

Div II chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Star Vision Chess Team and Friends Chess Power are jointly leading the points table in the Second Division League after the third round yesterday.

Star Vision beat Faith Chess Club 2.5-1.5 and Friends beat Bangladesh Deaf Association 4-0 in the third round. Both have earned 10.5 points each.

In the other matches, Protiba beat Notre Dame Gold, Mukti-ijodha Sangsad beat Youth Society, Dohar Daba Club beat Notre Dame Blue, Dhaka Chess Vision beat Faith Gold, Alam Nur CC beat Aka Khan School, Uttara beat United, Promise beat Josephites, Rajshahi beat Beginners, Hajaribagh beat Rajshahi CPA.

The fourth round starts today at 3.30 pm.

Papa Pollock!

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week exclusively with his wife and child before starting to practise at Durban's Kingsmead Cricket Ground next week.

He will return to England four days before the fifth and final Test at the Oval, starting on September 4.

Pollock's six wicket haul last week saw him become the latest member of his family, after his father Peter and uncle Graeme, to have his name inscribed on the Trent Bridge honours board.

Warne stops

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mine and you've got to feel for him with what he's going through.

"It would be great if they came out and said 'yeah Shane can train and prepare himself' because he is going to be the first Australian cricketer to take 500 Test wickets."

Warne is Australia's greatest wicket-taker with 491 in 107 Tests and needs 29 wickets to overtake West Indian Courtney Walsh's world mark of 519 Test wickets.

Federal Treasurer Peter Costello said the ASC was required to maintain drug-free sport in Australia.

"That's why they are taking such a strong stand in this and they have the full backing of the government to do that," Costello said.

"This isn't a situation where the government is determining something. The government is backing the sports commission, which is an expert body, which is charged with responsibly administering the area."

CA is meeting over the next two days to go over its anti-doping policy.

Horrible but effective



AFP, Leeds

Gary Kirsten admitted his unbeaten century against England on the first day of the fourth Test here at Headingley had not been pretty to watch.

But there was no doubting its effectiveness as Kirsten's 109 not out, his 18th Test hundred, and debutant Monde Zondeki's unbeaten 50 took South Africa to 260 for seven at stumps.

The pair have so far put on 118 for the eighth wicket, rescuing the Proteas from 142 for seven after they had earlier collapsed to 21 for four.

Left-hander Kirsten, who missed England's series leveling third Test victory at Trent Bridge with an elbow injury, batted for over six hours.

He came to the crease just four balls into the day after South Africa captain Graeme Smith, who won the toss, fell to Martin Bicknell for two.

"Graeme (Smith) is a man of extremes," said Kirsten of his Western Province teammate.

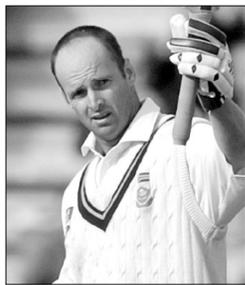
"He either makes me wait all day to bat or I come in the first over," said Kirsten in a reference to the two double hundreds Smith made in the first two matches of this five Test series.

"A lot of people say that it suits my game, just being in there and playing horrible so that's what I did today."

Batting was not easy in overcast conditions with the pitch offering early assistance to England's all pace attack.

"Everything on a good length was going to seam, so it was a difficult surface for scoring quickly," explained Kirsten, 35, South Africa's most-capped player appearing in his 92nd Test.

Kirsten was full of praise for 21-



GARY KIRSTEN

year-old pace bowler Zondeki's innings, his maiden fifty in what was only his 16th first-class match.

"I just wanted someone to spend time with me," said Kirsten of Zondeki - nephew of late South African sports minister and anti-apartheid activist Steve Tshwete.

"He (Zondeki) has a reasonably good technique and it was a great effort in his first Test."

England's attack was led by

veteran Surrey paceman Martin Bicknell who, 10 years after playing his last Test, returned to take two for 32 in 20 overs.

Bicknell, who also had Jacques Kallis caught at short extra-cover for six by England captain Michael Vaughan, said: "I was a little bit nervous."

"But whenever you get a wicket first ball in whatever class of cricket you're playing it's a great feeling," explained Bicknell, who played two Tests against Australia in 1993.

He added he was conscious of making the most of an unexpected recall brought about by injuries to several England pacemen.

"I didn't want to embarrass myself. Over the last 10 years so many people have written nice things about me saying I should be playing. I just wanted to give a good account of myself."

Bicknell, 34, a mainstay of the Surrey side that has won the County Championship three times in the last four years, said being handed the new-ball was no shock.

"It's when I do best. They knew what I was going to give them. They knew I'd be accurate and get the ball in the right areas."

Bicknell added that Kirsten's gritty innings, his fifth against England and second of the series, was typical of the man.

"There are certain types of players who look good and give you a chance. But a player like Gary Kirsten gives you nothing."

Dipali earn promotion

UNB, Dhaka

Dipali Jubo Sangha promoted to the First Division after finishing runners-up in the Shahjalal Bank Metropolitan Second Division Football League with a 4-0 win over Gaderia Famous SC in the last league match at the Army Stadium in Banani yesterday.

With the day's well-deserved victory, Dipali secured 36 points from 15 matches.

Enamul scored two goals in the 24th and 32nd minutes while Rowasa and Rocket netted one each in the 16th and 49th minutes for the winners.

Earlier, another runners-up contender, City Club, surprisingly conceded a 1-6 defeat against T&T Club.

The Mirpur-based City Club finished third in the league collecting 33 points from 15 matches, shattering their hopes of playing in the First Division League.

Zahid made a hatrick while Ashraf, Mesbah and Ujjal netted one each for the winners.

Banik scored the lone goal for the losers.

B'desh keen to play in Duleep Trophy

P. BHATTACHARYA from New Delhi

It is a toss-up between Bangladesh and Kenya for a place in India's premier domestic cricket competition -- the Duleep Trophy this coming season.

One of them will be included in the six-team competition in which the five other teams represent five zones of India -- North, South West, East and Central.

This was decided at a meeting of the working committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiya on Wednesday night.

A final decision on whether Bangladesh or Kenya would be included is likely to be taken next month, BCCI sources said.

Both countries have expressed an interest to take part in the first-class competition.

Das dreams of recall



REUTERS, Bangalore

Opener Shiv Sundar Das is gunning for a return to the Indian Test team after being out for a year due to a poor run of scores blamed on problems with his technique.

The diminutive Das, who was India's main opener since making his debut against Bangladesh in 2000, was axed after a five-test tour of West Indies last year, where he aggregated 124 runs at an average of 15.5.

He travelled to England with the Indian team last year but did not play a test.

"Things have really changed after West Indies," Das told reporters during an Indian fitness camp on Friday.

"I think I've really worked on the technical aspects and I'm really looking forward to the coming season," Das said.

His Test woes were attributed to a lack of footwork. Former opener Sunil Gavaskar, known as a master technician, had commented Das was pushing his bat too far forward instead of keeping it in line with his head at point of impact while playing defensive shots.

India start a two-test series against New Zealand in October, followed by a one-day triangular series also involving Australia. After that, they travel to Australia for four tests.

Virender Sehwag and Sanjay Bangar have taken over the opening role for India for the last year.

Eng make solid reply

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that was as good as it got for the Proteas.

Butcher brought up England's fifty with a square cut four off medium-fast bowler Andrew Hall.

Ntini, after a mean opening spell of one for 10 in seven overs, was replaced by Zondeki.

Trescothick straight drove him for four before Zondeki was forced to leave the field.

Jacques Kallis completed the over and Zondeki's absence meant Deward Pretorius, whose opening two overs cost 18 runs, was brought back.

England's hundred came courtesy of Trescothick's dismissive four off Kallis.

Earlier Gary Kirsten's 130, his 18th Test hundred and fifth against England, was the cornerstone of South Africa's innings.

Together with Zondeki he put on a South African record-equalling 150 for the eighth wicket.

Theirs was a key stand after the Proteas had slumped to 142 for seven.

Zondeki batted for over three

hours facing 128 balls including 10 fours for what was a career-best score in only his 16th first-class match, his partnership with Kirsten lasting 45 overs.

Debutant Kabir Ali led England's attack with three for 80 from 22 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the fourth Test between England and South Africa at Headingley on Friday.

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 260-7)

Smith c Stewart b Kirtley 2
Gibbs c Stewart b Bicknell 0
Kirsten c Bicknell b Kirtley 130
Kallis c Vaughan b Bicknell 6
McKenzie c Stewart b Kabir 4
Rudolph lbw b Kabir 55
Boucher c Vaughan b Flintoff 16
Hall c Smith b Flintoff 0
Zondeki c Butcher b Anderson 59
Ntini not out 32
Pretorius c Stewart b Kirtley 9
Extras: (lb-20, w-2 nb-7) 29
Total: (All out in 114.4 overs) 342

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-2, 3-16, 4-21, 5-116, 6-142, 7-142, 8-292, 9-

Table with 5 columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Rows include Kirtley, Bicknell, Kabir, Anderson, Flintoff.

ENGLAND: First innings
Trescothick not out 36
Vaughan b Ntini 15
Butcher not out 33
Extras: (b-1, lb-13, w-2, nb-10) 26
Total: (For 1 wkt in 28 overs) 110

Fall of wickets: 1-27
To bat: N Hussain, E Smith, A Stewart, A Flintoff, M Bicknell, J Kirtley, Kabir Ali, J Anderson

Table with 5 columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Rows include Pretorius, Ntini, Hall, Zondeki, Kallis.

Toss: South Africa
Umpires: Billy Bowden (NZL) and Simon Taufel (AUS)

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Table with 5 columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Rows include Mashrafe, Baisya, Mahmud, Rafique, Sanwar, Kapali, Saleh.

BANGLADESH: Second innings
Hannan lbw b Hafeez 30
Javed lbw b Akhtar 13
Bashar not out 82
Sanwar lbw b Sabbir 3
Saleh not out 27
Extras: (lb-6, nb-2) 8
Total: (For three wks in 65 overs) 163

Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-73, 3-83
To bat: A. Kapali, K. Mashud, K. Mahmud, T. Baisya, M. Rafique, M. Murtaza

Table with 5 columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Rows include Akhtar, Gul, Kaneria, Shabbir, Hafeez.

Toss: Pakistan.
Umpires: Steve Bucknor and TH Wijewardena.

Abahani off

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Abahani took a 2-0 at the end of the first half but they spoiled half dozen chances before that.

The celebrated Dhanmondi outfit opened their account when Amor swept the ball home after Zahidul Islam Rajan set up a good pass for the Indian in the fourth minute.

Titoo doubled the margin in the 17th minute with a fine hit after the ball came his way from a goalmouth melee.

After the break, Abahani lost their rhythm allowing their opponents to reorganise.

However, Amor stunned them with his second goal in the 43rd minute from a combined attack.

Mobin reduced the margin for Usha after three minutes when he pounced on a rebounder that came from a penalty-corner.

Ashraful Islam Shishu sealed the tally for Abahani with five minutes to go. Shishu made a soft reverse hit from Rajan's angular pass to find the target.

Abahani's custodian Russel Khan Bappi was again the hero with a string of saves especially in the second half.

But the selectors did not consider him for the 15-man squad for the first Test against Bangladesh.

Sampras set to retire on Monday



AFP, New York

Pete Sampras, owner of an unsurpassed 14 Grand Slam singles titles, will make his retirement from tennis official on Monday, when he will be honoured in a ceremony at the US Open, organizers confirmed Thursday.

Sampras said in July that he would not defend his US Open title, a decision widely seen at the time as virtual confirmation that he would not return to tennis.

The 32-year-old American hasn't played since he claimed his fifth US Open title with a victory over old foe Andre Agassi in the final last year.

"Not being at the Open this year, which I'm going to pull out of, and not playing Wimbledon hasn't made me miss tennis enough to really start training, start practising, doing everything I have to do to be where I want to be," Sampras said last month.

"This tells me it's a sign to say, 'It's probably time'. I miss it, but it's time probably to give up."

A statement released Thursday by International Management Group said that Sampras would hold a press conference on Monday, which would be followed by a special ceremony, the details of which will be released by the US Tennis Association.

"We're excited that Pete's going to come back, and it will be a night for Pete and his fans," a USTA spokesman said.

The US Open has been the sight of some of Sampras' greatest triumphs. His first victory there in 1990 made him the youngest ever men's champion at 19 years and 28 days, and his most recent was at the age of 31.

In addition to his five US Open singles titles, Sampras won seven Wimbledon singles titles in eight years and two Australian Open crowns.

When he won Wimbledon in 2000, Sampras broke a tie with Roy Emerson for the most Grand Slam singles titles in history.

The top-ranked player for most of

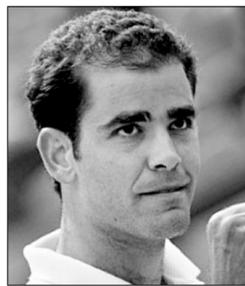
the 1990s, Sampras has won 64 singles titles, has a career record of 762-222 and has earned more than 43 million dollars in prize money.

Mark Miles, chief executive of the ATP, Thursday hailed Sampras as a model athlete.

"His passion for excellence and dedication to success make him a model athlete that will be celebrated for generations to come," Miles said. "Sampras may be retiring from professional tennis, but his legacy will carry on."

Certainly, Sampras' departure is far from unexpected.

Even in the aftermath of his triumph over Agassi at Flushing Meadows last year, Sampras was clearly feeling the lure of life after



PETE SAMPRAS

tennis. "To beat a rival like Andre in a major, at the US Open, a storybook ending. It might be nice to stop," he said then.

"But," the Sampras of a year ago couldn't help adding, "I still want to compete."

The will to compete, however, hasn't proven strong enough as Sampras withdrew from tournament after tournament this year.

In announcing his decision in May to skip the French Open and Wimbledon, Sampras he knew he didn't have what it took to be the best.

Once focused with laser-like intensity on tennis, Sampras now has more things in his life to contemplate.

He and his wife, actress Bridgette Wilson, had their first child, Christian, last November.

FACTFILE

Height: 1.85m
Residence: Los Angeles, USA
Turned pro: 1988
Plays: Right-handed
Grand Slam singles titles: 14
Career titles: 64
Years at No. 1: 6
Weeks at No. 1: 286
Career prize money: 43 million dollars
Career highlights
- Appeared in at least one Grand Slam final for 11 consecutive years (1992-2002), winning in eight straight (1993-2000)
- He and Ken Rosewall are the only men to win Grand Slam titles as a teenager, in their 20s and in their 30s
- Won at least one title for 11 straight years (1990-2000) and 12 of 13 (except 2001)
- Captured Tennis Masters Cup (ATP World Championship) five times in Germany (1991, '94, '96-'97, '99)
- Compiled a 19-9 career Davis Cup record (15-8 in singles) and member of winning teams in 1992 and '95
- Won a career-high 10 titles and compiled a personal-best 29-match winning streak in 1994.
- Won a career-best 85 matches in 1993 and on April 12 became 11th player in history of ATP Rankings to hold No. 1 ranking
- Youngest US Open men's champion at 19 years, 28 days in 1990.
- Only player to finish No. 1 on the ATP Rankings for six consecutive years (1993-98)
- Compiled a 40-2 match record on Centre Court at Wimbledon and 63-7 overall at All England Club.
- With seventh Wimbledon title in 2000 surpassed Roy Emerson (12) for most Grand Slam singles titles in history
- ATP Player of the Year six straight years from 1993-98
- US Olympic Committee "Sportsman of the Year," first tennis player to receive award, in 1997

Dutch move into final Pakistan stay in hunt



AFP, Amsterdam

Netherlands will play in the final of the men's Champions Trophy field hockey tournament after beating Argentina 6-3 on Thursday.

In the day's other match, Pakistan defeated Germany's development team 5-2.

The result was never in doubt as Pakistan quickly went into a 3-0 lead and Germany's two goals after half time were repelled with two more from Pakistan.

Pakistan's first three goals followed the same pattern with possession starting in midfield then worked to the backline on the right and centred for a forward to score from in front.

The result kept alive Pakistan's chances of making the final ahead of Australia.

Pakistan were too quick in Germany's circle for Germany's inexperienced defenders, Eike Duckwitz and Jan-Marco Montag, leaving Christian Schulte to chance to save the goals when Pakistan moved the ball quickly through the circle.

First Kashif Jawad (6th minute) then Rehan Butt (15th minute), then Jawad again (26th minute) scored from in front after the hard work by the final passer.

Three goals ahead and Pakistan slowed down, secure with its lead.

The second half started as the first, with a goal from in front after a

back-pass from the right, but this time it was Germany's Benedikt Sperling scoring from a pass by Benjamin Kopp (43rd minute).

Five minutes later Kopp found a new way to the net with a strong individual run into the circle, firing a shot high into goal to take the score to 3-2 to Pakistan.

Pakistan's second goalkeeper, Salman Akbar was replaced with the more experienced Ahmad Alam two minutes later.

Pakistan and Germany had other chances in front of goal with Pakistan getting three shots on Schulte who saved each chance.

In the last six minutes Pakistan came alive again after Benedikt Sperling received a short yellow card suspension. Sohail Abbas converted a penalty-corner (64th minute) and Salim Khalid finished a brilliant fast break by Pakistan after Germany's failed third penalty corner which caught Germany's youngsters too committed to offence and Pakistan with 5 on 3 in attack (67th minute).

"We took it easy after 3-0," acknowledged Pakistan's manager, Abdul Rashid.

"We are satisfied with the three points but are looking forward to tomorrow's match against India which is a war of nerves," he said.

"It is impossible to predict the result of the match against India as each country wants to win this match more than any other in the Champions Trophy and the players play for national pride," Rashid added.

Bernhard Peters, Germany's coach, believes his young charges

have learned from their four defeats. "They have learned experience about speed on the ball and tactical things which will be invaluable for them in the future," Peter said.

NETHERLANDS-ARGENTINA
Netherlands soaked up early pressure from Argentina, preventing the South Americans getting a shot on goal as Argentina camped in Netherlands half for the first five minutes.

The shot finally came from Matias Paredes after quick passes through the circle found Paredes unmarked to drive in from six metres in front (7th minute) and Netherlands defenders heads went down.

Netherlands scored a spectacular goal through Ronald Brouwer when Taeke Taekema's free hit at the top of Netherlands defensive circle found Ronald Brouwer racing to collect the ball on the opposite side of the pitch to run into the circle unchallenged and drive a hard, high shot past Pablo Moreira in goal (16th minute).

Midway through the first half, Netherlands applied the pressure to Argentina, earned a penalty-corner and Taeke Taekema flicked high to the left of Moreira (20th minute).

Jorge Lombi replied with his own blistering penalty-corner flick to the left of Guus Vogels anchored in the middle of the goal (28th minute).

Matthijs Brouwer matched his cousins goal, converting a sharp chance in front of goal earlier missing a similar chance (31st minute) and Jorge Lombi converted Argentina's second penalty corner with a flick along the carpet into the

left pocket of goal to the right of Vogels (33rd minute).

Netherlands skipped away to a 5-2 lead 10 minutes into the second half when Karel Klaver weaved through four defenders in the circle to push into goal to Moreira's left (45th minute) and Ronald Brouwer deflected in Taeke Taekema's second low penalty corner flick along the carpet to the right post (47th minute).

Argentina fell back in defence taking all their players behind the ball while Carlos Retegeui served a long yellow card suspension and Netherlands scored with an opportunistic goal to Rob Reckers who pounced on a bouncing ball in the circle and hammered a shot into goal (60th minute) for Netherlands to lead 6-3 at the final hooter.

"We played the best hockey of the tournament in the second half today," said Netherlands coach Joost Bellaart.

"We wanted to tire Argentina after their hard match yesterday and it worked in the second half, even though we allowed Argentina back into the match with two penalty corners."

Argentina's coach, Jorge Ruiz said: "The result happened in the second half after we had a yellow card suspension and it was impossible to go ahead with a player suspended."

"Defender Ezequiel Paulon was injured in the 19th minute and will not play again in the tournament."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Pakistan's Shabbir Hussain deceives a German player during their Champions Trophy match on August 21.