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Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-88 Tick the Correct Answers

- 1. How many countries took part in the World Youth Cricket Cup? 14 15 16
2. What is the position of Korda in ATP rankings at the moment? 1st 2nd 3rd
3. How many Test matches has Dave Richardson played? 42 43 44
4. Who is the current 100m world champion? Bailey Greene Cason
5. Which team finished first in the Premier Division soccer league? Muktiyoddha MSC Fganj

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EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK



Saurav Ganguly (Dashing India opener) 'Shane Warne is a special bowler. I have not yet trained my mind on him.'

Hunnel Weekes passes away

NEW YORK, Feb 11: Kenneth Hannel Weekes, who played for the West Indies in the 1939 Test series against England, has died. He was 86, reports AP. Weekes died Monday in a Brooklyn nursing home. A barrel-chested, stylish and fast-scoring left-handed batsman and reserve wicket-keeper, Weekes scored a buccaneering 137 runs against England in 21.2 hours during the third Test of the 1939 tour. On the tour, he made 807 runs, including 147 runs against Surrey. Weekes was born Jan 24, 1912, in the United States to a Barbadian father and a Jamaican mother and was raised in Jamaica. Affectionately referred to as 'Bam Bam', he represented Jamaica for 10 years beginning in 1938. He scored 1,730 runs in first-class cricket, hitting four centuries in the process. He returned in 1948 to the United States, where he worked as a nurse. Weekes is survived by his wife, Viola, and six children.

Vieri Ronaldo's change?

MADRID, Feb 11: Inter Milan have put forward a plan to swap Brazilian striker Ronaldo for Atletico Madrid's Christian Vieri, the Spanish sports daily 'AS' reported today, reports Reuters. Vieri has scored 13 league goals in as many matches since joining Atletico from Juventus and has recently been linked with Inter's neighbours AC Milan. The Italian international celebrated his return from injury on Monday with two goals in the 4-1 win against Oviedo, leading Atletico owner Jesus Gil to call Vieri 'the world number one.' Recent speculation linked Ronaldo with Real Madrid after defender Roberto Carlos suggested his close friend would become a teammate at club as well as international level.

Saudis recall Anwar

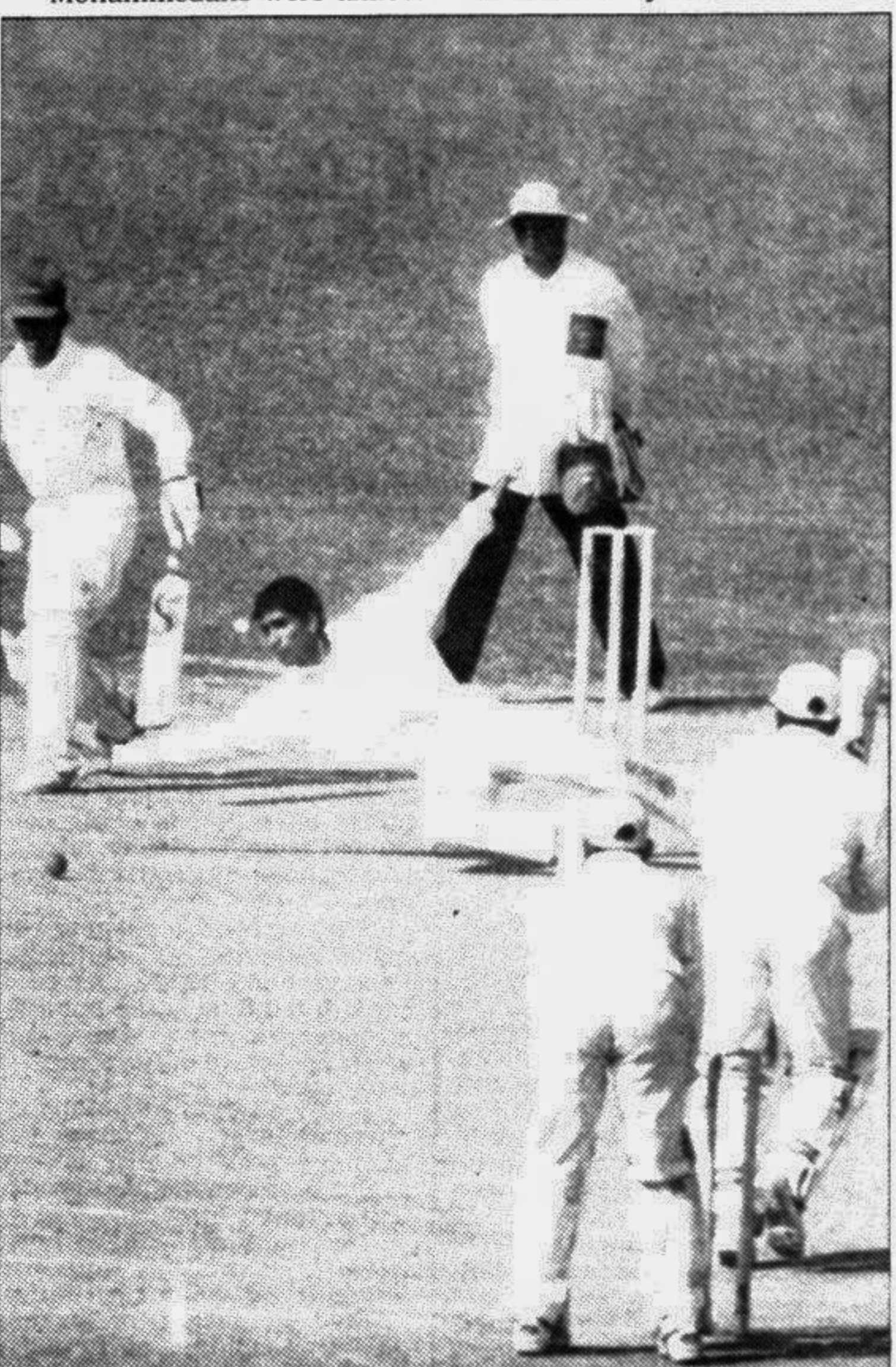
RIYADH, Feb 11: Midfielder Faoud Anwar, who scored a memorable goal in the 1994 World Cup finals, was Tuesday recalled to the Saudi Arabian squad for a friendly match against Germany on February 22, reports AFP. Anwar, who plays for the Al-Chabaab club, was named in a 26-man squad by coach Carlos Alberto parreira. He scored with a superb shot against Morocco in the United States four year ago, but was dropped from the squad by former coach Eduardo Vingada last October.

Super league sans Biman a possibility MSC inflict last-ball woe

Mohammedan Sporting Club pulled off a sensational one-wicket win in the final delivery against Bangladesh Biman at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday to extend their impressive unbeaten run to eight in the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league. In a gripping finish with Mohammedans were almost shot over the top at a stage when it was hardly required. After the fall of two quick wickets, Biman bounced gallantly back into the match with their tweaker-duo of Pakistani Manzoor Akhter and Shariful Haq tightening the noose on Mohammedans. Mohammedans were almost



Mohammedans needing five runs from the last six deliveries to topple a moderate Biman total of 204. Hasibul holed out at mid-wicket in the very first ball from Biman skipper Ziaur Rashid. It was then up to a maverick Jahangir Talukder to take up the challenge. Using his trademark reverse sweep with guile, Jahangir notched four invaluable runs to give his side an exciting triumph. The unorthodox right-handed batsman captured the centre stage in a nail-biting finish when he hammered the winning run, a single down to mid-wicket in the last ball of the match, sending the national airline outfit hurtling to their fourth defeat from nine league engagements. With this latest debacle which came on the heels of their 22-run defeat at the hands of holders Abahani, Biman were left on the verge of missing a berth in the six-team Super League. They will now have to win at least one of their remaining two matches — against Kalabagan and Brothers Union — to draw level on points with Wari Club, who finished their eleven first phase matches with six wins. In yesterday's match, Mohammedans were only to be blamed for making heavy weather of a smooth sailing when a decisive blunder on the part of their skipper Aminul Islam gave no-hoppers Biman the much-needed breakthrough to make a match out of it. Mohammedans were cruising with 145 for two in 37 overs when an injudicious call from Aminul for a non-existent second run marked a premature departure of his partner Parvez Ahmed. The young opener was one run short of a fluent half-century when, complying with an unwarranted call from his captain, he was undone by a well-judged Shahnewaz throw from cover. Disaster struck Mohammedans when Aminul shortly followed, playing a juicy half-volley from spinner Sohail straight to a leaping Hasanuzzaman at extra-cover. Aminul was on a polished 51 off 77 balls, embellished with a quartet of fours, when he committed the suicidal act while trying to go for his favourite



Biman off-spinner Shariful Haque makes a desperate attempt to cut off a single down to mid-on by Mohammedan skipper Aminul Islam during yesterday's Janakantha Premier cricket league engagement at the Dhaka Stadium. Mohammedans won the match by one wicket. — Star photo

left to rue when their out-of-form duo of Selim Shahed (4) and Mohammed Rafique (5) perished quickly, leaving their side staggering at 174 for six in 43.5 overs. But, thanks to some small yet very significant contribution from their Pakistani leggie Shahed Mehmdud and an experienced wicketkeeper Nasir Ahmed, Mohammedans closed in on victory. Mehmdud, who bruised his left-knee while fielding, limped into the ground shadowed by Aminul as his runner. He scored a priceless 15 off 20 balls. Nasir Ahmed hammered a run-a-ball 16 before becoming the eighth Biman victim, leaving Mohammedans five runs short of target. Earlier, batting first Biman were off to a disastrous start

Jahangir Talukder. Athar Ali Khan and former Pakistan Test cap Manzoor Akhter, however, tried to mend the early ruptures by putting on 55 runs for the second wicket before the discarded national opener was run out after scoring a fine 40 off 37 balls, including seven hits across the rope. Manzoor, the elder of the Akhter brothers in the Biman line-up, scored a gritty 29 while Manzoor, another run-out victim, chipped in with 40 off 60 balls. A member of the Pakistan team in the Dhaka Independence Cup, Manzoor later did one better with the cherry, claiming three wickets for only 28 runs in his ten niggling overs. But that was not enough for Biman to avoid a stinging defeat.

Soul-searching in English camp

PORT OF SPAIN, Feb 11: England arrived in the West Indies with an optimism they must quickly rediscover if their six-Test tour is not to turn into a nightmare, reports AFP. Trailing 1-0 going into the third Test, which begins here on Friday, the tourists need a reversal of fortune at a ground where fate has not been kind to them. Three times in three successive tours, England have seen the promise of victory cruelly snatched away from them at the Queen's Park Oval — which makes the third Test a real examination of the squad's mental toughness. Beaten by three wickets in the second Test at the same ground on Monday — in a match they looked to have well within their grasp — the Englishmen do not have much time to recover their composure. Skipper Mike Atherton, whose tactics in the second Test were called into question, pulled no punches when he accused his team of throwing away the second Test at a venue where the West Indies have not lost to England since 1977. Atherton, without naming names, was critical of the inaccuracy of his 'new-ball bowlers' — Caddick and Dean Headley — and the way England's second innings disintegrated after they had started the fourth day in the seemingly invincible position of 219 for four, a lead of 242. 'Considering the position we were in after three days, it was a game we expected to win,' said Atherton. 'But we must take the good things from this match and go forward to Friday's next Test in a positive frame of mind.' 'We've bounced back before against the West Indies. We were behind twice in the 1995 home series after bad defeats at Head-



Shibu Lal of Bangladesh (R) smashes the ball while his partner Moinuddin Walliullah looks on during their doubles clash against Jordanians Laith Sabr and Fares Sabri in the Davis Cup at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. — Star photo

MSC-BIMAN SCOREBOARD

Table with columns: BANGLADESH BIMAN, Athar Ali run out, Atiar lbw Dulu, Mansoor Akhter c Mehmdud b Minhajul, etc.

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Div I cricket

CITY CLUB: 108 all out in 42.5 overs (Abdul Majed 29, Tinku 21, Yousof 14, Neazuddin Jokie 3/14, Lucky 3/22, Dalim 2/13). ORIENT SC: 111 for 2 in 31.3 overs (Topu 54 n.o., Amir Ishaque 41 n.o., Sajjad 1/10). Result: Orient SC won by eight wickets.

An unbeaten century partnership for the third-wicket between one-down Narayan Chandra Topu and middle-order Amir Ishaque steered the aspirants Orient Sporting Club to a comfortable eight-wicket victory over City Club in a First Division super league match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. Chasing a paltry City total of 108 in 50 overs, the Topu-Amir duo, who began the rescue mission from the fourth over with their side shakily placed at 9 for two, scored 102 runs in 28.4 overs to guide Orient home in the 32nd over with eight wickets in hand. Topu was not out on 54 off 108 balls which included eight boundaries while Pakistani Amir remained unbeaten on 41 off 75 deliveries inclusive of five fours. Earlier, the decision of City Club to bat first after winning the toss was backfired as they were bundled out for a meagre 108 in 42.5 overs in the face of some fired-up bowling by Aminul Islam Lucky, Neazuddin Jokie and Akhteruiddin Dalim who shared eight wickets among themselves. Lucky, the new-ball bowler who ripped through the City top order, finished with three for 22 from his ten overs while Jokie conceded 14 runs in seven overs for his three wickets. Besides, Dalim took two wickets for only 13 runs. Middle-order Abdul Majed (29), opener Tinku (21) and one-down Yousof Kabir (14) were the City batsmen who reached double figures.

5 top the table

Sports Reporter Mehdi Hasan Parag lost his lead in the qualifying round of the fourth United Insurance International Masters chess when he was beaten in the seventh round by Mainuddin Mainu at the NSC chess room yesterday. Mainu, with the win, moved to the top spot along with Dewan Shahidul Amin Tipu, Anisuzzaman Mallick, Kazi Taherul Islam and Aminul Islam Palash with each having six points to their accounts. On the other hand, the defeat placed Parag in the second spot also shared by Ahmedul Haque and Hanif Mollah who all have 5.5 points apiece. In the day's round, Tipu tamed Sohail Nooruddin, Anis outplayed Nooruddin, Taher trounced Kambar Ali, Palash piped Nasir Mahmood, Hanif beat Khaleeq while Ahmedul defeated Alamgir. Besides, 12 others - Yanur Rahman Royal, Nooruddin, Mansoor Helal, Shyamol, Badrul Islam, Mujibur Rahman, U Ten, Sharif Hossain, Babul Kumar Shah, Ejaz Hossain, MA Islam and Anwarul Kabir — were in the crowded third spot with five points each.

TODAY'S MATCHES

- Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group Four Competition: Jordan vs Oman, Brunei vs Bahrain, Iraq vs UAE (National Tennis Complex) Janakantha Premier Cricket League: Abahani KC vs Brothers Union (Dhaka Stadium) First Division Cricket Super League: Sadharan Bima KS vs Dhaka Wanderers Club (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

Hosts keep on winning

Title contenders Bangladesh and Bahrain Wednesday recorded their third consecutive victories to jointly lead the Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV, reports UNB. Bangladesh defeated Jordan 2-1 while Bahrain beat fellow Arab country Iraq by the same margin in best of three matches played in two sessions — 6-2, 6-3 in the afternoon. Bahrain and Bangladesh, both relegated from Group III of the Davis Cup a year back, dominate the points table securing full three points each. But in case of a tie breaker, Bahrain narrowly dominates over the hosts in win and loss counting. In the day's other ties, United Arab Emirates tasted their maiden victory after two successive defeats. They beat all loser Brunei 2-1. Jordan will take on Oman, Brunei meet Bahrain while UAE face Iraq today. Bangladesh will enjoy a rest day.



Jordan's Laith Sabr said Azzouni makes a forehand return against Bangladesh's Shibu Lal during their Davis Cup singles clash at the National Tennis Complex yesterday. — Star photo

Bangladesh started the day's campaign on a good note as national number two Dilip Passia earned a creditable 6-0, 6-3 victory over Fares Azzouni of Jordan in the first singles. But a dismal performance by national number one Shibu Lal enabled Jordan to level the match 1-1. Shibu Lal conceded a 6-3, 3-6, 2-6 defeat against Jordanian Laith Azzouni. However, in the doubles, Shibu Lal and Sheikh Moinuddin Walliullah Jilan dashed Jordanian hopes beating Fares and Laith Azzouni brothers 2-6, morning and afternoon — at the Ramna National Tennis Complex.

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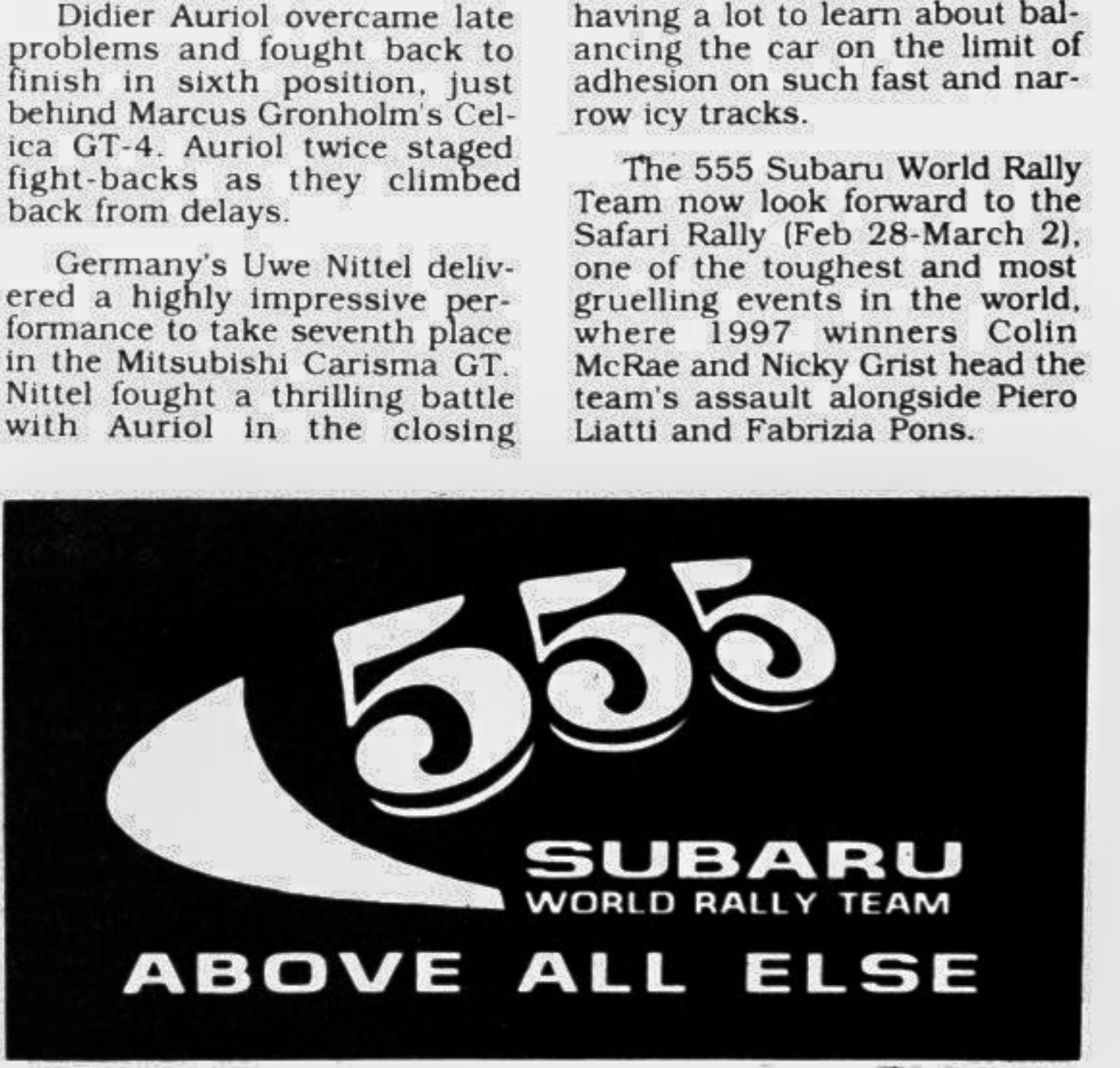
Damien does the damage

ADELAIDE, Feb 11: Former Test paceman Damien Fleming bowled Victoria to first innings points over South Australia taking a total of seven wickets in their Sheffield Shield cricket match here today, reports AFP. Fleming, who took a Test hat-trick on the 1994 tour to Pakistan, captured six for 35 as Victoria dismissed South Australia for 205 in reply to Victoria's 442 for four declared, which included centuries by dropped Test opener Matthew Elliott and Brad Hodge. Fleming struck again as South Australia batted a second time, taking the wicket of David Fitzgerald to leave the home side 18 for one at the close. Only Test number three and state skipper Greg Blewett spared South Australia far greater embarrassment with a top-scoring 111 in the first innings. Earlier, Hodge finished with an unbeaten 116 in Victoria's first innings declaration following Elliott's 122 on Tuesday's opening day. In Hobart, Tasmania were well placed for vital innings points in the top-of-table match with Queensland after the first day today. After dismissing Queensland for 175, Tasmania was 37 without loss at the close on a rain-interrupted day. Queensland's plight would have been worse without fast bowler Brendan Creevey, who top scored with 52 with some late lusty hitting. In-form Mark Ridgway took 4-44 and fellow paceman Colin Miller 3-42 for Tasmania. In reply, Tasmanian openers Dene Hills and Jamie Cox negotiated 17 overs in the late gloom without problems. Hills will resume tomorrow on 21 with Cox on 12.

Tommi takes Swedish Rally

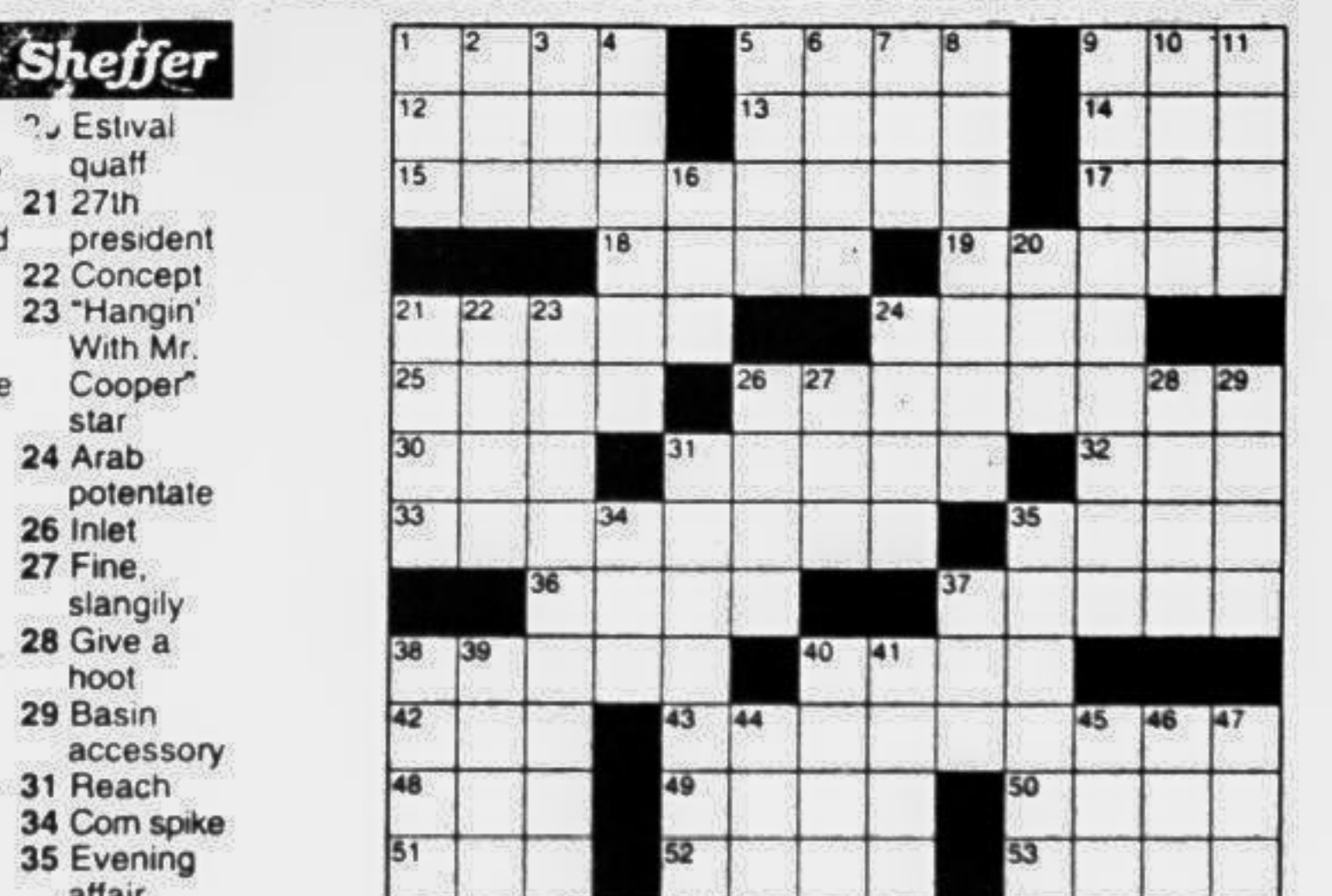
Team Mitsubishi scored its fourth victory on the Swedish Rally thanks to a brilliant performance from double World Champion, Tommi Makinen. The Finn grabbed the lead during the second leg with a superb time on the longest stage and exploited his latest Michelin tyres to such good effect that the opposition had little chance of catching his Lancer. Conditions changed dramatically on the final day of this action-packed event. Freezing temperatures ensured a good covering of ice and snow on the first stages this morning, but the roads began to thaw as the sun rose and drivers had to make some difficult tyre choices as gravel began to place a lot of strain on the studs. The Swedish has always been a drivers' event and the crowds were treated to a breathtaking spectacle as the competitors fought for seconds at average speeds of up to 120 kph on narrow, tree-lined forest roads, before returning to a heroes' welcome in Karlstad. A superb last day drive by Carlos Sainz ensured that he and the Toyota Castrol Team maintained the lead in both the World Rally Championships for Drivers and Manufacturers. Sainz was happy with the result, his third consecutive second place in Sweden. Juha Kankkunen finished a fine third at the wheel of the Ford Escort World Rally car to consolidate second place in the Championship. It was the second consecutive podium finish of the season for the Finn after finishing runner-up in Monte Carlo. Just 7.2 seconds separated Kankkunen from second-placed former teammate Sainz after three days and 381 km of flat out driving through the Scandinavian forests.

On their last outing for the 555 Subaru World Rally Team the all-Swedish pairing of Kenneth Eriksson and Staffan Parmander finished their home event in fourth position, picking up valuable points for the team in the all-important Manufacturers' Championship. Over the last three days, Kenneth has battled to find the form that netted him victory on last year's rally, but the Swede has continued to push hard to the end, holding off stiff opposition from Didier Auriol. Didier Auriol overcame late problems and fought back to finish in sixth position, just behind Marcus Gronholm's Celta GT-4. Auriol twice staged fight-backs as they climbed back from delays. Germany's Uwe Nittel delivered a highly impressive performance to take seventh place in the Mitsubishi Carisma GT. Nittel fought a thrilling battle with Auriol in the closing stages and was delighted to have achieved an encouraging result against fierce opposition. Bruno Thiry brought the second Escort home in eighth position. The conditions on the International Swedish Rally have been a revelation for Piero Liatti. The Italian has only previously contested this true winter rally once before and struggled to match the times set by those with considerably more experience of the snow and ice. Despite finishing three places higher than when he competed in 1996 Piero admits to still having a lot to learn about balancing the car on the limit of adhesion on such fast and narrow icy tracks. The 555 Subaru World Rally Team now look forward to the Safari Rally (Feb 28-March 2), one of the toughest and most gruelling events in the world, where 1997 winners Colin McRae and Nicky Grist head the team's assault alongside Piero Liatti and Fabrizio Pons.



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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