

Column One Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-84

Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm on Dec 12, '97

- 1 Who lifted the Chase Championships title? Hings Novota Pierce
2 Who became champions in the quadrangular cricket tourney? Africa Pakistan S Lanka
3 How many stadia will be used during France '98? 8 9 10
4 Which team clinched the Delta Life handball title? Shamsunnahar Lalmeta A Bawani
5 Who won the Div II handball league? Banianagar W Jatrabari Mansoor

Name Class Roll No. School Address Phone: (if any)

EN-VITS ENERGY RELAXING VITAMINS SPORTS TALK



Monica Seles (American tennis player) My consistency on key points is missing and it is something I have to work on in time for next year.

Div I soccer Sports Reporter

Badda Jagarani Sangsad outplayed Dhanmondi Club 4-1 in their return leg clash of the First Division football league at the Army Stadium yesterday.

Nat'l pairs bridge Dec 19

Khandker Fazle Sobhan national pairs bridge competition will be held on December 19 and 20 in the banquet room of Sundarban Hotel, Sonargang Road, states a press release of Bangladesh Bridge Federation, reports BSS.

Soccer, tennis interact down under

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec 10: Football stadiums could host Australia's Davis Cup ties in future as tennis officials seek ways to retain the nation's grass court advantage, according to team captain John Newcombe, reports AFP.



A THREE-MINUTE FARCE? Two visibly relieved Abahani booters look on as referee Nazir Hossain (ball in hand) calls off the Premier League match against Agrani Bank with just three minutes remaining at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. The referee's 'controversial' decision was seemingly designed to save Abahani from their fifth draw as the match was goalless up to that point. —Star photo

Rain keeps B Academy at bay

Rain kept the marauding Bill Academy at bay on the second of the three-day Shell Conference cricket match against Bangladesh which lasted for only seven overs before heavy rain intervened, much to the relief of the visitors.

The time of Japan's life

TOKYO, Dec 10 (Reuters): Japan's road to the World Cup in France was a rocky one, but after 44 years of trying they have at last reached the final stages for the first time.



Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury of Bangladesh in action on the inaugural day of Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday. —Star photo

England stood in Bangladesh's way

It was a major disappointment for not having the opportunity to host the proposed World Cup on knock-out basis in Dhaka, said Saber Hossain Chowdhury, president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), in a press conference arranged in a haste yesterday.

England, who are yet to win an Ashes series in their last five meetings with Australia, are scheduled to reach Australia on Monday before the series begins from November.

Abahani-Agrani tie called off

The Premier Division football league match between Abahani and Agrani Bank at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday was called off after 87 minutes as the Dhanmondi club refused to play.

Cricket leagues postponed

All matches of the Janakantha Premier Division and First Division cricket leagues have been postponed for an indefinite period due to inclement weather.

Women's team go to Iran today

A 15-member Bangladesh women's sports team leaves on Thursday for Tehran to participate in the second Islamic Solidarity Games that begins in the Iranian capital on Saturday, reports UNB.

Hockey umpires' course

A ten-day long training course for hockey umpires begins at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) in Savar today.

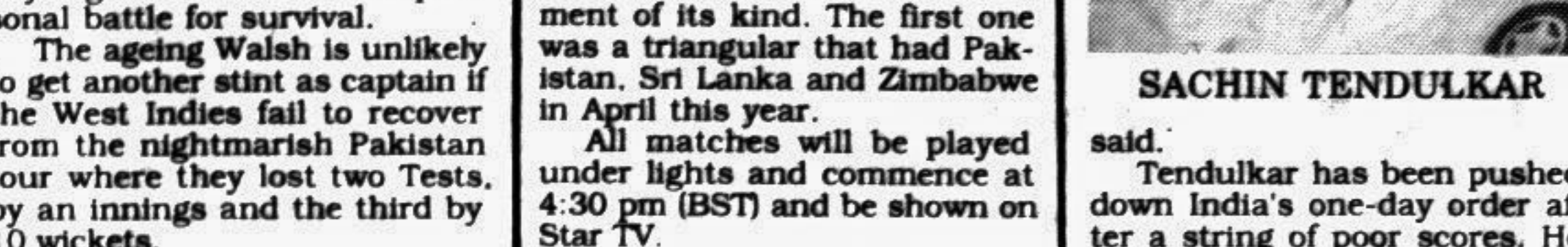
India face England in opener

Desert duel begins today

SHARJAH, Dec 10 (AFP, Reuters): The focus will be on the rival captains when cricket's most famous off-shore venue turns on the floodlights for the Champions Trophy starting tomorrow.

2nd Akai-Singer Champs' Trophy begins today

The Akai-Singer Champions' Trophy gets underway in Sharjah from today. This is a continuous reflection of Singer and its sister company Akai's joint patronisation towards cricket, says a press release.



SACHIN TENDULKAR

Tendulkar has been pushed down India's one-day order after a string of poor scores. He desperately needs a title win to pre-empt reported moves by the selectors to hand the one-day captaincy to his deputy Ajay Jadava.

England



The new England skipper for limited overs matches Adam Hoolioake observes his team's first practice session in Sharjah on Dec 10. —AP/UNB photo

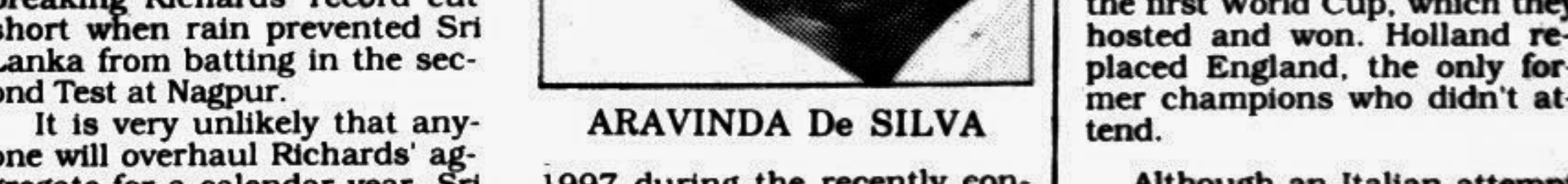
England's one-day team has just six players, including the captain himself, who will also tour the West Indies with Atherton's Test squad early next year. Hoolioake will be inspired by the fact that the only time England played at this desert venue, in 1987, they won the tournament against India, Pakistan and Australia.

Uruguay plans for football fiesta

MONTEVIDEO, Dec 10: Uruguay are set to invite Argentina, Brazil and Italy to a mini World Cup they hope to host in 2000, while England, Germany and Spain may also take part, the Uruguayan Football Federation (AUF) said Tuesday, reports AFP.

Aravinda a la Viv

Sri Lanka vice-captain Aravinda de Silva currently going through a purple patch with the bat, is one century short of establishing a new world record for the highest number of Test centuries in a calendar year.



ARAVINDA De SILVA

De Silva had his chance of breaking Richards' record cut short when rain prevented Sri Lanka from batting in the second Test at Nagpur.

CROSSWORD BY Eugene Sheffer. Includes crossword puzzle grid and cryptquip clues.