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Column One

Boost sports WHIZZ KID Competition-130

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Competition closes at 8 pm May 26, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

1 Who replaced David Lloyd as England cricket coach? Fletcher Woolmer Richardson

2 Which country will host the Euro 2004 Championship? Portugal Germany Spain

3 Which Kiwi batsman hit 214 on his Test debut against West Indies? Sinclair Fleming Crowe

4 Which country won the four-nation football tourney in Maldives? Sri Lanka Bangladesh India

5 Who won the national chess title this year? Rekai Zia Tipu

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SPORTS TALK



Mary Pierce

(French tennis star)
I've just become more and more relaxed on the court and just really at peace with myself.

Said recently.

WHIZZ KID-129 Boost winner Tasneem-binte-Alam

Model Academy, Mirpur, Dhaka
(Congratulations! Please bring your identity card and a passport size attested photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on May 18.)

WHIZZ KID-129 Correct answers

1. Who won the 2000 Trophy in West Indies?
Ans: Pakistan
2. Who was the man-of-the-series in 2000 Trophy?
Ans: Inzamam
3. Who is South Africa's cricket captain?
Ans: Pollock
4. Who was the man-of-the-match in the Asia vs World Eleven cricket match?
Ans: Bevan
5. Who is the fastest man in the country now?
Ans: Mahbub

WHIZZ KID-128 winner



Akif Bin Halim
(Sunnydale, Dhanmondi, Dhaka)

Harrison explains the facts

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh football coach Mark Harrison blamed lack of preparation for the national team's dismal performance in the four-nation Golden Jubilee International Football Tournament in Maldives.

The bespectacled Englishman gave his opinion while speaking at a press briefing held at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) office yesterday. Team leader Razi Usha Mishu, assistant coach Hasanuzzaman Bablu and captain Alfaz Ahmed were also present.

The 1999 SAF Games championships failed to reach the final. They were held to one-all draws against India and the hosts respectively before going down 1-0 to eventual champions Sri Lanka in their final round robin match.

The Bangladesh coach said a ten-day camp was not at all adequate for participation in such an international tournament.

"You see I got only ten days to train the boys which was not good enough to assimilate my system as you have seen on television," Harrison said.

"Moreover the boys have not played any international match for the last five months whereas Maldives had eleven international matches as part

of their build-up for the tournament. That's what we were lacking," said Harrison adding that Sri Lanka and Maldives were hundred per cent prepared.

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"The boys are new, they need more exposure on the international stage."

That is why I have proposed and BFF has agreed to in principle that Bangladesh will have to play more international matches from now on. We will try to arrange an international match every six to eight weeks that will help the boys to learn a new plane.

"We have to look forward to the future and I can promise you that the team will do better in the days to come," Harrison assured. He left for London last night on a two-week private visit.

Alfaz, who could not play a single match because of a viral fever, felt his absence badly affected the team's morale.

Mishu cited management failure for the debacle.

"We (management) take the blame on our shoulders," said the team leader without elaborating.

He also apologised for his poor conduct with the match officials during Bangladesh-Maldives match.

It was reported in a Bangla daily that Mishu asked the team to leave the ground in protest at a referee's decision.

MARK HARRISON

about his team's future.

"We have a team where half of the players are missing from the SAF Games squad. These boys need some more time to improve their standard as a unit and I hope they will perform better when they face India in an exhibition match in England in July," he said.

"And you will see more im-

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