

## Column One

## SPORTS TALK



Mohammad Azharuddin

(Indian cricketer)  
The desire to learn and improve has come from within.  
On his fielding

## Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

## Competition-80

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm.

Oct 17, '97

1	Who clinched the U-17 soccer World Cup?	Argentina	Brazil	Nigeria
2	Who was the man-of-the-tournament in the recent Sahara Cup?	Azhar	Afzal	Saurav
3	Who lifted the Grand Slam Cup?	Rafter	Sampson	Korda
4	Who are the Mahanagar Cup soccer champions?	Pepsi	Wills	Coca Cola
5	Which company will sponsor the '99 cricket World Cup?			

Name .....

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EN-VITS  
ENERGY-RELEASING VITAMINS

## Brit cops' caution

LONDON, Oct 6: British police today warned that up to 700 English soccer hooligans were heading to Rome for next weekend's World Cup qualifying match, reports Reuter.

Detective Peter Chapman, from the Football Unit of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, said up to 70 were hardcore troublemakers while the rest could be drawn into trouble if they were not policed.

The vast majority had criminal convictions for disorder offences, he said.

Chapman told reporters that British authorities could not stop the hardcore troublemakers from flying to Rome unless they were subject to restriction orders.

He said British police would be helping their Italian colleagues to monitor English fans in Rome for the October 11 England-Italy match.

## Naqvi makes dream debut



RAWALPINDI, Oct 6: Opener Ali Naqvi became only the fifth Pakistani to score a century in a Test debut, but South Africans hit back to restrict the home team to 216 for six on the opening day Monday of the first Test, reports AP.

Naqvi, 20, was the star of the day with his impressive stroke-making, especially on the off-side of the wicket where he hit some cracking boundaries against a four-pronged South African pace attack.

South Africans went into the match with four pacemen — Allan Donald, Brett Shultz, Shaun Pollock and Brian McMillan. But on a hot sunny day, there was little assistance for the seam bowlers and only spinner Pat Symcox found some slow turn.

Naqvi, the right-handed diminutive opener, was dropped by Symcox off his own bowling. The South African off-spinner failed to hold onto a simple return catch when Naqvi was on 95 and drove straight to Symcox.

However, Naqvi brought up his century in style when he hoisted paceman Shaun Pollock over mid-wicket for his 12th delightful boundary before nearly 5,000 spectators. His teammates gave him a standing ovation.

Naqvi consumed 324 minutes and laboured for 236 balls to reach the magic three-figure mark.

Prior to Naqvi, Khalid Ibadulla, Javed Miandad, Salim Malik and Mohammad Wasim had scored centuries on their debuts for Pakistan. In all Naqvi was the 63rd batsman in the Test match history to have scored a century in the first Test.

Naqvi was included in the Pakistan team after impressing selectors with his innings of 61 and 113 against the visitors in the opening three-day match at Karachi.

He finally departed after staying at wicket for just under six hours when Cronje took the second new-ball shortly before stumps. Naqvi attempted to hit Donald over his head and Kirsten took a running catch at

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catch behind the wickets.

Another debutant Mohammad Ramzan frustrated skipper Hansie Cronje for 138 minutes as Pakistan took lunch at a 90 for one. Both the debutants played with authority and waited for loose deliveries as Cronje was forced to setup a defensive field.

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## Muller holds Portuguesa



RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 6: Two moments of genius brought the Brazilian championship, a competition which has fought a losing battle against public apathy, to life on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Colombian striker Victor Hugo Aristizabal and former Brazil international Muller both scored stunning goals for their teams to live up to competition which has generally made headlines for the wrong reasons.

Aristizabal brilliantly weaved his way through the opposing defence before scoring the first of his two goals in Sao Paulo's 4-2 win over Sport Recife.

Muller nipped in behind the Portuguesa defence and, without letting the ball drop, flicked a lobbed pass over the goalkeeper with the outside of his foot to score a last minute equaliser for Santos in a 1-1 draw.

The competition, hit by the usual exodus of star players to European clubs in July and August, is in desperate need of some excitement.

Attendances have averaged just over 9,000 per match but this number has been disfigured by a few large crowds at Derby games. Most matches have been played before only a couple of thousand people.

The Brazilian championship suffered a dramatic loss of credibility in June when

covers.

Naqvi's 115-run knock was studded with 15 boundaries and he faced 270 balls.

Indian umpire S Venkatesh's delayed decision to declare Mohammad Wasim out of Symcox's delivery was ap-

peared to be a harsh one. The replays showed that Gary Kirsten caught Wasim at silly point, but the ball had deflected off his pads and his bat was nowhere near the ball.

Earlier, Saeed Anwar, after electing to bat first on a placid track devoid of any grass, combined in a quick 45-run opening stand with Naqvi in just 57 minutes.

Paceman Donald gave the South Africans their much awaited breakthrough in his fourth over when Anwar sliced a wide delivery to give Dave Richardson a regulation stand with Naqvi in just 57 minutes.

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With the wins, both Zia and Shiplu remained atop with five points each in the ongoing Open FIDE rating chess tourney.

Zia clinched the first round

with a 100% record.

Shiplu had the best record.

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