

Column One SPORTS TALK



Stefan Edberg (Swedish tennis player) 'Once you've been a champion here, you should leave like one, too, and remember that you're always welcome to come to this club. You are a member here. You belong to this club. It's not like I'm not coming back again. So that's the great thing about it.' After the defeat in his farewell Wimbledon match.

Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-44 Tick the Correct Answers

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

Table with 5 questions and multiple choice options. Question 1: Boris Becker won his first Wimbledon tennis title in... Question 2: Sir Garry Sobers once played Sheffield Shield in Australia for... Question 3: The recipient of the Rajawadek Cup is... Question 4: The new coach of West Indian cricket team is... Question 5: The Fair Play Trophy of the Euro '96 was awarded to...

Registration form for the sports competition with fields for Name, Class, Roll No., School Address, and Phone.

Jr age-group tennis

Sports Reporter Rahat, Fahim, Salauddin and Niranjan moved into the under-16 boys singles semifinals of the national junior age-group tennis championships after winning their respective quarterfinals at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

Euro '96 final tickets snapped up

LONDON, June 29: Sunday's Euro '96 final at Wembley will be a 76,000 sell-out even though hosts England will not be playing, reports Reuter. Germany have had their full allocation of 11,000 tickets snapped up, while the Czech Republic expect to have a round 4,000 fans in attendance.

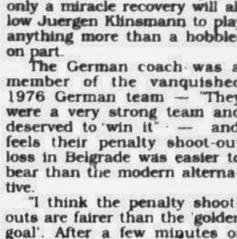
Berti beset, Uhrin upbeat

LONDON, June 29: Germany coach Berti Vogts and his Czech counterpart Dusan Uhrin face one more test of their tactical instincts and strained nerves at Wembley on Sunday as Euro '96 limps hopefully towards a rousing finale, report agencies. Four penalty shoot-outs in six matches, the absence of disappointed hosts England and the surprise decision by UEFA to allow Germany to fly in reinforcements this weekend have all put pressure on both coaches to shape a final which sticks in the memory.



BERTI VOGTS goal can easily be imagined but UEFA have concluded that moving the goalposts in terms of the rulebook is justified if it reduces the odds on a stalemate. Ironically, Czech master-

mind Uhrin, whose side have beaten Italy, Portugal and France since losing 2-0 to Germany in their opening game, can choose from a virtual full-strength squad for almost the first time. He admitted on Friday he was weary after Wednesday's penalty shoot-out win over the French but his players have nothing to lose and are less concerned with fancy football than emulating Czechoslovakia's triumph over Germany, 20 years ago.



DUSAN UHRIN nament, and now we had that incredible game against England, when we were lucky with the penalties. It gives us a lot of self-confidence and we'll carry that into the game on Sunday.

They beat England in the dramatic penalty shoot-out on Wednesday but it may be still be an Englishman who denies them their third European Championships success. In the opening match against the Czechs, the officious English schoolmaster David Elleay handed out six bookings to the Germans. Two of those, Andreas Moller and Stefan Reuter, were booked at Wembley and will now sit out Sunday's showdown.



The German coach was a member of the vanquished 1976 German team. They were a very strong team and deserved to win it - and feels their penalty shoot-out loss in Belgrade was easier to bear than the modern alternative.

FINALE'S FACTS & FIGURES

LONDON, June 29 (Reuter): Facts and figures about Sunday's Euro '96 final between Germany and the Czech Republic. The final will be the first full international to be played at Wembley Stadium not involving England since July 28, 1966 when Portugal beat the Soviet Union 2-1 in the third place play-off of that year's World Cup.



Czech players Karel Poborsky (R) and Pavel Novotny chat during the training session in London two days before the Euro '96 final against Germany at Wembley. - AFP/UNB photo

Major shake-up in sports soon

Sports Reporter The sports' top boss promises a major shake-up in this arena are likely to be initiated within short span of time. State Minister for Youth Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader said that elections in all the sports federations would be completed within one year and to do that necessary amendments in the constitution would also be made.

Euro referees' red record

LONDON, June 29: The amount of bookings at Euro '96 has been so great that spectators could be excused for wondering whether they had been watching a game of cards rather than a game of football, reports AFP. The traffic of red and yellow cards in and out of referees' top pockets over the last three weeks has smashed all records for a European Championship.

Euro '96 became a red-card record-breaker with the tournament just over half way through. Yuri Kovtun's dismissal for Russia against Germany was the fourth of the tournament, beating the three-man totals of 1976 and 1984. Until 1996, only seven players had been dismissed in the entire history of the European finals.

Disciplinary table (bookings/dissmissals): Spain (12-1), Bulgaria (7-1), Germany (13-1), Portugal (12-0), Holland (9-0), England (9-0), Denmark (4-0), Czech Rep (17-1), Switzerland (12-0), Croatia (10-1), Romania (7-0), Scotland (8-0), France (11-0), Turkey (8-0), Switzerland (12-0), Italy (5-1).

Schools kabaddi

Sports Reporter Rifles School and College and Badda Alattunissa High School won their respective schools kabaddi tournament '96 matches at the court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Reuben comes to rescue

LONDON, June 29: Reuben Spiring inspired a Worcestershire recovery against second-placed Yorkshire with an unbroken half century on the second day of a rain-affected county championship match at New Road on Friday, reports Reuter.

losing three wickets in the final six overs after Graham Gooch and Paul Grayson had given the home side the perfect start with a century opening stand.

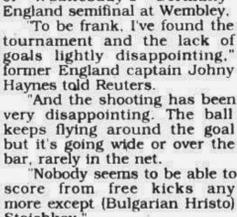
shire's hopes of recording their first championship win of the season against Derbyshire at Northampton. Ambrose followed his five for 15 in the first innings with four for 44 as the visitors struggled to 210 for seven at the close, a lead of just 98.

Where have goals gone?

LONDON, June 29 (Reuter): Soccer fans who have found the paucity of goals during the knockout stages of Euro '96 infuriating are not alone - some of the biggest names in the game are dismayed too.

nominate up to seven players as attackers and no more than the goalkeeper and three others as defenders for a series of five corners in which the attacking side would have 15 seconds to score.

This could be more entertaining than penalties and remove the individual pressure on spotkick-takers and goalkeepers. Haynes said he thought a major improvement could be made by referees not waving so many yellow cards.



Shefat Nusrat Baishakhy makes a backhand return during her national junior age-group tennis championship match against Duti Shanchita yesterday. - Star photo



Smicer, Vizkova get spliced

PRAGUE, June 29: Czech Republic striker Vladimir Smicer made full use of his 24-hour pass on Friday by marrying Pavlina Vizkova in Prague, reports Reuter.



Obaidul Kader (C), the State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs, receives a crest from Manjurul Haque (L), president of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association, during his visit at the BSJA office yesterday. - Star photo

Smicer flew back to Prague late on Thursday night after receiving permission from Czech coach Dusan Uhrin to take a one-day leave of absence for the ceremony. He almost did not need the special charter flight when the Czech outsiders were on the brink of elimination 3-2 down to Russia in the final minutes of their final group match.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 1 Old photo, 6 Medicine man, 12 Slyx ferryman, 13 Hearty cigar, 14 Attitudinizing, 15 Arkansas range, 16 Overwhelms, and then some, 17 Saber's cousin, 19 Ten thousand saw - a glance (Wordsworth), 20 Timbuktu's land, 22 Destiny, 24 Tilly or Ryan, 27 Defeat, 29 Spoon's elopement mate, 32 Pago Pago is there, 35 Hera's counterpart, 36 Pronto, on a memo, 37 Tackle's teammate, 38 Recede, 40 Practice pugilism, 42 Scratch famous name?, 46 The ups and downs of fashion, 50 Kay Thompson heroine, 52 Tolerates, 54 Charm some, 55 Pooch, 56 'Star Wars' weaponry, 57 Hitches (abbr.), 1 Display, 2 Facility, 3 Spectator creator, 4 Charged bit, 5 Plant of the parsley family, 6 Old woman's home?, 7 Eyeshade?, 8 Ms. Gardner, 9 Nautical, 10 'Diana' singer, 11 Tammany Tiger, 12 Figure creator, 13 Swindled head?, 18 'Guernica' painter, 21 Mr. Baba, 22 Harem, 24 Army rank: abbr., 25 Ostrich's kin, 26 Unselfish campers put it behind them, 30 Last word of Kipling's 'If', 31 Swindled Reiner, 33 Director, 34 Hot tub, 39 More meat-spirited African beast, 42 Ground grain, 43 - meter, 45 Flushing faction, 47 Rewrite, 48 - sana-, 49 Compass hdg., 51 - de France, 53 Proscription

Cryptogram puzzle grid with clues: WBLQ DJBGNGPZ, QOU, ASDPBWNFZ FNI JSTQPPZ, GUFNPPUA PZSIT, SILQNU. Clue: Yesterday's Cryptogram: WHEN THE ICE-CREAM SHOP OPENED, RABID NEWSMEN GOT A BIG SCOOP. Today's Cryptogram clue: Z equals Y. 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.

TODAY'S EURO '96 FIXTURE FINAL Germany vs Czech Republic Venue: Wembley Time: 12:00 am (BST)