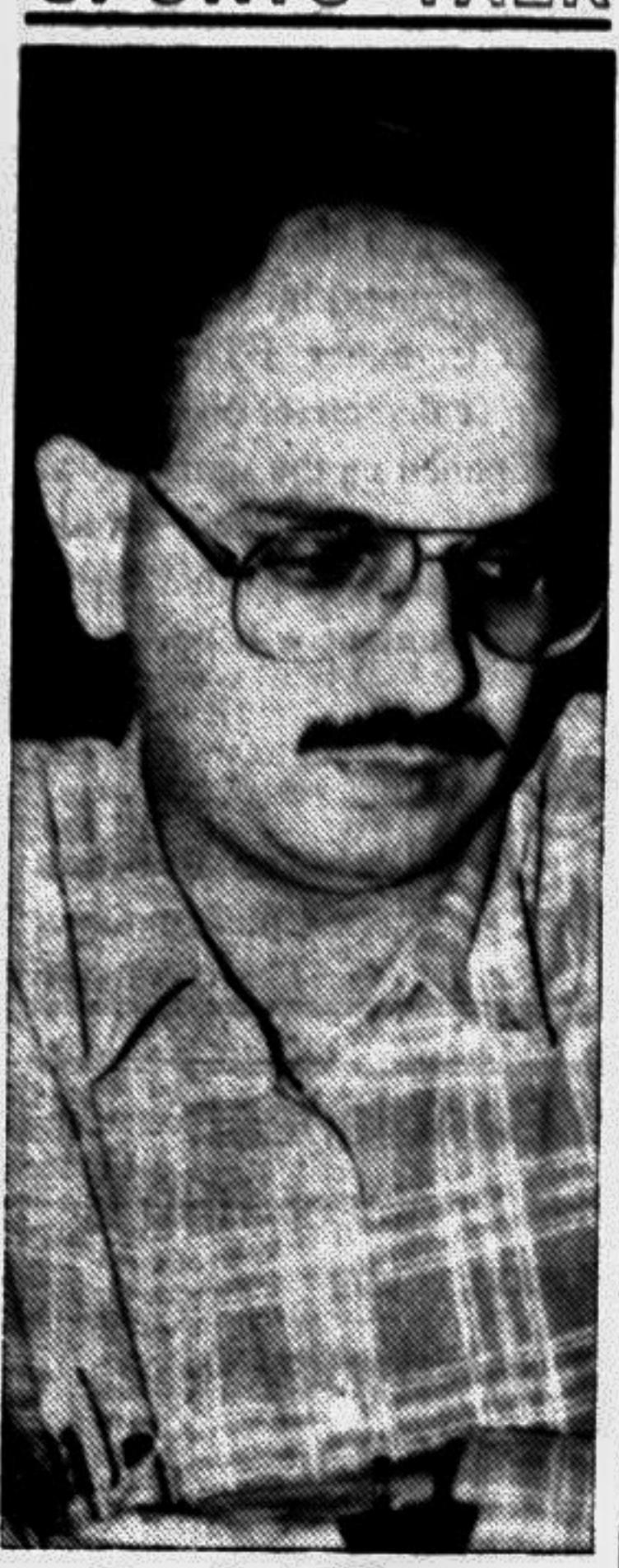


## Column One

## SPORTS TALK



Pravin Thipsay

(Indian chess player)  
"The pressure is off now and I hope to continue through the next few years with greater determination."

After becoming a Grand Master.

## Boost sports WHIZZ KID

## COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-79

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 3, '97

1	Who are the defending European soccer champions?	Barcelona	Inter	Barcelona
2	How many countries will take part in the World Youth Cup cricket?	13	14	15
3	How many titles has Pete Sampras won this year to date?	4	5	6
4	Which nation finished third in the SAFF Championship?	Sri Lanka	Pakistan	Nepal
5	For which team will cricketer Nannu play next season?	AKC	MSC	Biman

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## Biman U-14 Cup from today

Sports Reporter

Eight matches will be decided on the inaugural day as the qualifying rounds of the Biman under-14 national football championship begin simultaneously in eight different zonal venues across the country this afternoon.

On the opening day of the eight-day qualifying round, Munshiganj will meet Chandpur at the Narayanganj Stadium while Rajbari face Tangail in Manikganj. Away in Jessor, Kushtia take on Narail while in Barisal, Khuila is scheduled to face Patuakhali. In Joypurhat Rajshahi face Sirajganj while Rangpur will meet Panchagarh in Nilphamari. In the other two zonal matches, Feni is against Khagrachari at the Majidi Stadium while Jamalpur tackle Kishoreganj in Mymensingh.

A total of 59 teams including 58 districts will be split into eight zones for the knockout phase. The winners will then join defending champions Dhaka and hosts Cox's Bazar in the final round.

A press conference was held at the conference room of Bangladesh Football Federation on the occasion yesterday with Shah Alam Chowdhury, the chairman of the tournament, in the chair. Tournament secretary Golam Rabbani Helal, BFF joint secretary Badal Roy and Anwar Hossain Khan, the representative of Biman, were also present.

An estimated budget of Tk 11,43,000 has been chalked out

for the tournament. Biman will provide seven lakh taka.

The following are the participants of the qualifying rounds according to their zones:

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