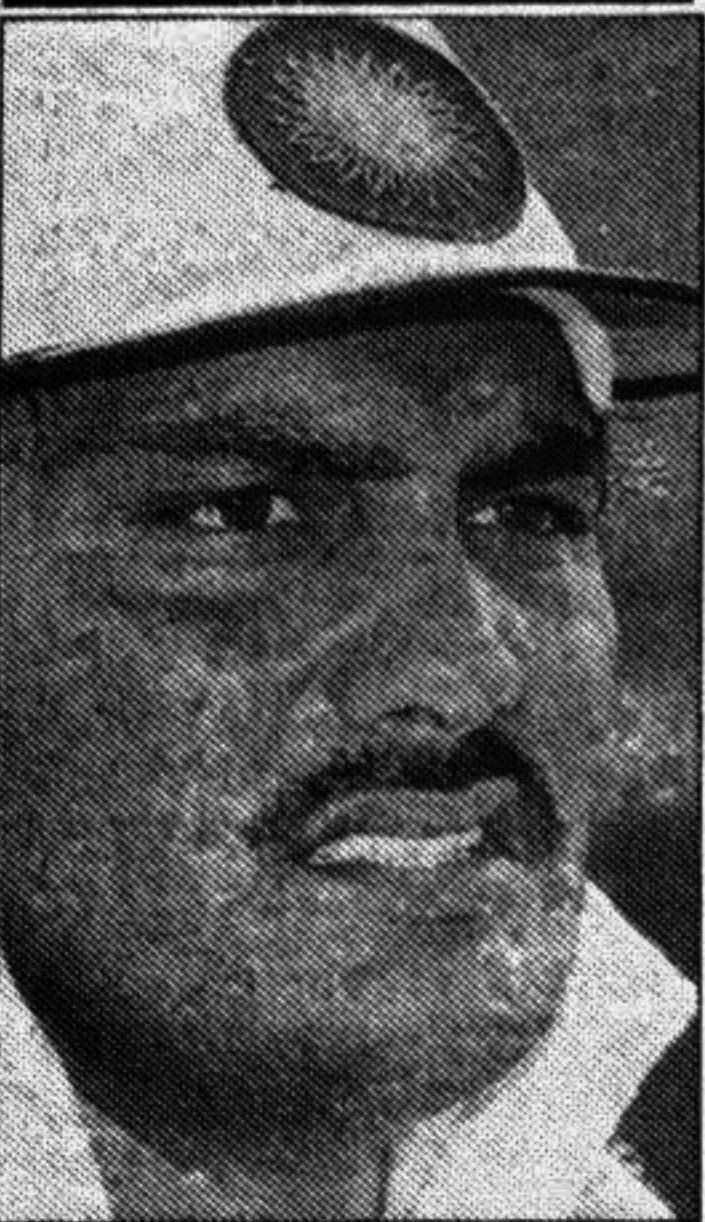


Column One SPORTS TALK



Mohammad Azharuddin
(Indian cricket captain)
"If the situation merits Sachin Tendulkar to be sent in as an opener, I have been given total freedom to change the order."

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

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?
Cairns Astle Crowe
- 2. Which is the highest ODI individual score?
194 159 198
- 3. How many ODI centuries has Azharuddin hit?
3 4 5
- 4. Who scored the only half-century for Bangladesh in the Independence Cup?
Amrith Akram Mahmud
- 5. Who is leading Bangladesh in the World Youth Cup cricket in South Africa?
Sabbir Al-Shanbari Sajal

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EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

F'pool, Agrani split points

Sports Reporter
Youngmen's Club Fakirpool and Agrani Bank Sports Club shared points in the Premier Division football league with a 2-2 draw in their last return leg clash at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.
Rana and Zahid scored one goal each for the bankers while Jalal senior and Jalal junior netted one apiece for Fakirpool.
With the draw which was also the last match of the return leg, Fakirpool raised their tally to 16 points from 18 matches while the bankers moved to 14 points on completion of the 18th outing. Both Fakirpool and Agrani Bank have already ensured their place in the five-team relegation league along with Arambagh KS, Victoria SC and Rahmatganj SC.
The top five teams — Mohammedan SC, Mukti Joddha Sangsad KC, Abahani KC, Brothers Union and Farashganj SC will play in the super league. Both the super league and relegation league are likely to commence from February 10.

Romario called up

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan 22: Romario was among 11 players recalled by coach Mario Zagallo on Wednesday for Brazil's games in the CONCACAF Gold Cup next month, reports AP.
Romario was the MVP of Brazil's World Cup victory in 1994. Donato, another forward, also was recalled for the tournament, the championship of soccer's North and Central American and Caribbean region.
Edmundo, a forward for Fiorentina in Italy, was recalled last week but Ronaldo, the two-time FIFA player-of-the-year, will skip the Gold Cup to keep playing for Internazionale, the Italian League leaders.

Marcos A-suncao of Santos, Denilson of Sao Paulo, Sergio Manuel of Gremio and Zinho of Palmeiras were among the midfielders called up Wednesday, as were defenders Russo, Junior and Silvino and goalkeepers Claudio Taffarel and Carlos Cernardo.
Brazil's first-round games are in Miami against Jamaica on Feb. 3 and against Guatemala on Feb. 5.

Bangladesh face WI in final

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh stormed into the Plate final of the second World Youth Cup defeating Ireland by three wickets in their last group league match at the Benoni ground in South Africa yesterday.
Bangladesh will take on West Indies, the winners from the other group, in the Plate final on January 24.
According to a faxed message received here last night, Bangladesh, chasing a modest Ireland total of 169 all out in 48.4 overs, rattled up 173 for seven in 42.2 overs to finish their group with an all-win record.
Vice-captain Sabbir Khan captured four wickets for 23 runs in his spinning web and leggie Tanvir, who, with a five-wicket haul, was instrumental in Bangladesh's huge 161-run victory over Papua New Guinea on Tuesday, took three wickets for 42 runs, restricting their European rivals to an attainable target.
After the good work of the tweak duo, Skipper Al-Shahriar led his side from the front with a dazzling 46. One-down Mehrab Hossain scored 24.
But it was once again the Fahim-Sajal combination, that brought Bangladesh out a rut after an all too familiar top-order collapse.
Fahim scored an invaluable 31 runs and pacer Sajal remained unbeaten on 27 as Bangladesh recovered from a stunning collapse to their third consecutive victory with seven overs to spare.
The lower-order duo featured in the same gritty eighth wicket partnership of 80 in their first match against Kenya when Bangladesh slumped to 54 for seven and eventually carried their team to the coast without further damage.
Bangladesh apart, seven teams, who failed to qualify for the Cup final, are taking part in the consolatory Plate final.
AP adds, John Cent scored an unbeaten 84 off 87 balls on Wednesday to lead South Africa to a seven-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in a Super League match.
South Africa, chasing 177 in 50 overs, scored 181 in 38.2 overs.

European soccer scene

Real Madrid, PSG rocked

MILAN, Jan 22 (AP/Reuters): AC Milan Banking on their infamous 5-0 thrashing of cross-town rivals Inter in the Italian Cup quarterfinals first leg, qualified for the semis while in Spain holders Real Madrid made a shock exit from the Spanish Cup and away in France Paris Saint Germain lost for the first time in seven league games.
ITALY: In second-leg quarterfinal matches on Wednesday, Milan lost 1-0 to Inter but advanced on a 5-1 aggregate score. Lazio also qualified when they prevailed 2-1 in a hard-fought Roman derby for a 6-2 aggregate.
At San Siro stadium, before less than 10,000 fans, a first-half goal by Italian forward Marco Branca gave league leaders Inter a useless victory.
At Rome's Olympic stadium Yugoslav midfielder Vladimir Jugovic put Lazio in front converting a penalty kick in the 45th minute.
Brazilian forward Paulo In the semifinals AC Milan will play the winners of Thursday's match between Parma and Atalanta.
Lazio take on defending league champions Juventus, who qualified at the expense of Fiorentina Tuesday. The semi-final legs are scheduled on Feb. 18 and March 3 with the finals tentatively set for April 8-9.
SPAIN: Real's stunning departure from the Spanish Cup on Wednesday night was at the hands of Second Division Alaves.
Real won 2-1 but lost the fourth round tie on away goals after their Basque opponents' 1-0 win a week ago.
In sharp contrast to last Wednesday, when a virtual reserve side wore the white shirts of Real, the second leg saw the return of most of the club's leading players.
However, Alaves showed no fear in the face of 10 internationalists and silenced the crowd at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium with a goal after nine minutes from striker Pedro Risco.
Real recovered their composure quickly and a typical Roberto Carlos long-range blast five minutes later levelled the scores on the night.
Davor Suker scored just after the break for Real but Alaves held on, keeping efforts from Raul Gonzalez and Davor Suker at bay.
Alaves are the only team from outside the Spanish First Division to make it through to the final eight in the cup.
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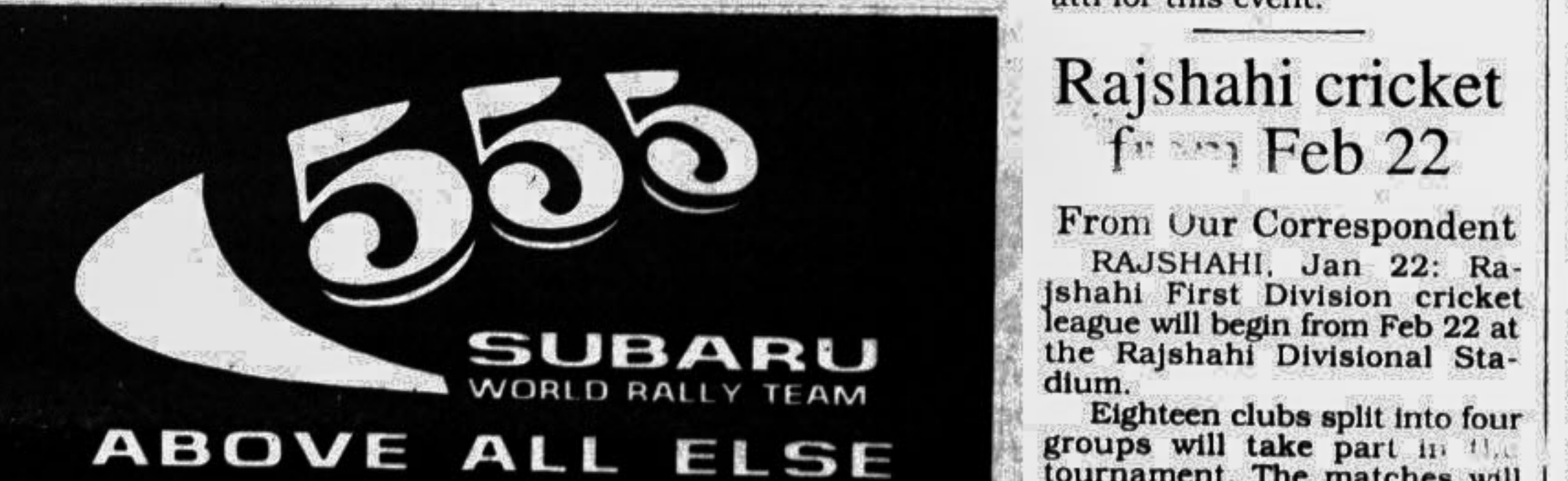


THE PRICE SUPERSTARS HAVE TO PAY: Inter Milan's Ronaldo cries in anguish during one of the repeated assaults inflicted on him by AC Milan defenders during a quarterfinal second leg clash of the Italian Cup at the San Siro stadium in Milan on Jan 21. Inter won 1-0.

Sergio kicked in Roma's equaliser, following a rebound, in the 53rd minute.
Defender Guerino Gottardi made it 2-1 in the last minute of play on a fast action which caught Roma's defence wide open.
In Milan, Inter's offence led by Brazilian superstar Ronaldo had a few chances against AC Milan's tight defence.
Ronaldo carried out some quick actions but was always stopped by Milan defenders, who were pretty severe on him.
Milan's national team center-half Alessandro Costacurta was cautioned for rough play on the Brazilian striker.
Branca scored the game winner in the 31st minute, shortly after hitting the post with a diagonal shot.
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Monte Carlo Rally Sainz's

Having challenged teams and drivers with unpredictable mixes of road and weather conditions, the 66th Rally of Monte Carlo came to an end Monday with victory for Carlos Sainz and co-driver, Luis Moya on their inaugural outing with the Toyota Castrol World Rally Championship Team, says a press release.
Final results proved that whilst speed was of the essence, consistency and well planned driving over the three-day event, led Carlos Sainz to overall victory despite having only won one of the 18 competitive stages. Taking the Monte Carlo laurels for the third time in his career, the fact that he has captured Toyota's first World Championship win since the Rally of Corsica in 1995 will no doubt sweeten the Spaniard's victory.
Teammate Didier Auriol staged a fine fight-back to finish 14th overall, winning two stages on leg 3. He lost valuable time after hitting an ice patch and crashing on the first day, badly damaging his Corolla.
From his 4th position overnight, 555 Subaru World Rally Team driver, Colin McRae quickly caught and passed fellow Briton, Richard Burns on Stage 15, but dived with team-mate Piero Liatti to retain his 3rd position despite a slipping clutch and a spin on the penultimate stage. McRae set a blistering pace on the last stage, only anywhere near matched by Didier Auriol (Toyota), to score his best result in Monte Carlo.
1997 Monte Carlo winner, Piero Liatti has had a trouble-free run today and was neck and neck with McRae throughout the concluding 91 competitive kilometres. The Italian, who is competing in his first full season in the World Rally Championship, held off stiff competition from Richard Burns, missing out on a podium finish by 12 seconds.
Sadly, Mitsubishi's double World Rally Champion Tommi Makinen failed to finish. After building up a commanding lead, the Finn was unlucky to slide off the road on a patch of ice.
Round Two of the World Rally Championship will, however, give Makinen every chance to make a recovery in his title-defending bid, as the championship heads for Sweden an event characterised by its snow and the use of narrow studded tyres. The rally is sure to be host to close-fought competition as the non-scandinavian drivers battle for honours in an event notoriously won by the locals. Kenneth Eriksson — last year's rally winner — joins both Colin McRae and Piero Liatti for this event.



Rajib, Rakib keep hopes alive

Sports Reporter
Enamul Hossain Rajib and Abdullah Al-Rakib kept their title hopes alive in the 19th national junior chess championship winning their respective ninth round clashes at the NSC chess room yesterday.
In the final round of the Swiss league meet, Rajib tamed Mahfuzur Rahman Imon while Rakib defeated Yanur Rahman Royal to remain atop the table jointly having raised their account to eight points each.
Both Rajib and Rakib will contest in a play-off to decide the champion today at 3 pm.
Naim Arefin Ratul, Ruhul Islam Bobby and Amir Sohail finished third, fourth and fifth respectively. All three earned equal seven points but Ratul was declared third based on his progressive scoring rate.
Besides, five boys — Yanur Rahman Royal, Hanif Ahmed, Mehdi Hasan Parag, Farhadur Imam and Zafaruddin Mithu finished sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth respectively with each having 6.5 points. These positions were also determined on progressive scoring rates.

Nat'l hockey DU, Dhaka in semis

Sports Reporter
Holders Dhaka University together with last year's finalists Dhaka District Sports Association stormed into the 20th national hockey championship semifinals winning their respective matches played at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.
Two goals in each half guided Dhaka University to a 4-0 victory over Bangladesh Navy in the first quarterfinal.
Defender Khurshid put the defending champions ahead through a penalty stroke early in the 11th minute while forward Siam-e-Noor sealed the first session with a field goal after seven minutes.
The University outfit added two more goals in the second half. Ramij Ahmed scored a field goal in the 50th minute while Titul Kumar Nag drove the last nail in Navy's coffin with another field goal on the stroke of the final whistle.
In the second semifinal scheduled on January 25 at 2 pm, Dhaka University will face the winners of today's quarterfinal between BKSP and Faridpur.
Last year's runners up Dhaka also made it to the last four with a 8-1 thrashing of Bangladesh Air Force.
National forward Mohammad Sadeque struck four goals while his partner Shamsuzzaman Khokon scored three goals. Zahid Biswas completed the rout. Azam grabbed a consolation goal for the Airmen.
Dhaka will now take on either Rajshahi or Bangladesh Army in the first semifinal on January 25 at 12 noon.
Earlier, in the first match of the morning, Rajshahi secured a quarterfinal berth eliminating Narayanganj through tie-breaker (6-5). The match was locked 1-1 in the scheduled 70 minutes.

TODAY'S MATCHES

- Rajshahi vs Bangladesh Army (10 am)
- Faridpur vs BKSP (2 pm)

V-Day cricket restarts

Sports Reporter
The Bijoy Dibash cricket tournament will resume from January 25 with the two remaining quarterfinals to be played at different city venues.
At the Dhaka Stadium, Damal Smriti champions Abahani Krira Chakra will take on Bangladesh Biman while Brothers Union will meet Surjo Tarn Club at the Dhamondri Cricket Stadium.
The winners from these matches will face each other in the second semifinal at the Dhaka Stadium on January 27. The first semifinal will be played between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Kalabagan Krira Chakra at the Dhaka Stadium on January 26.
The final will be held after the Eid.

Indian team to be awarded

MUMBAI, Jan 22: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) yesterday decided to reward the victorious Indian squad which won the Independence Cup in Dhaka recently, with a cash award of ten lakh rupees, reports PTI.
Besides, India's most consistent Test batsman Rahul Dravid was elected the Pantalone 'Indian cricketer-of-the-year'.
Dravid, who was voted for the award by nearly 170 post and present Test stars, was presented a Tag Heuer watch worth five lakh rupees by former skipper Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev at a glittering function here last night.
Meanwhile, Shiv Sena supreme Bal Thackeray has told the Pakistan High Commissioner to India that his party would welcome the Pakistani cricket team in Mumbai provided his country improved its 'behaviour'.

Rajshahi cricket Feb 22

From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAH, Jan 22: Rajshahi First Division cricket league will begin from Feb 22 at the Rajshahi Divisional Stadium.
Eighteen clubs split into four groups will take part in the tournament. The matches will be held under robin league format.



Enamul Hossain Rajib (R) pondering his next move against Mahfuzur Rahman Imon during their final round encounter of the 19th national junior chess champion at the NSC chess room yesterday.

SL reach summit with a six

COLOMBO, Jan 22 (Reuters, AP): Arjuna Ranatunga carried Sri Lanka to an emphatic five-wicket win over Zimbabwe with an unbeaten 58, in the first one-day international at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground in Colombo on Thursday.
Ranatunga finished the match by hosting left-arm spinner Grant Flower for a second six in the 46th over of the match.
Defending a total of just 207 on a placid pitch, Zimbabwe had only one opening to make a return to the fray when Sri Lanka slumped to 91 for 3 by losing the wickets of Sanath Jayasuriya (47), Marvan Atapattu (26) and Aravinda de Silva (5).
But the doors were shut when Ranatunga, who made an unbeaten 58, and Roshan Mahanama (39) produced 55 runs for the fourth wicket.
In the process of pulling Sri Lanka out of trouble, Ranatunga had an anxious moment when he survived a loud appeal for a leg-before decision against medium pacer Murray Goodwin with his score on 17 and Sri Lanka on 126 for 3 in the 31st over. It was Ranatunga's 42nd half-century.
Earlier, leg-spinner Upul Chandana claimed a career best haul of 4-31 to restrict Zimbabwe to an attainable target.
Chandana, who had an unsuccessful first spell in which he conceded 16 runs in three overs, took four for 15 in 28 balls after changing ends of bowl Zimbabwe out for 207 and give Sri Lanka the edge.
His previous best bowling figures in a one-day international were four for 35 against the touring Australians in 1996-97.
Zimbabwe, put in to bat after Sri Lanka won the toss, struggled for runs after losing their first two wickets for just seven runs to pace bowler Ravindra Pushpakumara.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the first one-day match between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe in Colombo Thursday.

	B	R	W
Chandana	10	0	55
Atapattu	7	0	31
Jayasuriya	7	0	35

SRI LANKA
Jayasuriya st A Flower b Strang 47
Atapattu b J Rennie 26
Mahanama c Streak b G Flower 39
A de Silva c and b Strang 5
Ranatunga not out 58
Kaluwitharana c (sub) b G Flower 15
Chandana not out 16
Extras: (2-b, w-2) 4
Total (for 5 wickets; 45.2 overs) 210
Fall of wickets: 1-66; 2-81; 3-91; 4-146; 5-183.
Did not bat: K Dharmasena, M Muralitharan, C Vaas, R Pushpakumara

Executive body of Eskaton formed

By Staff Correspondent
A 52-member executive committee of Eskaton Sabuj Sangha for the year 1998 was formed recently.
Local MP H B M Iqbal was nominated as the chairman.
The office bearers on the new committee are: president Liakat Hossain, vice-presidents Mahmudul Haq Manu, Rafiz Uddin Babul, Golam Kaosar, Khondakhar Harunur Rashid, Abdul Mannan and Yousuf Zinnah, general secretary Elias Hossain Zhanu, joint secretaries Mehmedul Islam Baset and Wahid Khan, organising secretary Nurunabi Chowdhury Shaon, office secretary Enamul Haq Stalin, cultural secretary Imam Hossain Imu, press secretary Quamrul Hassan Hannan and social welfare secretary Abdus Salam.



Action from yesterday's 20th national hockey championship quarter-final match between Dhaka University and Bangladesh Navy at the National Hockey Stadium. Dhaka University won 4-0.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

ACROSS

- 1 Mediocre
- 5 Snapshots
- 8 Rudiments
- 12 Sleep slowly
- 13 "America" is part of it
- 14 Sleuth's aid
- 15 Loyal
- 17 Actor
- 18 Conversation piece
- 19 Robin Hood's bailiwick
- 21 Kept tabs on
- 24 Fax
- 25 Castle protection
- 30 Put together
- 33 Wall
- 34 Thigmabob
- 35 Addressee
- 36 Energy
- 37 Bread spread
- 38 Len
- 39 Jones' partner

DOWN

- 1 This and that
- 2 Traditional tales
- 3 Blue, in Barcelona
- 4 Well- (rich)
- 5 Chum
- 6 Marker
- 7 Staff leader
- 8 Ghana's capital
- 9 SkyDome squad
- 10 Lions and tigers and bears
- 11 Membership
- 16 Tarzan's son
- 20 Sgt. Snorkel's pet
- 21 Pianist Gilels
- 23 Catches some Zs
- 25 Use a straw
- 26 Leading lady
- 27 Cop show
- 29 Frenzied
- 31 20 Down, e.g.
- 32 Knight
- 34 Grad rags
- 38 Bugs can be seen on new ones
- 40 Refugees
- 42 Mamie's man
- 43 Joker, for one
- 44 Fraternal fielder
- 45 Skilled
- 47 Outdoor game
- 48 Indoor game
- 49 Initial stake
- 52 Writer Wallace
- 53 Luau music-maker

CRYPTOQUIP puzzle: M J V C J U K H J H O C A I H O A O A E M D A U D N D H V A K S A A E I S N D I Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AS MY DERMATOLOGIST TOLD ME, "DON'T DO ANYTHING RASH." Today's Cryptoquip clue: E equals P