

Column One SPORTS TALK



Goran Ivanisevic (Croatian tennis player) "When I'm in the tournament then tennis is bad, I'm killing the game. Once I'm out of the tournament, everybody is happy."

Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-64 Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes 8 pm, Feb 28, '97

- 1 Who finished runners-up in the Premier Division cricket league? 2 In the ICC Trophy, Bangladesh will be led by...

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Australia 78 for 4

CAPE TOWN, Feb 17: Western Province set up an interesting final day with a bold declaration and four Australian second-innings wickets Sunday in the three-day tour match at Newlands, reports AP.

Injury halts Greg's run

SAN JOSE, California, Feb 17(AP): It was almost the greatest upset of Greg Rusedski's career.

Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Defence

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide local agents/suppliers/distributors for the supply and installation of Microcomputers, Dot Matrix Printers and Computer Accessories.

Hingis' fourth in a row

PARIS, Feb 17: Top-seeded Martina Hingis stayed unbeaten for 1997 as she beat Anne Huber 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 Sunday in the final of the Paris Open to capture her fourth consecutive tournament, reports AP.

Hingis now has taken all 18 matches in 1997, not counting a walkover in the Tokyo final when Steffi Graf defaulted with a knee injury and three singles victories in the Hopman Cup.

Two double faults and two unforced errors by third-seeded Huber in the eighth game of the third set proved decisive. That gave Hingis a 5-3 lead and the Swiss held her serve to win the 1-hour, 52-minute match.

Hingis has now won five of her last six tournaments. Her only loss was to Graf in the WTA championships final in the fifth set.

Graf pulled out of the Hanover, Germany tournament this week and is next scheduled to play India Wells, Calif., beginning March 3.

Badshah baffles Kakrail Boys

AN all-round performance by former national cricketer Jahangir Shah Badshah guided Azad Boys Club to a convincing seven-wicket victory over Kakrail Boys Club in their opening super league encounter of the Acme Second Division cricket at the T&T ground in Mahakhali yesterday.

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Marseille Open Enqvist's

MARSEILLE, Feb 17: Sweden's Thomas Enqvist claimed the Marseille ATP tennis tournament here on Sunday with a controversial 6-4, 1-0 retired victory over Marcelo Rios of Chile, reports AFP.

Bernard, Elena triumph

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World number two Martina Hingis of Switzerland displays the trophy after defeating Germany's Anke Huber in the final of the Paris Open on Feb 16. The Swiss starlet won 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Opting to bat, Mill Barrack scored 174 for nine in their allotted 40 overs while, in reply, the losers were bowled out for 154 in 33 overs.

Enqvist sealed the first set on his first break point of the match and then held his service in the opening game of the second set before Rios threw in the towel.

Enqvist thereby won his 12th ATP Tour title in 13 final appearances and follows in the footsteps of previous winners Marc Rosset of Switzerland, Germany's Boris Becker and France's Guy Forget.

Rios, who pulled out after just 39 minutes play, first hurt his leg in Saturday's semi final win over Sergi Bruguera of Spain.

Bangkok Asiad Thai firm gets the nod

BANGKOK, Feb 17: Thailand's largest real estate developer, Bangkok Land, has awarded a 92 million dollars contract to Bouygues Thai a unit of France's Bouygues Group, to build a sports complex for the 1998 Asian Games, reports AP.

Greene achieves his goal

LIEVIN, France, Feb 17: Jamaica's Michael Greene ran 6.49 sec to beat compatriot Ray Stewart and Canada's Bruny Surin in the 60m sprint at the indoor athletics meeting here on Sunday, reports AFP.

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Final Test nicely poised

CHRISTCHURCH, Feb 17: England were fighting to save the match and their series lead today at the end of the fourth day of their third and final cricket Test against New Zealand, reports Reuter.

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Muster's double delight

DUBAI, Feb 17: Second seed Thomas Muster came to life under the lights at the one-million-dollar Dubai Open Sunday night to defeat holder Goran Ivanisevic 7-5, 7-6 to claim his 43rd career victory in a high-standard display of hard-court superiority, reports AFP.

Muster, known as the 'trembling man' in tennis for good reason, never let up the pressure in a match lasting for more than 90 minutes at the Aviation Club.

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THOMAS MUSTER

and 200 computer ranking points to leave himself on distant second on the computer behind Pete Sampras.

Muster's victory ended an Ivanisevic win streak of 10 matches, including the Croatian's first-ever title defence a fortnight ago at home in Zagreb.

The victory turned on a break of Ivanisevic in the 11th game of the opening set, which gave the hard-driving Muster added momentum.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. Includes crossword puzzle grid and clues for Across and Down.

TODAY'S MATCHES Premier Division Cricket League: (Relegation play-off) Lalmatia Club vs Surjo Tarun Club (JN Hall ground) Acme Second Division Cricket League: (Super league) Orient SC vs Kheglagh SKS (OCC) Indira Road KC vs B Railway (T&T) (Relegation league) Lalbagh ASC vs Lalbagh USC (Uttara)



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