

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

Tick the Correct Answer

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

- 1. The fastest man in the Atlanta Olympic Games is... 2. Number of golds China won in the Atlanta Olympic Games are... 3. Who is the skipper of Nigerian Olympic soccer team... 4. Who won the first ever Olympic gold for Burundi?... 5. Pakistan won their first Olympic hockey gold in...

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SPORTS TALK



Mike Atherton (England cricket captain) I came on to bowl thinking I might get my coverage over the 300 mark but Wasim spotted the script. I think Wasim read it was a googy. After having the Pakistan captain LBW off an unusual leg-break.

ATP's top 20

MONACO, Aug 14 (Reuters): Leading rankings issued by the ATP Tour on Monday.

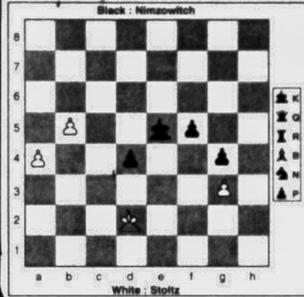
Table with 2 columns: Player, Points. Lists top 20 ATP players including Pete Sampras, Thomas Muster, Andre Agassi, etc.



'Junkie' Diego Maradona gestures to the crowd on his arrival at Geneva Airport on August 13.

Niaz Murshed's PAPERCHESS

Most real life chess champions are rather different from what they are supposed to be. The perception of a chess master is unathletic, absent minded and invariably old. Many people are therefore surprised when they meet six-teen-year-old Grand Masters who look like 'Bay watch' casts, rather than 'Professor Calculus' out of a 'Tintin' comic book.



bearded nor does he dress like a nutty professor. Kasparov, for example, looks more like a footballer than a chessplayer. While Fischer could have easily starred in movies in his heydays. Clearly the stereo-typical image does not suit them. However, it is often the case that not so successful players, who love the game dearly, do justice to this image. Professor S. Hye, who had been my trainer, suits this image nicely.

Kaiser knows the score

BONN, Aug 14: Chairman Franz Beckenbauer has warned Bayern Munich they will need composure as well as their big pre-season signings if they want to beat champions Borussia Dortmund to the German League title, reports Reuter.

damaged last season's campaign. You don't win titles with arguments, and those petty jealousies cost us the championship, former World Cup winning captain and coach Beckenbauer said.



them, they look set to dominate again. The main challenge could come from Bremen, Borussia Moenchengladbach and VfB Stuttgart.

Dortmund go into the new season with injury worries. Sousa, signed from Juventus, and former Hansa Rostock star Schneider may be forced to sit out the first part of the campaign.

Hitzfeld will also be without Germany midfielder Stefan Freund, who picked up a long-term knee injury during the European Championship in England in June.

The champions' problems were exposed in the German Cup last Sunday when they crashed out in the first round to regional league side Wattenscheid.

"We haven't got back to form yet," experienced defender Juergen Kohler said. "We'll need another three or four games."

Dortmund begin the defence of their title on Saturday with a tough away game at Bayer Leverkusen, revitalised under new coach Christoph Daum, the former Stuttgart trainer.

Bayern have the chance to get a head start when they take on relegation candidates St Pauli on Friday night.

All eyes will be on the controversial Basler, not just during the game, where his deadly free kicks could be a great asset, but also after the match when he talks to reporters.

The 27-year-old has a reputation for outspoken attacks on other figures in the game and his move to the controversial Bayern dressing room has raised eyebrows.

In the pre-season friendlies, Basler was remarkably quiet and appears to have learned from his new club's past mistakes.

"If things stay calm in Munich, then there can only be one Bundesliga winner this season," he said. "Bayern."

In contrast, Dortmund showed more discipline during the tense battle last season. Their coach Ottmar Hitzfeld said: "The team has grown together through winning the title. The harmony is better now than it was last year."

Bayern and Dortmund left the pack far behind last season, and as no other clubs have the deep pockets to match



Muktijodha forward Golam Gaus (R) being tackled by a Brothers Union defender during yesterday's Danish Premier Division football league encounter.

Muktis, BU draw 0-0

Both Muktijodha Sangsad and Brothers Union launched their Danish Premier Division football league campaigns unimpressively when they played out an insipid scoreless encounter at the floodlit big bowl yesterday.

On a slow and wet ground because of the incessant rain, both Muktis, the star-studded side who were third in the elite group last season, and the Gopibagh outfit, who had a terrible season last year finishing eighth preferred to play defensively and in share points instead.

Muktis, who have lost five of their stars to Abahani before the season, tried to break the stalemate with numerous attacks in the second session. But Nakib and Gaus failed to convert them.

On the other hand, Brothers, who hit the headlines last week beating giants Mohammedans in an exhibition match, suffered cold feet.

Yellow cards: Reaz (Muktijodha) and Shahjada (BU).

TEAMS: MUKTIJODHA SANGSAD: Pannu, Paritosh, Moon, Kingshuk, Masud Rana, Rony (Reaz), Tito, Zakir, Nakib and Gaus.

BROTHERS UNION: Saidul, Mizan, Bishu, Shahjada, Govinda, Imadul, Bakhtiar, Amer Khan (Uttam), Joy, Tipu and Jamal.

Referee: Ram Krishna. Cup winners' Cup

Laos Electricity arrive Aug 21

The Laos Electricity football club team is likely to arrive in the capital on August 21 to play the first round match against Mohammedan Sporting Club in the Asian Cup Winners' Cup.

East Asia Zone one, a press release of the Bangladesh Football Federation said yesterday, reports BSS.

The match will take place at the Dhaka Stadium on August 24.

Three referees from India and one match commissioner from Nepal will conduct the match.

BFF refutes BSS report

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has refuted a report of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha regarding the resignation of DMFA president Shahidul Islam Chowdhury which was carried in a section of national dailies Wednesday.

According to a BFF press release signed by joint secretary Sirajul Islam Bacchu, the story was absolutely baseless and devoid of merit.

Shahidul Islam Chowdhury has not resigned, the release added.

Inter baffle Man United

LONDON, Aug 14: English champions Manchester United lost to Italy's Inter Milan for the second time in a fortnight in a pre-season friendly at Old Trafford on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

United, who swept aside Premier league rivals Newcastle 4-0 in the English FA Charity Shield on Sunday, went down 1-0 to a second half header from Chilean international Ivan Zamorano, who joined the Serie A side from Real Madrid in the close season.

Inter beat United 3-0 in the first leg of the friendly tie in Italy two weeks ago. Newcastle put their Charity Shield nightmare behind them with an impressive 2-1 win over Belgian league runners-up Anderlecht.

Columbian forward Faustino Asprilla opened the scoring for Kevin Keegan's side, Anderlecht hit back through Gilles de Bilde but French winger David Ginola scored the winner for Newcastle.

Pete put through hoops

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug 14: Pete Sampras survived a dogfight with the world's 300th ranked player Tuesday to claw his way into the third round of the one million dollar RCA championships, reports AFP.

The world number-one emerged from a dogfight with qualifier Don Johnson with a 7-6 (7/3), 6-7 (8/10), 6-2 victory.

"I had trouble getting rhythm on his serve, it was a big kick and I've always had trouble with lefties," said Sampras, who will arrive at the US Open later this month without a Grand Slam Title to his credit for 1996.

"I had so many chances in the third set, but I couldn't convert them," said Sampras, who had seven break points in two games of the second set. "I didn't really want to play a third set, but I regrouped after the second and maintained my composure."

After losing the first decider, Johnson, a 27-year-old

from north Carolina, hung in and forced the second tie-breaker.

He saved two match points in the process, finally taking the set on his second set point.

Sampras expressed his growing frustration in the third set when he held a 40-love lead in the fourth game but failed to break through.

Johnson's resistance finally snapped on the sixth game as Sampras broke for 5-2, held and broke again to end the match after more than two hours.

"I'd much rather have won two and two," said Sampras. "But it was a fight and a good one to through. It would be nice to win the tournament here. It would give me a lot of confidence going into the Open."

Strikers Shimul and Saiful scored one goal each for PWD in the 7th and 79th minutes respectively while Sajedul reduced the margin for Bima in the 51st minute.

New sports fed bosses

The government has appointed new presidents to four national sports federations yesterday, reports BSS.

According to government notifications: Navy Chief Rear Admiral M. Nurul Islam became the new president of Bangladesh Swimming Federation replacing Mohammad Asatudowa while Air Force Chief Air Vice Marshal Zamil Uddin Ahmed was appointed president of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation to succeed Maj. Gen (ret'd) M. Abdur Rab.

N.M. Akram, MP, replaced Commodore Golam Rabbani to be the new president of Bangladesh Rowing Federation while Begum Rafia Akter (Dolly) was made president of the Bangladesh Women's Sports Association.

The appointments will be effective immediately.

Nagano counting costs

NAGANO, Japan, Aug 14: Organisers of the next Olympic Games, the 1998 Winter sports extravaganza in this central Japanese city, are doing their sums again and coming up short, reports Reuter.

Nagano, nestled in Japan's alps, won the Winter Games after a strong bid before the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1991, which included promises of payment of all expenses for Olympic athletes and the launching of extensive infrastructure projects.

But the bursting of Japan's economic bubble and the sharp appreciation of the yen have thrown a wrench into the plans of organisers, who announced in April that Nagano will now pay only 1,000 dollars in expenses for each athlete and nothing for national team officials.

With less than two years before the Games begin, cost estimates have risen by more than one-third to about 100 billion yen (934 million dollar), organisers said.

Nagano Organising Committee (NAOC) officials say they do not anticipate a deficit, but changes in the provisions

made at the time of the bid were necessary.

"There is an understanding between Nagano and the (IOC) on what we can provide," said Naokichi Nishimura, deputy director general of NAOC.

"The economy could be one of the reasons for the change in our Olympic provisions the biggest problem has been foreign exchange."

Nishimura said if Japan's economy picks up in the period before the Games, it could improve the situation for the organisers.

But the economy is not the only issue the NAOC has had to tackle.

Controversy erupted at the Nagano World Cup in March, when International Ski Federation officials said the Happono Alpine course was too short for the Olympics.

The course lies at the foot of a national park, and NAOC officials say they will not lengthen the course or change the venue.

Nishimura said he believes an understanding now exists between the Ski Federation and the NAOC, but federation officials have not made an official comment.

Local environmentalists are happy with the decision on the

Happono course, but say infrastructure projects accompanying the Games are affecting Nagano's ecology.

"We have launched the 'bullet' train and highway construction in preparation for the Games, and these invariably damage nature," said Washin Machida, president of the Nature Conservation Union of Nagano.

The city mayor said environmental concerns are being considered, but added the bulldozer for the Games will bring gains into the next century.

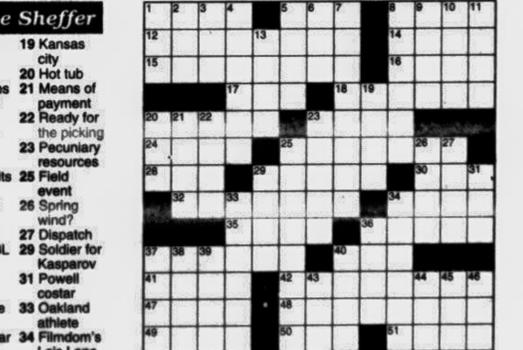
"By having stronger infrastructure, we can provide a better lifestyle for the people of Nagano after the Olympics, and it will be very beneficial to the city's development in the 21st century," said mayor Tasuku Tsukada.

Nagano, a city of around 350,000, is geographically separated from the rest of the island nation, with travel to Tokyo by train currently taking some three hours.

The construction of the bullet train connection to and from Nagano will cut that travel time in half, and organisers say similar efforts will focus on travel within the prefecture.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Nothing, in Navarra; 3 Highway-repair; 4 Camelot; 5 "Rosen-kavaler"; 6 Koppel; 7 Kennedy and; 12 Tie result; 14 "Well"-financed grp.; 15 Relax; 16 Ur's; 17 Actor; 18 Vitamin; 20 Rugby formation; 22 About one-third of a meter; 24 Duo; 25 "Speed" actress; 28 Uraeus; 29 Bamboo eater; 30 Ewings' wares; 32 Precursor; 34 Narc's unit; 35 They do the hole job.



CRYPTOQUIP HDGJ FGSSNST AXAADD XJANUA AJGEH MXV VRUNTSU DS MRJ FENSAU. Saturday's Cryptic: THE BIG, THICK BACKWARD SWORDSMAN KEPT MISSING THE POINT. Today's Cryptic clue: S equals N. The Cryptic 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.