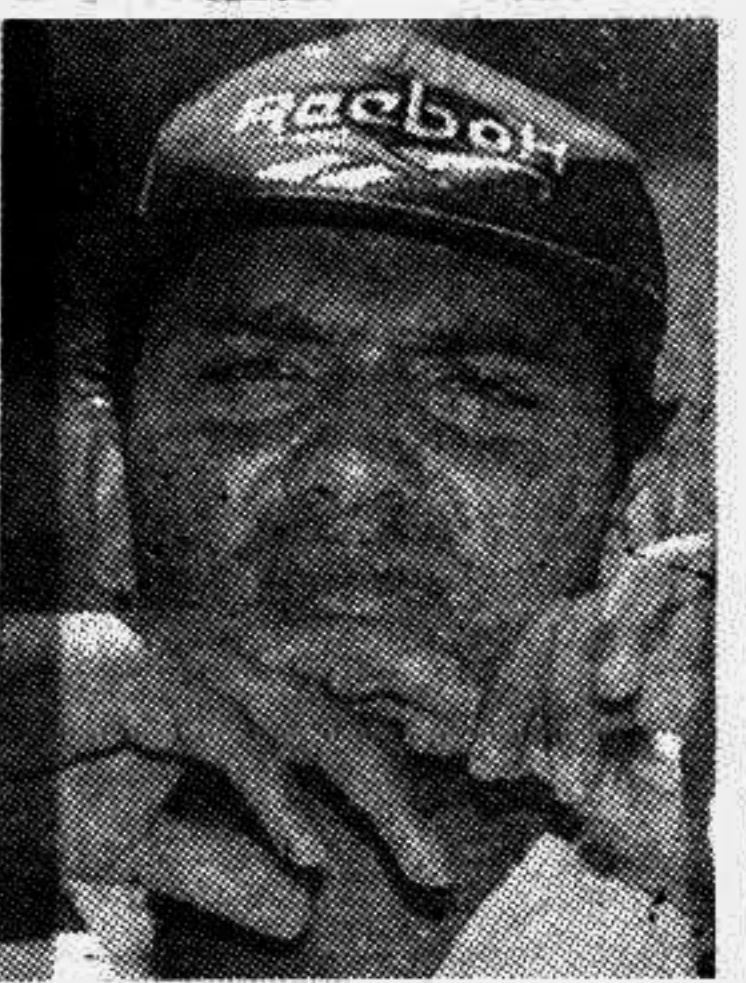


## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Mohammad Azharuddin**  
(Indian cricket captain)  
"The privileges of being a cricketer are many. You get to travel and meet people and make lots of friends. There can be a few disadvantages too. Like losing your privacy."

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3	Umpire Steve Bucknor is a	Guyanese	Jamaican	Trinidadian
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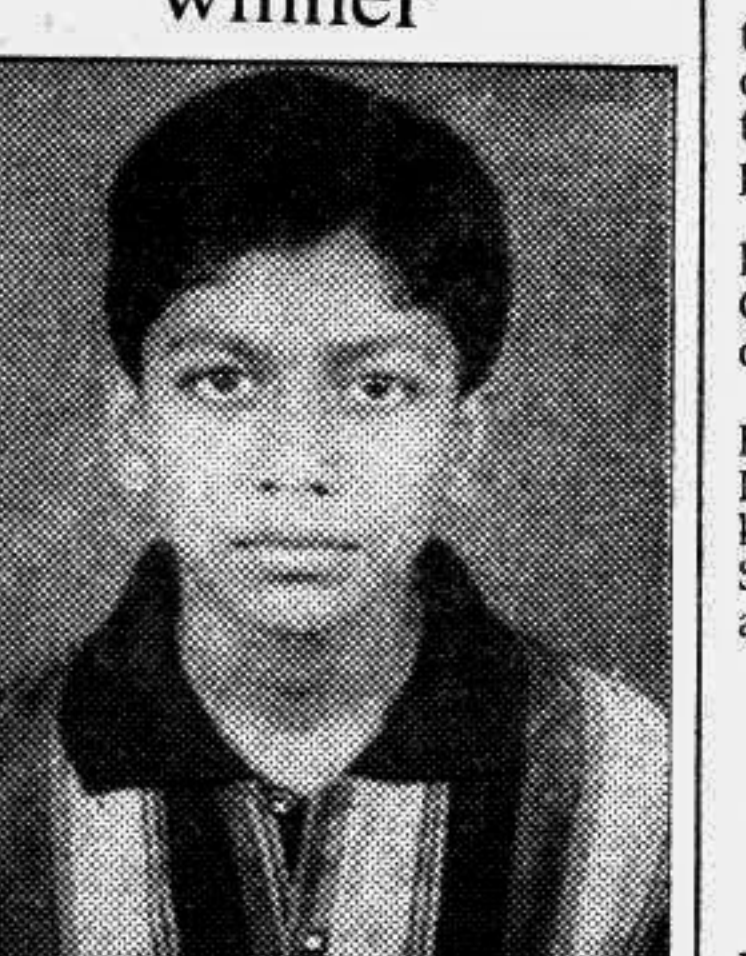
### WHIZZ KID-114 correct answers

1. What is the result of the Australia-West Indies Test series?  
Ans: 2-2
2. Who was the man-of-the-series in the Australia-West Indies Test series?  
Ans: Lara
3. Who won the Pepsi Cup in India?  
Ans: Pakistan
4. Who was the man-of-the-final in the Pepsi Cup?  
Ans: Mahmood
5. Who lifted the Merit Int'l Cup?  
Ans: Zimbabwe

### JU b'ball

By JU Correspondent  
Economies clinched the title of the inter-department basketball championship of Jahangirnagar University (JU) for the consecutive seventh time. Economics outplayed Electronics and Computer Science (ECS) by 75-38 points with Habib scoring highest 28 while Rinku and Shipu scored 22 and 17 respectively. Rajib and Ashish evened shared 32 points for ECS. Pro-Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the sports committee of JU Professor Abdul Bayes distributed prizes among the winners.

### WHIZZ KID-113 winner



**Hassan Asheq Mahmood**  
(Govt Lab-High School, Dhaka)

## Bangladesh target win

Al-Amin writes from Margaon

After an inspiring start to the six-nation tournament, Bangladesh have promised to offer a more attacking play in their Saturday's encounter against Pakistan at the Nehru Stadium.

Although the track record of the success-lorn Bangladesh team suggests a low-key performance against Pakistan, the boys of Samir Shakir appeared confident to live up to their rating after their goalless outing against defending champions India in the inaugural match of the Coca-Cola SAFF Championship on Thursday.

Pakistan, rated below Bangladesh in the world rankings, won the last two clashes at the regional event by an identical 1-0 margin.

Bangladesh, who have never won a regional trophy despite being tipped as the favourites on all occasions, conceded a solitary goal defeat against Pakistan in the final of the Islamabad SAF Games way back in 1989. They once again succumbed to the power play of Pakistan in a group league match of the Colombo SAARC Gold Cup in 1995.

But with their prospects of making it to the semifinals brightened, Shakir, the newly-appointed Iraqi coach of the national team, wanted to stick to the same combination that played against India. A win against Pakistan, the last group league match of the meet for Bangladesh, will enable them to ensure a berth in the semifinals.

"We can afford a draw, but a defeat means an early exit from the tournament. So, we'll go all out to win the match," said captain Jewel Rana.

The long-serving national defender, who won the MVP award in the first match against India, also added, "the team morale is very high and they are raring to go for an attacking game against the Pakistanis on Saturday."

Meanwhile the manager of the Bangladesh team said it would have been better had their boys got a longer break.

"It was a good start for us but a day's rest is not enough before playing yet another important match against Pakistan. However, the team spirit at the moment is high and the boys are keen to play positive tomorrow," said Khairul Anwar at a pre-match press briefing at the Nehru Stadium Thursday.

The Bangladesh coach promised his boys would be more attacking against Pakistan to get a result after their defensive approach against India.

"India is the strongest team in the meet. Against them our attitude was to win a point. But against Pakistan it will be an altogether a different approach. We will go for a win against them," said Samir, a member of the 1986 Iraqi World Cup team.

"We had a light practice session in the morning. The boys are fit and we are not carrying any injury. But we must be careful, as we have already conceded three yellow cards in the first match," said Samir.

On the other hand, Mohammed Idrees, Samir's Pakistan counterpart, hoped that his stockily-built players would put up a good fight on Saturday.

"We will give a tough fight against Bangladesh. I believe it will be a good match and we are hopeful of a winning start," said Idrees, a former Pakistan player.

"We had a month-long training session before coming here," said Idrees, who inspired Pakistan to finish third in the first edition of the biennial event in Nepal in 1997.

But like Bangladesh, Pakistan did not play a single competitive match since the Nepal event. To add to their misery, the Pakistanis arrived late here due to a delayed departure from Karachi.

Pakistan were last to arrive in Goa on Thursday, the opening day of the 11-day meet.

"We are late due to some technical reasons. But that would not have any adverse effect on the team's performance. We made ten changes in the team that played in Nepal and I believe the young players will give a tough fight here.

"Last time, in Nepal, we beat the hosts. This time we are in India and we are hopeful of doing the same again," said Idrees.

Although the Pakistan coach is carrying a lot of fresh legs, he will once again bank on his experienced campaigners like captain Harun Yousuf, Omar and Atif Basir in quest of a better result.

The match will start at 5.30 pm (BST).



Defending champion IM Ziaur Rahman (R) makes a move during his third round fixture against Monir Hossain in the 25th national chess championship yesterday.

### Lanka hold Maldives

From Al-Amin  
MARGAON, Apr 23: The 2nd Coca-Cola SAFF Championship failed to produce a winner for the second successive day as runners-up Maldives and Sri Lanka played to a dull, goalless draw at the Nehru Stadium here today.

Although all eyes were fixed on Maldives, who surprised all and sundry with a fairly-tale run in the first SAFF Championship, the islanders disappointed the curious onlookers this time at the beach city of India.

Moreover, they were reduced to ten-man when Abdul Waheed got the marching order for conceding a second bookable offence in the 85th minute.

Maldives were, however, lucky to run away with a draw after poor marksmanship of the Sri Lankans deprived them of a much-needed victory to avenge their stunning 2-1 defeat in the semifinal in Nepal two years back.

Sri Lanka created as many as five sure chances but their forwards, including the once-lethal striking duo of Amanullah and Roshan Perera, failed to cash in on those slivers.

Maldives, on the other hand, saw their attacks fading away against the Sri Lankan defence wall led by Mohammed Anees.

The young defender was later declared the Coca-Cola Most Valuable Player of the match for keeping the Maldives at bay.

The plight of the sponsors AFC Marketing company seemed to be compounded as the organisers failed to start the match on time for the second consecutive day.

The Lanka-Maldives match was scheduled to start at 5.00 pm (BST). But it was delayed for about 36 minutes.

### National Chess

#### Zia's maiden win, Enamul holds Reefat

Sports Reporter  
Defending champion International Master (IM) Ziaur Rahman recorded his first win in the 15th National Chess Championship defeating Monir Hossain in the third round played at the NSC conference room yesterday.

## SL happy hearing no-Hair

COLOMBO, Apr 23 (AFP/Internet): Defending champions Sri Lanka welcomed reassurances Friday that Australian umpire Darrell Hair will not officiate in their World Cup matches.

As the 15-member squad prepared to leave for England to defend their crown they were told informally that Hair, on the World Cup umpiring panel, will not be included in any of their preliminary matches.

"We don't want to make a song and dance about this but it is a reassuring thought that we won't have to worry about any controversy in the middle," one official said.

Hair no-balled Sri Lanka's star spinner Muttiah Muralitharan seven times during a 1995 Test in Melbourne, and fuelled the controversy in his autobiography by describing Muralitharan's action as diabolical.

He was later found guilty of violating the International Cricket Council's code of conduct, but he escaped punishment.

Another report from Perth says, Emerson is suing a senior public servant over remarks made to the media after he called Muralitharan for throwing earlier this year.

Western Australian Fair Trading Commissioner Patrick Walker confirmed Friday he had received a writ from Emerson, who is employed by the fair trading ministry.

Emerson, 45, no-balled Muralitharan in a one-day international between Sri Lanka and England in Adelaide in January.

His action prompted Sri Lankan captain, Arjuna Ranatunga to take his players to the side of the field, raising speculation the side would refuse to continue.

But the game resumed after a long delay, with the world champion Sri Lankan side registering a remarkable victory.

Ranatunga was later charged under the players' code of conduct, but received a suspended sentence, meaning he did not miss any cricket.

Rahitharan was called for throwing by Australian umpire Ross Emerson.

Emerson was then also forced to stand down for the rest of the series but only after it was revealed he had been on leave from his work due to stress.

## Ntini convicted, axed from WC squad

EAST LONDON, South Africa, Apr 23: Medium-fast bowler Makhaya Ntini was dropped from South Africa's World Cup squad Friday hours after being found guilty in the Magistrate's Court here of rape, reports AFP.

His place will be taken by Western Province bowler Alan Dawson, United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) managing director All Bacher said in a statement.

A 22-year-old woman had told the court Ntini, the only black player in South Africa's squad for the World Cup, had raped her in a toilet at East London's Buffalo Park cricket ground after giving her a lift in his car while she was walking in the rain in December.

Magistrate Deon Rossouw said he had no reason to doubt the rape victim, Ntini's neighbour, who, if her testimony was not true, had to be a "remarkable actress."

In her two days of testifying, Rossouw's impression was that she was an ordinary woman offended by what had happened to her. He described Ntini's version of events as fanciful.

Sentence is to be passed on May 27.

Bacher, who has supported the 21-year-old Ntini throughout his trial, said in a statement that rape was a heinous crime.

"We supported Makhaya because we believed him to be innocent," Bacher said. "We are obviously disappointed by the judgement. We understand there are definite grounds for an appeal."

"The UCB will continue to support Makhaya until the legal process is completed," he said, but added: "Sadlv."

He advanced to the Border U-19 squad in 1994-95 and in 1995 was selected for the South African Schools XI on their tour of England and India. He made his debut for Border against England in their 1995-96 tour.

He was later selected for the South African A team and his big break came when he replaced injured Boland player Roger Telemachus on South Africa's tour of Australia in 1997/98.

He was selected to represent South Africa on their tour of England last summer. A loss of form saw him excluded from the South African team that destroyed the West Indies during their tour of South Africa in December and January, and the squad's recent successful tour of New Zealand.

However, he had been selected for the World Cup squad heading for England on May 2.

## Raman for Bourda boycott

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Apr 22 (Reuters/Internet): Referee Raman Subba Row is to complain officially to the International Cricket Council and the West Indies Cricket Board over security at the Bourda Ground.

The seven-match one-day series remains level at 2-2 with the final two matches to be played in Barbados on Saturday and Sunday.

and called for it to lose the right to host future matches.

The former England test player was reacting to a violent pitch invasion which brought a confused end to the fifth one-

day international between West Indies and Australia on Wednesday.

"They (the police) really were desperately disappointing, which must, I think, prejudice the future of cricket being played here again," Subba Row said.

"You can't have that sort of risk with players. It's sad for Georgetown being such an historic venue and also for West Indies cricket but if they can't run it then they can't run it."

As match referee, he declared the match a tie after thousands of fans stormed on to the ground as Australian batsmen Steve Waugh and Shane Warne tried to complete a run which would have levelled the scores. In the ensuing melee, Waugh, the Australian captain, suffered whiplash as he struggled to escape from the field.

Subba Row, who witnessed a similar invasion on the same ground in 1993 in a one-day match against Pakistan, said he had discussed the matter with Georgetown police before the game but they had failed to take the appropriate action in the tense closing stages.

He said it would be up to the ICC and the West Indies Cricket Board as to whether further international fixtures would be scheduled for the Guyanese capital.

"I'll be quite surprised if the Board rushes back here with more games after what happened," he said.

The intimate Bourda Ground holds a special place in West Indian cricket history as it was the site of the team's first ever home test victory, by 289 runs over England in the third Test of the 1929-30 series.

Waugh also lashed out at the lack of protection afforded players from both teams and described the invasion, which led to a delay of more than an hour before Subba Row investigated the incident and pronounced the match a tie, as "crazy and ridiculous."

"It makes you wonder is the game really worth playing in that situation?," Waugh said. "I genuinely feared for my safety and so did Shane (Warne) at the other end, as did all the West Indian players."

### Natur Kuri, Nat'l Bank post wins

Natur Kuri Shikhalaya and National Bank Public School won their respective matches in the ANZ Grindlays Bank 17th national schools cricket championship yesterday, reports UNB.

At the Mohammadpur Eidgah ground, Natur Kuri defeated Rahmatullah Model High by 78 runs.

Rahmatullah Model High were all out for 138 in 29.2 overs, replying to Natur Kuri's 216 for all in 34 overs.

At the Kalabagan Club ground, National Bank School defeated BAF Shaheen English School by one wicket.

National Bank scored 226 for 9 in 29.2 overs in reply to Shaheen School's 222 for all in 34.5 overs.

### Whizz Kid 114 Boost winner

Rubina  
Vigaranunna Noon School (Please bring your ID card and one passport size attested photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30pm on April 28)

### Nat'l cycling

CHITTAGONG, Apr 23: The three-day 24th national cycling competition began at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

ABM Mahiuddin Chowdhury, Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation, inaugurated the competition as the chief guest.

### Miandad going now here

KARACHI, Apr 23 (AFP/Internet): Resigned Pakistan cricket coach Javed Miandad denied Friday that he would still be going to England for the World Cup.

"These are all rumours and I am not going anywhere," he said and declined to comment further.

Since his sudden resignation Miandad has shied away from press. Fans demand Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who himself is a cricket enthusiast, to intervene and look into the causes of his resignation.

Miandad however said he has made no contact with Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) officials and has left the decision about his future to the Board.

"I have made no contact with any official of the Board and it is up to the Board to decide about my resignation," he said.

PCB made no official announcement about Miandad's replacement and announced his resignation will be put in the Council meeting in Karachi on May 1 and 2.

Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman Khalid Mahmood had termed Miandad's decision as shocking and surprising.

The Pakistani team will leave for England on April 27.

South African Richard Pybus, who was hired as assistant coach, will join the team in England.

Reports suggest Pybus may be promoted as coach.



Cameroon international defender Geremi Ndjitap poses wearing the Real Madrid jersey on April 22 after signing a contract with the Spanish giants soccer club for the next 5 seasons. — AFP photo

## Yorkshire take control

LONDON, Apr 23: Yorkshire were in command by the close of day two of their county championship match with Gloucestershire Thursday with Scotland World Cup player and future England Test possible Gavin Hamilton at the thick of the action, reports AFP.

All-rounder Hamilton took four wickets to add to his unbeaten 81 with the bat as Yorkshire made 282 all out and then bowled the visitors out for 169, with Craig White chipping in with three wickets.

Hamilton had hauled his team out of trouble from an overnight 196 for seven and shared an eighth-wicket stand of 61 with Darren Gough before the England paceman became Mike Smith's fourth victim when he had made 33.

As Yorkshire set out second time round to build on their commanding first-innings lead, they reached 14 without loss from the eight overs possible.

Devon Malcolm also picked up four wickets as Sussex were reduced to 38 for five, after Matthew Hayden had scored 119 off 209 balls in Northamptonshire's 391 for eight declared on the second day at Hove.

A minor recovery for the hosts, thanks to 28 not out from Rajesh Rao, still left them teetering on 79 for seven at stumps.

Earlier, Australian batsman Hayden needed just five more deliveries today to complete his century after he had been left stranded on 98 overnight, with Northants on 184 for two.

He was finally run out, having shared a third-wicket stand of 165 with Russell Warren, who was dismissed 12 runs short of his own ton. David Ripley then added an unbeaten 50 before Northants called a halt.

Will Kendall fell seven short of his century when he succumbed as one of four victims for Kent's former England paceman Martin McCague on day two at Southampton.

The former Oxford University batsman went caught and bowled but at least helped Hampshire to a challenging 252 all out, despite McCague's (five for 65) best efforts.

Kent were then reduced to 18 for three, with West Indian Nixon McLean and Yorkshire-born Alex Morris (two for six) doing the damage in their new-ball bursts.

There was no play for a third successive day between Middlesex and Lancashire at Lord's, and the match at Grace Road did not start until 4pm after two previous washed out days.

Nottinghamshire batted first against defending champions Leicestershire and struggled to 117 for five, despite a 59-run fifth-wicket stand between Noel Gie (33no) and wicketkeeper Chris Read (28).

They could also not start until the third afternoon in the games at Derby and Worcester.

On a truncated day that also finished early at the Racecourse Ground, an unbroken fifth-wicket stand of 114 between opener Adrian Rollins (79no) and his captain Dominic Cork (45 no) rescued Derbyshire from 54 for four against 1997 champions Glamorgan - and the hosts were 168 for four when the rain returned.

Surrey also struggled to 223 all out against the seam of Stuart Lampitt (four for 47) and newcomer Chris Liptrot (five for 51) after they were put into bat by Worcestershire.

In-form England Test batsman Mark Butcher got only as far as 30, while his fellow opener Ian Ward made 31 - but the Surrey effort was boosted by 55 from another international aspirant, Ben Hollisloake.