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Wasim Akram Mohd

3 Who is the captain of
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Amrul Akraus Naimur

4 Who won the AB Bank Men's
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5 Who was voted Germany's
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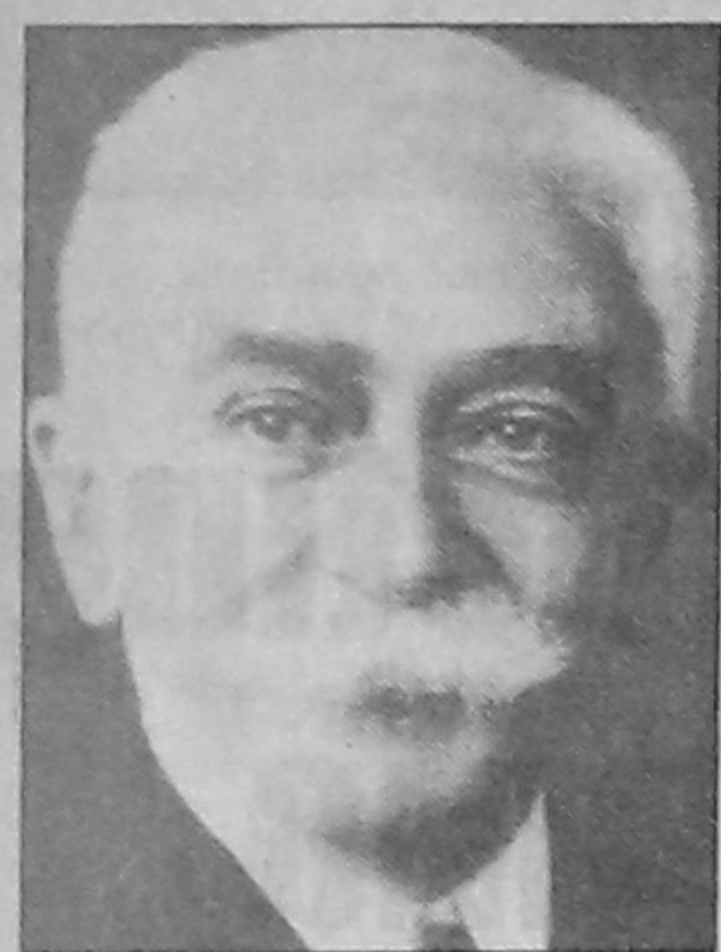
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SPORTS TALK



Baron Pierre de Coubertin

(The founding father of the modern Olympics)

"The important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part, for the essential thing in life is not so much conquering as fighting well."

Scottish Premiership

Hibernian back atop

GLASGOW, Sept 17: Hibernian returned to the top of the Scottish Premier League on Saturday thanks to second-half goals from Finnish striker Mikko Paatelainen in a 2-0 home win over Motherwell, reports AFP.

The Edinburgh side top the table with 19 points after eight games but have played two more than second-placed Celtic who are a point behind.

Celtic, who have a perfect record, travel to Dunfermline on Monday while reigning champions Rangers host Hearts at Ibrox on Sunday.

Elsewhere Saturday Dundee United played out a goalless draw against St Mirren at Tannadice and St Johnstone and Dundee also failed to find the net in a 0-0 draw at McDiarmid Park.

It's Dutch duo

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Slovakia's Martina Moravcova shocked herself by taking silver in the fly in 57.97. This time last year she was undergoing surgery to treat the debilitating thyroid condition Graves' Disease.

"I was out of the water for three months," Moravcova said. "After such a setback, I felt a bit of an outsider."

Third place went to Dara Torres of the United States, whose decision to vie for a place on her fourth Olympic team after a seven-year layoff has already paid off in a relay gold and individual bronze.

De Bruijn's Dutch coach, Jacco Verhaar, gloried in the "unforgettable evening for the Netherlands".

Domenico Fioravanti made it a great day for Italy, too, capturing his country's first Olympic swimming gold ever in the men's 100m breaststroke.

The two-time defending European champion won in an Olympic record of 1:00.46, ahead of American Ed Moses and world record-holder Roman Sludnov of Russia.

The breaststroke was the sixth swimming final of the Games and the first not to produce a world record.

American Brooke Bennett couldn't have been happier if her 400m freestyle gold had come with a world record. Her time of 4:05.80 was the fifth-fastest of all time — and made her the third-fastest performer in history behind Janet Evans and Chen Yan of China.

The 20-year-old swimmer led a US one-two, as Diana Munz took silver ahead of Costa Rican Claudia Poll.

Bennett has still to defend the 800m free title she won in Atlanta, while Poll is set to defend her 200m freestyle crown.



Masud Rana (L) of Farashganj trying to dodge Rakib Hossain of Mohammedan during their National Bank Premier Division Football League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

MSC floor F'ganj

Sports Reporter



Mohammedan Sporting Club tamed a stubborn Farashganj Sporting Club in a most convincing fashion, winning the troubled National Bank Premier League encounter 3-0 at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Although Farashganj held their more colourful opponents to a goalless draw in the first half, Mohammedan never looked behind once their central defender Faisal headed in their first goal in the 70th minute. Striker Intiaz Ahmed Nikib added the second two minutes later before hard-working midfielder Rakib scored the third at the stroke of the final whistle.

The eventful second half was also marked by a scuffle between players of both teams and a controversial ruling, which denied Farashganj a goal seven minutes from the long whistle, by linesman Shamsuddin. The crowd also played its part, pelting stones at the man in uniform, which suspended proceedings for 17 minutes.

The otherwise see-saw contest came to a halt when Farashganj defender Ashraf, apparently utterly disgusted after his side was already two goals down, made an emotional outburst — first with a cynical tackle on Rakib and then getting embroiled in a brawl with Mohammedan left wing-back Ruhul Amin.

Referee Ibrahim Nesar, however, brought the situation under control brandishing yellow cards on both players.

Apart from the incident,

Ashraf, wearing bandage on the head, had an excellent match that even overshadowed his sensational Nigerian teammate Abdullah, who played commendably in his debut against Abahani in the previous game.

Some of the gloss was lost when Shamsuddin ruled a spectacular Askar Babu header offside. His decision stunned everyone, since the header from about 25 yards off a rebound clearly was not taken from an illegal position.

The bizarre ruling suspended the match for 14 minutes with Farashganj players pleading for justice with no avail.

The incident overshadowed what should have been a polished Mohammedan performance.

The popular Motijheel outfit, fielding experienced midfielder Titu in the first eleven, enjoyed territorial dominance throughout. Inspirational captain Alfaz Ahmed even demonstrated his skill despite being tightly marked by Abdullah.

Mohammedan had a couple of chances in the first half. Alfaz's minus from close in the 11th was saved by Abir. He was again in the thick of things in the 40th minute when the dapper striker lobbed a perfect outburst — first with a cynical tackle on Rakib and then getting embroiled in a brawl with Mohammedan left wing-back Ruhul Amin.

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was partially fisted away by Ponir. Farashganj came close to scoring when Polash lobbed a loose ball into an empty net, but the danger was cleared by Ruhul Amin off the goal line.

Jalal came up with a cunning effort two minutes later. This time Ponir calmed his teammates nerves by properly dealt with it.

After surviving the close calls, Mohammedan pressed hard to break the deadlock and their perseverance paid off when Faisal headed a Shoaib flag kick into the far post.

It was Mohammedan's fifth straight win. The holders are now leading the table with full 15 points; three points clear of their arch-rivals Abahani who have played one match less.

On the other hand it was Farashganj's second successive defeat to remain on five points.

Yellow cards: Ruhul Amin (Mohammedan), Ashraf and Shafiqul (Farashganj).

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir, Rezaul, Faisal, Ruhul Amin, Jewel, Tutu, Motiur Munir, Rakib, Bipul (Jahangir) (Shoaib), Nakib and Alfaz.

FARASHGANJ SC: Abir, Shafiqul, Abdullah, Ashraf (Arman), Masud Rana, Zakir (Chandan), Askar Babu, Bidut, Mithu, Polash (Uttam) and Jalal.

Referee: Ibrahim Nesar.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division

Muktoddha vs Arambagh (3:30 pm)

Abahani vs Badda Jagorani (5:30 pm)

Abahani cruise

Sports Reporter

Abahani maintained their second position in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League after blanking Azad Sporting Club 3-0 at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

The illustrious Dhamond outfit now have 26 points from eleven outings while Azad's collection remained a sorry four from equal number of games.

Pakistani recruit Selim Amir opened Abahani's account in the 8th minute when he converted a penalty corner. Muked Alam doubled the margin four minutes later.

In the 12th minute of the second half Mirajul Ahmed sealed Azad's fate after scoring from a penalty stroke.

Earlier in the day's other Premier Division match, Ajax Sporting Club recorded their second win of the season by beating Bangladesh Sporting Club 3-2.

Zahid Biswas, Pakistani Aliu Isha and Jhunu netted for the winners while Rubel and Prashanta scored for Bangladesh Sporting.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division: Mariner

Youngs Club vs Sonali Bank (4 pm)

First Division

Railway vs Muktabhanga

Venue: Both matches at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium.

East Bengal regain IFA Shield

CALCUTTA, Sept 17: Riding on the crest of their recent successes, East Bengal kept their cool in the crucial stages to fashion a thrilling 5-2 victory over the tie-breaker against arch-rivals Mohun Bagan to regain the IFA Shield here yesterday, reports PTI.

The East Bengal marksmen showed their shooting prowess while Mohun Bagan failed to keep their nerve as their first two players Samuel Omollo and Dulal Biswas muffed the penalty opportunities in the tie-breaker of an exciting contest at the Salt Lake Stadium.

East Bengal shot into the lead midway through the opening session through medio Chandan Das but their traditional foes Bagan managed to restore parity just seven minutes before the long whistle with striker Jose Bareto finding the target much to the delight of his teammates.

Chandan Das, Suley Musah, Ratan Singh and Dipendu Biswas converted their penalty without much fuss for East Bengal in the tie-breaker as both the teams failed to break the 1-1 deadlock after the regulation and extra time.

Satyajit Chatterjee was the lone Mohun Bagan player to put it across East Bengal custodian Sangram Mukherjee after the generally reliable Samuel Omollo and Dulal Biswas messed up their attempts.

East Bengal, who had recently won the coveted Super Division League title for the third time in a row, maintained their dominance over their arch-rivals this season by winning the McDowell Cup.

S Africa A in command

GEORGETOWN, Sept 17: South Africa A ended the first day of their Test against West Indies A on Saturday in a commanding position, reaching 109 for one wicket after bowling out the West Indies for a paltry 95 an hour before the tea interval, reports AP.

On a day that clearly belonged to the visitors, the South Africans appeared to be laying the foundation for a huge total in the four-day Test, with their opening batsmen surviving hostile opening spells from Marlon Black and Colin Stuart.

Final first day scores were West Indies 95 all out, and South Africa 109-1.

The South African opening pair of Doug Watson and Mark Bown took the score to 81-1 before Watson was undone by leg spinner Dhanraj Ramanathan and was adjudged leg before wicket.

Apart from a near miss in the slip region by the West Indies, the batsmen rarely gave the West Indies any hope, batting cautiously until the close of play to take first day honours. South Africa will resume Sunday with a 14-run lead.

The teams' first Test two weeks ago in St Vincent and Grenadines ended in a draw. Earlier in the day, judicious batting by the West Indies and tight bowling by the South Africans, helped the West Indies to the lowest total of the series.

For the West Africans, fast bowler Charl Willoughby picked up three wickets for 35 runs, Charl Langeveldt and Mfonko Ngam each had two wickets.

The visitors had won the toss and asked the West Indies to bat.

HK colours incorrect

HONG KONG, Sept 17: Hong Kong, participating in the Olympics for the first time under Chinese sovereignty, was embarrassed by the disclosure that its team carried a wrongly designed flag during the opening ceremony of the Sydney Games, reports AP.

McGrath closes in style



LONDON, Sept 17: On the final day of the English County Cricket Championship here Saturday.

Worcestershire's Australia fast bowler Glenn McGrath said farewell to the English summer with eight for 41 as Second Division champions Northamptonshire were bowled out for 125 at New Road, reports AFP.

The teams tried to forge a result from their rain-affected affair. Set an unlikely 262, Worcestershire reached 119 for six by the end with Paul Taylor

picking up four for 27.

Elsewhere Essex captain Ronnie Irani took full advantage of Warwickshire's generosity at a rain-lit Chelmsford as Essex reached a target of 201 with six wickets in hand to claim promotion to Division One.

Irani followed his unbeaten 72 in the first innings with 64 not out as Essex finished 23 points behind champions Northamptonshire and five in front of third-placed Glamorgan.

Warwickshire needed to win to have any chance of making the top three, but on a good pitch the run chase was always

on. Glamorgan ensured third spot and promotion with a draw against Middlesex, finishing just two points in front of Gloucestershire who - in a contrived finish with Nottinghamshire - reached the 248 target with three wickets in hand thanks to an unbeaten 53 from Jack Russell.

But the rain took away the opportunity for bonus points, and the 15 for the win were not enough.

Sussex picked up the wooden spoon after Middlesex claimed 11 points against Glamorgan at Cardiff to edge four in front.

In the top flight, Yorkshire ended on a high note setting relegated Hampshire 258 for victory in the last match to be played on the Northlands Road ground in Southampton.

But James Middlebrook - who still does not know if he has a job next season - took four for 88 to end with match figures of 10 for 170 as Robin Smith's men were bowled out for 185. Ian Fisher taking the final wicket from the last first-class ball to be batted at the venue before Hampshire's move to nearby West End.

Yorkshire's 73-run win did not improve their third position in the table behind winners Surrey and runners-up Lancashire.

Derbyshire and Somerset ended with seven points each after the last day at the Racecourse ground was washed out - a result which did not affect the final standings.

Hampshire, Durham and Derbyshire will be replaced in Division One of the championship by Northamptonshire, Essex and Glamorgan next season.

FINAL TABLES

English County Cricket Championship tables after the final round of matches ended on Saturday (played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus points, total points):

First Division

Surrey	16	9	2	5	44	41	213
Lancashire	16	7	1	8	35	42	193
Yorkshire	16	7	2	7	36	48	188
Leicestershire	16	4	3	9	42	39	165
Somerset	16	4	4	10	41	40	145
Kent	16	4	4	8	18	42	140
Hampshire	16	3	9	4	20	48	120
Durham	16	2	9	5	27	41	112
Derbyshire	16	2	6	8	19	44	111

Relegated: Hampshire, Durham, Derbyshire

(Both Derbyshire and Yorkshire have been deducted eight points for sub-standard pitches)

Second Division

Northants	16	7	4	5	39	45	188
Essex	16	5	2	9	28	41	165
Glamorgan	16	5	3	8	27	41	160
Gloucestershire	16	6	4	6	20	42	158
Warwickshire	16	5	5	6	25	42	151
Worcestershire	16	2	3	11	47	35	150
Nottinghamshire	16	2	4	10	41	43	148
Middlesex	16	2	6	8	36	46	138
Sussex	16	3	6	7	31	39	134

Promoted: Northamptonshire, Essex, Glamorgan

READERS' ZONE

Time for a reality-check

Do you have any observation regarding sports and its management in Bangladesh? Do you feel certain issues need to be addressed before time runs out? Then, hurry up and send us your burning questions, critical views and thoughtful suggestions. Not in excess of 400 words. You may be the next contributor of our just introduced READERS' ZONE.

—Sports Editor

Cricket is the most popular game in Bangladesh, for it gives us the opportunity to make a mark in the international arena and fortune at the same time. Now that we are in the league of Test elites. But no one should ignore the fact that we need to provide all necessary facilities to let the game flourish further in this country.

However, recent developments are anything but heartening for the cricket buffs. South African curator Phill Russell whom the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) had hired, prepared eight cricket pitches in the Bangabandhu National Stadium. But only two pitches are still there while the others have been destroyed by our beloved football authorities. And BCB could do literally nothing to save these pitches prepared at the expense of a great deal of money!

Previously, we saw the BCB officials embarking on intense lobbying with the International Cricket Council members to get the much-cherished Test status. But for reasons best known to them the officials failed to convince the National Sports Council to have the football matches played elsewhere and thus spare the pitches.

Now the question that comes across one's mind is that if the BCB could convince the ICC, why could not they do so in the NSC case. And what about a fully-fledged stadium exclusively for cricket? The state minister for sports have promised time and again that such a stadium would be built, yet I don't know when these promises would come into reality.

Bangladesh are scheduled to play their maiden Test match against India at the BNS from November 10 to 14. However, the domestic football season will be going on full swing at that time. One wonders whether the pitch will be ready for this historic match. Mind it, it takes at least five or six weeks to prepare a good pitch.

Most of the pitches here are batting-friendly, which means saving for spinners quicker bowlers are to toil without much success. What will be the prospect of our quicker bowlers is anybody's guess?

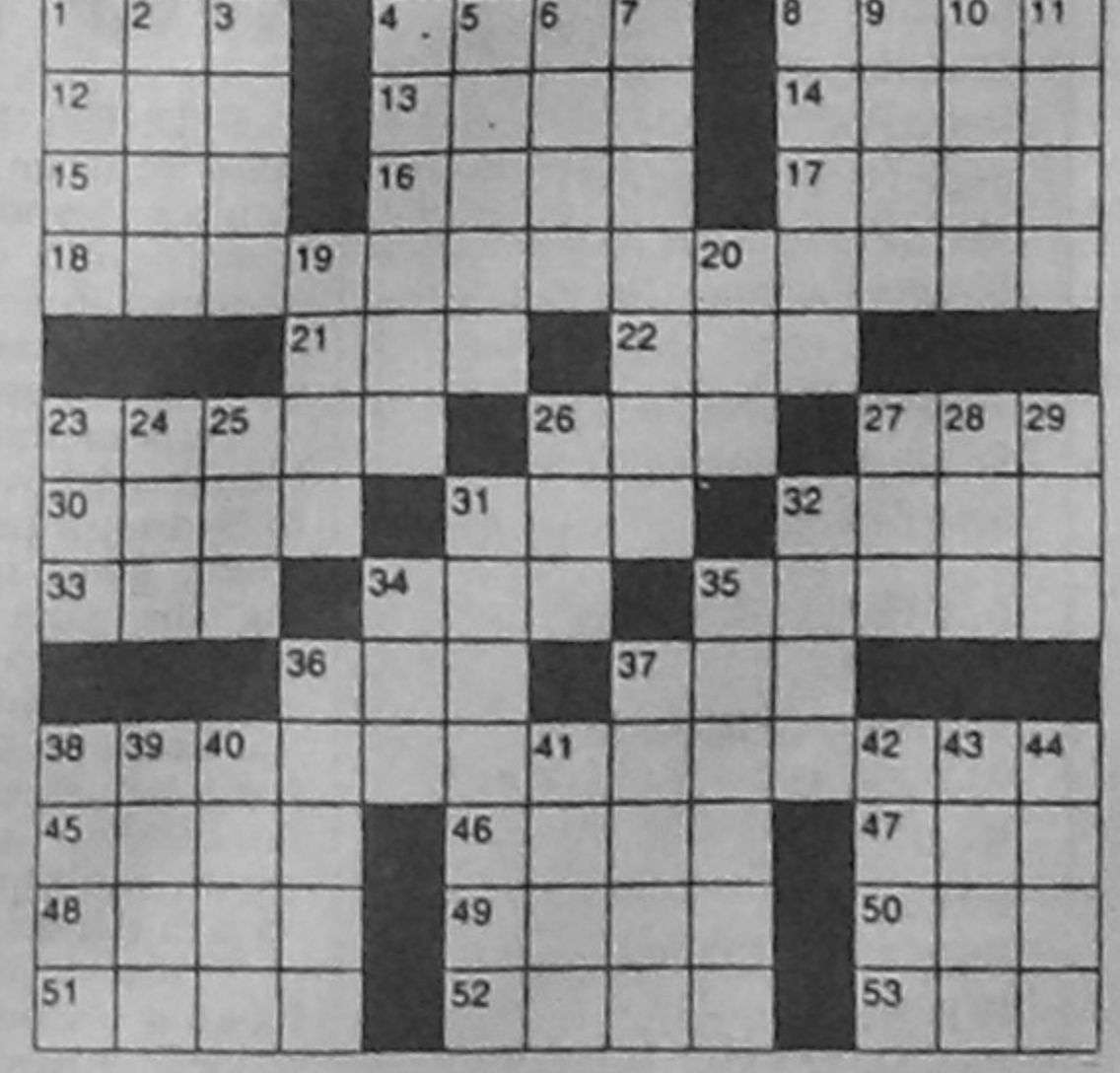
(This piece needed drastic editing to be in print. We're quite impressed so far with the response of our conscious readers. However, we would like to request the readers to make the best use of the exclusive corner by chipping in with well-organised and intelligible urdu-urdu.)

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	34 High end of the scale	52 Sediment	19 Leak
1 McGwire	35 Not under the influence	53 Cleo's slayer	20 "Eureka!"
4 Dog owner's ordeal	36 Massachussets cape	21 Teeter-totter	
8 Marquand	37 Reggae relative	22 Under the sea	
12 Wish undone	38 Dismay	23 Ford or Lincoln	
13 Vicinity	45 Fairy tale	24 Hardly ruddy	
14 Trojan War	46 1999 Seattle event	25 Previous to	
15 Devoured	47 About to arrive	26 Chignon	
16 Ledge	48 Ceremony	27 Critical remark	
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18 Star group	50 Historic period	29 Mal de	
21 Wiggler	51 "Cheers" request	30 Unspecific	
22 "Over the Rainbow"	52 "Cheer" request	31 Butter?	
23 Scallions	53 "Cheer" request	32 Slick with a kick	
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30 "Star Trek" speed factor	56 "Cheer" request	35 Stojko	
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		42 Abstraction	
		43 Cather's "One of—" of —	
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Yesterday's answer



CRYPTOQUIP

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T D R R A K N Y H Y ?

Yesterday's Cryptogram: MANY TIMES, THE IRRESOLUTE LAUNDROMAT ATTENDANT WAS RATHER WISHY-WASHY.

Today's Cryptogram Clue: W equals T

The Cryptogram 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.