

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-74

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm, July 25, '97

1 Who lifted the Wimbledon ladies' singles crown this year?

Majoli

Hings

Vicario

2 How many times has Sampras won the Wimbledon?

Two

Three

Four

3 Which nation clinched the Copa America title?

Brazil

Peru

Bolivia

4 Who became champions in the World Youth Soccer Cup?

Ghana

Colombia

Argentina

5 Who won this year's Green Delta First Division hockey league title?

Mohammedan

Abahani

Usha

Name

Class Roll No.


School Address

Phone: (If any)

EN-VITS

SPORTS TALK

Asian fiesta from today



COLOMBO, July 13: World champions Sri Lanka start as favourites in the sixth edition of Asia's largest cricket event, the Asia Cup, when they take on Pakistan in the first match at Colombo's R Premadasa Stadium on Monday, reports Reuters.

Left-hander Hashan Tilakaratne will be the only player missing from the strong batting line-up which won the Sharjah Cup for Sri Lanka in April and the Independence Cup in India a month later.

Tilakaratne broke his right arm in the West Indies last month and was forced to return home early.

His place is taken by batsman Lanka de Silva in the 14



will strengthen Sri Lanka's bowling considerably.

Whether the absence of coach Bruce Yardley will have any adverse effects on the team remains to be seen.

Yardley, who is contracted to Sri Lanka until the 1999 World Cup in England, has had to leave for Australia for treatment for a recurring eye problem.

Manager Duleep Mendis will take over as coach until Yardley returns before the start of the short Test series against India next month.

Pakistan captain Rameez Raja once again finds himself saddled with the responsibility of leading a below-strength side.

But the absence of five key players — Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed, Ijaz Ahmed and Mohammad Akram who are playing for English counties — does not seem to have hit Pakistan badly.


They reached the finals of the Independence Cup in India, where they were beaten by Sri Lanka.

Aamir Sohail returns after his dispute with the Pakistan Cricket Board to forge a formidable opening partnership with world record holder Saeed Anwar, giving the Pakistan batting line-up a healthy look.

All eyes will be on Anwar in the 10-day tournament, after he made a memorable 194 against India at Madras in an Independence Cup game in May.

Pakistan have not won the Asia Cup since its inauguration in 1984 and their chances of making the grade this time de-

SL aware of 'Black July'



COLOMBO, July 13: Sri Lanka is on red alert with the four-nation Asia Cup cricket tournament opening here Monday amid fears of a repeat of past atrocities which have confirmed July as the country's most violent month, officials said, reports AFP.

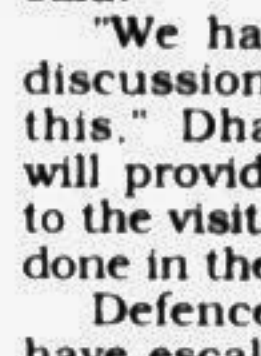
Suspected Tamil Tiger guerrillas have already marked the first decade of their suicide bombings by assassinating a moderate Tamil legislator eight days ago. Now more attacks to mark the anniversary are on the cards.

"Security forces throughout the country are on a high state of alert," a defence official here said.

"It is not just for the cricket series but generally because this is not a very good time.

Police are worried the Tigers may try to commemorate what are known as the 'Black July' celebrations which mark the anniversary of the 1983 anti-Tamil riots in which some 400 to 600 people were killed by mainly Sinhalese mobs.

The then Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was hit with



a rifle butt by a Sri Lankan navy sailor during an honour guard in Colombo as anti-accord riots killed more than 65 people.

The presence of an Indian cricket team in the capital on the eve of the anniversary of the peace plan has fueled unprecedented security for the all the visiting teams and match venues, Bangladesh and Pakistan have also sent teams for the tournament.

The elite Ministers' Security Division (MSD) of the police has been deployed to protect players and the visiting officials at the one-million-dollar tournament. Sri Lanka cricket board president Upali Dharmadasa

Slater's sleeky reminder



EDINBURGH, July 13: Michael Slater did his chances of a Test recall no harm with a sparkling 95 as Australia were denied victory over Scotland by the rain on Saturday, reports AFP.

The Scots were struggling at 95 for six in reply to the tourists' 278 for nine when the rain forced the game to be abandoned.

Earlier Slater had advanced his claims for a recall for the fourth Ashes Test against England at Headingley with a virtuoso innings.

Slater, who shared an opening stand of 143 in just 24 overs with Justin Langer, plundered two sixes and twelve fours from just 80 balls and in one over helped himself to 20 off spinner Keith Sheridan.

The Scots, inspired by Sheridan, fought back well after the Australians had reached 174-2 — restricting them to 278 for nine.

Left-armers Sheridan was the pick of the home bowlers. Sheridan recovered from an early mauling by Slater to finish with 565, including three in the space of five balls.

The highlight for the 25-year-old Scot was the capture of the Waugh twins, Steve and Mark, for just two and 11 respectively.

However, when Slater edged Ian Stanger to Douglas Lockhart, the Australians failed to capitalise on their position of total control.

Instead, Ian Beven removed Langer for 46 and though Greg Blewett and Ricky Ponting put on 52 for the third wicket, the middle-order collapsed as they tried to take the aerial route to runs and invariably found safe Scottish hands, no fewer than seven of the wickets falling to catches.

Any hopes the Scots had of chasing their target were soon removed as Michael Kasprovic stepped in with three early wickets, including that of the dangerous Bruce Patterson who had struck three boundaries.

Glenn McGrath and Jason



Slater claimed a wicket apiece to have the Aussies totally in command before the rain rescued the Scots.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of one-day

SLATER ... 95

match between Australia and Scotland at Grange Cricket Club ground Saturday:

AUSTRALIA

Slater c Lockhart b Stanger 95

Langer c Salmond b Beven 46

Ponting c Salmond b Williamson 33

Blewett c Steindl b Sheridan 30

Extras (for 9 wickets) 278

Fall of wickets: 1-143; 2-174; 3-226; 4-235; 5-239; 6-250; 7-250; 8-252; 9-261.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Steindl	6	0	43	0
Thomson	9	0	29	0
Stanger	8	0	48	1
Williamson	7	0	47	2
Beven	10	0	44	1
Sheridan	10	0	66	5

SCOTLAND

Patterson c Healy b Kasprovic 14

Philip b McGrath 3

Smith c S Waugh b Julian 15

Salmond c Healy b Kasprovic 0

Lockhart c Julian b Gillespie 5

Stanger not out 10

Steindl not out 0

Extras: (lb-5; nb-24; w-17) 46

Total: (for 6 wickets) 95

Fall of wickets: 1-31; 2-31; 3-32; 4-39; 5-69; 6-95.

Did not bat: Keith Sheridan, Kevin Thomson, Ian Beven.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
McGrath	6	2	17	1
Kasprovic	6	0	29	3
Julian	5	0	32	1
Gillespie	4	0	13	1

Result: Play abandoned

Each no-ball is worth two runs.



Peter eyeing Malaysian Open

KOTA KINABALU, Malaysia, July 13: Malaysian Open finalist Peter Gade Christensen said on Saturday he intended to emulate his mentor, fellow Dane Morten Frost Hansen — the only European to have won the title, reports Reuters.

"This title means a lot to me and I rate it equivalent to the world title," said a jubilant Christensen, who won the Taiwan Open this year.



Namibia suffer setback

WINDHOEK, Namibia, July 13: Cameroon spoilt Namibia's Cinderella story on Saturday with a 1-0 win in their African Nations' Cup qualifier in Windhoek to go within one point of qualifying for the finals in Burkina Faso next year, reports Reuters.

Substitute Joseph Tchango volleyed the winner in the 69th minute, driving home a cross from French-based striker Patrick Suffo.

The win means Cameroon are top of the standings in Group Five and now need just a home draw against Kenya on July 27 to ensure a place in the 16-team tournament next February.

Namibia, who have been the surprise package of African football this year, can still qualify in second place but will need a result away in Gabon on the same day.

14th Federation Cup soccer from July 20



Sports Reporter

After a year-off the 14th edition of the Federation Cup football tournament will begin at the Mirpur Stadium from July 20.

The traditional curtain-raiser in the domestic football, an annual event in the calendar of the country's ruling football body — the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) — will feature 20 Senior Division outfits.

Sixteen teams, splitting in four groups, will compete in the knock-out first-phase from where the top finisher of each group will join the semifinalists of the last edition — defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club, runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra, Mukti-Joddha Sangsad and Brothers Union — in the eight-team final round.

Rahmatganj MFS will meet BRTC in the inaugural match at 4 pm. With two matches billed for a day, Farashganj SC will take on Shantinagar Club in the other match, scheduled for a 6 pm start.

The second phase will begin from July 26.

The semifinals, if everything goes by the script, will be held May 2 and May 3 respectively. While the final is scheduled to be held on May 5.

Meanwhile, the organisers, who are looking for a sponsor, have finalised the rate of tickets for the tournament. It was learnt that for first round matches, it will be Tk 10 per day, while in the second round gallery tickets has been fixed at Tk 20.



GROUPINGS

Group A: Victoria SC, Dharmod Club, Dhaka Wanderers Club and Youngmen's Club Fakirpool.

Group B: Rahmatganj MFS, BRTC SC, Farashganj SC and Shantinagar Club.

Group C: East End Club, Mirpur Chalanika KC, Agrani Bank SC and Wari Club.

Group D: Bangladesh Boys Club, Badda Jagarani Sangsad, Arambagh KS and Police AC.

Indians in Colombo



NEW DELHI, July 13: The manager of the Indian cricket team Saturday denied that captain Sachin Tendulkar had complained of being stuck with B-grade players, the United Nations of India reported, writes AFP.

"It could have certainly been a misquote," Ratnakar Shetty said. "No captain would make such remarks after the team is selected. He knows the repercussions."

The Indian team arrived in Colombo Saturday to participate in a four-nation tournament involving Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

They also take on Sri Lanka in a two-Test series and three limited-over internationals.

Shetty said the Indian side would put up a sterling performance.

"It will be a good tour and we will play positive cricket. Indian cricket is set a crucial juncture," he said.

Earlier this week, the Bengali-language Aajkal newspaper quoted Tendulkar as saying that he was saddled with a B-grade team.

"I can't say that I have been given the best team to lead by the selectors," Tendulkar said in a surprise outburst given front-page coverage by the newspaper.



Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

A late strike by Ikram helped Govt Printing Press to record their first win in the Third Division Super league with a 2-1 defeat on Sunrise SC at the Army Stadium yesterday.

On a heavy outfield Ikram struck the match-winners in the 60th minute. Earlier, Jasim gave Govt Printing Press a 10th minute lead before Alamgir neutralised the margin for the Sunrise shortly after the breather.

With this creditable victory Govt Printing Press, who had earlier conceded two defeats in their first four engagements, increased their tally to five points from as many outings. While for Sunrise, the defeat served a spanner in their smooth going in the eight-team fray. Unbeaten in their first four matches with three wins and a draw, the stinging defeat left Sunrise glued to their previous collection of 10 points.

Meanwhile, the other match of the day between Lalbagh and T&T Club could not be held due to unplayable ground condition.



Surrey clinch B&H Cup

— AFP/UNB photo

LONDON, July 13: Surrey won their first Benson and Hedges Cup since 1974 on Saturday and immediately dedicated it to a teammate killed last year, reports Reuters.

After a comfortable eight-wicket victory over Kent at Lord's, captain Adam Hoolioake gave a special mention to young wicketkeeper Graham Kersey, who died on new year's eve following a car crash in Australia.

The ease of Surrey's win was largely due to a punishing 98 from 112 balls by the captain's younger brother Ben Hoolioake.

He and Alec Stewart (75 not out) shared a second wicket partnership of 159 and although Hoolioake fell two short of his century Stewart and Graham Thorpe safely saw Surrey to victory with five overs to spare.

Adam Hoolioake paid tribute to his 19-year-old afterwords. "His strength of character and ability to play on such a big stage is something not everyone's blessed with," he said.

"He's more talented than me and he's got the ability to go on and be much more than just a good one-day player."



SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after Surrey's eight-wicket win in the Benson and Hedges limited overs final against Kent played at Lord's here on Saturday:

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
McGrath	6	0	45	0
Headley	10	0	33	0
Fleming	7	1	29	0
Ealham	6	0	31	1
Strang	10	1	31	0
Llong	4	0	15	0

Result: Surrey won the match by eight-wicket.

Steve to shape up Scots



EDINBURGH, Scotland, July 13 (AP): In a year's time Steve Waugh could find himself playing the role of coach, motivator, ideologist and at times player in remote areas of Scotland.

"I would like to come here if I get the opportunity," was Waugh's immediate response to his much-talked about role of nursing Scotland into their 1999 World Cup debut in England.

Waugh love challenges. In fact, he thrives on them.

Coaching a team of amateurs including a teacher, carpenter, an engineer and an antique furniture restorer could be a greater challenge than some of his famous innings of his 92-Test career.

The amateurs from The North have less than two years to prepare for their first game against the Australians — including Waugh — in their World Cup opener in Worcestershire on May 16, 1999.

"They've got work to do," said Waugh. "There is definitely talent out there, and with a little bit of coaching and experience, they are going to improve."

Scotland qualified by beating Ireland in the third-place play-off at the International Cricket Council (ICC) Trophy tournament in Kuala Lumpur in April.

Di Ali Bacher, who chaired the ICC development committee a year ago, is charged with trying to bring more nations up to one-day international status.

Bangladesh and Kenya, the other two non-Test playing countries in the next World Cup, were last month granted official one-day status by ICC, and Waugh's mission is to see Scotland achieve it.

South Africa's Hansie Cronje played a similar role for Ireland this year, inspiring it to beat Middlesex in England's premier domestic one-day competition in which Ireland and Scotland play as minor countries.

Cronje's role was aided by a grant from the ICC's Development Committee whose mission is to spread the cricketing gospel to the most unlikely, and thus far, ambivalent parts of the globe.

"We must be more proactive and we must develop and globalise the game," said Bacher, the managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa.

Waugh learned of Cronje's commitment during Australia's tour of South Africa in February and soon volunteered for a similar role.

"Ali Bacher approached me a couple of months ago," said Waugh. "He said Hansie was going to Ireland. I said I wouldn't mind doing something like that."

"He wanted international cricketers to go to countries which they (the ICC) want to develop into one-day cricket nations."

Waugh, 32, is likely to spend August next year fine tuning the Scotsmen, who are expected to play an Australian A side during the same period as part of their World Cup preparation.

Scotland will host two World Cup matches — against Bangladesh and New Zealand.



STEVE WAUGH



CROSSWORD BY Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Burn slightly	43 Arafat's org.	2 Wall-paint shade	16 Squad
5 Small number	46 Big name in fashion	3 Sherman Hemsley sitcom	20 Squabble
8 Taj Mahal	47 Pupa-to-be	4 Har-monica parts	23 Recipe qty.
12 Sumit	51 Reason for liniment	5 Gaffer's preferred path	24 Football
13 Altar constellation	52 Arduous	6 Sea eagle	25 Toilette
14 Com. in chief	54 Sernon subjects	7 Abstinence? car	27 Spade, heart, club or diamond
15 Hello	56 Mr. Caspini	8 Preconceived area	29 As well
17 Marcellus monarchs	57 Lip	9 The Simpsons' creator	30 Remnant
18 Flip to smithereens	58 Information room sets?	10 Check occupant	32 Uninterrupted
19 East	DOWN	11 Staffer	33 Wince
21 Adage	1 Declines		37 Desire
22 High time			38 Wings
23 Name			42 You might spend it all in one place
26 Navigator's need			44 Acrylic fiber
28 Correspond			45 Basilica section
31 Paddock			46 Incursion
33 Kennel cry			48 Offensive
36 Privy to			49 From the top
38 Substitute			50 Eventual
39 Pod occupant			53 Gun the engine
40 "In - We True"			
41 Sign on a store door			

Solution time: 21 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP

O Y H X E E D W E X E W
F X D V K Y V I K V H V E J
C X W Z C V F J W O F W
Z X F E W I F W D V I F W C
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A POT EVER BOILS OVER, YOU MIGHT POSSIBLY HUM "FOAM ON THE RANGE."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: D equals M

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.