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Column One

Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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SPORTS TALK



Steffi Graf (German tennis star) To get voted by the fans as the most exciting player is a little more important than player of the year.



The players of Viquarunnissa Noon team with the 8th schools handball championship trophy at the Dhanmondi Women's sports Complex yesterday.

Schools handball championship Viquarunnissa's 7th in a row

Viquarunnissa Noon School once again established their status as an undisputed monarch when they lifted the schools handball (girls section) championship for a record seventh time defeating Moghbazar High School in the final of the eighth version of the meet at Dhanmondi Women's Complex yesterday.

Viquarunnissa School, a reputed educational institution in the capital who has made it to the final on every occasion since the inception of the meet way back in 1988, won by 11-8 goals.

The winners led the first half of a see-saw battle 6-4. Saimumnahar, who led the Viquarunnissa charge, scored four goals while her teammate Mehrun punched in three.

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Meanwhile, in the third place deciding match, Ishpani Girls High School won a cliff-hanger against Dhanmondi Govt. High School by 6-5.

The president of the Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) MA Hamid later distributed prizes among the winners.

ROLL OF HONOUR:

Table with columns: Year, Champions. Lists winners from 1988 to 1997.

23rd nat'l qualifiers

Six more in next round

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Kishoreganj, Meherpur, Nilphamari, Faridpur, Satkhira and Gazipur moved into the next round in the qualifying phase of the 23rd national cricket championship...

Fourth Test at stake

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, Apr 6: Despite sunny skies, a sudden outfield again delayed the start of the fourth cricket Test between the West Indies and India on Sunday's third day.

Heavy rain on Friday and Saturday had caused the opening two days of the match to be abandoned.

On Sunday, the Recreation Ground was bathed in sunshine, but a few large sections on the eastern side of the ground were still wet or muddy to play.

Umpires Steve Bucknor of Jamaica and BC Cooray of Sri Lanka surveyed the conditions and said they would inspect it again in the early afternoon.

Oviedo trounce Atletico

MADRID, Apr 6: Atletico Madrid saw their chances of clinching Spain's second Champions' League place for next season all but disappear on Saturday when they lost 4-1 at Oviedo, reports Reuter.

Ivan Iglesias and Oli Alvarez each scored twice to send Oviedo in at the break 4-0 up before Juan Ensaider pulled one back for the visitors.

Atletico stay five points behind fourth-placed Deportivo Coruna, and eight behind Betis and Barcelona, their main rivals for the second spot behind leaders Real Madrid.

Tragic!

LAGOS, Apr 6: At least five supporters were killed and dozens injured when the crowd panicked after the World Cup qualifier between Nigeria and Guinea on Saturday, reports AFP.

The problem began after security forces locked the main gate out of the stadium to allow local officials leave before the public.

The 50,000 strong crowd, celebrating Nigeria's 2-1 victory and unaware the gate was locked, began pushing and shoving as they tried to get out, causing panic.

All the victims are believed to have been crushed to death.

Today, the Nigerian Football Association (NFA) held an emergency meeting of the executive board to discuss the tragedy.

Irish spin restricts Kenya

KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 6: Irish off-spinners Neil Doak and Garfield Harrison spun their wares superbly to give Ireland a fighting chance of pulling off a victory over top seeds Kenya in the ICC Trophy, reports AFP.

The first semifinal, here today, between these two sides was curtailed due to heavy overnight rain which had left the Kilat Club ground soaked.

Play began four hours late and only one innings was bowled-with Kenya being put into bat.

Only a late flourish saw them reach 215 for eight in their allotted 50 overs.

Ireland are in sight of glory, thanks to superb spells from Doak and Harrison who between them conceded a miserly 51 runs in 20 overs.

Bowling in tandem, the spin duo kept a tight line and length against strangely subdued Kenyan batsmen.

Even Kenyan run-machine Maurice Odumbe struggled to make headway.

Tikolo, the other dangerman in the Kenyan lineup was out to the second ball he faced from Doak, playing a ball down the

leg onto his stumps much to the delight of the Irish fielders.

It was left to Odumbe who hit 67 and Kennedy Otieno, 51, to revive Kenya's fortunes and they did it slowly and surely, putting on 75 runs in the next 18 overs.

Their progress was impeded all the way by the tight bowling of Doak and Harrison and also superb ground fielding by the Irish, flinging themselves around and stopping the boundaries in a manner which would have put to shame their rugby counterparts.

fortably against the medium pacers. Odumbe began to start playing his strokes once he passed 50, a target he achieved with a huge six off Paul McCrum.

Odumbe was finally run out - having taken his total aggregate in the tournament to 450 - as the Kenyan batsmen swung at everything late in the innings to post 50 invaluable runs in the last five overs.

McCrum finished with the best figures, taking four for 51. The other semifinal between second seeds Bangladesh and Scotland will be played, Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

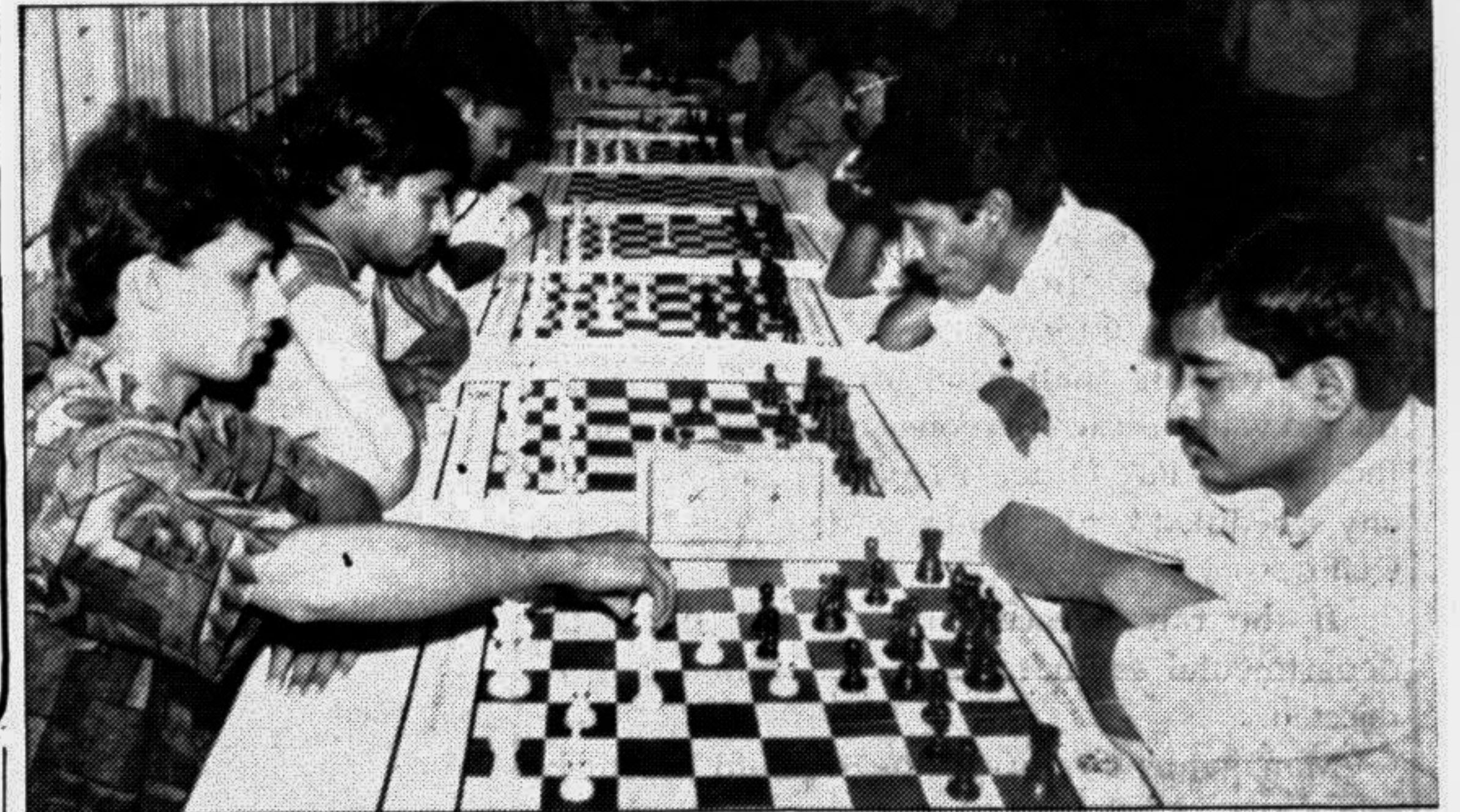
Scoreboard of Kenya's innings in the ICC Trophy semifinal against Ireland on Sunday:

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Lists players like A Karim, S Gupta, K Otieno, etc.



Harrison finished with figures of none for 21 off ten overs while Doak took two for 32 in his share of overs.

Table with columns: O, M, R, W. Lists bowlers like Gillespie, McCrum, Patterson, Heasley, Harrison, Doak, Curry.



Action from yesterday's qualifying round of matches in the 23rd national chess championship at the chess room of the National Sports Council.

বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে প্রকৌশল বিভাগ/পশ্চিমাঞ্চল দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নং-০২/সিই/পঃ/মধ্যপাড়া/৯৬-৯৭ তারিখঃ ০৩-০৪-১৯৯৭ইং

বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে/পশ্চিমাঞ্চলের প্রকৌশল বিভাগের রেজিস্ট্রেশন শাখা 'সি' শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদার এবং বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে দুইটি জোনে বিভক্ত হওয়ার পূর্বে প্রকৌশল বিভাগের তালিকাভুক্ত রেজিস্ট্রেশন শাখা 'সি' শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হইতে ভবানীপুর-বড়পুকুরিয়া কয়লাখনি প্রকল্পের মধ্যবর্তী চেইনেজ ১৬.৫০তে একটি ১ X ২০'-০" স্প্যানের সেতু নির্মাণকরনের নিমিত্তে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

কাজের আনুমানিক মূল্য ৫.৫০ লক্ষ টাকা। বায়নার টাকা উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ২% (দুই শতাংশ)। প্রতিসেট দরপত্র দিলিলে মূল্য ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)। পূর্বে তথ্যাদি সম্বলিত দরপত্র দলিল প্রধান প্রকৌশলী/পশ্চিম/রাজশাহী, বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী/২/পাকশী, বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী/লালমনিরহাট এবং সহকারী প্রকৌশলী/ভারপাণ্ডা/সৈয়দপুর-এর দস্তর হইতে আগামী ৪-৫-৯৭ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত যে কোন দিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে (ছটির দিন ব্যতীত) সময়ে খরিদ করা যাইবে।

দরপত্র দলিল আগামী ৫-৫-৯৭ইং তারিখে বর্ণিত দস্তরসমূহে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তবে বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে ফেলিতে হইবে, যাহা একই দিনে বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকায় ঠিকাদার অথবা তাহার প্রতিনিধির (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) সম্মুখে খোলা হইবে।

পক্ষে-প্রধান প্রকৌশলী/পশ্চিম বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে রাজশাহী।

Diaz's dilemma

BOGOTA, Apr 6: Colombia coach Hernan Diaz admitted on Friday that he has a serious shortage of strikers after Faustino Asprilla and Victor Aristizabal were sent off during Wednesday's defeat by Paraguay, reports Reuter.

Problems are building rapidly for the Colombians, who at one stage were runaway leaders of the South American World Cup qualifying group but have now dropped to second after two successive defeats.

Asprilla, leading scorer in the competition with six goals, was sent off after clashing with Paraguay goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert in the match in Asuncion which Paraguay won 2-1.

Colombia's next game is at home to Peru on April 30.

Aristizabal, who plays for Sao Paulo in Brazil, had already been substituted but was also shown the red card after he became embroiled in a brawl which followed the Asprilla-Chilavert incident.

Gomez is already without the services of Asprilla's regular striking partner Ivan Valencia, who has undergone a knee operation.

Possible new faces include Walter Escobar and Victor Bonillo of Deportivo Cali and Jorge Ramirez of Tolima.

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter Shantinagar Club extended their impressive unbeaten record in the Second Division football league with a 2-1 goal win over City Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The league leaders, for whom promotion to the First Division is now only a matter of time, took a 2-0 at the breather with Mottaleb and Pintu scoring one goal apiece in a span of nine minutes.

While for Little Friends, Rashed pulled on goal back nine minutes into the second half.

With this win Shantinagar raised their tally to an unsailable 29 points on completion of 11 matches.

In the other match of the day at the RAJUK ground, Gandaria Famous defeated Prantic KC by the odd goal in three to keep their slim chances for a promotion alive.

The old-town outfit, with this win raised their tally to 19 points from 10 matches, one point adrift from second placed Dhaka Wanderers.

Two top finishers will earn promotion to the First Division next year.

Meanwhile, in other two engagements of the day, Little Friends shared points with Eskaton in a goalless draw at the Dhaka Stadium while away at the Mirpur Stadium East End Boys Club and BG Press locked in a one all draw.

Duplicate bridge

Officers' Club monthly duplicate card bridge tournament will be held today (Monday) at 6:00 pm, reports BSS.

Bierhoff may not play in Germany again

ROME, Apr 6: Udinese's struggling German international striker Oliver Bierhoff said today he doubted he would play in Germany again because not many clubs wanted him there and life was tough, reports Reuter.

"There's a 99 per cent chance I won't return home," he told Italy's Gazzetta Dello sport newspaper.

Bierhoff has not played in Germany since 1990, when he left Borussia Moenchengladbach for Austria's Salzburg. He has been in Italy since 1991, first at Ascoli then Udinese clubs.

There are not many clubs that want me there and for a national team player life in Germany is not easy.

Juergen Klinsmann scored 16 league goals and 14 UEFA Cup goals last season and yet now he is being slaughtered," he said.

Germany's 32-year-old captain Klinsmann is giving up a lucrative contract at Bayern Munich at the end of the season because he is unhappy with the atmosphere at the club. He has said he plans to move abroad.

Bierhoff, who scored the two goals in the European Championship final last summer to give Germany a 2-1 victory over the Czech Republic, has also suffered recently.

Aussies storm into semis

ADELAIDE, Apr 6: Mark Philippoussis and Pat Rafter overcame hangers and a lack of sleep to score reverse singles victories Sunday as Australia completed a 5-0 sweep of the Czech Republic in the Davis Cup World Group quarterfinal at Memorial Drive, reports AP.

Philippoussis combined power with some deft touch as he defeated Martin Damm 6-4, 6-2 in the first reverse singles and Rafter then struggles past David Rikl 7-6 (15-13), 6-6, 6-2.

The Australians, who will face either the United States or the Netherlands in the semifinals in September, already were assured of advancing after Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde won the doubles on Saturday afternoon.

Woodbridge and Woodforde, the world's top-ranked team, defeated the makeshift combination of Rikl and Damm 4-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-4 and moved Australia into a winning 3-0 lead.

Philippoussis, who had only three hours sleep after team celebrations on Saturday night, was in commanding form against Damm and won a 10-dollar bet with captain John Newcomber that he could restrict the Czech player to less than seven games.

Philippoussis, the hardest server in the sport, mixed in nine double faults along with his 10 aces.

Damm won his first 14 points on serve, but was broken in the ninth game of the first set and again in the third and seventh games of the second set as Philippoussis returned superbly.

Rafter took an hour to win the first set against Rikl - the tiebreaker was the longest since the concept was introduced to the Davis Cup in 1989 - but then failed to win a game in the second set before rallying.

"I can't believe I got out of bed," said Rafter after his 1-hour, 50 minute triumph. "I was still drunk when I arrived here this morning - I'm sure of it."

The Australians believe they will face the United States in the semifinals. The Americans lead the Dutch 2-1 in their quarterfinal in Newport Beach, California.

Australia has won the Davis Cup 26 times, second only to the United States' 31 triumphs.

Very little went right for the depleted Czech Republic team, which was playing on unfamiliar grass courts and without several top players.

Stalwart Petr Korda has retired from Davis Cup play and Bohdan Ujhrach, Daniel Vacek and Slava Dosedel all were unavailable.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Cryptoquip puzzle with clues and solution instructions.



The cricket team of Loreto School, which left the capital on April 5, to feature in a few exhibition matches against different schools of Calcutta.