

Column One SPORTS TALK



Martina Hingis (World No 1 tennis player) I am very happy about my whole game. I just had a great year. You know, what can I improve? Sometimes I ask myself, it's a little scary. After winning the US Open title.

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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? Borussia 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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Schalke guide German clubs through



04 winning through to the second round at the head of a trio of German clubs on Tuesday.

Schalke overcame a 10-man Hajduk Split 3-2 in Croatia to proceed 5-2 on aggregate.

Bundesliga rivals 1860 Munich and Karlsruhe also triumphed.

A double strike by Ukraine's Sergei Yuran helped VfL Bochum turn Turkey's Trabzonspor 5-3 and 6-5 on aggregate.

It might have been a different tale for Schalke, the small club from Germany's industrial Ruhr Valley who beat Inter Milan for the first European trophy in their 93-year history, had Hajduk's Darko Jozinovic not been sent off.

Kazimir Vuletic put Split ahead in the 20th minute, before Belgian striker Marc Wilmots — a hero of last season's campaign — calmed his team with an immediate equaliser.

Hajduk again took the lead in the 35th through Dejan Racunica but the turning point came in the 56th minute when defender Jozinovic got his second booking.

Schalke pressed their advantage and Rene Eijkelkamp equalised 12 minutes later, he then made sure of the win with a header in the 73rd.

Munich, the self-styled "lions" who have not roared in European competition for 28 years, demolished Finland's Jazz Porl 7-1 on aggregate after a 6-1 home win.

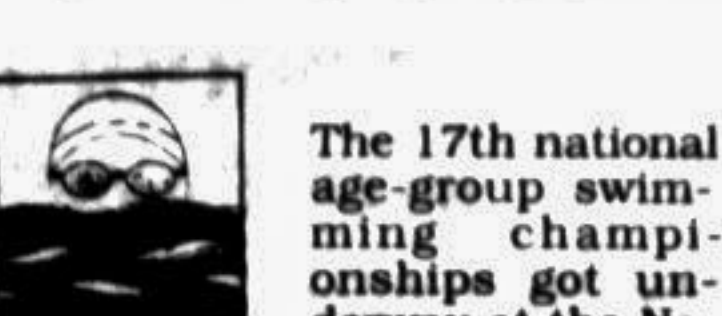
Karlsruhe, whose form has been nothing to write home about this season, were surprisingly held 1-1 by Anorthosis Famagusta of Cyprus but won 3-2 on aggregate.

A mistake by England goalkeeper David Seaman in the dying seconds allowed Paok Salonika to draw 1-1 with Arsenal and put out the English Premier league leaders on a 2-1 aggregate.

Seaman, who was hardly troubled all night, might a goalkick straight to Paok midfielder Konstantinos Frantzeskos, the visiting side's outstanding player. He passed to striker Zisis Vrizas who went past England defender Tony Adams, left Arsenal defender Steve Boulton on the floor and hit a left foot shot past Seaman.

It is the second year running that Arsenal have been

Nat'l age-group meet on 7 records mark Day One



Complex at Mirpur in the city yesterday.

On the inaugural day of the three-day meet, Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Pratisthan (BKSP) established their supremacy by winning 17 gold in 31 events in different categories.

Besides, the eventful first day was also marked by seven new records.

Ratna Khatun, who earned the fourth gold for BKSP by winning the 100m free-style event of the girls 12-years age-group, set a new mark clocking one minute 15.27 seconds. The previous record was one minute 21.03 seconds.

Kishore kabadi

Maniknagar Model High school and Sharmeen Textile Mills Model High won their respective matches in the Metropolis Kishore tournament which began yesterday at the Outer Stadium Kabadi court, reports UNB.

In the first match, Maniknagar Model High defeated Halder Ali High by 79-37 points with five lonas after dominating the first half 44-15.

In another match, Sharmeen Textile Mills Model High beat Rajarajab Police Lines High by 71-40 points, also with five lonas.

Earlier, Bangladesh Kabadi Federation president Habibur Rahman Molla MP inaugurated the tournament.

Thursday's matches: Rifles School and College vs Millat High School (8:30 am), Ansars and VDP High School vs Tamizuddin High School (9:15 am).

Funny!

MILAN, Oct 1: Juventus fans were enjoying a laugh at Manchester United's expense before Champions' League game at Old Trafford today, reports AFP.

Sportswear company Adidas took out a full-page advertisement in the Del Piero and Frenchman Zinedine Zidane tied firmly back-to-back with thick rope.

The caption above read: "Manchester United's only chance," while another lower down read: "Juventus and Manchester United are linked by a solid tradition — Juve win and Manchester lose."

"We stand by certain traditions," Juventus beat United 1-0 in both their Champions' League group tie last season, thanks to goals from Alen Boksic and Del Piero.

But it was Ibne Rusud who stole the lime-light by winning three golds all with new records. The wonderboy from BKSP, pitting in the 13-14 years age-group, took the 100m-breaststroke with a timing of one minute 11.14 seconds and then went on to capture the 200m freestyle before completing a fantastic treble by winning the 200m individual medley.

Tanjil Islam, another nates from the BKSP who competed in the 15-17 years' group, won the 100m breaststroke eclipsing the previous mark by 13 seconds. He clocked one minute 18.44 seconds, while Munmun Ahmed erased the previous mark in the 100m breaststroke (18-20 age-group) to set another new national record for BKSP.

With BKSP setting the pool afire, Montaj Shirin of Kushtia offered some sort of resistance as an outsider when she beat BKSP's Ratna in 100m back-

stroke. Shirin's timing of one minute 36.06 seconds, eclipsed the previous mark of 1:36.48. Earlier, State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaiddul Quader declared the meet open in a colourful ceremony.

Inter-service athletics

A national record and an inter-service record were improved on the second day of the inter-service athletics championship at the Mirpur National Stadium yesterday, reports BSS.

Humayun Kabir, leading top of the Bangladesh Navy bettered national record in pole vault clearing 4.14 metres. The previous was 4.13 metres.

Bangladesh Navy set the inter-service record in 4x100m relay. They took 41.60 seconds while the previous was 41.67 seconds.



THE WONDER BOY: Ibne Rusud of BKSP, who set the pool afire on the inaugural day of the 17th national age-group swimming championships, shows the V-sign after winning the 100m backstroke. The BKSP natant won three golds all with records.

Green Delta Div II hockey

Shantinagar Club earned a 6-3 goals victory over Tejgaon Agragami Club in the Green Delta Metropolis Second Division league match at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first half by 3-0 goals. Shahabuddin Ahmed scored four goals, Ripon Miah and Jahangir Alam netted two for the winners while Asgar Ali, Belal Chowdhury and Sarafat Hossain netted one goal each for the losers.

Earlier in the day's first match, Barnak Samaj beat Agrani Bank Club by a solitary goal scored by Mosarraf Hossain Kajal in the 44th minute.

Dhaka Hockey Club will take on Rayerbazar SC at 2 pm and Uddity Club will face Dhaka Youngs Star Club at 3:30 pm today.

Wright let off lightly

LONDON, Oct 1: Arsenal and England striker Ian Wright was reprimanded but cleared of misconduct by the Football Association on Thursday for his part in a melee after a Premier league match against Leicester last month.

Team-mate Patrick Vieira and Leicester's Paul Walsh were also cleared by the FA inquiry. But Arsenal assistant manager Pat Rice was found guilty of making unseemly remarks to referee Graham Barber and fined 500 pounds (800 dollars).

The three players were warned about their future behaviour and ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry.

The Leicester-Arsenal match ended in a 3-3 draw with three goals scored in stoppage time. Wright, substituted in the final stages, ran onto the pitch at the end and joined a melee of players.

Several Arsenal players surrounded referee Barber, protesting about the amount of time added on for stoppages. Walsh, who scored the final goal in the sixth minute of injury time, then appeared to square up to Wright who was restrained by Arsenal officials.

Barber told the inquiry in a written submission that the three players were aggressive but not violent. If they had acted similarly during a game, he would have shown them yellow cards but not sent them off, Barber said.

Wright, the most controversial player in English soccer, had been told by the FA in July he would face a ban of up to 12 matches if his bad behaviour continued.

The striker, who broke Arsenal's club scoring record at the weekend, said he was relieved by the inquiry's findings.

"I'm pleased, the FA have made the right decision and I'm just glad it's over. I wasn't worried. I knew I was going to get a fair hearing and I did," Wright told reporters.



IT'S PARTY TIME ... fans and officials of Muktiyoddha Samsad Krira Chakra celebrate their victory in the Mahanagari Cup, hoisting their hero Rakib Hasan on shoulders after the final at Mirpur Stadium yesterday evening.

Biman U-14 nat'l championship Eight move into zonal semis

The Biman under-14 national football championship began yesterday at eight zonal venues across the country, reports UNB.

Feni, Jamalpur, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Munshiganj, Kushtia, Khulna and Rajbari moved into the zonal semifinals.

At Noakhali, Feni outplayed Khagrachhari 4-1 to meet either Comilla or Bandarban on Sunday.

Kamal and Manzur scored two goals each for the winners while Bidhan Chakma netted a consolation goal.

At Mymensingh, Jamalpur defeated Kishoreganj 3-1. They will play the winners of the Sherpur and host Mymensingh, tie also on Sunday.

Mamun struck twice and Shahidul once for Jamalpur

Zagallo omits Edmundo

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 1: Edmundo, the scorer in the Brazilian championship with 15 goals, was left out of Brazil's squad for next Tuesday's friendly against Morocco, reports Xinhua.

Brazil coach Mario Zagallo said disciplinary problems provided the reason why the volatile striker had not been called up.

Edmundo took on his last appearance for Brazil in the Copa America final against Bolivia this June when he elbowed an opponent down.

Sao Paulo full-back Sergio was the only uncapped player in a squad which includes only five foreign-based players.

Top players Ronaldo and Roberto Carlos were left out because they have already used the quota of five full internationals for which their European clubs are obliged to release them in a calendar year.

Enzo equals Diego

BUENOS AIRES, Oct 1: Uruguayan Enzo Francescoli has been voted Argentina's player of the year for the third time, reports Xinhua.

The 35-year-old, who plays for Buenos Aires giants River Plate, was given the annual Golden Ball award by local sports writers, equalling Diego Maradona's record of three titles.

Francescoli also won the award for the 1984-1985 season and again 10 seasons later.

River Plate's Ramon Diaz was named best coach after his team won last season's national league title, Paraguayan Jose Luis Chilavert was named the best goalkeeper.

while Azamuddin reduced the margin for Kishoreganj.

At Joypurhat, Rajshahi got past Sirajganj 3-1 to face the winners of Pabna and Chapinawabganj on Sunday.

Moktar Hossain netted twice and Parvez one for the winners while Jewel scored a lone goal for the losers.

At Nilphamari, Rangpur outplayed Panchagarh 3-0 to play the zonal semis against the winners of Gaibandha and Thakurgaon on Saturday.

Dipu scored a hat-trick. At Narayanganj, Munshiganj overcame Chandpur 3-1 in the tie-breaker after the stipulated time ended goalless.

Munshiganj face Narayanganj on Saturday. At Jessore, Kushtia trounced Narail 4-0 to play the zonal semis against the winners of Jhenidah and Satkhira on Saturday.

Rana grabbed hat-trick while Arman netted the other goal. At Barisal, Khulna got walkover against Patuakhali and now play the zonal semi against either Bagerhat or Bar-

guna on Saturday.

At Manikganj, Rajbari also got walkover against Tangail to play hosts Manikganj on Saturday in the zonal semifinal.

Fifty-nine teams, split into eight groups, are taking part in the knockout basis first phase. One hundred promising booters will be picked up from this tourney for long-term training.

Hull win but lose

LONDON, Oct 1: Hull City, currently the third-worst team in the football league, upset Premier league Crystal Palace in the English League Cup on Tuesday as they won 2-1 after extra-time in London. But Palace went through to the third round on the away goals rule with the aggregate score at 2-2, reports Reuters.

Hull have managed just one win in their eight Division Three games this season but after their 1-0 home first leg success they fancied their chances against the side ninth in the Premier league.

Goran goes out

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct 1: In his first tournament since losing in the opening round of the US Open, third-seed Goran Ivanisevic was again toppled in first round play of the 975,000 dollars Swiss Indoors tennis tournament on Tuesday, reports AP.

It took only 75 minutes for Slovakia's Karol Kucera, ranked 32 in the world, to dispose of the world number eight 6-4, 6-3.

Russia's Yevgeni Kafelnikov, elevated to top-seed after Pete Sampras pulled out with an injured shoulder, defeated Swiss qualifier Lorenzo Mantia 6-1, 7-6.

Second-seed Carlos Moya suffered a close call in his opening round match against wildcard Tommy Haas, but narrowly averted disaster, overcoming the German 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

The first round elimination was only one of many disappointments this season for Ivanisevic, whose tournament win in Zagreb is his only title of the year so far.

"I need more confidence," said Ivanisevic, who was filling in for French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil, unable to play because of an injured foot. "After going out at the US Open I didn't play for two weeks. I couldn't get into the match."

Ivanisevic said he thought he could still qualify for the World Championships next November where only the

world's eight top ranked players qualify.

"I'm entered in five tournaments before Hannover, and I hope to win some or I will be on a very long vacation," said the big-serving Croatian. "I believe I can still qualify if I play really well."

In a bid for his second title of the season, after winning in Long Island, Moya began play forcefully, comfortably taking the first set.

But the Spaniard appeared to lose focus early in the second, allowing Haas, ranked 74, to break his second serve and leap ahead 5-1 on way to taking the set.

The 19-year-old continued to overwhelm Moya, breaking the Spaniard's opening serve in the third set.

But down 3-1 Moya suddenly seemed to get back into the game, recording two consecutive love services, then breaking back to even the score 4-4. The world number five then fought off three break points to take a 5-4 lead, and wrapped up the match with a break.

Wayne Ferreira, the 1994 champion, defeated New Zealand's Brett Steven 6-7, 6-1, 7-6. Wimbledon quarterfinalist Tim Henman of Britain beat Germany's Marc Kevin Goellner 7-6, 6-3.

The tournament, which was to field four of the world's top five players, and all of this season's Grand Slam champions, was left with a deflated roster when Sampras, Kuerten and US Open winner Patrick Rafter of Australia all dropped out.



An air-borne Brazilian Ronaldo of Inter Milan survives a sliding tackle from Didier Gigon of Neuchatel Xamax during their UEFA Cup clash in Switzerland on Sept 30.

— AP/UNB photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Practice
- 5 Physique
- 8 — Nul
- 12 Staffer
- 13 Listening device
- 14 "Sad to relate..."
- 15 "— Three Ships"
- 16 Dowdy
- 18 "Algiers" star
- 20 Merry-making
- 21 Marcellus
- 23 Slammer
- 24 Elephants' calls
- 28 Impetuous
- 31 Possessive pronoun
- 32 On Mom's side
- 34 Midafter-noon quaff
- 35 Cabinet
- 37 Pacesetter, perhaps
- 38 See 24
- 41 Boot

DOWN

- 2 Tower town
- 3 Leading man?
- 4 Prepare leftovers
- 5 Act amica-
- 6 One in a row?
- 7 Pharma-ceutical
- 8 Narrow-bladed sword
- 9 Estrange
- 10 Tense situation?
- 11 War
- 17 Chert
- 19 Double
- 22 Constella-
- 25 Disen-cumber
- 26 Right to enjoy
- 27 Without property
- 29 Cousteau's milieu
- 30 Rabbit's hiding place?
- 33 Grounded Aussie
- 36 Prevailing conditions
- 38 Fragmentary
- 40 Slangy
- 42 Garbage
- 43 Ocean flyer
- 44 Oscar
- 45 Madison-type
- 46 Angler's hope
- 47 Jal
- 48 Foss the
- 50 Farm female

Solution time: 26 min.

Yesterday's answer

CRYPTOQUIP

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ADQREZXJN GZYZ QZGY

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CRX-BRR CZQR

Saturday's Cryptquip: A DOPE TOOK HIS MATH BOOK TO THE DOCTOR. HE CLAIMED IT HAD PROBLEMS.

Today's Cryptquip clue: O equals G

The Cryptquip 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.