

Column One Sports WHIZZ KID

Announcement

TWO BITS OF A GOOD NEWS! Hey kids! From next week WHIZZ KID-51 to be precise...

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-50

Tick the Correct Answer (Competition closes: 8 p.m. August 16, 1996)

Table with 5 questions about the Atlanta Olympic Games, including fastest man, gold medals, Nigerian skipper, and Olympic gold for Burundi.

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SPORTS TALK



Diego Maradona (Argentine soccer superstar) 'The championship is over... I want to die... I am destroyed.'

(Expressing his agony after he missed fifth penalty shoot-out in a row for Boca Juniors)

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MA Sultan (2nd from right), chairman of the Danish Senior Division football league committee, speaking at a press briefing...

Football fiesta finally

The 1996 Senior Division football league kicks off at the Dhaka Stadium today with a promise to uphold the true spirit of the game.

And, with the exuberance of country's most spectacular and entertaining sporting gala narrowing towards the lush greens of the big bowl...

The official ceremony will begin at 4 pm. Home Minister Rafiqul Islam Bir Uttam will grace the opening of the prestigious league...

Olympic solidarity course from Aug 20

The Olympic solidarity course for the football coaches, organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation...

According to a BFF press release, the 30 coaches selected from different parts of the country...

The coaches are: M Jahangir Khan (Rajbari), Humayun Kabir Luku (Nawabganj)...

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Abahani take on Boys today

Sports Reporter Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra will kick off their campaign for a hat-trick championship this afternoon...

Arambagh Krira Sangha, who finished fifth in the Premier league last year behind Abahani...

In the First Division football league, which will be held in Mirpur Stadium...

National TT Tumpa & Saleha lift doubles crown

Sports Reporter Tumpa of Rajshahi and her partner Saleha from Narail clinched the girls doubles title in the ongoing 21st national table tennis championship...

According to a faxed message received here last night, the duo won the girls' doubles final against Roni and Boni...

In the first match, Ansari Linu and Shabana eliminated Jostna and Eit of Barigata 21-13, 21-9, 21-15...

Earlier on Saturday night, Ansari bagged the men's team title with an upset straight sets win over defending champions Bangladesh Biman.

In the three-match final, Mahboob defeated Saadi 21-13, 21-14 while Manash outplayed Rochi 21-16, 21-11...

Blackburn's boss faces dissent

LONDON, Aug 11: Blackburn Rovers' Norwegian midfielder Lars Bohinen today criticised Blackburn boss Ray Harford's lack of consistency in team selection...

His attack came in the wake of the world record 15 million pound (22.5 million dollars) sale of midfielder from Blackburn to Newcastle United...

With both Harford and the Ewood Park board under fire from fans upset at Shearer's departure...

The 29-year-old, a 700,000 pound signing from Nottingham Forest last October...

And in a direct attack on Harford, Bohinen added: 'He is continually changing the team around. Training is very frustrating.'

Paulus' fifth title

MARIA LANKOWITZ, Austria. Aug 11: Top-seeded Barbara Paulus of Austria won the final of the Syrian Open WTA Tour tennis tournament today when she defeated Italian opponent Sandra Cecchini...

Paulus led 15-40 in Cecchini's serve when the unseeded Italian decided she could not continue.

It was the fifth tournament victory of Paulus' career.

No stopping for Shilton

LONDON, Aug 11: Veteran former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton could play for West Ham in their opening Premiership match of the season against Arsenal next Saturday at the age of 46...

West Ham's regular keeper, Czech Ludek Miklosko, is struggling with a dislocated finger and manager Harry Redknapp's other options between the posts are inexperienced Australian Steve Morone and youngster Neil Mann.

Redknapp said: 'Peter still wants to play and looks as if he might be capable of playing.'

Shilton explained: 'I will do a session on Monday and I suppose Harry will have a word with me. I am available and want to play and then I could go on all season at least.'

He has trained at Oxford this summer but has signed a weekly contract at West Ham where he also acts as goalkeeper coach.

French giants start off

PARIS, Aug 11: French soccer champions Auxerre started the defence of their title in style by winning 1-0 at Nice in their first match of the new season on Saturday...

Auxerre, who have lost several key players and made no major signings since taking their first crown last May...

Cup Winners Cup holders Paris St Germain, whose main goal this season is to capture the title, started in similar fashion, winning 1-0 at Strasbourg...

The Brazilian World Cup player pounced on a blunder by Strasbourg goalkeeper Alexander Vencel to score for the Parisians in the 33rd minute.

All the main title contenders played well on their first outings of the season, but the most impressive were Monaco, who played exciting football to win 3-1 at Nantes.

The team from the principality went ahead after 20 minutes through a powerful free kick by Danish striker Dan Petersen.

Nantes kept fighting and equalised six minutes after the interval through Nicolas Savinaud, but seven minutes later Anderson put Monaco back in front.

Substitute Thierry Henry put the issue beyond doubt with three minutes remaining. Marseille had returned to the First Division in promising fashion on Friday by beating Lyon 3-1.

The former European champions were relegated two years ago over the Valenciennes bribery scandal and then forced to stay down, despite winning the Second Division in 1995...

Auxerre trainer Guy Roux said a few days ago that his only goal this season would be to avoid relegation but he made the same point last year.

'We beat a strong Nice side and that's good but the season is long and it's far too early to make any predictions,' he said after Saturday's match.

Anderson was delighted with Monaco's brilliant showing.

'We played a great match,' he said. 'Those who made guys the favourites for the title are probably right.'

PSG chairman Michel Densois said his side needed time to show their best form.

'This is only the first match and some of the players will need a few weeks to adapt but the most important thing tonight was to win,' he said.

'I'm particularly pleased with Leonardo,' he added. 'I'm sure he will bring us a lot.'

Botafogo usurp Juventus

LA CORUNA, Spain. Aug 11: Brazil's Botafogo won the annual Teresa Herrera tournament on Saturday when they beat European champions Juventus 3-0 on penalties after drawing 4-4 with a penalty in the last minute of extra time...

Juventus dominated the first-half and striker Christian Vieri put the team from Turin 1-0 ahead in the 23rd minute. But Tulio equalised for Botafogo in the 49th minute.

As the game heated up so did tempers. Italian defender Moreno Torricelli and Brazilian midfielder Otacilio were both sent off in the 7th minute after a confrontation on the pitch.

The Brazilians' fine physical form kept them fighting back in the second half and the match went into extra time with the score at 2-2 after goals from Juventus's Nicola Amoruso in the 74th and Botafogo's Ricardo France on minute later.

Amoruso scored again two minutes into extra time and Botafogo again equalised with a controversial goal from Tulio with Juventus protesting that he had used his hand.

Amoruso and Tulio both completed hat-tricks in the final minutes of extra time. Amoruso scored first, in the 118th minute, and Tulio struck a penalty one minute later, taking the match to a penalty shoot-out.

Earlier in the evening, Deportivo Coruna won third place in the tournament.

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Dariusz defends his belt

HAMBURG, Aug 11: Reigning WBO middle-weight boxing champion Dariusz Michalczewski retained his title here on Saturday night after his fight against Gaman compatriot Graciano Rocchigiani was declared a draw, reports AFP.

The 25,000 spectators, who were backing Rocchigiani, were stunned by the decision, which came after 15 minutes of deliberation during which the judges took advantage of video replays - a relatively new technique among boxing panels.

The 28-year-old Michalczewski remains undefeated over his 32-fight career.

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Nantes' Adel Sellimi (L) and an unidentified Monaco player engage in an aerial tussle during their match on the first day of the French league in Nantes on Saturday. Monaco won 3-1.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

CRYPTOQUIP

Cryptoquip puzzle with a grid of letters and a key for deciphering the message.



Biman's two International Masters - Reefat-bin-Sattar (R) and Ziaur Rahman - facing each other in the Open International Rating chess tournament at the NSC chess-room yesterday.