

Column One Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Announcement

TWO BITS OF A GOOD NEWS!

Hey kids! From next week, WHIZZ KID-51 to be precise, there will be a new format.

Two weeks to send in entries.

Two thousand taka worth of prize bonds to win every fortnight.

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-50

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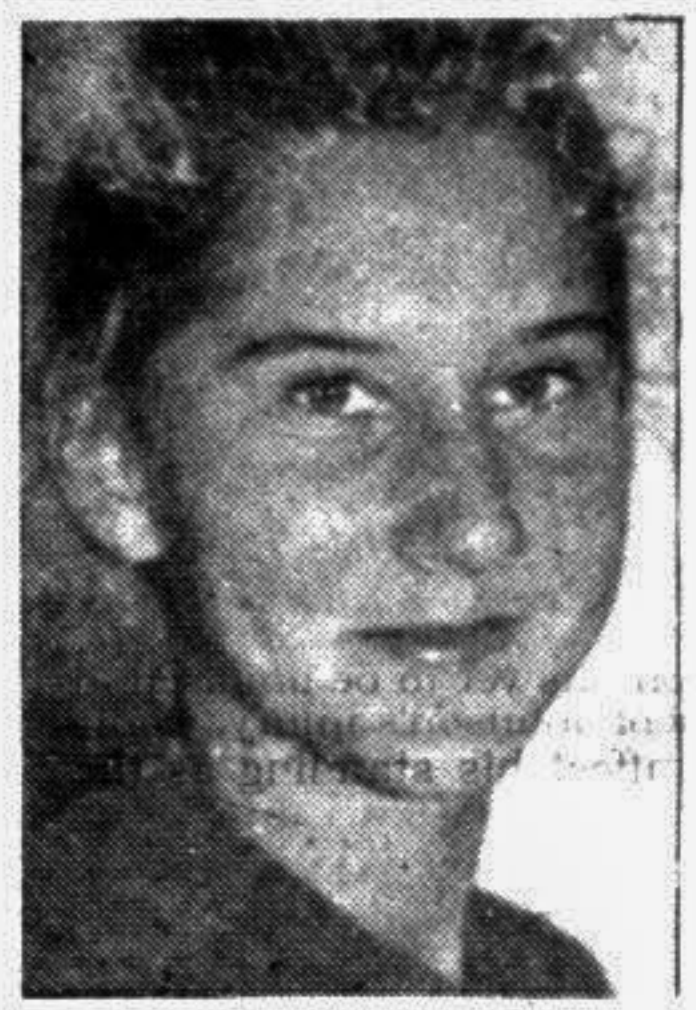
(Competition closes: 8 p.m. August 16, 1996)

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| 3 | Who is the skipper of Nigerian Olympic soccer team | Amokachi | Kapu | Rashidi |
| 4 | Who won the first ever Olympic gold for Burundi? | Batten | Chelomo | Nyongabu |
| 5 | Pakistan won their first Olympic hockey gold in | 1964 | 1960 | 1968 |

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SPORTS TALK



Monica Seles

(American tennis star)

"I am not as mentally strong as I was, but then I can't expect to be because I had a break at a crucial time in my career. But it's great to be back and I hope I can get there again."

After winning the Canadian Open title.

Nat'l handball from Aug 20

Sports Reporter

The national handball championship will be held in Jamalpur from August 20 under the aegis of the Bangladesh Handball Federation in coordination with the local Sports Association.

DMFA boss steps down

President of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) Shahidul Islam Chowdhury has resigned on personal grounds, an official said in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Islam was appointed president recently by the Bangladesh Football Federation.

Our Sports reporter adds: When contacted late last night, both Bangladesh Football Federation and DMFA officials expressed their ignorance and surprise about Shahidul Islam's resignation.

Habiganj lift DC Cup

HABIGANJ, Aug 13: Habiganj Eleven became champions in the Deputy Commissioner Gold Cup football tournament beating Chunarughat Eleven by 3-1 at the local stadium on Thursday, reports UNB.

Eight teams from eight thanas — Sadar, Habiganj, Baniachong, Aajmiriganj, Lakhai, Chunarughat, Madhabpur and Bahubal — took part in the tournament, organised by district Sports Council.

Sylhet Divisional Commissioner Mohammad Habibur Rahman witnessed the final and distributed prizes.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division football

League: (Venue: Dhaka Stadium)

Muktijoddha Sangsad KC vs Brothers Union Club (6 pm).

First Division football

League: (Venue: Dhaka Stadium)

Shadharan Bima KS vs PWD SC (4 pm)

Open rating chess (round-8)

Venue: NSC chess room (3 pm).



Mohammad's midfield play-maker Arman (L) tries to shake off a challenge from East End defender Manik during their Danish Premier league opener at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Mohammedans won 2-1. — Star photo

Shabbir's wizardly return

Sports Reporter

Syed Rumman-bin Wali Shabbir staged a magnificent come-back to competitive football to help title-aspirants.

Mohammedan Sporting kick off their Danish Premier league campaign with a 2-1 win over East End Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In front of a strong 20,000 crowd, it was an incredible and emotional return for the ace midfielder, who was out of action for the last couple of seasons after sustaining a serious knee-injury during a league match against PWD on that fateful night of August 17, 1994.

They lynchpin of Mohammedans, appearing on a rain-soaked pitch with his luminous career under the arc lamp, put behind the blues of a long and lonely struggle — he played like a spring chicken; the same old flare was very much there.

The diminutive midfielder, with his deceptive runs down the middle and his same old crisp crosses and defence-splitting thoughts, not only revived the memories of his former prolific self, but also played the sheet anchor role in every Mohammedan attack. His stunning performance even overshadowed the lively presence of Arman.

Although Shabbir did not score in the match, he was the man behind the early lead for Mohammedans with a swerving cross from the right in the 19th minute which East End's Arman Hossain, in a desperate bid to clear, shot into his own net to become the first player to score the first suicidal goal of the season.

Mohammedans, who strolled into the middle in a camouflage of their traditional black and white jersey, was buoyed by the electric presence of Shabbir in their first match against promotes East End.

With Shabbir, who along with Arman formed a formidable duo, Mohammedans got into action from the first whistle with a series of attacks down the right flank.

They got their first real scoring chance in the 10th minute when the Shabbir-Arman combination split the East End defence. But Arman's right-footer from inside the box was brilliantly thwarted by a diving custodian Tota at the cost of a corner.

After enjoying a 1-0 lead at the breather, Mohammedans, who impressed the gallery in their first appearance, pressed for more in the post-lunch session.

Their relentless efforts paid off in the 53rd minute when Ranjan, the fleet footed winger with a lethal left foot, marked an onrushing Tota in good time to scoop the ball into the empty net. (2-0).

However, over-ambitious and careless Mohammedans went all out to the extent of exposing their defence and almost got a rude awakening for underestimating their opponents. The old town outfit, who gave them a horrid time after their substitute Monsur pulled a goal back in the 86th minute by heading a rebounder off a pile driver from striker Saurov.

Saurov, who literally lived up to his fragrance, then gave the biggies a taxing time, enough to expose the shaky Mohammedan defence till the final whistle. Captain Jewel Rana, was a particularly a nervous starter in the match.

East End's Manik, Sagar and Muslim and Mohammedans' Arman were cautioned with the yellow card.

Farashganj floor F'pool

Sports Reporter

Farashganj Sporting Club began their Danish Premier Division football league campaign on a promising note when they recorded an upset solitary-goal victory over Young Men's Club Farkirpool in their opening league clash at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday afternoon.

In a wet scoring affair held on a wet pitch caused by the afternoon shower, Farashganj striker Towhid netted the all-important match-winner in the last minute of the game.

It was a disappointing day for the Young Men's Club who had all the possibilities of emerging winner having dominated the entire proceedings from the word 'go'. But, a few mis-cues by their heroes, who elevated their team's position to fourth in elite group last season, and some unplanned moves saw their efforts going in vain.

Striker Jalal spoiled the first opportunity for Young Men's Club as his close-range shot from an Asif pass missed the far post in the 17th minute.

After a barren first-half Young Men's Club added to the pressure over the old Dhaka outfit with unrelenting sorties and a chance to score came as early as in the fourth minute of the second half when Askar Babu crossed the ball from the right flank to an advancing Asif. But, the latter failed to capitalise and his grounder also missed the far post.

Jalal and Askar Babu had two more opportunities to take lead in the 23rd and 28th minutes of the second half respectively but, mis-fortune hung on to them.

On the other hand Farashganj, who finished seventh last year, were busy all along guarding their fort against the Farkirpool offensives. And when the moment came their way, they took the lead without any hesitation.

It was a counter-offensive via which Farashganj striker Towhid got the ball inside Young Men's territory from a right-side flatter and he confidently placed the ball home defeating a diving custodian Bijan (1-0). Young Men's Maksudul Amin Rana was cautioned with a yellow card.



England wicketkeeper Jack Russele and Nasser Hussain (R) make a successful lbw against Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram on the final day of the second Test at Headingley on Monday. — AFP/UNB photo

Maradona's belated wisdom

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 13: A day after abruptly ending his stint with local side Boca Juniors, Diego Maradona said on Monday he was travelling to a private clinic in Switzerland to treat a recurring drug habit, reports Reuters.

"I'm doing this for my daughters who mean more than anything to me and I'm saying this so everyone knows I want to get totally cured," Maradona unexpectedly told local television. "I'm told there's an 80 per cent chance they will cure my addiction. I'll make up for the rest with grit and courage."

The State news agency Telam said the former Argentine captain, who announced he was quitting Boca Juniors on Sunday, boarded a plane for Switzerland at 10 pm on Monday (0100 GMT Tuesday).

Maradona, 35, was twice suspended from soccer for using drugs — in 1992 when he was playing for Italian club Napoli and during the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

He has also been arrested for cocaine possession in Argentina.

The Swiss clinic was recommended to me by a friend and I'm going because in Argentina many doctors insist of treating you and curing you just take your money," Maradona said.

Besides, there is no knowledge about drugs here and many people have no idea how hard it is to get over a bout of depression and an addiction."

Maradona said that after the 12-day treatment he would visit his brother in Canada and then travel to Cuba to meet athletes who took part in the Olympics.

"I wanted to go the United States but since they're not letting me in I'm going to Cuba," he said.

On Sunday, the scandal-prone midfielder said he was leaving Boca Juniors and hinted he might even retire. He later said he would play for at least one more year but gave no further details.

Maradona announced he was leaving Boca just before the team's penultimate match of the season against Estudiantes de La Plata on Sunday. Boca lost 2-1, dashing their title hopes.

"It's all my fault what is happening to Boca right now," he said before the game.

Maradona, whose contract with Boca lasts until December 1997, missed a crucial penalty last week in a 1-0 defeat to Racing Club. It was his fifth consecutive penalty miss.

Maradona said last month he had turned down an offer by a Japanese club because he wanted to lead Boca to the championship title.

DIEGO MARADONA

Edberg as good as old

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug 13: Swede Stefan Edberg put on a display of serve-and-volley supremacy Monday night to defeat Australian Michael Tabbat 6-2, 6-2, to reach the second round of the one million dollar RCA championships, reports AFP.

Edberg, the six-time Grand Slam champion who will retire in November, needed just 59 minutes to advance, winning 12 to 13 service points during one mid-match hot streak.

The 30-year-old Swede broke Tabbat five times while losing his own serve only once. After that miscue for 1-3 in the second set, Edberg bore down and broke straight back with a well-placed precision volley winner.

"I felt really solid, I missed a few at the end, but I was pleased with my performance," said Edberg, the ninth seed and ranked No. 26 on the ATP Tour.

"I know I can still play good tennis, but it is time to retire the problem is staying fresh week after week. And by age 31 or 32, I think it is almost impossible to win a Grand Slam. For me, this year is the time to retire."

Edberg next faces Argentine Gaston Ellis who gave Andre Agassi a scare in the first round of the Australian Open.

In Earlier play three other seeds advanced.

Australia's Olympic gold medal doubles pair, the Woodies proved that they both know how to play the singles game. Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde each won through into the second round.

No. 14 Woodbridge, a first round loser a week ago in Cincinnati rolled over fellow Australian Scott Draper 6-3, 6-4.

Woodforde needed three sets to put out American qualifier Wade McGuire, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Czech Petr Korda defeated determined Moroccan Hicham Arazi 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

German Bernd Karbacher, last year's losing finalist to Swede Thomas Enqvist, had no energy as he took a surprise 6-2, 6-0 defeat to unknown No. 09 Spaniard Ignacio Trujillo.

"Nothing went my way today," said the German. "I played terrible, I couldn't concentrate. I made so many mistakes and didn't serve well."

Karbacher said that he has been bothered for several weeks by fatigue. "I had little headaches and thought the flu was coming up. I have no power, no energy on court. I'm so tired, I don't know what's going on."

Two Italian players came through. Stefano Pescosolido beat American Jonathan Stark 6-2, 6-3 while Cristiano Caratti came won a struggle to put out Croatian qualifier Sasa Hirszon 7-5, 4-6, 7-5.

Briton Mark Petchey, another qualifier had lesser luck, losing a 5-2 lead in the opening set as Canadian Sebastian Laureau swept past into the second round, 7-5, 6-2.

The victory could be a mixed blessing, as Laureau next faces holder Enqvist.

Shaky start for Williams

MANHATTAN BEACH, California, Aug 13: Venus Williams making one of her infrequent appearances on the WTA Tour, overcame nerves and some rusty shotmaking to beat Ludmila Richterova 7-6 (7-3), 3-6, 6-2 in the 450,000 dollars Acura Classic on Monday night, reports agencies.

Playing just her third tournament of the year, Williams fell behind 0-3 in the opening set against her Czech opponent. Eventually, the 16-year-old Williams, ranked 192nd in the world, harnessed her hard-hitting groundstrokes to improve her match record to 3-3 this year, and 6-6 in a limited pro career that began two years ago.

"I was a little nervous, but I figured that I didn't have time for that and there was nothing to lose," Williams said. "I didn't go out there to be nervous and after I finished being nervous I would've just lost, so I just had to wake up out of that."

Williams awoke in time to break Richterova's service twice in the opening set and race to a 6-1 lead in the best-of-7 tiebreaker. Three straight unforced errors by Richterova handed Williams the tiebreaker 7-3.

Richterova, 19, rolled through Williams in the second set.

gaining the only service break in the sixth game. The Czech, ranked 70th in the world, earned her first WTA career victory last year at Bournemouth, England.

Cheered on by a partisan crowd at Manhattan Country Club, Williams recovered in the third set. She broke Richterova to take a 3-1 lead, then served out a fifth game that went to deuce five times.

The victory put Williams on course for a possible third round clash with world-number one and top seed Steffi Graf.

Graf, who had to skip the Olympics with a knee injury, had a first round bye and was to open her campaign on Tuesday against American Katrina Adams, who beat Sweden's Asa Carlsson 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Olympic singles champion Lindsay Davenport of the United States, the fourth seed to meet Italy's Francesca Schiavone in the second round. Lubanski defeated Zina Garrison-Jackson 6-4, 6-2.

Other seeds slated for second round action included number two Anke Huber of Germany, and number three Kimiko Date of Japan.

The top seed on court on Monday was Japan's ninth seeded Ai Sugiyama, who grabbed a 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 (7/5) victory over American Anne Miller with a controversial call.

On match point, Sugiyama hit a forehand cross court that appeared wide. Miller protested and even Sugiyama admitted she thought it might have been out.

Katarina Studenikova of Slovakia became the first seeded player to lose. Sandrine Testud of France defeated the 15th-seeded Studenikova 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.

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Solution time: 27 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: THE FROG FEELTLY ASSURED HIS WIFE, "DARLING, I LOVE YOU WANTS AND ALL."

Today's Cryptquip clue: E equals M

The Cryptquip 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.