

Acme-Pallima badminton from today

BSS, Dhaka

The Acme-Pallima Badminton Tournament, organised by Pallima Sangsad, begins today at the club's premises in the city.

The leading badminton players of the country are contesting in the competition, which is being sponsored by the Acme Laboratories Limited.

Some 46 shuttlers are expected to take part in four events - men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles.

The tournament, which concludes on January 17, offers lucrative cash awards for the winners.

JU cricket

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The Economics Department defeated Chemistry Department by 32 runs in the inaugural match of the Inter-department Cricket Championship of Jahangirnagar University at its central playground yesterday.

Batting first, Economics made 179-6 in the allotted 25 overs with Masum scoring highest 62 while Babu added 43.

Shaheed captured four wickets for Chemistry conceding only 20 runs.

In reply, Chemistry scored 147-5 with Shameem top scoring with 63. Bulbul took two wickets giving away 33 runs for Economics.

Karate meet in Chittagong

CU CORRESPONDENT

The second Mahanagar Karate Competition began at the Metropolitan Shooting Range at Dampara Police Lines yesterday.

The Chattogram Mahanagar Krira Sangstha (CMKS) has arranged the competition.

On the first day, four events were held in different weight sections. Jasim and Minhaj from 35kg category, Ruhul Amin and Shahjahan from 40kg, Hossain Ali and Sheikh Jamal from 40kg moved into the finals.

Gritty Jamal

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Jamil c Fazle b Mujtaba

81

Anwar b Fazle

4

Alamgir b Saqlain

10

Gazi b Saqlain

25

Ashraf not out

0

Extras: (b-28, lb-8, nb-10)

46

Total: (All out in 94.0 overs)

284

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-5, 3-65, 4-69, 5-116, 6-142, 7-182, 8-182, 9-278

Bowler O M R W

Fazle Akbar 23 6 23 3

Najaf Shah 13 2 48 1

Ilyas 2 1 0 0

Saqlain 40 9 79 5

A. Mujtaba 14.4 8 32 1

Mehmood 4 3 5 0

Result: PIA won by an innings and 15 runs.

And 36 years on, Jones junior

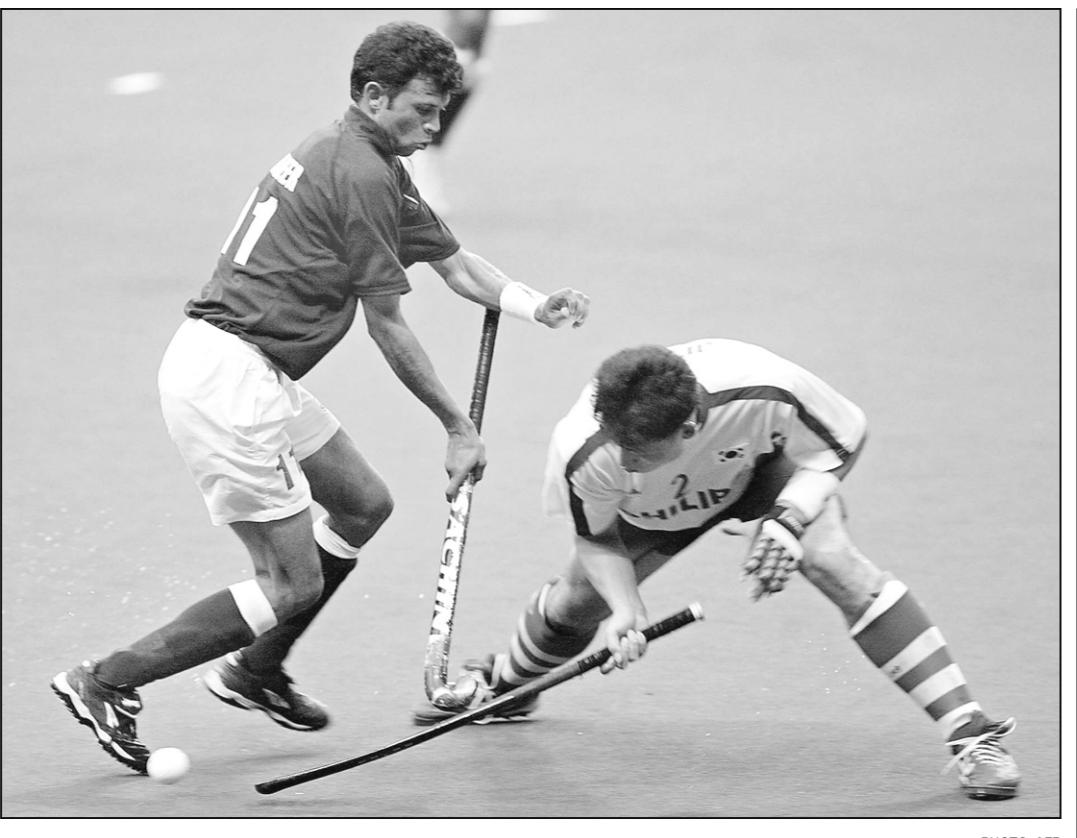


PHOTO: AFP

Shabbir Hussain of Pakistan (L) tries to challenge Ji Seong Hwan of South Korea during their Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey match in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Pakistan won 4-2.

Azlan Shah Cup

Pakistan down Korea

Hockey

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Pakistan coach Roelent Oltmans read his team the riot act after the defending champions outclassed South Korea 4-2 in the opening match of the 13th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup here Thursday.

Two strikes from Rehan Butt and one apiece from Mohammed Nadeem and Shabbir Hussain were enough to secure victory for the Pakistanis against the Korean 2002 Asian Games gold medallists.

But Oltmans was far from satisfied after a porous display from the Pakistan defence.

"It was a good win but I am not too happy with our performance especially the defence," Oltmans said. "There were just too many

mistakes made by the defenders and this is something we can ill afford if we want to do well."

Missed chances proved the difference between the two sides, with Pakistan deadly in front of goal as South Korea squandered a string of opportunities.

Korea went on the offensive from the first whistle but were unable to turn their domination into goals.

The Pakistanis absorbed the early pressure and relied on counter attacks and the tactic bore fruit as they took the lead in the 14th minute through Butt whose hit slipped under the leg of South Korean goalkeeper Ko Dong-Sik.

Pakistan should have doubled their advantage in the 26th minute when Shakeel Abbasi broke through the middle only to lift his shot above Ko and the bar.

And Shabbir made the most of some good work by Butt on the right flank to score the fourth goal two minutes before the end of the match.

The Koreans however equalized through Seo Jong-Ho a minute before the break.

Pakistan opted to attack when play resumed in the second and were duly rewarded through goals from Nadeem (39th minute) and Butt (42nd minute) to take a 3-1 lead.

However Korea reduced the deficit through Lee Jung-Seon who converted a penalty corner in the 43rd minute.

Try as they did the Koreans just could not get the better of Ahmad Alam in the Pakistan goal and while they were too engrossed in searching for the equalizer, the Koreans left gaps in their defence.

Rixon wants Steve Waugh, having recovered from his post-Test euphoria, to relax and enjoy himself as the Blues attempt to claw their way back from the wrong end of the Sheffield Shield standings against Victoria.

Rixon believes expected crowds each day of 5,000-plus people in Newcastle, north of here, will give the Blues more of a home advantage than their base at the Sydney Cricket Ground, which is usually virtually empty.

The Blues are second last on the Shield table.

A victory against the pace-setting Victorians will re-ignite their title defence and give Waugh, playing on for the Blues despite his retirement from the Test side, renewed hope of being in one last domestic final before he quits all forms of the game.

"I'd like to see Steve just enjoy his cricket," Rixon said on Thursday.

Patel learns FROM PAGE 13

record for most Test wicketkeeping dismissals with 366 catches and 29 stumpings, gave advice to the two Indians on keeping to spin bowling.

He is particularly impressed with Patel, who is still in his teens.

"He's certainly a long-term option, whether that's how they're thinking in India, I don't know," Healy said.

Healy is happy to pass on his knowledge to international keepers, but hopes this session works better than the work he did with South African Mark Boucher during last year's World Cup.

"At the World Cup I worked with Boucher, he was having a trouble or two, it got worse after I worked with him," Healy said.

"Hopefully, he's coming good now but nothing you do in a repetition sense sinks for three or four weeks."

Time for smaller

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It means Rohan Gavaskar, son of Indian legend Sunil, and exciting newcomer Irfan Pathan can expect opportunities to make a name for themselves.

"Rohan knows there is big difference between state and international cricket and he wants to improve," said Ganguly.

"He is a far more attacking player than his dad and bats left-handed. If he does well he could go places."

India will rely heavily on their batsmen and Sachin Tendulkar, the highest scorer in one-day history, should be in prime form following his double century in the Sydney Test.

"It is easier to adjust from Test to one-day (cricket) than the other way round," Ganguly added.

"We need to carry on the good work of the Test series."

SQUADS

AUSTRALIA (from): Ricky Ponting (captain), Adam Gilchrist, Michael Bevan, Andy Bichel, Michael Clarke, Jason Gillespie, Ian Harvey, Matthew Hayden, Brad Hogg, Brett Lee, Damien Martyn, Andrew Symonds, Brad Williams.

INDIA (from): Saurav Ganguly (captain), Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag, Vangipurapu Laxman, Yuvraj Singh, Rohan Gavaskar, Parthiv Patel, Ajit Agarkar, Ashish Nehra, Murali Kartik, Anil Kumble, Irfan Pathan, Ashish Nehra, Hemang Badani, Lakshmi Pathi Balaji.

Clijsters' official website reported Thursday that the injury was serious quoting the medical report as stating: "Because of the specific form of strain there is a swelling as well as inflammation in the heel around the back of the ankle joint."

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.

Blank firing

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A nervous Nizam almost committed the fatal mistake when he decided to take the ball on the bounce after Johnny had lobbed it inside the Abahani D. But the goalkeeper missed the flight completely as the ball eluded his outstretched hands, hit the metalwork and returned to play.

Yellow card: Tareq (Arambagh).

TEAMS

ABAHANI: Nizam, Osamanu, Nikolai, Mahmudul Hasan, Masood Rana, Parvez, Joy (Pranotosh), Rakib, Alessandro, Khokon and Maxim (Uzzal).

ARAMBAGH KS: Tareq, Khaled, Anupam, Ashraf, (Kaba), Shamsher, Araman, Asad (Kaba), Dominique, Johnny and Awal (Oinu/Anwar).

Referee: Ramkrishna Ghosh.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	36	Double	DOWN	20	Moo —	1	"Little	Women"	1	gai	pan	12	13	14
1	Streisand	familiarly	37	Departed	ians'	2	Farm	fraction	22	Angry	23	Affirmative	24	Embrace
5	Prize-fighters	meaning	38	Olympians	2 Farm	3	Emmy	winner	25	Blunder	26	Form of	27	Gralis
9	Resort	doings	39	Geometric	ratio	4	Ra, for	one	26	Blunder	27	of word-play	28	Grahan
12	Dull	shade	40	McDoris	mand's	5	Knight's	backup	29	Blunder	30	29 Aachen	31	Grahan
13	"Vidi"	meaning	41	McDoris	26-Down	6	Bob	6 Bob	32	Blunder	33	39 Aachen	34	Grahan
14	Stocky	horse	42	Shabir	26-Down	7	Shabir	7 Petrol	35	Even	36	39 Aachen	38	Grahan
15	Make	Market-	43	Market-	26-Down	8	Rice or	Curry	39	Now	40	39 Aachen	41	Grahan
16	Confederate	soldier	44	Zsa Zsa's	26-Down	9	Vow	8 Vow	42	Now	43	39 Aachen	42	Grahan
17	Protects	oneself	45	Shelley or	26-Down	10	Shelley or	Keats	44	Now	45	39 Aachen	47	Grahan
18	Fossil	financially	46	Reddish-	26-Down	11	Singer	Keats	48	Now	49	39 Aachen	48	Grahan
19	Beds	National	47	brown	26-Down	12	Lane	Keats	50	Now	51	39 Aachen	49	Grahan
20	Paul Bun-	Monument	48	53	Billboards	13	Driver's	Driver's	52	Now	53	39 Aachen	50	Grahan
21	yarn's pot	Monument	49	Reddish-	54	14	alias	license	54	Now	55	39 Aachen	51	Grahan
22	Ricchetos	Monument	50	beast	55	15	missile	datum	56	Now	57	39 Aachen	52	Grahan
23	in charge of	Monument	51	def.	56	16	Driver's	missile	58	Now	59	39 Aachen	53	Grahan
24	Saute	Monument	52	mem-	57	17	Driver's	missile	60	Now	61	39 Aachen	54	Grahan
25	Do what	Monument	53	mem-	58	18	Driver's	missile	62	Now	63	39 Aachen	55	Grahan
26	you're told	Monument	54	mem-	59	19								