

#### **Boris Becker**

(German tennis superstar) "Matches like that keep me in the game longer and longer."
About the ATP Tour World Championships' final, he lost to Pete Sampras.



#### Sports WHiZZ KID competition-59

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm December 20, 1996)	
1	Who was the man-of-the- final in the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament?

Bulbul Monirul Which country won the 1996 Davis Cup? USA Sweden

Who hit the first century of the Premier Divison cricket league this season? Sumon Rupom

Which country hosted the 1970 soccer World Cup? Who achieved the distinct tion of taking 300 Test wickets first?

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#### England get a booster

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Dec 14: A vegetable farmer and a hig-game hunter frustrated England with a 156-run third wicket Friday, holding off but unable to prevent a 115-run victory by the tourists over Matabeleland province, reports AP.

Mark Dekker, the farmer and ostrich breeder, and Heath Streak, the hunter who normally bats eighth or ninth for Zimbabwe, combined for 171 of Matebeleland's 261 second-innings runs.

Dekker made 104, which included three sixes and six fours. and Streak added 67 despite a knee muscle strain, but Matabeleland needed 11 more overs to force a draw.

The match was hardly memorable for England, but it was a personal landmark for England's pace bowler Darren Gough, who took a career-best 11 wickets in for just 137 runs.

England's next match is a one-day international at the nearby Queen's Club on Sunday - the first of a series of three followed on Wednesday by the inaugural Test between the youngest and the oldest Test

#### nations. Champions' Cup Egyptian team take title

CAIRO, Dec 14: Zamalek of Egypt lifted a record fourth African Champions' Cup on Friday when they beat 10-man Shooting Stars of Nigeria 5-4 on penalties in the final marked by crowd trouble, reports Reuter.

The Egyptian side, trailing 2-1 after the first leg in Ibadan, Nigeria, two weeks ago, won the second leg 2-1 in front of a hysterical 80,000 crowd to make it 3-3 on aggregate and force the penalty shoot-out.

Zamalek had seemed to be on course for a clear-cut win after going 2-0 up. But a lapse in concentration in the dying stages allowed Stars to draw level on aggregate as substitute Gbenga Okunowo sneaked a last-minute goal for the outclassed Nigerians at the end of a

bruising encounter. When the final went immediately into spot-kicks -African competitions do not allow for extra time in an aggregate draw — both teams scored four out of their five regulation penalties before Ossama Nabil

put Zamalek 5-4 ahead. Stars, substitute Ademola Johnson then blasted the ball against the underside of the bar, and saw it bounce out to give

Zamalek victory. Zamalek have won three of their Champions' Cup tifles in penalty shoot-outs.

## Usha, Army dump MSC, AKC

Usha Krira Chakra and Bangla desh Army, in a welcome change to tradition, set up a final clash in

the Bijay Dibosh hockey tournament after eliminating the two-most crowd-pulling outfits of the country at the hockey stadium vesterday.

in the first semi-final of the day, Bangladesh Army recorded a 3-1 tie-break win over Mohammedan Sporting Club after the match ended in a goalless draw. While, in the second semi-final, a 66th minute strike from national centreforward Mohammed Sadeq enabled Usha to record a lone-goal win over favourites Abahani Krira Chakra

Although the outcome turned out to be a grave disappointment for the strong band of supporters of both Abahani and Mohammedans, who were expecting yet another clash of the two perennial foes on the newly-laid artificial turf, things were not at all inspiring in the middle, specially in the first semi-final between Mohammedans and Bangladesh Army

An under-strength Mohammedans, in the absence of their two stalwarts Ehtesham and Haider Alam, failed to make any penetrative moves throughout the 70-minute stopwatch time.

On the other hand, the vicelike Army, after effectively neutralizing the otherwise toothless Mohammedan attack in vet another 15 minute extra-time. finally blushed their superior opponents with custodian Osman Ghani making two bril-

#### Sylhet finish zonal champs

SYLHET, Dec 14: Hosts Sylhet qualified for the final round of the Sher-e-Bangla Cup na tional football championship as zonal champions when they beat Brahmanbaria 3-2 in the tie-breaker at the local stadium here today, reports BSS. The scheduled time ended in

a goalless draw. Five district teams took part in the Sylhet zone of the tour-

nament. Besides, in Narayanganj, the hosts defeated Narsingdi 7-5 in a tie-breaker at the Osmani Stadium to become the zonal champions.

Sports Reporter liant saves in the penalty

Although the day's first match turned out to be a sedate affair, the second encounter was full of excitement with forays and counter forays between two worthy opponents.

Usha, buoyed by their two Indian recruits Silva Raj and Gopal Swami, however, eventually prevailed over Abahani in a ding-dong battle. The two overseas players, who played the pivotal role of keeping Abahani at bay, also set Sadeq up to score the all-important goal

from a counter attack. Silva, a defender, after winning a ball from the 16-yard circle fed compatriot Gopal who raced down the left-flank before floating a measured cross deep inside the Abahani box. And an onrushing Sadeq made no mistake of sending the ball

The final between Usha and Bangladesh Army will be held at 2.30 pm today.



surprise victory over favourites Mohammedan Sporting Club in the first semifinal of the Bijoy Dibash Cup hockey tournament at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

## -Star photo

## Tough tie awaits Japan

14 Defending Asi an Cup champl ons Japan Will better performance than they did against China in the group matches when they face Kuwait in the quarterfinal

on Sunday if they hope to retain tic litle, reports AFP. South Korea made the mistake of underestimating the Kuwaitis and it very nearly cost them a place in the tournament's final stages, two Kuwaiti sec-

ond-half goals doing the dam-The defeat left South Korea hoping and praying that their four group points would be

enough. It was, but only thanks to a last day win by Japan over China. The Japanese waited until

the 90th minute before they broke the scoreless deadlock. They also waited until the final five minutes against Syria

#### Mini-marathon in 63 dists

The organising committee of the Sixth Bangladesh Games '96 has decided to hold minimarathon in all 63 district headquarters on December 17 or 18, reports UNB.

The committee has already sent 1000 taka for each district to meet the expenses of the mini-marathon.

All the district sports associations (DSAs) have been requested to hold the minimarathon to mark the opening of VI Bangladesh Games on December 18; coinciding with the month-long celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the nation's independence.

run win over touring South

Africa in their one-off one-day

international in Bombay

mammoth 267 for 6 in their

share of 50 overs. Coming on to

the crease as opener. Tendulkar

put the South African attack to

the sword to score a swash-

buckling 114. In reply, South

African batting caved in 46

SCOREBOARD

one-day international match

between India and South Africa

Scoreboard of the one-off

overs scoring only 193.

Tendulkar st Kirsten b Boje

Raman c Cronje b Symcox

Azhar c Kirsten b Crookes

Singh c Symcox b Adams

Srinath c Gibbs b Adams

Extras (b-1, lb-4, w-12, nb-1)

Total (for 6 wkts in 50 overs)

3-188; 4-202; 5-230; 6-249.

Fall of wickets: 1-90; 2-150;

Batting first India piled up a

yesterday.

today:

INDIA

Dravid run out

Jadeja not out

Joshi not out

before scoring twace to snatch "victory. And it is their atmity to continue to battle right to the end that should see them succeed over Kuwait

The Kuwaitis, trying to re discover their glory years of the 80's when they won the Asian Cup and qualified for the World Cup finals, have tended to fade in the final 15 minutes.

After taking a 2-0 fist-half lead they collapsed against hosts United Arab Emirates in the group matches to go down 3-2. Claim afterwards of dirty tricks by UAE officials could not change the fact that they had thrown away a comfortable

South Korea, in the other side of the quarterfinal draw, face a tough test against an Iran side that has impressed several European coaches here.

The Saudi's were certainly impressed, Iran beat them and won the group.

The Chinese have been through an emotional roller coaster in the past two days. Heartbreak when they crashed to Japan in the dying seconds of their final group match. With only three points, it looked like they were out of the cup and on their way back to Beijing

But Uzbekistan, would only needed a draw against Syria to top China and go into the quarterfinals in their first ever Asian Cup, went down 2-1 and suddenly China were back in the championships.

But a trip beyond the quarterfinals seems highly unlikely. The Saudis, two times champions, should be simply too strong and skillfull for

them. The UAE take on Iraq which should be the battle of the round.

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TENDULKAR ... 114

The UAE stumbled into quarterfinals while Iraq, like Korea, got through by taking one of the last wor available

One thing is sure - neither side will be taking any prison-

Organisers are privately hoping that UAE and Japan go into the semifinals.

Should Iraq and Kuwait both win the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) will face the prospect of having only one

Kuwait has made it clear that they will not play against Iraq under any circumstances. If the worse does happen the Asian Cup, the showcase of Asian football, will be reduced to a farce.

#### Bad news for Kaiser

BONN, Dec 14: German football federation president Egidius Braun has dismissed the idea of Bayern Munich president and World Cup winner Franz Beckenbauer becoming FIFA president, reports Reuter.

Europe's football federations had one candidate and that was UEFA president Lennart Johansson, Braun told Friday's Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspa-

Joao Havelange, 80-year-old Brazilian president of FIFA. said last Saturday he would retire after the 1998 World Cup finals.

Beckenbauer is among three Europeans tipped as potential candidates for the job, along with FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter and Johansson.

Gibbs c Raman b Prasad

Boje c Prasad b Kumble

Adams c Mongia b Prasad

Total: (all out in 46 overs)

8-188; 9-188; 10-193.

Extras: (b-6, lb-9, w-7, nb-2)

Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-35; 3-

Result: India won by 74

Ronaldo readers'

choice

striker Ronaldo eclipsed New-

castle's Alan Shearer to win

World Soccer Magazine's

player-of-the-year title, the

publication said on Friday, re-

LONDON, Dec 14: Barcelona

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Bowling:

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ports Reuter.

Crookes run out Azharuddin

McMillan c Mongia b Srinath

declared the names of 12 sports field of sports, reports UNB.

(shooting), Rani Hamid (chess), Kazi Nasima Hamid (organiser) and Sufia Khatun (athletics).

NEW DELHI, Dec 14: Result on the opening day of the Indira Gandhi Gold Cup women's hockey tournament today, reports Reuter. South Korea, 3, India 1

### League decider Dec 17 AKC for a win, MSC for a draw

Sports Reporter Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra and their arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club will meet in the last match of the Danish Premier Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium on December 17.

The championship-deciding match between the two sworn sporting enemies will kick off at 4.30 pm.

Bangladesh Television will cover the Dhaka derby live while Bangladesh Betar will broadcast the running commentary form the 60,000 capacity big egg.

Mohammedans, who are leading the table with highest 45 points will be looking for at least a draw to dethrone Abahani, for whom a win, and only a win, can pull off a unique treble of titles this year and their third league title in a row.

Meanwhile, three Thai referees are scheduled to conduct the clash of the titans to avoid and controversies.

Tickets will be on sale from the stadium counter at 1 pm while the gates will open simultaneously. Rate of tickets for gallery has been fixed at Taka 20, while for the VIP enclosure it will be Taka 40.

#### Danish soccer

#### Bankers finish eighth

Agrani Bank recorded a 5-3 victory over relegated Bangladesh Boys in their last encounter of the Danish Premier Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium vesterday. reports UNB.

Striker Tutul scored all the five goals for the winners. It was the league's third hat trick. He scored in the 3rd, 20th, 30th, 55th and 64th minutes. With the goals, the striker became the top scorer with eleven goals. Alfaz of Mohammedan Sporting Club has bagged ten

goals playing one match less. With this fourth win in the two-tier league, bankers finished eighth in the points table ahead of East End Club and Bangladesh Boys.

Relegation-threatened East End collected 14 points from seventeen matches. East End will play their last match against third-placed Muktijoddha Sangsad today. A win is must for them to avoid relega-

tion. In another league match, Brothers Union took revenge on Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool when they defeated the latter by a solitary goal.

Skipper Aamer Khan netted the match-decider in the 62nd

"This was the seventh win in ... the league for the Gopibagh outfit who finished tourth in the league with 26 points. Youngmen's finished just behind Brothers with 22 points.

Victoria Sporting Club earned promotion to the Premier league bagging highest 31 points from 18 matches. In their last engagement of the First Division league, Victoria shared points with PWD as

#### the mach ended goal less. Yardley steps into Dav's shoes

COLOMBO, Dec 14: Former Australian Test spinner Bruce Yardley was named on Friday as Sri Lanka's new cricket coach, reports Reuter.

Yardley, who played 33 Tests for Australia, was highly recommended by former Test greats Tony Greig and Richard Hadley, Sri Lanka Cricket Board president Upali Dharmadasa told reporters. Yardley is due in Sri Lanka

in late January to replace departing coach Dav Whatmore, a former Australian Test player who quit Sri Lanka to join English county side Lancashire. The appointment ends a twoand-a-half month interna-

for the World Cup champions. Dharmadasa said Yardley's first task would be to prepare the team for the Test tour of

tional search for a new coach

New Zealand early next year. Yardley's last Test for Australia was in the Sri Lankan hill town of Kandy in 1983. when he helped to bowl the visitors to victory with an eight-

The government yesterday personalities who will be given the National Sports Award '96 for their contributions in the

(hockey). Arun Kumar Nandy (swimming), Shafiqul Haq Hira (cricket), Saiful Alam Rinky

## eves' hockey

33 is successful 35 Difficulty 36 Italian



Brothers' one down bat Jahangir Alam makes an abortive attempt to play Mohammad Ali of Surjo Tarun on the on-side during their Premier Division match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. -Star photo

## Jahangir rises to BU's cause

Sports Reporter

Jahangir Alam maintained his impressive run with the willow as runners-up Brothers Union took the solo lead in the Premier cricket league with a 34 run

BRIEF SCORES BROTHERS UNION: 252 for

five in 50 overs (Jahangir 85,

defeat on Greater Mymensingh

Cricket Club at the Dhanmondi

Abid Hanif 53, Faruque 42; Al Amin 2/49) GMCC: 218 for nine in 50 overs (Faiyaz Ferdous 57, Rid wan 38. Mutahir Ali 38. Baker Rizvi 3/52 Saifullah Gem

Cricket Stadium

The poignant right-hander who, after a disappointing honeymoon with Mohammedans last season, joined Brothers this year, hammered a swashbuckling 85 off 101 balls to help his side amass a commanding

Jahangir, who came into bat at number three after the fall of young national opener Sahariar Hossain Bidvut [13] for 25 in 7 1 overs, shared 94 runs for the second wicket with Pak istani Abid Hanif before the stockily built Pakistani chipped in with a well-made 53

Abid, the younger brother of Pakistan international Aamir Hanif and a very useful recruit of Brothers for the last couple of years, hammered a quartet of fours in his polished 84 ball knock After the departure of the Pakistani right-hander, Ja-

hangir put on 88 runs for the

third wicket with skipper Faruque Ahmed before being eventually out in the 43rd over. leaving his side comfortably poised on 209/3. In his 139-minute stay at the crease, the discarded national wicketkeeper-cum opener

clouted a dozen of firmly hits across the rope.

On the other hand, Faruque

fell eight short of what would have been a well-deserved halfcentury when the former national skipper was dismissed by seamer Al-Amin, the only consistent GMCC bowler.

The young right-arm medium pacer, who latter did one better with the bat, finished with two for 49 in his 10 overs.

In reply, GMCC could muster 218 for nine before exhausting their quota of 50 overs. One down Ridwan with a gritty 57 off 107 balls was the top scorer for the vanguished while Mutahir and Ali chipped in 38 runs apiece. Al-Amin, the other notable batsman on the day scored a run-a-ball unbeaten

For Brothers, Pakistani Baker Rizvi with three for 52 in his 10 expensive overs returned most successful among the bowlers. But it was Saifullah Gem, the young left-arm spinner, fresh after his five wicket haul, once again proved his class when he finished with fantastic figures of 10-2-32-2.

## Pak-Aussie affair today



ADELAIDE, Australia, "Dec 14: Australian vice-captain lan Healy says Pakistan's

bowling variety makes them more dangerous opponents than the pacedominated West Indies, report

agencies. Healy made the comparison ahead of Sunday's one-day game against Pakistan at the Adelaide Oval when the tourists will make their first appearance in the three-nation World



WASIM AKRAM

their bowling attack with Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis to start with, then some new raw pace and then spin and that's what the West Indies haven't got - great variety in their attack," Healy said.

"We are going to have to be on our mettle with the bat and their batsmen are all very experienced and in good form recent performances. The spin threat will be pro-

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Shane Warne Healy said the one-day arena may not provide the best stage for Mushtag but conceded he

would provided concerns for the Australian batsmen. "I wouldn't say fears but he is a quality bowler and we respect

him highly," Healy said. Captain Mark Taylor would not be drawn into another debatable topic raised by Akram - that of which nation ruled the cricketing roost. Australia or

Pakistan. "I'd disagree (Pakistan are best) but then again I don't want to get into this debate again - it seems to crop every time we play a different side," Taylor

But Australian all-rounder Steve Waugh's biggest concern here today was not his injury problems but Pakistan's unpredictability.

"You never know what to expect from the Pakistanis," said Waugh, we feels he has recovered sufficiently from a groin injury to play against Wasim Akram's team. "They're a class act with a lot

can beat anyone on their day." he said. "It's just a matter of whether they click." Things didn't click too well for Pakistan here Friday, resulting in an embarrassing

of really talented players who

The under-strength tourists lost eight wickets for 74 as they tumbled to a surprise 13-run defeat. Pakistan coach Mushtaq

first-up loss to the Australian

Crickei Academy.

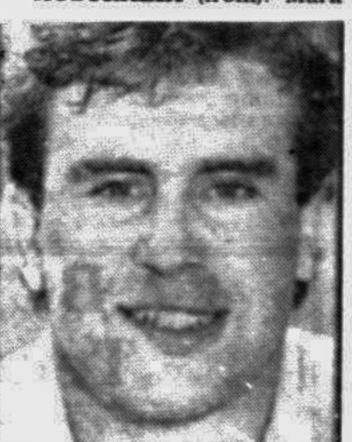
Mohammad said Akram was suffering from a cold and Moin had influenza, forcing Mohammad Wasim to don the wicketkeeping gloves for the first time.

of 20-year-old Mohammad Zahid, who burst on to the international scene less than a mouth ago, taking 11 wickets on his Test debut.

Australia has also seen little of Pakistan "pinch-hitter Shahid Afridi, who smacked the fastest one-day century in 37 balls against Sri Lanka earlier this year.

Pakistan has been hit by illness but is likely to have a full 14-man squad available.

#### TEAMS AUSTRALIA (from): Mark



#### MARK TAYLOR

Taylor (Capt). Ian Healy. Michael Bevan, Greg Blewett, Jason Gillsepie, Glenn Mc-Grath, Tom Moody, Ricky Ponting, Paul Reiffel, Shane Warne, Mark Waugh, Steve

Waugh. PAKISTAN (from): Saeed Anwar, Ijaz Ahmed, Inzamam ul Haq. Mohammad Wasim. Mohammad Zahid, Moin Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed. Aamir Sohail, Saqlain Mushtaq, Shahid Afridi, Shahid Nazir, Zahoor Elahi, Wasim Akram (Capt). Wagar Younis.

#### vided by Mushtaq Ahmed, who wicket haul. The Australians have yet to Pakistan captain Akram this Sachin heat sizzles SA Whatmore, a Sri Lankan by be exposed to the pace bowling week rated ahead of Australia's birth who emigrated to Australia, returned to Colombo in June, 1995 to coach the team. CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer Sports Reporter Adams 0 50 \*\* 2 India skipper Sa-DOWN **ACROSS** surname M R 0 chin Tendulkar Bowling: SOUTH AFRICA 1 Pop 1 Way back 20 "Guys and 12 to get Nat'l 37 Bet both smashed a hurri-De Villiers Hudson b Joshi Dolls" role 33 cane hundred to McMillan Kirsten c Azharuddin b Prasad 21 Schick or 2 Proscrip-38 Macaroni Sports Award '96 36 steer his team to Cronje Cronje c Singh b Prasad Bartok Sweden shape 3 Morsel record a huge 74-Symcox Cullinan c Joshi b Singh

The award recipients are: Late Abul Hashem (posthumous - organiser), Harun-ur-Rashid MP (organiser). Ashrafuddowla (organiser), late Amir Jong Mohammad Gajnabi (posthumous - football), Ashraf Uddin Chunnu (football), Abdus Sadek

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# CRYPTOQUIP

JEXW XZWWV-HNXEYWHX

FHW NXNFYYC RD EZW YFKJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: STARTING UP THE HO-SIERY DEPÁRTMENT? YOU'LL NEED SOME LEG ROOM. Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals B

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.

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