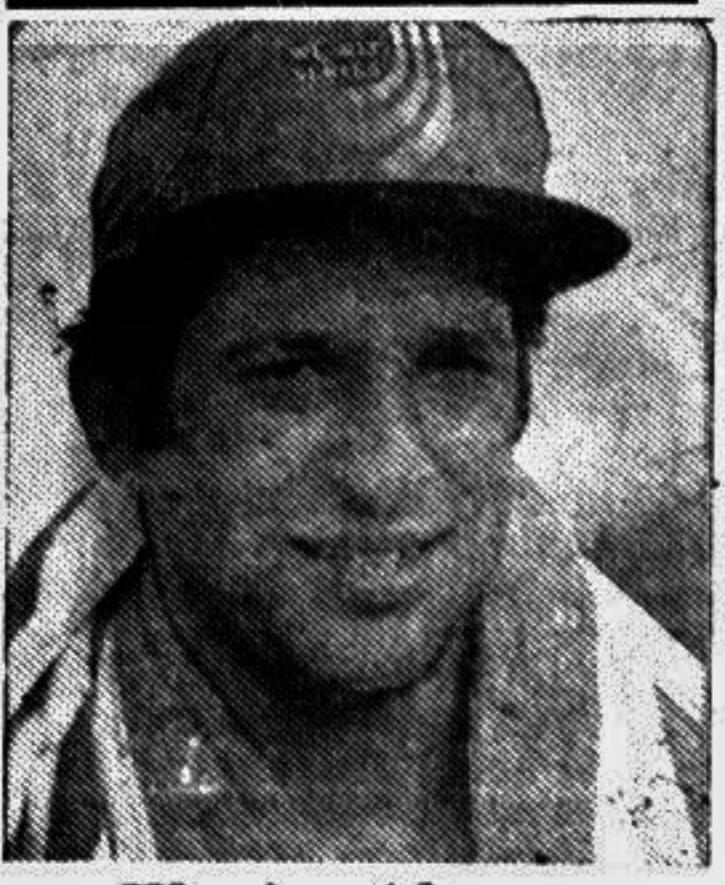


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Wasim Akram

(Former Pakistan cricket captain)

"Most of my earnings are from Lancashire for whom I have been playing for the last 10 years. Besides, everyone knows how much every individual got after winning the 1992 World Cup. The national team's sponsorship revenues and the players' fees also are in millions. I would only be a foolish person to lose my reputation for a few pennies."

While denying his involvement in any match-fixing allegations.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-87

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm on Jan 30, 1998

1	Which Kiwi batsman scored the only ODI century against Pakistan?	Cairns	Asle	Crowe
2	Which is the highest ODI individual score?	194	189	198
3	How many ODI centuries has Azharuddin hit?	3	4	5
4	Who scored the only half-century for Bangladesh in the Independence Cup?	Animul	Akram	Mahmud
5	Who is leading Bangladesh in the World Youth Cup cricket in South Africa?	Sabir	Al-Shariar	Sajal

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)

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ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

DPRK to take part in Nagan Games

NAGANO, Japan, Jan 19: The presence of North Korean competitors at the Winter Olympics here will be a welcome boost for Asian participation, organisers said today, reports AFP.

Although a final announcement has yet to be made, North Korean speedskaters are certain to compete as they have already cleared qualification.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)

Road Division, Naogaon

Notice Inviting RHD Tender

1. Tender Notice No : 10 NRD/1997-98 Eng.

2. Name of work : Construction of brick pavement on the floor and yard of the mechanical workshop at 8th km stackyard of Naogaon-Chowmashia-Mohadevpur-Patnitola-Sapahar Road under Road Division, Naogaon during the year 1997-98 Eng.

3. Chargeable head : 168 RBF.

4. Estimated cost : Tk 4,65,868/-

5. Earnest money : Tk 9,317/-

6. Time allowed for completion of work : 25 (twenty-five) days from issue of work order.

7. Eligibility of Bidders : 'A' to 'E' general category of RHD contractor.

8. Last date for selling of tender documents : 2-2-1998 Eng/20-10-1404 Beng during office hours.

9. Last date and time of receiving tenders : 3-2-1998 Eng/21-10-1404 Beng up to 12:30 PM.

10. Date and time for opening tenders : 4-2-1998 Eng/22-10-1404 Beng at 12:45 PM.

11. Name of offices where tenders will be received : i) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Rajshahi. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Naogaon/Nawabganj/Rajshahi. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Naogaon/Rajshahi/Nawabganj. Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Naogaon/Patnitola 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Naogaon.

12. Name of offices where tender documents will be sold : i) ii) Naogaon/Rajshahi/Nawabganj. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Naogaon/Nawabganj/Rajshahi. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Naogaon/Rajshahi/Nawabganj. Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Naogaon/Patnitola 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Naogaon.

NB: Bidding contractor must submit "TIN" and "VAT" Registration Certificate alongwith tenders, otherwise tender will be treated as informal.

Rakib rescues Muktis

Sports Reporter

An early goal by midfielder Rakib guided title-sprinters Mukti-joddha Sangsads Kira Chakra to their 12th win in the Premier Division football league with a lone goal victory over promoted Victoria Sporting Club in their last return leg

Kenya 132

all out

Sports Reporter

A fantastic display of legspin bowling from skipper Al Shahrier Rokon inspired Bangladesh to bundle out arch rivals Kenya for a paltry 132 in the first match of the Plate League of the world youth cup cricket tournament at Potchefstroom, South Africa, according to a telephonic message received last night.

Rokon finished with wonderful figure of four for 7 from six overs which included three maidens. The Bangladesh innings was yet to start when the news arrived.

Leading goalscores: 9 goals — Don (MSC) and Nakib (Mukti), 8 goals — Alfaz (MSC) and Amin Rana (AKC), 7 goals — Bakhthiar (BU), 6 goals — Tipu (AKC), Farhad (Farashganj). 4 goals — Anwar (Victoria), Jalal Sr and Jalal Jr (YMC), Aliyu Rahman (Mukti) Askar Babu (MSC).

STANDINGS

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mohammedans	18	12	5	1	29	8	41
Mukti-joddha	18	12	4	2	24	8	40
Abahani	18	11	6	1	19	7	36
Brothers Union	18	6	5	7	13	16	23
Farashganj	17	5	4	8	15	23	19
Arambagh	18	3	8	7	8	17	17
Victoria	18	3	7	8	13	20	16
Fakirpore	17	4	3	10	13	19	15
Rahmatganj	17	2	8	7	14	21	14
Agrani Bank	17	2	7	8	10	18	13

Div I soccer

D'mondi thrash

Wanderers

Sports Reporter

Dhamondi Club thrashed Dhaka Wanderers Club 5-1 in their last return-leg clash of the First Division football league played at the Army Stadium yesterday.

The other team — Arambagh KS, Victoria SC, Youngmen's Club Fakirpore, Agrani Bank and Rahmatganj, in the ten-team Premier league will play in the relegation league.

With yesterday's win, Dhamondi, who have already

failed to qualify for the super league, raised their tally to 19 points from 18 matches while Wanderers, already ensured of their berth in the super league, remained glued to their previous collection of 28 points on completion of their return-leg.

The return-leg of the 10-team league ended with yesterday's match.

Top five teams will now play for the championship while the remaining five will fight in the relegation league. Both super and relegation leagues are likely to start from February 10.

POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	D	L	Pts
Badda	18	9	4	5	31
Chalantika	18	8	7	6	31
BRTC	18	6	10	2	28
East End	18	7	5	6	26
Wanderers	18	6	6	6	24
Shantinagar	18	6	5	7	23
Wari	18	5	4	9	19
B Boys	18	5	4	9	19
Dhamondi	18	4	7	7	19
Police AC	18	4	7	7	19

Nat'l hockey

Goals aplenty on Day One

Sports Reporter

There were goals galore on the inaugural day of the 20th national hockey championship, which kicked off at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Chittagong District Sports Association, aided by a second half rally, romped past Mymensingh DSA 7-3. The winners led the first half 4-2.

But the match irrevocably went the way of the port city outfit when Bachchu, Mohsin and Rashed scored one goal apiece in a space of six minutes after the breather.

In the other match of the day, Bangladesh Air Force rolled up a hapless Mymensingh 7-1. Masud, who led his side from the front, scored three goals, while Azam and Zabed struck twice to complete the Mymensingh rout.

Earlier, president of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation Air Vice Marshal Jamaluddin Ahmed declared the meet open.

Seventeen teams, split into two groups, are taking part in the knock-out championship.

Blatter in a

tight spot

GENTH, Belgium, Jan 19: Senior UEFA officials kept up the pressure on FIFA general secretary on Sunday, demanding that he reveals whether or not he intends standing as FIFA president, reports Reuters.

On Saturday, UEFA demanded that Blatter resign his position at FIFA if he intends contesting the post which becomes vacant in June when 82-year-old Brazilian Joao Havelange retires.

Now a letter signed by UEFA and FIFA vice-president Antonio Matarrese of Italy on the behalf of UEFA's executive committee demands that Blatter reveal his intentions within the next 10 days. It will be sent to every member of FIFA's executive committee today. The only candidate to officially declare he is standing for election is 68-year-old Swede Lennart Johansson, the president of UEFA.

Although Blatter has not declared his candidature, if he did decide to stand, his decision would have a big impact on soccer's senior administration, although most officials believe it would only have minimal impact on the build-up to the World Cup finals which is not largely in the hands of the French Organising Committee (CO).

All candidates have until April 7 to declare their intentions with the vote being taken at the FIFA congress in Paris on June 8, shortly before the start of the World Cup.

Special stages. All World Rally Championship events will now be timed to tenths of a second, a move that confirms the competitiveness of the series.

The Monte Carlo Rally (19-21 January) marks the beginning of the 1998 FIA World Rally Championship and little looks set to alter. World Rally Cars will again dominate bringing with them the spectacle that has changed the face of the series but, such has been the success of the technical formula, 1998 sees the introduction of split-second timing on all the

Tactics played a significant role in 1997 and reaped rich rewards for the 555 Subaru World Rally Team. Returning to the scene of the Subaru Impreza 555 WRC 97's debut victory and his own first World Championship rally victory, Piero Liatti will again be teamed alongside Colin McRae in the second Subaru Impreza 555 WRC 98 in the tiny Mediterranean principality of Monte Carlo.

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eleven years, 1998 will be

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Victory in 1997 — by a convinc-

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former World Champions — was

a fitting reward for the man

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