

## Column One

## Boost sports WHiZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

## Competition-86

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm on Jan 9, 1998

1 Who is the Australia cricket coach?

Lillee Marsh Simpson

2 Who is the Argentina soccer coach?

Passarella Venables Cruyff

3 Which county will Lara lead next year?

Essex Durham Warwickshire

4 Who hit the first century in this year's Premier Division cricket league?

Nadim Saeed Kazmi

5 Who lifted the women's singles title of the national TT championships?

Lima Tumpa Zulekha

## BCB's lucrative prizes

## Sports Reporter

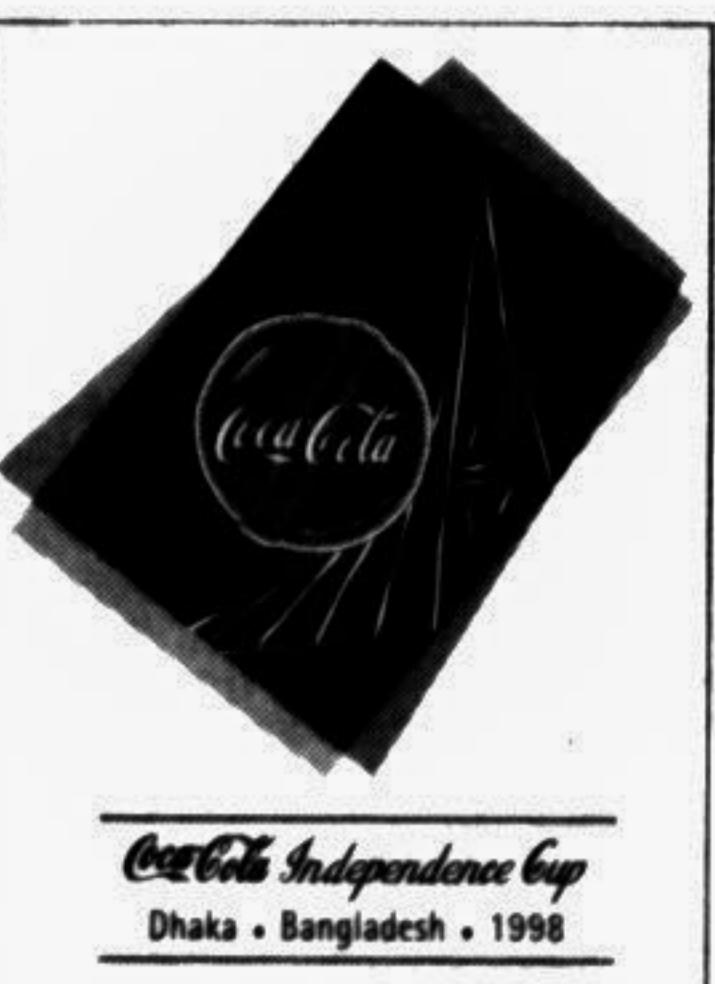
The Coca-Cola Independence Cup will offer lucrative cash awards when the tri-nation cricket tournament involving India, Pakistan and hosts Bangladesh begins in the capital from January 10.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), who are organising the week-long extravaganza to mark the country's silver jubilee is giving away prizes worth 75,000 dollars.

According to an official handout released by the media sub-committee yesterday, the victorious team in each of the three preliminary round matches will receive 2,000 dollars while the losing side will get 1,000 dollars. Each player-of-the-match will collect 1,000 dollars.

Top two finishers will qualify for the mandatory three finals and the eventual winners, apart from a glittering trophy, will receive 12,000 dollars while the runners-up will be richer by 5,000 dollars.

The organisers have also of-



three finals will earn 2,500 dollars each.

The 30,000 capacity Dhaka Stadium will host all the six

matches of the limited-overs tournament, which will be played with white balls instead of a traditional red one. Two points will be awarded for a win.

The matches will start at 9 am. There will be a lunch break for 45 minutes in between two sessions.

Michael Henry Deans of England will conduct the tournament as match referee. Besides, the BCB have selected a panel of international umpires from three different Test-playing nations.

The three umpires are: Doug Cowie (New Zealand), Rudi Kotzen (South Africa) and Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe).

## FIXTURE

Date	Teams
Jan 10:	Bangladesh vs India
Jan 11:	India vs Pakistan
Jan 12:	Bangladesh vs Pakistan
Jan 14:	First final
Jan 16:	Second final
Jan 18:	Third final

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## 17 report for trials

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Seventeen players out of the called up twenty cricketers, who have been nominated in the trials for the Coca-Cola Independence Cup, reported at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) office yesterday.

Among the missing trio skipper Akram Khan and his deputy Aminul Islam Bulbul are now in India to feature in an exhibition match between International Eleven and India Eleven.

The limited-overs match, scheduled to be held in Bangalore tomorrow, is likely to contain star players from the sub-continent.

Both Akram and Aminul are scheduled to return home on January 1 and join the trials, which starts at the Dhaka Stadium today. Wicketkeeper Khaled Masud Pilot was the other member who did not report at the BCB office yesterday.

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## NZ to host next women's WC cricket

CALCUTTA, Dec 28: New Zealand will host the next women's cricket World Cup in the year 2000, the International Women's Cricket Council decided Sunday, reports AFP.

The IWCC also admitted Pakistan and Sri Lanka as full members, said Merry Brutto, the council president.

The IWCC ended a two-day annual meeting in Calcutta, the capital of West Bengal state, on Sunday — day before Australia-New Zealand final of the sixth women's cricket World Cup.

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Although South African Football Association (SAFA) has not rejected the high profile Venables, the favourite to take over is Troussier, a former Kaizer Chiefs, Nigeria and Ivory Coast national coach.

The new coach is expected to remove the deadwood and a number of senior players will find themselves out in the cold.

SAFA announced that Barker's technical staff has been disbanded allowing the new man to select his own people.



BACK IN THE THICK OF THINGS: Former national skipper Faruque Ahmed talking on his mobile phone as players selected for the primary camp for the Pepsi independence cup gather at the BCB office yesterday.

— Star photo

## Venables on S Africa list



UNDATED, Dec 28 (The Star): Former England and current Australian national coach Terry Venables

could be the surprise entry in the race to replace Clive Barker as Bafana Bafana coach. But it is Frenchman Philippe Troussier, coach of Burkina Faso, who is being tipped to take over the hot seat after Barker resigned at the weekend.

Into the same mix are Dutchman Jo Bonfrere who guided Nigeria to gold in the 1996 Atlanta Games, plus local men Jomo Sono, Gordon Iglesias, Trott Moloto and Shakes Mashaba.

Venables, who led the Socceroos to the final of the Confederations Cup in the Saudi Arabia capital Riyadh against Brazil.

Venables is under contract with Australia, but Australian sources said there would be little objection to them releasing Venables on a short-term contract for the World Cup finals.

Venables and his players were devastated after failing to qualify for the World Cup finals after a 2-2 draw at home against Iran.

It was Barker's failure in Riyadh that led to Barker's resignation when the squad returned once they were eliminated after failing to win a game in their first visit to the Middle East.

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## Another one for Ronaldo!

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## Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Dec 28: Mongla Port won against Brothers Union by three goals to one in a Senior Division football league match played here today at the Khulna Stadium, reports BSS.

Brothers Union, who lost the match to Mongla Port, opened their account at the 50th minute with a goal by Enamul.

Mongla Port's Islam equalised the match at the 33rd minute and Monu went into lead by scoring the second goal for the winners.

Half-time score was 2-1.

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