

## Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

## Competition-78

✓ Tick the Correct Answers  
Competition closes at 8 pm.  
Sept 19, '97

1	in which year did Pakistan and India suspend Test tours between them?	1988	1989	1987
2	Who won the Italian Super Cup football title?	Vicenza	Bologna	Juventus
3	Who is the England cricket captain?	Stewart	Hussain	Atherton
4	Who lifted the Inter-division women's volleyball trophy?	Pabna	Khulna	Comilla
5	Which team clinched the Second Division chess league title?	W.Jatrabari	BUET	Jatrabari

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## SPORTS TALK



Mohammedan defender Monwar Hossain Munna (C) about to fall over Arambagh forward Yusupha after heading the ball while an unidentified Arambagh player (R) looks on during their Mahanagar Cup clash at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

— Star photo

## MSC pull off a thriller



A spectacular late rally saw title-aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club come from behind to pull off a sensational 4-2 victory over Federation Cup runners-up Arambagh Krira Sangha in one of the two Group One final round matches of the Sham-suddin Spinning Maha-nagar Cup football tournament played at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

In a see-saw affair, Mohammedans, who were trailing the match 1-2 with only nine minutes left, struck three goals within a span of seven minutes to make a brilliant start to the final round which began on the same day.

Forward Matiur Rahman Munna scored twice while midfielder Arman and forward Alfaz Ahmed added one apiece. On the other hand, Senegalese forward Yusupha Mopab Phal and midfielder Sajedur Rahman Tushar secured one goal each for Arambagh who held the match in their control for most of the time but eventually went down because of their poor match-reading abilities.

Arambagh, who seized the lime light for their brilliant performance in the Federation Cup last month where they moved into the final with an upset 3-0 victory over star-studded Muktijodha Sangsad, started their outing against the black and whites quite

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promisingly, offering some entertainment soccer.

But, quite unfortunately, they suffered a jolt when referee Sheikh Badaruddin awarded Mohammedans a penalty virtually from nowhere. Arambagh defender Lipu tried to stop Mohammedan's Munna at the left corner of the box with a professional tackle and moreover it was not at all a prospective attack. But the man in uniform, suddenly got into action by signalling the dreaded spot much to the disbelief of Arambagh booters.

Arman, one of the most flop booter of the county in the SAFF championship, stepped up to give Mohammedans the lead converting the 12-yarder in the 32nd minute.

However, the lead lasted for only ten minutes as Yusupha, the dark and tall striker, levelled the margin through a free-kick from left corner of the box in the 42nd minute.

Inspired by the equaliser, Arambagh then went one up in the very first minute of the second half with Tushar finding the net from 25 yards with a power-packed grounder capitalising on a Yusupha minus from the right flank.

After conceding the second goal, Mohammedans' Iraqi coach Shamir Sakir made three intelligent changes by bringing in Sabir, Askar Babu and Don in place of Manik, Arman and Ruhul Amin to intensify the attack and his decision was

MUKTIS WIN

Earlier, in the day's first match of the same group, Muktijodha Sangsad Krira Chakra recorded a solitary goal victory over Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool.

In an otherwise eye-soring match which saw the ball kicking around the midfield for most of the time, Rakib struck the match-winner in the 30th minute with a volley from the goal mouth scrum.

In their next match tomorrow afternoon, Muktis will meet Arambagh Krira Sangha.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Brothers Union vs Rahmatgani MFS 3 pm  
Abahani KC vs Farashganj SC 5 pm



Action from yesterday's Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagar Cup encounter between Muktijodha Sangsad and Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool at the Mirpur Stadium. Muktis won 1-0.

## BHF calls up 30

Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) has called up 30 players in the national team camp which will take part in the Surjit Singh tournament, UNB.

The invitational tourney will be held in Jalandhar in the Indian state of Punjab in November.

The called up players are: Shamim Ahmed, Javed, Tushar Kanti Hawladar, Russel Khan, Anil Haq, Mamunur Rashid, Mahfuzul Alam, Isha Mia, Imtiaz Ahmed Shipu, Rabibuddin, Khurshid Alam, Shahidullah Khokon, Jahirul Islam Mithul, Hasan Roni, Rafiq Nabi, Shamsuddin Tuhin, Mahboob Harun, Musa Mia, Ashiquzzaman, Yusuf Ali, Zahidur Rahman, Ziaur Rahman, Tutul Kumar Nag, Shahidullah Titu, Miraj, Saheb and Kamal, Alamgir Alam, Ramizuddin, Khokon, Rubel, Shuvu, Shamim, Zahid Ahmed Raju.

The selected players have been instructed to report to coach Ehtesam Sultan on September 20 at the National Hockey Stadium.

## Sahara Cup

Pakistan 169/3  
in 31.5 overs

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Change-bowler Saurav Ganguly claimed two quick wickets to bring India into the match when their arch-rivals Pakistan were cruising along with 157 for one during the crucial third match of the Sahara Cup series at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club ground yesterday.

Pakistan, who lost earlier two matches of the five-game series, were reduced to 160 for 3 in 31.5 overs before rain stopped the proceedings. Stylish left-handed batsman Saeed Anwar, who was a pale shadow of his brilliant self in previous matches, remained not out at 74. Anwar put on 74 for the first wicket with his explosive opening partner Shahid Afridi who hammered 47 off 46 balls. Skipper Rameez Raja scored 34 before retiring hurt.

Ganguly, the left-handed opener from Bengal — ignored most of the time as a bowler, gave his skipper the much-needed breakthrough in the 29th over scalping experienced Shamil Malik for one. He then went on to take a difficult return catch to send young Hasan Raja (1) to the pavilion in his next over.

**Dalmiya's condolence**

**CALCUTTA.** Sept 17: The head of the International Cricket Council (ICC) said here today he had sent a message of condolence to Australian cricketer legend Sir Donald Bradman following the death of his wife, reports AFP.

Jagmohan Dalmiya said, "the world's cricketing fraternity mourns the death of Lady Bradman, who fought a brave battle against cancer."

Jessie Bradman died on September 14, aged 86.

Dalmiya, the former head of the Board of Control for Cricket in India who took over as ICC president earlier this year, sent the message via the Australian Cricket Board.

His message, he said, offered support to Sir Don to bear this irreparable loss."

Bradman, 86, regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of all time, and his life had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in April.

**Newcombe not worried**

**WASHINGTON.** Sept 17: Australian Davis Cup captain John Newcombe could hardly be happier if his team's semi-final tie against the United States was being played Down Under instead of the US capital, reports AFP.

He likes the surface. He welcomes a hostile crowd. And Newcombe is pleased with three rugged practice days by US Open champion Pat Rafter and world doubles number ones Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge.

"I suppose whoever wins this one will go into the final as the favourite," Newcombe said here Tuesday, looking ahead to a match-up against either Italy or Sweden in November.

The US-Aussie showdown begins here Friday with world number one Pete Sampras and second-ranked Michael Chang pacing the US team. The hard-court surface is a bit slower than that at the US Open earlier this month.

"Our players are quite comfortable on the surface. It's fair," Newcombe said.

A hostile crowd of about 7,000 is expected, but Newcombe is not worried and said Rafter's US Open title might help turn the crowd in his favour.

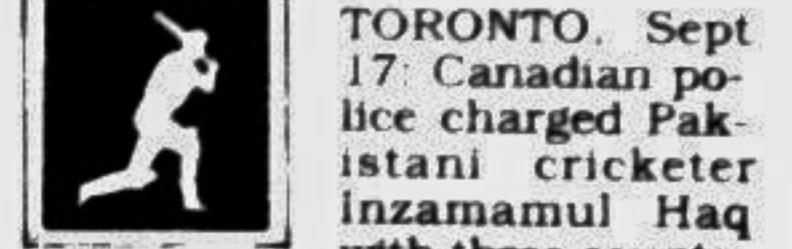
"Away matches don't really bother us," he said. "It's a challenge because you know 95 per cent of the crowd is going to be against you."

"Pat has got a very good following here in the United States, so they might not be as apt to root against him. They like his personality and that should help him."

Rafter, who went five days without touching a racquet after his open title, has matured in Newcombe's eyes over the past nine months, shaking off injuries and finding new confidence.

"He was a bit concerned about whether he really had to match with the top guys," Newcombe said. "His belief in himself is a major difference."

## Inzamam in the soup



journalists, Raja said the player "has limited knowledge of English."

How Inzamam happened to get a bat in his hand while he was fielding continues to be a mystery. Some claim that the bat was brought from the dress-

both matches, Rameez added. "It wasn't a wise thing to do and it was bad for cricket but enough was enough," Rameez said. "He is a human being and has feelings."

"Not much else can go wrong," captain Rameez Raja noted Tuesday as he and his players prepared for the remaining three must-win matches Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

"It's going to be a test of character to see if we can come back now," he said. "It's a matter of putting the negative things behind us and playing to our potential."

Pakistan came from 2-1 down in the inaugural series last year to win the last two matches and clinch the Cup.

Megaphones will be banned from the remaining matches but Andrew Wildblood, senior vice-president of the tournament organisers, International Management Group (IMG), assured Tuesday the Sahara Cup would remain in Toronto for its originally contracted period of five years, to 2000.

"It was an unfortunate incident but shouldn't be blown out of proportion," he said.

It has got plenty of coverage in Toronto's three daily newspapers.

"Cricket dealt black eye as player attacks fan," headlined The Globe and Mail noted the irony in the reason for stalling the tournament in Toronto.

"Matches between Pakistan and India have been plagued by clashes between cultures, particularly at home," it reported. "Some matches have resulted in near riots. It was precisely to provide a neutral and safe haven for the players and spectators that the series was held in Toronto."

Live ball-by-ball television coverage is carried in India and Pakistan by the satellite network, ESPN Asia, which has paid a reported 18.5 million dollars for the rights over five years.

## Majid, Hanif spell out



ISLAMABAD, Sept 17: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) yesterday ruled out any possibility of its team pulling out of the Sahara Cup following the incident involving Inzamamul Haq or taking any action against the cricketer, reports PTI.

Reacting to the fracas between Inzamam and a spectator during the second one-day on Sunday at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club, PCB chief executive Majid Khan told an English daily here, "Inzamam has already been punished by the ICC referee and I do not think we have to take any further action as the matter was the sole concern of the match referee."

However, Majid, who has himself served as a match referee earlier, told "The News," "I must say, Inzamam didn't do the right thing," but added the incident was an attempt to sabotage India's tour of Pakistan later this month.

He said: "The logical conclusion that one can draw from this uncalled for an unwarranted fracas is that there are certain elements who do not want to see India playing in Pakistan for the golden jubilee celebrations."

"If such an ugly incident had happened during the 1996 World Cup quarterfinal against India at Bangalore, it would have been quite understandable but in Toronto there cannot be anything else."

Asked whether the spectator was an Indian, he said, "It's quite difficult to say whether the heckler was a Pakistani or an Indian because even the TV commentators were not sure in this regard."

However, Majid said "whatever the provocation, instead of reacting in such a manner, he should have gone to the match referee and lodged a complaint because according to ICC code of conduct no player is allowed to react to whatever the circumstances might be."

Former Pakistani skipper, Hanif Mohammad was also of the view that the Pakistani batsman should have handled the situation better.

He told "The Dawn" in

Karachi that skipper Rameez Raja was to be held equally responsible for the ugly incident.

"If the spectator was contin-

uously creating problem for Inzamam, the least the player should have done was to ask the captain to change his fielding position," he said.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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## National Botanical Garden, Mirpur, Dhaka.

## Civil Works Consultant Appointment Notice

Tender Notice No 3/1997-98

Dated: 08-09-97

Tenders with technical and financial proposals in separate sealed covers are invited from minimum 7 (seven) years experienced architectural and engineering consultant firms for supervision of detailed drawing, estimating, soil testing, tender document preparation etc of detailed architectural, engineering and various civil works for construction of an overhead water tank-cum-observation tower at this garden and repair of 6 (six) conservatory houses at Baldha Garden, Wari, Dhaka at a cost of Tk 1 (one) crore during 1997-98 and 1998-99 financial years under Director, National Botanical Garden, Mirpur, Dhaka.

Tender should be deposited in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned or office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhaka Forest Division, Ban Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka or office of the Superintendent, Baldha Garden, Wari, Dhaka by 12-00 Noon of 09-10-97. Tender document will be sold against cash payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned and office of the Superintendent, Baldha Garden, Wari, Dhaka from 23-09-97 to 25-09-97.

Any information regarding the tender can be seen and known from the Accounts Section of the office of the undersigned during office hours.

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