

**Column One**  
SPORTS TALK



**Goran Ivanisevic**  
(Volatile 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**  
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**Competition closes 8 pm,**  
**April 11, '97**

1	Who lifted the Nirman schools cricket title?	Scholastica	Ngan High	Maple Leaf
2	Who won the 17th national youth cricket championship?	Khulna	Comilla	Rajshahi
3	Who clinched the title of the Club Cup hockey tournament?	Abahani	Mohammedans	Usha
4	Who became champions in the five-nation hockey tourney in Pakistan?	Germany	Holland	Australia
5	Pete Sampras has won all except one Grand Slam singles title. What is that one?	Wimbledon	US Open	French Open

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**New kid on the block**

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Mar 31: David Reid, the only US boxer to win an Olympic gold medal in Atlanta, opened his pro-career with a solid victory in a ballroom at the Trump Taj Mahal, reports AP.

"I wanted to open against somebody who wants to fight," Reid had said of why he picked Sam Calderon, who had a 10-0 record, as his first pro-opponent.

Calderon came to fight but Reid had too much power and speed and scored a unanimous four-round decision Friday night.

Reid, who weighed 154 pounds, knocked down Calderon, 157 pounds, with a right hand-left hook 46 seconds into the fight. Calderon got up at four and was hurt again by a right to the head at 1:09.

Reid kept his poise and did not go wild looking for a knockout but was content to box the rest of the round.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

- Second Division football league:**  
(Venue: Mirpur Stadium)  
Eskaton SS vs Gandaria Famous SC (2:30 pm)  
Mahakhalai Ekadash vs East Boys Club (4:30 pm)  
(Venue: Army Stadium)  
Shantinagar Club vs Jurain Janata Club (4 pm)
- 8th Bata School handball championships:**  
(Boys' group, venue: handball court)  
Shaheed Nabi HS vs Kamalapur HS (2 pm)  
Ahmed Bawani Academy vs Shaheed Smriti HS (3 pm)  
BAF Shaheen School vs Banani Bidya Niketan (4 pm)  
(Girls' group, venue: DWSC ground)  
Dhanmondi Govt Girls HS vs Lalmatia Girls HS (3 pm)  
Dhanmondi Tutorial vs Rifles School and College (3 pm)  
Maghbazar Girls HS vs Police Lines HS (4 pm)  
Holy Cross School vs Mohammadpur Preparatory School (4 pm)

**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
After an unscheduled break, the popular item **CROSSWORD** reappears from today.  
—Sports Editor

**Bangladesh to take on HK**  
**Second round begins today**

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh, fresh after an impressive first round campaign in the sixth International Cricket Council (ICC) Trophy, will kick off their second phase matches when they take on Hong Kong in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur today.

The match will start at 7.30 am (BST). And when the title-aspirants Bangladesh, who stormed into the eight-team second round with an all-win record, begin their odyssey from where they had left on Sunday — the concluding day of the first phase — the entire cricket-crazy nation will certainly be glued to any radio set for a ball-by-ball running commentary by the Bangladesh Betar.



The second seeded Bangladesh team, determined to atone its failures in the past, muscled

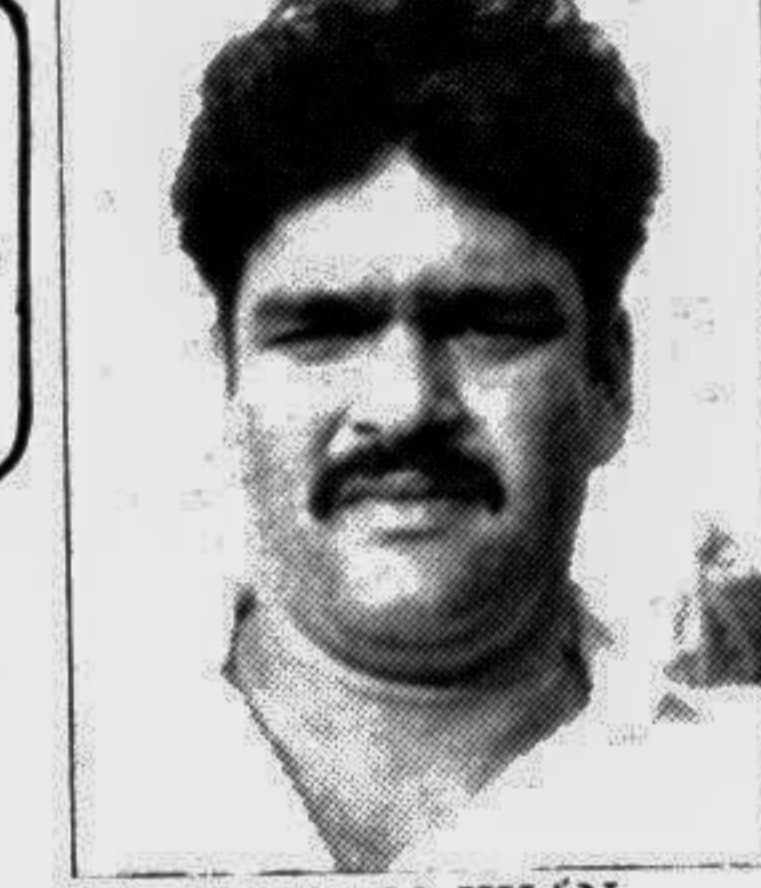
**GROUP F FIXTURES**

April 1: Bangladesh vs Hong Kong  
Holland vs Ireland  
April 2: Bangladesh vs Ireland  
Holland vs Hong Kong  
April 4: Bangladesh vs Holland  
Ireland vs Hong Kong

at the 1999 World Cup to be held in England.

Meanwhile, it was learnt that Bangladesh, excepting the inclusion of Mohammad Rafique, instead of an off-coloured Jahangir, are likely to field the same eleven that played against hosts Malaysia in their last group league match on Sunday.

Bangladesh, who had an impressive all-win record against Hong Kong in different international meetings, had



**AKRAM KHAN**  
For the sake of records, Bangladesh won their first of the three ICC meetings in 1982. While Holland won the next two in 1990 and 1994 respectively.

**Wandering in wilderness**

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Mar 31: Monica Seles needs to play more matches after a four month layoff so she will be in peak condition for the French Open and Wimbledon. But she does not need to play so much that she would go to Germany again, reports AFP.

Next month marks four years since Seles was stabbed in the back during a changeover in a match break at Hamburg. German Guenter Parche was declared not responsible for his actions in the attack and served no jail time.

"It's hard for me to go back where all the things happened and what somebody did to me was never punished," Seles said here Monday.

"It's very hard to go back and feel safe again there. I think anybody in my shoes would look at it that way too."

Seles missed 2 1/2 years while recovering emotionally and physically and has no plans to play in upcoming French Open tuneups at Berlin or Hamburg.

"You have to understand my point. How do I feel safe sitting in that chair again and turning my back?" Seles said.

"If somebody attacks you and you see that person, that is different, but for somebody to attack you from the back, not even seeing him and no way of defending yourself, is a totally different story."

Seles plans to play in two US events and possibly the Italian Open, and while she would not rule out ever playing in Germany again, Seles made it clear the thought of doing so again is a troubling one for her.

"I do not know, never say never in anything," she said. "But obviously the things that happened to me there, not just the stabbing but everything afterwards... how, that should keep me away. I don't know."

"For the person not to spend a day in jail for what he did to me, I don't think was fair. I do know that."

In skill terms, the world number-one player who was stabbed in Hamburg has not been seen since.

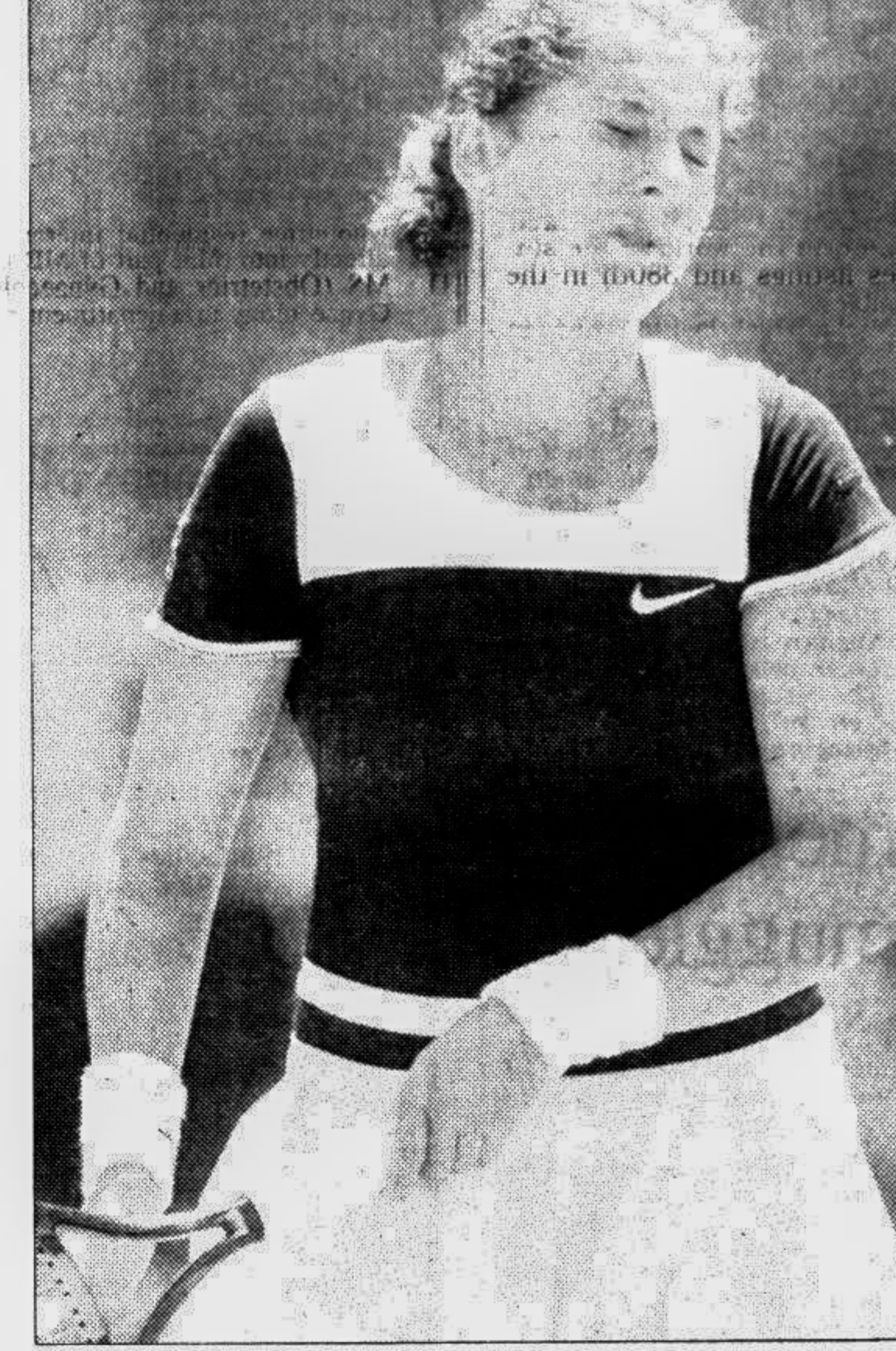
"When I don't play those 2 1/2 years, it was definitely hard on my game because I lost a lot of the ball touch that I had," Seles said.

"I'm still quite far from

where I see I can be in terms of consistency. That's just from not playing matches. I'm still losing games, key points, making some easy unforced errors."

Seles said the incident remains difficult to discuss because of the lingering effects it has in her life.

"It's always hard because what happened changed a lot in



**MONICA SELES**

my life and in my career," she said. "You have to move on. I think I moved on after I came back you take it a day at a time."

Seles missed the past four months with a broken finger suffered when she tried to grab a ball served by Martina Hingis

After three or four months I was so excited I could play I would reinjure somewhere again. I learned my lessons. That's why I told myself to be more consistent. Hopefully I will (peak) for the French or Wimbledon."



Barcelona's Brazilian star Ronaldo (R) is caught in a tangle between two Valencia players during a Spanish First Division match on Mar 30. The game ended 1-1. — AFP/UNB photo

**Int'l water polo results**

Sports Reporter

Calcutta University Institute stormed into the semifinal of the Mexico Independence Day international water polo tournament with an easy 18-8 victory over Bangladesh Navy in their last Group B engagement at National Swimming Pool yesterday.

The winners, who earlier defeated Sri Lanka 22-4 in their first match of the three-team group on Sunday, led the first half 4-0 and second half 8-2.

Calcutta's Biswajit topscored with four goals followed by Achintya and Sanchay who added three goals apiece.

In the semifinal, the winners will take on Calcutta Central Swimming Club who, in the day's other match of Group A, outplayed Bangladesh Air Force 13-7 to finish second behind leaders Bangladesh Army who have already confirmed their berth in the last four winning both of their group matches.

**Inter-varsity hockey on**

Sports Reporter

A brilliant hat-trick by Masood enabled Rajshahi University to get off to a flying start in the inter-university hockey championship with a 3-2 victory over Bangladesh Agricultural University at the BUET ground yesterday.

In a see-saw encounter, Masud struck in the 30th, 36th and 54th minutes. On the other hand Zia and Ashraf scored one goal each for Agricultural University in the 18th and 40th minutes respectively.

Earlier, Dr. Shamuzzaman Basunia, the Director of Student Welfare of BUET, declared the meet open.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Agricultural University vs Dhaka University (2:15 pm)  
Dhaka University vs BUET (3:30 pm)

**Div II soccer**

Sports Reporter

All the four of yesterday's Second Division football league matches, at different venues in the city, ended in dull draws.

At the Army Stadium, the first engagement between Lalmatia Club and City Club was locked at 1-1 while the other game at the same venue between Muslim Institute and Prantik Kirta Chakra ended goalless.

B G Press vs Little Friends' Club and Adamjee Sporting Club vs Basabo Tarun Sangha, finished scoreless at the Mirpur Stadium.

**Ronaldo's mixed signals**

ROME, Mar 31: Brazilian Ronaldo, object of feverish transfer speculation, said on Sunday he was willing to talk to any club making him a serious offer but made clear that his heart remained with Barcelona, reports Reuter.

"I just want this story to finish as soon as possible," Ronaldo told the Gazzetta Dello Sport newspaper in an interview at his home in Spain.

"It has all become very boring. I will consider offers from other clubs but if Barcelona matches them I will always chose Barcelona. Even if they are great clubs," Ronaldo said.

Italian club Lazio has been repeatedly mentioned as a front-runner to sign the striker.

Lazio coach Dino Zoff confirmed on Saturday that the club was chasing Ronaldo with reasonable grounds for optimism. President Sergio Cragnotti has said next month club see important developments in the affair.

The daily Corriere Dello Sport said the Alexandre Martins, one of Ronaldo's agents, would be in Rome next week to meet Cragnotti and discuss the affair.

Ronaldo said, however, that his Spanish club had 105,000 members, the crowd gave him his strength and encouragement and that Barcelona was the right place "for now".

**Nipa regains her crown**

Sports Reporter

Former champion Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa regained the national women's chess title after one year with a victory over Nazrana Khan Eva in the final round of the 18th edition at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Playing with black pieces, Nipa, the 1989 and 95 champion, who adopted Petrof defence against Eva, checkmated her unheralded opponent after a marathon spell of 66 moves to finish the ten-player competition unbeaten with eight points.

It was the seventh win for Nipa in the nine-round robin league who drew her other two matches with defending champion IWM Rani Hamid and last year's runner up Tanima Parveen, respectively.

Rani, the ten-time champion who fell behind Nipa in the seventh round after losing to Afroza Khanum Bably, finished second with seven and a half points.

The ten-time titlist, who played in the line of Queen's In-

**FINAL STANDINGS**

Player	Points
Nipa	8
Rani	7.5
Bably	6
Tanima	6
Nikka	4.5
Zakia	4
Masuda	3
Ranu	3
Eva	2
Ava	1

**ROLL OF HONOUR**

Year	Winner
1979	Rani Hamid
1980	Rani Hamid

dian defence with her black pieces, took 35 moves to overcome Masuda Begum.

Bably, and Tanima Parveen finished with six points each. But Bably was declared third after Tanima refused to go through a play-off match.

Tanima, the 1991-94 champion, edged past Farzana Khan Ava while Bably drew with Jahana Ara Haque Runu.

Afroza Gulshan Nikkon and Zakia Sultana also shared points after a draw.

**Schools h'ball**

Sports Reporter

Rajbargh Police Lines High School, Rajdhani High School and Banani Bidyaniketan won their respective boys' group matches in the 8th Bata schools handball championships at the Dhaka Stadium handball court yesterday.

Rajbargh Police Lines High School trounced BAF Shaheen School 24-4 while Rajdhani High School outplayed Kamalapur Sher-e-Bangla High School 13-6. In the other match, Banani Bidyaniketan handed Shaheed Nabi High School a 4-22 defeat.

In the girls' group scheduled at the Dhanmondi Women Sports Complex ground, Ispahani School and College tamed Mohammadpur Preparatory School 15-1 while Viquarunnissa School recorded a 7-5 win over BAF Shaheen School. The day's other match between Holy Cross School and T&T High School ended in a 1-1 draw.

**RU spikers clinch title**

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Mar 31: Rajshahi University became champions in the BRB inter-varsity volleyball tournament defeating hosts Islamic University in straight three sets here today. The final score was 16-14, 14-7 and 14-2.

**News Ltd, Fairfax earn Sydney Games rights**

SYDNEY, Mar 31: Rupert Murdoch's News Ltd and the John Fairfax Holdings media group both became major sponsors of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games on Tuesday, reports AP.

News Ltd. will have sole marketing rights for the Torch relay programme, while Fairfax will have the rights to the Olympic Arts Festival.

Each partner has provided at least 20 million dollars (25 million Australian dollars) in cash or product value, but precise details of each company's contribution have not been released.



The newly crowned national champion Syeda Parveen Nipa. —Star photo

**Tender Invitation Notice**  
No. 100/96-97

Memo No. 15-55/70

Tenders on item rate basis in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate's enlisted special first class/1st class Electrical/Mechanical contractor firms and lift manufacturers/their approved local agents for the undermentioned work:

Name of work	Amount of earnest money	Prescribed time for completion of work
Supply, installation, operation, maintenance & servicing of 2(two) 500 kg passenger lifts in place of the old lift of the Ilysum Rest House at Hathkolia,	2% (two per cent) of the total quoted price	1) Supply, installation & commissioning within 12 (twelve) months from the date of issuing work order. 2) Lift operation, maintenance & servicing up to 1 (one) year after commissioning.

The above mentioned intending firms should have the stated eligibility to participate in the tender:-

A) Should have satisfactorily supplied, installed & commissioned at least 1 (one) (six) passenger capacity lift at Govt/Semi-Govt autonomous/private building within the past 5 (five) years and minimum 1 (one) year experience of satisfactory maintenance of any brand of lift.

B) Should be local agent of proposed lift and should have all facilities including required technically skilled manpower & equipment to facilitate after sales service.

C) Should have VAT registration.

Intending firms with prescribed experience shall have to obtain written permission to purchase tender by applying to seek permission in prescribed form 'A' (obtainable from this office free of cost 'A & B') with experience certificate from authority concerned, VAT registration certificate, agency certificate etc. to the Additional Chief Engineer (E/M), Public Works Directorate, Dhaka through this Division minimum 5 (five) days prior to the last date of selling tender. Firms obtaining permission can purchase the tender form on payment of Tk 75/- (seven hundred seventy-five) only (non-refundable) latest up to 4.57 during office hours from the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Eden Building Division/Mechanical Workshop Division/Wooden Workshop Division as well as Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/Public Works Sub-Division-5 under Dhaka Public Works Division-4, Purta Bhaban, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka & Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division.

Tender can be submitted in the tender box kept at the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division/office of the Executive Engineer (staff officer) of Dhaka Public Works Zone/Executive Engineer, Public Works Eden Building Division/Mechanical Workshop Division/Wooden Workshop Division as well as office of E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon of 5.5.97 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the participating willing contractors/their nominated representatives.

Earnest money at the rate mentioned above should be deposited with the tender in the form of BD/CD/PO/SDR from any scheduled bank approved by Bangladesh Bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1, Dhaka. The undersigned reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

**Kazi Abdul Malek**  
Executive Engineer  
Public Works E/M Division-1  
Dhaka  
Phone: 9569820

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**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

ACROSS	34 Freudian concept	DOWN	"nature"
1 Skunk's defense	35 Shade providers	1 Balls	19 O.K.
5 Kindness quantity?	37 Likely loser	2 Tragic figure	Corral
8 Actor Bogosian	39 Friend of 4	3 Bradley or 22 Barbera's partner	
12 Frost	41 Staffer	4 Ruling system	24 Put to work
13 Plata's partner	42 Straight	5 "Calypso" captain	25 O
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15 Put your feet in	49 Too young	7 Poles for 27 Felix Unger's forte	
16 "Baywatch" concern	52 Three-sloth	8 Comedy	29 Gone by nights?
18 It's just one thing after another	53 Petrol	9 Came back	30 Armageddon nation
20 Uses steel	54 Greatly 10	10 Stravinsky	33 Relinquish
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**Solution time: 26 min.**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**  
N V O I V O W R E M N Y K M Y  
M E L T E Y M L E I W T M H W N  
R H V V U Y K T H M U N  
Saturday's Cryptiquip: A GUY PLAYING BASKETBALL IN A SUIT WOULD SIMPLY BE KNOWN AS A GYM DANDY  
Today's Cryptiquip clue: U equals P  
The Cryptiquip 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.