Column One

Sports WHiZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHiZZ KID competition-55

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm October 25, 1996)

1	In Test cricket, how many centuries did former West Indian opener Gordon Greenidge score?		
	18	19	17
2	The only hattrick in the first leg of the Danish Premier Division football league was scored by		
	Naquib	Tutul	Mizan
3	How many balls did Pakistani batsman Shahid Afridi face to score the fastest one-day international hundred?		
	42	35	37
4	Former Bangladesh cricket captain Faruque Ahmed will play next season for		
	Abahani	Kalabagan	Brothers Union
5	The man-of-the-series in the quadrangular cricket meet in Kenya was		
	Afridi	Donald	Kirsten

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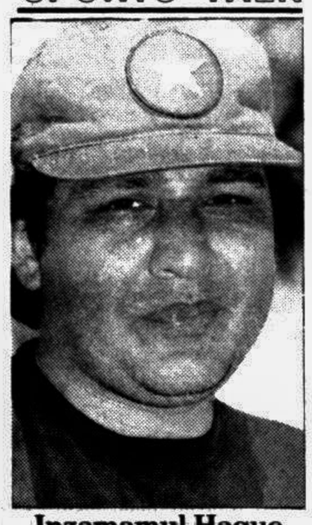
SPORTS TALK



Inzamamul Haque
(Pakistani middle-order batsman)

"Imran Khan was very positive and often led the side from the front. Salim Malik was another cool leader. Initially, Wasim Akram appeared to inexperienced for the job, but he is enjoying himself in the second innings."

(Talking about Pakistan skippers)

IM Ziaur Rahman (R) engages himself in a cerebral warfare against Pakistani counterpart Mahmood Lodhi in the 13th round match of the Beximco QM Hossain International Masters' Chess championship at the NSC conference room yesterday. —Star photo

Lodhi upsets Zia's applecart

Sports Reporter

Pakistani International Master Mahmood Lodhi spiked Bangladeshi IM Ziaur Rahman's guns in the penultimate round of the Beximco 13th QM Hossain International Masters' chess championship at the NSC conference room yesterday.

Ziaur Rahman, who was in fine nick of time so far, needed only a draw against his Pakistani counterpart to lift the trophy for the second time.

But that was not to be happened so easily as Lodhi baffled the table leader with a stinging defeat to give a sensational twist in an otherwise one-man going.

Although, despite the late stumble, Zia still maintains a solo lead with highest nine and a half points, but the national champion has left to live on nerves until his uphill test in the last round today when he faces old friend and foe IM Reefat-bin Sattar.

Zia, for whom it was the second defeat after nine wins and a draw, will be desperately looking for at least a draw to capture the coveted crown after his maiden triumph in 1992.

On the other hand, Lodhi, who earned resignation from Zia after 38 moves in a match played in the line of Katalon Opening, with his win, raised a glimmer of hopes to pip Zia at the post.

Lodhi, who is craving for an elusive treble here, will take on lowly-rated Rafique today. Although a win for the jovial Pathan is always on the cards, but he will have to wait for the outcome of the Zia-Reefat match to know his fate. Lodhi now trailing the table-leader with eight and a half points.

For former champions Reefat, who was already thrown out of the race, the 12th round turned out to be yet another disappointment when he drew with compatriot Saifuddin Lovelu. Reefat is now sharing a distant third position with Enamul Hussain Rajib and Neeroje Kumar Mishra, one of the four Indian IMs in the fray.

Young Rajib, the most impressive campaigners among the local players, in this round drew with his more illustrious Indian IM Verugeese Koshy. Meanwhile IM Mishra outwitted Rafiqul Islam to raise his collection to seven and a half points.

However, the day proved to be mixed fortune for the Indians when IM Sudhakar Babu lost to Khandaker Kays Hasan of Bangladesh to satisfy with the fourth slot along with his compatriot Koshy, both having collected seven points each.

Meanwhile in the other match of the day, Hasibul Hasan Hanif beat Abdullah-al Rakib in an affair of localities while IM Vishal Shareen, the most unimpressive campaigner among the four Indians, picked up a unexpected victory at the cost of FIDE Master Jamilur Rahman.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Koshy vs Hanif; Kayes vs Rajib; Jamil vs Sudhakar; Lovelu vs Shareen; Zia vs Reefat; Rafique vs Lodhi; Rakib vs Mishra.

Looking for lost kingpin

LONDON, Oct 24 (Reuter): How many players do you need to make up a football team? The answer — If the team is Blackburn Rovers — appears to be one.

Since Alan Shearer walked out on the 1995 English champions in July to join Newcastle United as the globe's most expensive player, Blackburn's world has fallen about their heads.

Every attempt to find a replacement for the England striker has failed and the 112 league goals he scored for them in four glorious seasons at Ewood Park are now just painful memories.

Ten matches into the season, the team which 17 months ago soared to the pinnacle of English soccer are now the only side in the 92-team English football league without a league win.

Rovers are anchored to the bottom of the Premier league they once conquered and have just six league goals to their credit — the same number Shearer has scored for Newcastle.

Blackburn's grandly titled "director of football" Kenny Dalglish has departed and manager Ray Harford, who joined the club with Dalglish in 1991, has considered following suit.

"Sometimes you think it might be better for everyone," he acknowledged gloomily after Rovers lost 2-0 at home to Arsenal earlier this month. "We're bottom of the league, haven't won a game, that's the situation."

On Tuesday things went from bad to worse as Blackburn were dumped out of the English League Cup at Ewood Park by Second Division Stockport, a team 34 places below them in the league.

At the final whistle, sections of the home crowd chanted for Harford to quit and around 150 fans staged a protest outside the ground to demand a new manager.

But for some fans at the north Lancashire club, Shearer, and not Harford, is the man at fault.

"I don't blame Harford at all," said Paul Loftus, editor of a Blackburn supporters' magazine, "genuine Blackburn fans don't blame Harford, not the fans who supported the club when we were down in the Third Division.

"The timing of Shearer's move has been our biggest problem," he said. "We had no time to find a replacement for him."

"If he'd left at the end of last season (rather than in late July) we could have found another number nine. He showed us no loyalty whatsoever.

"Losing him was not just like losing a striker. We lost a player who can play on the wings, who can cross the ball, who can drop back into midfield or defend. It was like losing three players in one."

Finding a substitute for Shearer has proved a tall order.

Harford tried to tempt Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta from Italy's Fiorentina but the bid failed.

French internationals Christophe Dugarry and Zinedine Zidane were also said to be on Rovers' August shopping list but they went to Italy instead.

More recently the club has been linked with Brazilian goalscorer Bebeto but Blackburn insist he is not a target.

It is all a far cry from the heady days of the early 1990s when Blackburn, fuelled by the hard cash of local businessman and multi-millionaire Jack Walker, knew what they wanted and had the money to buy it.

Dalglish, manager at the time, broke the British transfer record twice in two years to buy Shearer for 3.3 million pounds (5.3 million dollars) in 1992 and fellow striker Chris Sutton for five million pounds (8 million dollars) in 1994.

Their goals brought the league title to Rovers and the club firmly believed it had established itself among England's elite.

"AC Milan were successful, so they had the money to spend, so they remained successful," a confident and relaxed Harford said at the time of Sutton's signing. "There's no reason why we shouldn't do the same."

Last season Blackburn start shakily and then rally in the new year to finish seventh but, even then, the unity that won them the championship appeared to be on the wane.

Dalglish "moved upstairs", allowing Harford to become manager, and took a back-seat role at the club whose dreams he had helped fulfil.

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Titan tourney

Aussies take on SA today

Sports Reporter

Highly rated Australia take on seemingly invincible South Africa today in the ongoing Titan triangular limited-over tournament in Faridabad.

Both India and Australia tasted defeats against the total cricket of the South Africans, who have collected six points off three matches in the three-tier preliminary league.

The South Africans will guarantee their place in the final on November 6 if they defeat Australia, still without a win, in today's match.

Hosts India, who stooped to the South Africans twice in the meet so far, pulled off their only win against Australia to collect two points off three outings.

Hockey transfer

Three part ways with Abahani

Sports Reporter

Seventeen players changed their allegiance on the fourth day of the inter-club hockey players' transfer at the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) office yesterday.

With most of the leading clubs staying off the bourse, last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra haplessly watched three of their players parting ways with one of the most popular outfits in the domestic sports.

Notable among the three is Abdullah Piru, who signed on the dotted line to complete a deal with Usha Krira Chakra. While Mizanur Rahman Rubel joined Wari Club and Jamir Hossain opted to don the Bangladesh Boys jersy.

Apart from that, Wari, a mediocre team in the elite Premier league, have also roped in four players including Shaheed of Ajax and Shariful of Usha.

Sonali Bank, who captured the centre stage in terms of number, signed up five players on the penultimate day of the five-day transfer.

Return of the rebel

NEW DELHI, Oct 24: India's cricket selectors today called up controversial Test star Navjot Sidhu to bolster the team's brittle batting line-up for the remainder of the Titan triangular series, reports AFP.

Sidhu, 33, India's veteran batsman, was recalled after serving a 50-day ban for walking out of the England tour following a tiff with then-skipper Mohammad Azharuddin.

The ban ended a day after India won the one-off Test against Australia here on October 13, but a finger injury and poor form prevented Sidhu from playing the first three matches of the one-day series.

Press Club sports

The mini-marathon, organised on the occasion of the 42nd founding anniversary of the Jatiya Press Club, was held yesterday, reports BSS.

The club also organised table tennis, chess, ludu, run for the children, girls badminton and other sports and cultural events.

The results are:

Mini-marathon under-40: First — Selim Nazrul Huq; second — Nazmul Hasan; third — Selimullah Selim.

Mini-marathon above-40: First — Shahadat Hossain; second — Manoj Barua; third — Hannan Khan.

Mini-marathon above-55: First — Biman Bhattacharya; second — Qamruzzaman; third — Syed Abdul Qahhar.

Mini-marathon women: First — Shikha Bhattacharya; second — Jyotsna Islam; third — Sufia Khan.

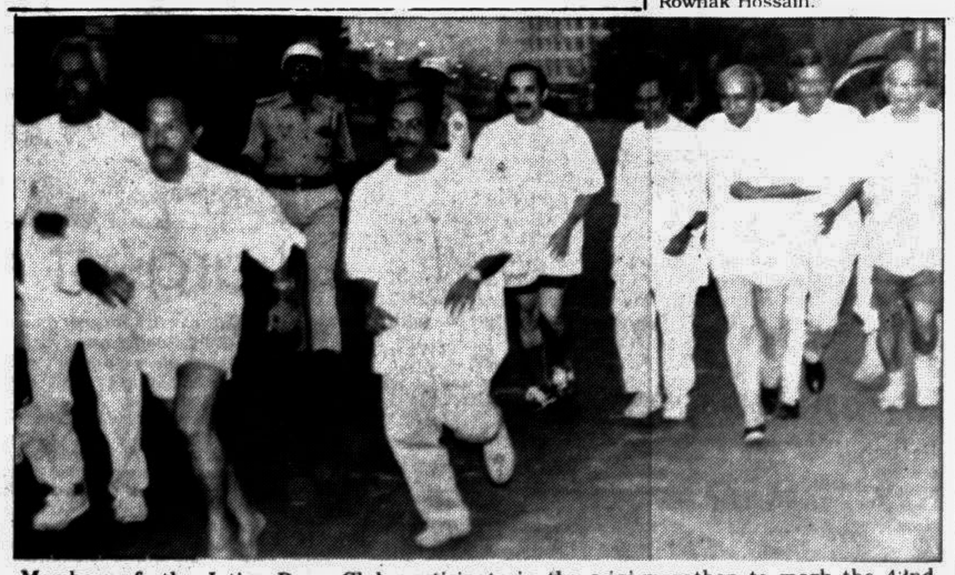
Mini-marathon women above-55: First — Mrs Dauddin; second — Mrs Syed Abdul Qahhar.

Mini-marathon members' sons: First — Khaled Shams; second — Touhid Ahmed Sajal, third — Tomal.

Table tennis (singles): champion — Masud Ahmed Rumi, runner-up — Mokammel Huq, third — Manzurul Huq and Qazi Rownak Hossain.

Table tennis doubles: Champions — Qazi Rownak Hossain and Mokammel Huq, runners-up — Masud Ahmed Rumi and Manzurul Huq, third — Khondakar Monirul Alam-Kazi Hannan and Yousuf Pasha-Luthfur Rahman Binu.

Chess — champion — Abu Musa Hasan; runner-up — Monwar Hossain; third — Nazimuddin Manik and Qazi Rownak Hossain.



Members of the Jatiya Press Club participate in the mini-marathon to mark the 42nd founding anniversary of the club yesterday. —Star photo

Akram in marauding mood

FAISALABAD, Pakistan, Oct 24: Batting prodigy Hasan Raza and opener Saeed Anwar hoisted Pakistan's total to 114 for 3 after skipper Wasim Akram ripped apart Zimbabwe's innings at 133 on the first day of the second Test here Thursday, reports AFP.

AKRAM... 6 for 48

Saeed Anwar was unbeaten at 69 and 14-year-old Raza, who made history as the youngest Test debutant, was not out 20.

Pakistan were in a sound position when play ended due to bad light with two overs to go.

Raza playing with confidence an style hit four boundaries in his first Test knock. Commentators said the youth who burst onto the international scene, "looks a talented player.

"To me Raza seems to be a tremendous player," Zimbabwe skipper Campbell said after watching his shots when his own side was reduced to 133.

"We batted poorly but everything is not lost," said Campbell.

He lauded the Pakistani skipper who got six Zimbabwe wickets for 48.

This was the 21st time Akram has notched up five wickets or more in his Test career.

"We must appreciate Wasim Akram who is undoubtedly the best bowler in the world," he said.

Campbell said his team will try to bowl Pakistan early Friday, so that the homeside does not get an unassailable lead.

"Hopefully our batsmen will perform better in the second innings," he added.

Pakistan's start was equally disastrous as they lost two quick wickets with the score on 10.

Aamir Sohail was trapped lbw off Matambanabzo for two and Ijaz Ahmed also fell for only two runs when he tried to hook a lose delivery from Mbangwa.

Seasoned batsman Salim Malik also remained shaky and was caught by Andy Flower after scoring 18.

However, Anwar playing with confidence blasted 13 boundaries in a superb 69.

Earlier, Alister Campbell won the toss and put his side in to bat.

The first to go was Grant flower who was bowled by Akram for 15 when the total was 22. Wickets continued to fall afterwards and at one stage the tourists were 5-55.

Spinner Muhammad Hussain, who also made his debut at Faisalabad, took his maiden Test wicket of Paul Strang while Saqlain Mushtaq and Shahid Nazir got one each.

Andy Flower contributing a magnificent 61 was the only successful player in his team.

Zimbabwe made two changes in the side which played the drawn first Test at Sheikhupura, Matambanabzo and Mbangwa replaced Henry Olonga and Andrew Whittal.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first day of the second and final Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe in Faisalabad on Thursday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings:

G Flower b Akram	15
Dekker c Moin b Akram	19
Wishart lbw Waqar	0
Houghton b Akram	1
Campbell c Moin b Saqlain	9
A Flower c Hussain b Nazir	61
Whittal b Akram	9
P Strang c Malik b Hussain	3
B Strang b Akram	1
Mbangwa b Akram	0
Matambanabzo Not Out	0
Extras: (b-4, lb-10, nb-1)	15
Total: (all out in 57.5 overs)	133

Fall of wickets: 1-22; 2-33; 3-34; 4-49; 5-55; 6-102; 7-111; 8-118; 9-129; 10-133.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Akram	20	8	48	6
Waqar	11	6	13	1
Saqlain	15	5	28	1
Nazir	5.5	0	23	1
Hussain	6	3	7	1

PAKISTAN: First innings:

Anwar not out	69
Sohail lbw Matambanabzo	2
Ijaz c A Flower b Mbangwa	2
Malik c A Flower b B Strang	18
Raza not Out	20
Extras: (lb-3)	3
Total: (for 3 wkts 30 overs)	114

Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-10; 3-67.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Matambanabzo	5	0	29	1
Mbangwa	10	1	41	1
B Strang	7	2	13	1
G Whittal	2	1	3	0
P Strang	6	1	25	0

To bat: Moin Khan, Wasim Akram, Muhammad Hussain, Saqlain Mushtaq, Waqar Yunis, Shahid Nazir.

ANWAR... 69 no

Colombia climb up

ZURICH, Oct 24 : Boosted by its undefeated climb to the top of South American World Cup qualifying, Colombia moved up three spots to break into the top 10 at No. 8 in the monthly FIFA World Rankings announced Wednesday, reports AP.

A 1-0 victory over Ecuador in Quito on Oct 9 put Colombia atop the South American qualifying table with a 4-1-0 record and 13 points, four points ahead of its closest rivals (Ecuador). It remained the only unbeaten team among the nine South American entrants.

Brazil remained atop the rankings for the 31st straight month, followed by Germany, France and the Czech Republic, who remained in order for the third straight month.

Italy moved up one place to fifth, helped by a 3-1 victory over Moldova and a 1-0 victory over Georgia four days apart earlier this month in World Cup qualifying.

Denmark, which topped Greece 2-1 in Copenhagen on Oct 9, led the second five, followed by Russia, Colombia, the Netherlands and Spain.

Sweden dropped three places to 11th, followed by England, Portugal, Romania, Mexico, Zambia, Argentina, Norway, South Africa and Japan.

Argentina and Norway were the biggest climbers among the top 20, each rising five places: Argentina with a 5-2 victory over Venezuela in San Cristobal, and Norway with a 3-0 victory over Hungary to keep it atop European World Cup qualifying Group 3 (2-0-0).

The biggest mover in the top 50 was Scotland, which climbed 10 spots to 29th, while Canada — unbeaten in three World Cup qualifiers — rose 22 places to 56th.

Startling starter

FAISALABAD, Pakistan, Oct 24: Pakistan batting prodigy Hasan Raza made cricket history on Thursday when he made his Test debut against Zimbabwe at the age of 14 years and 227 days, reports AFP.

Raza, one of a series of teenaged Pakistan batsmen to burst onto the international scene, had to be given special time off by his school to appear in the Test.

He beats the record of another Pakistani, Mushtaq Mohammad, who made his debut at the age of 15 years and 124 days in 1958.

Raza was named as a replacement for middle-order batsman Shadab Kabir who has an elbow injury.

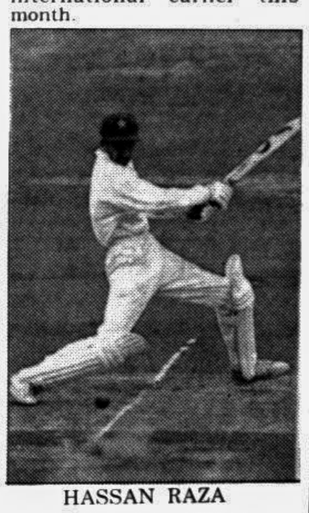
The youth attracted attention when he hammered four consecutive centuries during the national under-19 championship a month ago.

He was also lauded during the under-15 World Cup championship in England this year when Pakistan lost the final to India.

Born on March 11, 1982, Raza, who plays for Karachi Blues, probably sealed his place with national selectors after he notched up a swift 58 for a Combined XI in a three-day side match against Zimbabwe at Sahiwal this month.

Raza and Azam Khan put on 101 in 75 balls for the fifth wicket, helping rescue his team from a precarious 110 for 4.

Pakistan left out their second teenaged batting sensation, 16-year-old Shahid Afridi, who smashed the world record for the fastest century in one-day international earlier this month.



HASSAN RAZA

Afridi blasted a 37-ball century, studded with 11 sixes and six fours, against world champions Sri Lanka at the four-nation tournament in Kenya. Sri Lanka's Sanath Jayasuriya held the previous record of 100 in 48 deliveries.

Afridi called the "king of sixes" in Pakistan was awarded a cap in the first Test against Zimbabwe at Sheikhupura though he was only 12th man. Thousands of Pakistan fans were disappointed that Afridi did not get a game in the drawn Test.

Shearer sidelined

LONDON, Oct 24: England captain Alan Shearer, the world's most expensive footballer, could be out of soccer for up to eight weeks, reports Reuter.

The striker needs an operation on a persistent groin problem.

Shearer has been in fine form and last Sunday scored in Newcastle's crushing 5-0 triumph over current champions Manchester United.

But the injury flared up and ruled him out of the 1-0 victory over Oldham in the League Cup fourth round on Wednesday. He will also miss next week's UEFA Cup second round return leg at home to Ferencvaros, who lead 3-2.

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

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54 So all can hear
55 "L.A. Law" actress
56 Kilt accessory
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9 Unimprovable
10 Firewater
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19 Waggish
21 Roulette choice
22 Candle count
24 Foundation
26 The tie that binds?
28 Wore
30 "— Wiedersehen"
32 He has inside information
33 Ball-bearing device
34 Polar employee
36 Namesake of a sort
38 Bike with an engine
39 Sheepish
40 Lingerie item
42 Jordanian money
45 "J'Accuse" writer
46 It starts at Lake Victoria
48 Salamander
50 Director's cry
51 Mag. staffers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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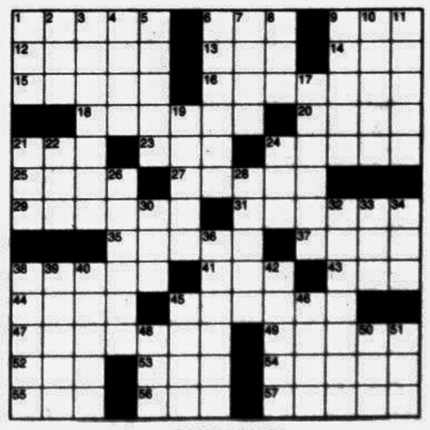

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN ATHENS, THEY COMMONLY LIKE CALLING THEIR SIMIANS GREECE MONKEYS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: F equals P

The Cryptoquip 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.