

## Column One

## SPORTS TALK



**Lindsay Davenport**  
(American tennis player)  
"I don't think any player on Tour wants to lose to Anna Kournikova ever."

## Sports

## WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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## Competition-94

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

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Competition closes at 8 pm

on May 15, 1998

1	Jahangir Talukdar	Dulu	plays (competitive)
2	Football	Cricket	Tennis
3	In how many stadia	World Cup '98 will be held	9 10 11
4	Gordon Greenidge was a Bowler	Bowman	Wicketkeeper
5	Bangladesh's current FIFA ranking is	138th	142nd 148th

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Samuel Haque Rafi

St Paul's Primary School  
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## Whizz KID-93 correct answers

1: Who is leading Warwickshire county this season?  
Ans: Lara

2: The second man to score 8,000 runs in One-Day International cricket is  
Ans: Azharuddin

3: National cricket all-rounder Minhazul Abedin belongs to  
Ans: Chittagong

4: The top scorer in the 1997-98 Premier football league was  
Ans: Nakib

5: The father of tennis star Steffi Graf is  
Ans: Peter

## Navy football

CHITTAGONG, May 2: The annual football championship of Bangladesh Navy concluded at the area sports complex in Chittagong on April 30, reports BSS.

## Schools cricket scores

Safuddin Sarker Academy and Motijheel Government High School yesterday reached their respective group finals of the 16th national schools cricket championship, being held at different city venues, reports UNB.

On way to the Group 10 final, Safuddin Sarker Academy smashed South Bridge School by 107 runs in the group semis at the City Club ground.

Batting first, Safuddin Sarker Academy scored 174 runs for 33 overs with Masud contributing 64 runs. In reply,

Rabeya Pre-Cadet defeated Kakoli High by seven wickets at the Uttara Friends Club ground.

Batting first, St Gregory's made 119 for five in 19 overs with Riad adding 36 runs.

Mohakhali Model High School outplayed Dhanmondi Tutorial by 63 runs at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

Mohakhali Model piled up 205 for all in 34.4 overs. In reply, Dhanmondi Tutorial were all out for 142 in 31 overs.

Graf has slipped to No 33 in the world rankings.

The Italian Open, the first major event on the women's European clay court tour, has drawn 18 of the top 20 players in the WTA rankings, led by No 1 Martina Hingis.

**Hingis in final**

HAMBURG, May 2: Top-ranked Martina Hingis cruised into the final of the 450,000 dollars German Grand Prix by beating Barbara Schett 6-2, 6-2 on Saturday, reports AP.

Hingis, the 17-year-old Swiss, dominated her Austrian opponent who is ranked No 34 in the world. Hingis needed just 51 minutes for her victory.

She brought her record for the year to 24-3. Hingis is seeking her third title of the year, after winning the Australian Open and in Indian Wells.

**Second-seeded Jana Novotna**, a 6-1, 6-3 winner over German qualifier Julia Abe, was scheduled to meet Patty Schnyder in the other semifinal. Swiss Schnyder routed three-time Hamburg champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 6-3, 6-0.

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(All programmes are in local time but subject to last minute change.)

## BTV

3:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary  
3:10 Recitation of the Bible  
3:15 Patriotic song 3:20 Cartoon film: Woody Wood Packer  
3:45 Documentary programme  
4:00 News 4:45 Morom 5:15 Open University 6:00 Health programme 6:15 National TV Debate 6:30 News 7:25 Mati o Manush 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Porimkhati 8:45 Drama series 9:30 Film show: The New Adventure of Robin 10:00 News in English 10:30 Shorinbachito 11:30 News 11:40 Monday's programme summary 11:45 Close down

## BCC

8:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 8:30 Simpson's World 9:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 9:30 Hardline 10:00 BBC News Followed by Weather 10:30 This Week 11:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 11:05 Weekend World. The Search for Peace 2/3 12:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather

## Nat'l championship on

## Babu hits first hundred

Sports Reporter

in the stipulated 50 overs.

Rokon scored a swashbuckling 76. Dola smashed a cracking unbeaten 76 and Sanchay chipped in with a 55.

In reply, Lalmonirhat were bundled out for a meagre 98 in 27.3 overs in the face of some inspired bowling from the Rajshahi new-ball duo of Babu and Dola. Together they evenly shared four wickets to destroy the Lalmonirhat top order.

At Bogra, Chapainawabganj scored a seven-wicket win over Thakurgaon. In a low-scoring affair, Chapainawabganj, chasing a modest Thakurgaon total of 108 all out in a reduced 45-over-a-side match, rattled up 112 for the loss of three wickets in 27.1 overs with Rumi scoring highest 29 and Sumon making an unbeaten 21.

Earlier, Rumi with three-wicket burst, returned as the wrecker-in-chief among the Chapainawabganj bowlers.

At Satkhira, Khulna defeated Jhenidah by 150 runs. Batting first, the port city outfit piled up an imposing total of 258 for seven in their share of 50 overs.

Milton top-scored with 44. Riad made 42 and Salahuddin remained unbeaten on a quick-fire 36.

Jhenidah, in their chase, could muster only 108 before being all out in 26.2 overs. Bijon, who had earlier captured three wickets for 24

runs, scored highest 23 for the vanquished. For Khulna Potlu and Month evenly shared six wickets in between them.

Meanwhile, after an eventful Day One of the championship, only two matches were played on yesterday.

At Bogra, the match between Pabna and Nilphamari was washed out due to rain. While at Thakurgaon, Kurigram got walk-over against Sirajganj as the later failed to turn up in the ground.

In a rain affected match at the Patuakhali, Pirojpur prevailed over Madaripur by 12 runs. Thanks to a brilliant all-round performance by Jashim.

Sent into bat in the morning, Pirojpur made 171 before being all out in 42.1 overs with Jashim notching highest 41.

Madaripur, who were given a revised target of 155 in 40 overs, could manage 143 before being all out in 37.3 overs in the face of some fired-up bowling from Jashim.

Manuel, a former cricketer in Sri Lankan domestic league, has officiated in Tests and one-day internationals.

## Cooray left out of int'l panel

Star Sport Monitor

Sri Lanka is set to replace B C Cooray in the National Grid International Umpires' panel by Peter Manuel, says a report of The Daily News.

The Sri Lanka Cricket Board took this decision after studying various reports on umpire Cooray which the International Cricket Council (ICC) had submitted to them over a period of two years.

Cooray officiated in 14 Tests and in nearly 50 one-day internationals. He will however continue to officiate in international matches in Sri Lanka.

K T Francis, who has been in the international panel with Cooray since its inception in February 1994, has been retained for another year.

Manuel, a former cricketer in Sri Lankan domestic league, has officiated in Tests and one-day internationals.

The officials said two main factors are guiding the selection of the team: (1) the competition will provide an opportunity for some of the younger players looking for a place in the national side in the run up to next year's World Cup in England and (2) the senior and established players, who have had a big dose of cricket in the last few months, will earn a much-needed break before the super-Eights tournament involving nine Test-playing countries in Australia in October.

The triangular series which

## Triangular series in India

## Hosts name squad May 9

From Pallab Bhattacharya

begins with a match between the hosts and Bangladesh at the splendid Mohali cricket ground in Punjab on May 14, will also

offer an opportunity for selectors to scout for more all-rounders.

The matches will be played at seven centres — Mohali, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai (Madras), Mumbai (Bombay), Gwalior and Calcutta which will host the final on May 31.

Indian all-rounder Robin Singh, who was injured on the eve of the recent one-day series against Australia at home, is fully fit and available for the competition. I have been practising for the last two weeks and I do not feel any pain on my left hand," he said.

The matches in the triangular series, except those at Mohali and Gwalior, would start at 1630 hours Bangladesh time as per playing conditions matches at Mohali and Gwalior would begin at 1730 hours.

In another significant departure from normal playing conditions for a day-night tournament, floodlights would be switched on from the first ball instead of after two hours as is the practice in case of matches commencing at 1430 hours.

## Aragamee amble

Sports Reporter

The touring Aragamee Sangsads extended their impressive all-win record to five when the juvenile selection from Shillong, India recorded a facile seven-wicket victory over Narayanganj U-16 at the Osman Stadium yesterday.

Sent into bat by the visitors, the home side scored 165 all out in 29.5 overs. Ratan scored highest 45 followed by Shipu, who chipped in with 30.

In reply, Aragamee boys rattled up 167 for the loss of three wicket in 24 overs.

Sumont, who had earlier captured two wickets for only 20 runs to restrict Narayanganj to an attainable total, did one better with willow, scoring highest 41 for the winners.

Hampshire had only seven balls in hand as they passed the students' total of 209 for eight, thanks to Matthew Keech (74) and Dimitri Mascarenhas (52) not out.

Mascarenhas, born in London and raised in Perth by Ceylonese parents, led a revival after the half the side was out for 127.

England off-spinner Robert Croft continued his fine form as an opening batsman by scoring 67 in Glamorgan's 115-run victory over Ireland in Dublin.

## Japanese coach being practical

TOKYO, May 2 (AFP/Internet): With the World Cup finals just over a month away, Japanese assistant coach Takeshi Ono admits his side has to catch up with the rest of the world.

"It is quite clear how we are behind the rest of the world. We will decide in a week or two how to fight," said Ono after watching Argentina beat Brazil 1-0 in a World Cup warm-up in Rio.

Ono added he was impressed at how well the Argentine side counter attacked.

Head coach Takeshi Okada has already made up his mind how to counter Argentina's strike duo of Gabriel Batistuta and Claudio Lopez.

He has decided to place three backs against the South Americans when they meet in their opening Group H match in Toulouse.

## Lara gets into his stride



LONDON, May 2: Brian Lara got the better of West Indies teammate Franklin Rose with his first century of the English season as Warwickshire took a firm grip on Group D in the Benson and Hedges Cup on Friday, reports Reuters.

Lara, improving with every innings after a poor start on his return to Warwickshire, made 101 — his best in the competition — as Northamptonshire lost by 71 runs.

Warwickshire scored 260 for nine despite paceman Rose taking three for 31 in his 10 overs. Dougrie Brown led the support for his captain with 52.

Northamptonshire, semi-finalists last season, were never in the hunt and subsided to 189 all out, with all Warwickshire's principal bowlers among the wickets.

In the same group of six countries, from which the top two qualify for the quarter-finals, Lancashire made up for earlier defeat by Warwickshire by beating Leicestershire in a high-scoring match.

Darren Maddy, 136 not out, and Ben Smith 90, shared a second-wicket stand of 206 in Leicestershire's 283 for two, Pakistan's Wasim Akram failed to take a wicket.

In the event of rain, there will be no second day or Duckworth-Lewis computations to decide the winners.

## SQUAD

MCC: Mike Atherton (England), Aamir Sohail (Pakistan), Mohammad Azharuddin (India), Saurav Ganguly (India), Brian McMillan (S Africa), Ian Healy (Australia), Shane Warne (Australia) or Anil Kumble (India), Sunil Narine (West Indies), Glenn McGrath (Australia)

## REST OF THE WORLD: Saeed Anwar (Pakistan), Sanath Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka), Sachin Tendulkar (India), Aravinda Sene (Sri Lanka), Graeme Hick (England), Tom Moody (Australia), Andy Flower (Zimbabwe), Cris Cairns (New Zealand), Wasim Akram (Pakistan), Mushtaq Ahmed (Pakistan), Ian Bishop (West Indies)

Roger Knight, secretary of the MCC, said the selections had been made with county commitments in mind — so no Brian Lara — and for one-day suitability.

"We're absolutely delighted with the response from the best players in the world. You never quite know when you first make the decision to put on the match," he was quoted as saying.

Steve Waugh, of Australia, declined an invitation because he had already committed himself to a Mother Teresa charity match in Calcutta.

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