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Column One

SPORTS TALK

Clubs for no cricket

CCDM on a counter attack

Sports Reporter

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) yesterday suspended its activities to press home the demand of winning back the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) exclusively for cricket.

The CCDM decision, taken after a joint meeting last night with the Mahanagari Cricket Club Samity at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) office, gave another twist in the age-old dispute over the possession of BNS between football and cricket.

The hardline CCDM approach came hot on the heels of the BCB's decision to suspend its annual calendar. It will for sure put the State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader under tremendous pressure.

Quader kicked up a storm by allowing the football authorities to use the BNS for an extra month.

Quader, who is also the chairman of the National Sports Council (NSC), recently sought time to give a practical solution to the hottest controversy of local sports. He assured the BCB of letting them know the government's stance on the issue within a week. The NSC owns the BNS.

"We want the Bangabandhu National Stadium to be declared as the Bangabandhu National Cricket Stadium," said joint-secretary of the BCB and CCDM secretary Mahmud-ul-Huq Manu after the meeting.

Terming it as a rightful demand, not only because cricket

brought home the highest accolade by winning the Test status, but also for the fact that the BNS was exclusively designed and built for cricket, Mahmud said that they were going to launch vigorous campaign to win the BNS.

"The CCDM will not hold any domestic events under its jurisdiction. Besides, it will also refrain from taking part in the inter-club cricketers transfer unless the demand is met," said Mahmud.

The meeting chaired by CCDM chairman Tanvir Haider, also advocated the BCB to refrain from all cricketing activities including international events.

"We will launch a mass signature drive," he said.

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Waqar Younis
(Pakistan pace bowler)
"I am obviously disappointed because all my achievements have been undone by Reid's decision."

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Competition-134

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Competition closes at 8 pm Aug 11, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

- 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.
Faldo Woods Els

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A goalmouth scramble during the Green Delta Premier Division hockey league clash between Mariner Youngs Club and Bangladesh Sporting Club at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Mariner back on track

Sports Reporter

Mariner Youngs Club returned to winning ways in the Green Delta Premier Division hockey league with a 3-1 win over promotees Bangladesh Sporting Club at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Mariner, who suffered a surprising 2-1 defeat at the hands of Farashganj Sporting Club in their previous match last week, began on a promising note against the old-towners taking a 2-0 lead in their first session.

Mariner's second win in three matches raised their tally to six points. The fourth defeat against a draw for Bangladesh Sporting, kept them at the bottom of the nine-team league table with only a point.

TEAMS

Mariner YC: Ashik, Tabib, Isa Mia, Ziaur, Emdadul, Asif Imtiaz, Yousof Ali, Biaka Lusa, Musa Mia, Javed, Razaq and Ghulam Ghous.

Bangladesh SC: Sohail Rana, Imtiaz, Morselin, Mamun, Mahmud, Pabau, Ohayed, Kauchan, Christian, Khaza Taleb, Rubel, Proshanto and Sohail.

FIRST DIVISION
In the day's First Division action Wari Club recorded a solitary goal win over Victoria Sporting Club.

Forward Arif scored the all-important winner through a field goal in the 31st minute.

No matches will be held today.

TOMORROW'S MATCHES
Premier League
MSC v Azad SC (4pm)
First Division
Wanderers v Mukta Bihanga (2.15pm)

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mohammedan SC	3	3	0	0	20	1	9
Usha KC	3	3	0	0	15	2	9
Abahani KC	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Mariner YC	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Farashganj SC	4	2	0	2	7	12	6
Azad SC	3	1	2	0	7	7	3
Ajax SC	3	0	1	2	5	8	1
Sonali Bank	3	0	0	3	14	0	0
Bangladesh SC	5	0	1	4	1	19	0

Leading goalscorers: 5 goals - Ranji (MSC); 4 goals - Shamim Reza (MSC), Bachchu (Azad), Kamal (Usha), Musa (Mariner); 3 goals - Tahir (MSC), Moksed (AKC), Shuvo (Usha), Aleem (Ajax), Prince (Usha), Navid (Usha).

Malik appeals to PCB

KARACHI, Aug 7: Former Pakistani captain Salim Malik has pleaded with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to withdraw a lifetime ban imposed by a match-fixing inquiry, reports AFP.

Malik made the plea in a letter to the board, a copy of which was made available to AFP on Monday.

The letter challenges the recommendations of Judge Malik Mohammad Qayyum who conducted the inquiry between September 1998 and October 1999.

Malik and pacer Ataur Rehman were banned for life while six other players, including Wasim Akram, were fined in the recommendations which were implemented by the PCB in May last.

"There were four specific allegations of match fixing against me and I have been found not guilty in two of them, in the third allegation a person could not be testified," Malik wrote in the letter.

"In the fourth allegation I have been found guilty not of match-fixing but attempting to fix the first Test match at Karachi in September 1994 against Australia," he said.

Australian Shane Warne alleged Malik offered him bribe to bowl his best on the last day of the Karachi Test in 1994. Warne had said he passed the offer to spin partner Tim May.

"I was not trying to make Pakistan lose but I tried to ensure Pakistan's victory, if I ever made that offer," Malik said.

Pakistan won the Test by a narrow margin of one wicket, scoring 59 on the last wicket.

"The Inquiry Commission was convinced that a match can only be fixed by five or four and Waugh's testimony because of the admitted position that they themselves are self-confessed habitual gamblers," Malik said.

Warne and Waugh confessed they took money from an Indian bookie for providing pitch and weather information in Sri Lanka in 1994.

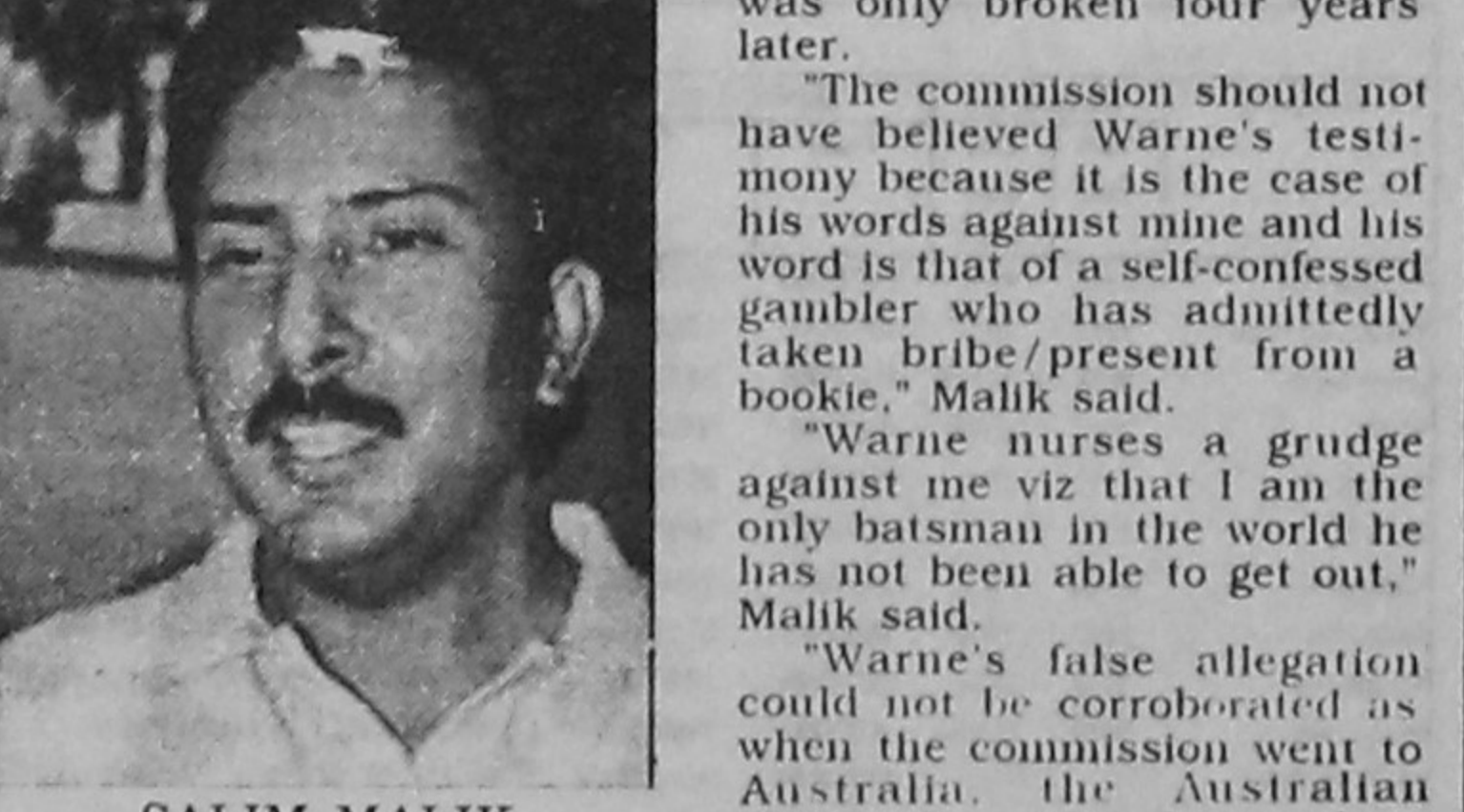
"The commission should not have believed Warne's testimony because it is the case of his words against mine and his word is that of a self-confessed gambler who has admittedly taken bribe/present from a bookie," Malik said.

"Warne nurses a grudge against me viz that I am the only batsman in the world he has not been able to get out," Malik said.

"Warne's false allegation could not be corroborated as when the commission went to Australia, the Australian Cricket Board failed to produce May," Malik said.

Malik demanded protection against discrimination and respect of his fundamental rights under the constitution.

"I am not to be denied equal treatment and I should be discriminated against simply because I am no longer good enough to be the member of the Pakistan team," said Malik, who has played 103 Tests and 283 one-dayers.



SALIM MALIK

Players working together it cannot be fixed by an individual or by two players," Malik argues.

Batsman Mark Waugh also alleged Malik offered him a bribe to perform below his best in a one-day international in Rawalpindi on that same tour of 1994.

"The Inquiry Commission should not have believed Warne

Biman paddlers on a roll

Sports Reporter

Holders Biman recorded their second successive win in the AB Bank Women's Table Tennis League with a 3-0 whitewash of Swamibagh Girls at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In a one-sided encounter, Saleha gave the national airlines a sound start with a 21-12, 21-10 win over Swamibagh's Boni. Tumpa made it 2-0 defeating Lita 21-7, 21-11. Later Saleha and Tumpa beat Boni and Lita in the doubles 21-6, 21-19 to wrap up the victory.

In the day's other matches, Mirpur Table Tennis Club recorded a 3-1 win over Khe-laghar Samaj Kalvan Sangha while Sharp Knitting handed Swamibagh Table Tennis Club a 3-0 defeat.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Biman v Swamibagh TTC
Mirpur TTC v Sharp Knitting
Khe-laghar SKS v Swamibagh Girls
(All matches will start at 4 pm)

Expatriate Chess Aminul loses his solo lead

Sports Reporter

Khandker Aminul Islam of Leonine Chess Club lost his solo lead in the Expatriate Open Rating Chess Tournament when Biman's Fide Master Rezaul Haque forced him to a draw in the seventh round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Aminul's draw helped International Master Ziaur Rahman, Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Imon and Mizanur Rahman Labu to catch up with him at the top. The trio, who won their respective seventh round matches, have collected six points so far.

In yesterday's round, Zia beat Shaheque Ahmed, Imon defeated Saifuddin Lovlu while Mizanur won his board against Giasuddin Mithu.

Six players - International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib, Rezaul Haque, Shawkat Hossain Pallab, Abu Sufian Shakil, Sherik Nasir Ahmed and Noor Alam - are occupying the crowded second spot with 5.5 points each.

The eighth round will begin at the same venue at 3 pm today.

Warne returned home Monday from his stint with English county Hampshire promising to cop the Australian Cricket Board's decision on the chin.

Australia's all-time leading Test wicket-taker stressed he felt no bitterness toward new vice-captain Adam Gilchrist and pledged his loyalty to skipper Steve Waugh and Gilchrist.

However, he will not give up his ambition to one day follow Waugh as captain of Australia, despite the black marks against his name for off-field incidents, which finally brought about his demotion.

"That is probably up to the board of directors," Warne said.

"The selectors will make their recommendation whenever it may be, whether it's two or three years down the track."

"(Australian Cricket Board chairman) Denis Rogers did say the door wasn't closed, we'll have to wait and see."

The leg-spinner said he was still bemused by the latest controversy that ultimately cost him the vice-captaincy.

His "dirty" phone calls to the answering machine of a woman that he met in an English nightclub were reproduced in a tabloid newspaper.

While he did not think he had been careless in his dealings with the woman, he reluctantly accepted an international cricketer's private life could have a bearing on his playing career.

"Part of being an international cricketer these days, which is probably a little bit unfortunate, is everything you do (these days) is scrutinised... I suppose the precedent has been set now," he said.

But Warne said his record of commitment to the national team was faultless and would continue.

"Adam Gilchrist and Steve Waugh have my full support, which whoever has been leading the side always has had," he said.

"We're teammates, I've got no hard feelings against Gilly whatsoever and I would be disappointed if anyone said that at all."

"The people who do know me, know what I'm all about and know how I play the game."

Warne said he was looking forward to resuming his international career here next week, when Waugh and Gilchrist lead Australia in the one-day series against South Africa at Colerain Stadium.

Moazzem reveals Fed Cup details

Sports Reporter

Traditional foes Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club have been placed in separate groups for the forthcoming Federation Cup football tournament, secretary of the tournament committee and Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) member Moazzem Hossain said yesterday.

The season's curtain-raiser, involving 21 teams, will begin at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from next Saturday.

Seventeen teams - six Premier Division, ten First Division and Bangladesh Army - will take part in the knock-out in a first round which will be held in four groups. The group winners will join last year's semi-finalists - holders Abahani Krira Chakra, runners-up Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra, Badda Jagarani Sangsad and Mohammedan Spor-

ting Club in the second round. Moazzem also revealed that the first round would end on August 17 and the second round robin league would start from the following day. The semi-finals are billed for August 26 while the final is on August 28.

Barring the opening day, four matches will be played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium and the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur everyday.

Although BFF will officially unveil the first round fixture list today, it was learnt that Arambagh Krira Sangha will take on Wari Club in a Group A engagement in the inaugural match, while Farashganj will meet Muslim Institute in a Group B clash in the day's other match.

Brothers Union and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society will head Groups C and D respectively.

Moazzem said that in the second round, Abahani and

Badda Jagarani Sangsad have been placed in Group One while Muktiyoddha Sangsad and Mohammedan are in Group Two.

However, with only four days before the tournament kicks off the BFF is yet to name a sponsor.

"The top federation officials are out of the country. That's why we could not take any proper initiative," said the frustrated tournament secretary yesterday.

He said that the organisers had even approached last year's sponsors Pedrolo Water Pump, but without much success.

Meanwhile, after four days of hectic inter-club transfers which ended last Saturday, all the clubs except Mohammedan, have gone into practice mode at different venues. The current Premier League champions are on en route to London where they will feature in a couple of exhibition games.

England draw third Test

Anti-climax as rain ruins final day

MANCHESTER, Aug 7 (Internet report): England have successfully negotiated a tricky final day Monday to claim a creditable draw against the West Indies at Old Trafford.

The home-side were set an unlikely victory target of 293 after West Indies captain Jimmy Adams batted England out of the game. But a combination of rain and dogged batting from Mike Atherton, Marcus Trescothick and Nasser Hussain saw England to safety.

Courtney Walsh did make a breakthrough for the tourists when he had Atherton caught behind off another leg-cutter for 28. But with the rain taking the players off at regular intervals on the final day, a draw always looked a likely result.

Debutant Trescothick added 37 not out to his first innings 66 and will be delighted with his first Test performance. Captain Hussain ended on 6 not out as the game petered out to something of an anti-climax.

England made an early breakthrough this morning before West Indies made steady progress towards the declaration on a tense final day.

Craig White trapped

Franklyn Rose with the score on 384 to leave West Indies seven down but Courtney Ambrose and Ridley Jacobs put together an unbroken 54-run partnership to steer the tourists past 400 with little alarm before Adams called a halt shortly after midday with the score on 438-7.

Ambrose was the driving force, scoring a quickfire 36 which included a huge six off the bowling of spinner Robert Croft.

England would have to buck the course of history to reach their goal. The highest ever score made in the fourth innings of an Old Trafford Test to win the game is 145.

The two teams are level 1-1 in the five-Test series.

Adams lbw b Cork 53
Sarwan lbw b Caddick 49
Jacobs not out 12
Rose lbw b White 10
Ambrose not out 36
Extras: (b-14 lb-4 w-2 nb-12) 32
Total: (for 7 wks, declared) 438
Fall of wickets: 1-96, 2-145, 3-164, 4-302, 5-335, 6-373, 7-384

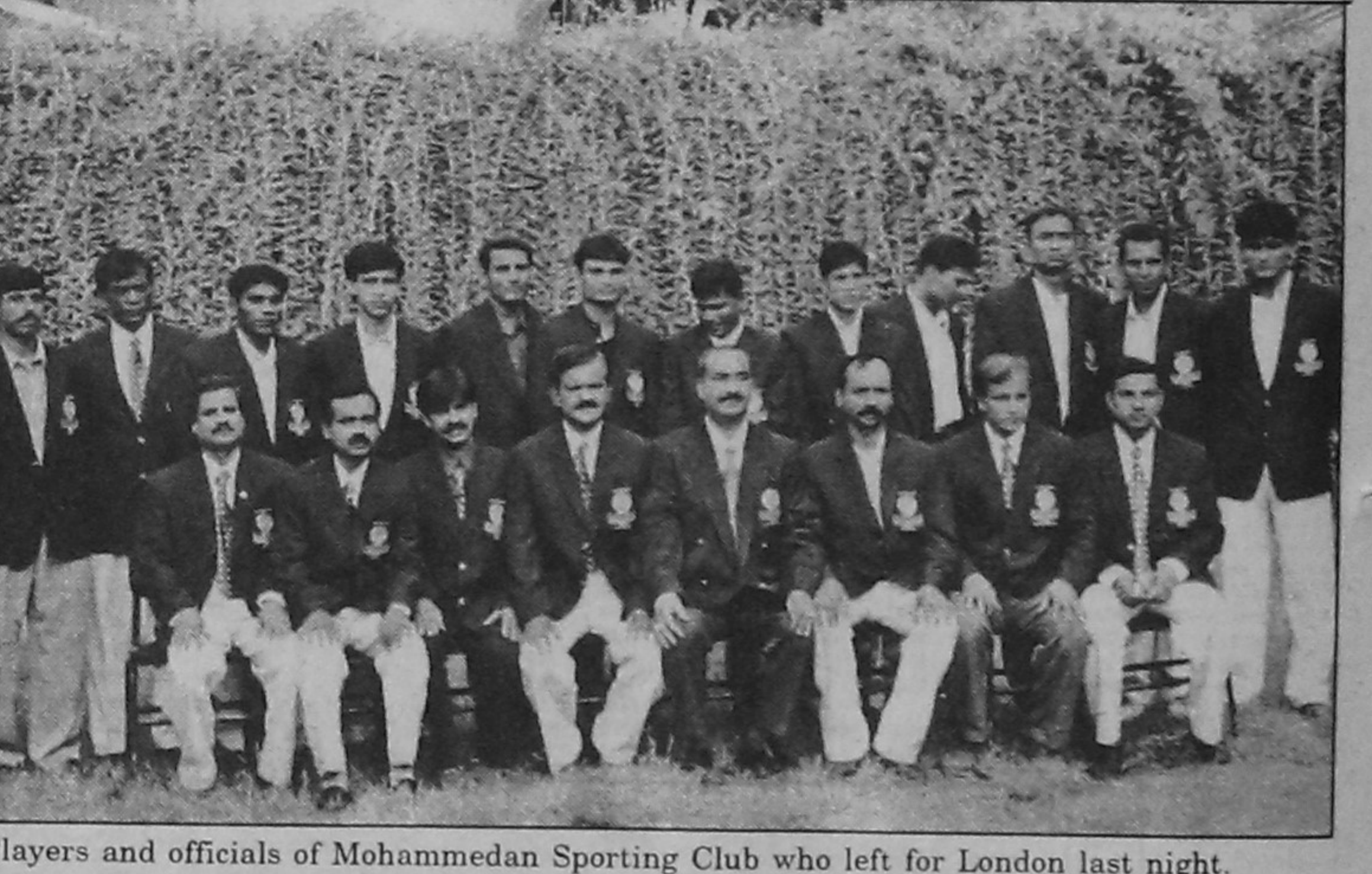
Bowler O M R W

Gough 27 5 96 1
Caddick 23 4 64 1
Cork 25 9 124 1
Croft 47 8 124 1
White 27 5 67 2
Trescothick 1 0 2 0
Vaughan 2 1 3 0

ENGLAND: Second innings
Atherton c Jacobs b Walsh 28
Trescothick not out 38
Hussain not out 6
Extras: (b-4 lb-1 nb-3) 8
Total: (for one wk) 80
Fall of wicket: 1-61

Bowler O M R W
Ambrose 12 4 21 0
Walsh 14 6 19 0
King 2 4 15 0
Adams 5 1 10 0

Result: Match drawn
First Test: Birmingham (Edgbaston) - West Indies won by an innings and 93 runs
Second Test: London (Lord's) - England won by two wickets
Fourth Test: Leeds (Headingley), August 17-21
Fifth Test: London (The Oval), August 31-September 4.



Players and officials of Mohammedan Sporting Club who left for London last night.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Sufficient to poets
5 Winter
8 Architect - van der
10 Rohe
12 Amble along
13 Catskills catnipper
14 Scandi-navian metropolis
15 Greek
17 Monad
18 Approves
19 Prompt
20 Sen.
21 Frenzied
22 Queen, for one
23 One of the Bowl games
26 Egg cream ingredient
30 Jacob's brother
31 Director's call
32 Puerto -
33 Nocturnal animal
35 Poultry shop purchase
36 Lagniappe

DOWN

3 Piece of work
4 Unself of basketball
5 Decit for profit
6 Take a shine to
7 - tree (trapped)
8 Game with some assembly required
9 - It Romantic?
10 Author
11 Drunkards
15 "Lion King" baddie
20 Wet wiggler
21 I may be right under your nose
22 Tishish
23 Cranny counterpart
24 Muppet
25 Wet wiggler
26 Bottom line
27 Go with haste
28 "The Name of the Rose" author
29 Jockey
30 Turcote
31 Half of a pint
34 Part of R.S.V.P.
35 Kine
37 Hingis' milieu
38 Big (Prefix)
39 Autumn storm
40 React to revile
41 Drill
42 Outcry of the avaricious
43 Formerly
44 "Zounds!"
46 "Little Women" woman
47 Sermone subject

Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterday's answer

CRYPTOQUIP

CUX CZOTKXB FOKOZW
T GTRXB DQC OC
CUX GXC VUDG FQDNB
DKNW BD FUXG CZFRV.
Yesterday's Cryptquip: I SUPPOSE THE IMPERIOUS HAWAIIAN WREATHMAKER LIKED TO LEI DOWN THE LAW.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: X equals E

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