

## Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-117

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Competition closes at 8 pm July 2, '99 and draw shortly afterwards

1 How many matches have been scheduled for the World Cup 99? 40 41 42

2 Pakistan beat New Zealand in the semifinal by 9 wks 10 wks 53 runs

3 How many wickets did NZ bowler Geoff Allott capture in the World Cup? 18 21 20

4 Saqlain Mushtaq scored his hattrick against which country? Kenya Zimbabwe Bangladesh

5 How many runs did Minhazul Abedin score in the World Cup? 120 140 140

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### SPORTS TALK



**Steve Waugh**

(Australia cricket captain)  
"Sometimes teams get written off too early, sometimes too much is written about some sides ... Other teams should be more concerned about us."

On press criticism.

### India must not play Pakistan'

NEW DELHI, June 29: Former Indian cricket captain Kapil Dev Tuesday called for cricketing ties with arch-rival Pakistan to be broken, reports AFP.

"India should not play against Pakistan anywhere," Kapil told the Press Trust of India as Indian soldiers fought what New Delhi claims are regular Pakistani soldiers and Islamic guerrillas in Indian Kashmir.

India should not even agree to play Pakistan in neutral territory, said Kapil, the world's highest wicket-taker, adding that a series of cricket matches to be held against Pakistan in September in Toronto should be cancelled.

"I'll be disappointed if the Indian cricket board still goes ahead with the series when our soldiers are fighting a bitter battle to throw the enemy out," said Kapil, who recently visited an army hospital in Kashmir.

"These are the brave soldiers giving their lives to protect us and if we can't look after them, we are good for nothing."

Cricketing relations received a shot in the arm when Pakistan played its first Test match after a gap of 12 years in Indian soil in January.

The Indian military launched operations against Islamic raiders on May 9. The seven-week-old conflict has raised fears of a full-fledged war between the world's two newest nuclear powers.

Islamabad denies its soldiers are fighting in Kashmir or it has crossed the Line of Control, dividing the disputed Kashmir.

Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state, has been the cause of two of the three wars between the two nations.

### Div I soccer

Victoria Sporting Club earned their second successive win in the Metropolis First Division football league beating Dhanmondi Club by 3-2 at Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Earlier, Victoria defeated Prantik KC in their first appearance in the league.



Players and officials of the Kasaituly Samajkalyan Parisad, who became champions in the Third Division super league yesterday.

## Zakir's terrific treble

Sports Reporter



ZAKIR



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With Zakir playing like spring chicken, Abahani almost got their third goal in the 64th minute. But Sento, after being nicely fed by Zakir deep into the Rahmatganj box, shot the ball wide over the cross-piece with only Bijon at his mercy.

The popular Dhanmondi outfit, who missed the services of their captain and central de-

fender Prodeep due to injury, survived a close shave when Milon failed to negotiate a right-side footer from Saurav Raju in the 69th minute.

Although at times it appeared that Abahani would have to stay satisfied with the margin, an irrepressible Zakir had other ideas on his mind. His relentless effort to attain that unique treble was eventually paid off in the 82nd minute when he fired a spectacular right-footer that crushed onto the inside-roofpost, leaving Bijon in disbelief (3-1).

The match was also marked by foul play, leaving referee Tajul Islam to flash the yellow cards on six occasions to quell the situation. But Tajul, who had a tough day on the field, almost invited an unwanted atmosphere when he mistakenly showed Sahajuddin Tipu the red card. But he was prompt enough to change his decision before things turned sour.

Yellow cards: Sohel Reza, Iqbal (Abahani), Monir, Nayan, Tipu and Javed (Farashganj).

### TEAMS

Abahani: KC: Aminul, Munir, Sohel reza, Kingshuk, Dulal, Mintu, Arman, Iqbal (Borat), Sento, Dabloo and Zahir.

Rahmatganj: MFS: Bijon, Deen Mohammed, Masum, Kamal, Monir (Saiful), Nayan, Milon, Tipu (Roman), Saurav Raju, Javed and Biplob.

Referee: Tajul Islam.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Football League

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Farashganj 3.30 pm

Brothers Union vs Fakir

erpool YM 5.30 pm

## Intense cricket planned for the Test-aspirants

From Nizamuddin Ahmed in London

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## Kasaituly champs

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Kasaituly Samajkalyan Parisad became champions in the Third Division soccer super league defeating Lalbagh Sporting Club 2-1 in the last match at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

Maini and Mamun scored for the winning side while Munir pulled one back for Lalbagh.

Kasaituly grabbed with 17 points from seven matches with five wins and two draws. They will play in the Second Division next season.

Earlier, Akther scored a hat-trick as Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra trounced Kawranbazar Progati Sangha 5-2 at the same venue in the afternoon. Nizam and Russell added the other goals.

## Nat'l hockey 2nd round begins today

The four-team second round match of the BRTC 21st national hockey championship begins today with Bangladesh Air Force taking on Faridpur at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium at 2:30 pm, reports UNB.

In another match, defending champions Dhaka will meet Bangladesh Army at the same venue at 4 pm.

The final will be held on July 4 between the two top finishers of the second round matches.

### REMAINING MATCHES

July 1: Bangladesh Air Force vs Bangladesh Army, and Dhaka vs Faridpur.

July 3: Bangladesh Army vs Faridpur, and Dhaka vs Bangladesh Air Force.

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