

## Column One

## Sports

## WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

## Sports WHIZZ KID competition-60

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm  
Jan 3, '97

1 Who won the Danish Premier Division football league title this season?  
Muhammad Abuja Matiullah

2 Which team won the Biju Dibash Cup hockey title?  
Usra Ajax Bangladesh Army

3 Which country won the Champions Trophy hockey title recently?  
Pakistan Holland Germany

4 Who is the top scorer in this season's Premier Division football league?  
Nakib Mizan Alifas

5 Former Italian national soccer coach Arrigo Sacchi now coaches  
Inter Milan AC Milan Fiorentina

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## SPORTS TALK



## Lance Klusener

(South African Test cricketer)

"South Africa has some very good fast bowlers in the side. To come into the team as a fast bowler and bowl with them is a great honour and privilege."

## East Bengal, Mohomedan win

CALCUTTA, Dec 22: Title aspirant East Bengal edged out Indian Bank by a solitary first half goal while another city team Mohomedan Sporting suppressed ITI, Bangalore, 2-1 in their Group A matches of the Phillips national football league at the Salt Lake Stadium here yesterday, reports PTI.

East Bengal rode on a brilliant goal by the hard-working Sarvanan as early as the fifth minute of the contest to seal the fate of their opponents who played their hearts out in the second session but failed to fetch the equaliser in a fast paced encounter.

In the other exciting match played under floodlights, Mohomedan Sporting took tight control of the proceedings rumping in two goals in quick succession in the first half through Aslam Parvez and winger Abdul Khalique while Satish Kumar reduced the margin for ITI 15 minutes before the long whistle.

With two consecutive victories, East Bengal were comfortably placed with six points from two matches while Mohomedan Sporting registered their first win in the high-profile league and have three points to their credit. Both Indian Bank and ITI have yet to open their account.



Saudi Arabian skipper (R) receives the Asian Cup soccer trophy from Prince Sultan Bin Fahd (2nd from left) at the Abu Dhabi Stadium on Dec 21. Saudis won the title, their third, beating hosts United Arab Emirates 4-2 in penalty shootout. — AFP/UNB photo

## A good shot in Windies' guts

## Campbell carves century



WANGARATTA, Australia, Dec 22: A century by opening batsman Sherwin Campbell today helped West Indies polish

off their preparations for next week's third Test against Australia with a six-wicket defeat of Victoria, reports Reuter.

Campbell was 112 not out as West Indies reached 219 for four in their second innings midway through the final day of the four-day match after being set a winning target of 216.

The form of Campbell will be encouraging for West Indies as they go into the third Test after heavy losses in the first two matches against Australia.

Campbell notched a century in the first Test in Brisbane last month and has scored two of the three hundreds recorded so far on tour by West Indies. Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who missed the match against Victoria, scored the first on tour with 123 against Western Australia last month.

West Indies resumed on 41 for one with Campbell and number three batsman Brian Lara both on 14.

Lara went on to make 46 before falling to leg-spinner Brad Stacey for 46 as West Indies lost three wickets in the morning

session. Stacey had seen Lara take 33 from just two of his overs in the first innings.

Robert Samuels and Carl Hooper were both dismissed cheaply, while Jimmy Adams was unbeaten with Campbell on 20 at the close. Lara, the world record-holder for the highest scores in Test and first-class cricket, was denied his first century of the tour when he was controversially dismissed hit wicket for 86 in the first innings.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the four-day cricket match between Victoria and the West Indies played on Sunday:

VICTORIA: First innings 354

WEST INDIES: First innings 336

VICTORIA: Second innings 197

WEST INDIES: Second

innings (41 for 1 overnight) 219

Campbell not out 112

Griffith Jbw b Fleming 1

Lara c Harvey b Stacey 46

Samuels c Reiffel b Stacey 7

Hooper b Harvey 12

Adams not out 20

Extras 21

Total: (4 wkt, 62.4 overs) 219

Fall of wkt: 1-6; 2-111; 3-139; 4-152

Bowling: O M R W

Reiffel 12 1 57 0

Fleming 17 3 47 1

Harvey 9 3 27 1

Saker 9 2 31 0

Stacey 12.4 0 39 13

Jones 3 0 13 0

Result: West Indies won by 6 wkt.

S CAMPBELL ... 112

## Arsenal upended again



LONDON, Dec 22: Caretaker manager Stuart Pearce is under no illusions about the task ahead of him after inspiring Nottingham Forest to only their second win of the season over 10-man Arsenal on Saturday, reports AFP.

The England defender, who took over the managerial duties after the midweek resignation of Frank Clark, got off to the perfect start with a shock 2-1 success over title-chasing Arsenal, who had Ian Wright sent off.

"I could not ask for any more from the lands, they battled hard," said Pearce after Forest's first win in 17 Premiership games.

"But we are still bottom of the league and we are quite well aware of that," added the man they call 'psycho' because of his manic commitment to the team cause.

Norwegian star Alf-Inge Haaland was Forest's hero, finding the net twice after Wright had fired the gunners into a 62nd minute lead only to get himself sent off eight minutes later after Forest had equalised.

Wright appeared to stamp on Forest's Croatian international Nikola Jerkan and referee Stephen Lodge waved the red card after consulting his linesman.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said: "I can't give an opinion of the incident because I didn't see what happened but having him sent off made it more difficult for us."

Alex Ferguson watched his Manchester United romped to a 5-0 victory over Sunderland at Old Trafford as the champions moved up to fourth.

Two goals apiece from Norwegian talent Ole Gunnar Solskjær and Frenchman Eric Cantona and another strike by Nicky Butt put the champions firmly back on the title track in front of another 55,000-plus crowd.

But if the United boss was delighted with a win that reignites his side's flagging title defence, he was certainly in no mood to share his joy with the media.

Ferguson has been asked by the Premier league to comply with requests to attend press conferences after walking out of Hillsborough after United's 1-1 draw with Sheffield Wednesday in midweek.

But the request must have got lost in the Christmas post as Ferguson sent a terse message to the waiting media, saying:

"But result should speak for itself. It's Christmas and I'm having a break from you lot."

Ferguson saluted the performances of Italian star Gianfranco Zola and Mark Hughes after Chelsea cruised to a 3-1 win over London rivals West Ham at Stamford Bridge.

Zola scored a brilliant individual goal and Gullit lavished praise on the former Parma striker, saying:

"Franco has stolen the hearts of the fans with the way he plays. He's given something extra to the Premier league and I'm very happy for him."

Hughes found the net twice with his first goals at home this season and the manager was delighted with his partnership with Zola.

"Like Gianfranco, Mark was world class and that made it very hard for West Ham," added Gullit.

Sheffield Wednesday boss David Pleat slammed the negative tactics of his former club after a 1-1 draw at Tottenham — a club traditionally associated with attractive football — extended his side's unbeaten record to nine matches.

"When you come to places like Tottenham, Liverpool and Manchester United, you sometimes have to fear the tradition of those places," said Pleat.

Coventry manager Gordon Strachan saluted striker-turned-defender Dion Dublin, who showed he has lost none of his goalscoring instincts by sinking Leicester with both goals in a 2-0 win at Filbert Street.

Dublin has been asked by Strachan to switch to the back for the last two games but he moved forward with deadly effect at set-pieces to score with a brace of powerful headers.

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## Soul-searching time for Pakistan

HOBART, Australia, Dec 22: Pakistan cricket coach Mushtaq Mohammad has ordered his players to revalue their commitment in the wake of their loss to Tasmania by an innings and 69 runs, reports AP.

The tourists slumped to defeat against the state side within three days, showing a lack of application when batting and fielding.

Pakistan have only two limited-overs matches prior to their World Series game against Australia in Sydney on Jan 1.

"It is up to us to pick it up," Mushtaq said Sunday. "We've hit the bottom now, from here we can only go one way."

"We have to put in a lot of hard work, a bit of soul-searching."

Pakistan scored just 67 runs in its second innings on Saturday with four batsmen, including captain Wasim Akram, out for ducks.

Mohammad Wasim was the top scorer with 27 and Ijaz Ahmed (13) was the only other Pakistan batsman to reach double figures.

"We hope to improve from here and give a better account of ourselves in future matches," Mushtaq said.

To compound the problems, three Pakistan players currently are sidelined.

Right-arm paceman Mohammad Zahir, injured his bowling hand and will be out of action until the New Year, while vice-captain Aamir Sohail is out for a week after cutting himself above the right eye in a locker room fall and batsman Saeed Anwar is suffering from persistent stomach bug.

Mushtaq said no decision has yet been taken on whether to call for replacements from home.

## Aussies annex Indira Gandhi Gold Cup

NEW DELHI, Dec 22: Australia thrashed South Korea 6-2 in the final of the Indira Gandhi Gold Cup women's hockey tournament today to lift the title in their first appearance, reports Reuter.

World Cup and Olympic champions Australia, who finished second in the league standings after losing 2-1 to the Koreans on Saturday, twice came from behind to romp home by scoring five goals in the second half.

The Koreans took the initial lead through a penalty corner conversion by Cho Eun-Jung in the fifth minute and Australia equalised in the 30th minute when Katrina Powell capitalised on an Alyson Annan pass after the goal-keeper.

Lee Yi-Young converted a penalty corner four minutes into the second half to give Asian champions South Korea the lead once again.

Three minutes later Kate Sage scored from Powell's move from the left flank to put Australia back on terms.

Claire Mitchell's rasping drive from the top of the scoring circle in the 46th minute gave Australia the lead for the first time and Jaenny Morris consolidated it with a penalty corner conversion in the 53rd minute.

Annon capitalised on a penalty stroke in the 59th minute and then capped a fine solo by shooting on target in the 63rd minute to round off the scoring.

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## Kasparov wins wits' war

Anand, only half-a-point behind of leader Gary Kasparov after their eighth round, suffered a mild set back yesterday but his title aspiration would be fulfilled if he can pull off a victory over Kasparov whom he meets in the final round.

Kasparov scored a fluent 44-move victory over arch-rival Anatoly Karpov to be with six points. While Anand, with five points, needs a win while a draw would suffice for Kasparov to wrap up the tie and the undisputed prize-money on offer for this premier event. Their tie ended in a draw.

Anand, with black pieces, was getting on top from the black side of the Nadir Defence

Anand adopted a combination to exchange queens, but his position was weak and Kasparov diluted the position, won 27 of them and lost only 20.

Analysts felt the game was quite balanced until Kasparov erred with 22b67 (instead of b64) and Karpov was in an advantageous position. However, he got into trouble when he had nine moves to make in a minute.

Amazingly, Karpov managed to make them all in time, playing a highly complicated tactical line which ended with his flag hanging, in an end game position that was just lost.

Karpov remained the only player without a win in the tournament to occupy the last position with 3.5 points.

In the match between Kramnik and Vassily Ivanchuk, the former achieved an end game advantage and won smoothly. Kramnik is on the third position with 4.5 points while Ivanchuk has tallied four points so far.

## Ronaldo blasts Bobby trick

BARCELONA, Dec 22: Barcelona's Brazilian star striker Ronaldo opened fire on his coach Bobby Robson's methods in the local press on Saturday, saying they had to change, reports AFP.

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