

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Anna Kournikova
(Russian teenage tennis player)
"It is not my fault that people write about me."

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Competition-78

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, Sept 19, '97

- In which year did Pakistan and India suspend Test tours between them?
1988 1989 1987
- Who won the Italian Super Cup football title?
Vicenza Bologna Juventus
- Who is the England cricket captain?
Stewart Hussain Atherton
- Who lifted the inter-division women's volleyball trophy?
Pabna Khulna Comilla
- Which team clinched the Second Division chess league title?
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Bangladesh need a miracle

From Sports Reporter
KATHMANDU, Sept 8: With Bangladesh facing a one-way trip back to obscurity after the disastrous performance in the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) championship, the national team will be awaiting with their fingers crossed when India meet Maldives in the last group league match of the six-nation tournament at the Dasarath Stadium here tomorrow.

The players had gone through a light practice session this morning in the wildest hope that they might play in the September 10 semifinal if Maldives lose to India the way they need.

The India-Maldives match, which will decide the other semifinalists beside India, will commence at 3:45 pm (BST). Bangladesh, who lost to India by 3-0 after the disappointing draw with Maldives, finished their campaign with one point. This single point, however, can be as priceless as ever



won the regional competition in its previous eight attempts. Harun-ur-Rashid, the general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), who came here with his family, gave up his hopes for the near-miracle and opted to return to Dhaka today.

Anjan Chowdhury Pintu, the chef-de-mission of the 24-member Bangladesh team, was seen at the Dasarath Stadium with an aggrieved face, but refrained from making any comments on his side's remote chance to stay in the tournaments.

But the German coach of the national team Otto Pfister is still hopeful.

"You cannot say it is all over until the final whistle of the match between India and Maldives," insisted Pfister at the Dasarath Stadium during the Nepal and Sri Lanka match.

However, the players, who seemed to have been shell-shocked, hardly talked to the press. Instead they attended a dinner on Sunday at the Bangladesh embassy hosted by ambassador Mohiuddin Ahmed.

Pfister's fate in the balance?

Sports Reporter from Nepal
big match like today you will not get so many chances. My boys spoiled at least three sitters. And you can not expect them to win," added the German, whose side became the second Bangladesh selection that conceded three goals against India since the humiliation in 1978 at Bangkok Asiad.

"India's first goal was a lucky break for them. Full credit goes to the opponents."

KATHMANDU, Sept 8: When the coach of the Bangladesh football team Otto Pfister attended the post-match briefing at the centre of the Dasarath Stadium with a grim face, his destiny was almost settled.

The blond-haired German seemed to be well aware of the possibility that this could be his last encounter with the press to represent the football-loving nation, whose long dream for a regional trophy was crushed under the Indian boots at the nascent stage of the six-nation tournament. The revered coach once again failed to inspire his team to translate the expectation into reality.

"I don't know whether I will continue. I will make my decision afterwards," said Pfister, who has been at the helm of the national team for the last three years.

"I don't want to blame my boys. They had a wonderful first half. But then you know football is a game of goals. In a



OTTO PFISTER

They capitalised on those chances and returned as deserving winners," said Pfister, whose only success with the national team was the triumph in an invitational tourney in Myanmar a few years back.

The gritty German is however still hoping against hope to stay in the tourney. "It is not

Jainal lifts Intra-Global chess title

Sports Reporter
Jainal Abedin of Vedarganj High School emerged unbeaten champion in the Intra-Global schools chess tournament which concluded at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In the fifth and final round of the Swiss League tourney, Jainal took only 18 moves to check mate Roni Rahman of Dhaka Collegiate School.

Jainal collected maximum points.

Roni, who along with other four boys finished second having four points each, won the runners-up title earning 14 progressive scores through tiebreaker.

Rownak Ehsan Sajib of Aga Khan High School, Farhadur Imam of Saleha High School, Nazir Salehin of Maghbazar Police Fair School and Ifthikhar Reza of Maghbazar T&T School, who all finished with four points each, clinched the third, fourth, fifth and sixth positions respectively.



Sri Lankan forward Roshan Perera (R) rushes towards the Nepalese-net during their SAFF Championship engagement in Kathmandu yesterday. Perera scored all the goals for his side in a 3-1 victory over the hosts.

Perera pushes hosts out

Al-Amin from Nepal
swift counter-attack, silenced the boisterous audience when Perera headed home from a spectacular crossby his striking partner Amanullah.

Perera's stunner sent the Nepalese to go all out in quest for an equaliser. The belligerent home side, who went into the match needing to beat the Lankans by a flattering margin to make amends for their shock result against Pakistan, did all the spadework, but were only to be denied by their goal-blind striker Basanta Gurung, who missed at least three sitters.

The crucial match, which also saw the crowd becoming very hostile towards the victors, confirmed the premature exit of Nepal in an ungainly way. With two successive defeat, the hosts finished empty-handed. To rub salt to the injury, the home fans, who pelted missiles at the visitors ceaselessly, turned the match into rather a 'stone-game', tarnishing the image of the nation.

A reserve player of Sri Lanka, who tried to bring his kids from the players' lounge, rushed onto the field with blood all over his face after being hit by a stone hurled from the eastern gallery.

The wrath of the crowd did not even spare a policeman who was also came under attack. At one stage situation got so worse that the Singaporean referee Ismail stopped the match to quell the hooligans.

But apart from that sad episode, it was an absorbing battle marked by forays and counter-forays.

Nepal with their short passes always kept the all-tight Lankan defence under pressure. Their relentless effort was almost paid off in the 25th minute when Sushil fired a scorching right-footer, which the tall Lanka custodian Weerasinghe fisted away for a corner.

Thirteen minutes into the second half, Nepal got the easiest chance for an equaliser when Harisat Basanta shot the ball straight to a defender.

Perera then stunned the crowd in the 71st minute when the fleet-footed striker swivelled on his right foot to direct the ball from an acute angle. But then the crowd went wild one minute later when Deepak pulled one goal back stabbing home Sushil cross from right.

However, the possibilities of a Nepal comeback was killed off when Perera, the undisputed choice for the man-of-the-match, slammed his third goal with a grounder.

With this win Sri Lanka and Pakistan moved into the last four from Group A. They will now have wait for the outcome of tomorrow's match between India and Maldives to know their opponents in the semifinals.

GROUP A STANDINGS

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sri Lanka	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Pakistan	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Nepal	2	0	2	1	5	0	0

Tuesday's match: India vs Maldives.

Natore soccer

From Our Correspondent
NATORE, Sept 8: Natore Sadar clinched the inter-thana football tournament title defeating Gurudaspur by two goals to nil in the final at the local Kanakthali Stadium today.

Gopal and Kajol scored one goal each for the winners.

Arif of the winners was adjudged the best player of the meet.

Six thanas of the district — Sadar, Baghataipara, Lalpur, Gurudaspur, Baraigram and Shingra, participated in the tourney organised by the local district administration.

DU name TT, badminton teams

Sports Reporter
Dhaka University named their teams yesterday which will participate in the inter-university badminton and table tennis championships to be held at the varsity gymnasium from September 13.

Badminton: M Mokhlesur Rahman, Avijit Pal, Mir Mushtaq Al Azad, Faisal Ahmed, Kanika Rani Adikari, Shuili Khanum, Tamara Rahman and Rozina Sheikh.

Table Tennis: Mohammad Akhlaqur Rahman, Al Mahboob Jinnah, Mahid Hossain, Mahbubur Rahman Chowdhury, Chaman Ara, Taslima Begum and Tahira Nulufar.

Keya Cosmetics football

Sports Reporter
The Keya Cosmetics football tournament, organised by the Gazipur Football Players' Association, will begin at the Gazipur Stadium tomorrow.

A total of 16 teams, split into two groups for the first round, will participate in the tournament.

On the opening day, West Joydevpur Ekadash will take on Mirpur Ekadash.

The other participants are: Sharfuddin Ekadash, Mansoor Sporting Club, Narayanganj MSC, Rising SC, Siddhirganj Players' Welfare Association, Jadukar Samad Coaching Ekadash, Dhaka Mahanagar Jubo Kishore Football Training Centre, Mouchak Ekadash, Gazipur Brothers Union, Biplab Sangha, Tongi Ekadash, Siraj Smriti Sangsad, Bilashpur SC and Bashkopa Ekadash.

Cute handball

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) recorded a huge 44-15 victory over Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club in the lone Cute First Division handball league encounter at the handball court near Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 15-6.

In the one-sided affair, BAF's Sultan struck highest 16 goals while Hakim added 10. Humayun scored highest five goals for the losers.

Christian Youth Club will take on Victoria Sporting Club in today's match at 4:30 pm.

Dhaka zonal games

Sports Reporter
The three-day Dhaka zonal qualifying round of Dhaka Division women's athletics, handball, kabaddi and volleyball championships concluded at the Sultana Kamal Women Sports Complex in Dhanmondi yesterday.

Dhaka DSA earned a double winning both kabaddi and handball titles while Narayanganj took the volleyball trophy.

In athletics Manikganj emerged champions winning six out of the nine events. Manikganj's Hafiza Khatun, who won the 100m, 200m and long jump emerged as the best athlete of the meet.

Cricket camps put off for three days

Sports Reporter
Because of the inter-club transfer, the national and A teams' cricket camps will enjoy a three-day holiday from today.

The four-day transfer begins tomorrow at the Dhaka Stadium.

A total of 56 cricketers are now participating in the two camps, which will resume on September 12.

Dhaka City Corporation
Zone-III
আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিষ্কার রাখুন
আপনার শিককে টিকা দিন

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from enlisted contractors of Dhaka City Corporation for the following work financed by the Asian Development Bank under Dhaka Integrated Flood Protection Project (Part-'C'). Tender will be received by Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka, Deputy Commissioner, Dhaka, and all the Executive Engineers of Dhaka City Corporation up to 12.00 Noon on 23-9-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence of the bidders or their representative (If anybody present).

Earnest money shall have to be furnished along with each tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Mayor, Dhaka City Corporation.

Each set of tender documents may be obtained from the office of all Zonal Executive Engineers and Cashier of Accounts Section of Dhaka City Corporation on payment of requisite amount by bank challans (Non-refundable). Detailed information may be obtained from office of the Executive Engineer, Zone-III during office hours. The rate should be quoted both in words and figures on the basis of percentage above or below than the estimated amount of the schedule item of works. If the rates are quoted more than 5% less or above of the estimated cost. The submitted tenders will be rejected directly. If more than one bidder quote the same rate, the decision will be taken in tender committee in presence of the concerned bidders (If anybody present) by open lottery. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening of the tenders. The authority reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason thereof.

Sl No.	Name of work	Estimated amount	Earnest money	Time of completion
1.	Construction of pipe line drain at 4,09,771.00	12,294.00	45 days	
2.	Construction of pipe line drain at 8,91,897.00	26,757.00	60 days	
3.	Construction of pipe line drain at 15,62,557.00	46,877.00	70 days	
4.	Construction of RCC; pipe line drain 18,21,511.00	54,646.00	75 days	
5.	Construction of RCC pipe line drain 15, 27,751.00	45,833.00	70 days	

Executive Engineer
Zone-III
Dhaka City Corporation

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Regional Cooperative Educational Institution
Faridpur

Notice for Auction Sale of Old Buildings

No: 1-1997/98

Sealed tenders in prescribed schedule are invited from interested contractors/contractor firms/reputed traders/proper persons for auction sale of the five old/pucca buildings that is building nos-4,5,6,7 & 10 and the western side of building no-9 situated at the Faridpur Regional Cooperative Educational Institution premises on as it is where it is basis. Tender schedule can be purchased on cash payment of Taka 300/= (three hundred) only (non-refundable) from the office of Regional Cooperative Educational Institution, Chowdhuribari Road, Goalchamat, Faridpur during office hours up to 21/9/97. Tender should be submitted in the tender box kept at the office of the Deputy Commissioner/Faridpur and Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Faridpur up to 12:00 Noon of 22/9/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM before the tenderers (if any) present. 10% (ten per cent) of the price quoted in the tender as earnest money should be submitted with the tender through DD/Bank Draft in favour of the Principal, Regional Cooperative Educational Institution, Faridpur. Detailed information of the tender will be available in the schedule.

Sharif Mosharef Hossain
Principal
Regional Cooperative Educational Institution &
Member Secretary, Auction Committee

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Bangladesh Railway Engineering Department (East Zone)

Tender Notice

No CE/E-20/97

Dated: 4-9-97

1. Sealed tenders are invited from the experienced registered 'C' Class contractors of Engineering Department of East Zone of Bangladesh Railway for the following work:

Name of work	Approximate cost	Earnest money	Cost per set of tender documents (Non-refundable)
At JILX-BHBD Section Construction of Br No 42 (1x40'-0" Spar) at KM 440/11-12 in-between DWB-BHBD station as per approved plan.	Tk 12.28 lakh	2% of the quoted price	Tk 750/- only

2. Place and date of selling: Chief Engineer/East, Bangladesh Rly, Chittagong and tender document Divisional Engineer-1/Dhaka and DC/DA's office on 24-9-1997.

3. Place and date of dropping: Dropping up to 14.00 hours of 25-9-97. Opening up to and opening of tender 14.30 hrs on the same date of the aforesaid offices.

4. Experience certificate: An experience certificate of bridge construction/complete re-building work should be submitted along with the application for purchasing tender documents duly signed by the Divisional/Executive Engineers concerned.

5. Rly Administration reserves the right to accept the tender in full or part or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

K A M Haroon
Addl Chief Engineer/Br/East
Bangladesh Railway
Chittagong

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Height of fashion
- Beehive State
- Rolling Stones VIP
- Now - Big Girl
- Durante trademark
- Blydone times
- Back-and-forth battle
- Booby
- Sans lumps
- 13 Durante
- 20 Del purchase
- 22 Impromptu
- 24 It shows what's left
- 25 Favorite activity
- 29 Rhoda's mom
- 30 Broken bread
- 31 Urban music style
- 32 Priest, e.g.
- 34 Levitate
- 35 Antiquing apparatus
- 36 Clues
- 37 Translation of "Pravda"
- 40 Stereo

DOWN

- 5 Municipality
- 6 Smile center
- 7 Yon maiden
- 8 Whit-milieu
- 9 "Inces-sanity" of "Man"
- 10 Aussie shape
- 11 Bar
- 11 Bar supply
- 16 Office
- 18 He's been in Benefit around
- 20 Make like a fish
- 21 Bash love
- 22 Coach center
- 23 Newspaper page
- 25 "Leaving Las Vegas" star
- 26 Island off Venezuela
- 27 Faculty
- 28 Unoriginal types
- 30 I will follow these
- 33 Westerns
- 34 Fragment of music
- 36 They have their pride
- 37 Joyce Carol Oates novel
- 38 Perennate
- 39 Put to work
- 40 Secretary of State under Reagan
- 42 Despondent
- 43 I strain?
- 44 Carib's competitor
- 45 Became one

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer
YIDDLE EYE RATS

CRYPTOQUIP
P XEUAOY UAEU UAO
BPXT IAD HLDI HEYEU
VEL UAYDI BDYH VADBT.
Yesterday's Cryptiquip: WHENEVER THERE'S A CATTLE DRIVE, WHO WILL GET CALLED ON TO DO THE STEERING?
Today's Cryptiquip clue: H equals K
The Cryptiquip 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.