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**CHESS OLYMPIAD**  
**Better day for women**

SPORTS REPORTER

There were reverse outcomes for Bangladesh in the second round of the 37th Chess Olympiad as the men's team lost their boards and women bounced back from their first round defeat at Turin, Italy on Monday.

Bangladesh men's team, which got off to a flying start with a 4-0 victory over Liechtenstein, conceded a 3-1 defeat against Netherlands in the second round.

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman and International Master Abdullah Al Rakib suffered defeats while International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib and International Master Reefat Bin Sattar shared their boards.

In the women's section, Bangladesh recovered from their 3-0 defeat against USA to beat New Zealand 2.5-0.5 with WFM Zakia Sultan and WFM Tanima Parveen winning their boards and Nazrana Khan dropping half point.

**School soccer qtrs from Friday**

SPORTS REPORTER

The quarterfinals of the banglalink tiger trophy National School Football Championship begin at Pabna and Comilla on Friday.

The final round of the competition for juveniles will be held on knockout format.

Hajiganj Pilot High School from Chandpur will take on Chhagalnaiya Pilot High School of Feni in the first match while Islamia Govt High School of Mymensingh are set to face Laxminarayan Cotton Mills High School in the second match at the Comilla Stadium on the opening day.

Dhaka will stage the semifinals on June 2.

**GROUP A** (at Pabna): Monipur Secondary School (Meherpur), Younus Ali High School (Pabna), Matherganj MB High School (Thakurgaon), Gaberpara Senior Madrasa (Sirajganj), Kaniat Khata High School (Nilphamari), Vurungamari Pilot High School (Kurigram), Salampur Dakhil Madrasa (Natore) and Pouro Secondary School (Narail).

**GROUP B** (at Comilla): Hajiganj Pilot High School (Chandpur), Chhagalnaiya Pilot High School (Feni), Islamia Govt High School (Mymensingh), Laxminarayan Cotton Mill High School (Narayanganj), Ramu Khijari Adarsha High School (Cox's Bazar), Kakordia Teradal High School (Sylhet), Faridpur High School (Faridpur) and Govt Boys High School (Jhalakathi).



**Did U Know?**

Football's world governing body FIFA decided that for the first time there would be no replayed matches in the 1962 World Cup.



**Luciano Moggi**  
(Former Juventus general manager)  
"Cursed is the day I ever met (former Italian prime minister Silvio) Berlusconi. Last September I went to see Berlusconi and he asked me to come to AC Milan. We all know how the AC Milan owner is, it doesn't take much to get him excited."  
While blaming his problems about match-fixing on a meeting with the former Italian premier.



Italian goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon (C) runs with his teammates during a training session in Florence on Monday.

PHOTO: AFP

**Time to kill racism**



REUTERS, Berlin

Nigerian Adebowale Ogunbure's dream of a professional soccer career in Germany has turned into a nightmare.

Since he joined his club FC Sachsen Leipzig early this year, the 24-year-old has been greeted with loud monkey chants when he steps onto the pitch, had to dodge bananas thrown at him and been physically attacked by fans from opposing clubs.

Now Ogunbure, who has won two caps for Nigeria and plays in Germany's fourth division, has joined other players appealing to World Cup top officials to use the tournament starting on June 9 to crack down on racist fans.

"I am human, I am not an animal or a bimbo. I like my job, I want to play football but that's just got nothing to do with the game any more," Ogunbure told Reuters.

"Now all these nations are coming to Germany to play together as one. This is the time to make clear that humanity and respect for others are part of the game," added Ogunbure, whose own national team failed to make the finals.

In March, world soccer body FIFA announced draconian punishments against racism on the pitch and in the stands during the World Cup. FIFA president Sepp Blatter said sanctions could range from

match suspensions to point deductions.

FIFA earned praise for the initiative against racism, which remains a problem in Spain and in Italy and as well some eastern European countries. In Germany, there have been racist incidents in some second division venues and lower leagues.

Weeks later, however, Blatter backtracked, saying teams would not be docked points for fans' racist behaviour during the tournament as policing the rules could prove too complicated at short notice.

Experts and officials have accused FIFA of backing down and losing credibility.

Some, though, supported FIFA, saying it should be given more time to think over how to police the new rules, which could open the door for manipulation if implemented in haste.

"What if a team were losing and its fans started chanting racist songs to get the match cancelled?" said Lucy Faulkner from England's FA at a recent conference on racism sponsored by the British embassy in Berlin.

"They definitely need to look at the fine-tuning first," Gunter Pilz, a sport and violence researcher at Hanover University, said there was no excuse for not taking a tougher stance at the World Cup because every ticket holder had been registered.

"For international matches we also have strict separation of fans in sections and every seat is assigned to a name," said Pilz, who is also an advisor to UEFA. "If you take that a

little bit seriously then you can easily track down the offenders."

The number of neo-Nazis in Germany is on the rise, according to a new report, and a group of African immigrants in the country have published a guide warning about areas where there have been frequent racist attacks.

Last week a former government official said fans should avoid parts of Brandenburg, the former communist state which surrounds Berlin.

"There are small and medium-sized towns in Brandenburg and other places where I would recommend that nobody with a different skin colour go," former government spokesman Uwe-Karsten Heye, told radio station Deutschlandradio Kultur.

"They would possibly not leave there alive."

Germany's interior minister dismissed the warning. "I think during the world championship everyone can feel safe, wherever he will be in Germany. We are prepared," Wolfgang Schaueble said. "No one who would try to make attacks on foreigners, people of colour, will succeed."

In the United States, black team members preparing for the finals at a training camp said they had become used to racial abuse when playing for European clubs but hoped the World Cup would be different.

"Unfortunately, it (racism) happens," said defender Oguchi Onyewu, who has experienced

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**Rajshahi progress**

SPORTS REPORTER

Rajshahi completed the final round line-up of the Dhaka Bank Under-19 National Cricket Championship when they outplayed Thakurgaon by 118 runs to become group champions at the Bogra Stadium yesterday.

The winners set a 226-run target for their opponents before the match stopped on Monday due to rain and Thakurgaon replied yesterday and were bundled out for 107 runs in 35.1 overs.

Twelve teams split into four groups will take part in the final round that begins tomorrow at four city venues -- Dhanmondi Cricket

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**Pacers' camp from May 27**

SPORTS REPORTER

A national pace bowlers' camp will be held at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur from May 27. The selected pacemen have been asked to report to Shahidul Islam with their kits at 5pm on May 26 at the venue.

The camp will finish on June 5. The selected bowlers are Tareq Aziz, Gazi Alamgir, Nazmul Hossain, Nazmul Hossain Milon, Mahbubul Alam, Rabiul Islam, Md. Mamun, Md. Azim, Kamrul Islam, Shubashish Roy, Sajid Islam, Dollar Mahmud, Md. Shahjada, Emon Ahmed, Golam Kibria, Mehdi Rahman, Mukhter Ali, Rumman Islam, Shafaq Al Zahir and Ziaur Rahman.

**Tough ride for Africans**



AP, undated

Africa's best hope at this year's World Cup was drawn into the tournament's toughest group.

That doesn't mean one of the five teams from the continent won't spring a surprise like Cameroon did in 1990 and Senegal repeated four years ago, both reaching the quarterfinals.

It does make the task much more difficult, though. The Ivory Coast, led by Chelsea striker Didier Drogba, was expected to have the best chance to advance through the group stage.

That was until December, when the Elephants were drawn into Group C along with two-time champion Argentina, the Netherlands and Serbia-Montenegro.

"Anything can happen in football, so if we're among the 32 best teams in the world at some point we will get the opportunity to reach the quarterfinals or the semifinals or the final," Drogba said. "Or we will be eliminated in the first round because the level of the competition is really

high and the teams that reach this far are the best."

The Ivorians, one of four African teams making their debut at the World Cup, should be a tough team to beat with European-league veterans Bonaventure Kalou, Kolo Toure, Aruna Dindane and Didier Zokora.

The easiest division at the World Cup also contains an African team, Angola.

But few are giving the Black Antelopes a chance to reach the knockout stage from Group D, which also includes Mexico, Portugal and Iran.

"Angola is the most humble team at the World Cup, and so it's not going to be easy for us," Angola coach Luis Oliveira Goncalves said. "Our plan is to try to draw with the bigger teams. But for us, we are already winners for qualifying."

The team is led by Fabrice Akwa, the striker who scored the goal against Rwanda that helped Angola qualify for the tournament ahead of perennial African power Nigeria.

Despite the difficult road ahead, Akwa is still optimistic.

"We know the favorites in our group are Portugal and Mexico, but we are going there to surprise these teams," Akwa said.

The other three African teams playing in Germany are Ghana,

Togo and Tunisia. None is favored to reach the knockout rounds.

Four-time African champion Ghana boasts Chelsea midfielder Michael Essien, but plays Italy, the Czech Republic and the United States in Group E. Togo faces 1998 champion France, Switzerland and South Korea in Group G.

The only African team in the tournament that has played at the World Cup before, Tunisia, is in Group H with Spain, Ukraine and Saudi Arabia.

Tunisia striker Zied Jaziri believes his team's opening match against Saudi Arabia is the most important.

"They can beat us, but we can also beat them," Jaziri said. "It's an open game and a very important one, particularly as we will meet Spain afterward in the second game, which will be a very difficult one for us. It could be decisive."

Tunisia has the added advantage of being coached by a man with a proven record. Roger Lemerle led France to the European Championship title in 2000, and then helped Tunisia win the African Cup of Nations in 2004.

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**THE DAILY STAR-RANGS TOSHIBA WORLD CUP QUIZ ROUND 1 DRAW**

**Shareef Ali takes the TV**

SPORTS REPORTER from Rangpur

The readers of Dhaka ran away with top prizes of Round One of The Daily Star-Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2006 with MM Shareef Ali becoming the luckiest person.

Shareef, a retired government official living in Dhanmondi, became the proud winner of the first prize -- a 21" Toshiba Bomba Flat TV -- when chief guest GM Quader MP drew his coupon in front of a packed audience at the Rangpur Town Hall Auditorium Tuesday afternoon.

Although not a single reader of The Daily Star in the northern district of the country won any laurel from the main draw, their presence in hundreds during the lively ceremony showed their deep passion for the global game as well as their faith in the popular English daily, which has been successfully preaching the slogan 'journalism without fear or favour' since its birth in 1991.

During the ceremony, presided over by the editor and publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, the audience cheered every winner's

name blared from the sound system.

Tanvir Bashar won the second prize. Interestingly, Bashar, a 23-year-old student, is also a resident of Dhanmondi.

The third prize went to SM Alamghir, a 47-year-old service holder from Mirpur, Dhaka.

The audience, however, were not denied of their share of prizes with five special gifts up for grabs for them in a lively raffle draw after the main draw.

Welcoming the audience,

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HERE IS THE LUCKY WINNER: Chief Guest GM Quader MP displays the coupon of the first prize winner of the Daily Star Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz-1 in Rangpur on Tuesday.

PHOTO: STAR

**Portugal duo in hot water**



AFP, Lisbon

Officials in Portugal are investigating Benfica duo Armando Petit and Nuno Gomes after they were seen in a television report taking what appeared to be counterfeit films to a World Cup training camp.

A senior inspector with the culture ministry's Inspectorate-General for Cultural Activities (IGAC), which oversees the fight against music and movie piracy, told 24Hours the body would take action if justified despite the approaching football finals.

"We are investigating the situation in juridical terms. Only after this is completed can we act. But if we have to act, we will act," Julio Araujo Melo said Tuesday.

Striker Gomes told private television SIC in a report broadcast Friday that he had brought several movies to the training camp held in Evora, some 150 kilometres (90 miles) southeast of Lisbon, including "Basic Instinct II" and "Mission: Impossible III". Both movies have yet to be released on

DVD.

Midfielder Petit meanwhile opened the trunk of his car to show the movies he was taking to the camp and a copy of "The Producers", which also has not been released on DVD, could be seen among other unidentifiable films.

Under Portuguese law the manufacture and use of counterfeit movies or music can be punished with a prison sentence of up to three years but in most cases judges issue guilty parties fines.

Portuguese police seized a record 155,941 pirated CDs and DVDs last year following a rise in inspections and charged 450 people with crimes related to their sale and distribution, according to IGAC figures.

The widespread availability of pirated movies in Portugal is blamed for declining ticket sales at theatres, the closure of dozens of movie rental stores and a loss of millions of euros in tax revenues.

Portugal are pooled with Mexico, Iran and Angola in World Cup Group D with their first match against debutants Angola in Cologne, Germany, on June 11.

