

All 3 leaders draw

REGGIO EMILIA, Italy, Jan 5: World champion Garry Kasparov was joint leader of the annual Reggio Emilia chess tournament after the penultimate round on Saturday in which all three of the leaders drew, reports Reuter.

Sharing top spot were Boris Gelfand and India's Viswanathan Anand.

Observers said Kasparov and Anand were both likely winners of their final games on Monday but Gelfand faced a tough task against former world champion Anatoly Karpov.

Kasparov accepted the offer of a draw by Lev Polugayevski after three hours of even play, but in the clash between Anand and Gelfand the Indian Grandmaster was forced to a draw after failing to capitalise on being a pawn up.

Another former world chess champion, Boris Spassky—who lost the title in an epic 1972 battle with the now-reclusive American chess genius Bobby Fischer—said Kasparov and Karpov were below their best.

Neither of them seem to be playing as well as they can," he told Reuter. "It's a great chance for the younger Grandmasters."

Spassky arrived on Friday to watch the final two rounds of the highest-level chess tournament ever staged.

All 10 players at the tournament are in the world's top 20, including five of the top six. Only Britain's Nigel Short is missing. All were born in the former Soviet Union except Anand.

Today is rest day but adjourned games will be finished.

Enghth round results

Garry Kasparov	1/2
Lev Polugayevski	1/2
Boris Gelfand	1/2
Viswanathan Anand	1/2
Anatoly Karpov	1/2
Vassily Ivanchuk	0/2
Mikhail Gurevich	0
Alexander Belyavski	1
Alexander Khalifman	0
Valery Salov	game adjourned

Standings after eight rounds

Kasparov, Anand and Gelfand 5 points	
Karpov	4-1/2
Khalifman	4
Ivanchuk	4
Gurevich	4
Polugayevski	3
Salov	2
Belyavski	1-1/2

Pioneer soccer results

Sports Reporter

Three matches were decided while two other encounters were drawn in the 1991 Janata Bank Pioneer football league, held yesterday at three different city venues.

At the Outer Stadium, Lalbagh Tarun Sangha trounced Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha 3-0.

Jewel opened the score and then doubled the margin for Lalbagh while Shaheed Mian completed the tally for the winners.

The first match at the venue, between Azampur Kishore Sangha and KR Boys Sporting Club, ended in a goalless draw.

At the Dhoopkhola ground, Kaliganj Palli Unnayan Samity lost to Mukta Khelegar Ashar 1-0.

Shaful Alam scored for the winners in the 16th minute of play.

In the other match at the same venue Mugdapa Samaj Kalyan and Kira Sangad edged past Monsur Sporting Club 1-0.

Raisuddin elected SAASF president

The sixth meeting of the executive committee of SAARC Airlines Sports Federation (SAASF) was held at Biman Bhawan in the city yesterday, says a press release.

The meeting unanimously elected Raisuddin Ahmed, vice



chairman of Biman Sports and Cultural Committee and vice president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board as president of the SAASF.

Rohana Abeytunge, chairman of the Air Lanka Sports Committee was elected vice-president while Zahir Ahmed, general secretary of Biman Sports and Cultural Committee, was made the secretary of the newly-elected committee.

The meeting drew up a sports programme for 1992 and part of 1993 which is as follows:

Football in Pakistan, April 1992; badminton in Colombo, Sri Lanka, July 1992; cricket in Dhaka, November, 1992; table tennis, chess and cricket in India, January 1993; March 1993 and September 1993 respectively.

Earlier, Biman's Managing Director Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury formally opened the meeting and spoke to the representatives of the participating airlines.

Kulfa Gold Cup

MANIKGANJ, Jan 5: Rahmatganj SC of Dhaka moved into the semifinals of the Kulfa Gold Cup football tournament defeating Air Force 3-0 at the local stadium here today, reports UNB.

Mokbul of Rahmatganj scored the first goal in the third minute of the quarter-final match. Angur netted the other two goals in the 22nd and 33rd minutes of the first half.

Referee: Suman Mondol. Earlier, Dhaka Wanderers Club, Victoria and Arambagh KC all reached the semifinals. Ten clubs are taking part in the tournament which began in the district on December 20 last.



Bangladesh Air Force goalkeeper tries his best to thwart a BDR forward in yesterday's Federation Cup handball final at the Outer Stadium. —Star photo

BDR retain Fed Cup

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Rifles retained the Federation Cup handball championship. They beat title aspirants Bangladesh Air Force by 31 goals to 16 in the final of the third Federation Cup competition yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

Defending champions Rifles faced no real difficulty in outplaying their more fancied opponents. They led the first half

17-6. Rafiqul Islam scored eight goals and Rokonuddin and Maung Shwe Pruc netted six each for the Riflemen while Nabuat and Shaifuddin slotted seven and six goals respectively for the vanquished.

Rafiqul Islam of Rifles was adjudged the best player of the tournament and also of the final match.

Major (ret'd) M A Mannan, State Minister for Textiles, witnessed the final as the chief guest and gave away the trophies.

Li Col (ret'd) M A Hamid, psc, president of the Bangladesh Handball Federation, also attended.

Organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation, six teams took part in the tournament. Bangladesh Rifles, Bangladesh Police, Brothers Union and Surjodoy Boys Club were the other teams in the fray.

Following is the roll-of-honour of the Federation Cup handball:

Lewis sets higher goals until '93



RALEIGH, North Carolina, Jan 5: Six-time Olympic champion Carl Lewis has set some world record goals for himself in 1992, but said on Saturday that 1993 may be his last year of competition, reports Reuter.

The 30-year-old track star said the Barcelona Summer Games would be his last Olympics and predicted both his 100-metre record and Mike Powell's long jump record would fall this year.

"It looks like this will probably be my last Olympic Games," Lewis said in a telephone interview from Houston following his selection as the US Olympic Committee's sportsman-of-the-year.

Lewis, who began competing internationally in 1979, suggested the next World Athletics Championships might be a fitting place to end his brilliant career.

"We have a World Championships (in 1993), so that may be my last international

competition," he said. But, as always, Lewis left the door open.

"I physically feel this year (1991) I improved so much that the way things are going, if I continue to improve I'll have to see," said the American.



CARL LEWIS, who stormed to a world record of 9.86 seconds at the Tokyo World Championships after losing to Leroy Burrell in his world-record 9.90 performance at the US National Championships.

"I know mentally I'm ready

to do other things in life, Lewis said. "But I don't feel I can cheat myself. If I continue to improve, I'm going to stay in it. When that tapers off, then it's time to go."

Lewis said he would attempt to add three Olympic gold medals to the six he already owns when he competes in Barcelona this summer.

At the US Olympic trials in June, Lewis said he planned to compete in the 100 and 200 metres and the long jump as well as vie for a spot on the 4x100-metre relay team.

Lewis won gold medals in all four events at the 1984 Olympics and added titles in the 100 and long jump at the 1988 Games.

Saying he had trained harder this autumn than in any of the past six years, Lewis predicted a 30-foot (9.14 metre) long jump for himself in 1992.

"That would be the biggest achievement if it happens," said Lewis, who had three jumps of 29 feet (8.84 metres) or better in the Tokyo final.

Lewis lost the gold to Powell, who got the big one, soaring 29 feet, 4-1/2 inches (8.95 metres), to break Bob Beamon's 23-year-old record of 29 feet, 2-1/2 inches (8.90 metres).

Lewis also predicted that he and Burrell would break 9.83 seconds in the 100 this year.

"That's what the old dirty record was," he said in a swipe at Ben Johnson, whose world record performance at the 1987 World Championships was erased from the record books following the Canadian's admission of years of steroid use.

Johnson later ran 9.79 in beating Lewis at the 1988 Olympics but the gold medal went to the American and his time was never recognised after the Canadian tested positive for steroids.

"I think it would be an incredible accomplishment if someone can run faster than (9.83) and prove that hard work and training and dedication can prevail over drugs," Lewis said.

Stich, Sabatini top draws in Sydney



SYDNEY, Jan 5: Michael Stich has gone from the hunter to the hunted since launching his meteoric ascent to tennis stardom in Australia a year ago, reports AFP.

The 23-year-old German was runner-up in Adelaide and Sydney and with six months was Wimbledon champion, catapulted from 44 to world number three.

Tennis and rarely witnessed a rags-to-riches tale to rival the astonishing deeds of Stich.

Now the power-serving Stich is back, aiming to go one better than a beaten finalist to Frenchman Guy Forget in the 4,67,500 US dollar New South Wales Open starting here Monday, a prelude to the Australian Open in Melbourne.

Forget is defending his title, under challenge this week from No. 5 Ivan Lendl, Grand Slam Cup champion David Wheaton, Czechoslovak Petr Korda, Swede Magnus Gustafsson and American Derrick Rost, no.

Former winner Henri Leconte, last month's inspiration behind France's first Davis Cup triumph in almost 60 years, was refused a wild card.

Real beaten in Madrid derby

MADRID, Jan 5: Real Madrid were sent spinning to their first defeat of the season on Saturday by bitter city rivals Atletico Madrid, reports Reuter.

Atletico won 2-0 their first home success over Real in seven seasons, to close the gap on the once runaway Spanish championship leaders to four points.

Real's attempts to launch attacks were frustrated time and again by a rock-solid Atletico midfield, coolly masterminded by German Bernd Schuster.

Atletico stunned Real in the first minute. A Schuster corner was headed clear but the waiting Vizcaino powered the ball home with a half-volley from just outside the area.

It was not long before Real responded, striker Adolfo Aldana bringing down a Gheorghe Hagi centre from the left in the eighth minute and firing a left-footed shot against the bar. Keeper Abel Resino deflected the ball just enough to prevent what looked like a certain goal.

Real were dealt another hammer blow at the start of the second half when Sanchez scored. The goal came after Rocha mis-kicked and Atletico centre and Manolo placed the ball to the right of a diving Hagi.



Lineker puts his son first

LONDON, Jan 5: Gary Lineker's place in the England squad for the European Championships, in June depends on his baby son George's continuing battle against leukaemia, reports AFP.

Lineker has told Graham Taylor that he may not make the trip to Sweden, but will certainly help the England manager's cause if he can.

The England skipper said that everything will depend on how George is. "At the moment it is too far ahead for me to say I will definitely be playing in the European Championship finals. But that is my aim."

"So much depends on George. We'll have to approach that when it comes but hopefully, he will be doing very well by then."

Actually, playing has not been a big problem at all. I feel good and strong and I have my match fitness back."

No matter what has happened to me I never once sat down and thought I would not play again. It never occurred to me and I've never felt like that."

Lineker says he will play in next month's Wembley friendly against France, one of England's main rivals at the championships.

His three-month-old son has been allowed home for a week, but is due to continue chemotherapy treatment in his battle against the illness.

Soccer result

CAIRO, Jan 5: Egypt beat Czechoslovakia 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in a soccer friendly on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Scorers: Ahmed El-Kass (8th minute), Ahmed Ranut (78th).

into the main 32-man draw—instead he will have to fight his way through the weekend qualifying.

There is little doubt whom local fans will be clamouring to see this week — Gabriela Sabatini, the most marketable celebrity in women's tennis, is making her Sydney debut.

The dusky Argentine, tuning up for her coming battles with the world's leading duo, Monica Seles and Steffi Graf, in the year's first Grand Slam tournament in Melbourne, heads a high quality draw, featuring 14 of the top 20 women.

Czechoslovak Jan Novotna, last year's tourna-

ment winner and runner-up to Seles in the Australian Open, is back to defend the title.

Her 1991 final opponent, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, will be here too.

Other top-tenners include American Mary Joe Fernandez, Spaniard Conchita Martinez and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere, who partnered Jakob Hlasek to a Swiss triumph in last week's Hopman Cup in Perth.

Teenaged German Anke Huber, who heralded her climb into the top 20 by trouncing Martina Navratilova to win at Filderstadt last October, is another impressive entrant.

Tarango denies Volkov

WELLINGTON, Jan 5: Unseeded American players were the stars here today in the finals of the 1,82,500 US dollar BP Nationals, winning the singles and doubles titles against high-ranked opponents, reports AFP.

Jeff Tarango took the singles title in straight sets when he beat top seed Alexander Volkov, from the Commonwealth of Independent States 6-1, 6-0, 6-3 in less than one hour and a half.

Speaking after winning his first ATP tour title, Tarango said, "I'm excited, it's great. I made very few unforced errors and that's the key against players like Alex."

"My shots just came together. Hopefully I can keep on winning."

Volkov, who had worked his way comfortably through to the final, was a troubled man. Out of touch and at times appearing dispirited, nothing went right for him.

"Tarango was hitting the

ball early and I was always late," he said.

"He played really well and I didn't. But I've played worse. It happens."

Volkov denied television reports that he had strained his shoulder during a warm-up before the final. "That was nothing. It didn't affect me," he said.

Tarango, ranked 106 against Volkov's 25, picked up the trophy and a 22,600 US dollar cheque.

Perhaps his performance helped fire up his compatriots Jared Palmer and Jonathan Stark in the doubles final when they took on second-seeds Michiel Schapers (Netherlands) and Daniel Vacek (Czechoslovakia).

The Americans, qualifiers in the doubles, took the title in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 with superior teamwork and better action close to the net.

"We had some trouble with the wind but we managed to win some key points and then we just got lucky," said Stark.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ON HIS FIRST SOLO FLIGHT, THE AIRPLANE PILOT WAS GOING TO WING IT.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals H

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