

Sport

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-71

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm,

June 13, '97

1 Who lifted the

Independence Cup cricket

title?

Pakistan Sri Lanka India

2 Who won the European Cup

football title?

Borussia Bayern Juventus

3 How many fours did Saeed

Anwar clout in his record

one-day innings of 1947?

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4 Who was adjudged man-of-the-series in the

Independence Cup?

De Silva Jayasuriya Aaqib

5 Who became champion in the

23rd national chess

tourney?

Rakib Lovlu Rajib

Name

Class

Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)

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SPORTS TALK



Mary Pierce

(Glamorous French tennis pro)

"I'm not saying I have to win it this year, and I'm not saying I'd retire the next day if I did, but it means more to me than anything else."

(On French Open)

Stoichkov ends self-exile

SOFIA, June 3: Barcelona star Hristo Stoichkov has ended his boycott of the Bulgarian national soccer team, Bulgarian Television reported, reports AFP.



Action from the Green Delta First Division league encounter between Mariners and Bangladesh Sporting Club at Hockey Stadium yesterday. Mariners won 3-1. — Star photo

Mariners keep on going

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Mariner Young's Club maintained their winning run in the Green Delta First Division hockey league defeating Farashganj Sporting Club 3-1 in one of the two matches billed at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

Centre forward Musa Miah struck twice while his elder brother Isa Miah scored the other for the Arambagh outfit.

On the other hand, Jitender Singh, one of the four Indian recruits of Farashganj, reduced the margin for the old town side.

In the second match of the day, Mariners dominated the match for most of the times with an all-out game and took

Diego's dismal debut!

BUENOS AIRES, June 3: Soccer star Diego Maradona made his debut as host of a prime time Argentine television chat show Monday but provided little chat, reports Reuter.

The 36-year-old former Argentina captain did little more than smile nervously for much of the show, forcing its other host Mauro Viale to rush to his aid and do the talking.

Attempts to get Maradona to converse with guests including his friend pop star Charly Garcia failed to get far and Garcia began to argue with Viale, telling him, "television sucks."

Other guests on the programme included a 65-year-old Italian woman with a three-year-old son and a young Colombian man able to repeat what people said to him backwards.

Viale also publicly presented the family of a man who disappeared during Argentina's 1976-1983 military dictatorship with the military document ordering his execution.

STANDINGS

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Usha KC	8	8	0	0	79	3	24
Abahani KC	8	8	0	0	47	1	24
Mariner Young's Club	8	8	0	0	37	3	24
Mohammedan SC	8	8	0	0	31	0	24
Ajax SC	8	7	1	0	37	8	22
Wari Club	8	5	2	1	21	10	17
Sadharan Bima KS	8	5	0	3	26	8	15
Farashganj SC	8	3	1	4	11	24	10
Sonali Bank	8	2	3	3	11	11	9
Bangladesh SC	8	2	0	6	12	30	6
Azad SC	8	1	1	6	8	19	4
Victoria SC	8	1	1	6	3	31	4
B Railway	8	0	2	6	3	38	2
Bachelor SC	8	0	1	7	5	44	1
Dhaka Ansars	8	0	0	8	0	48	0
Police AC	8	0	0	8	2	56	0

Double hattrick: Kamal (Usha) against Ansars.

Hattrick: Sadek (Usha) against Ansars, Railway, Azad SC, Farashganj and Police, Kamal (Usha) against Bachelor SC.

Bangladesh SC, Railway and Police, Roni (MSC) against Ansars, Biak Lusai (Mariners) against Bachelor SC, Raju (AKC) against Bangladesh SC, Javed (Mariners) against Ansars, Tutul (Usha) against Victoria SC, Morad (S Bima) against Police and Liton (AKC) against Police.

Leading scorers (minimum five goals): 28 goals — Kamal (Usha), 25 goals — Sadek (Usha), 15 goals — Shuvo (Ajax), 11 goals — Siam (MSC), Biak Lusai (Mariners), 10 goals — Morad (S Bima), 9 goals — Javed (Mariners), 8 Goals — Raju (AKC), Lulu (AKC), 7 goals — Tutul (Usha), Liton (AKC), 6 goals — Nixon (MSC), Roni (MSC), Nakib (Usha), 5 goals — Khokon (AKC), Alamgir (AKC), Rubel (Mariners), Mukti (Ajax), Shamimul (Wari), Musa (Mariners), Wise (Farashganj).

Worldwide Bridge on Friday

The 12th Worldwide Bridge Contest-1997 will be held at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel at 4 pm on Friday, reports UNB.

Sponsored by Beximco, the contest will be held under the auspices of Bangladesh Bridge Federation.

Registration will start at 2:30 pm and close at 3:30 pm on the same day. Interested pairs have been requested to report in time with an entry fee of Tk 500 per pair.

In the day's other matches, East End Club defeated Azad Sporting Club by 8-15, 16-14, 15-11, 15-7 while Dilkusha SC beat Fire Service 10-15, 15-8, 12-15, 15-15, 15-9.

At the Rajuk ground, Matuial Udayan Sangha and Maghabazar Krira Chakra shared points with a 2-2 draw.

Cricketers' trading on Aug 16-19

The transfer of cricketers in the Premier and First Division leagues will take place from August 16-19, reports BSS.

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) took the decision at a meeting yesterday. CCDM chairman Tanveer Haider presided.

The CCDM decided to hold the Damal Smriti Cricket Tournament from September 15 to October 5.

The Premier Division and the First Division leagues will start on October 10.

The Premier Division cricket league will be a 50-over-a-side affair in the first phase while the super league and the relegation league will be a 80-over-a-side two-day match, executive secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Board Tanzeer Ahsan Saad said, adding that it would be subject to the approval of the board.

The CCDM will try to complete the Premier league by December 31, he said.

The transfer of cricketers for the Second and Third Division leagues will take place on November 1-4.

The Second Division league is scheduled to start on November 15 and the Third Division on January 5.

Charity soccer tomorrow

Sports Reporter

Two charity soccer matches between the old and the present teams of Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra, organised by Football Players' Welfare Association to raise funds to help the cyclone affected people will be held at the Dhaka Stadium tomorrow.

In the first match which will be a 60-minute affair, the veterans of the arch-rivals will engage themselves while the second match will be between the present teams.

Meanwhile, Abahani Krira Chakra have asked the members of their past and present teams to be present for the match at the club tent at 12 noon tomorrow.

Besides the present team, following players will feature in Abahani's old team: Motaleb, Nannu, Ashraf, Badshah, Tutul, Yusuf, Rakib, Amalesh, Hele, Hasanuzzaman Khan Babul, Suruj, Swapan, Ashish, Salahuddin, Chunnu, Gaffar, Anwar and Tamim.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Government Printing Press trounced Purbachal Parishad 3-0 in one of the two Third Division football league matches held at the Army Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

Tariqul struck twice while

Ikram scored the other goal for BG Press.

In the other match at the same venue, Fire Service recorded a solitary goal victory over Dipalee Jibon Sangha.

Haroon scored the lone match winner 27 minutes into the game.

At the Rajuk ground, Matuial Udayan Sangha and Maghabazar Krira Chakra shared points with a 2-2 draw.

The revelations came a day after Prabhakar accused an unnamed teammate of offering him \$2,000 dollars to ensure that India lost to arch-rivals Pakistan in a tournament in Sri Lanka in 1994.

Wadekar, the former Test captain who was manager from 1992 to 1996 said he was forced to tap phones without the players' knowledge when rumours of betting surfaced in early 1993.

"I found nothing incriminating or objectionable, but I had to resort to unconventional methods to find out the truth," he said.

The Outlook magazine which carried Prabhakar's allegations of match-fixing, reported that a Bombay-based police officer admitted overhearing a phone call between two Indian players and a bookmaker during India's tour of New Zealand in 1995.

India were bundled out for

160 in the 46th over and the Kiwis won comfortably with four

wickets and 17 overs to spare.

Manoj spills the beans

NEW DELHI, June 3: Former Indian Test player Manoj Prabhakar alleged Monday he was offered bribes

to lose matches and hinted that India's defeat to England in the 1987 World Cup semifinal may have been fixed, reports AFP.

The all-rounder said he was offered 72,000 dollars by an unnamed teammate to ensure that Indian lost to arch-rivals Pakistan during the Singer Cup limited-overs tournament in Sri Lanka in 1994.

"I was offered 2.5 million rupees by an Indian team member for sabotaging the match in Pakistan's favour," Prabhakar has written in the forthcoming issue of Outlook magazine.

"He asked me to play below my usual standards, I asked him to get out of my room and told him I would never do what he was telling me to do."

"Because of this I soon acquired the tag of a spoilt sport in that group," wrote Prabhakar, who quit the game last year after being axed from the national squad.

The match was eventually washed out by rain, but Prabhakar said he was often offered bribes to ensure Indian lost a match. He, however, did not provide specific instances or name any player.

"There are times that things

are so obvious the entire nation has watched it happen," he wrote, referring to India's defeat to England in the World Cup semifinal at Bombay in 1987.

The rumours which were rife about India's performance

for six."

"I also distinctly remember the game against Pakistan at Sharjah in 1991 when I was batting with Sanjay Manjrekar and both of us decided to walk off because of failing light."

To our surprise, we received a signal from the team management to play on, this decision still baffles and angers me," India lost that match in darkness.

Prabhakar backed Pakistani opener Aamir Sohail's recent claim that many one-day internationals are fixed under pressure from sponsors and bookies.

"I remember the incident at Sharjah when Sohail and Mohammad Azharuddin (the rival captains) went out to toss and both came back claiming that the other had won," he wrote.

Another former captain, Bishen Singh Bedi, told the paper that "there can be no smoke without fire. But then, there is no use if the name of the colleague is not revealed."

Former Test batsman Kirti Azad said Prabhakar's allegation reinforced his fears about betting.

A few months ago, a sports writer of The Pioneer newspaper alleged that a man offered him money during the recent Indian tour to the Caribbean to help him get players to rig the matches, but he refused to do so.

The officer, who played cricket for Bombay University, told the magazine that he was willing to present the bookie as a witness if an enquiry was set up.

"Every side, with the expectation of England and Australia can be purchased," the officer was quoted as saying. "The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) can plead ignorance, pleading ignorance is a kind of connivance."

Sunil Dev, India's manager on the recent tour of South Africa, added: "I believe the performances of some players is definitely influenced by outside forces, some former players are also involved in this racket."

There was one player who was unhappy when India beat Zimbabwe at Benoni to qualify for the finals of the triangular one-day series.

"I was sitting next to (Saurav) Ganguly, who kept calculating how many runs were required. The other player too kept making enquiries but for a different purpose."

Indian cricket board secretary Jagnohan Dalmiya, who takes over as head of the International Cricket Council (ICC) next month, refused to believe the allegations.

"I don't know how to respond," he said. "I don't think the players are involved at all. I don't think the players will betray their country for the sake of a little money."

"If it's proved it will be the shock of my life, but it's not our job to question the assets of certain players, the country has other authorities to do the job."