

Only one will wear the crown

Sports Reporter



The fifteenth and final round of the 18th national chess championship will be played today at the chess room of the National Coaching Centre with three players from the same team vying for the title.

Reigning champion Reefat bin-Sattar, Fide Master and former champion Ziaur Rahman and International Woman Master Rani Hamid are all lined up for the final showdown after having collected 11 points from 14 matches each. Yet, only one of them will wear the crown.

Yesterday was a rest day with the two adjourned matches of Monday involving Rani and Shiplu, and Zia and Nahid, being played to conclusion.

Zia started yesterday morning from where he had left off Monday wrapping up the match soon against Nahid Myazid of Chittagong, to stand at par with his friend and team mate on eleven points from

fourteen matches. Rani Hamid pulled off a remarkable win in the other adjourned game after a marathon cerebral contest that featured 116 moves—the longest game of the tournament so far. Rani's opponent Shiplu of BTMC threw away a match that was apparently heading for a draw when he played a pawn instead of a bishop in the 103rd move, giving Rani a lucky win thereby putting her in an ideal position to have a go at the national title with 11 points from 14 matches. Rani, the only lady in

the 16-player fray, is the reigning national women's champion. Should she go on to clinch the title today—or tomorrow, if an adjournment is needed—Rani will add another feather to her already bright cap. In case all these manage to finish on equal points after the final round, the tie-break will come into play, in which case Ziaur Rahman will regain the mantle of national champion by virtue of having beaten both Reefat and Rani in his league encounters.

Hooper's hurricane ton



LONDON, May 12: West Indian all-rounder Carl Hooper hit the fastest century of the English cricket season so far on Monday but failed to help his side Kent to victory over Durham at

Eighty-two of Hooper's runs came in boundaries but Durham's batsmen were unable to match his scoring rate. Set 259 in a minimum of 50 overs, they finished on 145 for three.

Warwickshire leapt to the top of the fledgling county table with a nine-wicket win over Derbyshire at Edbaston. Held up by Derbyshire's Tallenders, notably Dominic Cork who struck a career-best 72 not out, they accelerated to their victory target of 187 with more than nine overs to spare, opener Andy Moles finished unbeaten on 86.

Essex were unable to force victory over Leicestershire at Chelmsford despite their big first innings lead of 201.

England seamer Derek Pringle was forced off the field with a back strain as Leicestershire ground their way to a draw, ending on 312 for seven.

Sussex and Somerset also had to be content with a draw at Hove where Somerset, 82 behind on first innings, finished on 253 for five.

Surrey, set 244 to win at Northampton, looked momentarily in danger at 51 for four but finished safe enough at 142 to five.



Canterbury, reports Reuter. Hooper's first championship century took only 82 balls, beating the previous best achieved by Ian Botham, as he reached an unbeaten 115 before Kent declared at 253 for three.

Management in DU cricket semis

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Department of Management moved into the semifinals of the Dhaka University inter-department cricket competition beating Department of Physics by 43 runs at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Batting first, Management made 195 for four wickets in their stipulated 30 overs.

Shahed Shams, who hit a fine century in their previous match last week, top-scored with 71 while Ronny and Tutul made 35 and 23 respectively for Management.

Shafiq and Sajjad took a wicket apiece for 33 and 43 runs respectively.

Clay for Chang means patience



ROME, May 12: Michael Chang is a student of clay court tennis, and it paid off, reports AP.

Locked in a struggle with a qualifier in the first round of the Italian Open, Chang was not about to be rushed. "It wasn't me blowing him away and it wasn't him blowing me away," Chang explained. "I played patient tennis. Clay is a very patient game, and the mind has to know that."

So when his Argentine opponent, Gabriel Markus, began to rush his shots, he fell right into the American's trap and Chang prevailed 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 Monday.

The top seeds went into action today in the \$1.4 million tournament.

Top-seeded Jim Courier of the United States, the world's No 1-ranked men's player, was up against a tough clay court specialist, Thomas Muster of Austria, on center court at the Foro Italic. Following him was another American, No 2 seed Pete Sampras, facing Italy's Paolo Canale.

After a third-round elimination on clay in Hamburg, Chang said he is slowly preparing himself for the French Open.

Handball prizes awarded

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The belated prize-distribution ceremony for the 1991-92 Cute handball league was held yesterday at the conference room of the National Coaching Centre.

State Minister for Textiles and principal adviser of the Bangladesh Handball Federation Major (ret'd) M A Mannan gave away the prizes as the chief guest.

Dhaka Wanderers Club were adjudged the most disciplined team alongside champions Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and runners-up Surjodoy Boys Club.

Akram Hossain of Ansars was declared the best player of the tournament by the Bangladesh Handball Referees' Association.

the clay court Grand Slam tournament he won in 1989. Change has won three tournaments this year, all on hard



He was late making the

European clay court scene, choosing tournaments instead in Japan and Hong Kong, losing in both to Courier.

He said Monday's match against Markus was a good one for him because of his late start.

"It's going to take longer to get used to this surface," he said. "Chang does not feel entirely at home in Rome for another reason. At 5-foot-8, he is not known as a power fitter, and even the notoriously slow Foro Italic courts have been speeded up to help the power game."

"Everything is getting faster in tennis, and this is a disadvantage for me," he explained. Several seeds in the Italian Open won't have a further chance to test out the courts.

Among the first day's victims were sixth-seeded Guy Forget of France and No. 7 Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia.

Forget falls at first hurdle



ROME, May 12: World number one Jim Courier and former top-ranked player Iván Lendl cruised into the second round of the Italian Open men's tournament today, reports Reuter.

But 14th seeded Dutchman Richard Krajcek became the third seed to fall in the first round when German Carl-Uwe Steeb beat him in three sets.

Courier overcame a hesitant start against the dangerous Austrian Thomas Muster to win 7-6 (7-1), 6-4.

Muster, who won the title here in 1990, broke Courier in the third game as the American struggled to find his rhythm on a hot, breezy day.

Courier broke back in the eighth game and played the tie-break superbly to take the set.

The world number one broke Muster early in the third game of the second set with a superb backhand half-volley

and then served out to take an entertaining two-hour encounter.

The 32-year-old Czechoslovak Lendl, seeded only number nine here, disposed of Spaniard Jordi Arrese 6-1, 6-4 with the minimum of fuss.

Lendl has been troubled by the noisy Foro Italic crowds in past years and is playing this tournament for the first time since winning the title in 1988.

An earlier Reuter report said: Seeds Goran Ivanisevic and Guy Forget both failed to negotiate the first round of the tournament on Monday.

Ivanisevic, seeded seventh, succumbed in straight sets to Argentine Christian Minussi who is ranked more than 50 places below him in the world.

Spaniard Javier Sanchez then sprang the second surprise of the day when he ousted French Davis Cup player Forget, the sixth seed, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 in an absorbing match.

Both men played attacking

Robson to coach Sporting Lisbon

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LISBON, May 12: Former England soccer manager Bobby Robson on Monday signed a two-year contract to coach Portuguese side Sporting Lisbon, reports Reuter.

Robson, whose coaching contract with Dutch club PSV Eindhoven expired at the end of the season, is expected to take up his duties at Sporting in July. Club officials declined to say how much he would be paid.

Robson, 59 replaces Brazilian Marinho Peres who was sacked in February. He led PSV to the Dutch league title for the second successive time this season.

Sporting last won the Portuguese title 10 years ago under British coach Malcolm Allison.

Liverpool keen to play to raise money for disaster victims

LONDON, May 12: English First Division Liverpool said on Monday they were keen to play a friendly match against French club Auxerre in July to help raise money for those affected by the soccer stadium disaster in Corsica last week, reports Reuter.

Thirteen people were killed following the collapse of a temporary stand before the French Cup semifinal between Bastia and Marseille, and Liverpool chief executive Peter Robinson said the English club could relate to the tragedy.

Ninety-five fans were killed at Liverpool's FA Cup semifinal against Nottingham Forest at Hillsborough, Sheffield, in 1989, while 39 people died before the European Cup final against Juventus in Brussels in 1985.

"When we heard of the disaster in Bastia we contacted the French FA to offer help," Robinson said.

"We felt a strong fellow feeling after our own disasters at Heysel and Hillsborough, when many foreign clubs were extremely helpful to us.

"There have been a number of suggestions, but the most promising seems to be a match against Auxerre in Nice, sometime in July. We shall have further talks and see what can be agreed."

Liverpool, who won the English FA Cup on Saturday, beat Auxerre in the second round of this season's UEFA Cup competition.

Kenya to stage ANC finals

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NAIROBI, May 12: Kenya's government, putting pressure from its sports fans over cash worries, has given the go-ahead for the country to host the 1996 African Nations Cup soccer finals — the first to be held in East Africa, reports Reuter.

The announcement was made on Monday by Philip Mulei, a Ministry of Culture and Social Services official.



Dejected Harry 'Butch' Reynolds, a US 400m and 4x400m world record holder, leaves the IAAF Bureau at 3 Hans Crescent in London on May 11, after an IAAF arbitration panel hearing confirmed he was guilty of drug taking in Monaco in 1990 when he was suspended for two years. He now misses the Barcelona Olympics. —AFP photo

Reynolds vow to fight ban



LONDON, May 12: World 400 metres record holder Butch Reynolds is to continue the fight to clear his name after a two-year ban for doping was upheld on Monday, reports Reuter.

The American said: "If I have to fight to my dying day to prove my innocence, I will do."

He was speaking after the International Amateur Athletic Federation's (IAAF) arbitration panel ruled at the end of a two-day meeting that the ban imposed from August, 1990, should stand, ruling Reynolds out of the Barcelona Olympics.

Reynolds said: "Though I'm very upset, I know justice has not been served. They've not heard the last of Butch Reynolds."

"If they think I'm going to quit now they've got another thing coming — and I have faith I will still be competing in the Barcelona Olympics."

Reynolds, 27, the 1988 Olympic silver medalist, tested positive for the banned anabolic steroid Nandrolone at an athletics meeting in Monaco on August 12, 1990.

His hopes of clearing his name and running in the Olympics were raised in April when the American governing athletics body, The Athletics Congress (TAC), gave Reynolds permission to run within the United States.

TAC, citing what it called irregularities in the testing procedures, said Reynolds should be allowed to run domestically pending a final decision by the IAAF arbitration panel.

But his hopes were finally dashed when the arbitration panel's president Lauri Tarasti told a news conference it had decided the suspension should stand.

"We can not find any doubt about the reliability of the findings," Tarasti said. Reynolds was talking to his legal advisers on Monday about the possibility of taking his case to the courts.

He said fighting the case had already cost him some 300,000 pounds sterling (537,000 dollar) in legal fees and lost endorsements and earnings.

"But it's not the money that matters, just clearing my name," he said.

De Castella told the Canberra Business Council that the Games were becoming unmanageable and that it may be time for competitors to voice their concern.

De Castella, who will be competing in his fourth Olympic Games in Barcelona later this year, said the Olympics were "being manipulated by the corporate dollar."

"The original ideal was that the Olympic games should be a festival and a celebration," he said. "Nowadays, though, they're manipulated and virtually controlled by the marathon was scheduled with prime-time television and the closing ceremony in mind rather than the athletes' well-being."

"I found myself in the worst physical condition I've ever been after a marathon, left alone to find my coach and my clothing, then shunted off so that officials could prepare for the ceremony."

"It was a very disillusioning experience."

But De Castella, general manager of the Australian Institute of Sport, said business could play a positive role in sports, particularly by giving jobs to athletes.

Mansur Sporting Club drew 1-1 with Ali Bhahar Jagaroni Khelaghar in an exhibition football match at the Shampur Ali Bhahar ground on Sunday last, says a press release.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 27 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals N

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.



State Minister for Textiles Maj (ret'd) M A Mannan (sitting, 4th from right) seen with the 1991-92 Cute First Division handball league champions Bangladesh Rifles team and other players who received their prizes at the NBC conference room yesterday. —Star photo