

## Column One

### Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

#### Competition-112

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Post to The Daily Star Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm March 12 '99 and draw shortly afterwards

1 Who is the new Real Madrid soccer coach?

Hiddink Toshack Sacchi

2 Pakistan won the hockey series against India by

5-1 6-3 4-3

3 Who is the first woman referee to officiate a First Division soccer match?

Danielle Carolina Janet

4 Who won the boys' singles title in the ITF tourney in Rajshahi?

Chang Weaver Wala

5 How many players are taking part in the United Insurance GM chess tournament?

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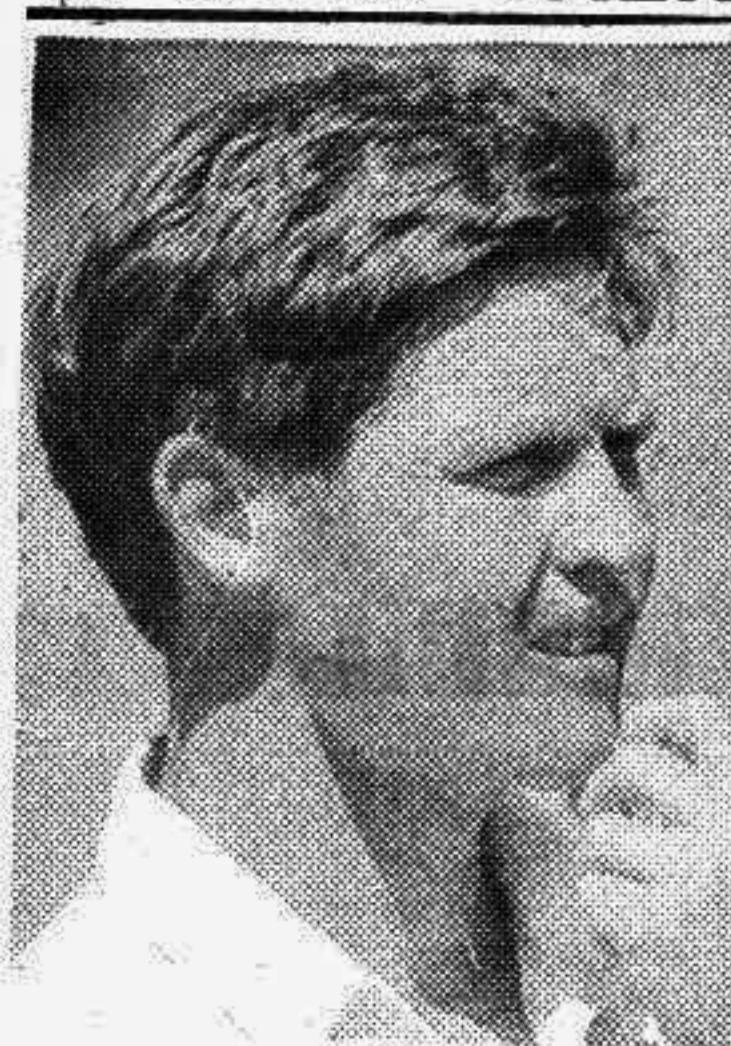
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#### SPORTS TALK



#### Darryl Cullinan

(South African batsman)  
"I could not play Shane Warne. He was a genius of a bowler. The simple factor is that I wasn't good enough."

#### Rangs v'ball

Sports Reporter

Motijheel area beat Tejgaon area in the Rangs Group Volleyball championship '99, which began at Gulshan yesterday.

Eight area teams of the city are taking part in the week-long tournament.

A Rouf Chowdhury, Managing Director, Rangs Group of Companies, inaugurated the meet.

#### JPC badminton

Mukherjee lifts singles title

BD Mukherjee clinched the singles title in the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) badminton tournament beating Bakhtiar Rana in the final at the Club Court on Friday, reports BSS.

Luthur Rahman Binu got the third place defeating Mamad Hossain Khan Dulal in the third place play-off.

Mukherjee and Rana reached the final beating Dulal and Binu in the semifinals respectively.

More than 20 club members took part in the annual sporting event.

Managing Editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) and a founder member of JPC Hasnuzzaman Khan witnessed the final as the chief guest and gave away prizes to the winners.

**Uttara Sporting beat B Boys**

Uttara Sporting Club defeated Bangladesh Boys by 20 runs in the Metropolis First Division cricket league at the Mirpur City Club ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Sent in to bat first, Uttara Sporting were all out for 176 in 49.5 overs.

Sumon Barua hammered 91 off 146 balls that featured seven boundaries and three over boundaries while Azad made 23.

Shaon claimed four wickets giving away 29 runs while Shahid took two wickets for 26.

In reply, Bangladesh Boys made 156 for all in 47.5 overs.

Majid made highest 33 off 60 balls with five hits across the rope while Nahid added 30 off 78 balls with two boundaries.

Akif and Anwarul scored 28 and 23 runs respectively.

Sujon, Firoz and Emadul captured two wickets each for 23, 27 and 33 runs respectively.

## Mohammedan face Azad in year-old league opener

Sports Reporter

The inaugural Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League '98, scheduled to start last October but deferred because of the Asian Games and Ramadhan, will get underway at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium this morning.

Top eight teams of the 1997 First Division league will take part in the elite league introduced for the first time in Dhaka.

Champions Mohammedan Sporting, winners of the 1997 league, will take on Azad Sporting, who finished eighth, in the opening match at 10:30 am today.

Although the remaining matches of the two-tier league will be held in the afternoon, the first match has been curiously scheduled for the morning.

This was revealed by league committee secretary Habibur Rahman Yousuf during a press conference yesterday arranged by Bangladesh Hockey Federa-

tion in connection with the league.

League committee chairman and DC East of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Mokhlesur Rahman, Bangladesh Hockey



Federation Joint-secretary Zahirul Rahman Pushkin and Nazim Tazique Chowdhury, senior vice-president of the sponsor Green Delta Insurance Limited, were also present at the press conference.

Talking to a host of journalists, Yousuf said that Tk 1.54,000 has been estimated as

the budget for the league, which is expected to finish by end-April. He also revealed that an additional amount of Tk 25,000 will be required to bring foreign umpires from India after April 14. They will officiate all the important matches of the league.

The rate of gallery tickets, except for the inaugural match today, will be fixed at Tk 10.

The eight premier teams: Mohammedan Sporting, Usha Krira Chakra, Abahani, Mariner Young's, Ajax Sporting, Sadharan Bima, Krira Sangstha, Farashganj Sporting and Azad Sporting.

Fixture of the first week

Date	Match	Time
Mar 7	Mohammedan SC v Azad SC	10:30 am
Mar 8	Usha KC v Farashganj SC	3:30 pm
Mar 9	Abahani v S Bima KS	3:30 pm
Mar 11	Mariner v Ajax SC	3:30 pm
Mar 12	Usha KC v Azad SC	2:15 pm
	Mohammedan SC v Farashganj SC	4:00 pm
Mar 13	Abahani v Ajax SC	2:15 pm
	Mariner v S Bima KS	4:00 pm

## Bangladesh face Syria in opener

## Davis Cup visits Ramna for Group-3 matches

Group-3 matches of the Davis Cup Asia/Oceania zone begins at the Ramna National Tennis Complex at 9 am next Wednesday, reports UNB.

Post, Telecommunication, Housing and Public Works Minister Mohammed Nasim will inaugurate the weeklong meet, organised by Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) under the jurisdiction of International Tennis Federation (ITF).

On the opening day, hosts Bangladesh will take on Syria and the China-administered Hong Kong face Malaysia in Group A matches while Bahrain meet Tajikistan and Saudi Arabia encounter Pacific Oceania in Group B.

Eight countries, including Bangladesh, will initially take part in the highly rated tennis tourney, split into two groups.

The participating nations are: Group A — Malaysia, Syria, Hong Kong and hosts Bangladesh.

Group B — Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Bahrain and Pacific Oceania.

Details of the tournament were disclosed by BTF President and Commerce Secretary Syed Alamgir Farouk Chowdhury at

the press conference at the federation office yesterday afternoon.

BTF Vice-President and Additional IG of Police M Nurul Alam and BTF General Secretary Sanau Haq also spoke on the occasion.

The Davis Cup, a team event competition of ITF, will be of two singles and one doubles matches.

A seven-member Bangladesh team, comprising of four players and three officials, has been named.

Players: Nadeem Kamran Khan Rohan, Dilip Passia, Moin-Uddin Wallulah and Shovan Jamaly.

Non-playing captain: Samiul Razzaq, Manager: Ishraq Ahmed, Karen, Coach: Nandan Bal.

Meanwhile, a 5-member Pacific Oceania team arrived in the capital last Friday.

Syria and Tajikistan are ex-

pected to reach the city today while the other four foreign teams — Hong Kong, Malaysia, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia — are expected here on Monday.

ITF official and match referee Nao Kawate of Japan is already in the capital to conduct the match.

Chair Umpires — Purnel Gupta and Nitin Kannamwar of

India are already in the city. Kishore Chowdhury (India), Mohammad Moghadas (Iran), Neale Fraser (Australia) and Ashitha Attiyagala (Sri Lanka) the other umpire — are likely to arrive by Monday.

A budget of Tk 16 lakh has been fixed to run the tournament.

BSS adds: The draw for the tournament will be held on March 9 during the captain's meeting.

Bangladesh will play Syria in the opening encounter followed by China Hong Kong versus Malaysia, Bahrain versus Tajikistan and Pacific Oceania versus Saudi Arabia.

Besides, BTF started a two-day refresher course, conducted by the referee Nao Kawate, for local officials yesterday.

BTF has formed an organising committee for the Davis Cup tournament with State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader as the chief patron, Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports ASM Shahjahan as patron and BTF president Syed Alamgir Faruq Chowdhury as chairman.

Besides, nine sub-committees have been formed for smooth holding of the event in Dhaka.

disastrous tour of South Africa by limping off in the final Test at Centurion with a knee injury that put his future in doubt. But the former West Indies captain, as he has done numerous times in his lengthy career for Jamaica, English county Glouce-

sters and the West Indies, returned to the niggling injuries and Friday became just the third person in the history of Test cricket to reach 400 wickets.

The 36-year-old in his 107th Test and 15th year on the international circuit, took three wickets on the opening day of the first Cable & Wireless Test against Australia, reaching the landmark with the leg before dismissal of Ian Healy 45 minutes before the close.

He joins Indian all-rounder Kapil Dev (434) and New Zealander Sir Richard Hadlee (431), both fast bowlers, in the elusive league of Test bowlers.

"When I started, I said that 200 wickets in a West Indies team would have been a good achievement," said Walsh after the day's play. "But to get 400, I'm very happy with that."

"I'm a little bit rusty because I haven't played a lot of cricket lately," said Walsh, whose career began against Australia at Perth in November 1984.

The Jamaican had ended with

the knee problems, hamstring problems, ankle problems, I wasn't able to train after many games (in South Africa)," Walsh said. "But I came back and practised and have been doing a little bit of work and I'm very pleased with the end result."

Walsh had just one regret on the day that West Indies dominated to leave Australia 174 for six.

"The only disappointment is that my mum is on her way down here now (from Jamaica) and it happened before she got here," Walsh said.

But he was touched by the support of an animated first-day crowd of about 18,000.

And does he now have his eyes on Kapil Dev and Sir Richard?

"If I was to say no, I would be lying. But the first thing on my mind right now is to try and win against Australia. If we can do that and I can get some wickets, I can inch a bit closer," Walsh added. "But first and foremost is to try and win this series and bounce back from what happened in South Africa."

If he continues to be as lethal with the ball, he could be rewarded on both counts.

In reply, Young Friends were

bundled out for 131 in 31 overs.

## FACTFILE

Following is the brief factfile on West Indies paceman Courtney Walsh who on Friday became only the third man in Test cricket history to take 400 wickets:

**Full name:** Courtney Andrew Walsh.

**Born:** October 30, 1962 in Kingston, Jamaica.

**1979** — Took a record 10-43 in an innings in a Jamaican school match.

**1984** — Made Test debut for West Indies and English county debut for Gloucestershire.

**1988-89** — Took hattrick in Test against Australia.

**1994-95** — Appointed West Indies captain in succession to Richie Richardson; now playing under Brian Lara.

**1995** — Achieves Test best figures of 7-37 v New Zealand in Wellington.

**1998, April** — Drops out of one-day international squad in move seen then as signalling end of his limited-over career after 185 games and 292 wickets.

**1998, November** — Becomes West Indies' most successful Test bowler when overhauling Malcolm Marshall (376) in match v South Africa.

**1999** — Becomes only the third man in Test history to take 400 wickets, achieves feat in 107th Test.

## THE 400 CLUB

**Bowler**

Kapil Dev (India)

Richard Hadlee (New Zealand)

Courtney Walsh (West Indies)

**Wickets**

434

431

400

**Matches**

131

86