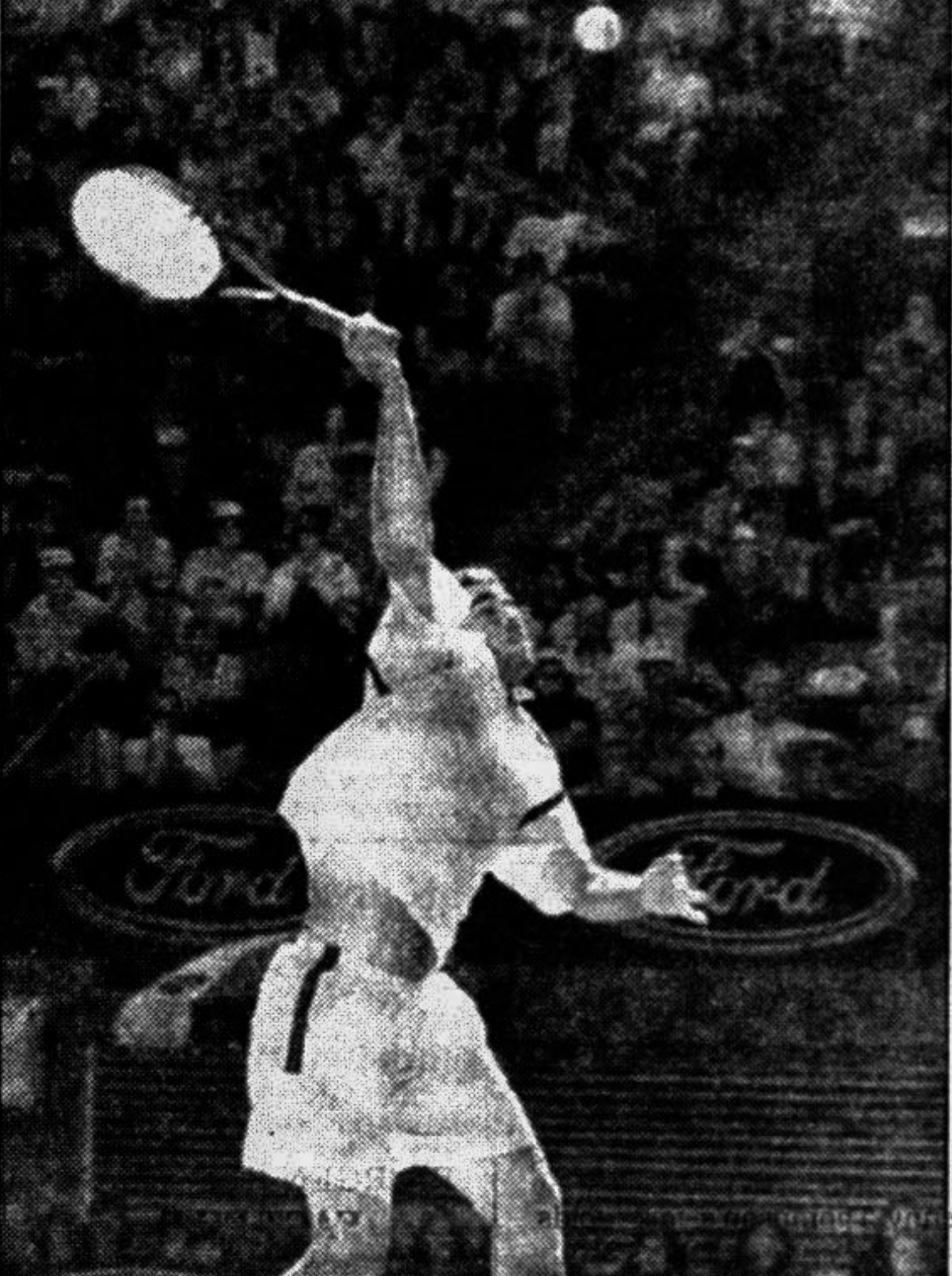
MELBOURNE, Jan 19: Growing up, Venus Williams imagined herself as the world No. 1 women's tennis player and sister Serena as No. 2.

She just didn't imagine they would have to play each other. After Serena ousted No. 6 seed Irina Spirlea 6-7, 6-3, 6-1 in her Grand Slam debut Monday, they will do just that, in the second round of the Australian Open, reports AP.
Venus, a year older at 17, advanced with a 6-3, 6-0 drubbing of France's Alexa Dechaume-Balleret, also on Centre Court.
In the next round, facing an opponent who knows her game well from countless practice sessions, "when I hit a forehand cross court she'll already be over there," said Venus.
And, she said, Serena can play better than she did Monday, when "she should have won the first set."

Earlier, anticipating a likely meeting, Serena had said, "Venus has no reason to fear me. ... I've never feared anybody."
But Serena confessed to feeling perhaps too much pride in her match against Spirlea.
Figuring she had the superior forehand, she tried to pick on that part of the Romanian's game, even aiming many of her serves on that side.
She blew three set points at 5-3 in the first set, lost a tiebreaker and then fell behind 2-0 in the second.

Serena said she was not thinking about the incident at last year's US Open semifinals, when Spirlea bumped into Venus during a changeover.
Spirlea later was fined \$5,000 dollars for cursing Venus Williams at a news conference.
Asked if the incident was on her mind Monday, Spirlea said, "during the match, no, but before, yes, sure."

The sisters were part of a parade of tennis' teen-age wave of the future Monday.
The youngest, 15-year-old Mirjana Lucic of Croatia, advanced with a 7-5, 6-1 victory over Australia's Rennae Stubbs, and like Serena Williams displayed a fearless tactic.
Lucic was to move well inside the baseline to receive serve — a strategy that Stubbs didn't think would work against players who could serve well into the body.



World No 1 Pete Sampras of the United States is about to smash during his first round match against Sjeng Schalken of the Netherlands on the opening day of the Australian Open in Melbourne yesterday. Sampras won 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.

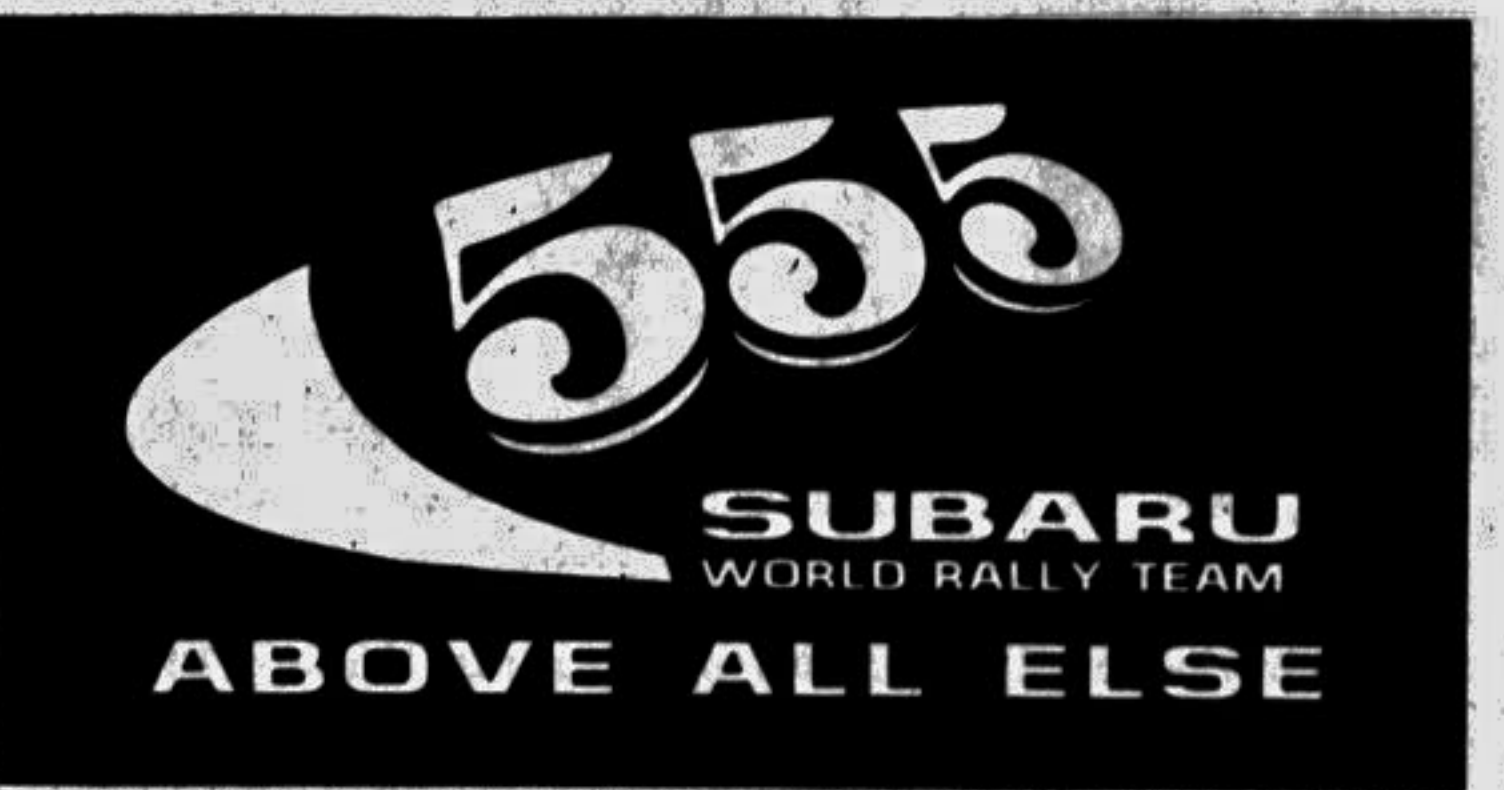
But in the opening match on Centre Court, 16-year-old Australian Lleyton Hewitt couldn't follow up his success in Adelaide earlier this month, when he beat Andre Agassi en route to becoming the third youngest male player to win a tournament in the Open era.
Hewitt fought back from two sets down, but lost 6-2, 6-4, 1-6, 2-6, 6-3 to Czech player Daniel Vacek.

Still, "It wasn't like I got killed. It's a little bit disappointing, but if you were to say three weeks ago that I was going to jump from 550 in the world to 160 ... so you have to look at it both ways," said Hewitt, who actually is ranked 162 now.
Among the older folks, 26-year-old Pete Sampras, the defending champion and top seed, cruised to a 7-5, 6-4, 6-2 victory over Dutch player Sjeng Schalken, serving 17 aces.
Sampras said that after a calf injury in Davis Cup play last November, he is healthy, and "I'm trying to break some records."

He has won 10 Grand Slam titles and is trying to pass all-time leader Roy Emerson, who has 12. Rod Laver and Bjorn Borg won 11 majors apiece.
No 4 Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden shook off a poor start and won 2-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1 against Australian Allen Bell.
But two of the five men's seeds from Spain — the most here from any country — went out.
No 10 Sergi Bruguera withdrew because of blisters on his feet while trailing Slovak player Karol Kucera 3-6, 7-5, 6-1, and No 14 Felix Mantilla lost 6-4, 6-0, 4-6, 6-4 to Zimbabwe's Byron Black.
No 6 Petr Korda of the Czech Republic ousted Spain's Albert Portas 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Spanish winners included No 7 Carlos Moya, last year's losing finalist, and No 11 Alex Corretja. Moya beat Australian Peter Tramacchi 6-4, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6. Corretja defeated Lucas Arnold of Argentina 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.
No 15 Mark Philippoussis, the Australian who beat Sampras in the 1996 Open, blasted past Spain's Alex Calatrava 7-6, 6-4, 7-6.
Women's No 2 Lindsay Davenport ousted France's Amelie Colcheteux 6-2, 6-3. No 4 Jva Majoli of Croatia beat Japan's Naoko Sawamatsu 6-4, 6-2, and No 8 Conchita Martinez of Spain drubbed Germany's Sandra Klossel 6-2, 6-2.
No 12 Sabine Appelmans of Belgium lost 2-6, 6-3 to Belarusian veteran Natasha Zvereva.
American Lisa Raymond, seeded 13th, beat Australian Nicole Pratt 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, and Romania's Ruxandra Dragomir, No 15, beat Germany's Meike Babel 6-2, 6-1.

Monte Carlo Rally on

World Championship rallying moved into a new era in 1997 and with it came some of the closest-fought action in 25 years. Britain's Colin McRae, the man behind the wheel of the leading Subaru Impreza 555 World Rally Car, was, despite winning more events than any other driver, denied a second World title by a mere one point, something that has not happened in 18 years of the series.
But, such was the strength of the 555 Subaru World Rally Team's tactical driver line-up, Subaru were never seriously challenged in the Manufacturers' Championship and claimed their third successive title, a feat only previously achieved by Lancia, says a press release.
The Monte Carlo Rally (19-21 January) marks the beginning of the 1998 FIA World Rally Championship and little looks set to alter. World Rally Cars will again dominate bringing with them the spectacle that has changed the face of the series but, such has been the success of the technical formula, 1998 sees the introduction of split-second timing on all the special stages. All World Rally Championship events will now be timed to tenths of a second, a move that confirms the competitiveness of the series.
Tactics played a significant role in 1997 and reaped rich rewards for the 555 Subaru World Rally Team. Returning to the scene of the Subaru Impreza 555 WRC 97's debut victory and his own first World Championship rally victory, Piero Liatti will again be teamed alongside Colin McRae in the second Subaru Impreza 555 WRC 98 in the tiny Mediterranean principality of Monte Carlo.
Despite a career that spans eleven years, 1998 will be Piero's first full season in the World Rally Championship. The 35-year-old Italian, co-driven by the world's most successful lady co-driver, Fabrizia Pons, has only ever contested the famous Monte Carlo Rally twice before (1995 and 1997). Victory in 1997 — by a convincing 55 seconds ahead of two former World Champions — was a fitting reward for the man who has waited in the wings for the opportunity to demonstrate his natural ability.



Div I soccer D'mondi thrash Wanderers

Dhanmondi Club thrashed Dhaka Wanderers Club 5-1 in their last return-leg clash of the First Division football league played at the Army Stadium yesterday.
In a one-sided affair, Kamal, Mehdi, Maksudul, Firoye and Shahid struck one goal each for the winners while Farvez pulled one back for Wanderers.

With yesterday's win, Dhanmondi, who have already failed to qualify for the super league, raised their tally to 19 points from 18 matches while Wanderers, already ensured of their berth in the super league, remained glued to their previous collection of 28 points on completion of their return-leg.
The return-leg of the 10-team league ended with yesterday's match.
Top five teams will now play for the championship while the remaining five will fight in the relegation league. Both super and relegation leagues are likely to start from February 10.

POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	D	L	Pts
Badda	18	9	4	5	31
Chalantika	18	8	7	6	31
BRTC	18	6	10	2	28
East End	18	7	5	6	26
Wanderers	18	6	6	6	24
Shantinagar	18	6	5	7	23
Wari	18	5	4	9	19
B Boys	18	5	4	9	19
Dhanmondi	18	4	7	7	19
Police AC	18	4	7	7	19

Nat'l hockey Goals aplenty on Day One

There were goals galore on the inaugural day of the 20th national hockey championship, which kicked off at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.
Chittagong District Sports Association, aided by a second half rally, romped past Munshiganj DSA 7-1. The winners led the first half 4-2.

But the match irrevocably went the way of the port city outfit when Bachchu, Mohsin and Rashed scored one goal apiece in a space of six minutes after the breather.

In the other match of the day, Bangladesh Air Force rolled up a hapless My-mensingh 7-1. Masud, who led his side from the front, scored three goals, while Azam and Zabeed struck twice to complete the Mysmensingh rout.
Earlier, president of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation Air Vice Marshal Jamaluddin Ahmed declared the meet open. Seventeen teams, split into two groups, are taking part in the knock-out championship.

Blatter in a tight spot

GHEENT, Belgium, Jan 19: Senior UEFA officials kept up the pressure on FIFA general secretary on Sunday, demanding that he reveals whether or not he intends standing as FIFA president, reports Reuters.
On Saturday UEFA demanded that Blatter resign his position at FIFA if he intends contesting the post which becomes vacant in June when 82-year-old Brazilian Joao Havelange retires.

Now a letter signed by UEFA and FIFA vice-president Antonio Matarrese of Italy on the behalf of UEFA's executive committee demands that Blatter reveal his intentions within the next 10 days. It will be sent to every member of FIFA's executive committee today. The only candidate to officially declare he is standing for election is 68-year-old Swede Lennart Johansson, the president of UEFA.

Although Blatter has not declared his candidature, if he did decide to stand, his decision would have a big impact on soccer's senior administration, although most officials believe it would only have minimal impact on the build-up to the World Cup finals which is not largely in the hands of the French Organising Committee (CFO).

All candidates have until April 7 to declare their intentions with the vote being taken at the FIFA congress in Paris on June 8, shortly before the start of the World Cup.

Steve's soul-searching



PERTH, Jan 19: Australian one-day cricket captain Steve Waugh was at his wits' end today after a loss to South Africa he described as one of the worst in which he had been involved, reports AFP.

South Africa bowled Australia out for 165 at the WACA ground Sunday, smashing their way to victory in 28.2 overs to make it four straight wins over Waugh's men this season.
The 32-year-old made a first ball duck, giving him 12 runs at an average of 2.00 in six one-day internationals in his first full series as captain.

Australia and South Africa meet in the best-of-three finals of the tri-series starting in Melbourne on Friday, but it is already looking like a 2-0 win to Hansie Cronje and company.

Waugh has never backed away from a challenge in 12 years as an international but this latest slump, both individually and for the team, is testing his notoriously tough resolve.

"It's one of the worst performances I have been involved in," he said.
"It's up to the selectors, if they think there's better guy for the job then that's their decision."

Coach Geoff Marsh also signalled the urgency of the situation.
"I think he needs the finals to really get him going because we need Steve Waugh to get runs," said Marsh.

However, Waugh predicted Australia had the necessary resolve to hit back in the finals.
"The whole series is about winning the finals and we can turn it around, we've just got to get back in there and be competitive," he said.

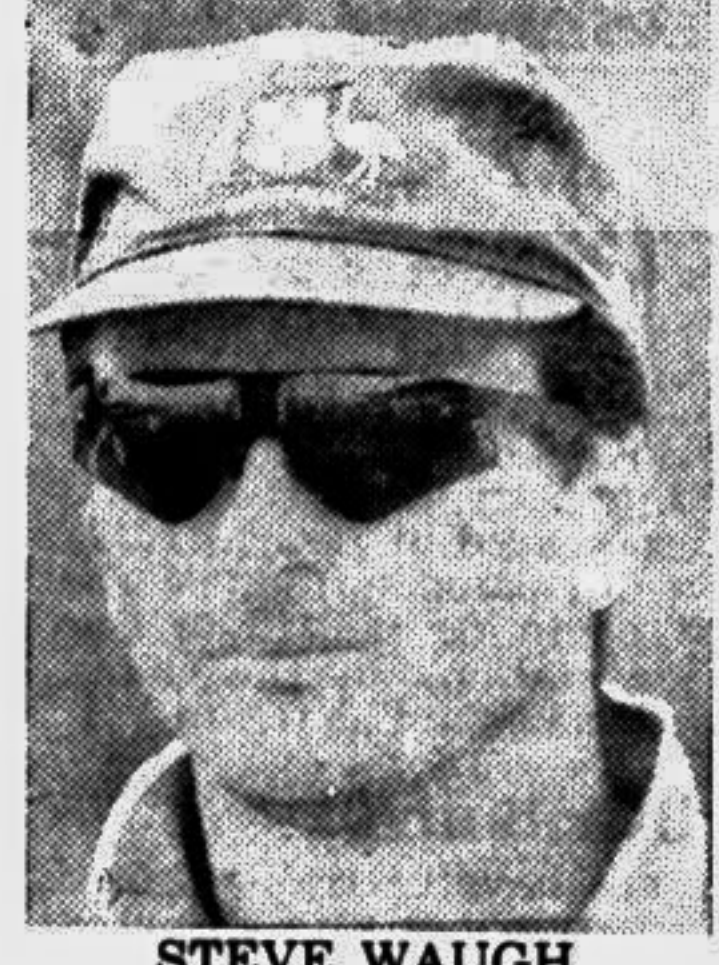
"It's best of three in the finals and we're a 50-50 chance of winning. It's back to square one when we take them on next Friday."

He conceded the Proteas had no weaknesses and they knew how to play one-day cricket. "But they're definitely beatable because we've beaten them quite a few times over the last couple of years."

Australia must first focus on Wednesday's day-night meeting with New Zealand in Melbourne.

Not surprisingly, Waugh has vowed the match, which has no bearing on the finals, represents special significance for the batsman, himself included.

South African speedster Allan Donald, who produced an exquisite leg-cutter to send Waugh packing, was wary of the Aussie skipper's form slump.
"I don't think you can write a man like Steve Waugh off," Donald said. "He just needs one or two knocks where he's back into form and can probably win a game for them."



STEVE WAUGH

বিজ্ঞাপন বিজ্ঞাপন
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ঢাকা আন্তর্জাতিক বাণিজ্য মেলা
'৯৮ইং এ বিজ্ঞাপন প্যাভিলিয়ন
নির্মাণের দরপত্র আহ্বান

ঢাকা আন্তর্জাতিক বাণিজ্য মেলা '৯৮ইং (২২শে ফেব্রুয়ারি-২১শে মার্চ '৯৮) উপলক্ষে ৫০'-০" x ৫০'-০" আকারের (প্যাভিলিয়ন নং-১) বিজ্ঞাপন প্যাভিলিয়ন নির্মাণ ও সুসজ্জিত করার লক্ষ্যে আন্তর্জাতিক বাণিজ্য মেলায় প্যাভিলিয়ন নির্মাণে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন দেশের ব্যাচনামা স্থাপত্যবিদ সংস্থা/বিজ্ঞাপন সংস্থা/শিল্পীদের নিকট হইতে প্যাভিলিয়নের নকশা ও মডেল এবং আর্থিক ব্যয়সহ (বিশদ বিবরণ সংবলিত) জরুরি ভিত্তিতে ২ (দুই) খাম বিশিষ্ট (একটি খামে প্যাভিলিয়নের নকশায় বিস্তারিত সে-আউট, বৈদ্যুতিক/লাইটিং এর ব্যবস্থা, প্লিক রোড, গ্রানি প্রাইট সরবরাহসহ প্যাভিলিয়নের ভিতরে পাটপাণ্ডা (বিশেষতঃ কার্পেটের) প্রদর্শনের মজুদ রাখা, বিজয় করা ইত্যাদির ব্যবস্থাসহ অন্যান্য আনুষঙ্গিক বিষয়বস্তু বিবেচনায় আনিয়া নির্মিতব্য প্যাভিলিয়নের কারিগরি প্রস্তাব এবং অন্য একটি খামে বিস্তারিত প্রাকলন ও পরিমাপগত হিসাবের পত্র প্রদর্শনসহ আর্থিক ব্যয় (সংবলিত ও প্রস্তাব থাকিবে) দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। প্যাভিলিয়নের প্রস্তাবিত মডেল/নমুনা দরপত্রের সহিত অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হইবে। নির্মিতব্য প্যাভিলিয়নের মেলা শেষ হওয়ার পর নির্মাণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান ফেরত নেন। দরপত্রাদাওগতক অংশই মেট উক্ত দরের ২.৫০% আমানতের টাকা বাংলাদেশ পাটকল করপোরেশনের অনুকূলে সিভিলিয়ন ব্যাংকের পে-অর্ডার/ডিম্যান্ড ড্রাক্ট আকারে দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

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Bangladesh Open University
Board Bazar, Gazipur, Bangladesh
Tender Notice

Memo No. BOU/Admn-37(89)/09/97/125 Dated: 18-01-1998

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturers, bonafide importers, local agents/distributors of principal in eligible source countries of Asian Development Bank for the following supplies for the BOU financed by the Asian Development Bank under ADB Credit No. 1173 BAN (SF). The terms and conditions of the contract for which this invitation is issued will be subject to the Loan Agreement for the Project, including ADB's "Guide lines for Procurement".

Tender No.	Description	Price of Tender documents, per set (Non-Refundable)	Closing date & time	Opening date & time
09(Pro)/97-98	Supply, Installation & Maintenance of Computer Network System	Tk 1,000.00	23-02-98 at 12:00 Noon	23-02-98 at 12:30 PM

Bids along with bid bonds (earnest money) @ 2% (two per cent) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order or Bank Guarantee issued by any scheduled Bank in favour of Bangladesh Open University of the total quoted amount alongwith relevant documents should be delivered upto the time and date of closing of Tender in the Tender Box kept in the office of the Registrar, Bangladesh Open University, BOU Campus, South Block, 1st floor, Board Bazar, Gazipur, Bangladesh.

The bids will be opened on the same date of closing at the time (Bangladesh Standard Time) mentioned above in presence of the bidders or their authorised representatives, if any, in the above mentioned office. Tenders sent by post or any other means must reach the above office by the date & time specified above. Delays shall not be condoned under any circumstances. Tenders received beyond the date and time specified above shall be rejected. Tender documents will be available from the office of the Director (Finance), BOU, Board Bazar, Gazipur-1704 on payment (Non-Refundable) of price of tender documents on all working days during office hours except holidays on presentation of application in letter head pad. No tender documents will be sold on the closing date.

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ACROSS
1 IRS
4 Alpha Centauri, e.g.
8 Solids
12 "2001" computer
13 Heart
14 Infinitesimal bit
15 Lemieux
16 Leading man?
17 "Only Just Begun"
18 Infield position
21 Filthy place
22 Josh
23 Like St. Nick
26 Irritate
27 Some-where out there
30 Toledo's state
31 Vegas opener
32 Pickled cheese
33 Dickens' alias
34 Bumped into

DOWN
35 Deceive
36 Succumb to gravity
37 Box-office sign
38 Backup
45 Medicinal plant
46 — mater
47 Eggs
48 Paddock
49 Cranny
50 Wrestling coup
51 Pack down
52 Say it isn't so
53 BPOE member
54 Greek X's
2 Wear a rut in the rug
3 Baldwin or Guinness
4 Meager
5 Hot liquor drink
6 Speedy steed
7 Unoriginal movies?
8 Man-handled
9 Particular
10 PBS science series
11 Congregational cry
19 Scandinavian city
20 Egg roll quorum?
23 Patience

Solution time: 23 mins.

Yesterday's answer

CRYPTOQUIP
EJZ JSILHLSW UHVJNEZVE
LCEZA RHLALS AVZ X
JNIVZMC U RMUA JUAXMZH
Yesterday's Cryptquip: I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT THE CRITICAL GEOLOGIST IS, IN FACT, A FAULTFINDER.
Today's Cryptquip clue: A equals N

The Cryptquip 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