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Column One

NOTICE
For unavoidable reasons the draw of **WHIZZ KID Competition-134** could not be held last night. It will now be held on August 18.
—Sports Editor

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

Competition-134
Tick the Correct Answers
Post to The Daily Star
Win attractive prizes
Competition closes at 8 pm
Aug 18, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who is the world's most expensive football player?
Crespo Zidane Figo
- Who won the ICC Under-17 Asia Cup?
Pakistan Sri Lanka India
- Bagladesh's opening match in the second ICC Knock-out tournament is against:
South Africa West Indies England
- Who won the NatWest tri-series?
West Indies Zimbabwe England
- Name the winner of the British Open golf:
Faldo Woods Els

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SPORTS TALK



Imran Khan
(Pakistan cricket legend)
"I always believe in more Pakistan-India series as people in the sub-continent are crazy about the game and they do not want to see cricket destroyed because of politics."
After India decided to pull out of Sahara Cup.

Graveney pulls for Hussain

LONDON, Aug 11 (Internet report): Captain Nasser Hussain has received a vote of confidence from England's chairman of selectors David Graveney after another failure for Essex.
The England skipper, who is enduring a horror run with the bat, had hoped to use Essex's County Championship match with Worcestershire to rediscover his touch but again disappeared.
He managed to add just a single to his overnight score of nine before pushing forward to Worcestershire paceman Kabir Ali and was caught behind.
Hussain has now scored only 144 runs in first-class cricket this summer in 12 completed innings - 74 for Essex and 70 for his county.
But Graveney is not unduly worried about his lack of runs.
Graveney said: "Nasser would like to get runs but I am no more or less concerned about his form than he is."
He said he is not in the best of form and I hope he gets a second opportunity at Kidderminster on a good wicket, but it is not a huge issue for me. It only becomes an issue for the critics.
"Duncan Fletcher (the England coach) will be here on Friday and if Nasser is batting then fine. But the main thing is to have a chat about his views on the last Test match and the one coming up at Headingley."
Graveney added: "Everyone has to accept that these guys now play virtually 12 months of the year and there will be a time when it doesn't go their way."
"But Nasser Hussain is a quality player. He was a quality player yesterday and he will be a quality player tomorrow."

১৬তম ফেডারেশন কাপ ফুটবল টুর্নামেন্ট-২০০০ ইং ১১ ই আগস্ট-২০০০ ইং কবরস্থান: বাংলাদেশ ফুটবল ফেডারেশন



Harunur Rashid, MP, general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation, speaking to newsmen during a conference organised in connection with the 16th Federation Cup tournament yesterday. —Star photo

Arambagh-Wari opener

Fed Cup kicks off today

Sports Reporter
This was revealed by tournament committee secretary and Bangladesh Football Federation member Moazzem Hossain during a press conference held at the BFF office yesterday.
Chaired by Monwar Hossain Chowdhury, chief engineer of LGRD, BFF general secretary Harunur Rashid MP was also present on the occasion.
Moazzem, however, stated that fans would have to avail tickets from the second round onwards.
Ticket prices for second round are: Western Gallery - Tk 20, Eastern - Tk 15 and VIP (Gate 2 and 3) - Tk 30. For two semifinals, scheduled on August 25, the rates are: Western - Tk 25, Eastern Tk 20 and VIP - Tk 40. The rate for the August 27 final are: Western - Tk 30, Eastern - Tk 25 and VIP - Tk 50.
He also said that no sponsor was yet to come forward and BFF has estimated Tk eight lakh 40 thousand will be required to smoothly hold the tournament.
Harunur Rashid said that they were still trying to arrange a sponsor. In case one was found then an announcement would be made before the inaugural match.
The champions will receive Tk one lakh as cash award while the runners-up will be richer by Tk 75 thousand.
According to Moazzem, negotiations were going on for live telecast of the second round.

Law bails Essex out

LONDON, Aug 11: Essex made do without a major contribution from out-of-form England captain Nasser Hussain as they took the upper hand on Day Two of their County Championship Division Two clash with Worcestershire at Kidderminster Thursday, reports AFP.
Hussain again failed with the bat, scoring just 10, but Australian Stuart Law made sure the loss of the skipper did not slow his team's progress. Law steered Essex to a comfortable first innings lead in reply to Worcestershire's 302.
Hussain had added just one run to his overnight score of nine when he became one of three victims to fall to young bowling prospect Kabir Ali.
But Law hit a magnificent 189 before he was caught by Vikram Solanki off Alamgir Sherwar. The visitors made it 461 for nine at the close, with Paul Prichard chipping in with 74 and Stephen Peters scoring 67 for a lead of 159.
Russell Warren and Tony Penberthy helped Northamptonshire to a commanding advantage over Division Two leaders Sussex at Northampton. Warren finished the day unbeaten on 113, and was aided by Penberthy, who weighed in with 92 runs from a total of 327 for four.
Former England bowlers Angus Fraser and Phil Tufnell put Middlesex firmly in charge on day two of the Championship game at Trent Bridge.
Seamer Fraser and spinner Tufnell took three wickets each as Nottinghamshire were bowled out for 245 in reply to Middlesex's impressive first innings of 412.
Chris Tolley was Nottinghamshire's top scorer with 60. Forced to follow on, and the home side had gone a little way to avoiding an innings defeat by reaching 29 at the close without loss.
In Division One, Hampshire set about chasing a total of 279 runs against Leicestershire at Southampton.
Former Leicestershire bowler Alan Mullally had put the home side in with a chance of victory after making it nine wickets for the match against



Players and officials of Bangladesh Biman's women and men's table tennis who lifted the AB Bank Table Tennis titles yesterday. —Star photo

Biman paddlers retain crowns

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Biman maintained their supremacy in men's and women's table tennis when they retained their AB Bank league titles yesterday.
On the final day Biman confirmed the Premier Division championship with an exciting 3-2 win over Armanitola Jubo Sangha.
Rochi led the way for national airline team in their final super league encounter. The ageing former national champion defeated Gautam 21-12, 21-16 and then overcame Hamlet 21-11, 22-24, 21-18. Mahbub won the other match for the holders with a 21-16, 23-25, 21-19 victory over Gautam. For Armanitola, Hamlet beat Mahbub 21-16, 21-19 while Mansoor beat Mustafa 21-17, 21-16.
Biman's men remained unbeaten in the league earning full 22 points from 11 matches. Armanitola finished second with 18 points from 11 matches.
In the women's league, Rumi gave Biman a good start defeating Ratna of Mirpur Table Tennis Club 15-21, 21-11, 24-22 while Saleha then made it 2-0 with a 21-16, 21-12 win over Shima.
Saleha and Rumi then beat Ratna and Shima in the doubles 15-21, 21-12, 21-16.
Biman women's team finished with ten points from five matches while Mirpur TTC trailed them by two points.
Meanwhile, in the First Division league Dikusha Sporting Club clinched the championship with a 3-0 win over Mariner Youngs Club in their last match.
State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader witnessed the final as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.
Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation president Syed Yousuf Hossain, managing director of AB Bank Mohammad Saami and joint-MD of AB Bank Abu Hanif Khan were also present.

Aussies back in action

BRISBANE, Aug 11: Mark Waugh ended a winter practice match here Friday to prove he still has plenty to offer Australian cricket, reports AFP.
Waugh hit a polished 77 as the Australian one-day team held out a valiant Queensland XI in its first hitout for almost four months.
Waugh and Damien Martyn (53 not out) were the most impressive of the Australian batsmen, helping the world champions to 238 for seven from 50 overs.
Brett and Shane Lee then snared three wickets each as Australia snuffed out an early surge from the Queensland XI, who were dismissed for 163 in the 45th over.
Brett Lee (3-30 from eight overs) showed some pre-season flair when he delivered his trademark leap after claiming his first wicket but Waugh remained his unflappable self in his 103-ball knock.
He struck new boundaries and later refused media interviews, preferring to keep a low profile before next week's one-day series against South Africa.
Australia and the Queensland XI met again here on Sunday before the national squad heads to Melbourne for next Wednesday's opening match with South Africa.
He was treated roughly by Bailey who loomed him for six over long-off, hitting a spectator who needed hospital treatment although he was not seriously injured.
Bailey completed his century, the 46th of his career, shortly after tea and this one must have been particularly satisfying.
The former Northants skipper was on the end of a bad decision in Bridgetown, Barbados, during the 1990 Test series and never played for England again. But at 36, he remains one of

Speed wishes cricket well

BRISBANE, Aug 11: Next week's tour of Australia by South Africa may have been scrapped had Hansie Cronje's corruption been exposed sooner, Australian Cricket Board boss Malcolm Speed admitted Friday, reports AFP.
"With the benefit of hindsight, if we'd known all this was going to happen (with Cronje) we may not have scheduled the match at (Melbourne's) Colonial Stadium," said Speed.
"But tickets are selling well, South Africa arrive tomorrow (Saturday) and Australia is training in Brisbane and are very keen to play this series."
Speed said despite the threat of the Cronje case blowing up again when the commission's findings are made public, the one-day series could be a "blessing in disguise" for cricket.
"Maybe this will take the focus off the negative things and get cricket back onto the field where the focus should be," he said.
Speed was uncertain as to what the commission would conclude, apart from some "damning findings" about Cronje and comments about other players in the South African team.
"The thing is to get it all out in the open," he said.
"I don't think there'll be any negative ramifications for Australia from the King inquiry."
"It's part of the process of cleaning out world cricket and we (the ACB) welcome an aggressive inquiry in South Africa."

Mariner thrash Sonali Bank

Sports Reporter
Mariner Youngs Club recorded their third win in the Green Delta Premier Division hockey league with a 5-1 drubbing of over newcomers Sonali Bank at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.
After a barren first half, forwards Biaka Lusal and Musa Mia struck two goals apiece for the winners while Mohammad Razzaq doubled the other veteran Ghous free hit four minutes later.
National midfielder Musa then netted two goals in the space of two minutes to take the game beyond reach of the bankers.
Musa converted a penalty pulled one back for the bankers. Biaka, the lanky attacker from the hilly areas of Sylhet, opened Mariner's account with a flick after being nicely fed by Musa in the 44th minute while Razzaq doubled the margin redirecting home a Ghulam Ghous free hit four minutes later.
Sonali Bank's Sekander (L) wins possession against Mariner's Musa Miah during their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter at the Moulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo



Sonali Bank's Sekander (L) wins possession against Mariner's Musa Miah during their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter at the Moulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Bailey makes WI toil

DERBY, England, Aug 11: Former England batsman Rob Bailey added to the West Indies bowling problems Thursday ahead of next week's Fourth Test at Headingley, reports AFP.
The pace attack again looked ordinary without Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh as Bailey led a recovery with an unbeaten century.
He became the first Derbyshire batsman to score 100 against the West Indies, who cruised to 110 for three from 18 overs by the close after Derbyshire declared 148 runs behind on 242 for five.
That represented an impressive fight-back by Derbyshire, who had been reeling at 32 for three after the tourists declared on their overnight 390 for nine.
But the West Indies must be concerned that Reon King and Franklin Rose show no sign of finding their best form.
King again struggled with his run-up and both tended to bowl too short on a flat Derby pitch, but it looks as if they will retain their places at Leeds.
The other pace bowlers Nixon McLean and Corey Collymore were given only 17 overs between them while leg-spinner Mahendra Nagamootoo was erratic and expensive.
He was treated roughly by Bailey who loomed him for six over long-off, hitting a spectator who needed hospital treatment although he was not seriously injured.
Bailey completed his century, the 46th of his career, shortly after tea and this one must have been particularly satisfying.
The former Northants skipper was on the end of a bad decision in Bridgetown, Barbados, during the 1990 Test series and never played for England again. But at 36, he remains one of the most reliable batsmen on the county circuit and did not offer a chance during 277 minutes at the crease.
He shared stands of 83 with Mathew Downman and 95 with Luke Sutton while Matthew Cassar provided some late acceleration before Bailey declared.
That was a luxury that had looked unlikely when Stephen Titchard was lbw to King in the sixth over and Steve Stubbings edged Rose to the wicketkeeper.
That brought in Bailey at 12 for two and he quickly lost James Pyemont, who was caught behind in Collymore's first over, but Bailey rarely looked in any difficulty.
As soon as Derbyshire had passed the 241 they required to avoid the follow-on, Bailey declared and Adrian Griffith and Sherwin Campbell were soon launching into the county's injury-decimated attack.
Griffith smashed 36 from 19 balls before he was bowled aiming a big pull at Downman, and Campbell completed a half-century before he drove spinner Lian Wharton to extra cover.
The only disappointment for the tourists in the closing session was a failure by Rumaresh Sarwan, the young Guyanese batsman, who failed to score and was bowled aiming a loose drive at Cassar.

BRIEF SCORES

West Indies 390-9 declared (C Gayle 128, W Hinds 104, R Sarwan 52, L Wharton 5-96) and 110-3 (S Campbell 52) v Derbyshire 242-5 declared (R Bailey 112 not out)

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Host	1 Discord
6 Strand	2 goddess
12 "M*A*S*H"	2 Mmrrhy
13 Seek	30 Ukla-
14 Prop in	40 Ancient
15 Ex of	42 Branch
16 "That makes sense"	44 Merrim
17 Osiris'	46 "My Cup
19 U.K. ref.	48 Runneth
20 Soap actress	50 Occult
22 X	52 Highly
24 Ninny	54 Cultivated
27 "ever so humble..."	55 Spire
29 Periphery	56 icy and
32 Kin of	57 Lathers
35 Glinp	
36 Unseen obstacle	

CRYPTOQUIP
O K N V T H J O B W C H
P O F U N L W C H T R I L U P H J
K O I I N B W H V F H W
W N I T W N R O R H T N K V
Y E S T E R D A Y ' S C R Y P T O Q U I P : T H E P O D I A T R I S T .
U N D O U B T E D L Y , P R E F E R R E D T O B U Y A H O U S E
I N T H E F O O T H I L L S .
Today's Cryptquip Clue: K equals W

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.