

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Andre Agassi

(American tennis player)
"I've played this game for a lot of reasons and none of them have ever quite been my own. But this time my desire is to get out there and enjoy it."

On his recent comeback to the court.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-76

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, August 22, '97

1 The current New Zealand cricket captain is

Fleming German Thompson

2 Brazilian star Ronaldo's new Italian club is

AC Milan Inter Milan Juventus

3 Who scored the golden goal for Abahani against Mohammedan in this year's Federation Cup semifinal?

Mizan Zahir Tipu

4 Who is the coach of Kenyan national cricket team?

Patil Amaram Wadekar

5 The 100 metres world record holder is

Greene Bailey Fredericks

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Schools chess

Sports Reporter

Four five players were leading the 12th Bata schools chess tournament table at the end of the second round at the NSC chess room yesterday. Mohammad Javed, Ruhul Islam, Bobby, Sabir Ahmed, Yanoor Rahman Royal, Mehdi Hasan, Sadequl Islam, Ibrahim Hosain were among the notable winners to move into the third round with full two points.

The third round will begin today at 3 pm.

BOOST WHIZZ KID-75 winner

Tariful Haque

MGB High School
(Remember to bring your ID card and one passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7.30 pm on August 13.)

WHIZZ KID-75 correct answers

1 Who is the soccer coach of AC Milan?

Ans: Capello

2 Who lifted the Legg Mason Classic tennis title this year?

Ans: Chang

3 Which is the new club of Roberto Baggio?

Ans: Bologna

4 Who won the Ali Sports 7th schools kabaddi title?

Ans: Rifles

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

Ans: Sohag

Jones may take a break

LEDYARD, Connecticut, Aug 8: Roy Jones' rematch with Montell Griffin might be his last fight for some time and also his last under the guidance of attorneys Fred and Stanley Levin, his longtime advisors, reports AP.

"I have a feeling Roy probably is going to announce a sabbatical," Fred Levin said Thursday, several weeks before the WBC light heavyweight title was to be decided.

Earlier in the day, Jones countered published reports that he was going to break from the Levin brothers.

"I never said Stanley and Fred were out," Jones said in a statement released by publicist Greg Fritz. "Nobody has been fired. I expect our team to stay together in the future."

Jones was to challenge Griffon for the title in a pay-per-view match at Foxwoods Casino Resort.

Final Test starts today



COLOMBO, Aug 8: Sachin Tendulkar's India, hammered for a world record score by Sri Lanka two days ago, are praying for a bowler-friendly wicket when the final Test opens on Saturday, reports AFP.

Tendulkar slammed the dead track in the drawn first Test at the Premadasa Stadium where Sri Lanka amassed 952 for six, saying such wickets could kill Test cricket.

The 24-year-old skipper may have his prayers answered at the Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC), the venue of the second match, where the hard, greenish wicket has traditionally favoured seamers.

It was on the same wicket that India reduced arch-rivals Pakistan to 30 for five in the Asia Cup last month before rain halted the match.

"This one certainly looks better than the wicket for the first Test, it is definitely more result-oriented," said Tendulkar.

His bigger worry will be to find bowlers to contain the Sri Lankan batting machinery led by opener Sanath Jayasuriya, who blasted a monumental 340 in the first Test.

Frontline spinners Anil Kumble (1-223), Rajesh Chauhan (1-276) and Nilesh Kulkarni (1-195) toiled in vain on the unresponsive wicket, while seamers Venkatesh Prasad and Abey Kuruvilla did not even get a wicket.

India, who beat Sri Lanka in their last Test at the SSC in 1993 with a three-man spin attack which included Kumble and Chauhan, are undecided whether to debut debutant seamer Debadish Mohanty.

"We may stick with three spinners if the grass is removed before the toss," coach Madan Lal said. "But if the grass stays,

playing a third seamer will be a good idea."

"The bowlers are raring to go," Tendulkar added. "What happened in the first Test does not matter because the spinners did not have a chance. This one could be different."

The Sri Lankans, meanwhile, are set to drop left-arm spinner Jayantha Silva who went for 122 runs in 39 overs in

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