

SPORTS TALK



Goran Ivanicevic
(Croatia's tennis superstar)
This is the worst I've ever felt. You normally feel like this only when someone close to you dies. Today nobody died. But this is terrible.
After losing in the Wimbledon '98 final.

Historic English victory

NOTTINGHAM, England, July 27: Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart, past and present captains, were at the crease together to carry England to an emphatic series-levelling victory over South Africa in the fourth Test at Trent Bridge today, reports Reuters.

England, 108 for one overnight in pursuit of a target of 247, eased to success by eight wickets midway through the fifth and final day to square the five-Test rubber 1-1.

Atherton just failed to complete his 13th Test century, finishing 98 not out with an on drive off Shaun Pollock which went for three to clinch the win at 247 for two.

Stewart briefly clasped Atherton's hand as the batsmen crossed for the winning third run as the crowd of more than 10,000 offered a standing ovation.

A second wicket stand of 152 between opener Atherton and Nasser Hussain had all but won the match, although Stewart made absolutely certain of completing the job in style with a rousing innings of 45 not out from 34 balls, including nine handsome fours.

Atherton and Hussain had guided England to within just 55 runs of victory with the minimum of difficulty when South Africa broke through in the first over after lunch.

Hussain fell to a breathtaking catch by Jacques Kallis at second slip off Donald for an invaluable 58 spanning 170 balls and containing five boundaries.

Atherton reached his 37th Test half-century with two successive boundaries off Pollock before moving inexorably towards his century which he seemed certain to reach until Stewart launched his scything attack.

Courage, concentration and a wonderful technique were once again the key attributes of Atherton's innings which spanned five hours and 55 minutes, 277 balls, and 14 fours.

Stewart was in imperious mood from the moment he arrived. He pulled a tired Allan Donald for a brace of fours, swept left-arm wrist-spinner Paul Adams for another boundary and straight drove both Donald and Pollock for another four apiece. His first six scoring shots were boundaries.

The only time England previously successfully chased more than 247 to win a Test on home soil was against Australia at The Oval in 1902.

Having struggled for much of the series, England can now look forward to the final Test at Headingley starting on August 6 with renewed confidence.



DELIVERING IN STYLE: Former England skipper Michael Atherton pulls during his superb unbeaten 98 in the fourth Test against South Africa at Trent Bridge, Nottingham yesterday.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
Competition-100

Tick the Correct Answers
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Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm, Aug 7, '98, and draw shortly afterwards

- Who won the 'Golden Boot' in France '98?
Suker Vieri Ronaldo
- Who won France '98?
Croatia France Brazil
- Who was the captain of Argentina at France '98?
Ortega Veron Simone
- What was Holland's position in France '98?
Third Fourth Fifth
- Michael Owen plays for
Liverpool M United Arsenal

Name
Class Roll No.
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POWERED WITH
EN-VITS
ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

Mac overcomes Connors

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Michigan, July 27: John McEnroe hit four aces in the Champions Tiebreaker to defeat Jimmy Connors 6-2, 2-6, 10-5 Sunday and capture the Mentatent Joe Dumars Champions senior tennis tournament, reports AP.

It was the 40th time McEnroe and Connors have met during their careers. McEnroe won 23 of their 33 on the men's tour, but trails 3-4 on the senior circuit.

In the third set Champions Tiebreaker, McEnroe grabbed an 8-3 lead with four spectacular aces. A service winner and a forehand return wide from Connors gave McEnroe his first senior circuit win over Connors since 1995.

The win gave McEnroe his second senior circuit victory of the season and put him solidly in third place in the Nuvem Masters Point Standings. Despite the loss, Connors regained the point lead from Bjorn Borg.

Cassar carves Derby win

LONDON, July 27 (AFP): Derbyshire's Matthew Cassar slammed 134 to lead his team to victory in a high-scoring AXA league clash against Northamptonshire Sunday.

Cassar, whose first ton in the competition came in 92 balls and contained 14 fours, shared important stands with Michael Slater (42) and then Phillip DeFreitas (69) as Derbyshire racked up 286 for five at Northampton.

Northants batted down the order, five men passing 20 and Tony Fenberthy top-scoring with 71.

But the Derbyshire bowlers also clubbed together, four of them taking two wickets to bowl Northants out for 254 in 38.2 overs and get their team home by 32 runs.

Durham's Nick Speak was another man in the runs and his unbeaten 90 — in company with 48 from Paul Collingwood — helped the struggling north-easterns to a narrow six-run win over Somerset at Taunton.

Speak and Co saw Durham to 218 for five batting first. Then off-spinner Nicky Phillips had the final say with four for 24 in four overs to finish Somerset off for 212 with three balls of the match left after Piran Holloway had made 51, captain Peter Bowler 44 and Mushtaq Ahmed 41.

Surrey failed to improve on their paltry six points so far at the bottom of the table, falling 22 runs short of Gloucestershire's 261 for eight at Cheltenham.

The Londoners were given a chance of victory by Jason Ratcliffe (80) and then 98 from James Knott, the pair combining in a fifth-wicket partnership of 157.

But there was precious little support from the rest of the Surrey batsmen and in the end three wickets for Jon Lewis and then two crucial ones later for Courtney Walsh proved decisive.

Gloucestershire's effort was built round half-centuries from opener Bobby Dawson (68) — his third consecutive half-century in the competition — and Matt Windows (59).

Hampshire fell 30 runs short on 137 all out from 35.4 overs against Nottinghamshire at Portsmouth, where the all-

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq

THE CUE-BID SHOWED SLAM INTEREST (Hand # 52)

North	AS AQXX	East	AS XX
West (D)	AS XX	South	AS KJXXX
West (D)	AKQXX	South	H: XXX
West (D)	D: AXX	South	D: JX
West (D)	C: Q10X	South	C: AXX

BIDDING (East-West were vulnerable)

South (Saved)	West (Akram)	North (Mizan)	East (Mazumdar)
1NT*	Pass	2C	Pass
2S	Pass	3H	Pass
4C	Pass	4S	Pass
6S	Pass	Pass	Pass

* Artificial, 7-9 HCP

West opened the bidding with 1 Heart which was doubled by North for takeout. South showed 7-9 HCP by bidding 1NT in their bidding system. North bid 2 Clubs and when South showed the Spades, North smelled slam. He therefore indicated his slam interest via cue-bid of Hearts. Finally, North South reached the excellent contract of 6 Spades.

THE PLAY

West opened a Spade which was won in the closed hand. A Heart was ruffed in dummy and the closed hand was entered by Club Ace. Another Heart was ruffed in the dummy. The declarer then played a small Diamond toward the Jack. On winning, West played his last Spade. Finally, South threw his losing Heart on the Queen of Diamond, entered the closed hand by ruffing the fourth Diamond and took the Club finesse to make the slam.

Croatians through

BOL, Croatia, July 27: Croatia qualified Sunday for the first time for the Federation Cup World Group 1, defeating the Netherlands, a finalist last year, 3-2, reports AP.

Croat Iva Majoli defeated Miriam Oremans, 6-2, 6-2, while Silvija Talaja upset Amanda Hopmans, 6-2, 6-3.

Surprisingly enough, the victory came not thanks to the world's No 20 Majoli — who was crushed 6-1, 6-0 Saturday by Amanda Hopmans — but due to the 20-year-old Talaja, 145th on the WTA, who only joined the team after Mirjana Lucic did not appear in Bol.

She won her both single matches.

Majoli recovered on Sunday and played patiently and wisely, hitting the ball for Oremans's backhands, the Dutch player's weaker shot. Majoli easily won.

Talaja had no troubles with Hopmans, WTA's 168, in the first set. In the second, she led 2-0, but Hopmans tied to 2-2. After 3-3, Talaja won three consecutive games and ousted Hopmans.

Playing in the doubles, Talaja and Jelena Kostanic lost to Manon Bollegraf and Caroline Vis, 4-6, 6-3, 6-7 (1-7). Mirjana Lucic, Croat 16-year-old star, did not appear at the tour due to unspecified health problems.

Harun-ur Rashid MP, general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation, said that the sports coverage of The Daily



Eleven-time national women chess champion IWM Rani Hamid picks a lucky entry coupon during the bumper draw of The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday.



Dhaka University's Publication Officer Md Mujahiduddin, the first prize winner of The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 round nine, is receiving a Sanyo CD mini system from Bangladesh Football Federation general secretary Harun-ur Rashid and Itrat Hossain, the finance manager of Transcom Electronics, at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday.

Back tackle AFC's major issue

KUALA LUMPUR, July 27: Soccer's back tackle rule, which resulted in a red card spree at the recent World Cup, will be among the main topics at the Asian Football Confederation's seminar for referees next month, reports AP.

The seminar would give Asian referees an opportunity to analyze the performance of match officials at the World Cup, and AFC official was quoted as saying by the Malaysian national news agency, Bernama.

The Aug 1-3 seminar for referees and officials also will discuss new rules, including the one on back tackles, which was implemented during the World Cup finals in France, the official said.

The bank tackle rule saw referees flashing red cards liberally during the final rounds.

There were controversies during the World Cup about the back tackle rule. The referees will have a chance to gauge for themselves whether the decision taken was right and appropriate, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

AFC Referees Committee Chairman Farouk Bouzo will conduct the three-day seminar.

There were four Asian referees and five assistant referees at the World Cup in France.

National Football Conference in September Farouq lands Quiz Bumper

The Daily Star will organise a national conference on the future of football in Bangladesh in September. This was announced at the colourful Bumper Draw of the Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 held at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday with hundreds of participants present. The Bangladesh Football Federation has welcomed the idea.

S.A. Farouq, a 16-year-old boy from Dhaka's Dhanmondi Residential Area, emerged most lucky among all the participants of the nine-round quiz series when his entry coupon of Round Eight was picked for the first prize — a mega-prize of eight items — a 21" Philips colour TV, a Whirlpool Refrigerator, a Philips Vacuum Cleaner, a Philips Sandwich Maker, a Philips Blender with Chopper, a Philips Electric Iron, a Philips Electric Kettle and a set of Philips Energy Saving lamps.

Zakir Hossain of Jatrabari, Dhaka, won the second prize, a Sanyo Washing Machine. Khokon Kumar Das of Modhubagh, also of Dhaka, got the third prize, a Sanyo CD mini system. The husband of Mrs. Zeenat Jahan Kakoli was present among the audience to witness her coupon being picked from the giant drum. A teacher of Keraniganj Girls School and College, Mrs. Kakoli won the fourth prize, a Philips rice cooker.

Besides, 25 entries were picked for the consolation fifth prize, a Daily Star cap and a T-shirt, for each.

All the prizes were sponsored by Transcom Electronics, the official licensee of world famous Philips products.

The lucky winners were picked by specially invited guests — BFF General Secretary Harun-ur Rashid MP, BFF treasurer Prof. Shamim Z Bosunia, BFF joint-secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu, BFF member Shah Abul Kashem, national women chess champion IWM Rani Hamid, Martial Art expert Rani Padamsee, TV and stage performers Aly Zaker, Asaduzzaman Noor and Dr. Inamul Haque, "the world's most artistic" magician Jewel Aich, Editor of weekly Jai Jai Din Shefik Rehman, Sports journalists Md Qamruzzaman and Azam Mahmood, captain of the Swadhin Bangla football team Zakaria Pintoo and former national footballer Golam Sarwar Tipu. Besides, Itrat Hossain, the finance manager of Transcom Electronics, was also present on the occasion. Chaired by Mahfuz Anam, the Editor of the daily, the draw was conducted by Advisory Sports Editor Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed.

In their brief speeches, Itrat Hossain of Transcom thanked all the participants of the nine-round series of quiz competitions and congratulated all the winners.

Harun-ur Rashid MP, general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation, said that the sports coverage of The Daily

- Sports Reporter
- Star was best in the country. He also thanked the daily for undertaking the programme to hold a national conference on the future of football and pledged all possible support of his federation.
- In his vote of thanks, Mahfuz Anam explained that the daily would only be helping the Bangladesh Football Federation to organise the proposed national conference on football. He said that The Daily Star would like to play the role of a catalyst in bringing together all concerned persons related with the development of the game.
- Following is the full list of winners.
- FIRST PRIZE WINNER**
SA Farouq
Usha-2, Road-7
Dhanmondi R/A
Dhaka-1205
- SECOND PRIZE WINNER**
Zakir Hossain
H-5/2, WAPDA Colony
Jatrabari
Dhaka
- THIRD PRIZE WINNER**
Khokon Kumar Das
376/1, Maghbazar
- FOURTH PRIZE WINNER**
Zakir Hossain
Keraniganj Girls' School & College
Kalindi, Keraniganj
Dhaka
- FIFTH PRIZE WINNERS**
- M. Sohail Islam**
132, Azimpur
New Palatin Lanes
Dhaka
 - Anisur Rahman**
GP Cha-150, Mohakhali
Dhaka
 - Abul Hashem**
23, Golapbagh
Dhaka
 - Saiful Alam Patwary**
48/3, East Hajipara
Khilgaon, Dhaka
 - Bipul Gain**
New Model Degree College
Dhaka
- 6. AKM Monirul Islam (Sohel)**
T&T Colony
Old Chowdhury Para
Comilla
- 7. Zubaida Samsun Farhana**
16/9, Block-B
Babar Road, Mohammadpur
Dhaka
- 8. Khan M Raziuddin Taufique**
7/1, North Circular Road
Dhanmondi, Dhaka
- 9. Nurul Haque**
62, Fakirerpool
Dhaka
- 10. Kashif Ayub**
5/B-9, Salimullah Road
Mohammadpur, Dhaka
- 11. M Asifuzzaman**
House# 13, Road# 2
Kalyanpur, Dhaka
- 12. Shamsul Hoque Tanku**
2/25, Razia Sultana Road
Mohammadpur, Dhaka
- 13. Basana Halder**
Holy Family Red Crescent
Hospital
Dhaka
- 14. Jakir Hossain**
Bashundhara Group of Companies
Senia Kalyan Bhaban
195, Motijheel, C/A
Dhaka
- 15. Joy Chand Ojha**
6/2, Monipuri Para
Tejgaon, Dhaka
- 16. Rasha Akhtar**
B-2, D-9
Uttara Govt. Officers' Qtrs
Sector-8, Uttara
Dhaka
- 17. Sajal**
56/5, North Bashabo
Dhaka
- 18. Kamal Uddin**
23, Golapbagh
Dhaka
- 19. Bayejid Saneem Ibna Salam**
C/o. Maj Salam Talukder
Sector-8, Bangladesh Rifles
Peelkhana, Dhaka
- 20. Wahidur Rahman**
180/A, Tejkunipara
Dhaka
- 21. Afroza Rashid**
1/602, Eastern Palace
21, Shiddeshwary Lane
Dhaka
- 22. M Mesbahuzzaman**
House #12, Road#10
Sector-7, Uttara
Dhaka
- 23. Salauddin Ahmed**
98/3, Middle Paikpara
Mirpur, Dhaka
- 24. AFM Abdul Hakim**
38, Gayaram Road
Bejpara
Jessore.
- 25. Muntasir Ahmed**
2/G. Eastern Housing
4, Circuit House Road
Dhaka

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Jabber away
- Buddy
- Lean-to
- Jane, to
- Briget
- Dos
- Passos trilogy
- Charlie, for one
- Boat's nose
- Round Table
- Vortex
- Lustrous fabric
- Bridge quorum
- Gist
- Chicken portion
- Salem, N.C.
- Time being
- On
- False hood?
- Musial or Mikita
- Cygnus'
- Heavenly

DOWN

- Indulges in slander
- Petrol
- Cartoon
- shrink
- Put your foot down
- Monologue component
- Roulette bet
- Ontario's neighbor
- Finished
- "You — There"
- Arizona city
- Goes off course
- Reason to
- Ninny
- Kennel sounds
- Emanation
- Difficulty
- Greek consonants
- Ersatz chocolate
- Music lover's hookup
- Paul Newman role
- Finis
- Rotation course
- duration
- Features of 7 Down
- Enthusiast, plus
- Coffee vessel
- Acknowledge
- Initial stake
- Battle memento
- Bankrolls
- Particular
- "but the brave..."
- Goose egg
- Throptic
- Lingerie purchase
- Existed
- Pale yellow
- See 31 Down
- Neighborhood
- Failure
- Pod dwellers
- Ecstasy
- Eggs
- Go down to — in "Ilic time"
- Billy — Williams

Solution time: 24 min.

FERRY PERRY
UNLOCK PASTOR
MAY TO YOU TIME
PLOT NIEG SNAP
SECTION ASH GAINS
UBS EAU

NARRATE GLOSS
ONES ALG LYNN
SAC STILT SEA
IDEATE EASTER
REDIAL FREEZE
MERRY TERRY

Yesterday's answer

CRYPTOQUIP

Let's make things X

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61

N G T K Z Q R K R B X V A
A Y E A Y X V E O A E O F X J T K R
V Y N V F X O M E J C X J Y E Q
E M T G Z A X C B X I

Saturday's Cryptoquip: A PUNK SAID HIS FAVORITE SOUSA TUNE IS "THE STARS AND SPIKES FOREVER."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals C. The Cryptoquip 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.