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Column One

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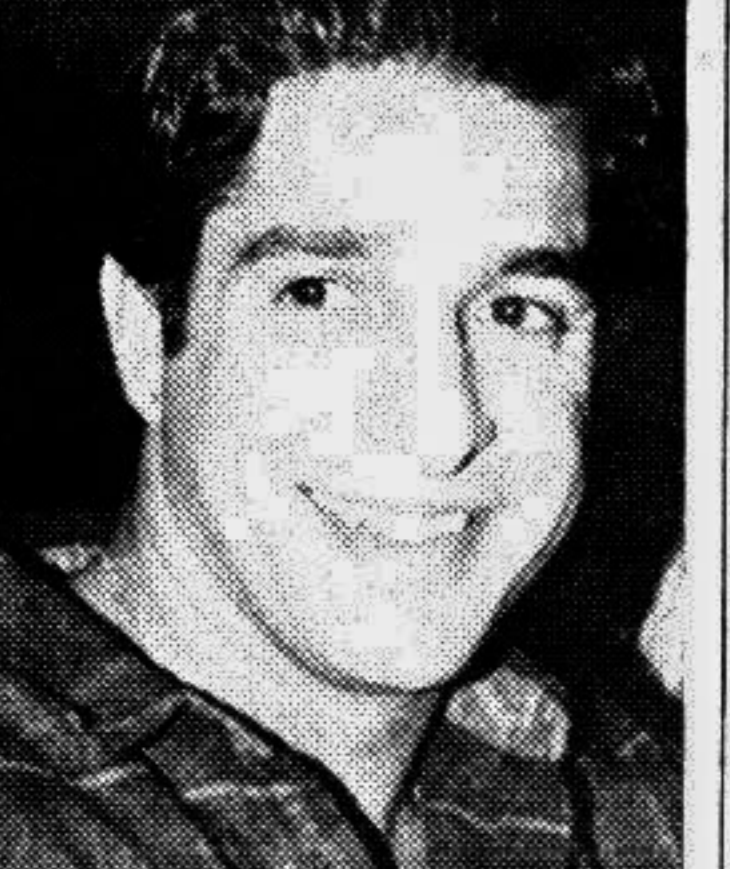
Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm on March 20, 1998

- 1 Who won the fourth United Insurance International Masters chess title?
2 How many ODI centuries have been scored by Pakistan opener Saeed Anwar?
3 Who keeps wicket for South Africa?
4 Emerging tennis star Anna Kournikova is
5 Who lifted the girls' singles title of the 12th Bangladesh International junior tennis championships?

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SPORTS TALK



Wasim Akram (Pakistan fast bowler) 'She can put me to sleep for 20 minutes and I wake up feeling refreshed.'

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT IN 'Devil's Dictionary,' US author Ambrose Bierce defined 'Quoting' as the act of repeating erroneously the words of another.

The New York Times of 6 April 1977 quotes the all-time greatest boxer as having defined his occupation as 'It's just a job. Grass grows, birds fly, waves pound the sand. I beat people up.'

Keith wants Ike next

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Mar 16: WBC super welterweight champ Keith Mullings, who turned in a solid but unspectacular performance in beating No. 1 contender David Charlane, says he wants WBA welterweight champ Ike Quartey next, reports AP.

Aussies stare at spinners

CALCUTTA, Mar 16 (AFP): Mark Taylor's Australian team plan to beat India at their own game as they attempt to salvage their reputation as the world's best cricket team this week.



AZHARUDDIN Leg-spinner Stuart MacGill, who made his Test debut against South Africa last month, will join spearhead Shane Warne and Gavin Robertson in the line-up, vice-captain Steve Waugh indicated today.

The tourists, victors in nine consecutive Test series, must win the two remaining back-to-back Tests here and at Bangalore (March 25-29) to ensure that the run is not ended.

'We know we have to win the two Tests. It can be done, it's not impossible.' David Gower's 1984 Englishmen are the only tourists to win a series in India after losing the first Test.

'I think the humidity, more than the heat, did us in at Madras,' Taylor said. 'I am told Calcutta will not be as bad.'

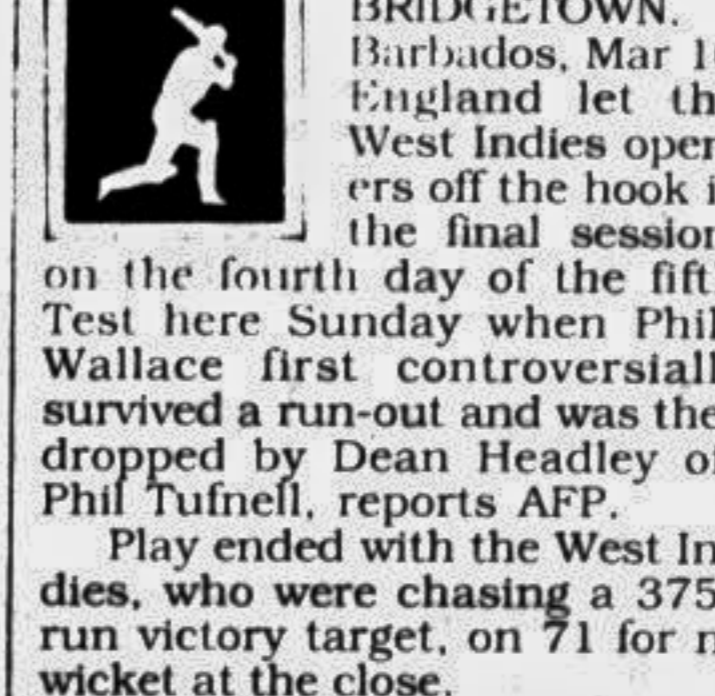
Amin's boys' 2nd tie today Enamul & Co off to India Sports Reporters



MARK TAYLOR 'The first Test was a good one for us, but it's over. We can't afford to relax in the next two matches.'

A long day ahead of Windies

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Mar 16: England let the West Indies openers off the hook in the final session on the fourth day of the fifth Test here Sunday when Philo Wallace first controversially survived a run-out and was then dropped by Dean Headley off Phil Tufnell, reports AFP.



Windies opener Clayton Lambert just manages to escape a direct hit on the fourth day of the fifth Test against England at Barbados on Mar 15.

holds the key to England's hopes, because Lambert and Wallace are far happier against pace, and savaged the new ball in a thrilling dusk attack.

England's second-innings declaration at 233 for three 40 minutes after tea left 109 overs to bowl out the opposition. But Wallace and Lambert immediately launched themselves with gusto at England's faster bowlers and they rattled up 30 runs off the first four overs.

European soccer scene

PARIS, Mar 16 (AFP): Europe's top teams found the going anything but easy as they closed on their league titles this week-end.

In Italy, champions Juventus saw their four-point lead in the Serie A slashed in half when they were held 2-2 at home by 10-man bottom club Napoli while Metz continued their bid to win the French title for the first time in their history with the narrowest of wins at Montpellier.

Spanish pacesetters Barcelona finally opened up a seven-point lead over rivals Real Madrid, who were held 2-2 at home by Santander. But they struggled for nearly an hour at Valladolid before clinching a 2-1 victory.

And in Germany, reigning champions Bayern Munich saw their title hopes fade after a four 0-0 home draw Saturday with Bochum while table-toppers Kaiserslautern snatched a 1-0 home win over 1860 Munich.

Juventus now have 53 points, while Lazio have 51 after crushing Sampdoria 4-0 and Inter Milan 50 thanks to an identical 4-0 win over nine-man Atalanta.

until the 45th minute, when Alessandro Del Piero finished a fine run by slotting home his 17th goal of the season.

The goal made him the Serie A's joint top scorer with Udinese's German ace Oliver Bierhoff, but it was all square again when midfielder Francesco Turrini found the target for Napoli in the 68th minute.

Uruguayan teenager Marcelo Zalayeta, who made his first full debut for Juventus in Wednesday night's Italian Cup semifinal with Lazio, made it 2-1 in the 74th minute, just a few minutes after coming on as a substitute.

Napoli then had Roberto Goretti sent off for a second bookable offence, and all hope looked lost for the visitors.

But Igor Protti, the Serie A's top scorer in 1996, earned Napoli a draw with an injury-time goal which will do nothing to change Napoli's future, but could prove decisive up at the other end of the table.

By extending their unbeaten run to 20 games Lazio now have a real chance of the title while Inter are also in striking distance.

Udinese leapfrogged over Parma with a 2-0 victory at Sevilla.

Indian tourney from May 13

Sports Reporter

The triangular series in India involving Bangladesh, Kenya and the hosts will be held from May 13 to 31, said a senior Bangladesh cricket Board official yesterday.

The cricket board is, however, yet to receive the fixture and other details about the tournament from its Indian counterpart.

Meanwhile, another tri-nation tourney involving world champions Sri Lanka, India and Bangladesh, scheduled to be held in Singapore in May, has been cancelled by the organisers for some unknown reasons, the official confirmed.

Rain playing foul at Bridgetown

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Mar 16: Rain stopped play from beginning on the final day and frustrated England and West Indian hopes of gaining a decisive victory in the fifth Test match, reports AFP.

The heavy rain, which was the first to hit the island in four months, started early in the morning leaving groundstaff unable to check if any water had leaked onto the pitch.

Azad Sporting demoted

BRIEF SCORES

AGRAANI BANK: 214 for 9 in 50 overs (Nahid 53, Dofin 37 n.o., Malik 30, Sumit 21, Shuvon 18, Iqbal 18, extras 23, Sumon 3/36; Bappi 2/49, Nasim 1/25, Shimul 1/33, Sajon 1/43).

AZAD SC: 130 for 9 in 50 overs (Biplob 37, Bappi 23, Rana 21, Nasim 17, extras 11; Malik 3/29, Nayeem 2/15, Sumit 2/31, Iqbal 1/11).

Result: Agrani Bank won by 84 runs.

Azad Sporting Club were relegated to the First Division after their 84-run defeat to Agrani Bank in a relegation league match of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Batting first Agrani Bank scored 214 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs.

Nahid hammered the highest 53 off 62 balls with seven hits to the fence.

Fusion make MLS debut

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida, Mar 16 (AP): US Major League Soccer's new Miami team didn't look so much like an expansion team opening its inaugural season.

The Fusion had several scoring opportunities, particularly in the first half, against DC United in the first game of the league's third season Sunday.

They were unable to convert and lost 2-0 to the two-time defending champions.

Richie Williams opened the scoring in the 16th minute when he converted a centering pass from Tony Sanneh after a Fusion defensive breakdown.

Williams was wide open in the box and beat goalkeeper Jeff Cassar to the near post.

Sanneh gave the United a 2-0 lead in the 37th minute when an indirect free kick from Marco Etcheverry deflected off the left post to an unmarked Sanneh, who calmly tapped in a 5-yard (5-metre) shot past Cassar.

United head coach Bruce Arena was pleased with his team's effort.

Hwang back in action

SEOUL, Mar 16: One of South Korea's best strikers will return to play in a friendly match against Japan next month, the Korean Football Association said Monday, reports AP.

Striker Hwang Sun-hong, 30, will rejoin the national team for the April 1 game in Seoul, strengthening their forward attack along with Choi Yong-soon, 25.

Hwang and Choi are considered to be South Korea's best scorers.

Hwang was sidelined in December, 1996, after suffering a knee injury during the Asian Cup games. He went to Germany for treatment and recently returned to South Korea.

The football association quoted national team coach Cha Bum-keun as saying that Hwang has 'fully recovered and is in a very good condition.'

Hwang's comeback is expected to give a boost to the Korean team, who have been criticised for poor play in recent months.

Earlier this month, South Korea came in third behind Japan and China in the four-team Dynasty Cup. The fourth team came from Hong Kong.

Ntini gets the nod

EAST LONDON, South Africa, Mar 16: Makhaya Ntini, the 20-year-old Xhosa fast bowler from East London, could become South Africa's first black Test cricketer when his country play Sri Lanka in Cape Town Thursday, reports Reuters.

Ntini was named in the squad announced by selection convenor Peter Pollock today.

Ntini toured Australia with the national squad between November and January, making his one-day international debut in Perth. His elevation to the Test squad was widely expected after the retirement of Fanie de Villiers at the end of the recent series against Pakistan.

Ntini is one of three changes to the South African squad. Daryll Cullinan has been recalled to the middle order in place of Andrew Hudson. Cullinan appears to have finally recovered from his much-publicised mauling by Shane Warne in Australia and scored 172 for his province, Gauteng, in the final round of domestic four-day games on Saturday.

Schools h'ball Viquarunnissa, Maghbazar High move into final

Viquarunnissa Noon School & College and Maghbazar Girls' High School moved into the final of the 9th Bata Schools girls' handball tournament eliminating their rivals in the semifinals today, reports UNB.

Holders Viquarunnissa outplayed Scholastica with 11-4 goals in the day's first semifinal. The first half score was 4-4.

In the other semifinal, Maghbazar Girls' High defeated Adarsha Girls' High by 7-6 goals in tie-breaker after the match ended 6-6 during the stipulated time at the same venue.

Barisal cricket From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Mar 16: Arunoday Club beat Batajore Club by seven wickets in the First Division cricket league at the local stadium today.

Batting first Batajore scored 68 runs losing all the wickets in 18.4 overs.

David scored highest 17. In reply Arunoday scored 72 runs losing 3 wickets in 17 overs.

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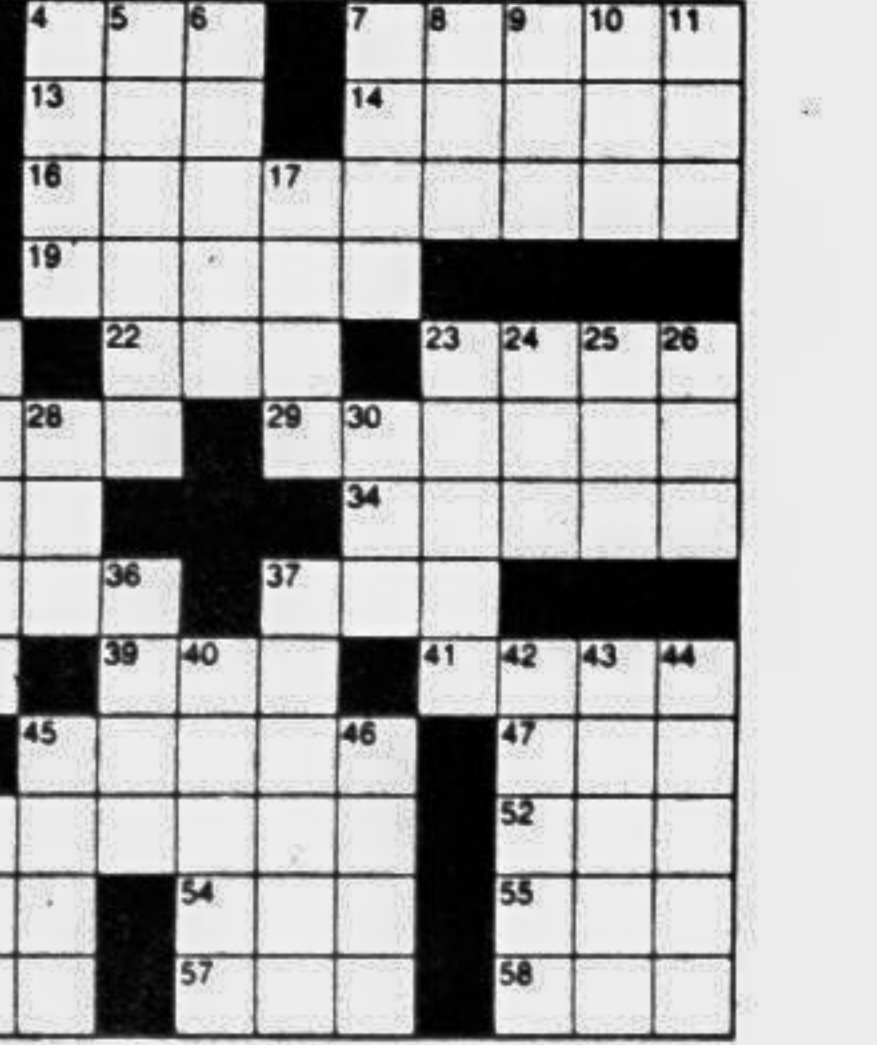
Indira Road Krira Chakra beat Kathal Bagan Krira Chakra by three wickets in the Acme Second Division super league cricket at the Dhanmohi Cricket Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Opting to bat first, Kathal Bagan scored 144 runs before they were all out in 33.5 overs.

Babul made 36 off 52 balls and Arif 34.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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