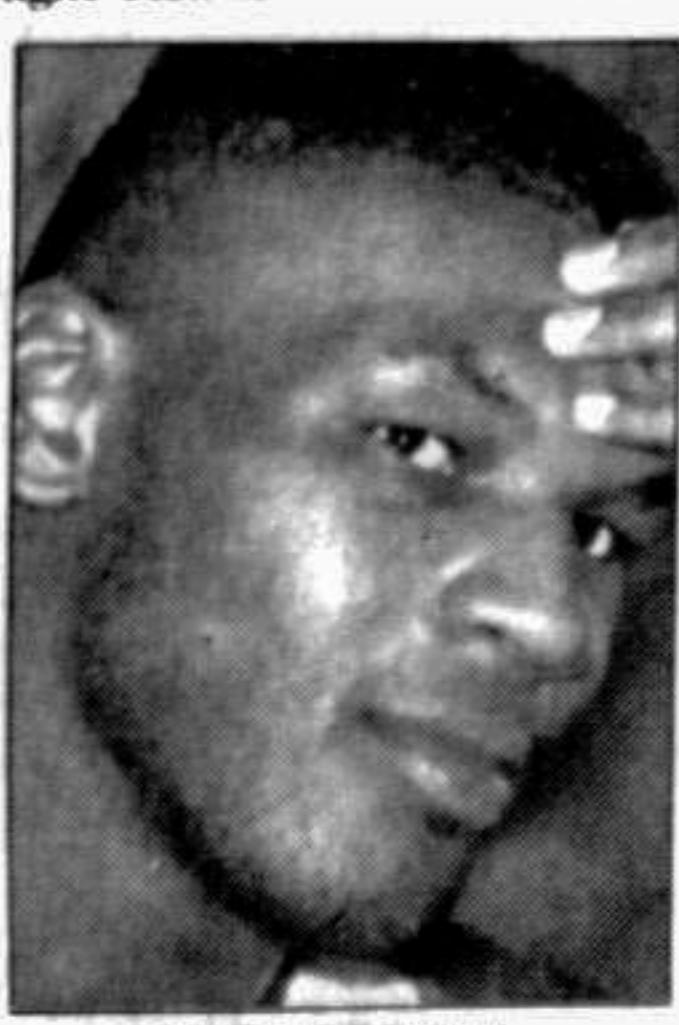


Sport

Sobered Tyson

LONDON, Feb 20: Deposed world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson has given up girls and late nights as he trains to fight Canada's Donovan 'Razor'



MIKE TYSON
Ruddock in Las Vegas on
March 18, reports Reuter.

"Leave the girls alone, cut out the late nights, concentrate on what you do," Tyson said of his preparations.

"I'm a fighter not a night club dancer or gigolo," he added in an interview to be broadcast on the BBC today.

Tyson has recorded first-round wins over Henry Tillman and Alex Stewart since losing his title to James 'Buster' Douglas a year ago.

He hopes a convincing win over Ruddock will set him up for an early challenge for the world title now held by Evander Holyfield.

"Right now, I feel better than I have felt in my career, and myself a better fighter," he said.

Top seeds sail

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 20: The top four men's seeds cruised through the first round of the 28,000 U.S. dollars Asian Badminton Confederation championships here today, reports AFP.

Number one Wu Wengkai of China disposed off Filipino Jesse Alonzo 15-1, 15-1 while second seeded Eddy Kurniawan of Indonesia went through by the same score at the expense of Bangladeshi Shaukat Ali.

Joint third seeds Rashid Sidek of Malaysia and compatriot Foo Kok Keong barely broke sweat. Sidek waltzed through 15-0, 15-1 against qualifier Fahang Saeed of Iran while Foo scored a 15-0, 15-3 win over another Malaysian Leong Pui Lin.

It's a canter for Krabbe

STOCKHOLM, Feb 20: Triple European champion Katrin Krabbe followed up her 1991 world best 7.06 seconds at the weekend with a winning 7.22 over 60 metres at an indoor athletics meeting in Stockholm on Tuesday, reports Reuter.



KATRIN KRBABBE

"I failed at the start, but considering my touch should I'm satisfied," Krabbe said.

The German said she would run the distance at next month's world indoor championship in Seville, Spain and then go for the 100 metres world title in Tokyo in August.

"I believe I have a greater chance to win the 100 than the 200 metres in Tokyo," she said.

Nouredine Morelli of Algeria clocked three minutes 37.96 seconds in a comfortable 1500 metres victory.

"Indoors there is nobody who can beat me, outdoors there might be a few who can challenge me," he said.

European high jump champion Dragutin Topic of Yugoslavia defeated world champion Patrik Sjoberg of Sweden and Romanian Sorin Matei, best in the world last year.

Topic cleared 2.34 metres and said: "It is both a personal indoor best and a national record, so am very pleased."

It's easy for Lalmatia

Sports Reporter



Lalmatia Club's second win of the Navana Premier Division cricket league was completed with very little fuss yesterday at the Dhammandi Cricket Stadium when their opponents Kalabagan Krira Chakra folded their innings on 182 in 58.2 overs. This was a massive 127 runs short of Lalmatia's 309 for seven wickets in their 75 stipulated overs.

This could prove a convenient win for Lalmatia when the relegation candidates are decided. Kalabagan have won only one of their four games while Rupali Bank are winless after as many games.

A win for Lalmatia had been more or less a foregone conclusion by the close of the first day's play Tuesday when Kalabagan, after a hard day in

field, had been forced to part with three of their earlywickets in 16 overs of batting that yielded 64 runs.

Resuming at that overnight score, the remaining Kalabagan batsmen with the exceptions of Tamim, who made a defiant 40, and Pappu, who made 27, found the Lalmatia attack more than a handful. Four of their batsmen failed to open their accounts as Shaon, Ateeq, Sanjeeva and Raja bowled consistently to allow the batsmen any liberties.

Medium-pacer Raja, who had dealt the early blows Tuesday, finished with two wickets for 39, while spinners Ateeq, Shaon and Sanjeeva picked up two wickets each for 26, 16, and 19 runs respectively. Skipper Ashish Malik got one for 35.

Other notable scorers in the Kalabagan innings were open-

ers Alam and Pilot who made 27 and 24 respectively, while Ishitaque, a former Bangladesh opener who was forced to retire hurt Tuesday, came back to ninth man out for 24.

Lalmatia's hero was unquestionably their Sri Lankan recruit Sanjeeva who blasted his way to a brilliant 154 off 153 balls with the help of nine fours and half a dozen sixes before being run out. Pika made a patient 55 off 141 balls while Shaon's quick 44 off 48 balls included four boundaries and a six. Sanjeeva and Shaon also came good with the ball to make it a fine team effort for Lalmatia.

Pappu was Kalabagan's most successful bowler with two for 24 while Ajay Verma, Ishitaque and Rumi got one apiece.

There will be no Navana league matches today on the occasion of Ekushey February.

Eastern's exciting win

Sports Reporter



Eastern Sporting Club and Rayer Bazar Sporting Club registered victories in their respective matches of the Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league at different city venues yesterday.

At the Mohakhali T&T Board ground, Eastern Sporting of Narayanganj recorded an exciting ten-run victory over East End Club in a match curtailed to 26 overs a side due to a late start. Eastern, who scored 129 for eight wickets in their 26 overs, restricted East End to 119 for nine in theirs for a thrilling win.

Arif with 20, Liton with 14, the veteran yet evergreen Dulu Affendi and Shyamol with 14 each were Eastern's batting successes.

Tonu took two Eastern

wickets for nine runs while Roquibul, Noman and Shakhat claimed one each.

Although Tito made a gallant 53 off 65 balls for East End, his side failed to capitalise on the good work. Selim made 21 and Raja II while Dulu Affendi spun his magic around the Eastenders to finish with figures of four for 13 while Shyamol got two for 38.

Rayer Bazar win

In the other fixture of the day, at the Dhammandi Club ground, Rayer Bazar SC, despite being bowled out for 143 in 30.4 of their allotted 35 overs, managed to register a 28-run win over DOHS.

Titu made 31, Zaeer an unbeaten 20, Pintu 14 and Tuhin and Kamal 13 each for Rayer Bazar while Faisal was DOHS most successful bowler

taking three for 29. Bappi and Shantoo got two each for six and 22 runs respectively.

In reply, DOHS could muster only 115 before being all out in 31.4 overs.

Rinku topscored with 24, Shiva and Pitu made 14 each, the latter remaining not out, while Munna made 17 for DOHS.

Pintu claimed three for 19 runs and Zia two for 16 for Rayer Bazar.

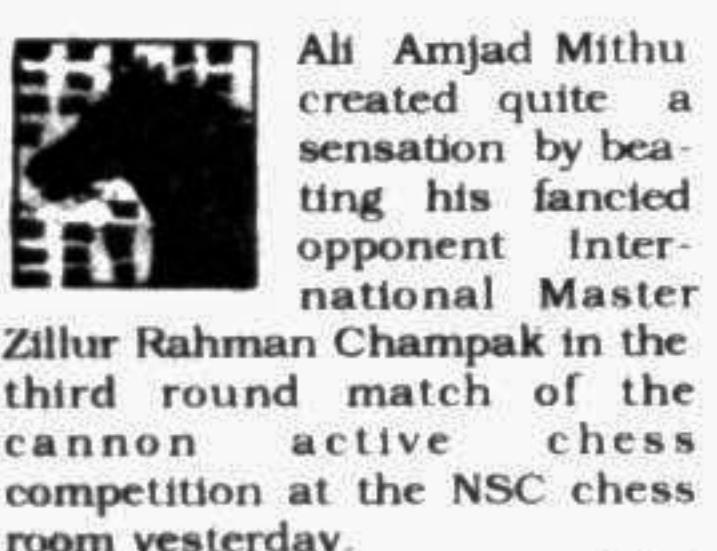
The league remains suspended today for Shaheed Dibash.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES

Ajax Club vs United Heroes (DCS)
Victoria SC vs Kakrail Boys (T&T)
D.Friends Union vs Three Star Boys (D.Club)

Mithu shocks Champak

Sports Reporter



Ali Amjad Mithu created quite a sensation by beating his fancied opponent International Master Zillur Rahman Champak in the third round match of the cannon active chess competition at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Six players led the field with full three points after

completion of the second and third rounds of the Universal Traders-sponsored and Dhabha Chess Foundation organised meet. They are FIDE Masters Ziaur Rahman and Rezaul Haq, Sufiuddin Lablu, Ali Amjad Mithu, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shihab and Sirajul Islam.

FIDE Master and former national champion Jamilur Rahman Khan, Fazlur Rahman, Amin Ahmed and Mahbub Afzal

were tied in second spot with two and a half points each.

Rifrat Bin-Sattar, Neamul Haq Niru, Khalequzzaman Khan, and Shahidul Islam all had full points after their first two matches.

In notable second round upsets, Maruf Ahmed went down to Khalequzzaman while Sheikh Anwar Hossain lost to Muniruzzaman Munir.

Today is a rest day.

Edberg is extended

STUTTGART, Feb 20: Stefan Edberg, who has won back his world number one status from the injured Boris Becker at the weekend, looked far from happy in his first round clash against home hope Markus Zoelke in the one million dollar Stuttgart Classic on Tuesday, reports AFP.

The Swede needed to gather his concentration and raise his game to tame the 65th last-serving Berlin player who is coached by former Swiss number-one Heinz

Vita-Rich semis

Sports Reporter

White team and Red team fought to a goalless draw in the Vita-Rich Victory Day football tournament organised jointly by Somali Otti and the Dhaka Football Players Welfare Association yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

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Novotna recovers

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Meanwhile a Reuter report from Oklahoma says Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia, remembering a recent loss after leading in a

tiebreaker, bore down in another first-set tiebreaker on Tuesday and went on to beat Carrie Cunningham 7-6, 7-4, 6-3 in the first round of the Virginia Slims of Oklahoma tennis tournament.

Novotna held a 6-3 lead in the tiebreaker and then lost the next point. That remained her, she said, of a similar situation in the Virginia Slims of Chicago last week, when she held a 5-3 lead in the tiebreaker and then lost the set and eventually the match to Helen Kelesi.

Bruguera's senior compatriot and fourth seed Emilio Sanchez won an entertaining match against Amos Mansdorf of Israel 7-6, 7-3, 6-3 but another Spaniard, Jordi Arrese, crashed to Karel Novacek in 7-6, 7-6, 7-4.

Hard-hitting Austrian left-hander Thomas Muster failed in straight sets against Spain's Sergi Bruguera. The third seeded Muster slumped to a 6-2, 6-3 defeat.

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Seventh seed Andrei Cheesnokov of the Soviet Union proved too consistent for Magnus Larsson of Sweden and scored a 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 win while German Patrick Baur scored a surprise straight-sets win over promising Swedish player Niklas Kulti 6-3, 7-6, 7-0.

A total of nine events starting from Liliputian to feather weight division will be held during the four day meet.

All the affiliated associations are requested to report to the federation office by March 3rd, reports Reuter.

C'wealth basketball to go ahead

EDINBURGH, Feb 20: The third Commonwealth basketball championships are certain to go ahead in Edinburgh from June 29 to July 7—thanks to a major funding operation announced on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Over 100,000 pounds has been guaranteed to enable the championships to take place for the first time since 1983. It will be the biggest basketball event to be held in Britain for 15 years.

Edinburgh district council is donating a package worth 50,000 pounds, including the provision of all the major facilities, the Scottish Sports Council has offered 30,000

pounds, and the Scottish Development Agency 22,000 pounds.

"I'm confident this will be a major sporting event for Edinburgh and Scotland," said Bill McInnes, chairman of the Scottish Basketball Association, at the official Launch in Meadowbank.

A 12-team men's tournament and an eight-team women's event will take place, with matches to be played at Grace Mount Sports Centre, Ainslie Park and Meadowbank.

England will defend the men's title they won in New Zealand in 1983 and New Zealand have confirmed they

Nasser's ton put England 'A' on top

COLOMBO, Feb 20: Right-hand bat Nasser Hussein stroked a solid 161 as England 'A' struck back to win the upper hand on the fourth day of their second five-day international against Sri Lanka 'A' here Tuesday, reports AFP.

The visitors, who were at one stage precariously placed at 12 for 2, piled a mammoth 411 for nine declared to surpass by two runs the Sri Lanka 'A' first innings total.

Opening bowlers Andy Pick and Mark Ilott then struck quickly to send the home side reeling to 23 for 3 at stumps to put England 'A' in the driving seat with one more day to go.

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Lewis-Johnson monopoly under serious threat

LONDON, Feb 20: The much-hyped rematch between Carl Lewis and Ben Johnson could be relegated to the status of an irrelevant sideshow by a confident, articulate young American, reports Reuter.

Leroy Burrell, a training partner of Lewis at the Santa Monica Track Club, breezed into Europe last week in search of fast times and dol-

leys.

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Essex batting sensation

Hussein continued where he left off on the third day to post two century stands before being brilliantly caught by Ruwan Kalpage in the covers, off paceman Sanya Ahangama.

Hussein first put up a 114 run fifth wicket partnership with Graham Thorpe, who was 42 not out on the third day. Thorpe added only 11 runs before falling to the bowling of spinner Kalpage for 53.

After the stand with Thorpe, the 22-year-old Hussein shared a 138 run partnership with fast bowler Phil Newport who was run out for 35. Hussein followed next to a head-high catch taken by Kalpage off the tireless Ahangama.

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