COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-79 Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 3, '97 Who are the defending European soccer champions? Inter Barcelona How many countries will take part in the World Youth Cup cricket?

How many titles has Pete Sampras won this year to

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Another foreigner

for Arambagh

Sports Reporter

Arambagh Krira Sangha are all

set to rope in another foreign

booter to strengthen their line-

up for the forthcoming Premier

surprised the football frater-

nity by making it to the final of

the season's curtain-raiser,

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into the maiden final of any

Bangkok risks

Asian Games

Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)

will deliver a stern final warn-

ing to Bangkok at a meeting

tomorrow over next year's

Asian Games, sports officials

and the organisation wracked

by political turmoil, the OCA

executive board will meet in

Kuwait to decide if the Games

should be taken away from the

the executive would probably

not taken the ultimate sanction

of moving the event, scheduled

But senior OCA officials said

With preparations lagging

HONG KONG, Sept 22: The

Nana, who is awaiting a

The Motijheel outfit, who

Division football league.

fielder from Cameroon.

domestic meet.

said, reports AFP.

Thai capital.

last chance."

moved to another country.

for major changes to the

Bangkok Asian Games Organis-

ing Committee (BAGOC) to stop

political interference, sources

BAGOC be made more indepen-

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plan to ease the impact of

Bangkok's chronic traffic

problem and other aspects of

It will also order BAGOC to

trol, sources said.

the organisations.

The OCA will demand that

Federation Cup runners-up

plenty."

"I am happy that I achieved

Azharuddin Lau

School Address

Mirpur Stadium was set alight by the prolific sprinter, who had earlier won the lone track and field gold (200m) for Which nation finished third Bangladesh in the seventh SAF in the SAFF Championship? Games in Madras last year in a Sri Lanka Pakistan photo finish. Abdullah Kafi of Bangladesh For which team will cricketer Nannu play next season?

Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) took the silver, clocking 10.80 seconds, while an ageing Golam Ambia of Bangladesh Army settled with the bronze. The former champion clocked 10.90 But apart from Mahabub's

Ace sprinter Ma-

habub Alam be-

came the fastest

man of the coun-

try while Lovely

Begum retained

her hundred metre crown on the

concluding day of the three-day

summer athletics champi-

onships at the Mirpur Stadium

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cer of Bangladesh Navy, took

10.60 seconds to win the gold in

In a day of unscheduled lay-

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events due to a dawn-to-dusk

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the men's 100m to celebrate a

Fresh after his triumph in

yesterday.

delightful double.

unique feat, it was Bangladesh Army who stamped their supremacy in the summer meet tallying highest medal haul of 14 golds, 13 silvers and 10 Meanwhile, on the distaff

side, Lovely Begum of the BJMC retained her crown of the country's sprinting queen by wining the gold with a timing of 12.50 seconds. While her teammate Beauty Parveen captured the silver, clocking 12.80 seconds. Ansar's Kabita Khatun clocked a distant 13.40-second

to wrest the bronze. The three-day meet, which was marked by three new national records, however, failed to find any new kid in the starting block.

A seasoned campaigner in the likes of Akhirunnisa erased her previous mark for the second consecutive time in the women's javelin throw. While Mozaffar Hossain of Bangladesh Army and Humayun Kabir of Bangladesh Navy set records in shot put and pole vault events respectively. But their marks fell far short of the SAF standard.

Sports Reporter

Airforce Ansar Dhaka Customs MEDALS TABLE M'ganj Noakhali



Mahabubul Alam of Bangladesh Navy, who won the 200m gold on Saturday, touches the tape to clinch the 100m gold on the concluding day of the summer athletics championships at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

- Star photo

showers after felling goal bound

Riccardo Maspero, but reserve

keeper Antonio Chimenti

promptly saved the Lecce strik-

a 47th minute lead, before Lecce

had Paolo Annoni sent off and

Francesco Palmieri headed in

an equaliser but Roma re-

sponded with two more from

Luigi di Biagio and Argentine

every match in league, Italian

Cup and UEFA Cup action, but

nothing went right for them as

Empoli an 11th minute lead

and things went from bad to

worse as Lazio had Vladimir

Jugovic sent off in the 50th

minute and Giuseppe Signori

Lazio coach, Sven Goran

"We weren't' very clever," he

There was little joy either

Oliver Bierhoff, whose two

said, "You just don't given your

opponents that much time and

for AC Milan coach Fabio Cape-

llo after his side squandered a

goals won the European Cham-

pionship final for Germany last

year, scored both goals for Udi-

1-0 lead to lose at Udinese.

missed a penalty in the 75th.

Eriksson was not impressed.

they lost at Empoli.

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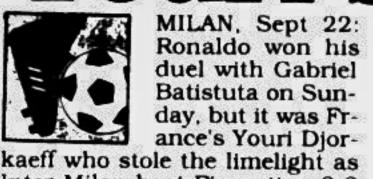
Giovanni Martusciello gave

Francessco Totti gave Roma

er's penalty.

Abel Balbo.

Youri steals the show Michael Konsel headed for the



Batistuta on Sunday, but it was France's Youri Dior-Inter Milan beat Fiorentina 3-2 to go top of the Serie A, reports

Inter, the only side in Italy with three wins from three matches, are trailed by champions Juventus and last season's runners-up Parma, who both turned in convincing vic-

But there was misery for AC Milan, who crashed to a 2-1 defeat at Udinese after Patrick Kluivert opened the scoring with his first for the club.

Ronaldo scored his third goal in three matches for Inter and Batistuta found the target for Fiorentina in the muchhyped clash between the two South American football idols.

But it was Djorkaeff's late winner which brought Inter victory in a thriller at San Siro. after Fiorentina had played some wonderful football and hit the woodwork three times.

Champions Juventus, who crushed Feyenoord 5-1 in the Champions League in midweek, handed out more of the same in a 4-0 win over Brescia.

Zinedine Zidane's early freekick was deflected off defender Antonio Filippini, skipper Antonio Conte made it 2-0 with a spectacular bicycle kick and

Filippo Inzaghi headed a third. Alessandro Del Piero, who scored twice against Feyenoord, added the fourth in the 56th minute with a low angled shot, but he later missed a penalty.

Coach Marcello Lippi said: "Juventus are getting better, the team are showing real sparkle and you can tell they're enjoying their football.

"After the third goal, Brescia fell apart and it all became

Parma beat Piacenza 3-1 with all three goals coming, from Argentine imports as Hernan Crespo banished the demon of another goal drought. Crespo, who struggled for the



YOURI DJORKAEFF

first four months of last season and hadn't yet found the target this season, made a dream start by scoring after 40 seconds. He added another from close range in the second half.

Roma, meanwhile, had to fend off a penalty and a sending-off before beating Serie A newcomers Lecce 3-1.

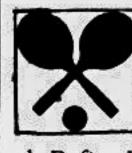
Roma's Austrian goalkeeper

nese - the second a gift from Milan's. Vicenza drew 1-1 with Na-

space.

poli. Sampdoria beat Atalanta 2-0 but Bologna were held to a 0-0 draw at Bari despite an inspired performance by Roberto Baggio, denied a match-winner only the near post.

Greats gather in Munich



ny, Sept 22: World number-one Pete Sampras and Australia's US Open

champion Patrick Rafter head a field of 16 top players - most of whom will be jetting into Munich after their



PETE SAMPRAS

when the 6 million dollars Grand Slam Cup opens here Tuesday, reports AFP.

Sampras, who beat Rafter in the Davis Cup semifinal triumph in Washington at the weekend, will start favourite for one of the world's richest tournaments. But the 24-yearweekend Davis Cup duties old Rafter, who won US Open title a fortnight ago, will be out for revenge after his disappointing performances in the men's team event. "It's very exciting," said

three in the rankings. "It's a big thrill just for me to be in this sort of company. I've gone from 14th to third, it's such a big jump, there are a lot

Rafter, who has risen to number

of great players on 4, 5 and 6 that I never would have dreamed of being ahead of - but The Grand Slam Cup field is comprised of the 16 best players

from the year's four Slams (the Australian, French, US Opens and Wimbledon). Sampras won the Australian and Wimbledon, while Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten took the

French title. This year's edition, being played for the first time in September instead of December,

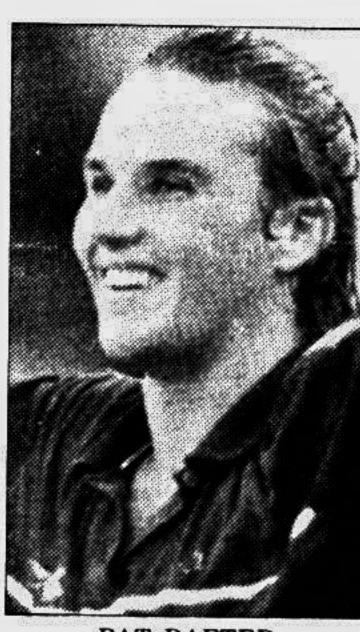
is special. Crowd-pleaser Boris Becker, whose presence can make or break a German tournament, has been given a wild card to compete in his hometown after winning the event twelve

months ago. The tournament remains one of the most lucrative in the world and even a first-round loser can walk away with a cheque for 100,000 dollars. The winner earns 1.5 mil-

lion dollars. Becker, ranked 17th in the world and having announced .his retirement at the end of the year, won both of his singles against Mexico in what was his

last appearance for Germany in the Davis Cup at the weekend. He is scheduled to open against Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman - the player who contributed three points to Sweden's 4-1 victory over Italy.

Sampras faces Spaniard Felix Mantilla while third-seeded



PAT RAFTER

Kuerten takes on experienced Czech Petr Korda. Britain's Greg Rusedski, one

of just five competitors who were not on Davis Cup duty at the weekend and beaten by Rafter in the US final, enters the events for the first time against Australian Todd Wood-

Sports Reporter Akram Khan leads a seven-

member Bangladesh cricket team to the Hong Kong Sixes tournament beginning on Sept

The team leaves on Thurs-

Seven Test playing countries - current champions West Indies, runners-up India, Australia, England, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South Africa - and Bangladesh and host Hong-Kong will participate in the two-day round robin league basis meet.

Bangladesh will earn 6,500 dollars as appearance fee.

SQUAD

Akram Khan (capt). Aminul Islam Bulbul, Athar Ali Khan. Mohammad Rafique, Imran Hamid, Atlar Rahman and Mofizur Rahman.

Mahanagari Cup matches not held

The last two group matches of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup football tournament could not be held due to a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

The matches will now be

Biman under-14 football in October

The Biman under-14 football tournament, organised by Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), will begin on October I simultaneously at eight zonal vanues across the country, reports UNB.

Fifty nine teams, split into eight groups, will take part in the national junior meet, sponsored by Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

Following are participating teams and their zones: Jessore zone: Jessore, Jhenidah, Magura, Narail, Kushtia,

Chuadanga and Satkhira. Barisal zone: Barisal, Khulna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Jhalakati, Barguna and Patuakhali.

Joypurhat zone: Joypurhat, Bogra, Rajshahi, Natore, Chapainawabganj, Naogaon, Siraj-ganj and Pabna. Nilphamari zone: Nil-

phamari, Rangpur, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagar. Narayanganj zone: Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Narsing-

di, Gazipur, Chandpur, Shariat pur and Sunamganj. Manikganj zone: Manikganj, Faridpur, Gopalganj, Ma-

daripur, Tangail, Rajbari DSAs and BKSP. Mymensingh zone: Mymensingh, Moulvibazar, Habi-

ganj, Kishoreganj, Sherpur, Netrokona, Jamalpur and Syl-Noakhali zone: Noakhali, Comilla, Bandarban, Ranga-

Feni and Brahmanbari. Brazil clinch

mati, Khagrachhari, Laxmipur,

U-17 World Cup CAIRO, Sept 22: Brazil on Sunday won the Under-17 World Cup, beating Ghana 2-1 with Andrey Mayr scoring the winning goal three minutes before time, reports AP.

The victory avenged Brazil's 2-3 defeat at the hands of Ghana in the final of the last U-17 World Cup, held in Ecuador in

On Sunday, Ghana paid for several missed chances, including 10 corners compared to three that Brazil won and

missed. Much of the first half was spent on back-and-forth forays, but neither team saw any success until the 39th minute when Afriye Owusu's left footer put Ghana one up, a score that remained unchanged until half

Brazil equalised in the 64th when the Ghanaian goalie, Boateng Osei, fended off a fullblooded kick by Ronaldo Moreira but sent it back into play. Matuzalem Silva, rushing in from dead centre, made no mistake in slamming the ball

into the net. Brazil suffered a setback six minutes later when their star forward, Fabio Pinto, was booted out with a red card for dangerous play. Television replays showed he had gently slapped a Ghanaian player during a tackle.

As the two teams attacks passed in vain, it appeared that the match would go into extra-

But in the 87th minute, Moreira's superb pass from near the penalty area was taken by Mayr who rushed in, beat the charging Ghanaian goalie and shot the ball into the net. After that, the South Ameri-

cans found it easy to defend their territory for three min-Brazil's Diogo Fontoura

missed a goal in the 14th minute when he kicked wide. Seven minutes earlier, Ghana's Adjogu Emmanuel had shot over the Brazilian goal post.

Beijing Guoan Sports Reporter

A 24-member Beijing Guoan football team arrived in the capital late last night to play their Asian Cup Winners' Cup second round first leg encounter against Abahani Krira Chakra. The Chinese champions.

who defeated Maldives' New Radiant Club in the first round, will take on the local giants at the Mirpur Stadium on Thursday. The match is likely to kick off at 8 pm.

Akram & Co leave on Thursday Diego tired but won't retire



Argentina, Sept 22. Diego Maradona said Sunday he will continue playing for his

Argentine soccer league team despite his recent threats of retirement, report agencies. "I'll continue to play because my teammates and Boca fans are counting on me, but I'm a bit tired," the 36-year-old told re-

porters after the Boca Juniors defeated San Lorenzo 2-1 in a league match. He said he would discuss with Boca coach Hector Veira whether he will play next Thursday against Chile's Colo Colo in the South American Supercup, "because at my age it's not easy to play three games in

Maradona, who faces a suspension for drug use and a possible jail term for firing an airgun at reporters often says he is tired of the press hounding him and threatens to hang up his soccer shoes.

Maradona had said last week that he may quit the game because he feared the constant media attention he was attracting could affect his father's health.

But after helping Argentina's most fanatically supported teams win at home, he added yet another about face to his stopstart career. Tve spoken to the old man

and he's told me to keep playing," said Maradona, who is now five games into his fifth

comeback. "I'm not going to make any more threats to go. I'll only go if something hap-pens that troubles the old man."



DIEGO MARADONA

Maradona was provisionally suspended after failing a doping test taken after the first game of the championship against Argentinors Juniors.

But a subsequent court order has allowed him to resume playing until an investigation into the doping test is completed.

As usual, he was given a

rousing reception by a sell-out crowd in Boca's "Chocolate Box" Stadium but his performance was disappointing after the inspired display he produced last Tuesday against Velez Sars-

Maradona gave fans the thumbs-up sign as he took the field and played until the 89th

minute when he was replaced by Nelson Vivas. The game was interrupted for seven minutes in the first half when the referee was hit by

an object thrown from the crowd. Boca's goals were both scored by Diego Latorre, who had reportedly been included in the

team at Maradona's request. Latorre, dissatisfied with being a substitute in previous matches, had threatened to quit

the club earlier this week. The win kept Boca fourth in the Apertura Championship. the first of the two tournaments played in the Argentine season, and they are still unbeaten after five games.

Estudiantes, who won 5-0 away at Union, lead the table with 13 points from five games and face Boca next weekend.

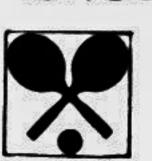
Paraguayan goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert scored his second goal of the tournament when he converted a penalty in Velez Sarsfield's 3-0 win away to Platense.

Boca's arch-rivals River Plate won for the fourth time in five games when they beat Huracan 3-0 away.



Brazil's Henrique Cruz (L) kisses the U17 soccer World Cup as teammates celebrate efter they defeated Ghana in final in Cairo on Sunday. Brazil won 2-1: AP/UNB photo

USA, Sweden in Nov finale



impeccable best.

WASHINGTON, Sept 22: Playing not only for country but with a chance to humble a US Open champion. Pete Sampras was at his

He didn't just put away volleys. He was up in the air - way up - spiking shots into his opponent's court. And Patrick Rafter and the Australians didn't stand a chance. Sampras beat the reigning

US champ 6-7 (6-8), 6-1, 6-1, 6-4 on Sunday to send the United States to the Davis Cup final for the second time in three years, reports AP.

"I couldn't play any better."

Sampras said of the last three sets. "I did everything that I could do very well, served well and returned well. ... I think the key was the crowd. That kind of got me going and pumped me Sampras gave the United States an unbeatable 3-1 lead in

the best-of-5 semifinal. Michael Chang made the final score 4-1 with a 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-2) victory over Mark Philippoussis in match reduced to the best-of-3 sets. The United States will play

the Nov 28-30 finals in Goteborg, Sweden. The Swedes, last year's runner-up to France, defeated Italy 4-1 after sweeping Sunday's reverse singles. After his winning volley,

Sampras raised both hands and bugged captain Tom Gullikson. Sampras and Gullikson then each ran a victory lap with an American flag to the cheers of

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7,500 - minus a couple of hundred Australians - at the FitzGerald Tennis Centre.

Sampras, the world topranked player, has won eight consecutive Davis Cup singles matches. But he raised his level of play against Rafter, who earlier this month won the US Open crown Sampras had come

to own for much of the 1990s. "He knew coming into the weekend that he was a bit of a marked man," Sampras said. "He is someone that wins a Slam, and you want a piece of that."

Sampras did not face a break point the entire match, did not give up a single point on his serve in the second set and served seven games to love. He hit 14 aces and had just one double fault in the 2-hour, 19minute match. He also faced just one break point in his victory Friday over Philippoussis.

Rafter made a valiant effort to stay in the match through the first set, saving four break points in the fourth game and winning the tiebreaker. But his serve-and-volley game soon deserted him. He netted many easy forehand volleys and even had trouble with his toss, at one point kneeling with his head down to regain his composure after two consecutive wayward tosses.

Rafter's surprise US Open triumph raised his ranking to No. 3, but he was taught tennis lessons this weekend with onesided losses to both Chang and Sampras.

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old man!"

"Brings you back down a little bit," Rafter said. "It is good,

though, good to be knocked around a little bit. It makes me want to work harder, that is all it does."

Sampras skipped the first

round and quarterfinals of the Davis Cup this year. He said he will play in next months' final in Sweden, the site of his last Davis Cup singles defeat — a retirement because of a leg injury against Stefan Edberg in 1994. The United States will be

playing in the final for the 59th time and will be seeking its record 32nd title. The US team last won the Davis Cup in 1995, when Sampras led a 3-2 victory over Russia in Moscow.

The Americans led 2-0 after Friday's singles when Chang defeated Rafter and Sampras beat Philippoussis. Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge kept the Australians alive with a doubles victory over Sampras and Todd Martin on Saturday. In the other semifinal, in

Norrkoping, Sweden, the Swedes eliminated Italy when Jonas Bjorkman defeated Renzo Furlan 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4 to give the home team a 3-1 lead. Thomas Enqvist beat Omar Camporese 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3 in the second reverse singles. The Swedes lost what many

consider was the most dramatic final in Davis Cup history last year at Malmo, Sweden. Both reverse singles went five sets for the first time in a final and France won 3-2.

"I think we would have a pretty good chance against the Americans," Enqvist said. "We have a very good team and we want revenge for last year.'

CRYPTOQUIP NTRVCWJGTR TVDVC

VTKNZL CAFL LGDV ZXGBKCKNW RVWAZTVC FXKDVW Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN BAD RESTAURANTS, IT'S THE UNSERVED CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE BE-COME WAITERS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: N equals U The Cryptoquip 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.