

## Column One

## Sports

## WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Sports WHIZZ KID competition-44

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

1.	Boris Becker	won his first Wimbledon tennis title in
2.	Sir Garry Sobers	once played Sheffield Shield in Australia for
3.	The winner of marathon gold in the 24th national athletics championship is	Soham Younis Satmuddin
4.	The new coach of West Indian cricket team is	Robert Marshall Holding
5.	The Fair Play Trophy of the Euro '96 was awarded to	Croatia Czech Republic England

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## SPORTS TALK



## Monica Seles

(American tennis player)

"I just felt I wasn't going for my shots. I was waiting for her (Stosur) 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 Stosur in Wimbledon this week.

## WHIZZ KID-43

## WINNERS

1. Razia Mustafiz Omri

South Breeze, Dharmondi, Dhaka.

2. Afzana Ahmed Moon

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

3. Tareque Shareef

Scholastica, Dhaka.

## WHIZZ KID-43 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. Bangladeshi 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 freezing 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, Requibul Hassan, general secretary, Rezaur 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.

—Star photo

## Cricketers America-bound

Sports Reporter

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

Ali Khan (vice-captain), Faruque Ahmed, Hasibul Hasan, Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Enamul Haque Moni, Mohammad Rafique, Reza E-Kareem (wk), Sajal Chowdhury, Khaled Mahmud Sujon, Anisur Apu (associate manager) and Gazi Ashraf Lipu (coach).

## ITINERARY

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

It's all part of an amazing dream.

## Sparkling show by Jadeja, Hirwani

CAMBRIDGE, England, June 28: Middle-order batsman Ajay Jadeja and leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani gave the Indian selectors a headache after outstanding performances against British Universities on the second day of a tour match at Fenners' Thursday, reports AP.

Jadeja scored his second century on tour and Hirwani took six wickets.

India declared at 457 for six and then bowled out British Universities for 217, before being two without loss at stumps, with one day's play remaining.

Hirwani's six for 60 has forced the Indian selectors to consider playing a second spinner alongside Anil Kumble in the final Test at Trent Bridge July 4-9.

Jadeja, unconvincing in both Test matches against England, was expected to be dropped from the Test team when Sanjay Manjrekar recovered from an ankle injury sustained in the lost first Test at Edgbaston.

Manjrekar returned Wednesday and hit a century, but Jadeja did the same Thursday, and now the Indian selectors have the difficult task of deciding on their top Test seven.

Saurav Ganguly, who followed up his debut Test century at Lord's with a half-century Thursday, is a certainty at No. 3, as Sachin Tendulkar at No. 4 and captain Mohinder Amrullah at No. 5.

This leaves openers Vikram Rathore and Nayan Mongia — who have also been unimpressive in the Tests so far — Jadeja, Manjrekar and Rahul Dravid, who scored 95 in the drawn second Test.

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 breath-taking 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

is too high for the Danes.

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 Kadler, who scored the decisive penalty against the French Wednesday.

The Czechs should take heart. The Danes also beat Berti 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 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 revved up after a week of forced rest.

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

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