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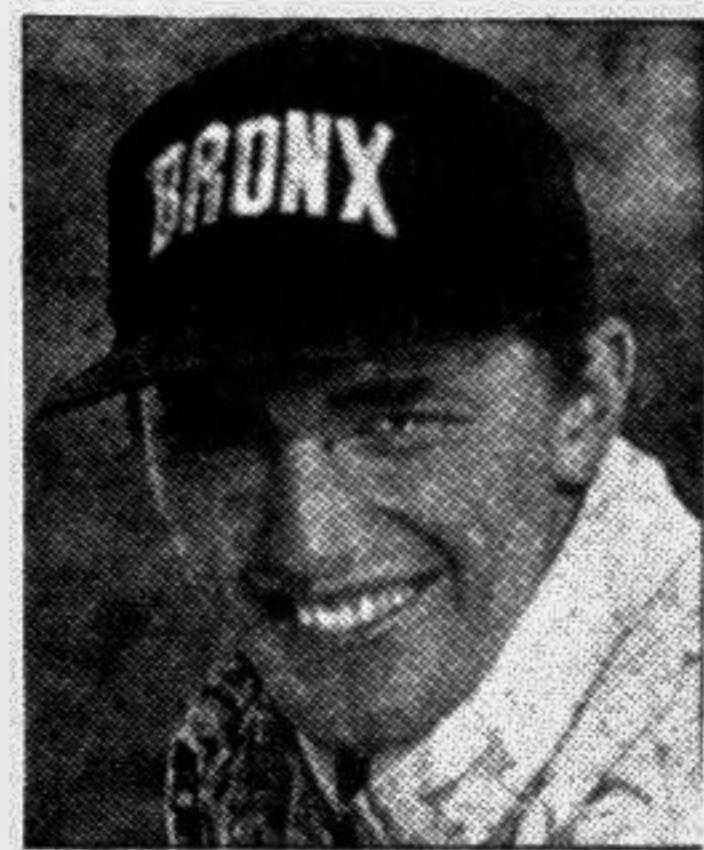
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Competition closes : 8 pm
September 27, 1996

1	The winner of the man-of-the-series award in the Singer World Series is	De Silva	Jaysuria	Ranatunga
2	The number of participating nations in the Pepsi ACC Trophy are	15	12	10
3	The winner of the US Open 1996 women's title is	Graf	Seles	Hingis
4	The Bangladeshi who scored a century in the first round of the Pepsi ACC Trophy is	Akram	Bulbul	Bidyut
5	The new England Test vice-captain is	Hussain	Stewart	Russell

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SPORTS TALK



Goran Ivanisevic

(Croatian tennis player)
"I always play best when I am under pressure, when I am down."WHIZZ KID-52
winner1. Keivan Niksejel
Greenherald Int'l School
Dhaka

Remember to bring a passport size photograph when collecting your prize from the Sports Desk on Sept 18 at 8 pm.

WHIZZ KID-52
correct answers

1. Pakistan batsman Salim Malik's century in The Oval Test was his. Ans. 14th.
2. How many athletes from Bangladesh went to Atlanta this year. Ans. Four.
3. The top seed of this year's US Open is. Ans. Sampras.
4. Pakistani pacer Waqar Younis has signed for English county. Ans. Glamorgan.
5. Cricket umpire Steve Bucknor is from. Ans. West Indies.

Nat'l women's
handball

Pirojpur DSA, BJMC, Bangladesh Ansars, Rangpur DSA and Dhaka DSA won their respective matches of the 11th Orient Bread national women's handball tournament here yesterday, reports UNB.

Pirojpur edged past Joypurhat by 8-5 goals. BJMC trounced Barisal DSA 28-2. Ansars outplayed Rajshahi DSA 29-6. Rangpur beat Madaripur DSA 18-16 and Dhaka beat Jamalpur DSA by 15-10 goals.

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury inaugurated the five-day meet at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium.

Reynolds sticks
to his guns

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Sept 13: Harry Butch Reynolds, who still claims he was innocent of the steroid drugs charge which kept him out of athletics for two years in 1990-92, has called for an independent drug testing body.

"When we have an independent agency, who does not care if you are negative or positive, but will tell the truth, that will be a big push in the right direction for my sport," the 32-year-old American told AFP here on Thursday.

"Now, if they make a mistake in their drug-testing, they do not have to admit it," he added.

"That's someone's life destroyed. Many people cannot handle that kind of adversity and that's why many athletes find it hard to believe the system."

Niaz Murshed's

PAPERCHESS



The Bangladesh chess team, who will leave the country for Armenia today to participate in the 32nd World Chess Olympiad, called on State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader (2nd L) at his office yesterday.

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Every two years, all chess-playing countries send their best players to a tournament to find out which is the strongest nation in the world. This year, the 32nd World Chess Olympiad begins on Sunday in Yerevan, Armenia. Like the previous years, Bangladesh is sending a delegation of twelve, comprising six men, four women and two officials.

Bangladesh, unlike most other sports, does not figure at the bottom in world ratings. Out of about 110 countries, her ranking would be somewhere in the bottom of the first half in men's chess. Among the Asian countries Bangladesh is eighth after Uzbekistan, China, Kazakhstan, India, Philippines, Indonesia and Vietnam. Vietnam used to be a much weaker side but has improved tremendoys in recent years.

On the women's side Bangladesh's position is slightly weaker taking into consideration

the number of countries involved in it.

I think the performance of both the teams will be of great interest to the sports lovers in Bangladesh. There will be a special report on results of our teams by a Special Star Correspondent from Yerevan.

However, the Swiss system in the Olympiad, which makes a pairing of 14 round among more than a 100 teams is far from accurate. A team might suffer in the standings, due to a bad last two rounds, despite a good performance throughout the entire tournament. Our previous standing of 66th was a bit unfair I thought, since we played very well against the stronger teams. We held France, Switzerland, Slovakia and Kazakhstan to a draw.

For those who do not know, team events in chess are played in four boards for men, three for women. Men have two reserves, while women have one.

The top three boards in our men's team, Ziaur Rahman, Star photo

Reefat-bin-Sattar and myself are all quite experienced. However the forth board has always been our bottle neck. This year we expect better support from the remaining players. Young Enamul Hossain looks quite promising to me and may go beyond expectation.

It is very difficult for me to comment on the women's team, since I did not follow their games much. However, I know that a lot depends on the top two boards — Rani Hamid and Tamina Parveen. But the team will miss the experience of Shabana Nipa who failed to

As a whole, the contingent so far is in very good spirits and hopes to achieve their best in Yerevan.

It would be a good idea for the reader to check our results with renowned teams, which will give a good indication of the level of performance.

(Niaz Murshed is the sub-continent's first Grand Master).

Roy looks on bright side



APPIANO, Gentle, Italy, Sept 13: Roy Hodgson believes his Inter Milan have what it takes to challenge for the Italian title this season, if only he can fit the pieces together, reports AFP.

In a rollercoaster few weeks, Hodgson has lost three key players through injury, a fourth, Nigerian star striker Nwankwo Kanu, is unlikely to play again because of a recently discovered heart problem, and the squad has been changed beyond recognition.

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