

Column One

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN  
Competition-81  
✓ Tick the Correct Answers  
Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 31, '97

- 1 Who holds the women's 10,000m world record?  
Wang Otty Torrence
- 2 Who was the man-of-the-match in the Pakistan-South Africa first Test at Rawalpindi?  
Nayvi Saqlain Ashar
- 3 Who won the Heineken Open?  
Courier Gustafsson Kiefer
- 4 Who lifted the Open FIDE rating title?  
Za Rani Ruffat
- 5 What was Bangladesh's position in the KL Sixes cricket tourney?  
First Second Third

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SPORTS TALK



**Fabrizio Ravanelli**  
"At my age I don't feel I have anything to prove to anybody."  
After joining Middlesbrough from Middlesbrough.

Div II B'ball final Oct 25

Leaders Cantonian SC will meet Kurmitola Youngsters in the title-deciding match of the Second Division basketball league at Dhanmondi Gymnasium on Saturday, reports UNB. Cantonians, who have already confirmed promotion to the First Division, maintained their all-win record, beating Panthers by 62-46 points in the lone match yesterday. They led the first session 33-25.



A midfield tussle between Mohammedans' Manik (grounded) and Arambagh's Tushar during their Premier Division football league encounter at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. The match ended in a goalless draw. — Star photo by Amran Hossain

Mohammedans drop points

**Sports Reporter**  
Holders Mohammedans Sporting Club dropped their first points in the Premier Division football league when a spirited Arambagh Kirra Sangha held them to a goalless draw in one of the two Senior Division league matches played at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. In a barren 90-minute encounter Mohammedans, who began their bid to retain the Premier title on a promising note with two consecutive victories, never looked comfortable against the well-organised Arambagh side who in their previous match held aspirants Abahani Kirra Chakra to a 1-1 draw with a last minute equaliser last Sunday. The black and whites made a shaky start against their neighbours keeping five men in the defence and played quite tactically during the first half. They tried to the Arambagh defence with long range shots which ultimately proved futile. With two out of form midfielders Manik and Arman who playing hopelessly, the other man down in the middle Jey had hardly found anything to do along with his power game except roving around. Arambagh, buoyed by their sterling show against the sky blues, relied on their usual tactics of counter attacks whenever they had the opportunity. But they came to nothing because of a over-cautious Mohammedan wall. **ARABAGH KS:** Tony, Shamim, Chotton, Biplab, Jagul, Shob, Tushar, Roxy, Palash (Shuvro), Jahangir (Apu) and Yousupha (Bidyut). **Referee:** SK Badaruddin. **EAST END WIN** In the First Division league, East End Club recorded their second victory with a 2-1 win over Wari Club. The winners led the first half 1-0. Forward Arif put the Gandaria outfit ahead with a magnificent header from a Badal cross in the 34th minute. But they lost the lead when substitute Wari striker Reazuddin equalised heading home a corner in the 76th minute. East End, however, wrapped up the match in the 85th minute when defender Bari blasted the ball home with an angular shot from the right side corner of the box. With yesterday's win, East End raised their tally to seven points from three matches while Wari, who suffered their second defeat, remained glued to their previous collection of one point. **TODAY'S MATCHES** **Premier Division** Abahani KC vs Agrani Bank SC (4:30 pm) **First Division** Bangladesh Boys vs Police AC (2:30 pm) **TEAMS** **Mohammedan SC:** Ponir, Faisal, Nazrul, Munna (Sr), Joy, Manik (Ruhul Amin), Arman, Askar Babu (MSC) and Shobir, Roxy, Palash (Arambagh).

World Cup TT begins today

PARIS, Oct 22: Sweden's Jan-Ove Waldner aims to become a unique treble champion in the history of the sport in the 16-man World Cup table tennis event which begins in Nimes, France on Thursday, reports AFP. The current world and former Olympic champion will hold European, World and World Cup titles should he win the most prestigious annual event in the table tennis calendar. One of his main rivals will be defending champion Liu Guoliang, who with Waldner, has a bewildering array of serves which helped him win the Olympic title in Atlanta last year. Nimes is known as the "French Rome" with its famous arena and Roman past, may be the battles at the Parnasse venue will not be quite as bloody as those of the Roman gladiators. But they say sport is a substitute for war and dramatic contests are expected between 16 of the best men players in the world. The main challengers for the title are Waldner, China's Liu, Liu's compatriot and former World and World Cup champion Kong Linghui, and World Championships runner-up Vladimir Samsonov of Belarus. Waldner is in good form having won the Japan Open late last month, beating Chinese youngster Wang Liting 3-0 in the final. This October 23 to 26 event culminates with a Sunday final for a 36,000-dollar winner's cheque, one of the richest in the sport.

**Bangladesh Power Development Board International Tender Notice**  
বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন

1. Sealed international tenders in two envelope system (One is technical & another is financial) are hereby invited by Bangladesh Power Development Board from renowned manufacturers/suppliers for the procurement of equipment as mentioned below:

Tender enquiry no & date	Description of materials	Cost of tender document	Tender receiving date & time
Pur-213/97 dt 17-9-97	a) 33 KV Outdoor Current Transformer. b) 11 KV Outdoor Current Transformer	Tk 1,000/-	10-12-97 at 11:00 AM

2. The financing of the procurement will against Cash Foreign Exchange allocation to BPDB.

3. Technical offer shall be submitted in one envelope & Financial offer shall be submitted in a separate envelope along with bid bond of 2.5% of the offered price on or before 11.00 (BST) on 10-12-97.

4. a) Technical offers will be opened on 10-12-97 at 11:30 AM and shall be evaluated first.  
b) Financial offers of only technically responsive bidders shall be opened on a date to be declared later on in presence technically qualified bidders of who choose to attend.

5. Tender documents may be purchased from the office of the undersigned from 2nd Nov '97 during office hours on written application to the undersigned on payment of non-refundable fee as mentioned above in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director, Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.

6. Tender document will neither be sold on the date of opening nor it will be received through Telex, Fax, Post and Courier etc. BPDB reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

7. Bid submitted beyond the scheduled time shall not be received.

8. Further information regarding the tender may be obtained during office hours from the office of the Director, Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.

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**Director, Purchase**  
BPDB, Dhaka.

**Li betterers Asian mark**  
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**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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19 Snacks	32 Map lines
21 Moreover	34 Cooperative action
22 Bridge position	37 Jewish diet
23 Scuffle	39 One of the Three Beers
25 Earthwhile acom	42 Hostess
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**Solution time: 21 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer**

Dong Yanmei (R), a 17-year-old trained by controversial coach Ma Junren, smashes the women's world record in the 5,000 metres by more than five seconds at the Chinese national games in Shanghai on Oct 21. Dong timed 14 minutes 31.27 seconds, to shatter the previous record of 14:36.45 set by Fernanda Ribeiro of Portugal in 1995. — AP/UNB photo

Crisis in Aussie cricket

MELBOURNE, Oct 22: A strike by Australia's elite cricketers became a possibility Wednesday following the breakdown of talks between the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) and a players' association, reports AFP. The parties had been meeting to discuss the creation of an Australian Workplace Agreement covering wages and conditions for 108 players across all states who have authorised the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) to act on their behalf. With the start of the three-Test series against New Zealand just over two weeks away, the events signalled the biggest crisis for the game in Australia since the World Series one-day breakaway competition 20 years ago. Former Test off-spinner Tim May, president of the players' association, said he was appalled at the ACB's actions with the board walking out of negotiations after only 30 seconds Wednesday. The board's action came in response to a document tabled by the ACA on Tuesday night which outlined the terms and conditions under which the players wished to be employed. "We find this extremely disappointing on behalf of the players and I would suggest they would be appalled that the document that they have helped prepare cannot be negotiated or discussed with our employer," May said. When asked whether the board's actions meant the possibility of players going out on strike, May replied: "Yes. It's an option."

Dispute doesn't bother Warne

SYDNEY, Oct 22: Master leg-spinner Shane Warne today pushed the current pay dispute with the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) into the background as he prepared for Victoria's opening Sheffield Shield fixture, reports Reuters. The Victoria captain will lead his side against New South Wales at North Sydney Oval starting today, against a backdrop of ongoing talks between the players' union and the game's ruling body. "My job here is to play cricket. I'm captain of Victoria and we are about to play our first Shield game, a very, very important game," Warne told the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper. Australia and New South Wales captain Mark Taylor dismissed talk of possible strike action if the talks fail. "It's not on my agenda," Taylor told the newspaper.

Vogts' optimism

BOON, Oct 22: German team boss Berti Vogts said on Tuesday he was confident that Matthias Sammer would resume playing despite a recent operation on his troublesome knee, reports Reuters. "I had a positive impression," said Vogts after a telephone conversation with Sammer, who underwent surgery on his left knee last week for the fifth time. "He did not sound depressed at all, he was in a fighting mood and I'm confident he will be back."

SL probe into bribery charge

COLOMBO, Oct 22 (AP, Reuters): Cricket authorities Wednesday began probing allegations that a top cricket official had demanded money for granting broadcasting rights to a foreign television network. "We don't know the true picture yet. The sports minister has asked the board president to submit a report within two weeks," said Dammika Ranatunga, the chief executive officer of the Sri Lankan Cricket Board. Sports Minister Sumanawera Dissanayake also has asked the country's Bribery and Corruption Commission to investigate whether the unnamed official had taken the money. The island and the Mid-week Mirror newspapers reported that a WorldTel official had complained to Upali Dharmadasa, the cricket board president, that a board official had demanded 100,000 dollars for giving exclusive telecast rights. WorldTel is currently negotiating a 5.5 million dollars deal with the cricket board for rights to cover cricket matches in the island nation over the next three years. WorldTel officials could not be immediately reached for comment. "I firmly believe that demanding money in this way is a grave crime," Dissanayake said in a statement late on Tuesday. "If a bribe has been given or has been solicited, investigations should be made immediately." Dharmadasa earlier told the minister that a WorldTel official had made the complaint by telephone. Dissanayake said in a letter to Dharmadasa: "You also told me that this particular WorldTel official had ... complained that WorldTel had already paid 50,000 dollars to the board official and that he was pestering the WorldTel officer for the balance." The letter was released to the press late on Tuesday. "You also said that WorldTel officials had told you that the board official was demanding this money to be given to me as minister in charge of the subject," the letter added. The minister told Dharmadasa to ask WorldTel for details in writing and then forward a formal complaint in two weeks. Dharmadasa said that the contract had not yet been signed. "Only a memorandum of understanding has been signed. We are studying the contract at our end," he said, adding that the BCCSL wanted to sign it quickly. "But this inquiry will now delay it." Sri Lanka, whose cricket profile has risen since their World Cup triumph early last year, are to leave next week for Pakistan to play in a four-team limited overs tournament. "This is the last thing we needed at this time. It's bringing the game into disrepute, especially at a time when our cricketers have put us on top of the world," said Dammika Ranatunga.

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**BCIC Tender Notice**  
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Managing Director, Chhatak Cement Co Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamganj invites sealed quotations from genuine manufacturers who have steel casting facilities for supply of lining plate, special bolt nuts & washer etc. against Tender No Pur-A/130/97-98. Tenders will be opened on 3-11-97 at 3:00 PM at both the places i.e. in Purchase Division, BCIC Head Office, Dhaka & Purchase Dept., Chhatak Cement Co Ltd. Tender documents will be available on all working days against cash payment of Tk 400.00 only (Non-refundable) per set from:

1) BCIC Head Office, 30-31, Dilkusha, C/A, Dhaka, 2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & 3) Chhatak Cement Co Ltd, Chhatak. No tender document will be sold on opening day. Management reserves the right to accept/reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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**Dy Manager (Purchase)**  
For Managing Director

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**Solution time: 21 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer**

**CRYPTOQUIP**  
Q E ' J S N Q K J Q W X A : A X J J Q V  
X Y Z X W F K V E W X Y  
L F E N L V W F Y J Q Z V X Y  
J X C J S Q E N E X Q A J  
Yesterday's Cryptquip: I GUESS A YOUNG LAD'S BED COULD, ESSENTIALLY, BE CALLED A BOY COT.  
Today's Cryptquip clue: W equals C  
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.