

Column One

Sports  
WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-58

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm  
December 6, 1996

- Who won the Sharjah Champions Trophy?  
Pakistan/New Zealand/Sri Lanka
- Who currently holds the WBA heavyweight title?  
Tyson/Holyfield/Leonard
- Which country will stage the 2002 World Cup football final?  
Japan/South Korea/France
- Who scored the Danish Premier Division football league second hattrick?  
Mizan/Alfaz/Nakib
- Which team has won the SMAH kabaddi league this year?  
Dikusha SC/Azad SC/Victoria SC

Name .....

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SPORTS TALK



**Stefan Ertberg**  
The 19-year-old Norwegian is a superbly fit, very hard to stay at the top of the game. There are no shortcuts, or at least I haven't found any. If I want to play tennis, I want to be at the top. I haven't been there for some time.

China, Norway sign deal to stop doping

BEIJING, Nov 22: China and Norway signed an agreement here Thursday to cooperate in tackling doping in sports, the Xinhua news agency said, reports AFP.

The agreement, signed by the Olympic committees of the two countries will run for four years and allows for Chinese athletes to be tested in Norway and Norwegians to be similarly dealt with in China, it said.

China, which has been accused of a systematic doping programme for its athletes, has moved in the past two years to clampdown on the problem and work with other nations.

Lou Dapeng, the deputy chairman of China's Olympic Committee, said the agreement "proves that China is determined to fight doping in sport."

Lou added that China had carried out 2,000 tests on athletes this year even testing top performers like swimmer Le Jingyi and distance runner Wang Junxia as many as 12 times.

China has signed similar agreements with Australia, Canada and Sweden.

WHIZZ KID -57 correct answers

- Who won the Titan Trophy?  
Ans: India
- How many one day matches has Wasim Akram played to capture 300 wickets?  
Ans: 208
- The 13th QM Hossain IM chess championship was won by  
Ans: Zia
- Who clinched the top position in the 16th national age-group swimming championship?  
Ans: American Int'l School
- Which country will host the 1998 Commonwealth Games?  
Ans: Malaysia.

WHIZZ KID -57 winner

**Fahim Farhan Mridul**  
Amjad Memorial High School  
(Remember to bring one passport size photograph and your ID card while collecting winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star on Nov 27 at 8 pm.)



Mohammedan Sporting Club chess team. — Star photo

Mohammedans retain title

Sports Reporter

Favourites Mohammedan Sporting Club retained the Metropolitan First Division chess league title after recording their 15th straight victory at the NSC chess room last night.

In the final round of the 16-team league, Mohammedans, the defending champions who also won the league championship way back in 1977 and 1981, blanked Avjatrik Chess Club 4-0.

With Indian Grand Master Dibendu Barua missing from the first four, the other two Grand Masters — Mikhail Krasenkov and Niaz Mursheed — and two other players Abdullah Al Rakib and Enamul Hossain Rajib did not have too much to bother yesterday as they all won their boards against Avjatrik's Fahim, Khasru Noman, Masudul Gani and MN Islam respectively.

With yesterday's win, Mohammedans earned 55.5 points out of possible 60 points and maintained their solo run atop the standings with a 4.5 points lead over Biman who re-

tained the runners up spot with 51 points.

On Friday, Biman earned a 2.5-1.5 win over Mahakhali Prodeep Sangha. Biman's 2nd International Masters — Ziaur Rahman and Reefat-bin Sattar — and FIDE Master Tahmidur Rahman, drew their respective boards with Altaf, Shantonu and Andul while Kayes Hasan won the lone board for the national airliners against Arman.

Bangladesh Textiles Mills Corporation (BTMC) secured the third place with 45.5 points with a 3-1 win in the final round against Bangladesh Ansars.

In the day's other matches, Sheikh Russel Krija Chakra beat Leonie Chess Club 2.5-1.5, Konica Sangskritik Sangsad defeated Farashganj Sporting Club 3-1, Narayanganj Chess Club tamed Fire Service 3.5-5, Narayanganj Daba Khelolar Kalyan Samiti beat Anushilon Daba Krija Chakra 2.5-1.5 and Dhaka University outplayed Touchstone Chess Club 3.5-5.

FINAL STANDINGS

Teams	Points
Mohammedan SC	55.5

Year	Champions	Points
1977	Mohammedan SC	51
1980	Biman	45.5
1981	Mohammedan SC	42.5
1982	Brothers Union	35
1983	Biman	34
1984	Ansars	30.5
1985	Bengal Group	28.5
1986	Biman	23
1987	Brothers Union	23
1988	Brothers Union	21.5
1989	Brothers Union	21.5
1990	Biman	16
1992	Biman	14
1993	Brothers Union	12.5
1994	Brothers Union	
1995	Mohammedan SC	
1996	Mohammedan SC	

ROLL OF HONOUR

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1985	Bengal Group	28.5
1986	Biman	23
1987	Brothers Union	23
1988	Brothers Union	21.5
1989	Brothers Union	21.5
1990	Biman	16
1992	Biman	14
1993	Brothers Union	12.5
1994	Brothers Union	
1995	Mohammedan SC	
1996	Mohammedan SC	

Boris antics stymie Pete



HANOVER, Germany, Nov 22: Boris Becker brought 15,000 ecstatic Germans to their feet and flew into another world himself at the ATP World Championship on Thursday with his second dramatic victory over Pete Sampras in less than a month, reports Reuter.

The triple Wimbledon champion, who beat the world number one over five sets in last month's Stuttgart Open final, took a confident step towards the semifinals with a victory that the Hanover crowd and millions of Germans watching live on television will remember for a long time.

The first set of the round-robin Red Group match went to 12-10 in the tiebreak. Becker played some of the best tennis of his life to clinch the match in the second-set tiebreak, the thriller lasting two hours and nine minutes.

Becker said he had rarely been so high for a match. At times he admitted he needed to calm himself down, especially after the two players entered the arena to the music from the "Rocky" boxing movies.

"When I was waiting to come in and heard the Rocky music I was just about to make some boxing movements coming out. I was so pumped up. It was incredible," Becker said.

"I was covered in goosepimples. I felt just about to take off the ground and fly into

Nirvana."

"But he is still the undisputed heavyweight champion. It is always a special moment in my life to beat him. It wasn't a Grand Slam final today. But I played at a level that I haven't reached for a long time."

LATEST

**HANNOVER, Germany, Nov 22: World No 1 Pete Sampras defeated French Open holder Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-4, 6-4 on Friday to join birthday boy Boris Becker and Goran Ivanisevic in the semifinals, reports AFP.**

**Sampras, beaten by Becker in a tight round-robin battle on Thursday, came good for his second preliminary win to emerge with a 2-1 mark. It was the American's 500th career singles win and took 75 minutes.**

**The 25-year-old, bidding to add a third World Championship crown to his collection, will play Ivanisevic, the biggest hitter in the game this year with nearly 1,500 aces struck, on Saturday.**

**Becker was celebrating turning 29 with a later contest against Swede Thomas Enqvist, the alternate who called into action when Andre Agassi quit with a virus after one losing match.**

Sampras, who destroyed Andre Agassi in his opening match, still has a change to make it through to the last four in his final group match

against Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov today.

He said he had given Becker an early birthday present by not taking his chances. The German turns 29 today.

"I am upset that I had a lot of chances and got nothing out of it," Sampras said. "It is a tough loss to get over. I played well enough to win."

"I am getting a bit tired to playing Boris in Germany... it is not fun," he joked. "It was like two heavyweights, at it... I have no more presents for him. I gave him a present today... but I'm not out of it yet."

Becker has always had a special relationship with his fans that few sportsmen in the world can match.

He is like their favourite character in a soap opera. When he walks on court, they switch off from the real world and enjoy his high points and suffer his lows with him.

From the moment he appeared in the arena, the Hanover thousands chanted Becker's name like a football crowd and clapped his every move furiously.

Becker played with their emotions in a dramatic first set which lasted 71 minutes, a lot longer than most of the matches so far at the event.

The first eight games were tight. Then Becker had to pull out some of his best serves to save three sets points against him in the 10th game.

**Meheroobic**

Millions of our children face the prospect of serious and shortened life span because of sedentary living and poor nutrition. Surprisingly, the majority of these children are growing up in middle to upper-middle class homes. Far too many hours are spent watching television or being mesmerized by video games. And with the prevalence of fast foods, the diets of our children are much higher in fat and cholesterol than they were in the past.

A lack of physical fitness in our children predicts poor health in our future adult population. Most of the countries have the highest death rate from cardiovascular disease. A recent medical study defines six major risk factors in the development of cardiovascular disease. These factors are: (1) Obesity (2) lack of exercise (3) smoking (4) hypertension (5) elevated cholesterol levels (6) diabetes.

The first three risk factors are within an individual's or parent's control. Parent are the major influence in their children's lives and are responsible for their health and well being. Parents can reduce their children's risk of cardiovascular disease by making sure their children eat properly, exercise regularly and do not smoke.

To improve health and burn fat, people should exercise 20 minutes or more at least 3 times a week. Most children usually have no problem accomplish-

ing this since their activity levels tend to be higher than adults. But if your children, or perhaps your whole family, is overweight, they may need more exercise. This means aerobic exercise — faster heart rate, increased breathing, muscles working. Aerobic exercise is steady, moderate exercise, not all out effort. Don't let your child or adolescent (or yourself) overdo it. A good rule is the talk/sing rule: if they are breathing too heavily to sing but can still talk, the intensity is just about right.

Consult a health-care professional before beginning any exercise program. To prevent injury, teach your child to exercise safely. Stretching, both before and after exercising, increases flexibility and helps prevent injuries from muscles strain. Proper equipment also safeguards against injury — make sure your child always wears the appropriate equipment for the activity, for example: protective eye wear, helmets, mouth guards, elbow and knee pads, groin protectors. Exercise should stop immediately if your child experience any of the following symptoms: pain, feeling dizzy or faint, nausea and severe fatigue.



Abahani pull Farashganj down



Reigning champions Abahani kept their hopes alive for a treble Premier Division football league championship after registering a hard fought 3-2 victory over emerging force Farashganj Sporting Club in their return leg engagement at the Mirpur Stadium last night.

In a see-saw affair which saw the first half locked at 1-1, Russian striker Andrei Kazakov scored his maiden goal for the sky blue outfit while forward Rumi Rizvi Karim and substitute Jahangir added one each. On the other hand, skipper Munir Hossain played a pivotal role for Farashganj netting both the goals.

With the important victory, Abahani last two years' champions, moved atop the ten team elite league table temporarily with 31 points from 13 matches. However, title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club, who have 30 points to their account from 12 matches, can return to the top if they can beat Agrani Bank Sports Club in tonight's match at the same venue.

Farashganj, who stunned Mohammedans in their previous outing with a 1-1 draw took the lead against the run of play when they awarded a penalty in the 25th minute after Abahani right back Hasan Al Mamun brought down Farashganj forward Chanchal.

Skipper Munir converted. Shell-shock Abahani, who initially cursed the referee's decision regrouped to play positively.

Although it took another 20 minutes to level the scores, the ball remained under Abahani's control from then and on as they almost contained the old Dhaka outfit with numerous offensives through both the flanks.

Kazakov, who joined Abahani this year after playing two seasons for their rivals Mohammedans, equalised in the 45th minute following a corner on the right flank. Receiving a short corner from Hasan Al Mamun, defender Partho pushed the ball right winger Mamun Joarder, who crossed for an unguarded Kazakov only to see the Russian marksman sending the ball home with a

Sports Reporter

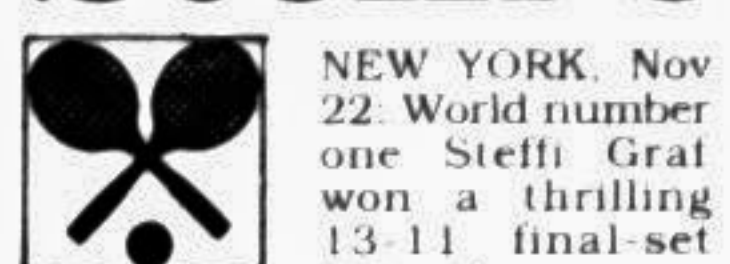
brilliant diving volley. Boosted by the equaliser, Abahani kept up the pressure after the breather scored two goals inside the first twenty minutes.

The first goal came in the 56th minute when they also earned a spot kick as Kazakov was fouled by defender Dulal on



A goal mouth action from yesterday's Danish Premier Division football league encounter between Abahani and Farashganj Sporting Club at the Mirpur Stadium. Abahani won 3-2. — Star photo

Steffi survives a scare



NEW YORK, Nov 22: World number one Steffi Graf won a thrilling 13-11 final-set tiebreaker over Olympic champion Lindsay Davenport on Thursday to reach the semifinals of the two million dollars WTA Tour Chase Championships, reports Reuter.

Defending champion Graf, pressured by the booming groundstrokes of the big American, overcame deficits in each set to score a 6-4, 7-6 victory that took one hour 40 minutes on the blue carpet at Madison Square Garden.

Graf faced triple set point at 3-6 in the tiebreak before pulling off her best escape, rattling off three winners in a row to extend the tension-packed decider.

A third successive groundstroke error by the weary Davenport finally put Graf over the top on her fourth match point of the climatic tiebreaker, in which Davenport squandered five set points.

"I was a little nervous at the start," said Graf, who showed no ill effects from the shock defeat that forced her to quit last Sunday's final in Philadelphia. "Maybe I needed to be trailing to come back and focus."

Unseeded Croatian Iva Majoli used a pair of tiebreakers to take her place in the final four of the elite, season-ending championship by beating fourth seed Conchita Martinez of Spain 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (7-4) in a tumultuous two-hour 12-minute match.

First Martinez got into hot water with a warning from umpire Missy Malool for kicking her racket over a disputed line call in the first-set tiebreaker.

That was followed by a point-penalty for visible obscenity in the first game of the

second set, putting the Spaniard one more violation away from disqualification.

Then at 2-2 in the second set, Majoli suddenly had trouble breathing and summoned tour trainer Kathleen Stroia, who administered a lengthy examination before treating her for a rib problem during an injury time-out.

Majoli returned and held on to beat Martinez, who was her-

self treated for a hamstring injury in her win Wednesday.

Graf advanced to Saturday's semifinals against the winner of today's match between Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Jana Novotna.

Majoli, 19, meets the winner of the quarter final between 16-year-old Martina Hingis of Switzerland and Japan's Kimiko Date.

Meanwhile, Badda Jagaranj Sangsad recorded a solitary goal win over Wari Club in a Danish First Division football league encounter at the Mirpur Stadium.

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The win raised Badda Jagaranj's tally to 17 points from 13 matches while Wari also have 17 points from as many outings.

TEAMS

**ABAHANI:** Biplab, Hasan Al Mamun, Munna, Sohel Reza, Partho, Rakib, Barun, Georgy (Swapan), Rumi (Mizan), Mamun Joarder (Jahangir) and Kazakov

**FARASHGANJ SC:** Aminul (Selim), Prodeep, Sufian, Shahidul, Dulal, Minur, Liton (Manik), Motuul, Chanchal, Ritul and Towhid (Munnal). Referee: Ehsanul Haque.

BADDA WIN

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India maul Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh suffered a humiliating 1-8 defeat at the hands of hosts India in the Chief Minister's Cup hockey tournament in the South Indian city of Madras yesterday.

Bangladesh, and also ran in the quadrangular invitational meet, smarting after a 1-5 thrashing against South Africa, once again became a punching bag for a merry-making Indian scorers at the Radha Krishnan Stadium.

Bangladesh, who with this defeat made their exit in a most ignominious way with one match to go, will take on Malaysia in their last league match today.

PTI adds: India and South Africa have entered the final.

On the second day of the tournament Malaysia went down to South Africa.

South Africa survived against Malaysia thanks to their lone 26th minute goal (1-0).

India and South Africa have won both their matches and they will play to decide the top. With their better goal difference, India require just a draw to top.

Pele fined

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 22: Pele has been ordered to pay 5,700 dollars costs for having lost the paternity suit filed by Sandra Regina Nascimento, the Brazilian press reported on Friday, reports AFP.

The money is to cover the legal costs of 32-year-old Nascimento as well as the cost of DNA testing which proved the 55-year-old Brazilian Sports Minister Pele was the father.

Koeman plans to retire

ROTTERDAM, Nov 22: Ronald Koeman is on the final lap of a long and hugely successful professional career.

The 33-year-old defender has much to look back on but hopes his swansong will be a long-awaited Feyenoord Championship, reports Reuter.

The Rotterdam Club trail league leaders PSV Eindhoven by a single point but have assembled a team that looks capable of going all the way to a first Dutch league title since 1993.

Koeman already has one Dutch title under his belt from the glorious 1988 season when his former club PSV Eindhoven captured both the domestic league and the European Cup.

In the same year he helped the Netherlands win the European Championship in Germany.

Koeman began his career as a teenager at Groningen, had a short spell at Ajax Amsterdam and three seasons with PSV before a six-year spell at Spanish champions Barcelona and finally Feyenoord.

Famed for his dead-ball play, varying from ferocious power to deft curling free-kicks, Koeman was always a great reader of the game, making up for a lack of pace.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 Flock members  
9 Tallion need  
12 One more time  
13 Flightless bird  
14 Compass point suffix  
15 French underground  
16 Where to see an idol?  
18 Eye  
20 Outcry of the avidicious  
21 Long March leader  
23 Chum  
24 Asparagus serving  
25 Circle sections  
27 The fourth brother  
29 A famous Red head  
31 Proved deleterious  
35 Boredom  
37 Urbanite's call  
38 Friars Club

DOWN  
1 Felonious flight  
2 Census statistic  
3 Griffin role  
4 Ballpoint pen  
5 Pny  
6 Part of the horns of a dilemma  
8 Nevertheless  
9 Bottled spirit  
10 Where the action is  
11 Villainous look  
17 Cones  
19 On the Water-front  
21 Chap second  
24 Fat farm  
26 Nap  
28 Centrifuge insert  
30 Stick with a kick  
32 Biblical publican  
33 English river  
34 Cacophony  
36 Commanders  
38 Alters the chart  
39 Spout from the soapbox  
40 Michaelmas daisy  
42 Schemes  
45 Gondolier's need  
46 She loved Narcissus  
48 Hudson co-star  
50 Prior to  
51 Flushed

Solution time: 26 mins.

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LARA EWG GEAR  
OVAL NEW UNIT  
PELLEY SPIELS  
GALS GATORS  
GULE LYE NIP  
NINETEEN STAY  
DYE AGE  
THE RAM COMMON  
RANI ELI POLE  
ONCE LET EDGE  
DAYS TOY READ

Yesterday's answer  
38 Friars Club

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CRYPTOQUIP

HVRE UPERCVRQ WVINQ  
PCOPHQ QA AW IV SVWA  
IV SNAO INA EPU

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NEWS FLASH: POOR DISHWASHER GETS ARRESTED FOR PANHANDLING.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals M. The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher. Each 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.