

Column One

Sports WHIZZ KID

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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-67

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm, Apr 11, '97

- Who lifted the Nirman schools cricket title?

Scholastica	Nganj High	Maple Leaf
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- Who won the 17th national youth cricket championship?

Khulna	Comilla	Rajshahi
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- Who clinched the title of the Club Cup hockey tournament?

Abahani	Mohammedans	Usha
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- Who became champions in the five-nation hockey tourney in Pakistan?

Germany	Holland	Australia
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- Pete Sampras has won all except one Grand Slam singles title. What is that one?

Wimbledon	US Open	French Open
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Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

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SPORTS TALK



Sunil Gavaskar
(Indian batting legend)

"International cricket is a different ball game where only men succeed, not boys".
(On junior players' inability to make the transition to senior cricket.)

Schools h'ball

Sports Reporter

Kamalapur Sher-e-Bangla Railway High School, Rajarbagh Police Lines High School and Shaheed Nabi High School won their respective matches in the boys' division of Bata school handball tournament at the handball court of Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Shaheed Nabi High School registered a massive 28-8 win over Rajdhani High School. In the day's other two high-scoring affair, Kamalapur Sher-e-Bangla School outplayed Cosmic International School 10-3 while Rajarbagh trounced Banani Bidya Niketan 19-6.

In the girls' fixtures played at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex ground, BAF Shaheen School beat Dhanmondi Tutorial 9-2, Ishpani Girls' High School defeated Holy Cross Girls' School 5-3 while T&T Girls' High School outplayed Mohammadpur Preparatory School by eleven goals to four.

London marathon gets a kick

LONDON, Apr 3: World champion Manuela Machado is a surprise starter in next week's London marathon, reports AP.

Organisers announced Thursday that the Portuguese had made a late decision to run a spring marathon and has chosen to return to London on April 13 where she will take on defending champion Liz McColgan of Britain.

Machado last raced in London in 1995 when, as race favourite, she made all the running but in the closing stages was outrun by the little-fancied Pole, Malgorzata Sobanska, who won in ten seconds.

Later that year, though, Machado won the World Championship in Gothenburg and recorded a second in the New York marathon.

"Manuela is one of the most experienced and successful female marathon runners and I believe she will relish the tough competition we have assembled for this year's race," international race director David Bedford said.

"The addition of the world champion is good news for everyone concerned and she certainly adds an extra competitive dimension to the race."

TODAY'S MATCHES
Second Division Football League
(Venue: Dhaka Stadium)
Shantinagar Club vs Little Friends' Club (5:30 pm)
Dhaka Wanderers Club vs City Club (4:30)

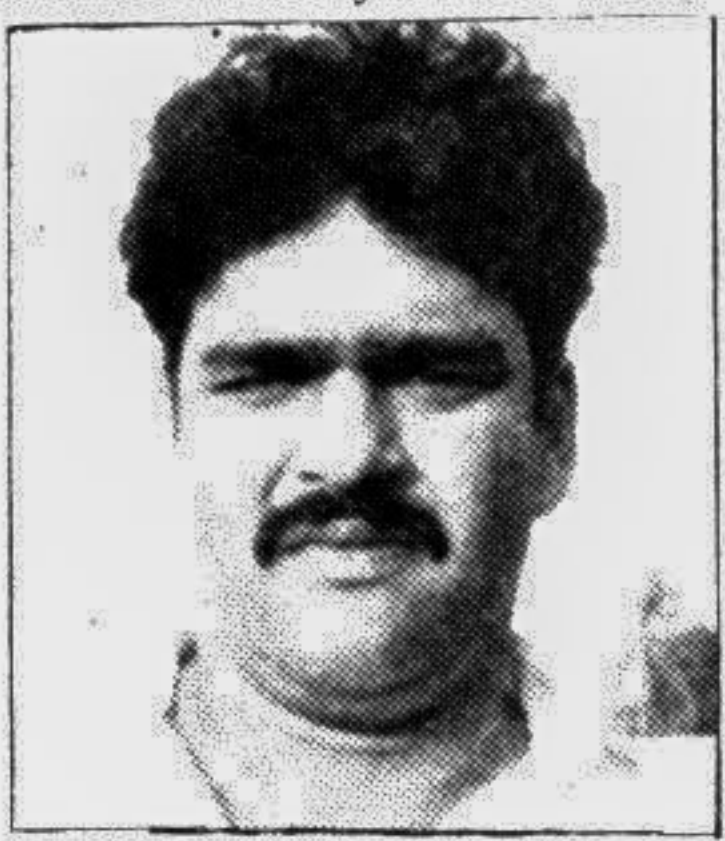
It's get it or get out

KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 3: Bangladesh, who are tipped to become the next Test-playing nation, are under immense pressure to book a place in the last four of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Trophy here, reports AFP.

Unbeaten Bangladesh come up against Holland here Friday in their last second round Group F game.

It will be crucial match for both sides with the winner progressing into the semi-finals — if Ireland defeat Hong Kong in the other game in the same group.

"I can live with it if we lose, but I don't think it will be the same for the Bangladeshi players. It is virtually a life or death



AKRAM KHAN

situation for them," said a Dutch player, Wednesday, which is a rest day.

Bangladesh face enormous pressure to qualify for the 1999 World Cup from their cricket-crazy fans back home. When they failed to achieve this target during the ICC Trophy in Kenya in 1994, the entire nation sunk in a sea of afflictions.

All the Bangladesh players admit in private that they are afraid to go back home if they fail in their quest to become one of the three teams here, which qualify for the World Cup in

England in two years time.

One of the most talented sides among the 22 associate member countries and territories, Bangladesh have never ever made it to a World Cup, the closest they came was in 1982 and 1990 when on both occasions they were beaten by Zimbabwe.



ICC TROPHY

babue in the semifinals of the ICC Trophy.

Since 1994, associate members have been assigned three places in the World Cup, last time the United Arab Emirates, Kenya and Holland qualified. This time around, the race is still open for any number of teams — thanks to the disruptive weather.

Rain forestalled Bangladesh's bid to book their semifinal berth Wednesday when the game against Ireland was called off with the Bangladeshis very much in a winning position.

Having bowled the Irish out for 129, Bangladesh were 23 for no loss when rain halted play. It was resumed, but after just three deliveries, the umpires abandoned the game, despite the vehement protests of the Bangladeshis players.

Team officials later lodged a

protest, but it was unsuccessful. It will all now boil down to the game against Holland on Friday.

Bangladesh and Ireland head Group F presently with three points each while Holland and Hong Kong have one apiece. Rank outsiders Hong Kong could surprise everyone and enter the semifinals if they beat the Irish and hope the Bangladeshis manage to stay cool and keep their unbeaten record in this tournament.

In Group E, Kenya and Scotland, who meet Friday, are on three points each, while Denmark and Canada have one point each. Kenya and Scotland are tipped to move on from this group, with the winner going



TIM DE LEDE

through on points while the loss of this match qualifies on a superior run rate.

GROUP F STANDINGS

	M	W	L	T	P
Bangladesh	2	1	0	1	3
Ireland	2	1	0	1	3
Holland	2	0	1	1	1
Hong Kong	2	0	1	1	1

TODAY'S ICC TIES

Bangladesh vs Holland
Ireland vs Hong Kong
Kenya vs Scotland
Denmark vs Canada

Army lift Beximco int'l water polo trophy

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Army clinched the Beximco international water polo trophy with a convincing 11-7 victory over Calcutta University Institute in the final held at the National Swimming Pool yesterday.

The up and down encounter saw the first quarter locked in 2-2 and the second quarter marginally led by the locals 4-3. But the Calcutta outfit reorganised themselves soon and bounced back to take the lead, stalling in three quick goals to take the (6-4) lead before the final session. However, the locals kept their cool and produced seven goals in the last quarter to prevail over the Calcuttans (11-7) at the end.

Prul Islam of Army top-scored with five goals followed by Shamsul Islam who added three. Besides, Firoze Ali scored two goals. On the other hand, Sanjay (junior) and Biswajit scored four and three goals respectively for the runners-up.

Earlier, Calcutta Central Swimming Club secured the third position defeating Bangladesh Navy 13-9 in the play-off.

Asim aiming higher

KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 3: Bad weather could stop Dutch swing bowler Asim Khan claiming the record for the most wickets taken in the history of the ICC Trophy, reports AFP.

"I want to break the record for the most number of wickets taken at an ICC Trophy. Only rain stands in my way," said Khan, a former Lahore resident who has lived in Utrecht for the past seven years.

Khan has taken 17 wickets with his in-swinging yorkers, making him the leading wicket-taker in the 22-team competition so far.

The 30-year-old Khan needs six more wickets to break the record haul of 22, set by Denmark's Ole Mortensen at the 1986 ICC Trophy.

"I know I can do it. All I need is for the sun to shine and for there to be no rain," said the right arm medium pacer, who learned swing bowling from current Pakistan Test Captain Wasim Akram.

Khan's bid to bag more than 22 wickets is however in danger with Holland one step away from being ousted from the competition.

Holland's last two games in the second round, against Ireland and Hong Kong have been affected by rain, resulting in the 1996 World Cup contestants languishing behind Bangladesh and Ireland in the race for semifinal two spots from Group F.

"If we don't qualify for the World Cup it will be because of the rain," said Khan, who is making his debut in the ICC Trophy here, and who made an immediate impact when he grabbed seven wickets for nine runs against East and Central Africa in Holland's first outing.

The Africans were bowled out for 26 in only 15.2 overs — another ICC Trophy record, surpassing the lowest total of 45 set by Israel against Denmark at the last tournament.

"I knew we had created a new record by bowling them out cheaply but it was only later that I knew that I had also entered the record books," said Khan, a former Pakistan national team triathlete.

"This is the first tournament and it just started, so I'm looking forward to having a great season on clay," said the former French Open champion, who next faces 13th-seeded South African Amanda Coetzer.

The second Jana Novotna's transition to clay did not go as smoothly, the Czech veteran was facing early elimination but battled back for a 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 victory over Switzerland's Patty Schnyder in another second round match.

Novotna was down 3-5 in the second set and had to break Schnyder while the Swiss was serving for the match at 4-5 before assuming control.

"I said if she wants to win this match, let's see how well she can finish it off, and see what happens," said Novotna, who reeled off seven consecutive games and 10 of the last 11 minutes.

Away at the Mirpur Stadium, Adamjee Sports and Cultural Club handed East End Boys' Club a 0-2 defeat with Ayub scoring both the goals.

Fraud indeed!

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr 3: The Brazilian Athletics Confederation announced here on Wednesday that they had banned an athlete for four years for falsifying a time so he could compete in the Atlanta Olympics last year, reports AFP.

Joao Luiz Do Rosario, a 110 metres high hurdler, lied about the time he ran in the Chapel Hill meeting in North Carolina last May.

Do Rosario said he had run a time of 13.74 seconds, placing him second on the Brazilian list for that year, but his deception was discovered when the meet's organisers refuse to confirm the time.

Roberto Gesta de Melo, president of the Brazilian Athletics Confederation, said that though the suspension was equivalent to those banned for steroids he considered the offence to be just as serious.

He added that from now on only results forwarded by meeting organisers would be accepted and not those relayed by the coaches of the athletes.



Bangladesh Army, winners of the Beximco Independence Day international water polo tournament, pose with the trophy after defeating Calcutta University Institute in the final at the National Swimming Complex yesterday.

Lankans open in style

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Apr 3: Sri Lanka beat Zimbabwe by seven wickets in the opening match of the Sharjah Cup cricket tournament today, reports Reuters.

Kaluwitharana c Wishart b Brondes 7 1 22 0
Strang 10 0 41 1
G Flower 4.4 0 15 1

Result: Sri Lanka won by seven wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Aravinda de Silva
Friday's match: Sri Lanka v Pakistan

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the opening Sharjah Cup tie between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka on Thursday:

ZIMBABWE

G Flower b Zoysa	12
C Wishart run out	32
A Campbell lbw b Vaas	2
D Viljoen st Kaluwitharana b Dharmasena	17
A Flower b Muralitharan	38
S Carlisle c Tilkekaratne b Muralitharan	6
P Strang b Vaas	38
H Strank run out	11
E Brondes not out	10
A Whittall c Kaluwitharana b Vaas	4
F Matambandazo not out	0
Extras: (b: 3, lb: 7, nb: 3, w: 4)	17
Total: (nine wickets in 50 overs 187)	
Fall of wickets: 1-31; 2-34; 3-65; 4-77; 5-100; 6-139; 7-169; 8-180; 9-186.	

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Vaas	10	2	25	3
Zoysa	10	0	46	1
Muralitharan	10	1	39	2
De Silva	10	0	34	0
Dharmasena	10	0	33	1

SRI LANKA

Jayasuriya c Wishart b Strang	56
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A DE SILVA ... m-o-m

Total: (3 wkts in 45.4 overs) 188
Did not bat: R Mahanama, H Tilkekaratne, K Dharmasena, C Vaas, N Zoysa, M Muralitharan.

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-80; 3-186.

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Brondes	7	0	33	1
Matambandazo	7	0	38	0
Whittall	10	0	30	0

Sampras skips Salem Open

HONG KONG, Apr 3: Defending champion Pete Sampras has withdrawn from the Salem Open, opening Saturday, because of a wrist injury, organizers of Hong Kong's only ATP event reported, reports AP.

Sampras, No. 1 in the world tennis rankings, suffered the injury in the Lipton Championships in March, a statement said. It said he also would miss the Japan Open, starting April 14 in Tokyo.

It said Sampras' agent notified Salem Open organizers about his withdrawal on Thursday.

"Naturally, I am very disappointed," the statement quoted the American player as saying. "Hong Kong is a spectacular city, and I have always enjoyed playing there."

The tournament's top-ranked player now will be American Michael Chang.

Sound start for Sanchez

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, Apr 3: Second seed and defending champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, looking to end a lengthy title drought, made a happy return to clay-courts with a second-round victory at the Family Circle Cup women's tennis tournament on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

The Spaniard, who has disappointing 7-6 on hard-courts this year, breezed to a 6-2, 6-2 win over Sarah Pitkowski of France in her opening match after receiving a first-round bye.

"I love to play on clay. It's my favourite surface," said Sanchez, who has not claimed a title since the Hamburg Open 11 months ago, despite reaching several finals since.

"This is the first tournament and it just started, so I'm looking forward to having a great season on clay," said the former French Open champion, who next faces 13th-seeded South African Amanda Coetzer.

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Coach to sue his player

LISBON, Apr 3: Portugal coach Artur Jorge announced Thursday that he is bringing a civil action for assault against Ricardo Sa Pinto, the player who attacked him last week ahead of a World Cup qualifying game, reports AP.

Jorge told a news conference at Lisbon's National Stadium, where the incident occurred, that he had decided to start legal proceedings because Sa Pinto was attempting to blame him for provoking the attack.

"(Sa Pinto) has tried to paint me as the culprit for an assault, which is completely out of character for me. This is a singular, grave situation," Jorge said.

He said Sa Pinto, apparently furious at being left off the Portugal squad, arrived at the stadium by car as the side was preparing to train for last Saturday's game against Northern Ireland.

"I was chatting to the team doctor when I was punched twice from behind (by Sa Pinto) and then he violently pushed me to the ground," Jorge said. His face was bruised in the attack.

He denied Sa Pinto's claim in a newspaper interview last week that he had insulted the player, thus promoting the violence.

Jorge's version of events was backed by three eye witnesses to the incident.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS
- Plumbing problem
 - Verily
 - Pitch production
 - Scene of much activity
 - Branch
 - Took the A train
 - for All Seasons
 - Kipling
 - Pitch
 - Probability
 - Holy city
 - River of England
 - Trombone tally
 - Chill powder ingredient
 - Compete
 - Pitch
 - Anagram for seat
 - Spy novel org.
 - It's a long story
 - Bando of baseball
 - Lingerie item
 - The Jetson
- DOWN
- Wheels of fortune?
 - Office silhouette
 - Phil Collins' band
 - Eastern villain
 - Comedian
 - Smirnov
 - Silkworm of puzzle-dom
 - Smelling-salts ingredient
 - Dull
 - Polaris
 - Put
 - Together
 - Absolutely
 - 19 Air
 - 21 Multipurpose
 - Northern hemisphere?
 - Tart
 - Patriot
 - Nathan
 - Partner in crime
 - Ring tactic
 - Neighbor
 - Altar
 - affirmative

Solution time: 23 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP
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QZRMBZEL SW WRSAE
VI QSMJU DVAJQDJTZ

Yesterday's Cryptiquip: PIANOS COULD BE SO NOBLE BECAUSE THEY ARE GENERALLY UPRIGHT OR GRAND.

Today's Cryptiquip clue: V equals B
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.



Action from yesterday's 8th Bata schools handball tournament clash between Kamalapur Railway High School and Cosmic International School at the handball court of Dhaka Stadium.