

Column One

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports Whizz Kid

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✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm, March 14, '97

1	Who won the three-nation cricket tournament held in South Africa recently?	India	South Africa	Zimbabwe
2	How many Tests will Sri Lanka play in their New Zealand tour?	2	3	4
3	Who is the top-ranked woman tennis player at the moment?	Steffi	Hingis	Monica
4	Who lifted the boys' singles title in the BEXIMCO junior tennis championships?	Danai	Mahadevan	Phomphon
5	The BCB XI team touring Pakistan is skippered by	Liton	Faruque	Sumon

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SPORTS TALK



Abey Kuruvilla
(Indian Test cricketer)
"My sole objective is to perform consistently well when given the opportunity."
After being selected in the Indian team to tour West Indies.

Rafique back to business

Sports Reporter

After three days' break, national cricketers began their final practice session yesterday before hopping into Malaysia-bound flight on March 15.

The Bangladesh team, fresh from a 3-0 warm-up series win against Pakistan Electric Supply Corporation, got into a three-hour practice session under its celebrated Caribbean coach Gordon Greenidge at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The cricketers, buoyed with the joining of left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique, who was sidelined with an ankle-injury for the last couple of weeks, will hold their last practice today. They will feature in their first match of the ICC Trophy against Italy at the RRI ground, Kuala Lumpur, on Mar 24.

The left-arm spinner, who is also a useful long-handed bat, had sustained the injury in their residential camp at the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP) in Savar, which left his berth in the selected 16 at stake.

But Rafique let manager Gazi Ashraf Hossain and his teammates heave a huge sigh of relief when he staged a rusty but significant sign of improvement during yesterday's practice hours.

"I'm confident that Rafique will be fit before our first match in Malaysia", said Gazi Ashraf, a former national skipper. "He is improving rapidly. But, if you ask me whether he is fully fit or kicking now, I would only say that he is yet to attain the fitness level required at this stage", added Ashraf.

"Our team physio (Dr Jawad) declared him physically OK. What he needs right now is few days' practice to get in to his rhythm", replied Ashraf, the man at helm who is instrumental so far alongside the Caribbean charmer to make the ICC mission successful. Like previous ICC Trophy top three finishers of the tourney will earn tickets to play next World Cup alongside nine Test-playing nations.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has taken care of their official keep-the-mouth-shut treaty having done the signing of the code of conduct by all the players and officials of the 19-member Bangladesh team.

Manager Ashraf signed it as Gordon Greenidge did, but one thing still remained in the dark as BCB showed its reluctance to let people know that who would possess the rope to run the show. As far as Gordon is concerned, it seems that the former West Indies dashing opener is not included in any decision making circle. Greenidge has been keeping a safe distance from the press since his last deliberation to the press on the eve of the SAARC cricket tournament. Then the question is accountability goes to whom?



Action from yesterday's Karnaphuli Garden City Club Cup encounter between Mariner Young's Club and Farashganj Sporting Club at the Hockey Stadium. Mariners won the match 6-1.

Nat'l youth championship

Mymensingh in control

Sports Reporter

Mymensingh were comfortably poised for a victory against Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP) at the end of the first day of the two-day Zone D final of the Gazi Tank 17th national youth cricket championship at the Tangail Stadium yesterday.

Put into bat in a 80-over-a-side affair, Mymensingh amassed 296 before they were all out in the final over with Shuvo hammering highest 56 and Sumon 55. Imran (37) and Masud with 23 also made useful contributions.

Mizanur was the most successful BKSP bowler with four for 89. He was ably supported by Razzak who took three wickets for 44 runs.

In reply, BKSP were struggling on 50 for three in 25 overs at stumps, needing a further 247 runs to win the remaining 55 overs today.

Besides, Chittagong, Rajshahi, and Sylhet moved into the zonal finals winning their respective matches held at different venues across the country.

At the Comilla Stadium, Chittagong recorded an emphatic 226-run victory over Habiganj in a Zone A engagement.

Opting to bat, the port city outfit piled up 287 for eight in the stipulated 45 overs with Johnny scoring highest 63 and Mizan 56.

In reply, Habiganj were shot out for 61 in 21 overs. The Chittagong trio of Shipu, Momin and Zaki tore the Habiganj batting order apart capturing two wickets each.

The winners will meet Chanderpur in the two-day final scheduled to start at the same venue tomorrow.

Away in Dinajpur, Rajshahi trounced Rangpur by eight wickets in a Zone F match.

Chasing a paltry Rangpur total of 64 in 45 overs, the winners lost two wickets to reach home (68) with 28 overs to spare.

Shipu top-scored with an unbeaten 25 and Tapan was not out on 16.

Earlier, electing to bat, Rangpur were bundled out in 36.1 overs. Eri was the wrecker-in-chief capturing five for 17. Rehan and Tony shared four wickets.

In Chanderpur, Sylhet beat Jhalakathi by 52 runs and earned a berth in the March 14 Zone B final against Barisal.

Batting first, Sylhet mustered 185 in 42.2 overs with Shaheen slammed highest 61 and Liton 36.

Jhalakathi's Sumon bagged five wickets for 29 runs and Partha captured two wickets.

In reply, Jhalakathi were dismissed for 133 in 43.5 overs. Kalu scored 43 while Hasan made 37.

Lalu was the most successful Sylhet bowler with three for 22. Rahul and Nahim shared four wickets.

Tangail moved into the Zone C final with a 66-run victory over Natore at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Put into bat, Tangail amassed 250 all out in 45 overs. Morshed top scored with 59 followed by Madan with 43.

On the other hand, Natore were all out for 184 in 44.5 overs with Mamun hammering highest 69.

Tangail will play the March 15 final against the winners of today's match between Comilla and Gazipur. The latter registered an 83-run victory over Gaibandha at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Opting to bat, Gazipur scored 208 for five in 45 overs with Ivan and Mamun collecting 47 and 46 respectively.

In reply, Gaibandha were knocked over for 125 in 39.1 overs.

Club Cup hockey

Mariners maul Farashganj

Sports Reporter

Mariner Young's Club handed Farashganj Sporting Club a crushing 6-1 defeat in yesterday's lone action in Karnaphuli Garden City Club Cup hockey tournament at the Hockey Stadium.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

Centre-forward Bianka Luisai scored a superb hatrick while Javed, Fazal and Isah Miah added one each. Moin pulled one back for Farashganj.

The winners will take on Ajax Sporting Club in the last Group D engagement billed for tomorrow.

The Arambagh outfit who started their campaign with a facile 7-0 goals victory over Bangladesh SC, need a draw against Ajax to confirm their semifinal berth.

Meanwhile, the day's first match between Bangladesh Railway and Ansars was postponed due to non-availability of the electricity. According to the decision of the tournament committee, the match will now be held today at 9 am.

Abahani will take on Wari Club in today's match at 3.30 pm.

BFF calendar

Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday released its yearly calendar that included the World Cup qualifying rounds and three international meets, reports UNB.

The national team, which now in Malaysia to participate in the first round, will take part in the second phase in Saudi Arabia from March 27-31.

In September they travel to Nepal to participate in the Eighth SAF Games.

Besides, in November they will return to the Himalayan kingdom to feature in the SAF Football Championship.

Dhaka will host an international tournament in December.

Lin hogs the headlines

Within the hour another Chinese player had caused an upset. This time it was Luo Yigang, the steadily rising, Asia Cup finalist who recently entered the world's top 20 for the first time.

Luo, wonderfully mobile and with a great defence, frustrated the steep attacks of the tall fifth seeded Dane, Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen, whom he beat 15-11.

Stuer, who has won both the Danish and Korean Opens this season is almost back to the form he enjoyed before suffering a serious ankle injury in the world semifinals in Lausanne two years ago.

At 13-11 in the second game Stuer tried a solid smash and risked a lunging kill at the net wide on the backhand only to leave the court open for a blocked winner by the well-balanced Chinese player.

Another of Arbi's highly successful compatriots Ardy Wiranata a former all-England finalist went out in the first round.

This was hardly a surprise, because Wiranata's opponent was the Olympic silver medalist from China, Dong Jiong, who missed a match point at 14-13 in the second game and then found himself 14-15 down before coming through to win 15-9, 18-15.

Meanwhile Suprianto this time avoided any first day alarms efficiently disposing of the teenage Scottish Open, champion from China Ji Xinpeng — though that has earned the third seed a meeting with one of the most dangerous fallers in the draw, Peter Rasmussen, the Japan Open champion from Denmark.

It took Lin more than an hour and a quarter, required him to come from 1-7 down in the final game, and saw him survive a tense and lengthy exchange of serves in the third-game setting.

For six or seven changes the score remained at 13-13, and then when Lin started to get going again Gade decided to take chances in attack, the policy cost him dear however as unforced errors sent him to a 15-9, 15-13 defeat.

ENGLAND CHRONICLES

From Nizamuddin in England

The referee's whistle on the field may not be the final word in the very near future. And that might as well be true for umpires and judges, too. A judge in Wales has made legal history by pronouncing that it was unfair for Welsh rugby star Mark Jones to be suspended after he was sent off by the referee for fighting. The judge, Mrs. Justice Ebsworth, ruled that the sent-off player was entitled to an appeal hearing. So, the suspension has been lifted. The judge justified that because in a professional game, suspension decisions affected a person's source of living, a defendant qualified for an appeal hearing to put his case across. The ruling opens the floodgates for action against referees and umpires, and could not have come at a more opportune time when Leicester and Stockport lost in Cup matches last week solely because of very poor whistling by the men in black.

FIFA will toe the ICC line with regard to TV cameras helping the man in the middle. FIFA's International Board, football's law-making body, decided unanimously at their annual conference in Belfast last Saturday not to employ video replays. Sepp Blatter, FIFA General Secretary said, "We are anxious television does not take over the game by controlling the referee. Football is composed of human beings, human frailties, mistakes and errors. We have to live with that." The board also rejected suggestions that a second referee be introduced as in hockey and basketball. However, it may not be too long before the pressure on FIFA builds up for what many see as the inevitable change in the law with growing scepticism of resting the fate of multi-million dollar clubs on the on-the-spot judgment of the referee. After all, cricket's attraction has not receded due to the third umpire, although he may be sipping a cold drink in the comfort of an air-conditioned room.

The Guinness Book of World Records has a not-so-enviable list of things that man (and woman) has consumed singly or in slightly over-sized proportions to impress the fellow-beings. But, eating your own apparel has to be at the bottom of any menu. But, it has happened! A Russian student-jogger Peter Rhenkoff has won a bet by eating his track suit in eight days. Peter, who is 19, used six bottles of tomato sauce to take it in. Fortunately, no one else has taken fancy to Peter's diet.

It looks like soccer stars Bruce Grobbelaar, John Fashanu and Hans Segers are in for some serious trouble. There is allegation that all three of them are involved along with Malaysian businessman, Heng Suan Lin, of fixing the results of football matches in England. All four have denied the charges. Earlier this week, the men were left in confusion as the findings of the court when the jury was sent home after it failed to reach a verdict as to their guilt or innocence. But, two days after this, it was announced that the four would again stand a fresh trial on charges of corruption resulting from match-fixing. The previous jury was shown video of matches but it was never conclusive that they had actually played in a manner as to influence the result of a match. The players have confessed to forecasting outcome of matches and have admitted receiving money for their services. They have denied having let down their sides intentionally.

And, it looks like Europe may not be hosts to World Cup football in the year 2006. England and Germany were on a head-on collision last month when it was revealed that UEFA would be backing Germany's bid. English FA was furious garnering support from all quarters British until it was revealed that England had earlier gifted to Germany the World Cup bid, apparently a hopeless case for England in view of the notorious crowd vice, in exchange of being granted the right to host Euro '96 which it must be said they hosted very well in spite of their ill-reputation. Now FIFA President Joao Havelange has warned that Europe may not hold the 2006 World Cup. There are very strong bids from Russia, Argentina, Brazil, Morocco, Egypt, South Africa and Australia. Havelange said that "all will be given equal consideration". Looks like it will be a battle between the continents and, perhaps, taking cue from cricket, two countries will have to share the honours.

Experiences win races!

PARIS, Mar 12: Veteran American distance runner Mary Slaney said she felt like a teenager after she was beaten by the 45-year-old Yekaterina Podkopayeva of Russia in the women's 1500 metres final here at the world indoor championships on Sunday, reports AFP.

The Russian found enough in reserve to pass the 38-year-old Slaney in the final yards to win in 4 mins. 05.19 secs.

Slaney, who has a 10-year-old daughter, won the silver in 4.05.22 and Patricia Djate-Tallard set a new French record when she took the bronze in 4.06.16.

The American, who had led from the gun, said she had never run against the Russian before even though they have been racing for the past two decades.

"I didn't think I would come here and be beaten by someone older than me, it makes me feel like a teenager," Slaney said.

She added that she didn't feel in great form because of a hectic schedule over the past week.

"My flight was delayed twice and I really thought about not turning up. I only arrived on Friday so jetlag has played a part in my performance," Slaney said.

Slaney, the 1983 world outdoor 1500 and 3000 metres champion, said she felt she had the race in the bag and never heard the Russian down the straight.

"It was weird because in normal board indoor racing you can hear the people coming at you but there it was impossible," Slaney added.

Slaney has shown remarkable resilience to return to the top of a sport she dominated both indoors and outdoors.

She has overcome several leg injuries and asthma to become 'queen of the boards' against in America after an absence of eight years from indoor competition.

Slaney, who set 16 indoor world bests between 1974-85, has run the fastest mile by any athlete in three years this season, finishing in 4 minutes 26.67, second at the Millrose Games in New York. She then cantered home last weekend in the US 1500 metres indoor trial in 4min 0.3.08secs, the fastest time run in the world in seven years.

But despite her performances Slaney will be forever remembered for her infamous entanglement with Zola Budd at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Slaney, who became the youngest athlete ever to represent her country at the age of 14-year and 224 days in 1993, went into the 3,000 metres final as an even money favourite to douse the fire of Zola, the barefooted front running South African-born English teenager.



MARY SLANEY

Poland in last four

KUALA LUMPUR, Mar 12: Poland made a last ditch effort to qualify for the World Cup hockey finals while South Korea denied Argentina a place in the semifinals of the qualifying round played here Tuesday, reports AFP.

South Korea already assured a place in next year's World Cup in Holland, did New Zealand a favour by upsetting Argentina.

Spain did not show any mercy to host Malaysia with a 5-2 (5-2) win to relegate the home team to third spot in Group A and into the classification matches against Belgium on Thursday.

Atlanta Olympic silver medalists Spain who emerged as Group A champions, will meet New Zealand in the semifinals while the Koreans take on Poland in the other tie on Thursday.

Poland edged South Africa 4-3 to overtake Malaysia for second spot in the group with nine points to seven.

Canada finished fourth in the group when it lost 2-3 to Switzerland.

South Korea accomplished their goal when they thrashed Argentina 5-2 and emerged Group B champions.

Argentina needing a win to join the Koreans in the semifinals, faltered in the first-half and the defeat paved the way for New Zealand to stay as runners-up in the group with 10 points.

Argentina fell into third spot with nine points and will meet Canada in the fifth to eighth classification matches. The third and fourth placed team in each group meet in the cross over playoff ties.

South Korea went on the offensive from the start and take the lead in only the second minute through Hong Kong Sebi.

Song Seong Tae added the second goal in the 13th minute and joined with Kang Keon Wook in completing a neat set-piece in the 24th minute.

Argentina's Carlos Generyro scored from penalty corner in the 28th minute to close the gap but Kang struck again in the 34th minute.

The match was interrupted by rain for more than one and a half hours. It resumed with Argentina piling on the pressure to be rewarded by another penalty corner set-piece finished by Rodolfo Perez Gentile in the 42nd minute.

A minute later Song sealed the game with Korea's fifth goal.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Netrakona Public Works Division

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PWD Tender Invitation Notice

No (12/1996-97)

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are invited from Public Works Directorate's enlisted contractors/contractor firms for execution of the undermentioned works. Tenders will be opened at 12-15 PM on the tender submitting day in presence of the interested tenderers (if any present). Name of work, name & address of contractor/contractor firm and address to whom the tender will be submitted should be mentioned on the sealed cover.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work	Eligibility of contractor
1	Special repairing work of Durgapur Thana Court Building under Netrakona district. Financial year-1996-97.	Tk 1,58,017/-	Tk 3,161/-	60 (sixty) days	1) Public Works Directorate's enlisted all class building contractor/contractor firms.
2	Special repairing work of Purbadhala Thana Court Building under Netrakona district. Financial year-1996-97.	Tk 1,55,920/-	Tk 3,119/-	60 (sixty) days	2)-do
3	Special repairing work of Kalmakanda Thana Court Building under Netrakona district. Financial year-1996-97.	Tk 85,818/-	Tk 1,717/-	40 (forty) days	3)-do
4	Special repairing work of Barhatta Thana Court Building under Netrakona district. Financial year-1996-97.	Tk 99,588/-	Tk 1,992/-	45 (forty-five) days	4)-do
5	Special repairing work of Aatpara Thana Court Building under Netrakona district. Financial year-1996-97.	Tk 58,882/-	Tk 1,178/-	30 (thirty) days	5)-do

Offices where tender will be: Public Works Division, Netrakona/Mymensingh/Kishoreganj/ Tangail/Jamalpur/Sherpur.

8) Last date of selling tender : 23-3-97/09-12-1403BS (during office hours).

9) Date of receiving tender : 24-3-97/10-12-1403BS (up to 12-00 Noon).

10) Ready tender schedule with additional terms & conditions and Bangladesh Form No 2911 can be seen and purchased on payment of Tk 400 (four hundred) only (non-refundable) for each written form of tender schedule and Tk 25.00 (twenty-five) only (non-refundable) for each Form No 2911 from the said offices. Contractor/contractor firm himself/herselves or his/her representative carrying letter of authorisation with the representative's signature attested by the contractor/contractor firm can purchase the tender schedule on production of original enlistment register and original copy of Value Added Tax registration certificate. But tender cannot be sold to anyone other than the above enlisted contractors/contractor firms of Public Works Directorate.

11) Attested copy of VAT registration certificate and the page of Licence Register bearing the contractor's signature attested by the Executive Engineer concerned & the page recording the latest renewal fee deposit receipt should be mandatorily attached with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

12) If more than one contractor is found to be the lowest tenderer, then lottery will be held to select 1 (one) contractor on 31-3-97 at 11-00 AM at the office chamber of the undersigned. All concerned or his/her representatives are requested to attend the lottery.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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France?

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42 Billfold

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Solution time: 23 mins.

STAB OFF SHAM
TIDE RISE TIME
TREND DELANO
DARK ALT
THIS ONER IMA
WOODERS VOW
OWN TIDE IDEAL
BASKETNAME
BASKETNAME
ELSA LOACTIOUS
TEEM GAM SALT
AXES SKY ELLE
Yesterday's answer

CRYPTOQUIP

U D F N U N K J G ?
I W I Y P K P K N U D N D Z P F
D U R I Y Q P Y O P Q D G G R
N W M K P O Z K W O M D
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OFTEN, AN OWL WITH LARYNGITIS VERY DEFINITELY DOESN'T GIVE A HOOT.
Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals P
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.