

# Column One

## Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN  
**Competition-78**  
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 Competition closes at 8 pm, Sept 19, '97

- In which year did Pakistan and India suspend Test tours between them?  

1988	1989	1987
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- Who won the Italian Super Cup football title?  

Vicenza	Bologna	Juventus
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- Who is the England cricket captain?  

Stewart	Hussain	Atherton
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- Who lifted the inter-division women's volleyball trophy?  

Pabna	Khulna	Comilla
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- Which team clinched the Second Division chess league title?  

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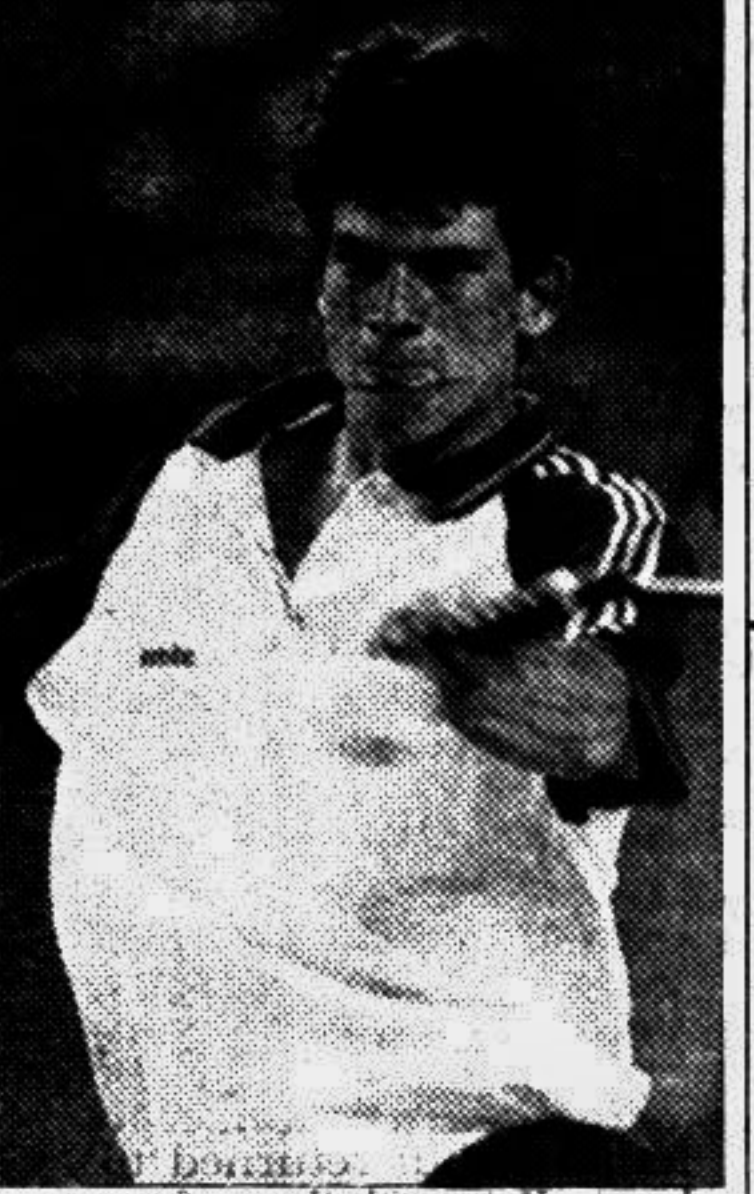
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### SPORTS TALK



**Tim Henman**  
 (British tennis player)  
 "I am not the type of person to start jumping around. You have to keep things in perspective."

### Brazil win in friendly

Salvador, Brazil, Sept 11: A Brazilian national team missing Ronaldo and most other starters easily handled Ecuador 4-2 in an exhibition soccer game Wednesday night, reports AP.

Coach Mario Zagallo used the match to test reserves and newcomers as he begins to define the group for the 1998 World Cup in France, where Brazil will seek an unprecedented fifth title.

Both teams were tentative in the early going, and at 11 minutes fans at Fonte Nove Stadium began to boo. Ecuador never seriously threatened Brazil, who ran their record to 16 wins and two ties in the 18 encounters between the two countries.

Denilson, one of the team's two undisputed starters along with Cafu, opened the scoring in the 17th minute with a low left-to-right shot that went through the legs of defender Maximo Tenorio.

Dodo, Denilson's linemate on Sao Paulo, made it 2-0 in the 27th minute when a corner kick found him uncovered at the far post, and he tapped it home for the score.

In the 38th minute, Ecuadorian defender Wagner Rivera tripped Ze Roberto breaking into the goalie box and was whistled for the penalty. Dodo converted to make it 3-0.

Both teams substituted freely in the second half.

The Brazilians seemed content to exchange passes and run the clock down, but Ecuador narrowed the lead in the 66th minute. Mauro Silva bumped Osvaldo de la Cruz in the penalty area, and veteran forward Aguinaga, who had replaced Gavica minutes earlier, knocked home the kick to make the score 3-1.

Six minutes later, Brazilian midfielder Emerson collected a rebound and fired home a shot from 15 meters to make it 4-2.

Maldonado finished the scoring in the 76th minute. Brazilian fullback Goncalves was clearing out a free kick and the ball bounced off Maldonado's head and into the net to make it 4-2.

Zagallo said his main purpose in the match was to test Emerson, of Germany's Bayer Leverkusen, as a backup for La Coruna's Flavio Conceicao. Emerson seemed uncomfortable at the No 2 midfield spot, but the goal may have earned him another chance on the team.

**REGRETS**  
 Due to space constraint our regular item **CROSSWORD** could not be accommodated.  
 — Sports Editor

## Ali memorabilia to be auctioned

NEW YORK, Sept 11: An astrological chart has been found woven into the robe that Muhammad Ali wore in Zaire in 1974 when he fought George Foreman for the world heavyweight boxing title, Christie's Auction House said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Christie's, preparing for the sale on October 19 in Los Angeles of more than 3,000 items from Ali's life and career, said the discovery was made on August 28.

The chart was drawn on a handkerchief by late astrologer Frederic Davies and hidden in a secret panel of the African-styled robe by designer Michael Fish unknown to Ali or the collector, according to Christie's.

"This really made the robe



**MUHAMMAD ALI**  
 more exciting than we originally thought it was," said Christie's sports specialist Don Flanagan at a media preview of the sale in New York. "Within the last two weeks, Fish contacted Christie's in London and indicated that the astrologer had done the chart ... It was sewn into the hem of the robe but they never told anyone about it."

The handkerchief will be sold with the robe, which has an estimated value of 100,000

dollars.

The chart predicted a victory for Ali on September 25, 1974, the original date of the fight known as the "rumble in the jungle." Foreman was injured in training and the bout was held October 30. Astrologers said that date was even more favourable to Ali, according to the auction house.

Ali won his second heavyweight title by defeating the favoured Foreman in eight rounds in Zaire. Renamed the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Ali, a Muslim who refused to be drafted for the Vietnam war because of his religious beliefs, is now 55 and suffers from debilitating Parkinson's disease. He still has a relatively active public life but it was not known whether he would attend the October sale, Christie's said.

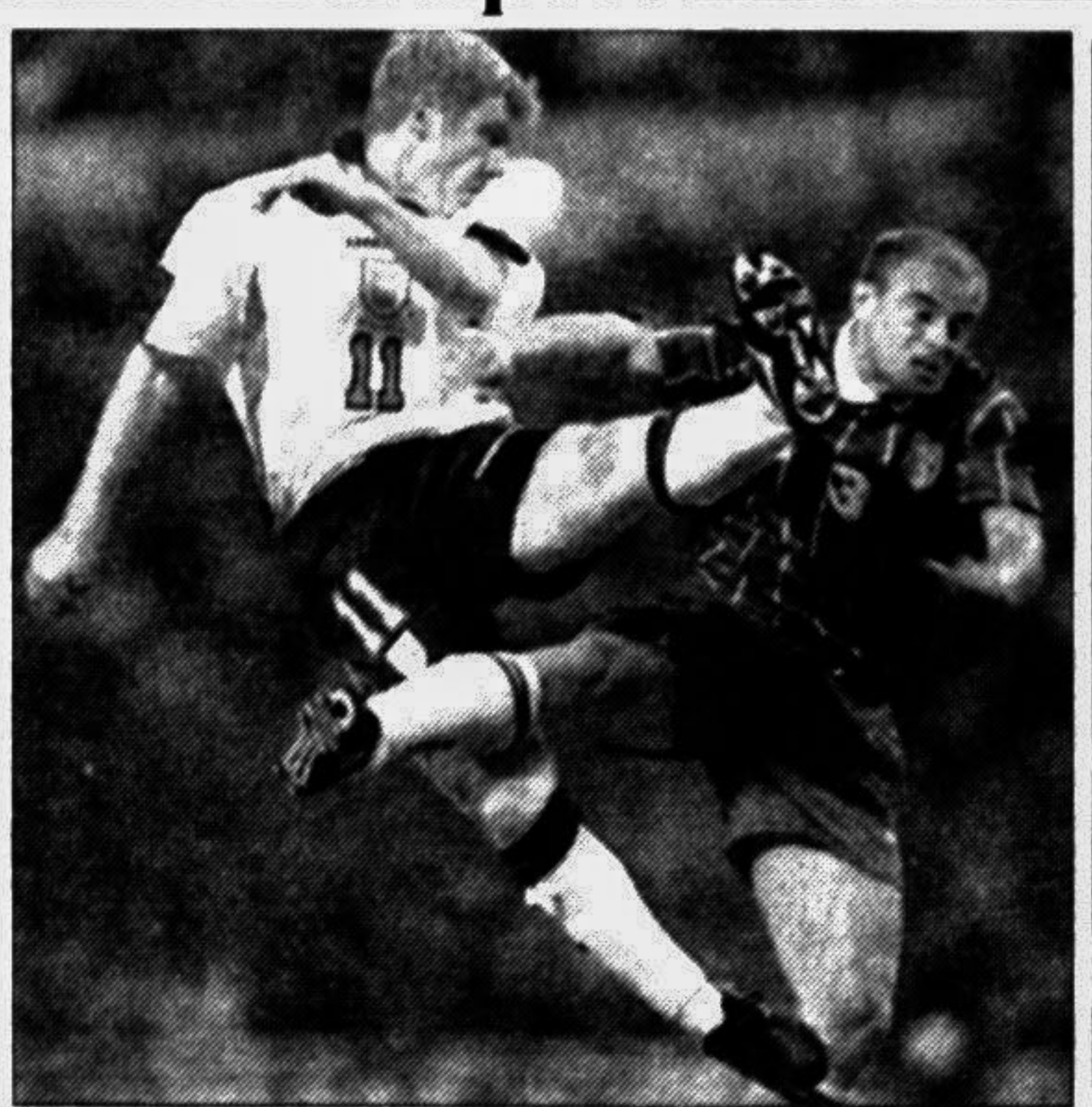
The pieces up for auction, including boxing gloves, trunks, training headgear, fight posters, tickers, scorecards and letters written by Ali, were first exhibited in London in August. Christie's expects the sale to yield an estimated 1.2 million dollars.

### Reception Sports Reporter

A reception was organised by a local sports magazine 'Monthly Mohammedan' to honour its sports award '96 winners at the National Sports Council conference room yesterday. Eight sports personalities received the awards for their contribution in the local sports arena.

The awardees are: Late Shah Alam (athletics) Bazul Rahman (football coach), Lutfor Rahman Makhan (cricket), late Khaja Yusuf Reza (hockey), Sardar Mohammad (Iris (Swimming)), late Sofia Hasna Jahan Ali Dol (athletics), Al-haj Mohammad Ruhul Amin (organiser) and Sheikh Mohammad Saheb Ali (Kabaddi).

Water resources Minister Abdur Razzak attended the reception as chief guest. ASM Kashem, president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industries was also present on the occasion.



England's Paul Scholes (L) and Moldovan Ion Tistimitstanu engage in an aerial tussle during their World Cup qualifier at Wembley Stadium on Sept 10.  
 — AFP/UNB photo

### Cute handball Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club recorded a 24-21 victory over West Jatrabari Kishore Sangha in yesterday's Cute First Division handball league encounter at the court near to Dhaka Stadium.

In a see-saw affair which saw the first half locked on 10-10, Iqbal and Badal scored seven goals each for the winners while Ujjal netted eight goals for West Jatrabari Kishore Sangha.

### Inter-varsity TT, badminton Sports Reporter

The inter-university badminton and table tennis championships will commence at the Dhaka University central sports ground tomorrow.

A total of eight universities will participate in the championships.

Prof Shahiduddin, the pro vice-chancellor of Dhaka University will inaugurate the meet at 10:30 am.

### Wembley pays last respects to Diana

LONDON, Sept 11: Thousands of soccer fans added their tribute to the late Princess Diana in an emotional prelude to England's World Cup qualifying match against Moldova on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

A capacity 75,000 crowd at Wembley Stadium, heard a recording of Elton John's "Candle in the Wind" tribute which the singer performed at the Princess of Wales' funeral in Westminster Abbey last Saturday.

Many held candles and waved England fans with tributes emblazoned on them before the kick off.

The England and Moldova players and the officials — who were wearing black ribbons or armbands as a mark of respect — stood around the centre circle before the start and the crowd rose to join them in a complete minute's silence, unusual for a normally vociferous English soccer crowd.

## Bulgaria become No10



LONDON, Sept 11: England took a big step towards next year's World Cup finals in France, seizing the lead in European Group Two with a 4-0 victory over Moldova on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

England's cause was given a great boost an hour before the kick off with the news from Tbilisi that Georgia had held Italy to a goalless draw.

The victory put England a point ahead of Italy and left them needing only a draw in their last game in Rome on October 11 to qualify automatically.

Paul Scholes gave England the lead after 28 minutes with a great header from a cross by David Beckham out on the left.

Ian Wright added a second in the first minute of the second half, slipping in a left-footed shot after an excellent through ball from Paul Gascoigne.

Gascoigne capped an outstanding game with a goal of his own nine minutes from the end, storming through to score after a one-two with Wright.

Arsenal striker Wright made it 4-0 in the final minute.

In Sofia, a second half header by team captain Trifon Ivanov gave Bulgaria a 1-0 win over Russia and a place in France.

a sluggish start to the game, midfielder Thomas Haessler and striker Ulf Kirsten completed the scoring with two more goals in the 86th and 90th minutes respectively.

Germany now top the group with 19 points, two points ahead of second-placed Ukraine.

Berti Vogts' team now only need to win their last match at home to Albania, the weakest team in the group, to make sure of the top spot and an automatic place in the finals.

A draw could even be good enough to take the Germans through as group winners because their goal difference is far superior to that of Ukraine who travel to Armenia for their last match on the same day.

In Copenhagen, brothers Brian and Michael Laudrup scored a goal apiece as Denmark beat Croatia 3-1 to go top of Group One and needing only a draw to qualify.

The victory left Denmark clear on 16 points, ahead of Greece on 13 and Croatia on 12. Denmark play their last group match against Greece in Athens next month and will make it to the finals if they avoid defeat.

In Minsk, a second-half winner from Heimo Pfeifenberger helped Austria take over the top of Group Four with a 1-0 victory over Belarus.

Pfeifenberger got on to the end of a cross from Harald Cerny to head home from close range in the 50th minute and give Austria a two-point lead over second-placed Scotland with one round of matches remaining.

The Austrians play host to Belarus while Scotland are at home to Latvia on October 11.

In Bratislava, an 80th minute goal by Sinisa Mihajlovic kept Yugoslavia on the World Cup trail on while effectively dashing Slovakia's hopes.

Mihajlovic's goal of a direct free kick rescued a disappointing performance by the Yugoslavians who would have overtaken Spain at the top of Group Six had they won their penultimate qualifier.

Instead the 1-1 draw left them level on 20 points with the Spaniards, who have a game in hand.

Yugoslavia, who can be confident of another three points

from their last remaining match against Malta, look likely to finish the group as runners-up since Spain need only draw against Slovakia and then beat the Faroes to qualify.

Slovakia, with 16 points, still have a mathematical chance but only if they beat Spain and the Czech Republic and Yugoslavia and Spain are beaten by the minnows.

In Vilnius, two goals from Tony Cascarino kept Iceland on course, beating Lithuania 2-1 in a Group Eight qualifier.

The win puts Ireland in second place on 17 points and almost certainly assures them a runners-up place in the qualification playoffs for the finals. Lithuania are third on 14 points.

Even if Ireland lose the remaining game against Romania, who have already won the group, Lithuania must beat Macedonia by a huge margin to get ahead on goal difference.

In Stockholm, substitute Mattias Jonsson kept alive Sweden's slim hopes of qualification with a late goal against Latvia just when it seemed all was lost.

Sweden, World Cup semi-finalists in 1994, won 1-0 with an 87th minute goal from the striker.

The victory keeps some pressure on group four rivals Scotland for the last round of matches on October 11.

Austria lead with 22 points, Scotland have 20 and Sweden 18 from nine matches. The Swedes hopes depend on Scotland losing at home to Latvia next month while Sweden beat Estonia.

In Budapest, Hungary beat Azerbaijan 3-1 in their World Cup match to give themselves a fighting chance of finishing as runners-up to Norway in Group Three.

Hungary's final qualifier is away to Finland, who trail them by one point, in Helsinki on October 11.

Albania stunned Northern Ireland with a 1-0 win for only their second World Cup qualifying victory of the 1990s.

In Sarajevo, a 23rd minute header from striker Elvir Bolic helped Bosnia narrowly beat Slovenia 1-0 in a Group One qualifier.

# SOUNDS OF SPORTS

Sound tennis player makes after hitting a forehand winner.

**Huh!**

Sound batsman makes smashing ball to extra cover.

**Ugghh!**

Sound a forward makes when he executes a sizzling kick.

**Oooff!**

Sound pace bowler makes after umpire turns down appeal.

**!@#\*!**

Sound batsman makes after hitting the ball straight into the hands of a fielder.

**Noooo!**

Sound centre forward makes when he traps a sharp pass.

**Yaaaa!**

Sound basketball player makes signalling for a pass.

**Yo!**

Sound you make after receiving your ESPN connection.

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