

# Roost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-100

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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 '96?  
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  
Lpool M United Arsenal

Name .....

Class ..... Roll No. ....

School Address .....

Phone: (if any) .....



## SPORTS TALK



Aime Jacquet (France's World Cup winning coach)

### Swimming course for women

Bangladesh Women Sports Federation (BWSF) has organised a training course for women at the swimming pool of Sultana Kamal Women Sports Complex in Dhanmondi from August 1, says a press release.

### Premier kabadi

Police "A" and Fire Services "A" won their respective matches in the 5th K M Mainuddin Smriti Premier Kabadi League at the Outer Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

### SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq

AMBITIOUS CONTRACT BUT THE LAY OF CARDS WERE PERFECT FOR GS (Hand # 54)

North (D)  
S: AKJ98XX  
H: A1098  
D: -  
C: 10X

West  
S: Q10  
H: KXX  
D: KJ10XX  
C: J8X

East  
S: XXXX  
H: -  
D: QXXX  
C: KQ9XX

South  
S: -  
H: QJXXXX  
D: A98X  
C: AXX

\* This hand has been contributed by R A Mazumdar

BIDDING (Neither Side Vulnerable)

North (Mazumdar)	East (Sayeed)	South (Zaglu)	West (Mizan)
1S	2H	2H	3D
3S	4C	4H	Pass
5H	Pass	7H	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North opened the bidding with 12 HCP. South responded 2 Hearts while West came in at three level in Diamond. North rebid Spades to show a good six-card suit. East called 4C and South rebid his Heart suit. At this stage North showed his slam interest by bidding 5 Hearts. With first-round control in both the opponent-suits, a bid of six Hearts would have been reasonable. However, South bid seven which was undoubtedly ambitious, particularly when South did not both Ace and King of Hearts.

### THE PLAY

West led the Jack of Clubs which was won by the declarer with the Ace. Next he played the Ace of Diamonds on which the Club loser was gone. At the third trick, the successful Heart finesse was taken; a small Spade was ruffed in the closed hand when dummy became good.



Michelle Kwan of the USA trains at the Nassau County Coliseum in Uniondale on July 28 ahead of the Goodwill Games skating competition which started yesterday.

## Kwan feels confident

UNIONDALE, New York, July 29 (AP): In the days before Wednesday's start of the Goodwill Games figure skating competition, Michelle Kwan watched a tape of her silver medal performance in the Olympics. Like any great athlete, she learned some things. "I thought it was good," she said. "There was a smile on my face as I watched. I said, 'Push, Michelle! Push! You can do it!' I saw things I can improve on. There are some things I could have done better. I needed a little more oomph to the long programme."

Now, Kwan hopes the oomph is there and she can maintain it right through the next four years to the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City. She is positive about the prospects. "It's not what's out there," she said. "It's what I want. I love competing. I love the challenge. I don't feel I'll be that old. I'll be 21. Pul-eeze!" Kwan remembered that on the day of the gold medal long skate in Nagano, she was not herself. "I was a little too nervous, more nervous than usual," she said. "I tried to take a nap and I couldn't sleep a wink. I was a little too overwhelmed."

The result was a silver medal, not the gold she wanted so badly. "When I started last year, I thought if I didn't win, what would I do?" Kwan said. "My life would be over. The thing I've learned from skating is that's not all there is. I feel there's more to accomplish than the gold." So that has been her agenda during a long post-Olympic tour which winds up this week at the Nassau Coliseum, in a competition Kwan is expected to win. Expectations, however, don't always come through. Kwan, remember, led the Nagano figure skating after the short programme only to be overtaken for the gold medal by longtime rival Tara Lipinski. Since then, Lipinski has moved on to the pros — a gray area when it comes to figure skating — leaving Kwan to carry on without her, stripping the sport of what was developing into a delicious rivalry. "I miss Tara," she said. "I believe it would attract more attention if she continued to compete in the amateurs. But you never know who's coming up. It could be anybody. I see a lot of kids coming up, kids doing triples. I was amazed."

## Rod Laver improving

LOS ANGELES, July 29 (AP/Reuters): Tennis great Rod Laver was conscious and off the critical list, a day after he had a moderate stroke while being interviewed for a television show, a doctor said. Laver, who turns 60 on August 9, was in serious condition in the intensive care unit at UCLA Medical Centre. "He's definitely not paralysed," said Dr Nail Martin, co-director of the hospital's stroke centre. However, Martin said Tuesday, Laver "is not entirely out of the woods yet."

The red-haired left-hander was still having some difficulty speaking and had some problems with his right arm and right leg. Surgery was not planned unless Laver's condition deteriorates, Martin told reporters during a news conference outside the hospital. "He's in good spirits, the best possible spirits as one can expect," Martin said. Laver will likely remain in the hospital for a week to 10 days, Martin said. "It's impossible to say if he's going to have 100 per cent recovery," Martin said. "He should improve dramatically over the next couple of months."

Several family members waiting to visit Laver refused comment earlier, referring all questions to the hospital. Laver, an Australian who lives in Newport Beach, California, is the only tennis player to win two Grand Slams — as an amateur in 1962 and as a professional seven years later. The doctor said Laver's excellent physical condition improves his "potential for recovery."



Action from the UEFA Cup fixture between FC Sarajevo of Bosnia and Belgium's Germinal Ekeren at the Olympic Stadium in Sarajevo on July 28.

## English clubs criticised

LONDON, July 29 (Reuters/Internet): English premier league heavyweights Arsenal, Manchester United and Liverpool were criticised by a government watchdog on Wednesday for failing to accommodate disabled fans at their grounds. In a hard-hitting report, the Football Task Force, chaired by former government minister David Mellor, criticised the clubs for building new stands without any wheelchair spaces. "With the exception of Blackburn Rovers, most Premier League clubs have a poor allocation of wheelchair spaces and that includes clubs which have undergone substantial redevelopment in recent years," Mellor told a news conference. "It is high time that clubs treated their disabled supporters as customers and viewed the provision of facilities as essential and not as a luxury."

## Vladoiu moves to Dinamo Bucharest

BUCHAREST, July 29: Romanian striker Ion Vladoiu has left German club Cologne to join Dinamo Bucharest, the Romanian club's president said on Tuesday, reports Reuters. "Vladoiu will play with Dinamo for the next two years, after signing a two-year contract with us," Petre Buduru said. "The deal is up to 280,000 US dollars." Vladoiu, 29, refused to join the Romanian squad for the World Cup after disputes with coach Anghel Iordanescu, now in charge of the Greek national side. His future at Cologne was cut short when the club were relegated at the end of last season. "All I want is to score as much as possible for Dinamo in order to inspire my new club to win the national title," Vladoiu said. The Romanian First Division restarts on August 1.

## Incontrad v'ball

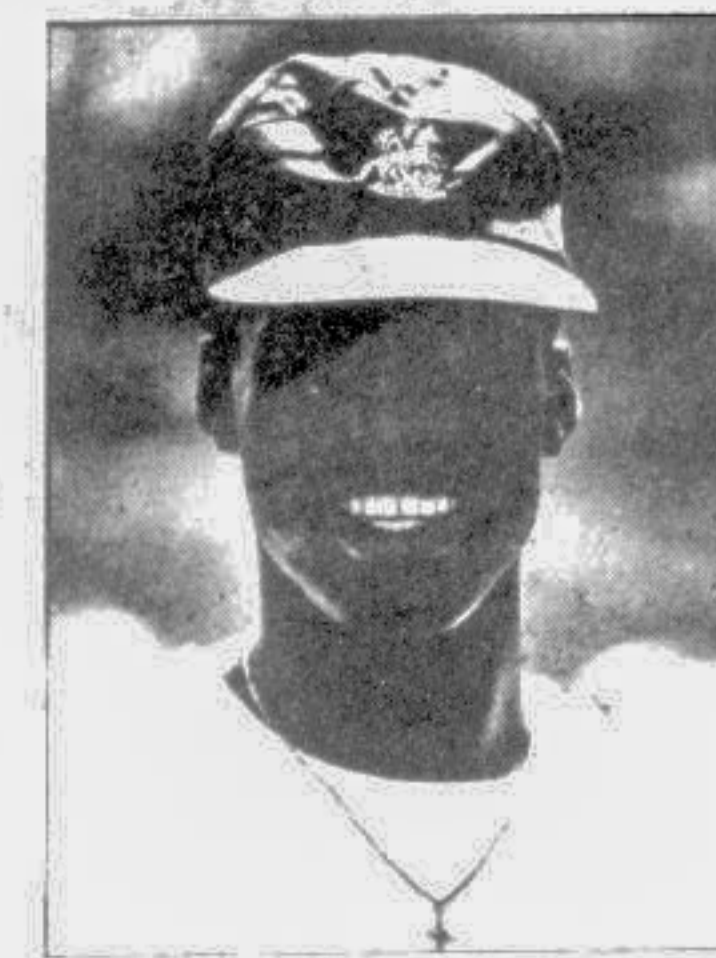
Khulna and Kushtia emerged zonal champions and reached the final round of the Incontrad inter-district volleyball championship yesterday, reports UNB. The two teams will join five others — Rangpur, Dinajpur, Dhaka, Comilla and Jhalakati — in the final round to be held in Dhaka August 6-12. In Sundarban zone, Khulna beat hosts Meherpur 15-7, 15-12, 15-12 at Meherpur. Earlier, Satkhira defeated Meherpur 15-2, 15-6, 15-5 to finish runners-up in the group. In Sagardari zone, Kushtia clinched the four-team zonal title eliminating Jhenidha, Narail and Magura in the group matches.

## Murray, Thompson to join Surrey

JAMAICA, July 29 (Jamaica Gleaner): Discarded West Indies players Junior Murray and Patterson Thompson have been named along with Trinidadian Richard Smith to play for Surrey in this year's County Championships. Both Murray and Thompson represented Kensington in the inaugural champions last year, while Smith turned out for Kingston. This year the teams to play on their own will be Senior Cup and Junior Cup champions Melbourne, along with St. Catherine's C.C. and Lucas which will play on their own for the second year.

## Lewis doubles his trouble

LONDON, July 29: Leicestershire skipper Chris Lewis could face disciplinary action and looks sure to have made his final England appearance after an astonishing attack on the selectors who left him out of the provisional 37-strong squad for next summer's World Cup, reports AFP. The controversial 30-year-old all rounder, who played in the 1992 World Cup final, claimed Tuesday the selectors were "full of shit."



CHRIS LEWIS

The former Surrey and Nottinghamshire player, in fine form for Leicestershire this season, insisted that his exclusion was not down to pure cricketer matters. Lewis refused to elaborate, but he did himself no favours with the England hierarchy when withdrawing from the final Texaco Trophy clash with South Africa in May through injury. And then playing in a Benson and Hedges Cup tie for his county three days later. He also got into hot water two

years ago, when he reported late one morning for a Test match with the West Indies at The Oval after claiming his car had suffered a puncture. But his latest outburst seems likely to mark the end of his up-and-down international career. Lewis, whose three wickets helped Leicestershire demolish Warwickshire in the quarter fi-



SMILE ON SANG: Injured Chinese gymnast Sang Lan smiles from her hospital bed at the Nassau county Medical Centre in East Meadow, New York on July 28. Sang is undergoing rehabilitatory treatment after undergoing a surgery to fix her spinal cord which was severely damaged following a fall at the Goodwill Games on July 21.

## Underdogs upend titans

LONDON, July 29: (Reuters/AFP): The underdogs had their day in the 60-over NatWest Trophy on Tuesday, with three of the four quarter-finals producing upsets. Surrey, Middlesex and Warwickshire, strongly fancied to win their ties, were all heavily beaten by Derbyshire, Hampshire and Leicestershire. Only Lancashire justified their position as favourites in beating Nottinghamshire at Old Trafford. Warwickshire, last season's beaten finalists, staggered to 36 for seven against Leicestershire and were dismissed for just 98 runs. Left-arm paceman Alan Mullaly, who was called into England's 13 last week for the fourth Test against South Africa but did not play, did much of the damage by taking five for 18 in his 12 overs. All-rounder Chris Lewis, left out of England's provisional squad of 37 for next year's World Cup, weighed in with three for 25. Mullaly's victims included West Indies captain Brian Lara, whose miserable season continued when he was caught behind the wicket for 14. Leicestershire knocked off the runs for the loss of two wickets. Lara's fellow-Trinidadian Phil Simmons making the winning hit. The county championship leaders Surrey were outplayed at The Oval by Derbyshire, who

beat them by five wickets. Surrey were restricted to 217 for seven, with Test batsmen Mark Butcher 8 and Alec Stewart 3 both failing. Australian opener Michael Slater made 82 in an opening stand of 162 with Kim Barnett as the visitors eased home with five overs to spare. Slater's compatriot Justin Langer found little support as Middlesex lost to unfancied Hampshire at Lord's by 144 runs. Langer top-scored with 57, but the home side managed no more than 151 all out. Lancashire were always on course for their target of 250 to beat Nottinghamshire, for whom Australian-born opener Jason Cuijian scored 83 against his former county. Former England captain Michael Atherton passed his test of endurance to play another match-winning innings and guide Lancashire to a comprehensive six-wicket victory. Just 24 hours after his uncompromising six-hour struggle with Allan Donald in the fourth Test at Nottingham, Atherton gave a further demonstration of his great stamina by batting for 46 overs to lay the foundations for Lancashire's passage into the last four. Replying to Nottinghamshire's 249 for nine, Atherton spearheaded Lancashire's challenge with as much determination as his weariness would allow to hit a vital 76 and enable his county to reach their victory target with 13 balls remaining.

Having batted for all but five and a half hours of the last Test and played cricket for 12 out of the last 15 days, Atherton could have been forgiven for taking a back seat and allowing others in Lancashire's powerful lineup to take control. Glen Chapple however made an important early breakthrough for Lancashire against Nottinghamshire after a string of fielding errors had threatened to undermine their challenge at Old Trafford. Chapple, overlooked in favour of off-spinner Mike Watkinson for the second-round victory over Sussex, responded by dismissing opener Usman Afzaal as Nottinghamshire reached 62 for one after 20 overs having been put into bat. The former England A seamer knocked back Afzaal's middle stump after he attempted a front foot drive to give Lancashire welcome relief after a disappointing early session marked with mistakes in the field. Wasim Akram, who dropped two key catches during Lancashire's drawn county championship match against Glamorgan at Colwyn Bay, cost his side five runs by twice misfielding to ease the early pressure on Nottinghamshire. Those errors were compounded by Andrew Flintoff dropping a simple catch at second slip when Afzaal, who had progressed to five, mistimed an attempted off-drive to a full-length Wasim delivery.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 1 Squashed circle, 5 Satchel, 8 Singer, 12 — Alto, 13 Melody, 14 Blue dye source, 15 It's often next to the sofa, 17 Object of worship, 18 With precision, 19 "Gun-smoke" star, 21 Art medium, 22 Member of the brass, 23 —Vigoda, 26 Aunt Polly's nephew, 28 Van company, 31 Stripe, 33 Chill in the air, 35 Worked on a loom, 36 Military newcomer, 38 Tracker, for

DOWN: 10 Life stories, 11 Snake's spear, 16 Landed, 20 Grog, at least in part, 23 Rudiments, 24 Ovine line, 25 Risk, 27 Woody's ex game, 29 A Gabor sister, 30 Agent, for short, 32 Drop, 34 Pushed on, 37 Gizmo for Tiger Woods, 39 Channel marker, 42 On the qui vive, 44 Cassius, e.g., 45 Windy City, 46 Geometry answer, 48 Tragic, 49 Cabin makeup, 50 Adam's grandson, 53 Loony Louis

Solution time: 21 mins.

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OVER FRY EAD  
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GABLECU JUEA CAT  
OLEO DAMPLONIA  
YARN ADD ODOO  
ASTA WAN XENA

CRYPTOQUIP  
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Yesterday's Cryptiquip: DEPEND ON IT: TOO MANY SQUARE MEALS ARE QUITE LIKELY TO MAKE ROUND PEOPLE.  
Today's Cryptiquip clue: A equals M  
The Cryptiquip 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.