

**Rakib reaches Iran Asian junior chess on**

National junior chess champion Abdullah al-Rakib reached the Iranian town of Rasht to participate in the Asian junior (U-20) championship which began yesterday, reports UNB.

Rakib is the lone Bangladesh representative in the 11-round event to be participated by some 25 leading players of Asia and Australia.

**Simoes Jamaica's lucky charm**

KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 9 (AFP): Brazilian professor Rene Simoes was the mastermind behind the Cinderella story of Jamaica's surprise qualification for the World Cup finals.

Jamaica are only the third Caribbean country to reach the finals.

After Haiti in 1974 and Cuba in 1938 and their rapid rise to prominence can be attributed largely to the qualities of their moustached, bespectacled, God-fearing coach.

The 44-year-old, born into a family of 12 in Rio de Janeiro, took over the 'Reggae Boys' at the end of 1994 slowly transforming a talented but raw set of amateurs into a side capable of competing with the world's best.

Simoes came to the job with an impressive coaching record which stretches back 20 years and has included spells with Brazil's under-20 and under-23 sides, the Saudi Arabia national side as well as posts in Portugal and the United Arab Emirates.

A true citizen of the football world, Simoes was quick to understand the relative naivete of the players he inherited and promptly took them for rigorous training sessions in Brazil over a two-year period.

Simoes is a committed Christian often wearing his favourite 'Jesus loves you' T-shirt, but he is no soft touch as he has shown by dropping Walter Boyd, Jamaica's answer to Paul Gascoigne for his indifferent attitude to training.

Simoes became national hero in Jamaica and a national holiday was declared when the 'Reggae Boys' drew 0-0 with Mexico to claim the third berth from the CONCACAF qualifying group.

But he insists that qualification was not the end of their ambitions.

Jamaica are in a tough group with Argentina, Croatia and Japan, but Simoes insists they will not be going along just to make up the numbers.

"We're not going to France to advertise tourism, we're going there to play soccer," he says.

**Grasshoppers' 25th crown**

ZURICH, May 9: Johan Vogel's second half goal from the penalty spot gave Grasshoppers a 2-1 win over FC Zurich on Friday and their 25th Swiss soccer league championship, reports Reuters.

With two rounds of the Swiss championship still to be played, Grasshoppers' 23rd win of the season gave them 51 points and an insurmountable lead atop the standings.

**Costa in final**

HAMBURG, May 9: Albert Costa advanced to the German Open final when his semifinal opponent Karol Kucera retired after three games Saturday because of foot blisters, reports AP.

Kucera, who had not lost a set in reaching the semifinals, trailed 3-0 and 30-0 when he quit. The sixth-seeded Slovak was obviously hampered by the blisters under his big toe and seemed unable to run much.

**West Germany 1974**

**Total football**

Tawfiq Aziz Khan

Holland won the hearts of the footballing world in West Germany, even if they did not win the World Cup. Playing an attacking brand of soccer dubbed as "total football," they replaced Brazil as the "people's favorites" and excitingly stormed their way in the final where they lost to the talented but less charismatic home nation. We in Bangladesh saw the recorded version of the 1974 final between these two footballing giants on television.



Neeskens scores from the spot in the sensational opening to the final. — Star file photo

GOAL difference was brought into play cutting down on play-offs in the qualifying competition. Belgium were the unlucky non-qualifier going out undefeated and without conceding a goal. They held Holland to two goalless draws, but massive Dutch victories over Norway and Iceland (they scored 24 goals in those four matches) saw them through. The Soviet Union had to play off with Chile for finals place but after drawing 0-0 in Moscow they refused to play in Santiago for political reasons and were eliminated. Australia, East Germany, Haiti and Zaire all qualified for the first time.

The 1974 World Cup was almost overwhelmed by politics, greed, power struggle and commercialism. With tight security after the tragic events of the 1972 Munich Olympics, the atmosphere was grim and unfriendly and it rained throughout most of the tournament.

There was considerable unrest in both the Dutch and the West German camps with players threatening to go on strike over pay and bonuses. Everywhere, players seemed to have their hands out for interviews, for having their pictures taken or for wearing a certain manufacturer's product. The Scots fell out with their football boot company and erased its symbols with black boot polish.

But the most intriguing part of the whole tournament was the "ouster" of Sir Stanley Rous, the FIFA president by the Brazilian millionaire Joao Havelange, three days before the tournament began. It was rumoured that Havelange spent a fortune on canvassing support and there were possibilities of European breakaway from the world governing body.

The format of the competition had been changed again with the top two teams of the four groups in Round One going through to groups A and B, the winners of these to play in the final.

East Germany caused a stir in Round One when they beat the West Germans 1-0, but the favourites were already sure of going through, and there was a feeling that they (West Germany) wanted to avoid Holland in the second round. The Dutch were very impressive with the two Johans, Cruyff and the outstanding, outstanding Cruyff had taken over from Pele as the world's acknowledged No. 1 and he soon stamped his authority

**FINAL SCORE**

Group	W	D	L	F	A	P
<b>Group 1</b>						
West Germany	2	0	0	4	0	6
East Germany	2	0	0	3	0	4
West Germany	3	0	0	3	0	6
East Germany	1	0	1	1	1	3
Chile	0	0	3	0	1	1
East Germany	1	0	3	0	0	3
<b>Group 2</b>						
Brazil	0	0	0	4	0	4
Scotland	2	0	0	0	0	0
Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yugoslavia	9	0	0	0	0	9
Scotland	1	0	1	0	1	3
Brazil	3	0	0	2	0	5
<b>Group 3</b>						
Holland	2	0	0	0	0	2
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uruguay	4	0	0	0	0	4
Holland	4	0	0	0	0	4
Sweden	3	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Group 4</b>						
Poland	3	0	0	0	0	3
Italy	3	0	0	0	0	3
Poland	7	0	0	0	0	7
Poland	2	0	0	0	0	2
Argentina	4	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Final</b>						
West Germany	2	0	0	0	0	2
Holland	0	0	0	0	0	0

on this tournament. Poland were a revelation in Group 4 with Lato and Szarmach upfront capitalising on the midfield mastery of Deyna. They topped first Argentina and then Italy who were eliminated.

The results of second round groups were clear cut — both Holland and West Germany won all their matches, beating Brazil and Poland respectively in last match deciders. Holland's "total football" was a treat to watch with all their out-field players capable of switching into attack or defence. West Germany, the European champions, found their true form at last; while not as versatile as the Dutch, they had under Helmut Schoen, thrown off the defensive shackles that for so long blighted the European game.

While not the classic of optimistic expectations, the 1974 World Cup final had the most dramatic opening with a penalty for Holland. Cruyff was in the German box in a flash, brought down, and Neeskens' spot-kick put Holland one up in the final before a West German player had even touched the ball.

There was no doubt about the foul and British referee Jack Taylor showed tremendous courage to award a penalty so early in the game. Whether this had a subconscious effect on his later decision is hard to say, but he awarded a borderline penalty against the Dutch after 25 minutes, when Holzenbein went down and Bretnier equalized (1-1).

Cruyff, obviously unhappy with the way the decisions were going, and mindful no doubt of West Germany's notorious propensity for "conning" referees, had words with Jack Taylor as they walked off at the interval, was booked and lucky not to be sent off.

But by that time Muller had put his side into the lead (2-1) with a typical opportunistic goal. The second half pressures from Holland failed to produce the equaliser, although there was the feeling that the better team lost.

West Germany lifted the new FIFA world cup.

Source: Football Chronicle

**Ali 'King' Daei**

PARIS, May 9 (AFP): Ali Daei's family and close friends call him 'sharier' or 'king', a worthy title for the man who was world striker-of-the-year in 1996.

He received that award after scoring 22 goals in 15 international matches for Iran.

Born in Ardabil near Iran's northern border, with Azerbaijan, Daei became the first Iranian to ever play in Germany's Bundesliga when he signed with Arminia Bielefeld.

Prior to that he was a football hero at home, topping the goalscoring three times in succession, before moving to the club Al-Sadd in Qatar where he scored 50 goals in one season.

He was also the second highest scorer in the Asian World Cup qualifying section with nine goals.

These were the credentials which brought him to the attention of Bielefeld. He signed there a year ago despite more lucrative offers from other Bundesliga clubs, English Premier league sides and Galatasaray Istanbul in Turkey.

Through his and countryman Karim Bagheri's presence, Daei says Bielefeld have won 60 million extra fans in Iran with local television stations broadcasting satellite footage of Bundesliga games.

The 29-year-old Daei has been warmly welcomed by Bielefeld's fans who sing a re-worked version of a Calypso-style Boney song, "Hoo-ray, Hoo-ray. It's Ali Ali Daei."

He also carries, in part, the hopes of a nation on his shoulders as Iran tackle the United States, Yugoslavia and ironically, Germany in the World Cup's initial round robin series.

Iran's beating of Australia to snatch the last available World Cup berth was greeted with mass street celebrations. The only time, Daei says, that he has seen greater euphoria was following the revolution which toppled the Shah.

After his footballing days are over Daei will retire home to Iran and help his family run the six sports goods shops he has helped them build up with his football earnings.

**Stage set for Del Piero**

PARIS, May 9 (AFP): Alessandro Del Piero arrives at France '98 determined to prove that Italy's most talented player is no longer a choker in a national shirt.

A regular candidate for footballer-of-the-year and the jewel in the crown of Italian champions Juventus, Del Piero has yet to make the breakthrough at international level.

And the World Cup finals could not come at a better time for the 23-year-old playmaker to silence his critics.

Del Piero began learning his trade in the Second Division with Padova, and captaining the Italian national side at under-18 level.

Juventus called him to their summer camp in 1993 and he made his debut for the Turin club in September of the following season, at the age of 19.

If few people knew who he was then, they were soon to find out: Del Piero scored a hat-trick on only his third full league game with Juventus and he has been tagged as the next Roberto Baggio ever since.

Del Piero had never been prolific in the Serie A before, despite being among the all-time top scorers in the European Cup, and a match-winner in the 1996 intercontinental Cup.

**World Cup squads**

UNDATED, May 9 (Reuters/Xinhua/AFP): Following are the World Cup squads of Iran, South Africa and Paraguay announced on Friday.

**IRAN:** Iran's squad leaves next week for training camps in Italy and Croatia.

A 24-man squad will travel to Italy on Monday and Iran will announce its final squad of 22 after the Italian camp.

Iran will play two warm-up games in Italy — against First Division teams AS Roma on May 19 and Inter Milan on May 23. There will be a friendly against Croatia, the home country of Iran's coach Tomislav Ivic, on June 3.

The squad then travels on June 7 to France, a week before their first group match against Yugoslavia in St Etienne.

**Goalkeepers:** Ahmadreza Abedzadeh, Nima Nakisa.

**Defenders:** Parviz Boroumand, Mohammad Khakpour, Javad Zarrincheh, Naem Saadavi, Ali Akbar Ostad Asadi, A Fshin Peyerovani.

**Midfielders:** Mehrdad Minavand, Alireza Mansourian, Hamid Estili, Mehdi Pasazadeh, Nader Mohammadkhani, Farshad Falahatzadeh, Reza Shahroudi, Sirous Deenmohammadi, Karim Bagheri.

**Forwards:** Sattar Hamedani, Farhad Majidi, Mehdi Mahdaviikia, Ali Daei, Khodadad Azizi, Behnam Serajm Ali Latifi.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** South African national soccer coach Philippe Troussier announced a squad of 28 players from which the World Cup team will be selected.

The big squad, which will play Zambia later this month in South Africa's first international warm-up before the World Cup, included 17 European-based players.

The current 28 would be trimmed to 25 after the Zambian match on May 22, and would again be cut by three for the final 22 to go to France, he added.

**Goalkeepers:** Andre Arends, Brian Baloyi, Hans Vonk,

**FRANCE '98 SIDELINES**

UNDATED, May 9 (AP/AFP): The World Cup has sparked a spending spree in TV sets as English fans unable to get tickets to go to France are setting up a month in front of the screen.

Fans will see at least 5,670 minutes of soccer broadcast live and electrical retailers report a huge increase in sales. Many bars and restaurants are buying sets and advertising the fact that they are showing the games.

**LOTTERY IN JAPAN!**

With soccer fever at an all-time high ahead of the nation's World Cup debut, Japan is about to get its first ever soccer lottery.

For years, a soccer lottery which will raise money for sports — similar to the lotteries in Europe and South America — had problems getting off the ground in the face of protests from parents and other groups worried about encouraging gambling among youngsters.

A parliamentary committee approved the lottery bill Friday, ensuring its passage next week.

Annual revenue from the 100 yen (75 cents)-a-ticket lottery is estimated at 200 billion yen (1.5 billion dollars).

To win, bettors don't have to predict the score. But they must guess the outcome of about a dozen Japanese pro league soccer games on a given day — win, lose, or decision in extra time or penalty kick. (There are no draws in the Japanese league).

**SALAS, VEGA BACK HOME**

Marcelo Salas and Marcelo Vega, two of the four members of Chile's national soccer squad who play for foreign clubs, flew here Friday to join the team in the final stage of preparation for the World Cup.

Ivan Zamorano is expected Saturday, while the case of Fabian Estay appeared more complicated and even diplomats were working on it.

Midfielder Vega arrived a

bit scared" because he came without first getting permission from his club, the MetroStar of the US league.

Star striker Marcelo Salas crossed the Andes still enjoying "the wonderful farewell" he got the night before from fans of the River Plate side of Argentina.

Salas played his last match for River Plate — a 1-0 win over America de Mexico for the Libertadores Cup — as after the World Cup he will transfer to Lazio of Rome.

**CANIGGIA'S DREAM FADING**

Claudio Caniggia's chances of returning for a third World Cup now appear slim.

Known as Maradona's counterpart both on and off the field, Caniggia has been lobbying in recent weeks for a chance to prove he deserves a spot on Argentina's national team.

"It will be complicated for Caniggia for one simple reason: Who will (Coach Daniel) Passarella take off the team?" said Julio Grondonia, the president of the Argentine Football Association.

As it stands now, the roster includes five offensive-minded players, all of whom play in Europe: Gabriel Batistuta, Claudio Lopez, Hernan Crespo, Marcelo Degado, and Ariel Ortega, an offensive midfielder able to move to striker.

After a lengthy slump, the twenty-nine-year-old Caniggia, who starred for Argentina in World Cups '90 and '94, has appeared to return to his top form.

On Tuesday, Caniggia publicly asked Passarella for a "chance" to compete to be on the team.

Passarella has yet to name the final seven local players — those who play professionally in Argentina — as part of the 22-man roster.

**DEFINITELY JUERGEN**

On form or not, Jurgen Klinsmann's place in Germany's squad is assured.

It is not just his ability to score but his international experience and leadership qualities that is so important to coach Bertl Vogts.

A lot of the shine has gone from the blond striker since he led the Germans to a golden goal victory over the Czech Republic at Euro '96, but Vogts still holds him in high esteem.

This will be Klinsmann's last campaign for his country, opening the way for younger blood. He will continue to play club football after France, although where is not certain.

If he does not deliver early in France, Vogts has said he will leave him on the bench, then his secondary powers would be called upon: Promoting team spirit and motivating his teammates.

**Romario's untimely injury**

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 9: All-star forward Romario has strained a thigh muscle and could be sidelined for up to three weeks, Flamengo's team doctor said Thursday, reports AP.

The 32-year-old player will undergo MRI testing to see how bad the injury is, said Dr Jose Luis Runco. The result could determine whether or not he goes to the World Cup next month.

Romario pulled up lame in the 49th minute of Flamengo's 1-0 victory Wednesday night over Friburguense in a game for the Rio de Janeiro state league. Sprinting upfield on a breakaway, he suddenly stopped, but his hand to the back of his right thigh and hobbled off the field.

It's not clear if national team coach Mario Zagallo will wait that long. Training camp starts next week, and the team flies to France on May 21.

**Competition Information, Prizes and Rules**

**Information**

- A. The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in France from June 10 to July 12, 1998.
- B. There will be nine rounds of competition.
- C. Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of Transcom Electronics Ltd. as per announcement.
- D. Participants of all the nine rounds will automatically qualify for the Bonus Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.
- E. For each round, sets of questions will be published in The Daily Star Sport Pages.
- F. Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star.
- G. Winners will have to collect their prizes from The Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
- H. Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners.

**Prizes for Round Three**

Prize	Nos.	Item
1st	One	Whirlpool Gas Cooker
2nd	One	CD player
3rd	One	Blender with chopper
4th	Ten	5 dozen Philips Bulbs
5th	25	T-shirt and cap

**Rules**

- Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98. Employees of The Daily Star and Transcom Electronics Ltd and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate.
- All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in The Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.
- Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines.
- Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.
- A person may send numerous entries.
- Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.
- Name, address, father's name and particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date.
- Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- Entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz '98".
- Entries may be hand delivered or posted to The Daily Star, House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhammadi R/A, Dhaka 1205.
- Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public presence of invited guests and Quiz participants, if any.
- Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box.
- Entering this Quiz competition shall be construed as the respective agreement by each participant to abide by all rules, instructions and guidelines as may be issued by The Daily Star.
- Any decision of The Daily Star in the conduct of the Quiz competition including the answers selected as correct shall be deemed final and binding on all participants and shall not be called in question and/or challenged in any manner whatsoever.
- The Daily Star management, in their absolute discretion, reserves the right to amend, modify or substitute any of the above rules and/or conditions or reschedule any and all dates of the Quiz competition under any circumstances.

**The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98, Round Three** Ends May 13, 1998

Tick (✓) the correct answers

- Which WC championship was decided in a tie-breaker? 1986  1990  1994
- In the 1950-WC, the hosts lost the final to Uruguay  England  Argentina
- Highest goals in any WC finals match was by Soviet Union  Algeria  Hungary
- All-time highest scorer Fontaine is a Frenchman  German  Brazilian
- Who is kissing the cup? Klinsmann  Tardelli  Kempes

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) ..... Age .....

Father's name ..... Occupation .....

Address .....

Telephone (if any) ..... Signature ..... Date .....

Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters. Cut along the dotted lines and mail to QR draw at The Daily Star. You may send as many entries as you like. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz '98".

**SIX NO TRUMPS**  
A K Sayeedul Huq

**EXCELLENT PARTNERSHIP UNDERSTANDING**  
(Hand # 34)

North	South
♠ S : A K J X X X	♠ S : X X X X X
♥ H : A K J X X X	♥ H : X X X X X
♦ D : X X X X	♦ D : X X X X X
♣ C : X X X X	♣ C : J 10 9 X X X

**BIDDING**

South	West	North	East
3S	3S	3S	Pass
4C	4S	5S	Pass
5NT	Pass	6D	Pass
7D	Pass	Pass	Pass

**THE PLAY**

My friend, Aminullah, while commenting on my Bridge Column, occasionally describes the interesting hands he came across. In the above diagram he held the powerful North hand. The HCP were so many and the construction of the hand was such that he alone could bid six and probably make the contract. But it was a team event and therefore it was necessary to reach seven, if it was there. When West opened 2 Spades (weak two), Aminullah bid 3 Spades; East passed, and South showed his six-carder Club suit at 4 West bid 4 Spades, Aminullah again bid 5 Spades which was interpreted by partner as Club was not the suit he was looking for. South then bid 5NT indicating a stopper in Spades; Aminullah bid six Diamonds when West passed. South now finds his Queen of Diamond very valuable, and therefore he went to seven Diamonds on the understanding that if North alone could bid six without the Queen, South was justified to raise it to seven. An excellent partnership understanding as seven were on the table.