

Column One

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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-53

Tick the Correct Answers

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 Jaysuriya Ranathunga

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

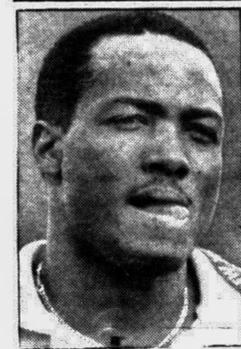
Akram Bulbul Bidyut

5 The new England Test vice-captain is

Hussain Stewart Russell

Name: Roll No. School Address: Phone: (if any):

SPORTS TALK



Brian Lara

(West Indies' batting wizard) "I mentioned to Viv Richards that I would really like to bat with him... I only had one in an one-day international in England and that wasn't for very long. So that's a big disappointment."

BWSA's new body

National Sports Council yesterday reconstituted the ad-hoc advisory and executive committees of the Bangladesh Women's Sports Association, reports UNB.

A six-member advisory committee was formed with Begum Sajeda Chowdhury MP as chief adviser while Rafiq Akhter Doly has been made the president and Sultana Ferdous Ara the general secretary of the 35-member executive committee.

Chief Adviser: Begum Sajeda Chowdhury MP

Advisers: Khaleda Khanam MP, Meher Afroz MP, Segufta Yasmin MP, Mamtaz Begum and Sudipta Dewan.

President: Rafia Akhter Doly

Vice-Presidents: Lutfunessa Haq Bakul, Nilfar Banu, Hosne Ara Khan, Kazi Zaheda Ali and Nazma Shamim.

General Secretary: Sultana Ferdous Ara

Asst general secretaries: Begum Shamsun Nahar and Mahboob Ara Gini.

Treasurer: Marium Begum

Organising Secretaries: Kazi Nasima Hamid and Nazma Akhter.

Members: Advocate Nazma Kausar, Dr Mamta Iqbal, Noly Catherine Cruze, Rasheda Khanam, Sultana Gazul Haq, Quamrun Nahar Dana, Ifrat Obabet, Zinat Ahmed, Nasimun Ahmed, Fatema Khatun, Tahmina Begum Monazza, Shireen Ahmed, Raushan Ara Zaman, Kaniz Fatema, Umme Salma Rafique, Sufia Khatun & Hosne Ara Hashi.

General secretaries of Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Barisal and Sylhet Divisional Women's Sports Associations have been included as executive committee members.

RU handball

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 25: The inter-department handball championship of Rajshahi University began at the university ground yesterday.

Twenty departments are participating in the meet.

Khulna soccer

KhULNA, Sept 25: Mohammedan Sporting Club and Khulna Shipyard played out a 1-1 draw in the Bull-Head Premier Division football league at the local stadium yesterday, reports BSS.

Nayan and Omar Farooq of the Mohammedans and Imran of Khulna Shipyard were cautioned for rough play.



Youngmen's Club custodian Bijan collects a shot from Abahani striker Rakib during yesterday's Danish Premier Division football league clash at the Dhaka Stadium. — Star photo

Abahani survive a scare

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra survived an attacking, virtuoso display from the Fakirerpool Youngmen's upstarts on their way to an unimpressive 2-0 win in a Danish Premier football league match at the flood-lit Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The holders, who were on the receiving end of the turbulent first half, struck the first salvo in the 62nd minute with their diminutive midfielder Swapan stabbing home from a goal-mouth melee. Substitute Rumi doubled the margin with a cool header four minutes from the final whistle, helping his side avoid an always-looming defeat.

It was Abahani's fifth win from seven matches. The sky blues with this win continued to closely follow their arch-rivals and league leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club, who are at the top with 19 points, by two points.

But as far as the match is concerned it was a lucky escape for Abahani, who were far from the once-convincing brand and looked miserable against an adrenaline-pumping display by the Fakirerpool youngsters.

In front of a near-packed audience, Abahani might claim as an eventual winners, but it was yet another breath-taking performance by the Fakirerpool booters, who like a dance hall cutpurse bemused the capacity crowd besetting a sodden stiff to emerge as psychological and moral victors against their fancied opponents.

With Maksudul Amin Rana, the heart throb of many and a nightmare of Abahani, once again exhibited his telling proficiency as Fakirerpool took the Abahani defence by storm right from the goal mouth.

The fleet-footed striker, who was irresistible down both the flanks, opened up the Abahani defence in the very fourth minute with a deceptive cross from the right. An unmarked Asif headed the ball to an advancing Jalal, who unleashed a fierce left-footer right on the target, but only to be fisted away by an air-borne Abahani custodian Biplab, the confident youngster under the bar.

In the 20th minute Reza lobbed a long throw from the right which came by Jalal's way via a back-header from Askar

jack buses to get to avenues. But hundreds of thousands of people will travel every day to the western suburb of Homebush, where most of the Olympic venues, including a new 110,000-seat stadium, are being built.

On the busiest day of the Games, the second Saturday, up to half a million people are expected to use either buses, ferries or a new train link to Homebush.

Rogge welcomed Sydney's decision to move the Olympic Velodrome away from Home-

Commission chairman Jacques Rogge listed various problems, however, including transport, accommodation, and even the possibility that indigenous aborigines or other ethnic minorities could try to "take the Games hostage."

It's not a honeymoon, but the problems we've analysed can all be overcome," Rogge told a news conference.

Jacques Rogge also said planning and progress for the event is going ahead smoothly.

Rogge said the commission is "very satisfied" with the policy of the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG).

He said the Games organisers were responsible only for organising and staging the 2000 Olympic Games and in every aspect of sport SOCOG had given a proper consideration to minorities.

"Olympic Games are always in danger of being hijacked by all kinds of groups in all countries in the past," he said.

"This is unavoidable. The Olympic Games are the biggest sports event in the world."

The total number of spectators is expected to be much lower than in Atlanta, where stories abounded of untrained, out-of-town bus drivers getting lost and athletes having to hi-

Victoria beat Rahmatganj

Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club registered their fourth win in the Danish First Division football league with a solitary goal victory over Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Striker Selim scored the all-important goal 18 minutes into the second half. After receiving a short pass from midfielder Taju who infiltrated Rahmatganj's defence through the right flank, Selim did the rest with a measured placing shot.

With yesterday's win, Victoria went atop the ten-team league standings having 14 points from seven matches. On the other hand, it was Rahmatganj's first loss. The old town outfit dropped down one place to third earning 12 points from seven outings, one short of promotes Mirpur Chalanika Sporting Club who have 13 points to their credit also from seven matches.

The only match for today between Wari Club and BRTC Sports Club begins at the Dhaka Stadium at 4.30 pm.

Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association, the organiser of the league, declared the match free for all last night.

Hockey squad off to Italy

A 19-member Bangladesh hockey team left yesterday morning for Italy to take part in the preliminary round of the 9th men's World Cup, reports UNB.

The 14-team qualifying meet will be held in Cagliari from September 29 to October 12.

Fed Cup b'ball

Sports Reporter

Josephites beat Hornets Club 61-55 in an 8th Federation Cup basketball championship encounter at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 39-23. Mikhail and Monwar scored 20 and 12 points respectively for Josephites while Pallab of Hornets collected 20 points.

Entries for schools chess invited

Sports Reporter

The 11th national school chess championship, organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation, will begin in the capital from September 28.

Interested school students have been requested to submit their names at the federation office by 8 pm tonight.

Trial starts into death of Vitas

RIVERHEAD, New York, Sept 25: Opening arguments began in the trial of a pool mechanic charged in the death of Former American tennis star Vitas Gerulaitis, who died two years ago from carbon monoxide poisoning at the Long Island estate of a friend, reports AP.

Bartholomew Torpey, 34, of Sag Harbour, is charged with criminally negligent homicide in Gerulaitis' death. The pool company for which he worked, East End Pools and Courts Inc. of Sag Harbour, is charged with reckless manslaughter in the tennis player's death.

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U-16 nat'l meet tomorrow

Sports Reporter

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Chaudanga Zone: Magura, Meherpur, Khulna, Kushtia, Narail, Faridpur and Chaudanga.

Bandarban Zone: Chittagong, Laxmipur, Feni, Cox's Bazar, Bandarban, Khagrachari and Comilla.

Jhenidah Zone: Naogaon, Sirajganj, Rajshahi, Jhenidah, Chapainawabganj, Bogra and Natore.

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Anjan Chowdhury (2nd from left), the vice-president of Bangladesh Football Federation, briefs local journalists on the forthcoming Meril under-16 national championship at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Becker back on song

BASEL, Switzerland, Sept 25: Boris Becker returned successfully to competition on Tuesday after an aborted comeback attempt at a tournament in Bucharest two weeks ago. Becker's damaged right wrist stood the test as he fought past Ullrich, ranked a respectable 36 in the world, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

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The Millennium Athlete's stainless sculpture of the 2000 Olympic Games' logo is viewed by two artists at Sydney Harbour yesterday. —AFP/UNB photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. Includes crossword puzzle grid and clues for across and down words.