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"It is bad and it's the greatest crisis that the game has suffered."

About the match-fixing issue in the game.

Mariner Young's Club champs

Dhaka Mariner Young's Club emerged unbeaten champions in the inaugural women's basketball tournament beating Scholastica School by 36-24 points in the final at the Dhanmondi wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

Windies great Fredericks no more

LONDON, Sept 6: Former Guyana and West Indies opener Roy Fredericks died on Tuesday from throat cancer in a New York hospital, the CANA news agency said on Wednesday. He was 58, reports Reuters.

Fredericks, a small pugnacious left hander, played 59 Tests and scored 4,334 runs at an average of 42.49.

A former sports minister in Guyana, left hander Fredericks is best remembered for a dashing 169 against Australia in the 1975/76 series facing a bowling attack which included Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thompson.

On a fast Perth Pitch he reached his century off 71 balls, with a six and 18 fours, in one of the great Test innings.

Also a fine fielder, Fredericks, took 62 Test catches and seven Test wickets with his slow left-arm.

He played for Glamorgan between 1971 and 1973, scoring 1,377 runs in his first season.

A combo of photos taken yesterday at the indoor cricket facility of Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishthan (BKSP) showing (L) former Pakistani pace ace Sarfraz Nawaz (2nd from L) watching a BKSP trainee bowling. The institute's chief coach of cricket Nazmul Abedin Fahim is on Nawaz's left, and (R) ex-Sri Lanka Test star Roshan Mahanama (extreme R) giving some batting tips to two youngsters. Nawaz and Mahanama are in Bangladesh as part of the International Cricket Council's specialised coaching programme. —Star photo by Amran Hossain

Mohammedan march on

Sports Reporter

Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club extended their impressive all-win record to nine thrashing babes Sonali Bank 4-0 in their return leg opener of the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Forward Shahidullah Tito struck once in each half while national winger Sheikh Ramij Ahmed and Pakistani recruit Maksud Alam scored one apiece for the winners. Mohammedan, who finished the first leg with 24 points, led the first session by 2-0.

Despite the convincing win, Mohammedan, who trounced the bankers 7-1 in the first round, struggled for goals in absence of Shahbaz Ahmed. The Pakistani legend went home after the first round and would not return before September 17. Another Pakistani superstar Tahir Zaman, who is suffering from cold, could only play in the second half.

With Tahir back in action after the lemon break, Mohammedan got into their attacking stride and went on to hand the promotees their sixth defeat in the tournament.

Mohammedan took the lead in the 10th minute when Tito hit the ball home from the edge of the box after being brilliantly fed by Asique from the left side. Ramij doubled the margin converting a short corner 15 minutes later. It was the eleventh goal of Ramij in the league, three short of his teammate and leading goalscorer Shamim Reza.

Moksed, who replaced Shahbaz in the first eleven, made it 3-0 from a short corner in the 36th minute while Tito put the fate of the match beyond any doubt scorning a field goal in the 61st minute. Mohammedan maintained their enviable goal-scoring standard, notching 51 goals in only nine matches.

With yesterday's win, Mohammedan raised their tally to unchallenged 27 points, ten points clear of the second placed Abahani, who played one match less. On the other hand, Sonali Bank remained glued to their previous collection of seven points.

Earlier, in a First Division encounter, Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha registered a 2-1 win over Victoria Sporting Club.

The winners led the first half 1-0.

Swapan put Mukta Binhagan ahead from a short corner in the 27th minute while Fazlur Rahman made it 2-0 with a field goal in the 60th minute. Mamun pulled one back for Victoria two minutes later.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division

Abahani v Bangladesh SC (4 pm)

First Division

Bachelors v Railway (2:15 pm)

An anxious moment in front of the Mohammedan goal during yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League's return leg encounter against Sonali Bank. —Star photo

Chess course on

Sports Reporter

A three-month Grand Master chess training programme began at the NSC sports room yesterday under the supervision of Latvian GM Igor Raosis.

Thirty-two players, split into two groups, will attend the course which will be conducted in two sessions everyday. Six players, selected for the forthcoming Chess Olympiad in Turkey, are being trained in the morning session while the remaining 26 are attending the afternoon session.

Bangladesh Chess Federation has organised the coaching programme to further develop the skills of local players.

Abahani trounce Rahmatganj

Sports Reporter

Abahani outplayed Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society 3-0 to record their second consecutive victory in the National Bank Premier Division football League yesterday.

In front of a 10,000 strong crowd at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Ghanaian recruit Kennedy struck twice after diminutive national striker Don had given the Dhanmondi based giants a fifth minute lead.

The win put Abahani atop the league table along with holders and arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club and Muktijoddha Sangsad -- all having maximum six points from two games.

Although there was prematch speculations that Abahani might find it hard to stymie a new-look Rahmatganaj, who boasts of having as many as four players bracketed in the national pool, the game eventually turned out to be a no contest.

Abahani, hungry for a league championship after four years of frustrations, made a superb start and took the lead from their first positive attack. Wingback Titu raced down the right and released a fine cross towards Don who made no mistake to clip the ball into the net past a stranded Rahmatganj custodian Khairul Hasan Titu(1-0). It was Don's second goal in the league. The fleet-footed forward, who joined Abahani this year from Mohammedan, also scored in his side's 4-1 win against Victoria on Saturday.

If the early goal provided a sigh of relief for the strong band of loyal 'Sky Blue' supporters, the second one in the 23rd minute put the issue beyond any doubt even if the match hadn't progressed the half way mark.

Kennedy, on receiving a Kanchan minus from the left, beautifully headed the ball into the net from close range giving Titu no chance (2-0).

Kanchan, one of the two sensational transfers this year, was however not in the best of his form. Playing in the unknown position of a midfielder, the dark striker with a lethal left foot found it hard to adjust.

Kennedy on the other hand seems to have settled down well this year following a rather forgettable last season's outing. The hard working attacker is combining well with Don.

Kennedy scored his second goal twenty minutes from the final whistle after a terrible blunder by Rahmatganj defender Apu.

Veteran midfielder Zakir, who won the Federation Cup for Abahani with a superb goal in the final against Mohammedan, lobbed a rather innocuous ball from the left which deflected off a clumsy Apu to Kennedy who was left with the simple task of putting it into the open goal(3-0).

It was a totally disappointing day for Rahmatganj. The big spending old town outfit apart from their battering, also picked up as many as four yellow cards for rough play.

Moreover, they are in danger of earning the dubious reputation as the 'favourite punching bag' of the top teams. They had conceded an identical 3-0 defeat against Muktijoddha in their opening match.

Yellow cards: Amit Khan, Deen Mohammad, Apu and Tipu (Rahmatganj)

TEAMS

Abahani KC: Biplob, Titu, Nazrul, Ghansha, Partho (Dulal), Iqbal, Zakir, Kanchan, Galib (Sentu), Don (Pavel) and Kennedy

Rahmatganj MFS: Titu, Monsur Ali (Monir), Deen Mohammad, Kingshuk, Amit Khan, Apu, Anwar, Iqbal (Shamim), Jalal (Ranjan), Tiup and Moni

Referee: Tajul Islam

Asian U-16 meet

BD start with Kuwait upset

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh got off to an impressive start in the final round of the 9th Asian Youth (under-16) Football Championship with a solitary goal win over Kuwait at the Danag Stadium in Vietnam yesterday.

Forward Sumon scored the all-important goal 30 minutes into the first half, said a fax-message received here last night. It is Bangladesh's first victory against a Middle East country in any level of the game.

Bangladesh, who created a lot of scoring opportunities, failed to increase the margin due to poor marksmanship. Kuwait also lost their first match against Thailand 2-3 on Monday.

Bangladesh, pencilled in Group B, will take on Oman in their next match tomorrow. Oman have lost their first match to Iran 1-2 on September 4.

In the day's other match, Iran thrashed Thailand 3-0 to go on top of the table, having collected six points from two matches. With three points, Thailand are sharing the second place with Bangladesh, who have played one match less.

Bangladesh squad: Mustafizur Rahman Munna, Mashiur Rahman Siraji, Nafizur Rahman Kochi, Rafiquzzaman Mohan, Rakibul Islam Ruku, Mohammad Tareque, Mahbub Alam Polo, Sumon, Rizvi, Tutul, Uzzal and Dalim.

Div I soccer

Sports Reporter

Muslim Institute and BRTC won their respective National Bank First Division football league matches played at different city venues yesterday.

Muslim Institute scored a 2-0 win over Mirpur Chalantika at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. Delwar put the winners ahead in the very fourth minute while Alim ensured the victory with a late second half goal in the 69th minute.

Away at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur, BRTC recorded a 3-1 win over Wari Club.

Siraj, Alamgir and Babu scored one goal each for BRTC while Pintu reduced the margin for Wari Club.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division

Arambagh KS v Farashganj SC (3:30 pm)

Muktijoddha Sangsad v Brothers Union (5:30 pm)

(Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)

First Division

Prantik KC v Agrani Bank (4 pm)

(Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium)

Moin expects a different England

KARACHI, Sept 6: The forthcoming home series against England, the first in 13 years, will be tough and exciting, Pakistan captain Moin Khan said Tuesday, reports AFP.

"They are playing good cricket and have a mixture of young and experienced players," Moin told AFP.

England on Monday scored their first Test series victory against the West Indies in 31 years when they won the Oval Test by 158 runs and clinched the series 3-1.

Moin said some of their bowlers like Darren Gough and Andrew Caddick were bowling well in the English conditions.

"How they will perform on slow Pakistani wickets is yet to be seen," he added.

England are due here on October 16 to play three Tests and three one-day Internationals.

The 1987 series between the two sides was marred by controversy. A row between Pakistani umpire Shakoor Rana and then England captain Mike Gatting during the Faislabad Test resulted in the suspension of one day's play.

MOIN KHAN

England did play some matches during the 1996 world cup in Pakistan, but relations were again soured following then captain Michael Atherton's alleged remarks against a Pakistani reporter.

"There are very few cricketers left in both the teams who were there during the last home series. I am sure they too have forgotten what had happened 13-years back," Moin said.

"I am confident the wounds of 1987 series have now been healed with the passage of time. We have visited England twice and will give them a warm welcome when they are here," he said.

England are due to arrive in Pakistan on October 16. The first one day international between the two teams will be played at the National Staidum, Karachi on October 24.

Fletcher having a funny feeling

LONDON, Sept 6: England cricket coach Duncan Fletcher said here on Tuesday he was unable to enjoy the celebrations that followed England's fifth Test victory and 3-1 series win over the West Indies, reports AFP.

"I felt a little flat after beating the West Indies," he admitted. "It is important to stay on an even keel in the dressing room, not to get too excited or not get too low and I think it's important for the players that you stay that way.

"But it takes a bit of effort to do that because within yourself you're excited and you're a bit nervous, but you're trying to stay relaxed and now that it's over the stress gets the better of you and I felt a little empty."

He explained: "It's the first job I've been in, even when I was in commerce and at Western Province, that I've not really been able to switch off.

"I've always been able to go on leave and have the ability to close the door and relax. I have had a few days off from this when I was in Cape Town before the start of the season, but I found it difficult to relax." said the former Zim... ...we captain.

"I've had a few games of golf this year and I've hit a shot and walked down the fairway, but by the time I've reached the ball, I've forgotten I've walked up to it because I'm thinking all the time about our batting order or the selection of the side.

"This really is a very challenging job, but I've enjoyed it although it has been very hard work - the whole time you're thinking and questioning yourself."

Fletcher was unsure about taking the England job after seeing the team lose last summer's Test series against New Zealand.

"I was having nightmares about whether I'd made the right decision or not," he admitted. "It was a huge decision to make.

"I realised what an immense job it was and what a responsibility there was to it and looking at it now, I'm glad I've taken it. The main reason for that is that I've really enjoyed working with the players in that changing room.

He is now halfway through a two-year contract which ends after next summer's Ashes series, although Fletcher is expected to agree an extension and believes the nucleus of a successful side is now in place.

Beating West Indies in English conditions, though, does not compare to beating Pakistan on their home soil or combating the mercurial skills of Muttiah Muralitharan during three Tests and one-day internationals in Sri Lanka after New Year.

"I think things are going to get harder and harder," he added. "We're going on a difficult tour, but having won this now, the guys will have a lot of confidence - I could see it in them last (Tuesday) night.

"There has been a feeling of confidence in the side for the last three days.

"There was a little bit of doubt about whether they could do it and win the series and now they have done it I think they will really believe in themselves and go on from here."

Korean coach for Taekwondo

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Taekwondo Federation (BTF) hired a South Korean coach Lee Jung Sang. His contract will run for two years, says a press release.

Lee, a 5th Dan of World Taekwondo Federation, has come to Bangladesh as part of the cooperation programme between the Korean Overseas International Cooperation Agency, Dhaka, and the National Sports Council.

Lee will get to his task from next week.

Siemens' ultimate lbw guide

LONDON, Sept 6: The German Company Siemens claims to have invented a machine that will provide accurate leg before wicket decisions in cricket the bane of umpires' lives and a source of endless controversy, the Financial Times reported today, reports DPA.

Scientists at Siemens' English research works have adapted military missile tracking technology to the task of predicting the path of a cricket ball, and umpires have been offered the chance to use the technology from next season, although the English cricket authorities remain suspicious.

Siemens claims the invention would remove the sort of controversy that surrounded Brian Lara's lbw dismissal as the West Indies suffered defeat against England on Monday.

The West Indies star batsman was given out to a ball that pitched marginally outside the leg stump – and was thus not out, although the ball would clearly have gone on to hit the stumps as television camera replays showed. He was on 47 and batting confidently at the time.

Hawk-Eye software from Siemens processes information from cameras stationed around the wicket to track the ball as it leaves the bowler's hand. In the case of an lbw decision it can calculate to within 5 millimetres whether the ball would have hit the stumps.

The software, unveiled on Tuesday at Siemens' Roke Manor Research facility near Southampton, came from work for the Ministry of Defence on missile trajectories.

Cricket-mad engineers spotted the technology's sporting potential and adapted it accordingly. If used by the "third umpire" – who monitors the action via video replay from the stands – contentious decisions could be avoided.

Sunset + Vine, the company that produces the cricket programming for the British Broadcasting Corporation – and introduced innovations such as the "snickometer" which detects the noise of the ball hitting the bat plans to use the technology in its coverage next year.

But the England and Wales Cricket Board said there were no plans to introduce it. Alan Fordham, operations officer, said: "With lbws you can't say for sure whether the ball would have hit the stumps."

Both Rajib, Firoza lose

Sports Reporter

Enamul Hossain Rajib lost his seventh round clash to Indian C J Aravinda in the Asian Junior Chess Championship in Mumbai yesterday.

Besides, Firoza Begum also lost her sixth round match of the Asian Junior Girls' Chess Championship to Vietnam's Chaoti Gok.

Rajib has earned three points from seven matches while Firoza earned only half a point so far.

Court summons eight Pakistanis

KARACHI, Sept 6: A court has summoned eight Pakistani cricketers in connection with a citizen's petition calling for the players to be banned from the game and prosecuted over match-fixing, court officials said Wednesday, reports AFP.

The Sindh High Court has ordered Wasim Akram, Salim Malik, Waqar Younis, Saeed Anwar, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Ataur Rehman and Akram Raza to appear before it on September 25.

Malik and Rehman were banned for life after the findings of an inquiry into match-fixing by Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum were released in May. The other six were fined and censured.

The petitioner, Qadir Khan Mandokhel, has said all the players should be banned from the game and prosecuted because the inquiry "proved their involvement in match fixing."

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

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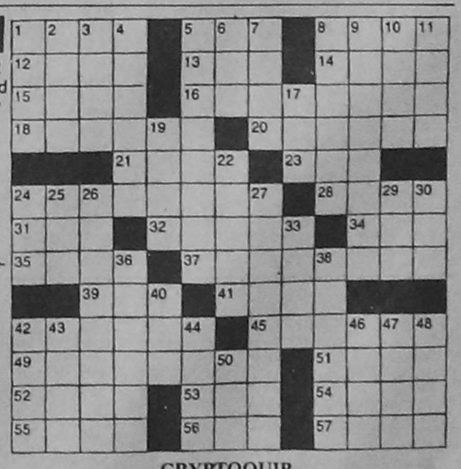
Saturday's answer



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Saturday's Cryptoquip: YOU CAN BET SERIOUS DIETERS PROBABLY DON'T LIKE POUND CAKE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals L

The Cryptoquip 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.