

Column One

Roost Whizz Kid

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-84

✓ Pick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm. on Dec 12, '97

Table with 5 questions about cricket and sports events, including 'Who lifted the Chase Championships title?' and 'Who became champions in the quadrangular cricket tourney?'.

Form for entering the Roost Whizz Kid competition, including fields for Name, Class, Roll No., School Address, and Phone.

EN-VITS

SPORTS TALK



Ingamamul Huq (Pak cricket's batting pillar) 'I eat like an ordinary growing young man but since I look a little overweight people feel that I eat more. But now I am working on all my weaknesses.'

Ruggeri retires

BUENOS AIRES, Dec 7: The former Argentinian captain Oscar Ruggeri announced here on Saturday that he would retire from football today — ending a great career which took in two World Cup finals, beating Germany in 1986 and losing to the same opponents in 1990, reports AFP.

The 35-year-old Ruggeri, who ended his 11-year international career after Argentina were knocked out by Romania in the 1994 World Cup finals, said he was retiring for personal reasons. 'Sunday's the day to say goodbye. It was a very personal decision, not even my family knew,' the rugged defender said. 'I always said that the day I felt like becoming a coach and I lost the hunger to win would be the right time to retire,' Ruggeri added. Ruggeri also led Argentina to the 1993 Copa America trophy in Ecuador in 1993 and was a member of the team that won the 1991 Copa in Chile.

Sohail, Ijaz turn up heat Tourists toil in Karachi



KARACHI, Pakistan, Dec 7: Openers Aamir Sohail and Ijaz Ahmed hit contrasting centuries to heap more embarrassment on the beleaguered West Indies in the final Test today, reports Reuters.

Their record 298-run partnership carried Pakistan to 327 to beat the tourists by an innings and 160 runs.



SOHAIL ... 160 IJAZ ... 127 n.o

It was the first time in 243 Tests that both Pakistani openers had scored centuries in an innings. Sohail, who ended a run of 17 Tests without a century with 160 in Pakistan's second Test victory in Rawalpindi last week, faced 264 balls and hit 21 fours in an innings spanning just under six hours.

'It is a beautiful batting track and I am disappointed at missing out on my second double century,' said Sohail, who scored 205 against England in 1992.

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard table showing runs, wickets, and overs for both teams in the first and second innings.

Umpires: Cyril Mitchell (South Africa) and Salim Badar (Pakistan)

Lady luck smiles on Lankans

BOMBAY, Dec 7: India settled for a draw in the third and final cricket Test against Sri Lanka here today after rain cut short their last-ditch effort to secure a win, reports AFP.

The Indians had reduced Sri Lanka to 166 for seven in their second innings after tea on the final day when a light drizzle halted play with 12 overs still remaining to be bowled.

Hashan Tillekeratne (18) and number nine Chaminda Vaas (0) were at the crease trying to keep the rampaging Indian spinners Anil Kumble and Rajesh Chauhan at bay when the umpires called off the match.

Both bowlers claimed three wickets each, but could not help India break the deadlock in the three-match series which ended 0-0.

Sri Lanka staved off defeat in the first match at Mohali, while the second game at Nagpur was washed out after just one innings.

'Rain and bad light robbed us of a win,' a dejected Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar said.

'But at least we have learnt to take the initiative in a Test match. In hindsight, a third spinner in the team would make a lot of difference.'

Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga said his team could not be blamed for the three drawn matches.

'We did not ask the rain to come,' he said. 'It is a fairly big thing to go home without losing a Test.'

'To win a Test, you need good bowlers, and I don't think either side had them. The 0-0 draw was a fair result.'

The Sri Lankans, needing 333 to win, gave up their run chase when they lost both openers in the morning session and star batsmen Aravinda de Silva and Roshan Mahanama before tea on the final day.

Three wickets, fell in the final session to raise the hopes of some 35,000 home fans who crowded the Wankhede Stadium in anticipation of a thrilling final day's play.

Sri Lanka took early charge when openers Sanath Jayasuriya and Marvan Atapattu put on 51 in the first hour after resuming at their overnight score of six.

But both batsmen were out before lunch, Atapattu falling to a catch in the deep off Chauhan for 31 and Jayasuriya going in similar fashion against Kumble for 37.

Sri Lanka, who went to lunch at 87 for two, moved to 106 as Aravinda and Mahanama defied the Indian bowlers for another hour.

Aravinda made 18 when he hooked Javagal Srinath in the belief there was no fielder on the mid-wicket fence. But Chauhan, who was posted there just before that delivery, gobled up the catch gleefully.

Mahanama fell just before tea, the victim of a controversial leg-before decision by West Indian umpire Steve Bucknor, who upheld a loud shout by bowler Chauhan and the ring of close-in fielders.

Television replays showed the ball hit the back pad too high and would probably also have missed the off-stump.

Ranatunga was the next to go being bowled by Chauhan round his legs for 12.

Then Kumar Dharmasena who battled for more than an hour, was caught at silly point by Azharuddin off Kumble for eight.

The injured wicketkeeper Lanka de Silva who came into bat with eight stitches after being hit by a Srinath bouncer on Saturday was snapped up at second slip by Venkatesh Prasad to give Kumble his third wicket.

The Sri Lankans go home on Monday, but will return to India on December 20 for a series of three one-day internationals.

India, meanwhile, will travel to Sharjah to take part in the Champions Trophy tournament against Pakistan, England and the West Indies starting on Thursday.

Final scorecard of the third Test between India and Sri Lanka which ended in a draw here on Sunday.

INDIA: First innings 512 (Dravid 93, Ganguly 173, Tendulkar 148, Pushpakumara 3-108, Dharmasena 3-144)

SRI LANKA: First innings 361 (Jayasuriya 50, Atapattu 96, Aravinda 66; Chauhan 4-48, Kuruvilla 2-62)

INDIA: Second innings 181 for 9 decl (Siddhu 43, Dravid 85; Dharmasena 5-77)

SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 6-0) Jayasuriya c Tendulkar b Kumble 37; Atapattu c Kumble b Chauhan 31; Mahanama lbw b Chauhan 35; Aravinda c Chauhan b Srinath 18; Ranatunga b Chauhan 12; Dharmasena c Azharuddin b Kumble 18; Tillekeratne not out 18; Lanka c Prasad b Kumble 0; Vaas not out 0; Extras: (lb-2, nb-5) 7; Total: (for 7 wickets) 166

Fall of wickets: 1-58; 2-73; 3-106; 4-133; 5-146; 6-160; 7-166

Bowling: O M R W Srinath 15 5 25 1 Prasad 8 3 23 0 Chauhan 28 9 53 3 Kuruvilla 3 2 1 0 Kumble 28 13 56 3 Tendulkar 2 2 0 0

Match drawn: Three-Test series ends 0-0.

State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharrar distributing crests among former players of the Eskaton Sabuj Sangha Club during the club's silver jubilee celebrations yesterday.

Odoyo named Kenyan skipper

NAIROBI, Dec 7: Fast bowler Thomas Odoyo currently playing in South Africa, is to captain Kenya in the World Youth Cricket Cup, officials said here on Saturday, reports AFP.

Odoyo is the only capped player in the 17-member squad which makes its debut in the tournament to be held in South Africa between January 10 and 25.

The team's outdoor training programme has been affected by heavy rains which have left all pitches in Nairobi waterlogged.

Asif Padamshi, the chairman of the selectors committee, said on Friday the squad will concentrate on physical training in the indoor gym of the Simba Union Club.

The team will be coached by former India international Roger Binny, his second major assignment for Kenya after the President's Cup played here last October and won by Zimbabwe.

SQUAD

Thomas Odoyo (captain), Francis Otieno (vice-captain), David Otieno, Andrew Mboya, Jimmy Kamande, Nimesh Modi, Nitin, Gopal, Abid Jam-mohammed, Joseph Amadu, Charles Otieno, Collins Otieno, Edward Mboya, Kanji Devji, Fayyaz Karmal, Imran Mugal, Santose Gore, Nitin, Vasani, Tom Tikolo (manager), Roger Binny (coach), Zul Devji (physiotherapist).

Pope sings sport's spirit

VATICAN CITY, Dec 7: Sport is good for developing young people's personalities and can help them find God, Pope John Paul II said Saturday, reports AFP.

'Sport can help young people in their physical education and help them to develop a harmonious, solid and generous personality, open to other people,' the Pontiff told a delegation of footballers at a Vatican reception.

The Pope told players from Serie A side Atalanta, who face Roma on Sunday, that they should 'never forget others and especially youngsters, who regard them as role models, not just as sportsmen but also as mature and responsible men.'

He reminded the players that the apostle Paul had from looking at ancient Greek and Roman culture 'recognised the spirit of inherent in sporting competition,' and 'compared the effort required to be a Christian to that needed to become a conscientious athlete.'

Fukuoka Marathon Thugwane's

FUKUOKA, Japan, Dec 7: Olympic gold medalist Josiah Thugwane of South Africa, running the year's second fastest time won the 51st Fukuoka International Marathon by 39 seconds Sunday, reports AP.

The 26-year-old Thugwane finished the 42.195 kilometres (26 miles, 385 yards) in 2 hours, 7 minutes, 28 seconds. Among this year's times, it was second only to the 2:07:10 by Khalid Khannouch of Morocco in the Chicago Marathon on Oct 19.

Two Japanese came next — Toshiyuki Hayata in 2:08:07 and Nozumi Saito in 2:08:47.

Spain's Abel Anton, winner of the World Championship in Athens in August, finished fourth in 2:10:27.

Running in rain, with temperatures of about 17 degrees Celsius (63 F), Thugwane was among the early leading group of Anton, Darren Wilson of Australia, John Kemboi of Kenya, Cosmas N'Deti of Kenya and four Japanese led by Hayata.

As he did in the Olympics last year, Thugwane spurred after 30 kilometers (18 miles) and went on to win.

'It was a nice day for me. I am satisfied with my best time,' said Thugwane, whose previous best was 2:08:06 in the 1997 London Marathon. He won the Atlanta Olympics in 2:12:36.



Kristine Quance of Los Angeles on her way to winning the 200 metres breaststroke at the US Open Championships in Indianapolis on Dec 6. Quance clocked 2:30.69 sec.

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A battle sans big guns

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 7: South Africa host Brazil in a friendly here tonight against background of club versus country disputes that have taken a heavy toll on the visitors, reports AFP.

These included veteran strikers Romario had Bebeto, who look set to resume an attacking partnership that brought Brazil their fourth world title three years ago in the United States.

Even coach Mario Zagallo, who featured in the four triumphs as a player or coach, has been delayed after attending the 1998 World Cup finals draw in France on Thursday.

Brazil can include four of the World Cup-winning team — Aldair, Dunga, Romario, Bebeto — as the chase a 13th consecutive win in a run that began with a 1-0 victory over England on June 10.

South Africa, another challenger for the inaugural Confederations Cup, are attempting to avoid a third consecutive defeat following losses in France and Germany.

Brazil overcame a two-goal half-time deficit to defeat South Africa 3-2 in Johannesburg last year and a capacity 70,000 crowd is expected at Ellis Park to watch the rematch.

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THE ELEGANT EIGHT

Table showing bowling figures for the 'Elegant Eight' players.

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Did not bat: Adam Dale, Glenn McGrath

Result: Australia won by three wickets.

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Next match: South Africa v Australia (Tuesday).

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Hingis, Huber in final

FRANKFURT, Dec 7: World number one Martina Hingis recorded a comfortable 6-4, 6-3 win over American Lindsay Davenport to set up a final clash with German Anke Huber at the Masters of Champions tournament on Saturday, reports Reuters.

The 17-year-old Swiss, who needed just 57 minutes to move past Davenport, underlined her supremacy by hitting an ace on match point.

Hingis, who has already made sure of \$75,000 marks (\$22,000 US dollars) in prize money in the lucrative exhibition event, will meet Huber on Sunday in the final the organisers had been dreaming of.

Huber delighted the home crowd in the Frankfurt Hall by taming Iva Majoli of Croatia 6-3, 6-4.

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Monday 8th December (All programmes are in local time but subject to last minute change)
BTV
3:00 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme summary 3:10 Recitation from the Bible 3:15 Patriotic songs 3:20 Banashree Session of Folk Song 3:50 Dush O Biggyan 4:00 News 4:40 Dolan Chanya 5:15 Open University 6:00 Bidhyan 6:30 The Battle of Bulunia 6:30 Bangladesh Army 7:00 News in English 7:05 Health programme 7:25 A special programme of Victory Day 8:00 News in Bangla 8:45 Package Drama 10:00 News in English 10:30 Shilpoka 10:55 Comedy Series: Senefield 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Tuesday Programme summary 11:40 Close down.
BBC
6:00 am BBC World Headlines 6:05 USA Direct 6:30 World Live: Top Gear 7:00 BBC World News in Hindi 7:00 News in World Business Report, Asia Today & 24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Focus: Correspondent 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 Hard Talk 12:00 The World Today 1:30 World Living: The Clothes Show 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 BBC World

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6:00 Amped 6:30 Turn On [TV] 7:30 Rewind VJ Sophia 8:30 Turn On [TV] 2:30 Liberty First Day First Show 3:00 Winner Mangta Hai 3:30 Close-Up Close Encounters 4:00 Turn On [TV] 9:00 BPL Oye 10:00 Liberty-First Day First Show 10:30 Turn On [TV] 11:00 Over the Edge 12:00 Turn On [TV] 2:30 BPL Oye 3:30 Turn On [TV] 4:00 Mainstage 5:00 Turn On [TV]
STAR PLUS
6:00 Travel Asia 6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Rin Ek Do Teen 10:30 Plus Preview 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 World TV

12:30 Yes Minister 1:00 Nine To Five 1:30 Dynasty 2:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 3:00 Santa Barbara 4:00 WWF Shotgun Challenge 5:00 The Wonder Years 5:30 Small Wonder 6:00 Ashok Masale Meri Pasand 6:30 Plus Preview 7:00 Lohit Kinare 7:15 The Trial Show 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Small Wonder 8:30 Tu Tu Main Main 9:00 Saans 9:30 Star News 10:00 Family Towers 10:30 The Jewel in the Crown 11:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 12:00 Santa Barbara 1:00 Star News 1:30 The X-Files 2:30 Star Trek 3:30 Vega 4:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 5:30 21 Jump Street
STAR MOVIES