

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

Competition-94 Tick the Correct Answers Post to The Daily Star Win attractive prizes Competition closes at 8 pm on May 15, 1998

Table with 3 columns: Question, Answer, and Marks. Contains 5 questions about sports and general knowledge.

Form for WHIZZ KID-93 competition with fields for Name, Class, Roll No., School Address, and Phone.

BOOST WHIZZ KID-93 winner Samiul Haque Rafi. Text describing the prize and how to win.

WHIZZ KID-93 correct answers. List of 5 questions and their correct answers.

Navy football. Text about the Bangladesh Navy football team's performance.

Sunday 3rd May. List of TV programs for the day, including BTV, Channel V, and BBC.

Nat'l championship on Babu hits first hundred

Sports Reporter. The qualifying round of the 24th national cricket championship got underway at different venues across the country on Friday. Although four matches were decided on the inaugural day, seasonal rain was quick enough to intrude on the smooth progress, spoiling a couple of matches on the second day yesterday. Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj, Khulna and Narsingdi sailed smoothly, eliminating their respective opponents by flattering margins on Friday. At Patuakhali, Narsingdi rode on to a brilliant century from Babu to eliminate Gopalganj by 53 runs. Electing to use the wicket first after winning the toss in the morning, Narsingdi rattled up a fighting total of 224 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs with Babu scoring 103, the first ton of the championship. In reply, Gopalganj were all out for 171 in 44.4 overs with Raquibul notching highest 41 runs for the losers. Rajshahi, appearing in the Thakurgaon zone opener, recorded a huge 216 runs win over a lowly Lalmonirhat. Batting first, the cricketers of the northern divisional headquarters, piled up a mammoth total of 314 for nine 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 a 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 latter 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, who claimed four-wicket for only 24 runs. At Satkhira, Barisal recorded a comprehensive 40 runs win over Meherpur. Opting to bat first after winning the toss, Barisal amassed 225 for nine in 45 overs. Meherpur, in their chase, were all out for 185 in 41 overs.

Schools cricket scores

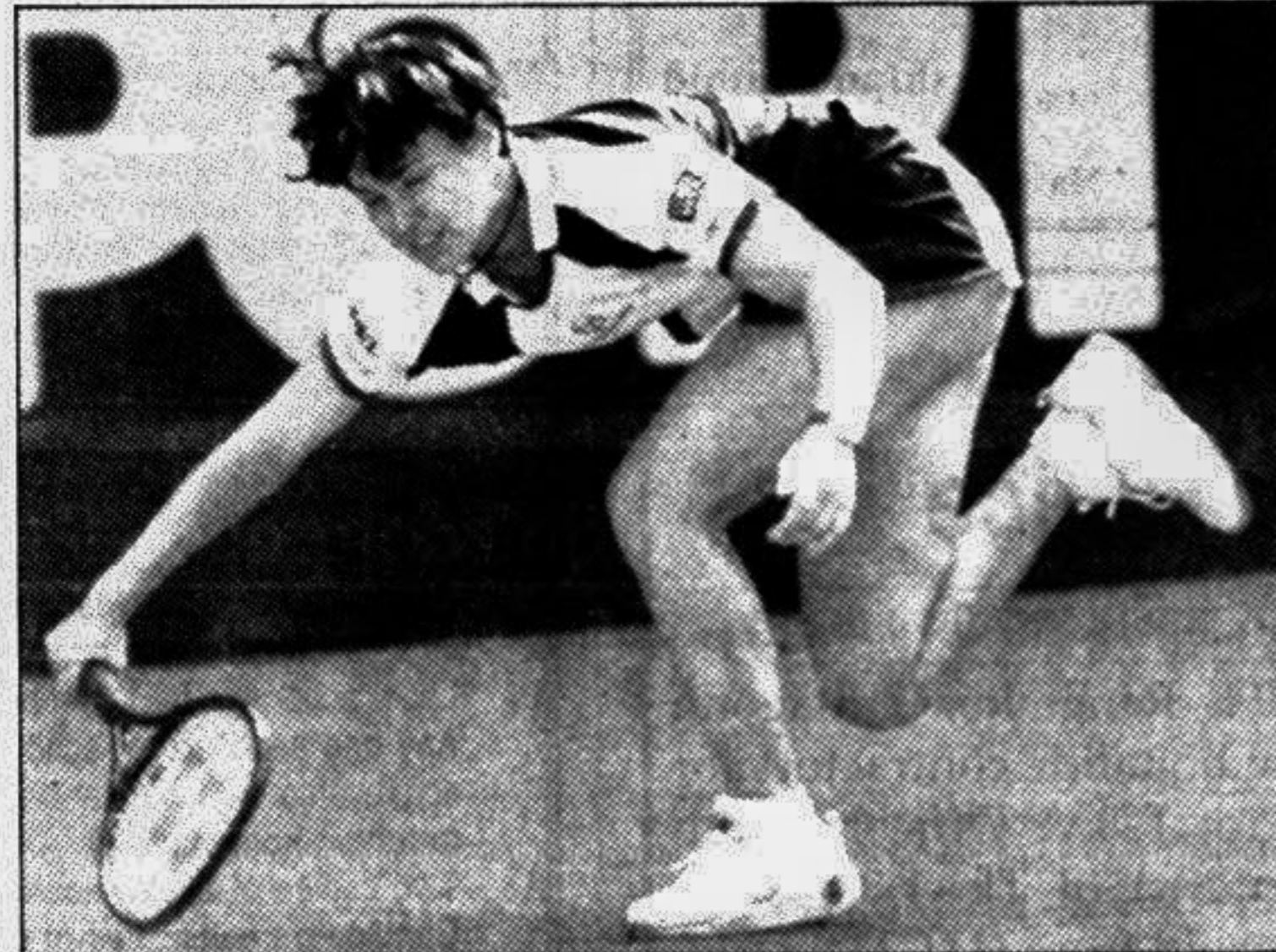
Safuddin Sarker Academy and Motijheel Government High School yesterday reached their respective group finals of the 16th national schools cricket championship, being held at different city venues, reports UNB. On way to the Group 10 final, Safuddin Sarker Academy smashed South Bridge School by 107 runs in the group semis at the City Club ground. Batting first, Safuddin Sarker Academy scored 174 runs for in 33 overs with Masud contributing 64 runs. In reply, South Bridge were bundled out for 67 in 22.1 overs. Motijheel Govt School moved to the Group 1 final beating Nikhet High School by 16 runs in the semis at the T&T ground. Motijheel were dismissed for 130 in 30.2 overs with Faysal making 33 runs. In reply, Nikhet were all out for 114 in 27.1 overs. In the day's other group engagements, Rabeya Pre-Cadet School, St Gregory's School, Mohakhali Model School and Chalet International School won their respective matches. Rabeya Pre-Cadet defeated Kakoli High by seven wickets at the Uttara Friends Club ground. Batting first, Kakoli High scored 118 for nine in 35 overs. In reply, Rabeya Pre-Cadet reached their curtailed target of 52 for 3 in 13 overs. The target was reduced to 52 in 15 overs due to rain. St Gregory's School defeated Armanitola Government High School by five wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Batting first, Armanitola scored 116 for four in 20 overs. In reply, 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. Chalet International School beat Nababpur Government High by three wickets at the Kalabagan ground. Nababpur made 138 for seven in 25 overs. In reply, Chalet scored 140 for seven in 25 overs.

Steffi skips Italian Open

ROME, May 2: Steffi Graf, kept off the women's tennis tour since March because of a strained hamstring, has pulled out of the Italian Open in a further blow to her comeback attempts, reports AP. The tournament opens Monday and organizers had expected Graf to play, but they said Saturday she is still bothered by the left hamstring injury suffered during a semifinal match against Lindsay Davenport at Indian Wells March 12. That was just Graf's second tournament in nine months. The German, who has dominated women's tennis over the past decade, has been attempting a comeback since undergoing reconstructive surgery on her left knee. 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, 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 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.

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 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.



World number one Martina Hingis of Switzerland goes for the ball in her quarterfinal match against Jennifer Capriati of the United States at the German Grand Prix in Hamburg on May 1.

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 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.

Sachin to skipper ROW at Lord's

Star Sport Monitor. India's star batsman Sachin Tendulkar is to lead Rest of the World in the Diana Princess of Wales memorial match against the MCC at Lord's on July 18. Mike Atherton is to captain the MCC Eleven, comprising leading cricketers from different countries. Organisers, MCC, hope the meeting of stalwarts will raise one million pounds for the fund. The teams will compete for the W G Grace Trophy, donated by Waterford and valued at 20,000 pounds. British Airways have agreed to fly in the players and their families free of charge. Atherton was offered the opportunity by the MCC in a sensitive gesture following his resignation as England's captain in the West Indies. Incidentally, Tendulkar was also striped of the captaincy earlier this year. The 50-over match, due to be played in front of a capacity attendance and televised live, will be one of the biggest MCC-organised occasions in Lord's history. 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. In the event of rain, there will be no second day or Duckworth-Lewis computations to decide the winners.

Div II badminton from May 20

The Omar Sultan Metropolis Second Division badminton league, organised by Bangladesh Badminton Federation, will begin in the city on May 20, reports UNB. Intending teams have been requested to enlist their names on May 12 between 5 to 8 pm along with a fee of Tk 500, said a federation press release. The participating teams will have to provide two passport and two stamp-size photographs of their players in a printed pad of the club. Registration form will be available at the federation office from May 8. In the day's other matches, Moonlight KG School defeated Liberator Pre-Cadet School by 93 runs. St Gregory's School beat St Joseph's School by two wickets. Badda Bidyaniketon beat Bidyaniketon Pre-Cadet by 29 runs and Natun Kuri School outplayed T&T School by six wickets.

Rajiv Gandhi football Hosts take on Iraq in opener

CALCUTTA, May 2: Hosts India will open their campaign against Iraq on the inaugural day of the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial (under-21) football tournament to be held in Goa from May 5 to 14, reports PTI. Uzbekistan and Bangladesh are the two other teams in the fray as per the fixture released by the secretary of the All India Football Federation (AIFF). Kedar Nath Mohr today. The tournament, to be held under floodlights, will be played on a league basis with the two top teams clashing in the final scheduled on May 14.

Triangular series in India Hosts name squad May 9

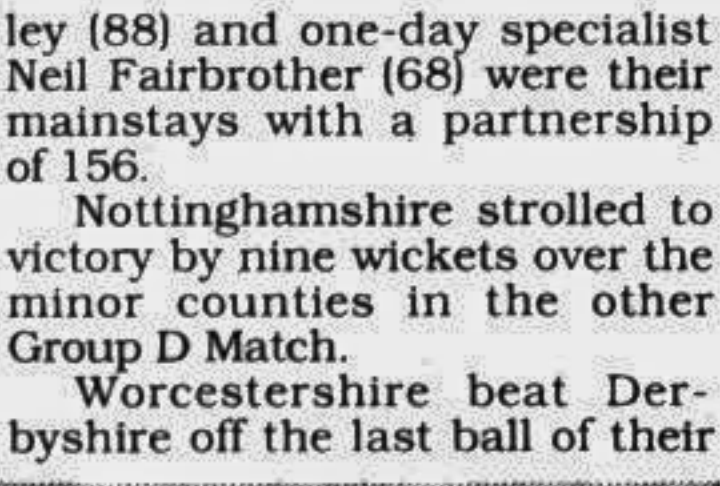
From Pallab Bhattacharya. NEW DELHI, May 2: A number of players in the first eleven of the Indian cricket team will be rested for the three-nation one-day series, featuring Bangladesh and Kenya, which begins on May 14. The team, to be announced on May 9, will include a number of youngsters who are either knocking at the door of a big dose of cricket or are just in it, according to board officials. 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. Eighties tournament involving nine Test-playing countries in Australia in October. The triangular series which 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.

Agramee amble

Sports Reporter. The touring Agramee Sangsard extended their impressive all-win record to five when the juvenile selection from Shilliguri, India recorded a facile seven-wicket victory over Narayanang U-16 at the Osmari Stadium yesterday. Sent into bat by the visitors, the homeside scored 165 all out in 29.5 overs. Ratan scored highest 45 followed by Shiplu, who chipped in with 30. In reply, Agramee boys rattled up 167 for the loss of three wicket in 24 overs. Sumonto, who had earlier captured two wickets for only 20 runs to restrict Narayanang to an attainable total, did one better with willow, scoring highest 41 for the winners.

Lara gets into his stride

LONDON, May 2: Brian Lara got the better of West Indies teammate Franklyn Rose with his first century of the English season as Warwickshire took a firm grip on Group D Match. Nottinghamshire stroled to victory by nine wickets over the minor counties in the other Group D Match. Worcestershire beat Derbyshire off the last ball of their 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. Dougie 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 quarterfinals, 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. It looked a winning total but in an exciting finish, the visitors passed it with two wickets and three balls to spare. England Test batsman John Craw-



BRAIN LARA ...101 Group B game, when three runs were needed and Alamgir Sherriyar, struck a four. The winning margin was one wicket.

The other tight finish was at Fenner's where the British universities pushed Hampshire unexpectedly close, before going down by three wickets.

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.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

CRYPTOQUIP

Yesterday's Cryptquip: THE CONTENTED ACROBAT FLIPPED OVER ALL OF HIS LOVELY BIRTHDAY PRESENTS. Today's Cryptquip clue: Z equals C. The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

The Daily Star TV Guide

TV Guide for Sunday 3rd May. Lists programs for BTV, Channel V, BBC, STAR MOVIES, MUSIC ASIA, ZEE INDIA TV, PTV, ZEE TV, and TNT CARTOONS.