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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-75

Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm.

August 8, '97 Who is the soccer coach of AC Milan?

Tabarez Capello Who lifted the Legg Mason

Classic tennis title this year? Chang Wheaton Which is the new club of

Roberto Baggio? Vicenza Atletico Bologna Who won the Ali Sports 7th schools kabaddi title?

Rifles Nawabpur Who scored the first hattrick in this year's Federation Cup football?

Sohag Al-Amin

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Iva Majoli

(Croatian tennis player) "I am sure Martina Hingis and I will play good matches. The spectators want rivalry, like the one between Navratilova and Evert or Graf and Seles."

#### Banderban beat Khagrachhari

From Our Correspondent RANGAMATI, Aug 5: Banderban defeated Khagrachhari 3-2 in the inaugural match of the Commissioner Gold Cup (Chittagong Division) at the local stadium here this afternoon.

Earlier Chittagong Divisional Commissioner Sakhawat Hossain opened the tour-

Tomorrow Cox's Bazar play Noakhali.

#### Army aquatic

One more record was established on the third day of the Army aquatic meet at the BKSP swimming pool at Savar, reports BSS

The Chittagong Area set the new record in 4x100 metres medley relay clocking 4 minutes 21.13 seconds. The previous record in the event was 4 minutes 27.45 seconds.

Havildar Mohammad Asaduzzaman of the Jessore Area clinched gold in 1500m freestyle and lance naik Shahabuddin of the Comilla Area won gold in 100m freestyle.



Action from yesterday's 14th Federation Cup football tournament final between Abahani KC and Arambagh at the Mirpur Stadium. Abahani won 2-1 to lift the title.

- Star photo

## AKC stop Arambagh's run

Sports Reporter



Abahani Krira Chakra lifted the Federation Cup for the fifth time with a 2-1 defeat of Arambagh in

the final of the fourteenth edition of the season's curtainraiser at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

The predictable victory for Abahani, one of the two giants in the domestic circuit, was sealed when their nimble winger Jahangir fired into the Arambagh net with a pile driver at the stroke of the final whis-

But it was not plain sailing for Abahani, who had to come from behind to stymie a spirited Arambagh in an otherwise eye-soaring encounter.

The surprise-setter in the tourney, appearing in their maiden final in any major domestic meet, promised a yet another upset result when their Senegalese recruit Yousufa struck his fourth cup goal to enable the Motijheel outfit enjoy a 25th minute lead.

But the dream run of Arambagh, who made it to the final with a stunning 3-0 semifinal thrashing of Muktijoddha on Sunday, came to an end when Tipu neutralised the score for Abahani in the 72nd minute.

The super-sub of the sky blues who scored the golden goal in his side's sensational 3-2 win against their arch-rivals Mohammedans! coming in as a replacement for Mizan in the second half once again came to his side's rescue with a first time volley past an outstretched Arambagh custodian Tony.

The much-needed goal, which finally split the vice-like defence of Arambagh, also paved the way for Jahangir's late winner in the 89th minute. But apart from the three goals, the final failed to make any lasting impression on the strong 15,000 crowd at the big

With Arambagh adopting a defensive approach right from the word go, the match turned out to be one-way traffic with

fifth Federation Cup yesterday.

see-saw final against Aram-

bagh at the Mirpur bowl, Zakir,

the short and hard working na-

tional midfielder who returned

to the sky blues this year after

an abortive season with Mukti-

joddha Sangsad, said, "I have

won many trophies in my life

as a player, but to win a major

title as a captain is really some-

with the Federation Cup," he

nents. "They are a good outfit

and even though it was their

"It's good to begin a season

Zakir also praised his oppo-

thing very special."

added.

Talking to the press after the

Abahani skipper

Zakir Hossain

said that it was

great achievement

for him to lead Abahani to their Abahani in the offensive. The ploy of Arambagh, who never won a match against Abahani, however, did the trick when they got the stunning lead quite

against the run of the play. Jaglu, the tall Arambagh defender, lobbed a long ball to an unmarked Yousufa, who outpaced Abahani's defender Ali

#### STATS

	Abahani	Arambag
Goals:	2	1
Goal attempts	<b>#</b> 9	2
Corners:	8	ō
Fouls:	13	12
Handball:	3	2

Monsur before unleashing an angular shot into the far corner of the net.

Down by a goal Abahani came firing all their cylinders. But their attacks faded away against the rock-solid Arambagh defence, who had all but Yousufa in their own zone to cling on to the slender lead.

Desperately in need of the much-needed breakthrough, the popular Dhanmondi outfit made three changes in the second half. The dividend of coach Yousuf, a former national defender, finally paid off when Tipu emerged from nowhere to

beat Tony, the confident man under the bar with some brilliant saves, with an intelligent right-footer.

Tony, who had earlier staved off a thunderous shot from Jahangir, almost enforced the match into 30-minute extratime by fisting away a 30yarder free-kick from Monem Munna in the 80th minute before Jahangir ended his resilience.

With this win Abahani ran away with a cash award of Taka 1,0000 apart from the prestigious trophy. While Arambagh, a set of enfant terribles in the topsy-turvy tourney, became richer by Taka 75,000

Post and Telecommunica tion Minister Mohammed Nasim gave away prizes among the winners after the final

Yellow cards: Munna. Amin Rana (Abahani), Lipu, Jahangir (Arambagh).

#### TEAMS

ABAHANI: Biplob, Partho (Pradip), Munna, Ali Mansoor, Masum, Zakir, Sentu (Liton). Barun, Jahangir, Mizan (Tipu) and Amin Rana

ARAMBAGH KS: Tony. Lipu, Chotan, Biplob, Zaglu, Biddyut (Apu), Tushar, Roxy, Soyeb, Yusufa and Jahangir (Minhaz

ROLL OF HONOUR Year Champions 1980 Mohammedan SC & Brothers Union

1981 Mohammedan SC 1982 Mohammedan SC & Abahani KC 1983 Mohammedan SC 1984 Abandoned

1985 Abahani KC 1986 Abahani KC 1987 Mohammedan SC

1988 Abahani KC 1989 Mohammedan SC 1990 Not held

1991 Brothers Union 1992 Not held 1993 Not held

1997 Abahani KC

\* Joint champions

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1994 Muktijoddha Sangsad KC 1995 Mohammedan SC 1996 Not held

The post-match parley

Sports Reporter.

maiden appearance in any ma-

jor trophy final, they were not

overawed. I wish them all suc-

Coach Abu Yusuf expressed

"Arambagh is a balanced

side and they played like tigers

today. I have every respect for

them and their coach too in

displaying a good brand of soc-cer," said Yusuf, one of the great

won the title, but the way they

played, it was not up to the

mark. I expected a better per-

formance. Anyway, the result

counts and we won. That makes

Arambagh tent. They had noth-

ing to lose as they have already

achieved something they never

thought possible and that was

The picture was same in the

"I am happy my boys have

defenders of yesteryears.

Runners up Abahani KC

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Brothers Union Brothers Union Dhaka Wanderers Mohammedan SC Abahani KC

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Abahani KC

Abahani KC

Arambagh KS

what reflected in the comments

of captain Roxy and coach

it was quite expected of them."

"Abahani is a good side and

Answering to a question

whether they were hopeful to

win after having a lead till the

72nd minute, Roxy admitted

that he was a bit optimistic

Abahani who have the potential

to come back even in five

minutes and that is what they

have once again proved today,

their excellent performance.

They have tried their best and

nobody should feel sorry for

boys for another good show.

"But our opponents were

Faruque appreciated his

"I congratulate my boys for

Faruque.

said Roxy.

about outcome.

Roxy added.

them," a Faruque.

onship finals here.

months each by the AFC and their club was fined 3000 dollars for negligence.

Thai player also failed a drug test and was banned for a year and the Thai FA was fined 3,000 dollars.

amongst national associations to treat this problem lightly. Indifference can have serious consequences as we now see. Despite many reminders and calls for vigilance, the number of cases of players being caught from drug abuse has increased."

Vietnam, Malaysia, Burma, Singapore and Indonesia are in the women's tournament from October 7 to 17.

#### MSC go to North Korea today

Sports Reporter

Premier Division football champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will leave for North Korea today to take on Pohang Steels Club in the first round away clash of the Asian Club Cup Championship 1997 to be held in Pohang on August

The home match for the black and whites is billed for August 16 at the Mirpur Stadium.

#### Testud leads the French

MANHATTAN BEACH, California, Aug 5: Sandrine Testud led a French charge into the second round of the Acura Classic on Monday with a straightsets victory over American Chanda Rubin, reports Reuter.

Testud banged out a 6-4, 6-2 victory in 65 minutes over an error-prone Rubin on the tournament's opening night to join compatriots Nathalie Tauziat and Anne-Gaelle Sidot in the second round of the hardcourt

Tauziat needed four match points to close out Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria 6-4, 7-6 in a tight contest, while 18-yearold Sidot swept past Russian Elena Likhovtseva 6-3, 6-2.

The top four seeds - world number one Martina Hingis. Monica Seles, Amanda Coetzer and Lindsay Davenport - all received first-round byes.

When Testud was told she would have to play Seles next. the honest Frenchwoman responded: "I'm happy to play her. she's a great player. I hope she's not going to kill me."

If Testud is worried, Sidot has real problems after earning a second-round meeting with the seemingly invincible

The 16-year-old Swiss prodigy brings a 54-1 1997 match record into the tournament as she goes for her 10th title of the year and a three-week sweep of three California hardcourt events.

#### Velappan's warning

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5: Asian football supremo Peter Velappan warned today that stiff penalties would be imposed on players who fail drug tests at the South East Asian Games in Jakarta in October, reports

The Asian Football Confed eration wants the football competition to be drugs free," Velappan, the AFC general secretary said.

He said the AFC would pres sure national associations to ensure the objective of a drugs free tournament was met. "It must be mentioned that

national associations will not be spared the penalties either if any of their player or players are caught for drug abuse." Velappan said. Asian football has seen a number of players caught for

drug abuse since the start of the year. The last case involved two Iranians who tested positive during the Asian Club champi-They were suspended for 12

At the 1994 Asian Games a

"There is a tendency

Velappan said.

"The AFC will be conducting dope tests during the tournament and would ensure that the procedures are fully complied with," Velappan said. Thailand, Burma, Cambo-

dia, Brunei, Vietnam, Singapore, Vietnam, Malaysia, Laos Indonesia, and the Philippines are in the men's competition from October 6 to October 18.

Thailand, the Philippines,

## Warne given green light



BRISBANE, Australia, Aug 5: Australia is unlikely to block champion leg-spin bowler Shane Warne from playing En glish county cricket next year, despite the extra workload on

his bowling arm, chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns said today, reports AFP. Warne has been offered a reported 500,000 dollars (370,000 US dollars) to play for English county Sussex between next

year's tours of India and Pakistan. There has been concern expressed by some cricket commentators about the toll of constant cricket on Warne, particularly the strain on his contorted wrist action. Warne is under contract to

the Australian Cricket Board,

which has the power to prevent

him from accepting an overseas

contract if it considers it would be detrimental to his performance for the Australian side. Hohns said here today it was

unlikely the cricket body would stand in Warne's way if he chose to spend the (southern) winter



next year in England.

SHANE WARNE -

However, he did advise him

to consider the move carefully. "We can't say don't do it," said Hohns. "He's been around a long

time now. He knows the rigours of the English system. He's sensible enough to know whether he can do it. It's his career." Warne has had long-term

finger and shoulder problems which appear to have cleared during the current Ashes tour of England even though he hasn't been as effective as he was on his 1993 trail-blazing tour

there. But Hohns said that with the right management Warne had every chance of making the 2001 Ashes tour of England.

"He's still a young man." Hohns said. "He's got plenty of cricket left in him provided he wants to do it.

"The job he is doing is absolutely fantastic. Just having him in the side is enough."

The Australian squad will have its lengthiest break in two years between the tours of India in February-March next year and Pakistan in October-November. Both are three-Test tours of around seven-week durations.

### Henman bites the dust



MASON, Ohio, Aug 5: Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, a three-time winner this year, beat Cedric Pioline of

France 6-3, 6-4 Monday night in the opening round of the 2.3 million dollars ATP Championship, report agencies. The 12th-seeded Krajicek figured to have one of the tougher first-round draws in

Pioline, who is ranked 25th in the world. "On paper, it was a tough first-round match," Krajicek

On the hard court, it wasn't as tough as it might have been as Krajicek had 13 aces, while Pioline double-faulted six

rusty," Krajicek said. In other evening matches, 16th-seeded Patrick Rafter of

"I think he was a little bit

Australia beat Magnus Larsson of Sweden 5-7, 6-4, 7-5, and David Wheaton beat Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic 7-6.

Five seeded players had matches Monday, and four advanced as No 9 Marcelo Rios of Chile beat Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden 6-3, 7-5, and No 13 Petr Korda of the Czech Republic beat Mikael Tillstrom of Sweden 7-6, 6-1.

The lone seed to lose was No 15 Tim Henman of Britain, who was beaten 6-3, 6-3 by Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine.

The Great American Insurance ATP Championship is a Mercedes Super 9 tournament. one of only three played in the United States. Among American tournaments, only the US Open and the tour event at Key Biscayne offer more money.

In the day's opening match, 68th-ranked Jonathan Stark upset 24th-ranked Greg Rused-

ski of Britain 1-6, 6-3, 7-6. Rusedski double-faulted three times to give Stark his opportunity in the second set. They were 2-2 in the third-set tiebreaker when Stark reeled

off four consecutive points. In other opening-round matches. Todd Woodbridge of Australia beat countryman Jason Stoltenberg 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; Thomas Haas of Germany eliminated Grant Stafford of South Africa 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; Vincent Spadea defeated Jerome Golmard of France 6-2, 6-1; Mark Woodforde of Australia beat Olivier Delaitre of France 6-2. 3-6, 6-0; and Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands beat Brett Steven of New Zealand 7-6, 7-6.

The championship features the most formidable field in a non-Grand Slam event on the ATP Tour this year. Nine of the top 10 players in the world, led by world number one Pete Sampras, are competing.

## Eriksson surges ahead

The 555 Subaru World Rally Team crew of Kenneth Eriksson and Staffan Parmander took to Monday morning's stages on Leg 2 of the Rally of New Zealand at a fast and furious pace, snatching 39 seconds out of overnight leader, Carlos Sainz (Ford) on the opening stage to streak into the number one position, says a press re-

Today's opening stage was the longest of the rally and was billed by the drivers as the replacement to the famous Motu stage where teammate, Colin McRae, has historically dominated en route to his three victories in New Zealand. Again it was where the Subaru Impreza 555 was in a class of its own and, this time in the hands of the expert Swede, the crew romped ahead of the field setting an unmatchable time on the tight and twisty 47 km section. Commenting on a disappointing opening section, where the Spaniard also had a spin. Carlos Sainz said: "For sure it is difficult running first on the road. The forest roads are completely dry and hard, but the loose gravel on top makes things very slippery. It is not easy to keep a correct line when

you are trying to drive flat out." la third position, Ford teammate and four-times World Champion, Juha Kankkunen has been taking time out of Sainz throughout the course's eight stages, but was hampered late in afternoon when he landed heavily and ultimately caused damage to the rear suspension. However the Finn is comfortably placed at the end of the day ahead of Britain's Richard Burns. "We are very relaxed, driving the best we can and pushing hard", he said.

Team Mitsubishi Ralliant driver, Richard Burns, has set a blistering pace today to close on the leaders and strengthen his grip on fourth position. The Briton recovered well from spinning twice on the morning's first stage to set fastest times on four of the next five stages, which brought their Carisma GT closer to their rivals. "We're

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closing the gap to the top three and I'm trying to gain every advantage," he said. "I'm driving as fast as possible, but you've got to be fairly neat in these conditions to exploit the grip. The Carisma has gone really well and we will make sure the other can't relax for a moment. It's going to be a very close finish. We're just going to drive flat out, because nothing is settled vet.

Fifth position is held comfortably by local hero, Possum Bourne, in the Subaru Impreza WRX, who is now taking advantage of testing the car at full speed prior to the final round of the Australian Championship next month. "We've got four minutes over Neat Bates here. but we know he'll be a lot tougher on his home territory."

Uruguay's Gustavo Trelles has effortlessly extended his lead in the Group N class and is lying seventh overall. The

said Bourne.

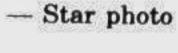
World Group N Champion's Mitsubishi Lancer has stunned the New Zealand fans with its speed to outpace more powerful Group A cars — while crushing the opposition in the best-supported class in the rally. "Today has been very good for us. The car is fantastic and I hope I can not only win Group N, but get my best overall result this year," said Trelles. The final Leg of the rally Tuesday is the shortest, but potentially decisive. Six stages, all south of Auckland, comprise 95 competitive kilometres in a total dis-

tance of 381 kilometres.





Players and officials of the victorious Abahani Krira Chakra pose after the final at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.



# CRYPTOQUIP

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EBLCGWN GD MFCZEHL GK CBYH? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MOST GOOD-HU-MORED RANCHERS LIKED RAISING LAUGHING

STOCK Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y 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.