

# Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-77

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm. Sept 5, '97

1	The century Saurav Ganguly hit against Sri Lanka in the second one-day match was his	
First	Second	Third
2	Who clinched the Pilot Pen tennis title?	
Goran	Rafter	Yevgeny
3	Who holds the 800m world record?	
Reynolds	Morelli	Kipketer
4	Who won the 12th schools chess tournament?	
Pang	Bobby	Ratul
5	Who lifted the Pioneer Division soccer league title?	
Sk Russell	Surjita	Dilkusha

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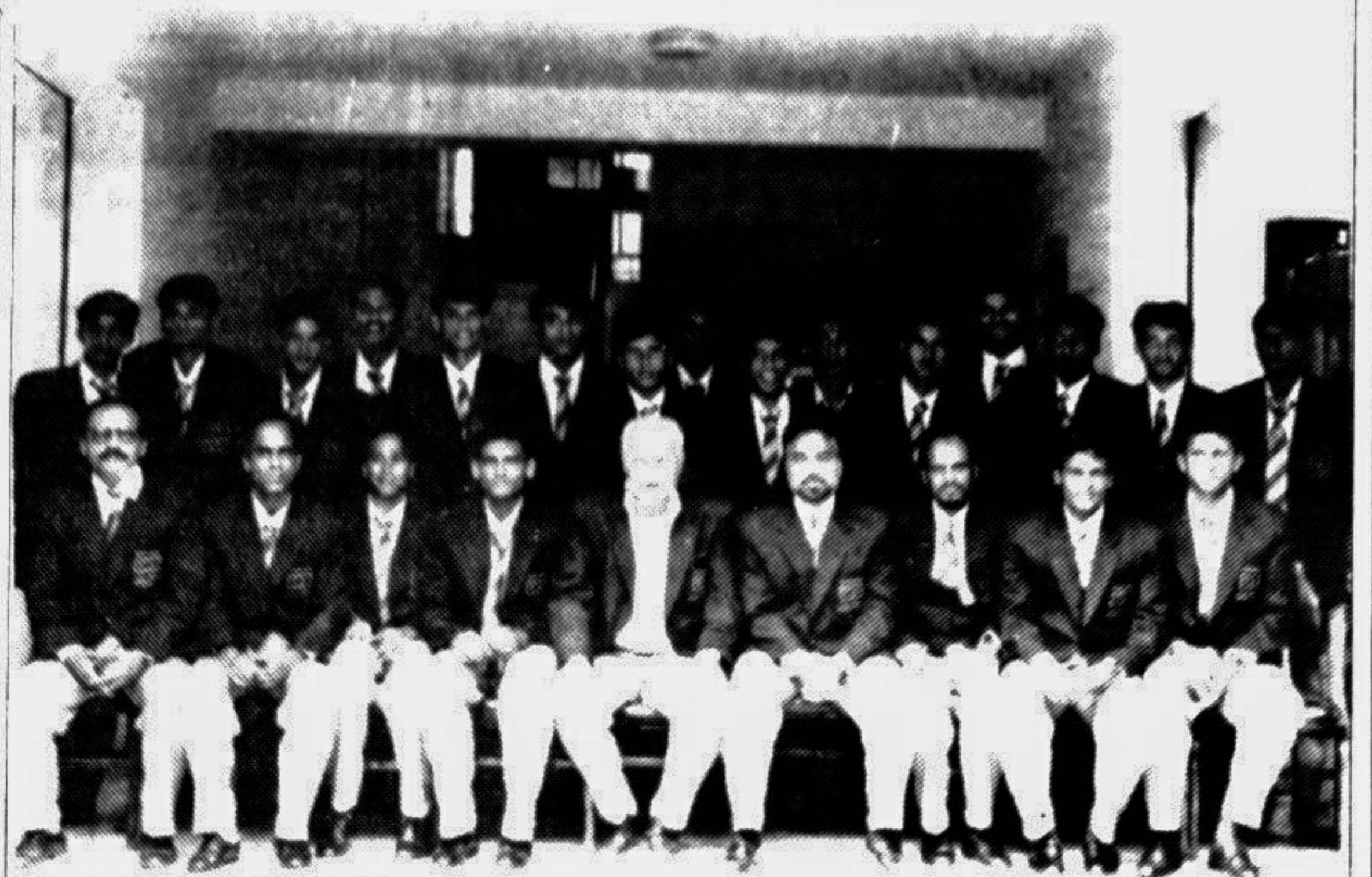
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## SPORTS TALK



The national football team members pose for photographers before leaving for Myanmar en route to Nepal at the Krira Pally in Mirpur yesterday.

—Star photo

## Fakirerpool in Round 2

Sports Reporter

Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool paved their way into the second round of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mananagar Cup football tournament with a 5-1 thrashing of Dhaka Wanderers in their first round Group A match played at the Mirpur Stadium last night.

In an one-sided affair, forward Saifur Rahman Moni struck two goals while Tariq Islam, Moazzam Haque Manik and Jalauddin scored one apiece for the winners who led the first session 2-0. On the other hand, Wanderers skipper Apu reduced the margin converting a penalty in the early second half.

On a muddy outfield, Youngmen's Club, who drew their previous two matches against Bangladesh Boys Club and Dhanmondi Club respectively, took the lead in the 17th minute with Moni placing the ball home from a Mintu free kick while Tariq sealed the first half beating the off-side trap with a minute to go.

After the breather, Wander-

### Army boxing

GHATAIL, Tangail, Aug 29: The Chittagong Area retained the title of the annual boxing championship of the Bangladesh Army which concluded at the Ghatal Cantonment in Tangail yesterday, reports BSS. They collected 2 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze while the Savar Area became runners-up with 2 gold 2 silver and 5 bronze medals.

### Spanish league kicks off this weekend

## Ronaldo a fading memory



MADRID, Aug 29: Ronaldo may be gone, but there's no shortage of Brazilian aces to take his place.

With Giovanni heading a Brazilian striking trio at FC Barcelona, Romario at Valencia and Juninho with Atletico, one could be forgiven for thinking it was the Brazilian league, not the Spanish one, that shoots off this weekend, reports AP.

Ronaldo's departure to Italy's Inter Milan was expected to leave a yawning gap in Spanish soccer. But a flood of signings has all but erased memory of the 1996 FIFA player-of-the-year who helped Barcelona win the European Cup winners' Cup and the Spanish King's Cup.

In all some 21 Brazilians, including at least seven first-team internationals, are playing this year in the Spanish league.

The season opens up with a potential sparkler between defending champions Real Madrid and city rivals Atletico Madrid, both of whom have become heavily reliant on their respective Brazilian aces — defender Roberto Carlos and midfielder Ze Roberto at Real and speedy midfielder Juninho for Atletico.

In other first-round games Sunday, last year's runners-up Barcelona host, Real Sociedad, Oviedo are against First Division newcomers Merida, Celta receive Zaragoza, Espanyol travel to Athletic Bilbao, Salamanca are at Raching Santander, newcomers Mallorca host, Valencia, Deportivo go to Tenerife and Sporting are at

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### GROUP A TABLE

Team	M	W	D	L	G	F	GA	Pts
Youngmen's Club	3	1	0	6	2	5	11	
Dhanmondi Club	3	1	0	3	1	5	10	
Bangladesh Boys Club	3	1	0	4	3	5	12	
Dhaka Wanderers Club	3	0	0	3	2	9	10	

### TODAY'S MATCHES

East End Club vs BRTC SC (4 pm.)

Parashganj SC vs Shantinagar Club (6 pm.)

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### Div II chess

## Booters off to Yangon

Sports Reporter

A 24-member Bangladesh national football squad including four officials left for Yangon yesterday afternoon en route to Nepal where they will participate in the South Asian Football Federation tournament scheduled to start in Kathmandu from September 4.

During their three-day stay in Myanmar, the team will play a warm-up match against the home team tomorrow before heading for Nepal via Bangkok on Monday.

Bangladesh, who have been placed in Group B alongwith India and the Maldives in the six nation competition, will take on the Islanders in their opening match on September 5 and face the Indians two days later. The other group holds Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the hosts.

The team: Jewel Rana (captain), Zakir Hossain (vice-captain), Masum, Pradeep, Biplob, Hasan-al Mamun, Iqbal, Amin Rana, Tipu, Jahangir, Arman, Alfaz, Ruhul Amin, Manik, Masood Rana, Nakib, Rajani, Rakib, Aminul and Tony.

Officials: Anjan Chowdhury Pinto (Chef de mission), Shah Alam Chowdhury (manager), Otto Pfister (coach) and Dr. Nazmul Huq (Physiotherapist).

### Denilson set to sign mega deal

West Jatrabari Krira Chakra and Sonali Bank Sports Club were jointly leading the Second Division chess league table after the third round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In Friday's round, West Jatrabari recorded a 2.5-1.5 victory over Sonali Bank and joined the vanquished at the top of the standings with each having nine and a half points.

Dhaka Chess Club with nine points are following the leaders while Jatrabari Krira Chakra are third with 8.5 points.

Dhaka Chess Club tamed BUST A by 3-1 points while Jatrabari registered an identical victory over Kaltabazar Jubo Sangha.

The fourth round will begin at the same venue today at 3 pm.

### US OPEN AT A GLANCE

MADRID, Aug 29: Brazilian international Denilson confirmed on Thursday that he would sign for Spain's Real Betis for what newspapers are reporting as a likely world record transfer fee, reports Reuter.

Speaking to the media at Madrid's Barajas airport, the midfielder said reports which stated his transfer fee from Sao Paulo was 5.3 billion pesetas (34.6 million dollars) were correct.

He also confirmed that the 11-year contract he plans to sign would include a buy-out clause of 65 billion pesetas (424.2 million dollars) and claimed: "It's not too expensive."

Denilson said he would sign the contract on Thursday night in Seville.

Spanish newspapers had speculated that the signing could be the biggest soccer transfer the world has seen since Brazilian striker Ronaldo moved from Barcelona to Italy's Internazionale.

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After a year on loan to Brazilian club Flamengo, the 1994 player-of-the-year — who many believe is still better than Ronaldo — returned to Valencia earlier this month. But after giving a taste of his remarkable goal-scoring talents in friendly games was struck by a muscle injury that ruled him out for the first month at least.

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