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(Competition closes: 8 p.m. July 5, 1996)

1. Boris Becker won his first Wimbledon tennis title in

1988 1989 1985

2. Sir Garry Sobers once played Sheffield Shield in Australia for

Victoria Tasmania South Australia

3. The winner of marathon gold in the 24th national athletics championship is

Solaiman Younis Salimuddin

4. The new coach of West Indian cricket team is

Roberts Marshall Holding

5. The Fast Play Trophy of the Euro 96 was awarded to

Croatia Czech Republic England

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Class \_\_\_\_\_ Roll No \_\_\_\_\_

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**Monica Seles**  
(American tennis player)  
"I just felt I wasn't going for my shots. I was waiting for her (Studenikova) to make errors and she wasn't doing that. I wasn't attacking. It's probably a similar pattern to the French." After losing the second round clash against Katarina Studenikova in Wimbledon this week.

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WINNERS

1. Razin Mustafiz Omi

South Breeze, Dhammond, Dhaka.

2. Afsana Ahmed Moon

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Govt Girls High School, Dhaka.

3. Tareque Shareef

Scholastica, Dhaka.

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correct answers

1. The fastest woman of the 1995 Madras SAF Games was Susanthika.

2. Sprinter Gwen Torrence is the current Olympic champion in 200m.

3. The captain of the Croatian football team in the Euro '96 is Boban.

4. Bangladesh Rifles have won the premier volleyball league title 7 times.

5. The surname of English cricket umpire Dickie Bird is Harold.

Kader visits BSWA

Sports Reporter

Obaidul Kader, State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs, said his immediate priorities included freeing sports from the clutches of politics and corruption. The state minister was speaking to members of the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association while visiting its office at the stadium yesterday. Concurrently, he would also strive to introduce a democratic process in the sports arena by holding elections.

Kader was received at the BSWA office by its president, Rezaul Hassan, general secretary, Rezaul Rahman Shohag and other officials and members.

The state minister urged sports writers to continue with their objective journalism and contribute to the future of sports in the country.



The national cricket team which is scheduled to leave for a month-long tour of North America early this morning posed at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

## Cricketers America-bound

An eighteen-member Bangladesh national cricket team are scheduled to leave for New York early this morning for a month-long tour of USA and Canada.

The team, which includes 15 cricketers and three officials, is scheduled to play four exhibition one-day matches, organised by Bangladesh Cricket Association of North America in New York before taking on the USA national side in Washington in three one-dayers billed for July 5, 6 and 7.

The visitors will then proceed to Canada for a series of four exhibition one-dayers including three encounters against the Canadian national side.

Following is the team: Akram Khan (captain), Athar

Date	against	Venue
June 30	Guyana	New York
July 1	Fleming Club	
July 2	Bangladesh Cricket Assoc of N. America	
July 4	Calypto City XI	
July 5	USA	Washington DC
July 6	USA	
July 7	USA	
July 10	Toronto District XI	Toronto
July 11	Canadian Cricket Assoc President XI	
July 13	Canada	
July 15	Canada	

## Czech champagne waits to be uncorked

MANCHESTER, England, June 28 (AP) — It's back to square one for the Czech Republic. Only this time it's all part of an amazing dream.

The Czechs were beaten by Germany 2-0 in their opening game of the European Championship. Three incredible upsets later, the two teams will meet in Sunday's final.

It seems an almost routine trip for a clinical German team, but it proves a breathtaking event for the three-year-old Czech nation.

And after kicking Italy out of the first round, Portugal out of the quarterfinal and France out of the semis, no mountain

"It was fantastic, unbelievable," said Czech Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus as thousands celebrated in and around Prague's famed Wenceslas Square.

President Vaclav Havel, who wrote them a congratulatory telegram, is expected to attend Sunday's final.

The Czechs came into the tournament 80-1 outsiders, and since then have conjured up all the images of Denmark, another rank outsider which staged upset after upset to win the 1992 European Championship.

"It's fantastic feeling. We're not fully aware of it yet," said sweeper Miroslav Kadlec, who scored the decisive penalty against the French Wednesday.

And the Czechs should take heart. The Danes also beat Bertl Vogts' German team in the final. And in the semifinal, the Danes also beat the favourites, the Netherlands in that case, in a penalty shootout.

The difference is Denmark showed much more creative sparkle.

Against the French, the Czechs appeared to play for the penalty shootout from the opening whistle, clinically destroying any creative efforts by the opposition but having little left to seek a goal themselves.

"We didn't want to concede the first goal. That was our aim," said coach Dusan Uhrin. Hardly the stuff for popular support.

Yet, the means were limited. With four players suspended and Berger still not fit enough to start, they figured it was not up to the underdogs to make the play.

Yet against Italy, Russia and Portugal, the Czechs proved their qualities by attacking and scoring classic goals.

History is also on the Czech side.

The former Czechoslovakia beat West Germany on penalties to win the 1976 European Championship and that's the last time the Germans have lost in a shootout.



DUSAN UHRIN

is tall enough for the over-achievers.

"We have already lost against Germany and it will give us the motivation," said midfielder Patrik Berger.

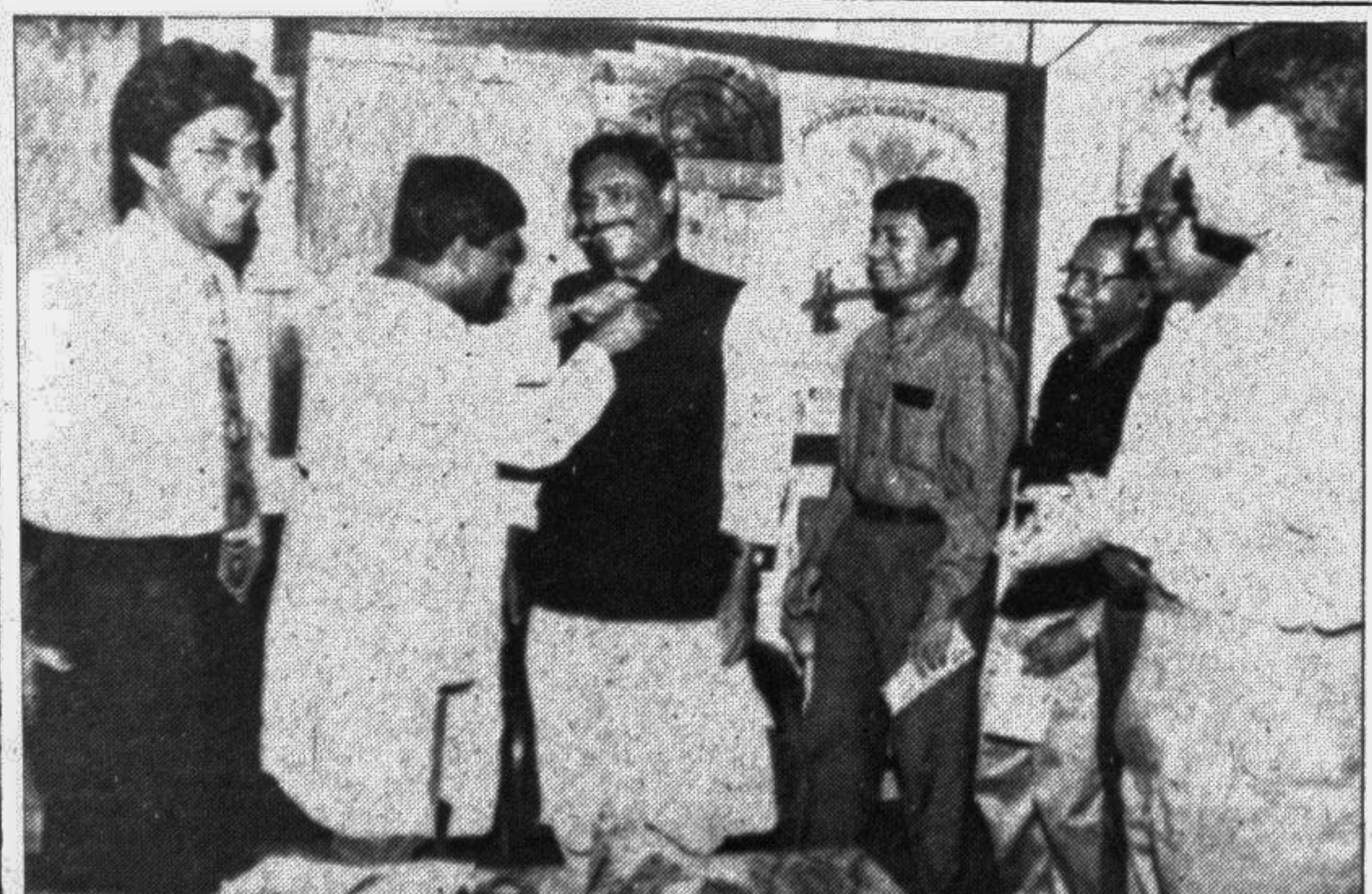
"I don't think they will be any less strong than they were in the first match, even with a couple of suspensions," coach Dusan Uhrin warned.

"What we all feel is we need some revenge. We'd like to beat the Germans because in the first match against Germany we didn't play good football," said midfielder Pavel Nedved.

Having survived France in a penalty shootout following a 0-0 draw, the Czech Republic will recover four suspended players for the final, all revived up after a week of forced rest.

On top of that, there is no need for any stress — heroes they are, whatever happens.

"They are ranked among the best Czech players of all time," said Frantisek Chvalovsky, president of the Czech soccer federation.



State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture being received by Sports Writers Association officials yesterday.

## WC cricket draw in July

LONDON, June 28: Disappointing results in the World Cup earlier this year leave England facing the prospect of being seeded eighth out of the nine Test-playing countries when the 1999 World Cup is hosted for the fourth time on English soil, reports AFP.

The seedings are likely to be ratified when the International Cricket Council hold their annual meeting at Lord's next month.

Only Zimbabwe, who failed to reach the quarterfinals, are likely to be seeded behind England, with the ICC basing their format on the performances in the sub-continent in February and March.

Twelve countries will be split into two groups, with the draw to be televised live from Lord's on July 11.

Holders Sri Lanka and runners-up Australia will be kept apart, as will the 1996 semi-finalists, West Indies and India.

The associate members tournament for 1999 will be held in Malaysia, with the 2003 competition to be held in South Africa and the 2007 Cup probably in the West Indies.

At the meeting the ICC are to recommend an "advisory panel" on the contentious subject of suspect bowling actions. Match referees and umpires, will be assigned the role of preventing bowlers with suspect actions filtering through to the international game.

There is a "general view" that Sir Clyde Walcott should be given "power of intervention" to allow them, and an appointed committee to be able to act immediately on controversial issues such as the bribery allegations in the Pakistan-Australia series of 1994-95.

DU-BUET in inter-varsity soccer opener

KUSHTIA, June 28: The Annual inter-university football competition begins at the Islamic University playground tomorrow, says UNB.

Dhaka University will take on Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in the opening match. Teams from seven universities are participating in the meet.

Open TT

Sports Reporter

Mahbub Ali Billah and Rinu of Ansars clinched double crowns in the open table tennis tournament '96 after winning their respective singles and doubles finals at the wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

In the men's final, Mahbub defeated Manash Chowdhury of Chittagong 21-13, 21-13, 21-17 while Rinu won the women's singles final against her teammate Shamima 18-21, 21-13, 23-21, 21-12.

On the other hand, Rinu with her partner Ratna beat Shamima and Rumi in the women's doubles final 21-17, 21-19.

Jr age-group tennis

Sports Reporter

Thirty matches were decided on the opening day after the national junior age-group tennis championships began at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

The following boys won their matches yesterday and moved into their respective age-group quarterfinals:

Under-16: Rahat, Fahim, Monir, Kamal, Selim, Sunny, Salauddin and Nirjan.

Under-14: Syed Aziz, Ganga Lal, Kabir, Kanchan, Babu Lal, Hamidul, Shahad Hossain and Sico.

Under-12: Shahriar, Sajib, Russel, Zakir, Rome, Alamgir, Mohammad Ali and Sajal.

Under-10: Fahim, Sinyat, Yousuf, Sumon, Amal, Sohel, Mahmud and Ranjan.

A total of 58 boys and seven girls from Chittagong, Rajshahi, Naogaon, Meherpur, BKSP and Dhaka are taking part in the championships, organised by the Bangladesh Tennis Federation.

The girls' events, which begins from the quarterfinal level, will be held this morning at the same venue.

## Superb start by Pakistan

LONDON, June 25: The eight-wicket victory against an England NCA XI backed up Akram's claim that Pakistan had match-winners in every department.

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are not given the chance to bat first. We aim to play every match very seriously and to play fresh, positive cricket. I believe we have a very strong team with the ideal blend of youth and experience."

SCOREBOARD				
Scoreboard in the one-day (50 overs) match between England National Cricket Association and Pakistan on Thursday.				
ENGLAND NCA:				
S Dean b Saqlain Mushtaq	9			
S Foster b Shahid Nazir	12			
S Luckhurst b Mushtaq Ahmed	7			
M Roberts c Salim Malik				
b Saqlain Mushtaq	5			
b Clarke not out	65			
S Laudat c Malik				
b Mushtaq Ahmed	39			
J Robinson c Saqlain Mushtaq	8			
b Wasim Akram				
Extras: (lb-12, w-5, nb-12)	29			
Total: (for six wickets, 50 overs)	182			
Fall of wickets: 1-29; 2-31; 3-40; 4-65; 5-137; 6-164				
Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Wasim Akram	10	2	38	1
Waqar Younis	10	2	47	0
Saqlain Mushtaq	10	4	14	2
Shahid Nazir	10	1	45	1
Mushtaq Ahmed	10	2	26	2
PAKISTAN				
Aamir Sohail run out	104			
Saeed Anwar b Laudat	46			
Ijaz Ahmed not out	12			
Inzamam ul Haq not out	0			
Extras: (lb-9, w-10, nb-2)	21			
Total: (for two wickets)	183			
Fall of wickets: 1-131; 2-179				
Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Roshier	4	0	28	0
Arnold	7	0	36	0
Robinson	6	0	29	0
Ellwood	2	0	52	0
Laudat	8	1	24	1
Foster	3.4	0	7	0
Result: Pakistan won by eight wickets.				

## Bindra puts his foot down

NEW DELHI, June 28: The Indian Cricket Board has ordered an inquiry into the abrupt departure of Navjot Singh from the Indian team currently touring England with the board president Inderjit Singh Bindra describing the star batsman's action as "unjustified and unsavoury", reports PTI.

Breaking his month-long silence on Sidhu's controversial decision to retire from international cricket, Bindra said in an interview on the ESPN TV channel last night: "I was shocked and spoke to him for about six hours. It was very, very unfortunate."

After announcing his decision to quit — such a way out was unprecedented in the annals of Indian cricket — Sidhu had told reporters that he had conveyed everything he wanted to in his letter to the board president and left the decision to Bindra.

Board secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya had earlier stated that a thorough probe into the Sidhu affair would be instituted after the current tour of England was over.

Bindra also revealed that left-hand batsman Vinod Kambli was dropped from the Indian team on disciplinary grounds, a statement contrary to the one made by national selection committee chairman Gundappa Viswanath.

While announcing the team for the Singer and Sharjah Cups in April, Viswanath had,

in reply to reporters' queries, stated that the dashing Bombay batsman was dropped on the basis of his performance in the Wills World Cup.

This was a surprising statement as, apart from Sachin Tendulkar, Kambli was the only century-maker for India in the Wills World Cup in February-March this year.

When the team for the current tour of England was announced, Viswanath had said that Kambli's name was not considered.

In reply to yet another question, Bindra said all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar did not find a berth in the team (for Sharjah) as he was not even 40 per cent fit.

About the team, now in England, he found "no problem". He said it is a disciplined team and hoped things will be better.

Skipper Mohammad Azharuddin said except for debutants Saurav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid, the team did not bat well in the second Test at Lord's against England.

Azharuddin attributed their success to the relaxed manner in which Ganguly and Dravid batted.

At number seven, Rahul batted so well, he deserved a century (which he missed by just five runs), the skipper said.

He conceded that India had only three frontline bowlers (seamers Jagavallab Srinath, Venkatesh Prasad and leg-spinner Anil Kumble), we used the best we had.

He said Kumble bowled very well and we had a chance. Seamer Prasad too came in for special praise from his captain. Azharuddin defended his decision to put England in at the Lord's saying, "I stand by my decision. I know my job."

On umpiring, he said "a couple of decisions went against us. But, that is part of the game."

## Singer Cup cricket in September

COLOMBO, June 28: World champions and hosts Sri Lanka take India in their opening clash on August 28 in the four-nation Singer Cup limited-over cricket tournament, reports PTI.

Australia, who lost to Sri Lanka in the World Cup finals and Zimbabwe are the other sides scheduled to participate in the tournament slated to be held from August 26 to September 7.

The tournament offers a rich purse of 50,000 US dollars, which is a big jump over the 15,000 dollars received by India when they won the event two years back. The runners-up will be richer by 25,000, the organisers said.

The tournament will begin with a day-night match between World Cup runners-up Australia and Zimbabwe at the Premadasa Stadium on August 26.



Mayor Mohammad Hanif greeting participants of Olympic Day Run yesterday.

## Olympic Day Run held

Sports Reporter

The "Olympic Day Run '96" organised by Bangladesh Olympic Association to observe the World Olympic Day, was held in the capital yesterday morning.

More than 2000 runners from different services' teams and sports organisations took part in the run starting from Manik Mia Avenue and ending at the Dhaka Stadium.

Obaidul Kader, State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs, inaugurated the run while Mohammad Hanif, the Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation, distributed certificates among the participants after the run.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

CROSS

1 — relief

4 African nation

8 Door-frame part

12 Dadaist

13 Aesopian

14 Medley

15 Series

17 Long lunch?

18 Made

19 Spider

22 It's often designated

26 "Turandot" tunes

29 Evergreen

30 H.S. course

31 Swedish man's name

32 Command the carmen

33 Guilty party, for short

34 — standstill

35 Modern transmission method

DOWN

1 Contemptible

2 Region

3 Roman senate and people: abbr.

4 Long TV show?

5 Available

6 Circle

7 Jetison

8 Public figure?

9 Beerlike brew

10 Soviet space station

11 Greet the villain

12 Only horse to defeat Man O' War

13 Presentment

14 Pays off, as graft

15 Do detective work

16 European capital

17 Lobster trap

18 Bass

19 Weapon of terrorism

20 Work unit

Solution time: 28 mins.

BRAS BIAS ALI

LURE PINCA LAGO

ABOICHOI PRO

BEHALF LENAR

KW MESTA

BAJA JOB ABLE

INDIA 100 WEEK

BOLT BEN STAG

MABEL OK

LANCE NOVADE

AMO RSTUVWXYZ

PTIP READ ATEE

PDO ACME YORK

CRYPTOQUIP

KUVJ CUV HQV QMVBW

OUSD XDVJVF, MBSHF

JVKOWVJ EXC B

SHE OQQXD.

"Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A GRUMPY, LONG-WINDED MOGUL IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS A WEALTHY TYPHOON."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals C

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. Since letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.