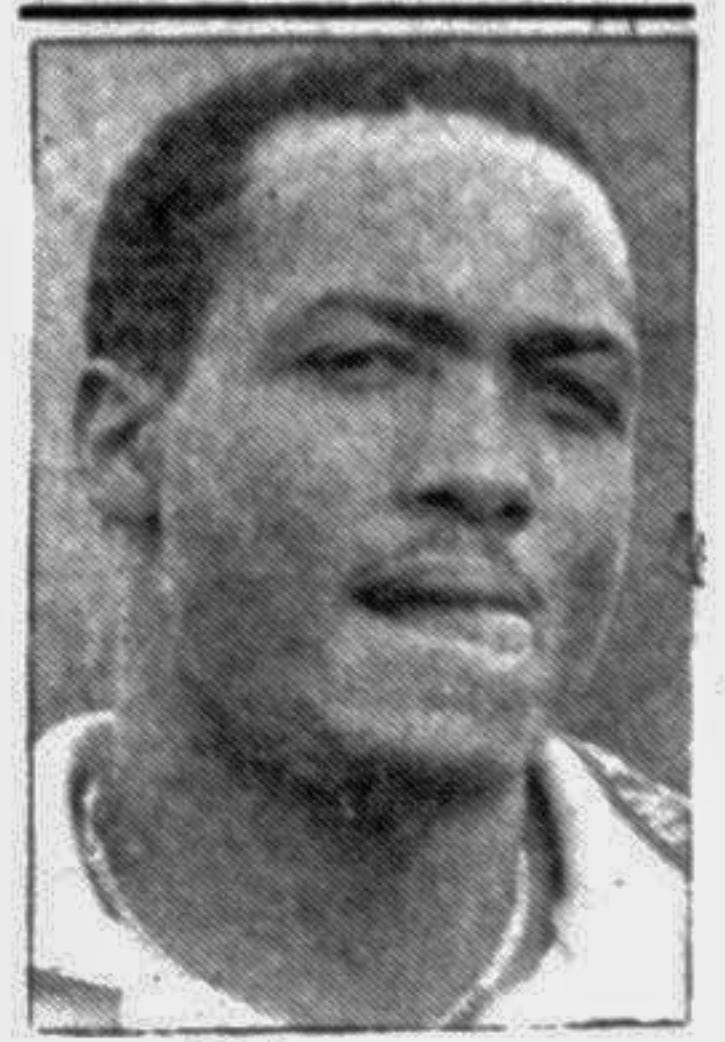


## Column One

## SPORTS TALK



Brian Lara

(Prince of West Indian cricket)  
The way I want to repay the people of the West Indies is by ensuring some high totals and that we win the next Tests series (in Australia) later in the year.

## Sports

## WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

## Sports WHIZZ KID competition - 40

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. June 7, 1996)

1. Grand Master Gata Kamsky is a
Russia American South Africa
2. Indian batting genius Sachin Tendulkar once played county cricket for
Somerset Nottinghamshire Yorkshire
3. Who won 100m women's hurdles in the 24th national athletics championship?
Firoza Rahima Lovelly
4. In the 14th Nirman schools cricket championship final Srinagar beat Nasirabad Govt High by 23 runs 7 wickets 8 wickets
5. In the 1996 Euro football championship, Bulgaria will be coached by
Primo Akramov Antonov

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## Schools h'ball finals today

Finals of the 7th Bata School boys' & girls' handball tournament will be held today afternoon at the Mirpur National Indoor Stadium, reported UNB.

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman will witness the finals and distribute prizes as chief guest.

Shahid Nabi High School will take on Rajarbagh Police Lines High in the boys' final while Viquarunnissa Noon will face Dhanmondi Govt Girls' High in the girls' final.

In the place-deciding match, Motijheel Model High finished third beating Ansars and VDP High by 19-13 points at the handball ground of Outer Stadium.

The match was locked in 10-10 goals during the first half.

In the girls' group, Maghbazar Girls' High defeated Narayanganj Adarsha Girls' School by 7-3 goals to be placed third at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

## Capriati in a stew

TAMPA, Florida, June 6: Jennifer Capriati, the former golden girl of American tennis who crashed at the first hurdle in Paris last week while playing at the French Open for the first time in three years, found herself in trouble with the police again this week, reported AFP.

The 20-year-old Olympic champion has been accused of striking a waitress at a Tampa bar in the early hours of Monday morning.

According to a statement issued on behalf of the establishment, Capriati is alleged to have hit the waitress, named as Angela Larson, in the eye after a row with her boyfriend. Her blow is thought to have been aimed at her boyfriend.

Although the victim did not immediately press charges, she changed her mind and saw the police on Tuesday.

A Tampa police department spokesman said that although no arrest was being planned, Capriati would be interviewed about the incident.

A tennis star at 14 years of age, Capriati quit tennis after being beaten in the first round of the United States Open in 1993, and apart from one match, she did not play again until launching a comeback in Essen in February this year.

During her absence from the game, Capriati hit the headlines when she was first arrested for shoplifting and then picked up by police on drugs charges.

She returned to the tennis tour after undergoing treatment at a drugs rehabilitation centre.

## Reefat stoops to Rajib

Sports Reporter



Enamul Hossain Rajib caused the biggest upset at the 22nd national chess championship when the promising youngster recorded a sensational victory over defending champion IM Reefat Sattar at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In the twelfth of the 15-round Swiss League meet, Rajib, the sub-junior champion who played with white pieces, got hold of the match against his more illustrious counterpart, who lost a bishop at a crucial stage and eventually surrendered after 32 moves.

It was Reefat's first defeat after ten consecutive victories and a draw. But still maintained a sole lead with ten and a half points.

"I don't understand what happened to me today. I began well but gradually everything went beyond my control. But, I must give credit to Rajib who played extremely well," said the disappointed Reefat after the defeat.

On the other hand Rajib, a matured head on a young shoulder, said that he was confident of winning the match.

"Reefat bhai was going great so far. But today somehow he lost the concentration halfway through the match and I achieved my goal," claimed an elated Rajib.

The "creditable" victory

raised Rajib's tally to seven and a half points. He is now sharing the fifth place jointly with junior champion Abdullah Al Rakib and Fide Master Rezaul Haque.

Last year's runner up IM

## Nat'l Bank v'ball

Last year's runners-up Titas Club earned a straight 15-3, 15-12, 15-9 points victory over Sonali Bank Club in the National Bank Premier Division volleyball league at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium yesterday. reported UNB.

In other premier league matches, Water Development Board (WDB) beat Bangladesh Bank Club 15-3, 15-5, 15-12 while Dhaka Sabu Club overcame East End Boys Club 15-0, 10-15, 15-12 in the afternoon.

Earlier, on Wednesday, Bangladesh Rifles beat Brothers Union by 3-0 sets and Sonali Bank Club defeated Police AC by 3-1 sets.

In the NBL First Division volleyball league, Nababatak Majlish outplayed East End Club 15-10, 15-8, 15-6 at the same venue.

Earlier, on Wednesday, War Club beat Nababatak Majlish by 3-0 sets while East End Club beat Madar tek Mitali Sangha by 3-1 sets.

Ziaur Rahman of remained content with the second position with nine and a half points after he drew his yesterday's engagement against Saifuddin Lovli. Playing with black pieces, Zia settled for a draw marathon spell of 51 moves. Lovli, who also kept his third position intact, with this draw closely followed Zia by half a point admiring.

National junior champion Abdullah Al Rakib and Fide Master Rezaul Haque also won their twelfth round matches. In this round, Rakib, playing with white pieces, outplayed Aminul Islam after 23 moves while Reza, who adopted the English Opening, tamed Mizanur Rahman Labu after 29 moves.

In the day's other matches, Rafiqul Islam outclass Fide Master Syed Tahmidur Rahman. Sawkat Hossain Pallab beat Tantima Parveen while Khandaiker Kayes Hasan and Abu Kashem Bhuiyan shared points to a draw.

Points (after round twelve): 10.5 points — Reefat, 9.5 points — Zia, 9 points — Lovli, 8 points — Kayes, 7.5 points — Rakib, Rajib and Reza, 6.5 points — Hanif (11 matches), 6 points — Tahmid, 5 points — Rafique, 4.5 points — Nasir (11 matches), 4 points — Pallab and Tantima, 2.5 points — Kashem, 1.5 points — Labu and Aminul.

## Dire start for India

BIRMINGHAM, England. June 6: India are all out for 214 on the first day of the first cricket Test against England at Edgbaston today, report agencies.

England may have lost the toss but it got the best of the morning's play on the first day of the first Test against India at Edgbaston.

India decided to bat on a dry wicket but both openers went early and, soon after lunch, the visitors were struggling at 94 for four with leading batsmen Sachin Tendulkar and Mohammed Azharuddin both dismissed and No 3 Sanjay Manjrekar retired hurt with a twisted ankle.

Ajaysinhji Jadeja, a middle-order batsman promoted to opener after the sudden retirement of Navjot Sidhu, was out for no score after England captain Mike Atherton caught him in the gully off Chris Lewis' second over, the third of the morning.

His partner, Test debutant Vikram Rathore, was lucky to survive the morning's second over when he was dropped at point by Nasser Hussain off the bowling of Dominic Cork.

Manjrekar had a steady start, but in the last over before drinks he twisted his ankle as he turned for a second run.

With Manjrekar resting in the pavilion for the second hour's play, Sachin Tendulkar joined Rathore at the crease only to see the nervous newcomer edge Cork to Nick Knight in the slips in the first over after drinks.

England then had India's captain Mohammed Azharuddin and Tendulkar both at the crease without score and still facing a relatively new and shiny ball with the score at 41 for two.

But another England Test debutant, all-rounder Ronnie Irani, broke the partnership in his first over in Test cricket. He had Azharuddin out thanks to a superb catch by Knight at mid-wicket.

Azharuddin's well timed wristy flick looked on the way to the boundary, but Knight dived low to his left to hold the catch and make Irani's first over a wicket maiden and the score 64 for three.

It was a dream start for Irani, and a welcome one for England, but Tendulkar showed the home side they still had a lot to do by smashing ten off Irani's next over, including two powerful drives for four.

Straight after lunch however he was clean-bowled by an in-swinger from Dominic Cork leaving India in big trouble at 94 for four.

When Mullally claimed his first Test-wicket by bowling wicket-keeper batsman Nayan Mongia two overs later, India were in disarray at 103 for five.

## Kent kept under control

LONDON, June 6: Table-topping Kent lost three wickets in three overs without scoring a run to let a powerful position slip against near rivals Leicestershire in their county championship match at Grace Road on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

"I think I am the only man in Italy who does not envy Sacchi's job," Prodi told the players.

He is under the spotlight like no other. In the past he has won so much, and now he is in a strange position. If he wins, it's taken for granted. If he loses, he's the culprit.

Sacchi, who coached Italy to the 1994 World Cup final where they lost on penalties to Brazil, sounded a note of caution in a land where losing coaches usually get pealed with rotten tomatoes before being sacked.

He pointed out that Italy had never reached an European Championship final abroad. Italy, triple World Cup winners, won at home in 1968 but failed to qualify in 1992.

But he said his players, while younger than the 1994 squad, were more talented than the previous group.

"This squad today, as far as physical and athletic conditions and unity are concerned, are clearly ahead of that which went to the World Cup," he said.

Third-placed Leicestershire were weakened by the absence of leading wicket-taker Alan Mullally, on duty with England for the first Test, but on a good batting pitch stuck to their task well.

That left Kent rocking and they closed at 318 for eight to leave the match evenly poised at the end of the first day.

Mills finished with two for 38 and bowled well enough to deserve even better, while Simmons had three for 43 off 18 overs.

One of his victims was Trevor Ward, who hit a magnificent 90 in just under three hours off 139 balls with 15 fours. It took a sensational running catch on the square-leg boundary by Darren Maddy to remove him.

During the 1993 women's World Cup final, the hallowed committee room was made available to the Women's Cricket Association.

Officials have decided to open the pavilion to women during the women's one-day international between England and New Zealand on June 13.

"We are breaking new ground, but we haven't yet discussed whether we will do the same at future matches," said Chris Rea, assistant secretary to the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).

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## Dano quiz

Sports Reporter

A quiz competition on European football championship will be organised by CCATS, the local agent of the renowned powdered milk, 'Dano' when the Euro '96 begins in the England from June 8.

The competition, titled

'Spot the Ball', will offer lucrative prizes among the winners.

However, details will be provided by CCATS shortly.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

## 22nd national chess championship:

(Round thirteen, venue: NSC chess room)

Reefat vs Lovli, Zia vs Reza, Pallab vs Nasir, Kashem vs Tantima, Kayes vs Labu, Aminul vs Rajib, Rafique vs Rakib, Hanif vs Tahmid.

## National Bank Premier Division volleyball league:

(Venue: Indoor Stadium)

Titas Club vs Dhaka Green Club (4:15 pm)

Bangladesh Rifles vs

Bangladesh Police (4:15 pm)

Power Development Board

vs Brothers Union (5:45 pm)

East End Club vs

Bangladesh Bank (5:45 pm)

## National Bank First Division volleyball league:

(Venue: Indoor Stadium)

Dilkusha SC vs Chand

Textiles (4:15 pm)

Wari Club vs Nabajagaran

Sangha (6:30 pm)

## 7th School handball tournament:

(Venue: Indoor Stadium)

Shahid Nabi High School vs

Razarbagh Police Lines High School (3:30 pm)

Girls' final:

Viquarunnissa Noon School vs Dhanmondi Govt. Girls' School (4:30 pm)

## Stich sends Pioline packing

Karbacher 6-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-0.

Rosset, who had never got past the second round in six previous visits, trailed 0-2 in the fourth set and came to within two points of defeat in three games later before surging back.

Stich, who has astonished everyone with his form after his long injury lay-off, revealed

"I'm playing for fun," he grinned. "I'm not here for prize money — I don't even know how much it is. I've got enough money for my needs."

"I'm having fun playing tennis and that's the most important thing. If it was something I had to do — then I would probably get worse and do worse."

"As far as I'm concerned, I intend to enjoy myself on Friday and I'm not going to put any pressure on myself. Right now things are great and it's up to me to keep it that way — by playing for fun."

Stich, who wore white baseball cap to shield his eyes

## LATEST

PARIS, June 6: French Open specialist Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario lived up to her reputation as a fierce competitor by taming Czech Jana Novotna 6-3, 7-5 to reach her fifth final on the Paris clay today, reports Reuter.