

Miandad, Malik steer Pakistan

PERTH, Mar 15: A superb century stand between Javed Miandad and Salim Malik here today kept alive Pakistan's hopes of snatching a place in the World Cup cricket semifinals, reports Reuter.

run rate above four per over and their modest total never looked enough.

Captain Aravinda De Silva was top scorer with 43 off 56 balls but he fell just as the Sri Lankans looked to be setting the initiative at 132 for three in the 35th over.

De Silva shared in a fourth wicket stand of 51 with Athula Samarasekera (38) which was the high point of the Sri Lanka innings.

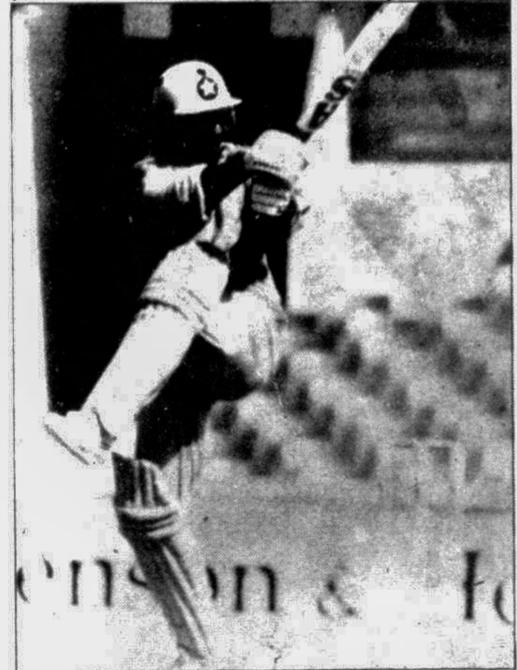
Left-arm paceman Wasim Akram was the pick of the bowlers, finishing with one for 37 from his 10 overs, while Mushtaq Ahmed again proved there is a place for leg-spin in limited overs cricket by taking two for 43 from his 10 overs.

Pakistan made a turgid start to their reply, Aamir Sohail falling in the second over off Champaka Ramanayake for one and when Rameez Raja was second out for 32, the Pakistanis were 68 for two off 20 overs.

Miandad and Malik secured a four-wicket win over Sri Lanka, and Pakistan must now beat New Zealand in Christchurch in their final round-robin game on Wednesday. Pakistan now have seven points from seven

of the clash between Australia and West Indies in Melbourne later the same day.

From a shaky start in pursuit of Sri Lanka's 212 for six off 50 overs, Pakistan were steered to victory by Miandad (57) and Malik (51), whose match-winning partnership put on 101 for the fourth



Pakistan's Ramiz Raja plays a shot during yesterday's World Cup match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka in Perth. —AFP photo

The pair came together at the fall of Imran Khan's wicket with Pakistan in potential trouble on 84 for three in the 24th over.

When Miandad was out off the first ball of the 45th over, Pakistan were 185 for four and well on course for victory. And despite a brave late show of resistance by the Sri Lankans which took the match into the final over, Pakistan won with five balls to spare at 216 for six.

Despite conditions which seemed perfect for batting, both sides struggled to make their runs.

Sri Lanka rarely raised their

run chase beautifully.

The Pakistanis may have left their chance too late in this World Cup.

"We have to beat New Zealand and then see what happens," Pakistan team manager Intikhab Alam said.

"But we are very confident of beating New Zealand. We like the conditions there, so it's going to be a great match on Wednesday."

Intikhab praised Malik and Miandad but was equally as pleased by the efforts of Mushtaq.

"It was good to see him bowl well on this wicket," he said.

"He's justified our faith in

selecting him for the World Cup and he will take a lot more wickets."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the World Cup cricket match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka today:

SRI LANKA

Mahanama b Akram	13
Samarasekera st Moin b Mushtaq	38
Hathurusinghe b Mushtaq	5
De Silva c Aamir b Ijaz	43
Gurusinha c Malik b Imran	37
Ranathunga c sub (Zahid) b Aamir	7
Tillekeratne not out	25
Kalpage not out	13
Extras: (lb-15, nb-6, w-11)	32
Total: (six wickets-50 overs)	212
Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-48, 3-99, 4-132, 5-158, 6-187.	
Did not bat: C Ramanayake, K Wijegunawardene, P Wickremasinghe.	

Bowling:

O	M	R	W
Akram	10	0	37
Aaqib	10	0	39
Imran	8	1	36
Mushtaq	10	0	43
Ijaz	8	0	28
Aamir	4	0	14

PAKISTAN

Aamir Sohail c Mahanama b Ramanayake	1
Rameez Raja c Gurusinha b Wickremasinghe	32
Imran Khan c De Silva b Hathurusinghe	22
Javed Miandad c Wickremasinghe b Gurusinha	57
Salim Malik c Kalpage b Ramanayake	51
Inzamamul Haq run out	11
Ijaz Ahmed not out	8
Wasim Akram not out	5
Extras: (lb-12, nb-8, w-9)	29
Total: (six wickets-49.1 overs)	216
Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-68; 3-84; 4-185; 5-201; 6-205.	
Did not bat: Moin Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aaqib Javed.	

Bowling:

O	M	R	W
Wijegunawardene	10	1	34
Ramanayake	10	1	37
Wickremasinghe	9	1	41
Gurusinha	9	0	38
Hathurusinghe	9	0	40
Kalpage	2	0	14

Result: Pakistan won by four wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Javed Miandad.

Rani Hamid leads women's chess

Sports Reporter

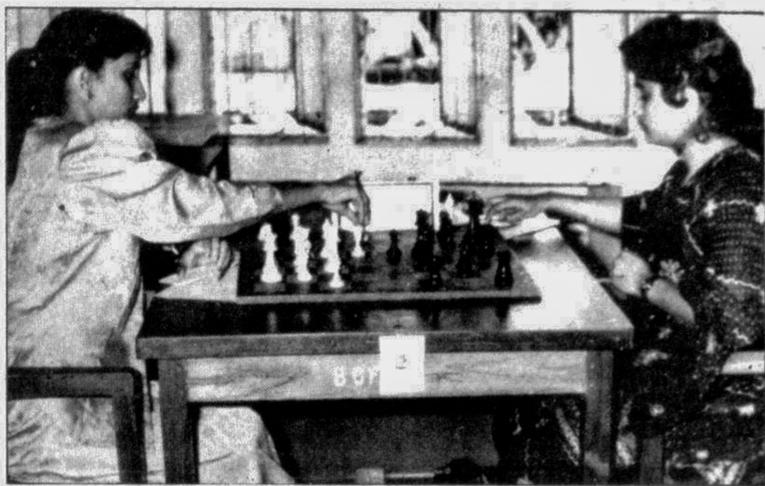
Rani Hamid, the trail blazer in women's chess in this country, maintained her lead in the points table at the end of the seventh round of the 13th women's chess now in progress at the chess room of the National Sports Council.

The veteran eight-times former national champion beat Hamida Rahman yesterday.

In the other matches of the day, Afroza Khanam Bablee outwitted Afsana Parveen Neera while Masuda Begum drew with Zakia Sultana. Shabana Parveen Neepa got the better of Jahanaara Huq Runu while the match between Rukhsana Gulshan Nikkon and Tanima Parveen was not held.

Rani Hamid stays at the top with 5½ points from seven matches.

Defending champion Tanima Parveen, Afroza Khanam Bablee and Masuda Begum have 4½ points each from six matches. Shabana Parveen Neepa has four from seven matches. Jahanaara Akhtar Runu and Zakia Sultana have 2½ from seven games. Hamida Rahman and Afsana Parveen Neera who, also played seven matches, have two and one point respectively.



Afsana Parveen Nira(L) makes a move during her 13th national women's chess championship match against Afroza Khanam Bablee yesterday at the NSC. —Star photo

Abahani-MSC meet in title decider today

BU beat Biman for 3rd spot

Sports Reporter

Reigning champions Brothers Union defeated last year's runners-up Bangladesh Biman by

six wickets in the Navana Premier Division super league to settle for the third slot.

Electing to bat, Biman piled up 201 for five wickets from 39 overs with Tariquzzaman Munir top scoring with 54.

The diminutive batsman cracked eight fours in his eighty-ball knock. Zakaria made a useful 43 while Selim Shahid chipped in with 24.

Arup Bhattacharya, the burly all-rounder from Calcutta, who has been featuring prominently both in batting and bowling, picked up two wickets for 25 runs while Salahuddin and Saad took one each.

Brothers ran into trouble with openers Halim Shah and Nurul Abedin Nobel departing cheaply. Promising young batsman Habibul Bashar Sumon did not last long, missing the line of a Jahangir delivery on 21, but his dismissal paved the path for a match-winning partnership between skipper

the same number points from an equal number of matches.

Both teams have suffered one defeat each with Abahani losing to Mohammedans in the first leg while the latter went down to Biman in their first match in the current super league.

However, the fate of the match has been somewhat jeopardised by the reported mobility of the members of the law enforcing agency to detail enough personnel at the Dhaka Stadium, today to maintain the peace in such a potentially volatile engagement. It is reported the Dhaka Metropolitan Police is short of enough men to be posted at the various sporting venues in the city, such as the Mirpur Stadium, the Hockey Stadium, the Dhanmoldi cricket grounds, etc., especially during the month of Ramadan.

Yet, the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board officials expressed their determination to get on with today's match between the arch-rivals with or without the policemen. They feel they can ensure adequate security.

Liu, Tang All-England champs

LONDON, Mar 15: Unseeded Liu Jun of China won the All-England badminton title on Saturday with an

audacious 15-13, 15-13, success over compatriot and World champion Zhao Jianhua, reports Reuter.

The women's title also went to China, world champion Tang Jihong overcoming her anger over refereeing decisions to beat South Korea's Bang Soo-hyun 9-12, 12-10, 11-1.

Zhao became the fourth seed to fall to Liu at these championships but the new titleholder has a fine pedigree in the game, including making the semifinals at last year's World Championships.

Many thought he should have been seeded here.

Liu just edged the first game but, looking much the stronger of the two, raced into a 7-1 lead in the second.

Zhao, bidding for his third All-England success, fought back to 7-9 before Liu

stretched away to match point at 14-7.

It looked over as a high return from the world champion seemed destined to drop put. Liu watched it all the way and left it, only to see the shuttle fall just in.

Zhao saved another match point at 14-8 and two more at 14-13, one with a fine smash, the other with the help of a net cord.

But Liu clinched victory in the most daring way, flickserving the shuttle over Zhao's head as his opponent stood close to the net to threaten the server.

The number one seed turned on his heels in a desperate attempt to recover but his falling effort was in vain.

Liu, only the second unseeded winner of the men's title, said: "I am ranked number 11 in the world so I was not surprised that I was not seeded here."

It was his first success over Zhao and he now looks certain to make the Chinese Olympic team.

in the women's final Tang's troubles started in the first game as she sought time out to wipe sweat from her face.

Not all the breaks were granted by Norwegian referee Rune Hansen who was at pains to keep the match moving.

Tang went into an 8-1 lead in the second game. But the South Korean, a fine touch player, fought back to 6-8.

Then the world champion was penalised a point for encroaching the serve. The same thing happened at 8-8 and when referee Hansen again refused her time to towel her face Tang appealed, pointing to sweat on the court.

Hansen allowed that to be swept away but Tang was forced to play on without being able to attend to her own problem.

Tang said: "It's very seldom the umpire will not allow players when they are sweating to wipe their face. I was a little angry but I controlled myself."

But she said she was very angry with the faults called against her which she did not think were justified.

Muktijoddha jolt PWD

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Public Works Department Sporting Club, who finished fourth the last time, suffered a setback in this year's First Division football league when they lost to Muktijoddha

23 coaches get certificates

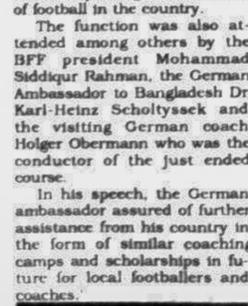
Sports Reporter

A two-week football coaching camp jointly organized by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) and the German Football Federation concluded on Saturday last at the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan, Savar, with 23 coaches selected from different parts of the country taking part.

Later, at a certificate-awarding ceremony held at the National Sports Council yesterday, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain distributed certificates among the coaches and thanked the German government for its contribution towards improving the standard of football in the country.

The function was also attended among others by the BFF president Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman, the German Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr. Karl-Heinz Scholtyssek and the visiting German coach Holger Obermann who was the conductor of the just ended course.

In his speech, the German ambassador assured of further assistance from his country in the form of similar coaching camps and scholarships in future for local footballers and coaches.



State Minister for Youth Sadek Hossain yesterday gave away the certificates to football coaches who completed a course run by German coach Holger Obermann. Also seen is the FRG ambassador to Bangladesh Dr. Karl-Heinz Scholtyssek.

Sangsad by a solitary goal at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half Masudur Rahman Rana netted the all-important goal for Muktijoddha in the 89th minute.

PWD, however, dominated most of the proceedings but poor marksmanship by their forwards denied them of the lead at least on two occasions.

In the 15th minute, a Faiz Babu header on Zahid's cross went over the post, much to the dismay of the PWD fans.

A powerful nod by Rakib missed the Muktijoddha post in the 50th minute.

Lady luck once again denied PWD when a strong Jewel header upon Jamrul's corner from inside the Muktijoddha box went wide of the mark in the 42nd minute.

But soon afterwards Muktijoddha scored the winner quite against the run of play.

PWD defender Aman tried to intercept a Chapal minus with his hand inside the box and referee Nazir Hossain had no hesitation in awarding Muktijoddha a penalty.

Masudur Rahman Rana, who has been in excellent touch this year, made no mistake in converting the spot kick (1-0).

It was Rana's eighth goal, making him the second highest scorer in the league after Abahani striker Sheik Mohammad Aslam who has scored ten goals.

The result left Muktijoddha and PWD at par on 14 points from 11 matches each.

Yellow card: Lahul, Jamrul, and Munna of PWD.

MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD: Pannu, Emadul, Sipar, Sohel,

Pappu, Faiz Babu (Chapal), Zia Babu, Zahid, Mizan, Masud Rana and Ekram Rana.

PWD SC: Lahul, Aman, Jamrul, Lokman, Shamim Sr, Sujit, Munna (Towhid), Pakir Ali, Mostak, Jewel and Rakib.

The other match of the day, allegedly a fixed affair, between Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha and newcomers Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, ended in a two-all draw.

Bima led 1-0 at the lemon break.

Lahul found the net for the insurancemen in the very second minute of play with a powerful right-footer (1-0).

Eskaton were denied the equaliser in the 15th minute when a Dablu shot hit the Bima post.

Shahjahan restored parity by dodging past Bima defender Jasim in the 49th minute (1-1).

Rakib of Bima put his side once again in the lead following an Eskaton defense lapse (2-1).

Dablu failed to equalise for Eskaton when Bima custodian Tota gripped his shot from the penalty spot.

Rinku drew level for Eskaton a couple of minutes from time by cutting past four Bima players (2-2).

Eskaton now have nine points from 11 outings while Sadharan Bima have seven from as many outings.

ESKATON: Raju, Dablu, Shamol, Ruhul Amin, Rafiq, Makhles, Akku, Litu, Sharif, Shahjahan (Dipu) and Subal (Rinku).

BIMA: Tota, Jasim, Rafiqul Alam, Mostafa, Imrul, Swapan, Shafiqullah (Mansur), Basu Mitra, Lavlu, Jahangir (Nasir) and Shakhawat.

Soccer league suspended

The matches of the First Division football league will remain suspended for two days from today due to the DMP's inability to provide required police force at the Mirpur Stadium, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a league committee meeting held yesterday evening at the BFF office.

The league committee of the BFF will, however, try to resume the league matches from Wednesday at the Dhaka National Stadium subject to availability of police forces.

Two matches have been scheduled for each day from Wednesday, at 4 pm and 6.45 pm respectively, during the month of Ramadan.

The league committee secretary told UNB that they were maintaining a close contact with the DMP to resume the matches from Wednesday.

However, if the DMP failed to provide the forces during Ramadan, the league would be resumed from April 12 at the Dhaka National Stadium, he added.

New BWSF body

A new adhoc executive committee of the Bangladesh Women's Sports Federation (BWSF) was formed with Tahmina Khan Dolly and Nazma Shameem as president and secretary general respectively, says a press release.

The committee, which includes four organizing secretaries and two assistant general secretaries in addition to its five vice-presidents, has Rowshan Ara Chhabi as the treasurer.

A panel of nine women was also selected as counselors to the committee which includes 16 members, three of whom are from the Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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| 9 Collar | 43 Bicycle-seat style | 3 Fish feature | 23 Surrounded by |
| 12 Met melody | 47 Like Melthuselah | 4 Bar | 24 Tease |
| 13 As well | 48 Present day? | 5 Dogs' dogs | 25 Incense |
| 14 Pipe bend | 51 Harem room | 6 — de France | 26 Despite its name, a time to relax |
| 15 Witching hours? | 52 Burglar's booty | 7 Put to work | 27 Knave |
| 17 Court | 53 Tittle | 8 Sub spotter | 29 Cartoonist |
| 18 Lets | 54 Commissioner | 9 Change-over time | Browne |
| 19 To date | 55 Advantage | 10 Succulent | 30 Mag. staffers |
| 21 Functional | 56 Scratched (out) | 11 Escutch-eon spoiler | 35 Break a Commandment |
| 22 Irving Berlin song | | 16 Possess | |
| 24 Pottery oven | | | |
| 27 Conrad's "Lord —" | | | |
| 28 Put together | | | |
| 31 George's brother | | | |
| 32 Black bird | | | |
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| 37 Sends out invitations | | | |
| 38 Words from the | | | |

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 9-12

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TO GET OUR BANDLEADER'S ATTENTION, TRUMPET PLAYER IS BLOWING HIS OWN HORN.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals W

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.