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## Column One

### Boost sports WHIZZ KID

Competition-134

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Competition closes at 8 pm Aug 11, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

1 Who is the world's most expensive football player?

Crespo Zidane Figo

2 Who won the ICC Under-17 Asia Cup?

Pakistan Sri Lanka India

3 Bangladesh's opening match in the second ICC knock-out tournament is against:

South Africa West Indies England

4 Who won the NatWest tri-series?

West Indies Zimbabwe England

5 Name the winner of the British Open golf.

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SPORTS TALK



Luis Figo (Portuguese football superstar)

"I hope that I will be as happy as during the years I spent with Barcelona."

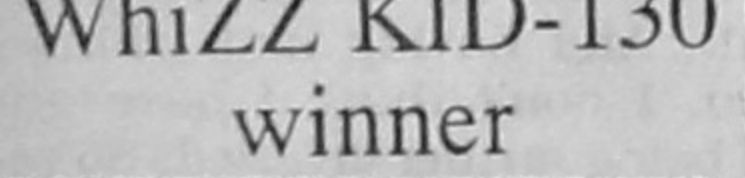
After signing for Primera Liga giants Real Madrid from Barcelona.

WHIZZ KID-133 Boost winner

Labanna

Pakutia Public High School. (Congratulations! Please bring your ID card and a passport size attested photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on August 3)

WHIZZ KID-130 winner



Omar-Bin-Naser (Public Rifles High School, Dhaka)

WHIZZ KID-132 winner



Fariha S Ahmed (Greenherald Int'l School, Dhaka)

WHIZZ KID-133 correct answers

1. Which country will host 2006 football World Cup? Ans. Germany

2. When did Germany host its last World Cup? Ans. 1974

3. Who led the German bid for the 2006 World Cup? Ans. Beckenbauer

4. Where did not voting for the 2006 World Cup take place? Ans. Switzerland

5. Who conducted the voting? Ans. FIFA



Scene from the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Ajax Sporting and Azad Sporting at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

## Youths teach Ajax a lesson

Sports Reporter

For once youth triumphed over experience when Azad Sporting Club defeated Ajax Sporting Club 5-3 in the Green Delta Premier Division hockey league at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Azad, composed of BKSP boys faced a club which boasted three Pakistani players and as many former national stars in their ranks.

Former Pakistan international Aleem Raza and his compatriots Waseem Sohal and Akmal Navid played for the Elephant Road outfit along with former national players Shahidullah Khokon, Zahid Biswas and Siam-e-Noor.

Although, Aleem was set to play for Abahani along with compatriot Ghulam Mustafa on Thursday afternoon, but he decided to register for Ajax instead after not getting a satisfactory response from the popular Dhanmondi team.

Ajax found the going tough against the spirited young guns of the Motijheel club, who took a 2-0 lead at half time. Bachchu scored both the goals.

The lanky centre-forward got his side off the mark in the seventh minute with a brilliant field effort. He doubled the margin with yet another field goal in the 24th minute.

After the breather, Ajax took advantage of some relaxed defending by netting twice in four minutes.

Pakistani Akmal Navid converted a penalty-stroke in the 42nd minute and compatriot Aleem Raza brought the sides level with a field goal.

Azad, however, stormed back in front following three-goal blitz in nine minutes.

Rahul latched on to a short corner in the 56th minute. Shishu swung the match his team's way with two field goals in the 62nd and 65th minutes.

Aleem Raza managed to grab his second goal before the final whistle.

Earlier, Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha recorded an emphatic 4-1 win over Bachelors Sporting Club in a First Division match.

The first half ended 3-0. Mozammel scored twice while Bashar and Wasef added one each for the winners. On the other hand, Rezwam scored the consolation goal for Bachelors.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Premier Division Mariner Youngs Club v Farashganj SC (4 pm)

First Division Dhaka Wanderers v Railway (2:15 pm)

Chinese team yesterday, the chairman of the technical committee said that his team had examined the video tape of the match and came to the conclusion that the score was 19 for China against Japan's 18.

The technical committee explained the matter saying that the lapse occurred due to faulty score recording by the table scorer.

The committee regretted the mistake and embarrassment caused to the two teams for the matter," the letter said.

It was learnt that table scorer Farzana Akhter Lipi caused the whole confusion when she changed the score in the 26th minute of the second half while China were leading 18-16. Farzana made the score 18-17 after an intervention from match supervisor and Executive Director of Asian Handball Federation Dr Abu Al-Lail who said that she had the wrong score.

The change was done against the rules as the scorer is not supposed to listen to anybody during a match.

"Maybe she (the scorer) was confused," said Asaduzzaman Kohinor, the general secretary of Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) who is also the deputy secretary general of the Organising Committee.

"Other wise why should she listen to the match supervisor?" Kohinor remarked adding that the match supervisor's act was completely illegal.

Under no circumstances, he can interfere in the scoring process," he added.

When contacted, Farzana also admitted that she adjusted the score from 18-16 to 18-17 after being instructed by Al-Lail.

But the headstrong lady official refused to give any answer when asked whether she had the authority to do that.

Al-Lail could not be reached for his comments.

The whole incident has put the organisers in an embarrassing position. However BHF general secretary Kohinor preferred to look at the positives from the decision of the technical committee.

"We are happy that justice has been done. The ruling, which was done by examining video tapes, is unprecedented in handball history," said Kohinor.

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## A real sunny Marshall day

LONDON, July 28 (Internet report): Vivian Richards rolled back the years at the Malcolm Marshall memorial with a stunning exhibition of batting which he dedicated to his former colleague who died after a long battle with cancer last year.

The West Indian cricket legend admitted that he believed Marshall was both the greatest bowler and the most fantastic person he had played alongside on the cricket field.

From Joel Garner to Chris Evans, London's Honourable Artillery Ground was littered with stars from both sides of the boundary.

After the Marshall XI had restricted the international Professional Cricketers' Association Bunbury XI - which included England stars Alec Stewart and Graeme Hick - to 238 in their 35 overs, the crowd was treated to an exhibition of batting as Desmond Haynes and Gordon Greenidge renewed one of cricket's most famous opening partnerships.

Their glorious partnership - which included a barrage of sixes - was eventually halted at 88 runs, putting the Marshall XI in command of the match.

The crowd then gave a standing ovation to the great Richards who soon got into the swing of things, swatting Phil Tufnell for six with a ferocious drive.

When Sir Viv was eventually dismissed he was replaced at the crease by the current prince of West Indian batting, Brian Lara.

Among the other current stars who turned out at the Honourable Artillery Ground, which has been hosting matches since 1744, were Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath, Pakistan all-rounder Wasim Akram and spin legend Shane Warne.

All proceeds from this match were going into a trust fund for Marshall's seven-year-old son Mali.

Admittedly some of the bowling wasn't too taxing and this was possibly the first match where the public address announcer requested a female stalker in order to raise money. Needless to say, one bold young lady duly appeared, spectacles and not much else.

"It's a great day for a great man," said his widow Connie. "It's a real sunny Malcolm Marshall day. It's a great honour to see how many wonderful cricketers have turned out."

No one here doubted that was an honour that was fully deserved.

**Davenport breezes**

STANFORD, California, July 28: Lindsay Davenport can think of no better place to regroup from her loss in the Wimbledon final than her home state, reports AFP.

Davenport, the top seed, began her bid for a third straight Bank of the West Classic title Thursday with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Nicole Pratt of Australia in a second-round match.

Davenport was tested at one point. At 2-2 in the second set, she dropped her serve but immediately broke back. She added a break later in the set and closed it out.

"I'm glad to get a tough match," Davenport said. "I lost my concentration in the second set, a couple of points (and) I was down a break."

"I was really excited," Pratt said. "For me, I don't have the chance to play many top-10 players."

There were two lopsided second-round matches played earlier Thursday, with mixed results for the seeded players.

Ninth seed Anna Kournikova of Russia crushed Jana Nejedly of Canada, 6-1, 6-0, but sixth seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa was stunned by Cara Black of Zimbabwe, 6-2, 6-1.

Tenth seed Amy Frazier dispatched fellow American Kristina Brandi, 7-6 (7/1), 6-0. She next will face Wimbledon champion Venus Williams.

Davenport shook off a lower back strain at Wimbledon and looked stronger as the tournament progressed. But she fell short of a successful title defense as Williams broke through for her first Grand Slam singles title.

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

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DOWN 1 Field arbiter 2 Roast pig side dish 3 Monolou-ous 4 Mottled mare 5 Fuss 6 Minister to 7 Roma Downey persona 8 Belle's shade 9 Enthusiastic, and "hat" of TV 10 Former Yugoslav leader 11 Any minute now 12 "milk?" 13 "milk?"

Solution time: 27 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

1. JIM AVON LIMA 2. IRE RAVE TOOL 3. VAN CLAS MAIF 4. EQUATOR TUB 5. PLAYMATE TRILE 6. LAS PROVE DOR 7. USES ROOMMATE 8. SHALE DEPT 9. TLE RAZOR 10. CHECKMATE 11. PURE TCS RAN 12. READ REOS OLD

Ye terday's answer

## Bangladesh-India clash today

South Asian soccer on Euro doorstep

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh and India lock horns for the first time on European soil when the South Asian giants clash at Filbert Street, home of English Premier Division Leicester City today.

The match will kick off at 8 pm Bangladesh time. Doordarshan Sports channel will telecast the game live.

The build-up to the match, expected to be played in front of a sold out crowd of 32,000, however could not so contrasting. India who arrived in Britain on July 19, suffered a 2-0 loss against big-spending First Division opponents Fulham FC on July 22 and then put on a spirited performance against West Greenwich Albion five days later. The Indians led by striker Baichung Bhutia, the only player with European experience, forced their First Division opponents to share a goalless encounter.

Bhutia, who plays for Second Division Bury, in partnership with IM Vijayan enjoyed an impressive outing.

Bangladesh on the other hand after reaching London on July 24 were supposed to face an amateur outfit Stoke City Sir Stanley Matthews Selection on Wednesday. However at the

last minute their opponents were changed. And instead the booters had to rub shoulders with First Division Huddersfield Town.

Strangely, the whole of Bangladesh still do not have a clue on the outcome of the game as no message has been conveyed by any of the six officials accompanying the side. Apart from a one line note stating the team's safe landing in the British capital a day later, information regarding the team has been found wanting.

Even the acting general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Sirajul Islam Bachchu till last night, could not confirm whether the match was held or not.

"I'm trying to contact the team. But so far no news has been available for the last two days," said an embarrassed Bachchu.

Recent head-to-head meetings give Bangladesh the edge.

Bangladesh shocked India 1-0 in the SAF Games semifinal in Nepal last year. They went on to lift the title defeating the hosts in the final. During the four-nation tournament in

Maldives in May, the teams played out a 1-1 draw.

**Bangladesh:** Alfaz Ahmed (captain), Iqbal Hossain (vice-captain), Aminul Haque, Nizam Majumder, Rajani Kanta Barman, Pavel Mahmud, Faisal Ahmed, Hasan Al-Mamun, Firaz Mahmud Hossain Tito, Matur Rahman Munna Parvez Babu, Monwar Hossain, Asadur Rahman, Zulfiqar Mahmud Mintu, Tanvir Chowdhury, Mizanur Rahman Don, Saurur Rahman Moni, Rokonuzzaman Kanchan and Kazi Nazrul Islam.

**India:** Vishnu Vigneshwaran, Ravi Shastri, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Virender Sehwag, Anil Kumble, Yashvir Jaiswal, Irfan Khan, Jitendra Singh, Manoj Prabhakar, Nikhil Chopra, Navjot Singh Sidhu and Ajay Sharma.

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**SANGEETA BIJLANI**

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K.K. Sharma, chief commissioner of Income Tax said investigations would continue.

"It will take at least two months to scrutinise the documents that have been seized," Sharma said.

Income tax officials and federal detectives have in the past week carried out a series of raids nation-wide on top Indian cricketers and officials, in the latest twist to the match-fixing scandal rocking the sport.

Large sums of cash which could not be accounted for and other evidence of undeclared wealth had been discovered during the raids.

Tax officials said besides examining the deposit boxes for unaccounted wealth, detectives will also start the arduous task of scrutinising the "mountains" of documents which have been seized during the tax blitz.

## Bijlani on the hit-list too

BANGALORE, India, July 28 (AFP/Internet): Indian income tax officials have tightened the noose around former cricket captain Mohanmud Azharuddin, with a series of raids on his wife's house and her associates.

A spokesman from the Income Tax Department said about 70 officials had conducted raids Thursday night, targeting the houses and offices of

various alleged bookies, as well as Azharuddin's wife, former actress Sangeeta Bijlani.

"It was found that Bijlani had signed an agreement for the sale of the flat to the owner of the Dominion Club, Suresh Jain, two years ago. We were surprised that the flat still had her name written outside," the spokesman said.

Those raided included former captains Kapil Dev and Azharuddin and players Ajay Jadhav, Manoj Prabhakar, Nikhil Chopra, Navjot Singh Sidhu and Ajay Sharma.

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## Soya Handball semifinals today

### China vindicated

Sports Reporter

The technical committee of Soya America 6th Asian Women Juniors Handball Championship yesterday in a dramatic announcement yesterday, declared China as 19-18 winners against Japan in their last Group B match which was held at the Shaheed Suhrawardy National Stadium on Thursday afternoon.

The decision was made by the six-member committee headed by Asian Handball Federation (AHF) general secretary Abul Hassan after examining the video recordings of the whole game following China's written protest that the result of the match, which ended in a controversial 19-19 draw, was manipulated by the match officials.

The judgment has naturally altered today's semifinal line up. China, who are now the Group B champions, will take on Group A runners up Chinese Taipei in the second semifinal at 5:30 pm. On the other hand, Japan, the second placed team from Group B will face Group A toppers and favourites South Korea in the first semifinal at 4 pm.

In a letter to the Head of the

bowling that was blamed.

"Up until now we have been in a pristine groove, but now everything is coming together," said Hayward on Wednesday after a game against a Board XI in Moratuwa when he became the first bowler on tour to take five wickets in an innings.

"I have now got my rhythm and it feels again like in April when I bowled against Australia. My shin is still sore, but

if you want to play Test cricket for your country, then you must be prepared to bowl with niggly injuries.

"All