

Sport

Boost sports WHIZZ KID
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-102

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Post to The Daily Star
Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm,
Sept 11 '98, and draw shortly afterwards

- How old is Sir Don Bradman?
80 90 100
- Who is Newcastle's new coach?
Gullit Vielli Robson
- Who is the defending Wimbledon champion?
Krajicek Rafter Sampras
- Who won the Club Cup hockey title?
Abahani Ajax Usha
- Who lifted Emirates tri-series?
England Sri Lanka S Africa

Name
Class Roll No.
School Address
Phone: (if any)



Barcelona's new Argentine recruit Mauricio Pellegrino (C) practices at the Spanish giants' training ground on August 31. —AFP photo

European soccer scene

UNDATED. Sept 1 (AP/Reuters): Real Madrid made a superb start to their Spanish Premier league campaign on Monday, Bordeaux continued to be the pace-setters in France, Feyenoord, Ajax Amsterdam, and Utrecht are combined leaders in Holland and there were impressive wins for Kaiserslautern and Bayern Munich in the German Cup.

SPAIN
A star-packed Real Madrid had little difficulty in defeating a meek, newly promoted Villareal 4-1 to take the No. 1 position in the league in the opening round.
Villareal, a humble team which was founded in 1923 in the eastern coastal town of Castellon, fought bravely throughout in the capital's Santiago Bernabeu stadium in their first match ever in the premier league, although without luck.
Villareal pressured early as their new star Romanian Gheorghe Craioveanu, who played the last three seasons for Real Sociedad, made it 1-0 in the 3rd minute stunning 70,000 Madrid fans.
But the European champions still looked strong and Raul Gonzalez, the crowd favorite, popped in the equalizer for Madrid after he blasted a 30 yard shot in the 39th minute.
Gonzalez's goal was followed

by one by Mijatovic five minutes into the second half a minute after forward Moises Garcia was expelled for accumulating two yellow cards, reducing Villareal to ten players.
Brazilian striker Savio put in the third goal ten minutes later.
Raul added another goal in the 67th-minute to give Real Madrid their first win of the year.

FRANCE
Midfielder Olivier Echouafni scored Strasbourg's first goal of the season in the 39th minute, notching an equaliser to hold Rennes 1-1 in the First Division on Sunday.
It left last season's league runners-up Metz one from bottom and the only team without a goal in their first four matches.
Metz lost 2-0 at home on Saturday to Girondins Bordeaux, who opened a two-point lead in the standings and are the only team on maximum points.
Second-placed Marseille dropped their first points in a 0-0 draw at Le Havre on Saturday, while fellow championship favourites Paris St Germain crashed 2-1 to newcomers Lorient at their Parc des Princes home.

NETHERLANDS
Feyenoord continued their confident start to the season with a 3-1 defeat of MVV Maasrecht on Sunday.
Feyenoord matched their rivals Ajax Amsterdam with their second victory of the season.
Ajax beat Roda JC Kerkrade 2-0 away on Friday. The Amsterdam and Rotterdam clubs are level on six points in second and third places respectively behind Utrecht, who lead on goal difference.
PSV Eindhoven already trail their opponents by five points after losing 2-1 at home to Heerenveen on Saturday.

GERMANY
International striker Olaf Marschall scored twice to help league champions Kaiserslautern to a 3-1 win at Second Division Fortuna Cologne in a German Cup first round tie on Sunday.
Marschall put his side 2-1 up with a header in the 72nd minute and sealed Kaiserslautern's victory with a close-range effort in injury time.
Earlier, cup holders Bayern Munich demolished amateurs DLR Ahlen 5-0, midfielder Stefan Effenberg, recruited this season from Borussia Moenchengladbach, putting them in front from the penalty spot in the 22nd minute and scoring his side's third in the 37th minute.
All 18 First Division clubs advanced to the second round.

Booters off to Qatar

A 24-member national youth team left for Qatar yesterday to participate in the final round of the Asian Youth under-16 football championship, reports UNB.
The final round of the prestigious Asian junior meet, featuring 10 leading teams of the continent, will be held in Doha from September 3-15.
Earlier, in the afternoon, BFF President and Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif and State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaudal Quader met with the booters at the BFF office and wished them success in the highly rated Asian soccer meet.
BFF Vice-President Zafar Imam accompanied the national youth side as team leader while linkman Monwar Hossain of Youngmen's Club Fakirpool as captain of the team comprising 20 players and four officials.
Five booters of the national youth team, which emerged unbeaten champions of Group 5 in the Nepalese town of Birganj in April, have been dropped due to over age, sources said.

Bierhoff succeeds Klinsmann

VALLETTA, Sept 1 (Reuters/Internet): Germany coach Bert Vogts on Tuesday appointed AC Milan striker Oliver Bierhoff as his new captain as he begins a phase of post-World Cup rebuilding.
Vogts, preparing for two friendly matches in Malta this week, said he had chosen 30-year-old Bierhoff to succeed Jurgen Klinsmann despite his recent public criticism of the coach.
Bierhoff had told a newspaper the communication between the coach and the team had to be improved. He also said players needed more security and signs of confidence from Vogts.
"We talked about this. Oliver was misunderstood," Vogts told a news conference. "As far as I'm concerned there were no communication problems."
Bierhoff also sought to play down his remarks. "It was just about little things to do with organization. The players weren't informed enough during the World Cup. But the whole matter has been dealt with," he said.
This week's games against the host country and Romania are Germany's first since they

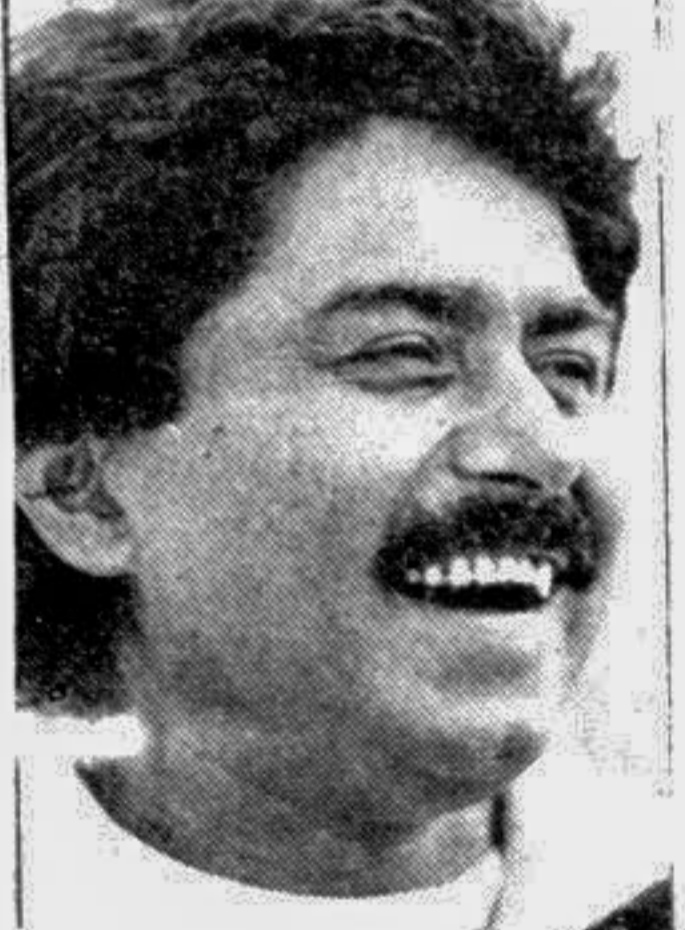


OLIVER BIERHOFF have hung up their boots since the shock defeat in Lyon and the coach named eight newcomers in his squad for the Malta trip.

were beaten by Croatia in the World Cup quarter-finals and mark a new beginning for Vogts.
A host of long-serving German stars such as Klinsmann, Jurgen Kohler, Lothar Matthaus and Andy Koepcke
Experienced names such as Ulf Kirsten, Mario Basler and Bierhoff will line up alongside players with a few caps such as Joerg Albertz, of Glasgow Rangers and Leverkusen's Jens Nowotny.
Controversial midfielder Stefan Effenberg is set to make his much-heralded return after a four-year absence.
The Bayern Munich playmaker has not played for Germany since Vogts sent him home in disgrace for making an obscene gesture to fans at the 1994 World Cup in the United States.
But Vogts said he had still considered him for the captaincy before deciding in favour of Bierhoff, a late developer who shot to prominence in three years with Italy's Udinese.
He went down in history two years ago, scoring the "golden goal" which gave Germany victory over the Czech Republic in the European championship in England.
Bierhoff was top scorer in the Italian first division last season with 27 goals and moved to Milan in the close season.

EN-VITS
ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK



Javed Miandad
(Pakistan cricket coach)
"In seventies and eighties there were over one hundred high class international cricketers. The changes in rules have altered the trend of the game and now not many cricketers get opportunities to mould themselves into top class players."

Foul play at Tiger Cup

HANOI, Sept 1 (AP): Embarrassing, shameful, bad farce. An insult to soccer and all of Vietnam.
All that and more was being used Tuesday to describe the Tiger Cup match between Indonesia and Thailand that both teams actively tried not to win.
Indonesia finally succeeded by putting the ball in their own net with time running out, handing Thailand a 3-2 victory Monday night.
"Thailand and Indonesia shame soccer—Fans in fury as two team serve us a farce," said the headline in Tuesday's Bangkok Post.
Indonesia coach Rudy Bahawan said he was "ashamed." Thailand coach Withaya Laohakul blasted Indonesian soccer.
"I feel embarrassed, but it was the Indonesians who decided the game, not our team," he said. "Now I understand why Indonesian football cannot develop, because they had similar matches like this at home."
Still, his team had to bear its share of blame for the bizarre match, since it only attacked when there was no chance of going ahead.
An Indonesian fan named Daeng was quoted by Indonesia's daily Kompas as saying he was planning an unpleasant re-

ception when his team returns home.
The eight-nation event was reeling Tuesday as it tried to figure out how to deal with the situation.
Singapore and Vietnam, who had clinched semifinal spots, said they didn't want to play either team. Vietnam Sports Minister Ha Quang Du asked the match inspector to annul the result.
The VFF reportedly proposed that the match be scrapped and both teams be banned from the semis, but it appeared there were no provisions to do so under FIFA rules.
The situation developed because the winner of Group A will have to fly to Hanoi and face Vietnam in the semis on Wednesday. National Day. That is a major home-field advantage if there ever was one, given how rabid the Hanoi fans have been in the competition.
Indonesia had won a semifinal spot. The only way Thailand could miss but was to lose badly.
Several stars sat out for each team. Neither side made a serious move on goal in a first half where there was not a single whistle.
Someone must have talked with both teams at the break, because Indonesia came out

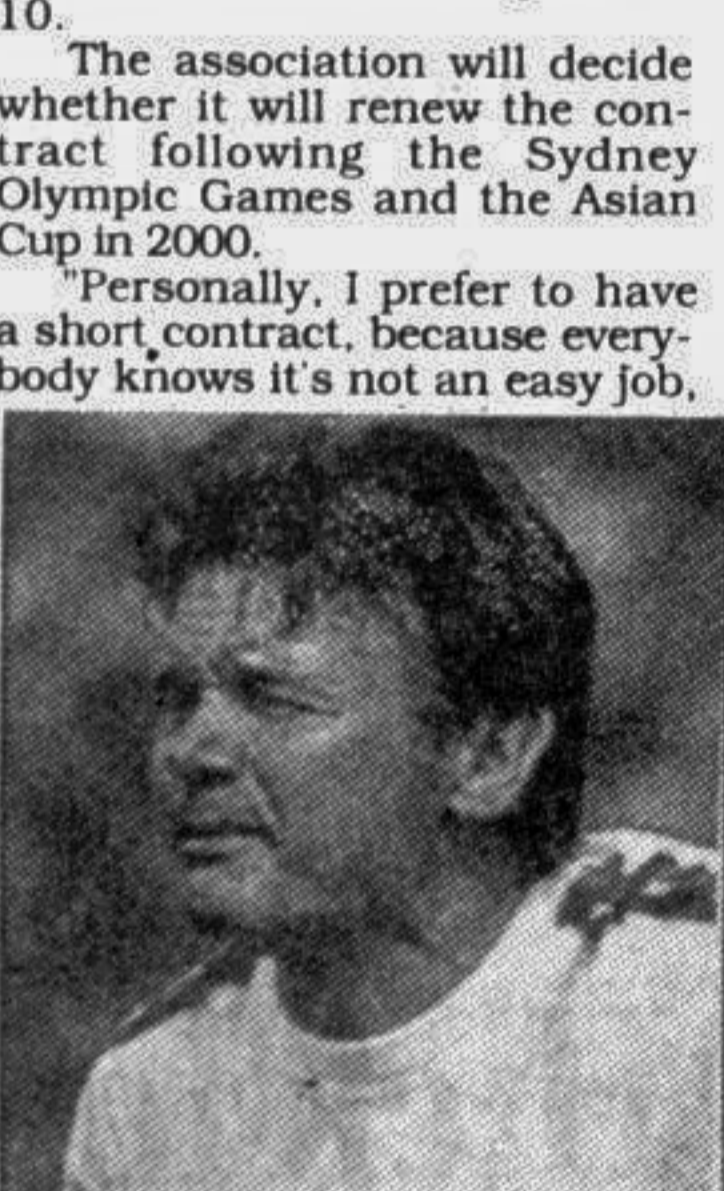
with more spirit. They also knew that a tie was the same as a victory because they already were atop the standings.
Indonesia's Mirobaldo Bento found no resistance when he scored in the 52nd minute. Thailand finally came to life, but as soon as Dritaada Plandei equalised, the Thais died again.
Aji Santoso put Indonesia back ahead 2-1 in the 85th minute, and Thailand's Thersak Chaiman tied it at 2-2 four minutes later.
With time running out, Indonesia moved deep into their own territory. Two quick passes, and Yusuf Ekodono scored as goalkeeper Hendro Kartiko, who earlier made several offensive forays to leave the goal open, stepped out of the way.
The Tiger Cup is the biggest international sporting event ever held here. Fans turned out in droves, particularly for the matches in Hanoi, chanting and cheering even in downpours.
Several matches were shown regionally on ESPN International, which scheduled live coverage of Indonesia-Thailand because it looked like the best matchup.
Instead, cameras showed fans leaving in droves after 15 minutes.

Metz interested in Papin

PARIS, Sept 1 (Reuters/Internet): Former French captain Jean-Pierre Papin could play again in the French first division after saying he had left it for good in May.
Papin, now playing for relegated Guingamp, is being pursued by Metz, runners-up last season but now almost last and out of the European Cup Champions' League.
Metz have not found the net in their four first division matches this season and are desperate for a striker who can produce goals.
"I have been approached by Metz," Papin said in Tuesday's L'Equipe. "On the other hand, I haven't discussed it with the En Avant (Guingamp) directors."
"But it's clear that as things stand, there's no point in my staying (at Guingamp)," he said.
Papin left Girondins Bordeaux, where he spent the better part of last season on the bench, to join Guingamp with the apparent certainty of regular football in his last season before retirement.

Troussier optimistic

TOKYO, Sept 1: French coach Philippe Troussier, who will sign a two-year contract to guide the Japanese national team next month, hopes he can exceed his former Arsenal manager's reputation in the country, reports AFP.
"I think I'm better than Mr Wenger," joked Troussier, 43, in a press conference Monday.
"I know the first candidate was Mr Wenger. I know the Japan Football Association had speculated on his name before my candidature, because he left this country very good memories."
"But I'm not coming down from the sky. I also have my experience, my potential, my mentality, my personality. If I take charge with this team, I want to prove myself and I also want to impose my idea," he added.
The association had originally tried to get Wenger, who led London club Arsenal to the Premier league and FA Cup double last season.
Mr Wenger, who still has a year to go with Arsenal, signed a new contract with the club which will commit him to the English Premiership and FA Cup winners for four years.
Troussier arrived in Japan last Thursday to work out details of the contract, which will be officially accepted at a special meeting of the association's executive board on September 10.
The association will decide whether it will renew the contract following the Sydney Olympic Games and the Asian Cup in 2000.
"Personally, I prefer to have a short contract, because everybody knows it's not an easy job."



PHILIPPE TROUSSIER

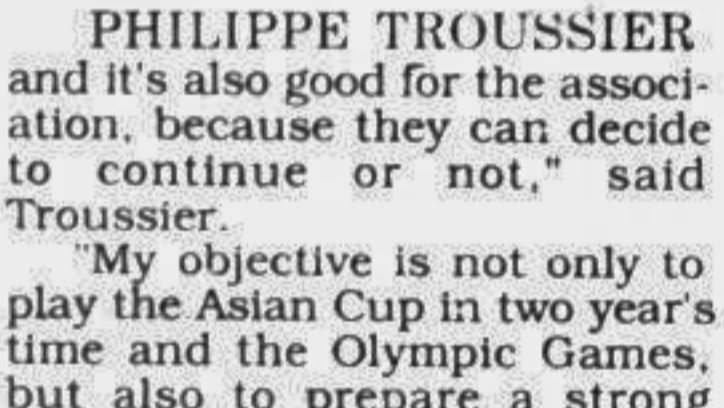
team, a strong organisation, because the World Cup in Japan is a very strong challenge for the nation.
"My mission is to build the basic ground for the World Cup. I think it's a good challenge for me," added Troussier.
Kojo Tajima of the association said: "He has been coaching for 15 years, 10 years in Africa, the same period that Africans were in the limelight. He has the vision to make a solid organisation, that's why we decided he is the best."
Troussier, known as the "white magician," has worked with national teams and clubs in South Africa, the Ivory Coast, Morocco, Nigeria and Burkina Faso.
The Frenchman took no-hoopers Burkina Faso to fourth place in the African Nations' Cup this year and became the coach of South Africa just three months before the World Cup finals in France.
South Africa drew with Denmark and Saudi Arabia to earn two points in the preliminary round, but failed to reach the last 16, forcing Troussier to quit his job.
Japan, who lost all three of their matches at their first World Cup finals in France, desperately want to avoid being the first host nation to fail to reach the last-16 in 2002.
Co-hosts South Korea were also beaten in the preliminary round in France.

Rufer, Oceania's all time best

SYDNEY, Sept 1: New Zealand striker Wynton Rufer has been acclaimed as the outstanding footballer of the century in the Oceania region, reports AFP.
Rufer gained 62 votes in a recent poll of Oceania countries to win from Australian striker Frank Farina (41), French World Cup international Christian Karembeu (New Caledonia 40), Joe Marston (Australia 34) and John Kosmina (Australia 33).
Rufer, who starred with Werder Bremen in the German Bundesliga, scored 186 goals in 453 top division appearances in four countries.
He was a member of the New Zealand team which qualified for the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain and was a three-time winner of the Oceania footballer of the year award.
Farina was a pivotal member of the Australian team at the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and was the inaugural winner later that year of the Oceania award.
He was the leading scorer for Club Brugge with 24 goals in Belgium in the 1989-90 season and finished with 167 goals from 360 games during his career.
Karembeu, a defensive midfielder, went to Europe in 1988 and played for Nantes in the French First Division. He was a playing member of the victorious French team at this year's World Cup finals in France.

Tony speaks his mind

LONDON, Sept 1: Former England captain Tony Adams has delivered a wide-ranging attack on the tactics of Glenn Hoddle's World Cup tactics just four days before England's opening European Championship qualifier against Sweden, reports Reuters.
In the opening extracts from his book "Addicted", being serialised in the Sun newspaper, Adams said Hoddle had made four major errors in England's unsuccessful World Cup campaign this year.
Adams said Hoddle was wrong to pick Alan Shearer as captain ahead of him and wrong to humiliate David Beckham in front of the players at training, had treated the players as children in training and also encouraged Paul Gascoigne to drink the night before dropping him from the final World Cup squad.
"I believe I should have been England skipper at the World Cup," Adams said.
"Not only did I lead us during Euro '96 but after a decade as England captain — and three league championships — I feel I have proved myself and have the respect of my peers."
Adams said Hoddle had criticised Beckham while the team were practising a free-kick routine, saying "Obviously you are not good enough to do that skill."
The Arsenal skipper said each Glenn Hoddle's World Cup tactics just four days before England's opening European Championship qualifier against Sweden, reports Reuters.
In the opening extracts from his book "Addicted", being serialised in the Sun newspaper, Adams said Hoddle had made four major errors in England's unsuccessful World Cup campaign this year.
Adams said Hoddle was wrong to pick Alan Shearer as captain ahead of him and wrong to humiliate David Beckham in front of the players at training, had treated the players as children in training and also encouraged Paul Gascoigne to drink the night before dropping him from the final World Cup squad.



TONY ADAMS

Hoddle's training sessions had been too intense.
"I felt we were too regimented, treated like kids and expected to do too much in training."
He said Hoddle had also erred in encouraging the players, including, Gascoigne to drink the night before announcing his final squad.
"Gazza was an ill man and Glenn did not properly understand the illness of addiction," he said.
Adams balances his criticism by praising Hoddle as an "excellent technical coach" who had revealed a "human caring side" after the second round defeat to Argentina.
"He redeemed himself in many ways and showed himself a promising international coach," he said.
Adams, a recovering alcoholic, also graphically describes his own drinking, saying he would drink 20 pints of Guinness in a session followed by two bottles of wine.
The book is being serialised in the Sun this week, the tabloid newspaper which ran extracts from Hoddle's controversial World Cup diary.

2006 World Cup German bid gets cash boost

BONN, Sept 1 (Reuters/Internet): Germany's bid to host the 2006 World Cup got a big cash boost on Tuesday when Chancellor Helmut Kohl announced financial backing for efforts to bring east German stadiums up to modern standards.
Kohl said the cities of Berlin and Leipzig would get 100 million marks (\$57 million) each to help with renovation and rebuilding projects for their stadiums.
"It was clear from the start that Berlin and Leipzig could not apply to be World Cup venues without the help of the federal government," the chancellor said in a statement.
The east German element is a key part of the World Cup bid. German soccer officials argue the former communist region never staged a major sporting event and now deserves its chance.
They also believe hosting the tournament across a reunited Germany would send a powerful signal of European reconciliation after decades of division.
"I'm convinced the German Soccer Federation will present a persuasive application to FIFA," Kohl said.
The Olympic Stadium in Berlin and Leipzig's main stadium are currently far from the standards expected of a modern venue.
Berlin authorities plan a complete overhaul of the Olympic stadium while the Leipzig venue is likely to be totally rebuilt.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Mary Poppins song start
5 Elio's sign
9 Spigot
12 Ecclesiastical tribunal
13 Racetrack
14 Spoon-bender
15 Pinnacle
16 Cultivate
17 Pinch
18 Thom in Drew Carey's side
19 Sans exception
20 Lab rat's challenge
21 Sixth-day creation
23 "I — Camera"
25 G-rated
28 Church custodian
32 Author
33 Calvino
34 Artemis's counterpart
36 Farm chore
37 Past

DOWN
1 Pull an all-nighter
2 Arizona Indian
3 Particular writer
4 1860s Mexican emperor
5 Luther Burbank's field
6 Sin subject
7 Wings' saga
8 Right angle
9 Salad ingredient
10 Neighbor of N.Mex.
11 Prop for Sherlock
20 Making mountains out of molehills
22 In accompaniment
24 Radio, TV, etc.
25 Teeny tale
26 — distance
27 — de mer
28 High-lander's headgear
30 Inseparable
31 Veep under G.R.F.
35 Minnesota emblem
36 Hi-fi hookup
39 Triangular sails
40 Gumbo
41 Qualifying round
43 Galley supply
45 Snack sandwich
46 Exemplar of craziness
47 Actress Heche
49 Navy rank abbr.

CRYPTOQUIP

T I Q K E M I S E P C R Q
C K T N W N W X T W X R N K Y
W R Z P T M R T Y K E Z W D Z
K E W K Y T P K S X D S S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I GATHER IT'S FAIRLY SIMPLE TO GRADUATE FROM PARACHUTE SCHOOL: YOU DROP OUT.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals H
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.

SIX NO TRUMPS
A K Sayeedul Huq

WEST MAKES A CONSTRUCTIVE BID BY DOUBLING (Hand # 82)

North
S: Q J 9 X X
H: A 9 X X
D: X X X
C: Q

West
S: A K 10
H: X
D: 10 9 8 X
C: K 10 X X X

East
S: X
H: X X
D: A Q J X
C: A J 9 8 X X

South (D)
S: X X X X
H: K Q J 10 X X
D: K X
C: X

BIDDING (North-South were vulnerable)

South (Mazumdar) West (Sayeed) North (Mizan) East (Akram)
2H Double Redouble 3C
3H 5C Pass
Pass

South opened 2 Hearts in vulnerable position. With 10 HCP West did not like to pass, nor could he come up with a suit bid. He therefore decided to double. This encouraged East who held a two-suiter hand. In spite of the fact that North redoubled, East bid 3 Clubs. In a non-vulnerable position West ambitiously contracted 5 Clubs.

THE PLAY
South led the King of Hearts and on winning the trick switched to a Spade. The declarer won the trick in the dummy and took the losing diamond finesse after clearing the trumps. Five clubs were made



Fulham's veteran playmaker Peter Beardsley (L) and chief operating officer Kevin Keegan cross each other before the start of the English First Division encounter against Bournemouth at London on August 29. —AP/UNB photo