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- Who is the world's most expensive football player?
Crespo Zidane Figo
- Who won the ICC Under-17 Asia Cup?
Pakistan Sri Lanka India
- Bagladesh's opening match in the second ICC Knock-out tournament is against:
South Africa West Indies England
- Who won the NatWest tri-series?
West Indies Zimbabwe England
- Name the winner of the British Open golf:
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Juninho
(Brazilian football star)

"I see this as a move which can kick-start my international ambitions again. I think this is the best move for me because of that."

After going back to Brazilian club Vasco Da Gama on loan from Middlesbrough.

Warne's fate-deciding Friday

SYDNEY, Aug 3: Shane Warne's vice-captaincy hangs by a thread, but a late flurry of support could save the controversial leg-spinner from being dropped when the Australian Cricket Board meets Friday, reports AFP.

Warne, 30, has held the leadership role since early last year but despite being one of the greatest players of all time he has come under scrutiny following a recent controversy in England.

The married father of two admitted having intimate telephone conversations with an English nurse during his stint for county side Hampshire, angering officials as cricket struggles to project a respectable image in the face of the match-fixing storm.

Warne though has the support of national selectors and past Australian captains such as Mark Taylor and Allan Border who see no reason to replace him with either batsman Ricky Ponting or wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist.

Current captain Steve Waugh indicated he wanted Warne as his deputy.

"It's pretty obvious there is some conjecture because certain things have happened," Waugh told the television network, Channel Ten.

"As a fellow player, you wouldn't like to see it taken away from him because of indiscretions."

"I have spoken to Warne a couple of times and he knows the situation and knows there is going to be talk about the whole thing."



A happy bunch of Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra players who completed their transfers yesterday. —Star photo

Day belongs to minnows

Final day of players' bourse today

Sports Reporter

After an intense battle of biggies on the first day, Wednesday, the inter-club booters' transfer belonged to mediocre teams as most of the leading Premier League Clubs stayed away from the market yesterday.

Although Muktijoddha and holders Mohammedan Sporting Club paid brief visits, it was Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society who seized the spotlight by signing three national pool players.

The most sensational signing of Rahmatganj was Saifur Rahman Moni, who played for Farashganj last year. The national forward had become the subject of a prestige battle for the two old town outfits.

Moni apart, Mohammedan midfielder Anwar and Abahani's central defender Kingshuk have also joined Rahmatganj, who failed to qualify in the six-team Super League last year.

The move of Anwar and Kingshuk had been on the cards, but Rahmatganj stunned Muktijoddha by snatching its central defender Monsur Ali.

While Muktijoddha claimed that Monsur was detained at the tent of the old town outfit, the player himself denied the allegation to the journalists while completing the signing at the Dhaka Mohanagari Football Committee League (DMFLC) of

Three pool-players (L-R) Shahajuddin Tipu, Anwar Hossain and Kingshuk Chakra. Anwar from Mohammedan and Kingshuk from Abahani joined Rahmatganj while Tipu decided to stay put with the old-towners. —Star photo

Hollooake saves Surrey

LONDON, Aug 3: Adam Hollooake dug Division One Surrey out of immediate danger to frus

trated title rivals Lancashire on a rain-affected first day of their County Championship clash at the Oval here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Surrey, who began the match just four points ahead of the third-placed visitors, were in desperate early trouble as Mike Smethurst claimed a trio of wickets in the space of 11 balls to leave the hosts on 12 for three.

But captain Hollooake struck a crucial 80, his highest score of the season, and shared a fourth-wicket stand of 96 with Alistair Brown to propel Surrey towards 191 for six from 68 overs by the close.

Brown hit 54 before he also fell victim to Smethurst, who finished with four for 27 from 15 overs, while Ben Hollooake added 24 before both he and his brother fell victim to Joe Scuderi.

Lancashire's Australian coach Bobby Simpson was pleased with his team's display on a good pitch.

He said, "The team has bowled and caught very well. It is a very good wicket for batting."

The weather also restricted progress at Taunton where second-placed Yorkshire, just a point ahead of Roses rivals Lancashire, reduced Somerset to 73 for three in the 37.3 overs that were possible.

Somerset quickly slumped to 16 for two as Chris Silverwood and Matthew Hoggard, after being released by England, claimed the wickets of Jamie Cox — caught by debutant wicketkeeper Simon Guy — and Mark Lathwell respectively.

Gavin Hamilton then removed Piran Holloway for 15 to leave Peter Bowler, unbeaten on 29, and Keith Parsons (11 not out) trying to repair the damage for the fourth-placed hosts.

At Derby left-arm paceman Alan Mullally was in fine form for relegation threatened Hampshire taking five for 85. Matthew Downman's 102 was the cornerstone of the hosts' 241 for five.

England misfit Mark Ramprakash continued his rich run of form to strike a fluent 84 for

Biman start on winning note

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman beat Abahani Krira Chakra of London by seven wickets in their first match in England yesterday, according to a faxed message received here.

Opener Javed Omar Bellin scored 87 as Biman, chasing Abahani's 189, reached 190 with seven overs to spare.

Among others, national skipper Aminul Islam scored an unbeaten 27 followed by wicketkeeper-batsman Atiar Rahman, who added 22.

Earlier, electing to bat first, Abahani were restricted to 189 for eight with veteran left-arm seamer Jahangir Talukder taking three wickets for 18 runs. Talukder was supported well by Aminul Islam (jr), who took two wickets for 28 runs.

For Abahani, Halim Shah scored highest 83 followed by Madhuban, who contributed 58. Biman will play their next match against Royal Navy at Portsmouth today.

BRIEF SCORES

Abahani of London: 189 for eight (Halim Shah 83, Madhuban 58, Khan 24; Dulu 3/18, Aminul Jr 2/28)

Biman: 190 for three (Javed Omar 87, Aminul 27 n.o., Atiar 22, Habibul 19, Rupom 16 n.o.; Pradipta 1/13)

Result: Biman won by seven wickets.

Expatriates' Open Chess

Sports Reporter

Twenty six players were leading the Expatriates' Open Rating Chess Tournament table yesterday.

On the second day of the nine-round Swiss League competition, International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib, Kandkar Aminul Islam, Abu Sufian Shakil, Mahfuzur Rahman Imon, Shawkat Hossain Pallab, Rezaul Haque, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, Kazi Mahubul Afzal, Tyebr Rahman Sumon, Monir Hossain, Shafig Ahmed, Mohammad Javed, Ahmedul Haque, Mustafizur Rahman, Tanima Parveen, Firoz Ahmed, Ruhul Islam Bobby, Sohel Chowdhury, Mizanur Rahman Labu, Debraj Chatterjee, Afroza Khanum Bably, Amir Hossain, Mehdi Hasan Parag, Noor-e-Alam, Arman Monir and Aminul Islam won their second successive matches and remained atop with full two points.

Hanif Mollah caused the biggest upset by holding International Master Ziaur Rahman to a draw.

The third round will start at 3 pm.

Armanitola begin in style

Sports Reporter

Armanitola Jubo Sangha got their Super League campaign of the AB Bank Senior Division Table Tennis League to flying start. They trounced Inter Sports in three straight sets at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

Goutam won opening game for Armanitola defeating Monir 21-15, 21-16. Manash beat Mona 21-15, 21-13 and Tuhin faced little resistance from Biplab to record a 21-8, 21-10 victory.

It was Armanitola's seventh win in eight matches which raised their tally to 14 points. Favourites Biman, who will take on Inter Sports today, also have 14 points with a match in hand.

In the other match of the day, Wari Club beat Engineers Club by an identical margin.

Edison won the first match against Baban 21-14. Although his teammate Pappu lost the first set 15-21 to Badal, he however rallied 21-17, 21-11 to snatch a win. They earned a walkover in the last encounter.

In the First Division Super League, Uttara Club beat Baria Table Tennis Club 3-0, Dilkusha Sporting Club beat Angels Club 3-0 while Mariner Youngs Club registered a 3-1 win over Arka Club.

Davenport sent packing

CARLSBAD, Aug 3: Anna Kournikova overcame an early deficit and then held off No. 2-ranked Lindsay Davenport 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 in the \$35,000 dollars Acra Classic, reports AP.

Kournikova, who had lost all three meetings with Davenport this season, looked like she might score a shutout in the final set Wednesday night, but Davenport rallied from a 4-0 deficit to tie the second-round match 4-4.

But Davenport could never gain the lead as each player field serve until Kournikova scored her third service break of the set at 6-5. When Davenport hit a backhand wide to end the match, Kournikova let out a yell as she pumped her fist.

Kournikova, ranked 18th, has yet to win a tournament in her five seasons on the WTA Tour.

Abahani survive Azad attack

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira Chakra returned to winning ways in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League yesterday.

With a hard-fought 2-1 win over Azad Sporting Club at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

After conceding an eleventh minute goal against the BKSP boys of Azad, and coming into this encounter on the back of an embarrassing 1-1 draw against Sonal Bank last week, the popular Dhanmondi team staged a brilliant recovery to score twice in three minutes just before half time.

Azad, who beat Ajax Sporting Club 5-3 in their previous match last week, made the perfect start against the struggling giants.

Centre forward Bachchu took advantage of a goalmouth melee in the 11th minute to shoot the young guns from Motjheel in front.

The goal was the signal for Abahani players to spring into life. And they did exactly that through two successive short corners.

Defender Hasan Rony converted in the 28th minute while Moksed Alam put the sky blues ahead capitalising on a rebound in the 31st minute.

The margin could have been wider for Abahani had Azad custodian Shakil not parried close hits from Rubel and Moksed.

Obviously, the action-packed first 35 minutes, wore out the players as the pattern of play in the next 35 was pale by comparison.

Abahani, with yesterday's win, raised their tally to seven points from three matches. Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club are leading the nine-team Premier League table with maximum points from their three matches.

If Usha Krira Chakra win against Sonal Bank today, they will also join Mohammedan at the top.

On the other hand, it was the second defeat for Azad, which kept their tally to three points from the same number of outings.

TEAMS

Abahani: Bappi, Hasan Roni, Nayib, Mahubul Harun, Kanchan, Mirajul, Moksed, Rubel, Alamgir, Rubel, Ehtesham, Hedayet and Shaheen.

Azad SC: Shakil, Yamil, Babu, Isa, Kamrul, Rahul, Shawkat, Khushboo, Bachchu, Shishu, Habul, Tuhin, Roni, Yen and Titu.

FIRST DIVISION

In the day's First Division action, Victoria Sporting Club beat Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha by three goals to nil.

Forward Shahjada struck twice in the 21st and 23rd minutes while Nannu added the third in the 32nd minute.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division
Usha KC v Sonal Bank (4 pm)

First Division
Sadhara Bina KS v Wari Club (2:15 pm)

Rain interruptions at Old Trafford

Hosts strike early blows

MANCHESTER, England, Aug 3: West Indies were 27 for two in 18.2 overs when rain stopped play again at 1316 GMT on the first day of the third Test here at Old Trafford on Thursday, reports AFP.

Wavell Hinds was 15 not out and Brian Lara five not out. Unlike the previous delay this time the rain was falling fiercely and play may not resume for some time.

Earlier, play had resumed at 1310 GMT after a 15 minute rain break.

Before that rain forced an early lunch with West Indies on 21 for two after 13 overs.

West Indies captain Jimmy Adams won the toss and elected to bat. This was a surprising decision given that the tourists have the series outstanding bowlers in pace men, Courtney Ambrose and Courtney Walsh while their top-order batting has been consistently frail.

The veteran quicks would have been relishing the opportunity to immediately test England debutant and opening batsman Marcus Trescothick.

Instead Sherwin Campbell was first to fall, edging Darren Gough's eleventh ball and the recalled Graham Thorpe taking a fine catch going to his left at third slip.

West Indies were three for one and opener Adrian Griffith already under pressure after being chosen ahead of Chris Gayle.

Scoreboard at lunch on the first day of the third Test between England and West Indies at Old Trafford on Thursday:

WEST INDIES: First innings
Campbell c Thorpe b Gough 2
Griffith lbw b Caddick 2
Hinds not out 10
Lara not out 4
Extras: (lb-1; nb-2) 3
Total: (For 2 wts in 13 overs) 22

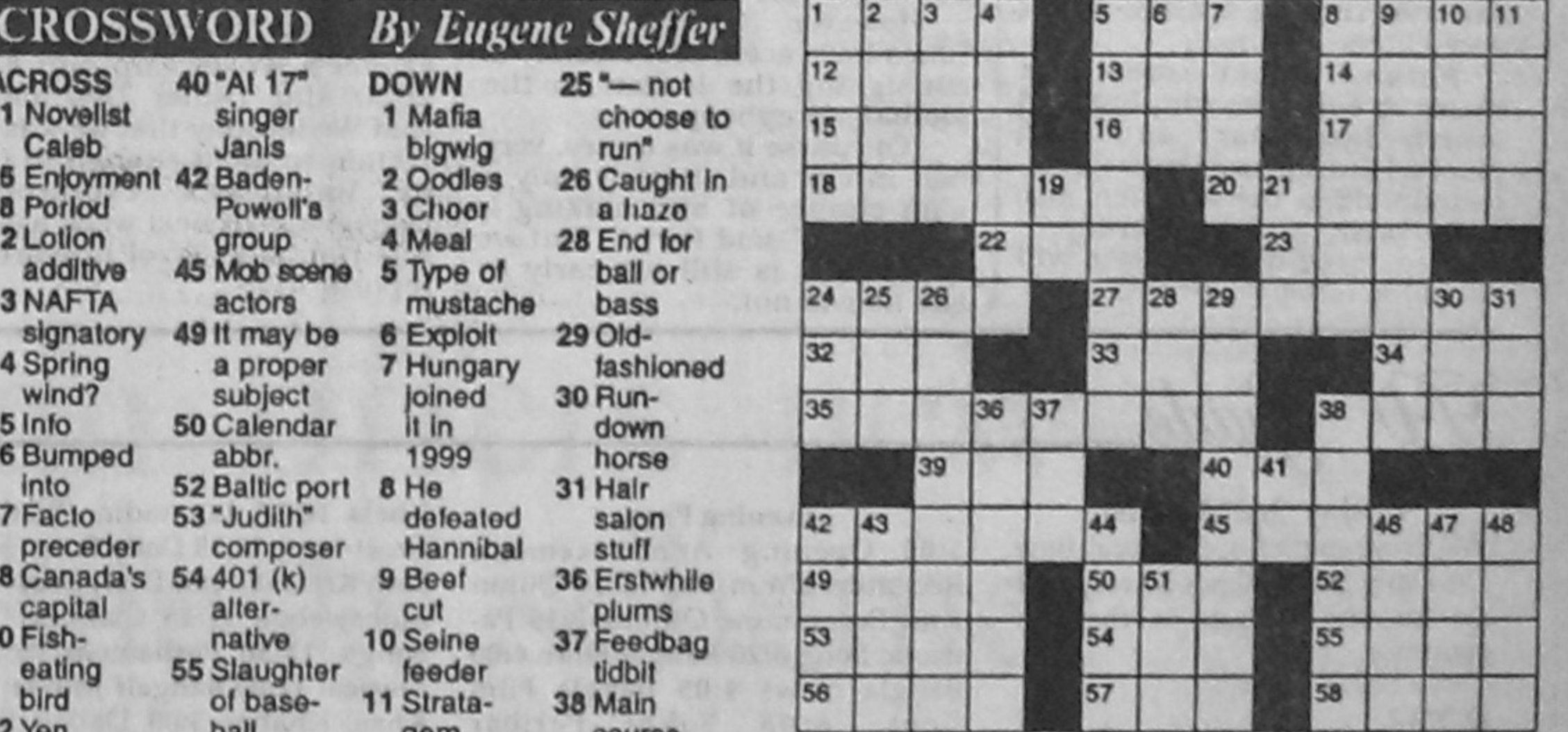
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-12

To bat: Jimmy Adams, Rumaresh Sarwan, Ridley Jacobs, Franklin Rose, Courtney Ambrose, Reon King, Courtney Walsh.

Bowler O M R W
Gough 7 3 13 1
Caddick 6 2 7 1

ENGLAND: Michael Atherton, Marcus Trescothick, Nasser Hussain (captain), Graham Thorpe, Alec Stewart, Michael Vaughan, Craig White, Dominic Cork, Robert Croft, Andrew Caddick, Darren Gough.

Umpires: Peter Willey (England), Doug Cowie (New Zealand)



Babu of Mariner Youngs in action against Noor of Arka Club during their AB Bank First Division Table Tennis Super League engagement at the NSC Wooden-floor Gymnasium yesterday. —Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	40 "Al 17" singer	DOWN	25 "not choose to run"
1 Novelist Caleb	Janis Joplin	1 Mafia bigwig	26 Caught in a hazy
5 Enjoyment	42 Baden-Powell's group	2 Oodles	28 End for ball or bass
8 Porrid	45 Mob scene actors	3 Choir	29 Old-fashioned
12 Lotion additive	49 It may be a proper subject	4 Meal	30 Run-down horse
13 NAFTA signatory	50 Calendar abbr.	5 Type of mustache	31 Hair salon stuff
14 Spring wind?	52 Baltic port	6 Exploit	36 Ershwhile plums
15 Info	53 "Judith" composer	7 Hungary	37 Feedbag tidbit
16 Bumped into	54 401 (k) capital	8 He defeated Hannibal	38 Main course
17 Facto preceptor	55 Slaughter of base-	9 Beef cut	41 Evidence in the book
18 Canada's capital	56 Launch sites	10 Seine feeder	21 Motor oil case
20 Fish-eating bird	57 Crony	11 Strata-gem	42 Child's play
22 Yen	58 Early birds	12 Lindbergh	43 Dagwood's boss' wife
23 Acapulco uncle		13 Scissors motion	44 Wagnerian master-work
24 Winnow		14 Widely enthusiastic	48 Lip
27 Wall-in area		15 pro nobis	

Solution time: 28 mins.

PEAS ZAP SMOG
ALDO EGO TAGO
CLART NET DREW
REYED SALTEN
LIT LIT LIT LIT

BABY SHOE NAP
ORA MAUVE EGO
YES ROME S YOW
SUE BRAE
GRINDS YEAKS
LONT INTERNET
ABET GEO ETNA
METS NEW DEER

Yesterday's answer

CRYPTOQUIP

Z V W C F . W U K D Y Y Z V

Q D B V C Z V C K - N D H -

B V F J W Y C J N J W A ? Z J Q

A W H V ' Q U C W Y H W A .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IT TOOK ME HOURS, BUT AT LAST MY KITTEN IS HOUSEBROKEN, LITTER-ALLY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals R

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.