

Column One

Sports

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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-64

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Competition closes 8 pm,
Feb 28, '97

1	Who finished runners-up in the Premier Division cricket league?	Biman	Kalabagan	Brothers
2	In the ICC Trophy, Bangladesh will be led by	Bulbul	Nannu	Akram
3	The eighth SAF Games will be held in	Nepal	Bhutan	Sri Lanka
4	Where was Martina Hingis born?	Switzerland	Hungary	Czech Republic
5	Name the skipper of the Zimbabwe cricket team.	A Flower	Campbell	Houghton

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School Address

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SPORTS TALK



Sachin Tendulkar
(India captain)
"We have to look for batsmen who would be capable of handling the West Indian attack."
Said in South Africa recently.

WHIZZ KID-63 correct answers

- Who won the Australian Open women's singles title this year?
Ans. Hingis
- Which nation lifted the World Series Cup cricket title this year?
Ans. Pakistan
- Who won this year's Frank Worrell Trophy?
Ans. Australia
- Which team clinched the invitational international hockey title?
Ans. PIA
- Who won the 18th national junior chess championship title?
Ans. Tipu

WHIZZ KID -63 winner

Afsana Ahmed Moon
Sher-e-Banglanagar Govt. Girl's High School
(Remember to bring your ID card and a passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm, February 19. Please collect the prize in time).

Botham's hair at stake!

WELLINGTON, Feb 14: Former England cricketer Ian Botham says he will shave his head if readers of a Wellington newspaper donate 50,000 New Zealand dollars (about US 20,000 dollars) for cancer research, reports AP.

Botham, in New Zealand helping to coach the England cricket side and as a commentator for British television, wants Evening Post readers to donate the money to the Child Cancer Research Foundation.

The shedding of hair is part of a nationwide Crop-A-Cop fund-raiser which has the backing of police and service clubs.

"I'm always keen to do anything I can to help the cause of child cancer research," Botham said.

He will have his head shaved during the limited-overs international at Wellington's Basin Reserve on March 4 if the target is reached.

"Half of me hopes you don't get it, the other half hopes you do," said Botham. "My hair will grow again, kids with cancer sometimes don't."

Botham said his wife Kathy had laughed when he told her of his plans.

"We're going to the French Alps for a family skiing holiday when I get back, so I'll be buying a balacava."



Bangladesh Tennis Federation president and Commerce Secretary Syed Alamgir Faruque Chowdhury addressing newsmen yesterday in connection with the BEXIMCO 11th Bangladesh International junior tennis championships which starts in the capital from February 17.

Aussies start in style

RANDJESSFONTEIN, Feb 14: Neil McKenzie upstaged Steve Waugh's spectacular 44-ball 72 runs with a brilliant 133 but couldn't save a Nicky Oppenheimer's invitation XI from a 19-run defeat at the hands of the Australians on Thursday, reports AP.

The Transvaal batsmen followed up their century over the weekend against Western Province with a 121-ball innings in the home side's 265 in reply to the tourists' 284 for six declared.

Skipper Jonathan Oppenheimer was caught behind by part-time wicketkeeper Justin Langer off left-arm spinner Michael Bevan off the penultimate ball of the match.

Earlier, Waugh made a mockery of a friendly attack in the traditional tour opener at the picturesque private estate of the diamond magnet in Randjesfontein, outside Johannesburg.

For Mark Taylor it was another disappointing outing, managing just 18 runs as he scratched around for two minutes under an hour.

Both Batsmen seized their opportunities and gave the side a rollicking start — 124 runs off 94 balls.

164 balls after visitors had been invited to bat first.

Elliott's first outing for his country since undergoing knee reconstruction surgery was brilliant and he unlucky to miss out on a century — out for 91.

He smashed four sixes and as many boundaries and pulled a full toss from ex-international Dave Callaghan for McKenzie's first of four catches.

Hayden (60), the first man out, scored his runs off 66 balls with two sixes and four hits to the fence.

But the entertainment of the day was provided by Waugh who cut loose in scintillating style after lunch — bludgeoning 50 runs in four overs between former rebel fast bowler Hugh Page and off spinner Martin Gidley.

He hit two sixes and seven fours off both bowlers before retiring at the fall of Taylor's wicket.

McKenzie, the son of former Springbok international Kevin, reached his half century off 33 balls — nine boundaries and a pulled six and took 18 runs in a Waugh over.

His innings was crowned with a six and 19 boundaries after his century came off just 94 balls.

Scoreboard of the one-day match between Australia and an Invitation XI at Randjesfontein on Thursday:

AUSTRALIA	
Elliott c McKenzie n Callaghan	91
Hayden c Dippenaar b Davies	60
Langer c McKenzie b Ntini	13

Taylor c McKenzie b Gidley	
S Waugh retired	72
Bevan c McKenzie b Gidley	8
Blewett c Teeger b Ntini	10
Healy not out	6
Davies	9
Callaghan	6
Extras (lb-4, nb-2)	6
Total (for six wickets declared)	284
Fall of wickets: 1-124; 2-164; 3-170; 4-260; 5-260; 6-276; 7-284.	

Did not bat: Paul Reiffel, Andrew Bichel and Jason Gillespie.

Bowling:	
O	M
Ntini	13
Page	10
Bankenstein	5
Davies	9
Gidley	6
Callaghan	12
Extras	4

Invitation XI
Arthur c Elliott b Reiffel 15
Gidley c Taylor b Reiffel 8
Dippenaar c Healy b Bichel 17
Bankenstein c Reiffel b Blewett 0
McKenzie run out 133
Callaghan c Elliott b Bichel 10
Page c Hayden b Gillespie 11
Davies c Elliott b Gillespie 1
Teeger st Langer b Elliott 28
Oppenheimer c Langer b Bevan 14
Ntini not out 2
Extras (lb-21, nb-4, w-1) 26
Total: (all out) 205

Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-25; 3-32; 4-73; 5-114; 6-148; 7-156; 8-227; 9-255.

Bowling	
O	M
Gillespie	12
Reiffel	5
Blewett	4
Bichel	7
S Waugh	4
Bevan	12
Elliott	7

Result: Australia won by 19 runs

BEXIMCO U-19 tennis from Monday

Sports Reporter
The BEXIMCO eleventh international junior (under-19) tennis championship 1997, an annual event of Bangladesh Tennis Federation approved by the International Tennis Federation, will begin at the newly laid hard court surface of the National Tennis Complex from Monday.

Total 48 participants including 16 girls from Russia, India, Myanmar, Thailand, Pakistan, South Korea, USA and hosts Bangladesh will take part in the week-long meet scheduled to end on February 23.

This was informed by Commerce Secretary and Bangladesh Tennis Federation president Syed Alamgir Faruque Chowdhury during a press briefing at the BTF conference room yesterday. Professor Rashiduddin Ahmed, vice president of BTF, Masud Hasan Jamali, general secretary of BTF and Abul Kalam Majumder, Finance Manager of the sponsors BEXIMCO, were also present on the occasion.

Host Bangladesh will field highest 19 players including eight girls followed by India which lead the list of foreign teams in terms of the number of participants with 12 players in the meet featuring four categories: Boys' singles, girls' singles, boys' doubles and girls' doubles. Among the other participating countries, South Korea will send eight players evenly divided in gender while Thailand and Myanmar will send four and two players respectively. Besides, one participant each from Russia, Pakistan and USA will also feature in the championships.

BTF has approved a budget of Taka seven hundred and sixty thousand for the meet out of which five hundred and fifty thousand will be provided by sponsors BEXIMCO.

Acme Div II cricket Rayerbazar in relegation league

Sports Reporter
Rayerbazar Sporting Club became the last of eight teams to play in the relegation league of Acme Second Division cricket league after suffering a seven-wicket defeat to Mariner Youngs Club in their final first round Group C encounter at the Mahakhalai T&T ground yesterday.

Electing to bat, Rayerbazar were bowled out for 130 in 39 overs. In reply, Mariner Youngs took only 20.5 overs to reach home with seven wickets to spare.

After yesterday's defeat, Rayerbazar remained second from bottom in the eight-team group table having four points from seven matches. They will now join PWD Sports Club, who finished last in the group alongwith six other teams, two bottom sides from remaining three groups. The relegation league will start from tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the Second Division super league will also start from tomorrow with two matches billed for the opening day. At the City Club ground, Azad Boys Club will take on Kakrail Boys Club while Kathalbagian Cricket Club will meet Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha in the other match at the T&T ground at Mahakhalai.

A total of twelve teams, split into two groups, will participate in the league. Top two finishers from each group will qualify for the semifinals with the winners being promoted to the First Division league next year.

GROUPS
Group E: Azad Boys Club, Rupali Bank, Orant SC, Spread Eagles, Khelaghar SKS and Kakrail Boys Club.

Group F: Kathalbagian CC, Indira Road CC, Kalindi KC, Lancashire CC, Bangladesh Railway and Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha.

King's cup football

BANGKOK, Feb 14: Piyaopong Pue-On's goal in the 54th minute gave Thailand a 1-0 victory over Romania on Thursday and booked a final berth for the hosts at the 28th annual King's Cup football tournament against Sweden, reports Xinhua.

Sweden advanced into the final with a 1-0 win over Japan thanks to a second-minute goal by Andreas Andersson.

Sweden and Thailand will meet Sunday following the third-place match between Romania and Japan in the four-team tournament.

Onus on Becker and Stich

HAMBURG, Germany, Feb 14: Germany are counting on Boris Becker and Michael Stich to save them from relegation into the Davis Cup Group B, reports AFP.

Both players were missing in Germany's humbling World Group Davis Cup 4-1 defeat to Spain last weekend but the German Tennis Federation (DTB) announced here on Friday that the two would be available for the Davis Cup relegation match.

Germany will know their opponents when the draw is made in London in April. The match will be played the 19-21 September.

India go down fighting in a thriller 'Chokers' become winners

DURBAN, South Africa, Feb 14: South Africa threw off their reputation as a team of 'chokers' when they snatched a thrilling 17-run victory over India in a pulsating final of the triangular, limited-over series at Kingsmead here Thursday, reports AFP.

Washed out on Wednesday, the final had to be started from scratch Thursday and with skipper Hansie Cronje winning only his second toss in 15 matches, the home side started off on the right foot.

Batting confidently, they reached a formidable 278 for eight in their 50 overs, with the main batsmen — Gary Kirsten (51), Jacques Kallis (49), Daryll

seam attack to pieces, reducing the initial asking rate of 6.27 to 5.3 by the 20-over halfway mark.

The early loss of Saurav Ganguly, brilliantly caught by Allan Donald off Shaun Pollock's bowling, only served to spur on Tendulkar, who, in a scintillating display of batmanship, sprayed the ball around the ground at will.

The Indian skipper raced to 45 off only 33 balls, slamming seven fours and a six — off Donald — along the way.

His South African counterpart, Cronje — later named man-of-the-series — then shrewdly brought himself on to bowl in a bid to stop the blood-letting.

The tactic worked, and Tendulkar, caught off guard by the change of pace, was tempted into an indiscreet touch down the leg side straight into Rudi Bryson's waiting hands.

Tendulkar's departure didn't stop the run flow, however, and Rahul Dravid and Mohammad Azharuddin kept up the pace, racing to a partnership of 81 off 85 balls for the fourth wicket.

At 198-3 in the 32nd over, India appeared to be coasting to victory.

The tide turned for the visitors, however, when yet another brilliant Jonty Rhodes catch cut the menacing Azharuddin down, also for 45.

Big hitting Ajay Jadede went next, caught by Hudson at deep cover, and the South Africans began to sense victory.

They got the scalp they really needed — that of man-of-the-match Rahul Dravid (84) — in the 36th over.

The Indian charge was finally blunted in the 38th over when Cronje scored a direct hit to run out Robin Singh and then Donald clean bowled Saba Karim and Salil Ankola with successive balls.

With 26 runs needed off the final two overs with only two wickets in hand, the spirited Indian assault began to waver.

It finally ground to a halt with just four balls left to bowl.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the triangular limited-over series final between India and South Africa at Kingsmead on Thursday:

SOUTH AFRICA

A. Hudson c Karim b Srinath	19
G. Kirsten c Dravid b Singh	51
J. Kallis lbw b Singh	49
D. Cullinan b Kumble	60
J. Rhodes b Tendulkar	41
B. Cronje b Prasad	10

S. Pollock lbw b Prasad	0
L. Klusener b Kumble	16
R. Richardson not out	15
R. Bryson not out	2
Extras (b-8, lb-3, w-4)	15
Total (for eight wickets)	278
Fall of wickets: 1-44; 2-130; 3-130; 4-221; 5-242; 6-242; 7-244; 8-266.	

Did not bat: A. Donald.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Srinath	10	0	50	1
Prasad	10	1	43	2
Kumble	10	0	45	2
Ankola	7	0	50	0
Singh	10	0	63	2
Tendulkar	3	0	19	1

INDIA

S. Ganguly c Donald b Pollock	45
S. Tendulkar c Bryson b Cronje	5
R. Dravid c Kirsten b Klusener	84
M. Azharuddin c Rhodes b	

Pollock	45
A. Jadede c Hudson b Klusener	18
R. Singh run out	15
S. Karim b Donald	3
J. Srinath c Cullinan b Donald	1
S. Ankola b Donald	0
A. Kumble run out	6
V. Prasad not out	2
Extras (b-1, lb-4, nb-3, w-2)	10
Total:	234

Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-84; 3-165; 4-198; 5-210; 6-224; 7-224; 8-224; 9-230.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Pollock	6	0	39	2
Bryson	7	0	47	0
Donald	7.2	0	48	3
Cronje	8	0	35	1
Klusener	8	0	42	2
Kallis	3	0	18	0

Result: South Africa won by 17 runs (after a rain-adjusted target).

Man-of-the-match: Rahul Dravid

Man-of-the-series: Hansie Cronje

Kaiser's pi-jaw for Bayern

BONN, Feb 14: Bayern Munich chairman Franz Beckenbauer has told his players that they will have to stop acting like prima donnas if they want to win a record 14th German championship when the season resumes at the weekend, reports Reuter.

The former World Cup-winning coach and captain was very critical of the team's football in the first half of the season despite the fact they went into the two-month winter break in December at the top of the table.

Beckenbauer wants an improvement in performance both on and off the pitch. Trivial individual battles must stop if Bayern are to end Borussia Dortmund's grip on the Bundesliga.

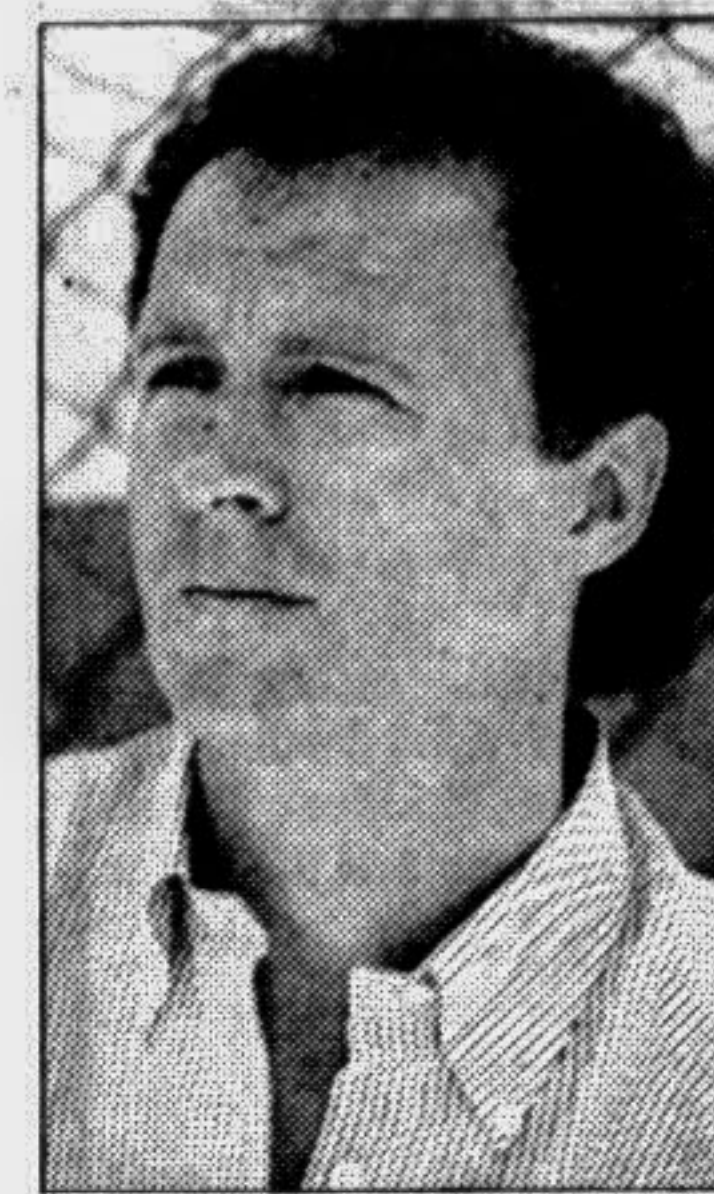
They must learn that they are not so important," Beckenbauer said.

One of the most prominent reported disagreements at Bayern in recent seasons has been between Germany captain and striker Juergen Klinsmann and veteran ex-international and World Cup captain Lothar Matthaus.

Coach Giovanni Trapattoni says the club's two biggest names have settled their differences. But the Italian also believes that attitudes have to change in the second half of the season.

Bayern, who have a two-point lead over reigning champions Borussia Dortmund as they bid for their first championship since 1994, begin their campaign with a home game against lowly St Pauli on Saturday.

European Cup quarterfinalists Dortmund, who struggled with injuries in the first half of



FRANZ BECKENBAUER

Costly remedy!

VIGO, Spain, Feb 14: A Spanish footballer who took some tablets to stop going bald may find the remedy is a costly one, reports Reuter.

Medical staff at Celta Vigo think tablets to prevent hair loss are the most likely cause of the positive drug test by defender Borja Aquirreux.

"The player explained that he's been taking tablets to stop hair-loss for a year," said Celta doctor Genaro Borras.

Aquirreux could face a two-year ban after testing positive for the steroid nandrolone after a 2-0 defeat by Valladolid on January 4.

The Spanish Soccer Federation consider the case to be "sub judice" but expect to release their findings next week.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Gore, Quale, etc.

4 Future phalopore

7 "I am a Hammer"

11 Title

13 Pitch

14 See the sights

15 Bouilla

16 "I was saying..."

17 Attractive, and then some

18 Bert's pal

20 Command to Fido

22 Polar employee

24 Complete dud

28 Accessory for 15

32 "Brave-heart" prize

33 Come in second

34 "Pal Joey" song

36 Days gone by

37 Francisco's farewell

39 Many feature dual air bags

41 Jolt with noise

43 Astronaut

44 Biblical murderer

46 Ignite

50 Arizona city

53 George Burns role

55 Unyielding

56 Frenzied

57 Prior night

58 Relaxation

59 Frank Herbert tale

60 Unproc.

61 Spellbound

62 Workbench attachment

63 Indigent

63 Bedazzle

64 Greek H

65 Long cut

6 Intense sorrow

7 "No sweat"

8 Prop for Markham's man

9 "La Cage aux Folles"

10 Arid

12 "No sweat"

19 Wapiti

21 Carnival city

23 Shriner's

Solution time: 24 min.

LOCATE THE WORDS

ACROSS

DOWN

1 Workbench attachment

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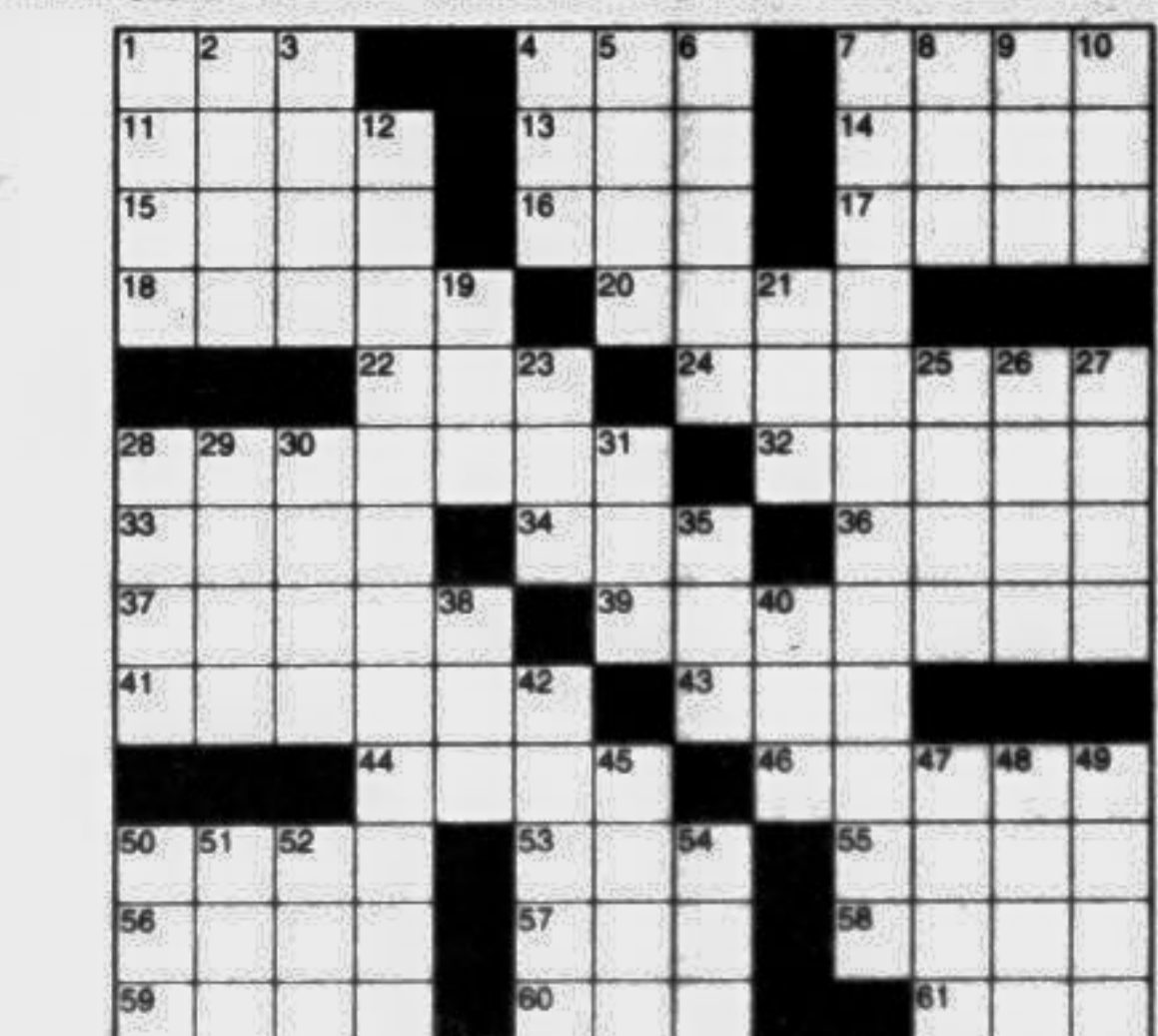
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CRYPTOCQUIP

S P O S A A S R D I K J Y O X E T
C S M T M I S R E M K R D
A J R R X M W J P A E C S R X Y
S R W J Y I ?

Saturday's Cryptocquip: THE GENIAL CHEF KIND OF LOOKS FORWARD TO CORRESPONDING WITH HIS PAN PALS.

Today's Cryptocquip clue: R equals N

The Cryptocquip 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.