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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-112

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Competition closes at 8 pm
March 27/99 and draw
shortly afterwards

1 Who is the new Real Madrid soccer
coach?

2 Hiddink Toshack Sacchi

3 Pakistan won the hockey series
against India by

4-5 5-1 6-3 4-3

3 Who is the first woman referee to
official 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
tourney?

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Bangladesh-Kenya Meril match today Aminul wants to play the final

Hasan Masood

Bangladesh will try to regain
some of their lost pride when
they take on Kenya in their
day-night Meril International
Cricket Tournament '99 opener
at the Bangabandhu National
Stadium today.



AMINUL ISLAM

"We want to win this match
and that's not only to revive the
confidence of the team but also for
our country's cricket. This
win is very important for us
and we will try and perform as
best as possible after going out
there," said a confident
Bangladesh captain Aminul Islam
after his team had a three-
hour long nets at the venue yes-
terday morning.

In the practice session, the
19-member World Cup squad
mostly concentrated on batting.

"As far as I'm concerned, we
are slightly ahead of the
Kenyans in batting and spin. I
just want to go out and play
positive cricket," said Aminul,
who till then did not know his
final eleven.

About injuries, Aminul in-
formed that four players, in-
cluding middle-order and former
national skipper Akram Khan,
were having problems.

Faruque Ahmed, Mahbubur
Rahman and Aminul Islam Jun-
ior were also nursing injuries.

Aminul, however, said that if
Akram felt okay with his left
wrist in the morning, he would
be in the first eleven.

"Our main aim is to play the
final and we are going to do ev-
erything possible for that," said
Aminul.

"We have our home crowd
behind us, which is both a
bonus and a pressure. If we play
well, we will be inspired by
them. But, if we play bad, they
will put us under pressure," said
Aminul.

Aminul's Kenyan counter-
part Asif Karim said it would be
a serious match for them.

"Bangladesh is a good team.
But we always played hard
cricket against them and they
also did the same. We are look-
ing forward to play them at
their home," said Karim.

This will be the fifth one-day
match between Bangladesh and
Kenya since the two countries
were awarded ODI status on
June 16, 1997. Kenya, the ICC
runners-up, enjoy an upper
hand over ICC champions
Bangladesh, having won three
and lost once.

Kenya beat Bangladesh by
big margins in the first two
meetings held in Kenya in a tri-
angular series in October 1997.
Zimbabwe, the other team fea-
turing in that tournament,
eventually emerged unbeaten
champions.

The next two matches were
held last year in May when In-
dia, Bangladesh and Kenya
played in a three-nation meet
in India. Bangladesh won the
first match against Kenya by
six wickets and then lost the
next one by 27 runs.

Overall, Kenya's ODI record
is more impressive than that of
Bangladesh as they won five of
their 21 matches. Apart from
their three wins against
Bangladesh, Kenya also de-
feated mighty West Indies in the
last World Cup and beat India in
India last May.

On the other hand, hosts
**Elliott best in
Sheffield Shield**

MELBOURNE, Mar 19: Victoria
State opening batsman
Matthew Elliott was named to-
day as Australia's Sheffield
Shield player-of-the-year, re-
ports Reuters.

Elliott, who also won the
award three seasons ago, be-
came only the fifth player to
win the award more than once
since its inception in 1975/76.
Joining Ian Chappell, Greg
Chappell, Allan Border and
Mark Waugh.

"I'm honoured to get this
award again because it's chosen
by the umpires who watch every
play at close quarters," said El-
liott, who is currently in the
West Indies with the Australian
team.

"It's very rewarding to get a
measure of personal recogni-
tion for the work we have put in
this summer," he said in a
statement released by the Aus-
tralian Cricket Board.

Elliott scored 925 runs, in-
cluding five centuries, at an av-
erage of 84.09 during the recent
Shield season.

He polled 21 points to clinch
the award ahead of Tansman-
ia's Jamie Cox (18) and Western
Australia's Simon Katich (18).

Bangladesh have won only one
of their 26 outings.

Today's match will start at 2
pm BST. Bangladesh Television
will telecast the match live
while Radio Bangladesh will
provide ball-by-ball commen-

tary.

VK Ramaswamy of India and
Pakistan will officiate today's match.
Sri Lankan umpire Peter Manuel
will be the third eye.

Both Bangladesh and Kenya
will announce their team before
the match.

SQUAD

Bangladesh: Aminul Islam
(captain), Khaled Mashud,
Javed Omar, Mehrab Hossain,
Al-Shahriar, Akram Khan,
Khaled Mahmud, Mohammad
Rafique, Naimur Rahman, Ha-
sibul Hossain, Manjurul Islam,
Shahriar Hossain, Shafuddin,
Enamul Haque, Faruque
Ahmed, Niamur Rashid, Ja-
hangir Alam, Mahbubur Rah-
man and Aminul Islam Junior.
Kenya: Asif Karim (captain),
Maurice Odumbe (vice-captain).

Ravindu Shah, Steve Tikolo,
Sandeep Gupta, Martin Suj, Tony
Suj, Alpesh Vadher, Hitesh
Modi, Kennedy Otiemo, Deepak
Chudasama, Joseph Angara, Muhammed Sheik
and James Kamande.

Bangladesh Jute Mills Cor-
poration athletes set both
records in men's and women's
hurdles and dominated the
meet securing 10 gold, 11 silver
and 5 bronze medals so far.

Army followed with seven
gold, five silver and four bronze
medals while Navy bagged four
gold, two silver and four bronze
medals to finish third.

Delwar Hossain grabbed the
first one in the 110-metre hurdles
clocking 14.42 seconds to
improve the previous marks by
0.13 seconds.

HS Salaiman Majumder of
Army finished second in 14.45
seconds while Corporal Israfil
Hossain of Air Force was placed
third in 15.70 secs.

Kaniz Farhana Shammi
smashed the women's 100m
hurdles with a timing of 14.50
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record of 15.30.

Ruma Majumder of BKSP
won the silver clocking 15.91
secs while Mollika Kar of BJMC
bagged the bronze with a timing
of 16.10 secs.

Nat'l athletics Two new records on Day 2

Two new national records
were established on the second
day of three-day Hosaf Metre
25th National athletics champion-
ship at the Mirpur Sher-e-
Bangla National Stadium yes-
terday, reports UNB.

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RESULTS

Long jump (men):

First: Manzur Morshed
(Army)
Second: Tazul Islam (BJMC)
Third: Atir Rahman (BJMC)

110 hurdles (men):

First: Delwar Hossain
(BJMC)
Second: Salaiman Majumder
(Army)
Third: Israfil Hossain (BAF)

Marathon (men):

First: Hemayet Kazi (Army)

Second: Aslam Khan (Navy)

Third: Faruque Hossain
(Army)

400m sprint (men):

First: Biplobuddin Bhuiyan
(BDI)
Second: Farid Khan (BJMC)
Third: Habibur Rahman
(BJMC)

Discus (women):

First: Jyotsna Afroz (BJMC)

Second: Saheen Azad (BJMC)

Third: Sabina Khatun
(Tangail)

Javelin (men):

First: Akherunnissa (BJMC)

Second: Nargis Akther (BJMC)

Third: Lutfunnahar (DU)

100m hurdles (women):

First: Kaniz Farhana (BJMC)
Second: Ruma Majumder
(BKSP)

Third: Mollika Kar (BKSP)

400m sprint (women):

First: Nazmum Nahar
(BJMC)

Second: Khurshida Begum
(BJMC)

Third: Mumtaz Begum
(Khulna)

Windies back at No. 1

UNDATED, Mar 19 (Internet): West Indies have rejoined their old foes Australia at the top of the all-time World Championship of Test cricket.

This according to CricketWorld, an Australian firm of cricket software specialists who are the latest to acclaim the Caribbean players in the wake of their astonishing victory earlier this week.

The computer generated tabulation take into account the quality of the opposition and the winning margins among other factors to create current and all-time World Championship tables.

According to CricketWorld, the comprehensive 10-wicket victory by the Windies over Australia at Sabina Park on Tuesday was enough to propel them back to the top of the all-time world ratings.

Both Australia and West Indies are locked on 128 points according to CricketWorld with England third (116) and Pakistan fourth (112). South Africa, despite their late re-entry after the apartheid era are fifth with 95 points.

West Indies, trounced in the First Test of the Cable and Wireless series in Port-of-Spain staged one of the most remarkable comebacks in Test cricket to outplay the unofficial world champions in the Second Test.

The Caribbean cricketers, whitewashed in South Africa earlier this year bounced back with captain Brian Lara leading the way with a match-winning innings of 213.

This innings helped Lara re-gained the top spot in the Pricewaterhouse Coopers world batting rankings on Wednesday, a position he last held in 1995.

Australia are the current holders of the Sir Frank Worrell Trophy, symbol of cricketing supremacy between the old rivals.

Dynasty Kiev will face Bayern Munich in the other semi-final with the ties to be played on April 7 and 21.

It will be the third time in three seasons that United and Juventus meet in Europe's most prestigious club competition after being drawn in the same Champions' League group in 1996-97 and again last season.

In 1996-97 Juventus won 1-0 both at home and away while last season United won 3-2 at Old Trafford and Juventus won 1-0 in Turin.

Juventus director Romy Ga

said the club had "got the draw

that the coach [Carlo Ancelotti] wants".

"We prefer to play them over

two games instead of one, we

believe we have a better chance.

Our experience will be big help."

But British bookmakers

William Hill fancy United.

They are quoted at 8/11 ON to

reach the final with Juventus at

even money.



Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell sets off for a cheeky single.

—Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Pakistan leave it till late



JAMSHEDPUR, India,