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Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT Johan Cruyff should never have met Basilevic. The son of an Amsterdam grocer, Cruyff had become a millionaire at Barcelona by the late 1970s. Not by selling late football, but by the dexterity of his feet. Unfortunately, Cruyff also fancied himself as a businessman. Charming Basilevic, a playboy who knew all the right places to do the wrong things advised by player Cruyff and his wife to invest almost all their money in a pig farm. Cruyff agreed. A little while later, Basilevic disappeared. Cruyff lost three quarters of his money. Cruyff lamented to his biographers Frits Barend and Henk van Dorp that it was a "big mistake." I always knew that footballers were pig-headed. But, making a farm for them? Beats me!

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

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1	How many nations are taking part in the 16th C'wealth Games cricket?	12	16	20
2	Who is skippering Barbados in C'wealth Games cricket?	Wallace	Gibson	Campbell
3	Where were the previous C'wealth Games held?	England	Canada	Australia
4	How many countries are taking part in the 16th Commonwealth Games?	50	60	70
5	In how many disciplines, is Bangladesh participating in the 16th Commonwealth Games?	Two	Seven	Nine

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SPORTS TALK



Romario
(Brazilian striker)
"I feel like a wounded lion but the claws are still sharp and they will appear again."
Answering back the critics who are saying he is past his best.

Confused Effenberg

BONN, Sept 20: Bayern Munich midfielder Stefan Effenberg wants to quit the German national team, just weeks after he ended a four-year absence from the international game, reports Reuters.
Germany coach, Erich Ribbeck confirmed a Sunday newspaper report that Effenberg, 30, wanted to step down.
A lot of things have come together. He's the father of three children and the pressure on him at Bayern is very high. But he hasn't definitely turned down yet and has asked for time to think until the middle of the week," Ribbeck said.
Effenberg was sent home from the 1994 World Cup in disgrace after making an obscene gesture to German fans. He was not selected again until Ribbeck's predecessor, Berti Vogts, recalled him last month for two friendly matches.
Vogts quit after those games against Malta and Romania at the beginning of this month but Ribbeck made clear Effenberg was central to his plans.
The new coach said he had met Effenberg and his wife Martina, who is also the player's manager, in Munich last week and asked him to change his mind.
"I explained my arguments and made clear that he should continue to play in the national team," Ribbeck said.

Pakistan clinch Sahara Cup Afridi toys with India



TORONTO, Sept 20: A boundary filled 109 together with a bowling spell that limited India to 34 runs in six overs highlighted a brilliant all-round performance by Shahid Afridi on Saturday that gave Pakistan a 134-run victory and an unassailable 3-1 lead in the Sahara Cup, reports AP.
Afridi's batting heroics enabled Pakistan to score an imposing 316 for six off 50 overs. He then contained the opposing batsmen with his leg-spin bowling and also featured in two runs out as India collapsed to 182 all out off 46.3 overs.
The result made Sunday's final match meaningless.
Pakistan, sent in to bat for the fourth successive time after Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin won the toss, amassed the highest team total in the three years of the Sahara Cup.

India never made a serious challenge, faltering against spirited Pakistani bowling.
Power-hitting Afridi, a 18-year-old right-hander from Karachi, hoisted six sixes to the delight of the flag-waving Pakistani section of a packed, bipartisan crowd of 5,000. He also counted seven fours in the first individual hundred recorded in the 15 matches since the series started in 1996. It was his second century in one-day international.

He dominated a second-wicket partnership of 141 with captain Aamir Sohail, who scored 46.
When Afridi fell to a skied catch to long-off from left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi, Inzamam-ul-Haq and Salim Malik continued the blitz on the Indian bowlers, adding 103 off 79 balls for the fourth wicket.
Inzamam, player-of-the-match in Pakistan's victory in the third match on Wednesday, hit two sixes and seven fours in 78 off 74 balls and Malik contributed 39 of 36 balls.

Joshi was the only Indian brought to come through the onslaught relatively unscathed. He took two for 36 off his 10 overs.
Medium-pace Saurav Ganguly, player-of-the-match five successive times over the past two seasons, gave away four sixes and five fours as he was belted for 62 off five overs.

India needed to score at an imposing 6.32 runs an over for the victory that would level the series. They never progressed at more than four an over and their disappointed fans streamed out of the ground long before Pakistan completed victory.
Opener Navjot Sidhu and Azharuddin kept hope flickering for India with a third-wicket Partnership of 78. But Sidhu took 76 balls over his 62 and Azharuddin 56 to make 40 as the Pakistanis did not ease the pressure.
The outcome was all but set-

led when three wickets fell in the space of 12 runs once Sidhu was stumped off left-arm spinner Sohail, attempting a big hit. Two were to Afridi's fast and accurate throwing that ran out Hrishikesh Kanitkar and Rahul Dravid in successive overs and guaranteed him the player-of-the-match award from former England batsman Geoffrey Boycott.

Pakistan's best bowlers were

Moin not out	0
Mahmood not out	10
Extras (lb-8, w-10, nb-1)	19
Total (for 6 wks in 50 overs)	316
Fall of wks: 1-19; 2-160; 3-195; 4-298; 5-305; 6-306	
Bowler	O M R W
Srinath	10 0 51 1
Agarkar	10 0 67 2
Ganguly	5 0 62 0
Prasad	10 0 62 1
Kanitkar	5 0 30 0
Joshi	10 0 36 2



SWASHBUCKLING SHAHID: Pakistan's hard-hitting opener Shahid Afridi set off for a run during his highly entertaining 109 against India in the fourth match of the Sahara Cup in Toronto on September 19. — AFP photo

off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq with three wickets for 20 from nine overs and captain Sohail whose left-arm spin earned him two for 38 from 10 overs.

India are expected to be boosted Sunday by the inclusion of their best and most celebrated batsman, Sachin Tendulkar, who arrived in Toronto Saturday. He was previously engaged in the Commonwealth Games in Malaysia.
Pakistan took the inaugural Sahara Cup in 1996, 3-2, and India won 4-1 last year.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the fourth match of the Sahara Cup cricket series between India and Pakistan on Saturday:

PAKISTAN	10
Anwar b Agarkar	10
Afridi c Agarkar b Joshi	109
Sohail c Moin b Joshi	46
Inzamam b Srinath	78
Malik b Prasad	39
Ijaz c Dravid b Agarkar	5

Result: Pakistan win by 134 runs.
Player-of-the-match: Shahid Afridi.

INDIA

Ganguly b Mahmood	10
Sidhu st Moin b Sohail	62
Moin	4
Aasharuddin c Aaqub b Sohail	40
Jadeja b Saqlain	15
Dravid run out	1
Kanitkar run out	1
Agarkar c Mahmood b Saqlain	21
Joshi lbw Malik	15
Srinath lbw Saqlain	2
Prasad not out	9
Extras (lb-4, w-3, nb-2)	9
Total (all out in 46.3 overs)	182
Fall of wks: 1-26; 2-32; 3-110; 4-131; 5-135; 6-136; 7-143; 8-173; 9-176	
Bowler	O M R W
Aaqub	7 1 23 1
Mahmood	8 1 28 1
Zahid	3 0 25 0
Afridi	6 0 34 0
Sohail	10 0 38 2
Saqlain	9 2 20 3
Malik	3 2 0 10 1

Cricketers eye encore

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 20 (Reuters/Internet): Cricket won a battle against odds at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, offering hopes it won't be buried straight after its debut.
Tropical weather, untried wickets, the absence of leading stars and the presence of weak sides had raised questions about whether cricket should be a Games sport.

But top players journeyed from fear of the unknown to the joys of discovery and key figures said at the weekend they would love to see the game stay in the 68-year-old Games after making its debut in Malaysia.
The crowning glory was South Africa's upset of favourites Australia to grab the gold medal on Saturday.
The final and two earlier two nail-biting thrillers underlined the glorious uncertainties of sport, adding to the atmosphere of the first Games held in Asia.
Sri Lanka beat Zimbabwe by just one wicket to make it to the semifinal, where the Proteas snatched victory from the jaws of defeat with a last-wicket stand.
Crowds grew with every match and 7,500 people paid to see the final in a country where cricket is a very minor sport with big ambitions.
But will cricket be at the next Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002?
"It would be a great shame if South Africa who won the gold medal will not be able to defend it," said South African coach and former England Test star Bob Woolmer.
The International Cricket Council (ICC), which did not give international status to the matches, seemed to shed some of its suspicions about cricket being a part of the Games.
"We have to wait until the Commonwealth Games Federation takes a decision on team sports," for Manchester, ICC official Clive Hitchcock told

Reuters. But he professed himself happy with the way things went in Kuala Lumpur.
It was not only playing on tropical wickets which often helped spin, seam and swing all at the same time that was strange for the players.
They stayed in the Games Village along with track and field athletes, gymnasts, cyclists, boxers, lawn bowlers and the rest of the participants from 70 countries and territories in the world's second biggest multi-sport event after the summer Olympics.
Australian Steve Waugh said it was a special thrill for his cricketers to feel the sense of belonging and pride in being part of the huge tribe of 450 athletes from his sports-crazy nation.
"It meant a lot to us," he said. "We've had a great time."
Of course, it would have been perfect if his team had won and Waugh was bitterly disappointed at missing out on the gold. He definitely wanted another shot at it, Waugh said.
And the presence of sides largely untested at international level was far from a drag. Both Northern Ireland and Bangladesh gave South Africa palpitations before going down to glorious defeat.
Such matches made up for the absence of stars like Australia's injury-hit Shane Warne and South Africa's Alan Donald, and the miserable form of Indian batting sensation Sachin Tendulkar.
For ambitious hosts Malaysia, having cricket at the Games was a major event in a campaign to boost the sport. They now have an internationally acceptable cricket infrastructure.

"I think we have to build on this and continue efforts to achieve the goal of being a Test-playing nation by 2020," said Tuanku Imran, son of Malaysian King Tuanku Ja'afar Abdul Rahman and president of the Malaysian Cricket Association.

Monday's matches: Muslim Institute vs Prantik KC (2 pm), Sadharan Bima KS vs Adanjee SCC (4 pm).



World No 1 Martina Hingis of Switzerland in action against Spaniard Conchita Martinez in the final of the Federation Cup on Sept 19. — AP/UNB photo

India score 256 for 9

Star Sport Monitor

Skipper Mohammad Azharuddin hit a strokeful hundred to help India garner an imposing 256 for 9 in the fifth and final match of the Sahara Cup one-day series in Toronto last night.
Azharuddin, who won the toss everytime in the series, opted to use the wicket for the first time. But both the Indian openers -- Sachin Tendulkar and Saurav Ganguly -- struggled against a brilliant streak of seam bowling by the Pakistan new-ball bowlers, Aaqib Javed and Azhar Mahmood.
Azhar, who featured in a handsome partnership with Tendulkar, reached 101, his seventh one-day century, in style, lofting Saqlain Mushtaq over the top. His 111-ball innings came to an end off the very next ball when he offered a simple return catch to the Pakistan off-spinner.

Tendulkar, who flew in to play in the last match of the Canada showpiece, struck 77 off 112 balls. But the final thrust of the Indian innings was provided by none other than Sunil Joshi who blasted a 7-ball 19 inclusive of three fours and a towering six.
Among the Pakistan bowlers Saqlain returned most successful with 4 for 67 in his share of 10 overs.

Sachin & co served legal notice

MUMBAI, Sept 20: President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Rajshingh Durgapur Saturday termed as 'baseless' the allegations by a city-based social organisation that four Indian cricketers including Sachin Tendulkar had conspired to lose a match to Australia in the Commonwealth Games at Kuala Lumpur, reports PTI.
Durgapur was reacting to a legal notice served by the Citizens' Organisation for Public Opinion (COPO) against the BCCI and the players -- Commonwealth Games skipper Ajay Jadeja, Anil Kumble and Robin Singh besides Tendulkar -- demanding public apology for allegedly conspiring and tarnishing the image of the country at the Games by losing to Australia after being comfortably placed at one stage.
The notice, sent by advocate Sanjeev Kanchan for COPO, warned BCCI and the players of legal action if they failed to 'show cause' and tender a public apology within a week.
The notice is jointly addressed to Durgapur, BCCI secretary Jayawant Lele and the players concerned.

Div II soccer

Motijheel T&T Club outplayed Basabo Tarun Sangha 4-1 in the Metropolitan Second Division football league at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday, reports UNB.
The match was locked 1-1 in the first half.
Jatrabari KC managed a 1-0 win against Jurain Janata Club.
Monday's matches: Muslim Institute vs Prantik KC (2 pm), Sadharan Bima KS vs Adanjee SCC (4 pm).

Da Costa rewrites history

BERLIN, Sept 20: Brazil's Ronaldo da Costa completed the fastest marathon in history Sunday, snapping a 10-year-old mark by running through the heart of Berlin in two hours, six minutes and 5 seconds, reports AP.
The 28-year-old bettered the old world best held by Ethiopia's Belayneh Densimo by 45 seconds while running at one of the world's fastest courses on a cool sunny and windless morning.



RONALDO da COSTA

Densimo had recorded a 2:06:50 on April 17, 1988 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. "I wanted to run under 2:08, but when I saw how good the conditions were I just went for it," said da Costa.
Da Costa broke to the front of the pack at the halfway point, then held off Josephat Kiiprono. The Kenyan also covered the 42.2 kilometers (26 miles) through a relatively flat

route in a fast time of 2:07:26.
Belgium's Marleen Renders captured the women's race in 2:25:22 for the third best time in the history of the Berlin Marathon.
The Berlin event has grown in size in recent years and with 28,000 runners at the start is now the third largest city marathon behind London and New York.
Around 4,000 more participants lined up than last year for the event, watched by an estimated one million spectators.
"We're not sure why there has been such an increase this year, but it's a welcome surprise," said Stephane Franke, coordinator for the athletes.
Berlin has attracted some of the world's top distance runners because of its reputation for fast time. Kenya's Sammy Lelei had clocked the second fastest mark in history of 2:07:02 at the event three years ago.
Da Costa, who stems from the town of Descoberto 200-kilometer (120 miles) north of Rio de Janeiro, will earn 200,000 dollars for the win.
But the Brazilian, who has been running since he was 17, is now expected to command up to 250,000 dollars, in appearance money at future marathons after his world best.

"This will make him a millionaire," said Luis Posso, Da Costa's manager.
Da Costa broke the tape at the posh downtown shopping district of Ku'damm, followed by three Kenyans coached by Gabriele Rosa, whose athletes have captured a dozen top marathons in the past year including Boston.
Behind Kirpono, Samson Kandie finished in 2:09:11, while Reuben Chebutich was fourth in 2:10:39.
In the women's race, Kenya's Susann Chepkemel was second in 2:28:18 and a three-time winner of the event, Poland's Renata Kokowska, followed in 2:31:53.

Leicestershire lift title

LONDON, Sept 20: Leicestershire cracked open the championship champagne at The Oval on Saturday after handing major rivals Surrey their second heaviest defeat in their history, reports AFP.
Starting the match nine points ahead of the long-time leaders, Leicestershire firmly established the gulf in class by claiming an innings and 211-run victory.
It made them only the fourth side since the war to win the title unbeaten.
Under the guidance of Jack Birkinshaw, Leicestershire have lost just two of their last 50 championship matches in claiming two titles in three seasons.
The England selectors, however, have failed to recognise the county's success -- only left-arm seamer Alan Mullally will depart for the Ashes tour next month.
Surrey, in contrast, have five in the squad, including skipper Alec Stewart and Test regulars Mark Butcher and Graham Thorpe.
Resuming on 13 for four,

needing a further 423 to avoid the follow-on, Surrey were dismissed for 146 and then capitulated to 228 all out.
A delighted Birkinshaw said of his players: "As a team they socialise together more than

Lancs finish runners-up

LONDON, Sept 20: Lancashire secured second place in the English county championship today, the last day of the season, when they defeated Hampshire by 161 runs at Old Trafford, reports Reuters.
Leicestershire had won the title the previous day. Lancashire finished 15 points behind them, needing only 10 overs on the final day to capture the last two Hampshire wickets. It was their highest finish since 1987, when they were also runners-up.
They also won two limited-overs trophies, making it a successful first year as captain for Pakistan's Wasim Akram.
Lancashire's great rivals Yorkshire finished in third place, their highest for 23 years.

any other team I have known, they have formed friendship with each other.
"I try to sign good people who will gel.
"They all really enjoy the game -- it's never a drudge for them."
Events at The Oval took the shine off Lancashire's progress at Old Trafford where John Crawley's double century (239) put the Red Rose county, still in an unassailable position.
With Neil Fairbrother unbeaten on 103, Lancashire declared on 449 for four to set Hampshire a target of 463. By the close they were 232 with only two wickets left making Lancashire likely runners-up.
Yorkshire made quick work of Sussex at Hove by claiming six wickets -- four by Matthew Hoggard -- in the first session and then reaching their target of 48 without losing a wicket. They will finish third in the championship.
Former England player and current national selector Mike Gatting made 62 in his final first-class innings before falling lbw by Dominic Cork at Derby.

Hingis keeps Swiss afloat

GENEVA, Sept 20: Martina Hingis defeated Conchita Martinez in straight sets Saturday and rallied Switzerland to a 1-1 tie with Spain after the first day's play of the Fed Cup final, reports AP.
About 12,000 frantic spectators packing the Palexpo watched in relief as Hingis won 6-4, 6-4 to even the best-of-5 tie after French Open champ Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario took advantage of a struggling Patty Schnyder and prevailed 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 in 2-hours, 25-minute match.
"It felt great today," said Hingis, winner of four Grand Slams. "I had a solid win and an enormous crowd was cheering for me."
"Normally the crowds are just as big, but being world No 1 the crowd is usually against me, cheering for the underdog."
The day's results left the tie to be determined in Sunday's doubles, between the same four principals, and Sunday's reverse singles, when Sanchez-Vicario will play Hingis and Schnyder will face Martinez.
Hingis and Martinez traded breaks twice in the back-and-forth first set before the Swiss capitalised on a second break point in the 10th game to win the set.
In the second set, Hingis broke to lead 4-2 and had a double break, double set point at 5-3 but lost the next four points -- and then her temper -- to allow Martinez to get back on serve.
Hingis stormed back in the next game, breaking the Spaniard at love to take the match.
Hingis, who has a 7-1 record over Sanchez-Vicario including

victories in their last six meetings, most recently defeated the Spaniard just over a week ago in the US Open semifinals. She eliminated her in the quarterfinals at Wimbledon.
Hingis, however, doesn't plan on lowering her guard.
"Arantxa is a tough opponent," Hingis said. "She's a tough fighter and she'll run on the court until she dies."
Supported by Spain's own little contingent of fans, clacking castagnets and tambourines, Sanchez-Vicario dominated the first set of her match against Schnyder, the Swiss teenager often aiding in her own defeat.
The Swiss teenager double-faulted on break point to give Sanchez-Vicario a 3-1 advantage, then let the Spaniard convert a second break point to go ahead 5-1.
It was only when she was broken on her opening serve in the second set that Schnyder finally came to life. She began to display the form which earned her five tournament titles this season and lifted her from 26th to ninth in the WTA Tour rankings.

Rafter has had enough

BRISBANE, Sept 20: US Open tennis champion Pat Rafter has threatened to quit Davis Cup if captain John Newcombe or coach Tony Roche step down because of a feud with losing finalist Mark Philippoussis, reports AP.
"If those guys go I'm going to resign, too," Rafter told the Brisbane Sunday Mail newspaper.
The world No. 2 also gave his rival Pete Sampras a serve, describing him as a "crybaby," and saying Sampras had taken his last two defeats by the Australian hard.
"He's become a bit of a crybaby but it doesn't worry me," said Rafter.

Schools basketball now in Oct

The National Iron King schools basketball tournament, earlier scheduled this month, will now be held in the second week of October due to the devastating floods, reports UNB.
Interested school teams have been requested to enter by September 30.