

Recfat bin Sattar. the lanky national chess champion who has retained the crown for the

saive time, is an epitome of friendliness, a traft that is marked in his magnificently winning smile.

Star Special by Chandrasekhar Dibyendu Barooah in this year's Goodricke chess held in Calcutta. Reefat lost the match but the defeat could not obscure the keen sight of the pundits who acknowledged

> Reefat's sure talent. An ardent admirer of world champton Garry Kasparov for his aggressive style, Reefat



REEFAT BIN - SATTAR ... retains title

Born on July 25, 1974 this young king was initiated into chess in 1982.

A student of Class Three then, Reefat first got the taste of competitive chess in the Mufti chess tournament held at the Engineering University. The start to his chess career did not augur particularly well for this second year HSC student of Notre Dame College but setbacks are something which champions are capable of taking in their strides, and Reefat is no exception. He kept on learning his lessons and soon distinguished himself as the worthy successor of Niaz Murshed, the only Grandmaster the country has produced so far.

FIDE Master Reefat's exposure international tournaments came in 1988 when he got the opportunity of testing his cerebral development with foreign players like Lian Xin-Rong from China, Mahmud Lodhi and Shehzad Mirza from Pakistan and Parameswaran from India. Next year, Reefat took part in the Lloyds Bank chess in England. Although he could

not do very well there the experience of playing against players like Grandmaster Jonathan speelman left him richer in temperament and experience.

Almost apologetic for not having done anything extraordinary at the international level. Reefat was candid enough to mention his match against Indian Grandmaster

blamed the serious shortage of tournaments and exposure for the stunted growth of chess players in our country. Chess is a full-time game he asserts, and it demands whole-hearted devotion and attention which Reefat, an intermediate science student and who once dreamt of becoming an engineer, is realising every mo-However, a delicate-looking

Reefat, who supports Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club and culled Shabbir and Kaisar Hamid as his favourite players, has no regrets. Chess is his first love and although his family members have not still given up the hope of seeing him as an engineer someday, Reefat is ready to forget everything for the game.

Although in the twilight of his teens, Reefat cannot resist the temptation for ice creams. Humayun Ahmed at home and Shrishendu Mukherjee are his two favourite authors. Chess is not all about winning and the soulful songs of Hemanta Mukherjee and Manna Dey help Reefat sink his blues and regain energy for the quest of victory. Even though chess eats up two hours of his daily routine. Reefat still manages time to follow other games like cricket and the West Indies are his favourite team, which may have got something to do with his favourite colours black and ash - but neither of them is thankfully, the colour

Reefat remains national champion

has retained his national chess

The amiable plays for Bangladesh Biman yesterday won his 15th and finall round match of the 18th national championships against national women's champion

Rani Hamid at the NSC chess room, thereby renewing his lease on the most coveted title for at least another year. It was a most tense yet re-

warding day for the young HSC student who takes his chess very seriously. He started the day at par with Rani Hamid and former national champion Ziaur Rahman with 11 point: points from 14 rounds each and theoretically all three of them had a real chance of claiming the title. Yet, a monumental blunder by Ziaur Rahman in his last match against Syed Iqbal Rakib of Dhaka Metropolis, which led him to part with a vital half point following the drawn result, facilitated Reefat's retention of his mantle. For, had Zia won and earned, the full point, Reefat would have been deposed as the national chess king by virtue of the Buscholtz tiebreak system. Zia had beaten Reefat in their robin league encounter, in the very second round. Yet it is to Reefat's credit

that he did not allow the tension and excitement of seeing Zia squander his chance get the better of his nerves and the gangling youngster, who always sports a most disarming

Under-16 booters leave for Calcutta today

Sports Reporter

A twenty-member Bangla desh youth under-16 football squad leaves the city for Calcutta today to take part in three exhibition matches in West Bengal.

The team, known as the Dhaka Mayor's Eleven, has been formed with players of the Bangladesh national under-16 team which emerged as the unbeaten Champions in the Group C competition of the fifth Asian youth under-16 football championship that concluded at Rajshahi only a couple of days ago.

The Dhaka Mayor's Eleven will play their first match against the Calcutta Mayor's Eleven at the Mohan Bagan ground on Saturday May 16.

The successful youth coach Hassanuzzaman Bablu and the Pioneer football league committee secretary Shabbir Hossain have been appointed coach and manager of the

The Mayor of the Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas, MP, may either accompany the team on join it at a later date.

Iran beat

India 3-0
CALCUTTA, May 13: Asian Games champion, Iran, playing at half pace outclassed India by 3-0 to emerge champions in the Group-III qualifying round in the 10th Asian Cup football

to the Japanese city, Hiroshima, to play the final round of Asia Cup football. Iran, earlier, had thrashed Pakistan

biennial Thomas Cup bad-

championship here today. The winners will now travel

Bulgarians start favourites



Confident Bulgaria, brimming with European experience, begin their World

Cup qualifying campaign here on Thursday against a Finnish side weakened by injury, reports Reuter. "We have the strongest at-

tacking line in Europe and we will play to win", Bulgarian chief coach Dimitar Penev

Bulgaria's 17-man squad includes nine foreign-based players and even Finnish Football Association spokesman Esko Lahtinen concedes the visitors, who have won four of the two sides last five clashes.

Rain spoils India-Nepal match

KANNUR, May 13: A heavy downpour late this afternoon caused the postponement of the crucial league match between India and Nepal in the 28th Asian junior (under-19) football tournament here, reports PTI.

Added to the water-logging in some parts of the ground, the lack of proper lighting facilities also forced the referee to postpone the match tomor-

There will be two matches tomorrow. The first one, at 1630 hrs, being today's postponed tie followed by Bangladesh- Maldives match.

start favourites.

of his mood.

"They have six or seven professionals who play for very good teams in Spain and Portugal", he said.

He said Bulgaria's defence was tight and their quick-moving strikers, particularly Barcelona's Christo Stoichkov who scored for his club last weekend, very dangerous.

Meanwhile, Finland's Aberdeen striker Mike-Matti Paatelainen is ruled out of the

Blatter slams soccer clubs

ZURICH, May 13: International Football Federation (FIFA) general secretary Sepp Blatter has attacked soccer clubs for being financially unrealistic and using business practices that would never be acceptable in the private

"The massive indebtedness

"In the battle for prestige and publicity, excessive amounts are often paid for the transfer of players and their salaries are frequently too

are doubts about injured regu-

match of 1992.

Neither team will have an easy task reaching the 1994 finals in the United States. Their European Group Six includes the talented French and tough Swedish teams as well as Austria and Israel. Two teams

JOHANNESBURG, May 13: Swaziland will become the second country to play South Africa when the latter returns to international soccer in July, it was announced here today, reports AFP.

South African Football Association secretary general Solomon Morewa said a friendly against Swaziland would be played in the neigh-

It will be the first meeting between the two countries and will follow a three-match series against Cameroon, who arrive in South Africa on July

game will be used as a warmup for the African Nations Cup games against Zimbabwe in Harare on August 16 and Zamibia in Johannesburg on August 30.

By Afzal H Khan

smile, kept his cool to beat Rant Hamid in 32 moves.

Rant, playing with the white pieces, opened with e4 to which Reefat replied with a Winawer variation of the French defence. From the very first moves the contest contained the makings of an interesting battle.

Rani made a dubious 11th move, and ef6, followed by another dubious Kg5 in the 16th move, thereby giving Reefat a slight advantage. Perhaps a bit nervous given the prospect of becoming the first woman ever to lift the national title, Rani faltered yet again with an Ríe I.

mistake that the smart Reefat wasn't going to overlook. Taking full advantage of his good fortune, Reefat applied pressure on Rant's king, forcing the country's chess queen to blunder yet again in the 25th move with a Be7, an error that virtually sealed her fate. And duly enough, Reefat went for the kill, forcing Rani

to give up in the 32nd move. The match produced fine counter-play by Reefat with his black pieces.

Yesterday proved a most unlucky day for the other challenger, Ziaur Rahman, who won the title in 1988. In the

THE CHAMPIONS ANALYSE

THEIR OWN GAMES Following are the analyses of the two vital, last-round matches that helped determine the outcome of the 18th national chess championship at the National Sports Council yesterday.

National champion Reefat bin Sattar, who retained his title, and runner-up Ziaur Rahman analysed their respective matches of the day as speical contributors to The Daily Star. Reefat won his match against national women's champion Rant Hamid while Ziaur Rahman, who along with Rant and Reefat had an equal chance of regaining the title since he last won it in 1988, drew his final round contest with Syed Ighal Rakth of Dhaka Metropolis to leave Reefat clear.

> White - Rani Hamid Black - Reefat-bin-Sattar

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15.	de5 fe5		14 Bf3	
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KUALA LUMPUR,

May 13: Malaysia

ding champion

China in Tuesday

semifinals of the

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ner of Wednesday's semifinal

between South Korea and

Indonesia in the final on Sa-

four matches played Tuesday

night with only one match still

match, its three wins gave it a

the world, defeated world

champion Zhao Jianhua of

China 15-17, 15-10, 12-15 in

Rashid Sidek and Jalani Sidek

and Tian Bingyi 5-15, 15-10,

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In the second singles

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Malaysta's Foo Kok Keong 15-

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Kit and Soo Beng Kiang de-

feating China's Zheng Yumin

an Huang Zhanzhong 15-9, 18-

In Group A were China,

The winners and runners

In the women's Uber Cup

Indonesia, South Korea and

up of the groups play in the

semifinal, China crushed

Sweden 5-0 they will meet the

South Korea tie. Also to be

winners of the Indonesia-

But Malaysia won the sec-

In the doubles Malaysia's

Razif Sidek, ranked third in

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other key match of the day Zia, perhaps the most attacking player in the country - and a bit impetuous, too, - let the title slip out of his grasp when the unfancted Syed Iqbal Raktb held him to a draw.

In a case of so close yet so far. Zia, playing with black pieces, adopted a Dutch defence against Rakib's d4 open ing. Almost immediately, the former champion made a dubi ous move, his third, when he played b6. Rakib, in turn, faltered in the 16th move - Ke6 - thus tending to give Zia the upperhand. But for reasons best known to himself, FIDE Master Zia obliged Rakib with a strange blunder in the 18th move - Ke5 - which left him ·little option but to agree to a draw, being a pawn, within 23 moves. Zia finished runner-up with 11.5 points.

In another interesting match yesterday, 1990 champion Syed Tahmidur Rahman of Biman beat Amir Hossain of Dhaka Metro in 42 moves to finish fifth in the 16-player meet with 9.5 points. Amir finished the meet in 14th place with 3.5 points.

Niamul Hug Niru of Metropolis beat teammate Kalimullah Khan Kalam in another final round match that did not end in a draw. Niru placed eighth with 7 points while Kalam finished 13th with four points.

The other matches of the concluding day saw former champton Jamilur Rahman of Ansars get a walkover against last year's runner-up Zisul Kader Tuhin, who withdraw from the meet due to illness. Jamal, who along with Rani Hamid earned ten points, finished fourth to Rani's third position because of having lost to the International Woman Master in their robin league encounter.

Nahid Miazid of Chittagong and MR Hafiz of Metro agreed upon a draw, Nahid placing tenth with five points and Hafiz 12th with 4.5 points. Ruhul Kabir Shiplu of BTMC placed ninth with 6.5 points following a walkover conceded by his last round opponent Abdul Khaleq of Jamalpur, who finished 15th with three points from 15 games.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Following is the roll of

Year	Champion		
1974	Mia Abdus Saleq		
1975-77	Dr Mirza Akmal Hossain Rezaul		
1978			
1979-82	Niaz Murshid, Grandmaster		
1983 1984	Jamilur Rahman		
	Md Younus Hassan		
1985	Syed Ahmed Sahel		
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1988	Ziaur Rahman		
1989	Rezaul Haq		
1990	Syed Tahmidur Rahman		
1991	Reefat bin-Sattar		
1992	Reefat bin-Satuar		

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their Saint Joseph's days.

an engineer. More reflective in look than

his friend Reefat, Zia, too, did not meet with overwhelming success in his first acquaintance with competitive chess in the Bata chess tournament in 1983. But the scraggy former national champion who was born on May 1 in 1974, has made steady progress since then and is deemed as a future Grandmaster. Zia was baptised in international cricket in 1987 and has played in countries like England, Greece, Dubai, Australia, India, Malaysia and Singapore in his individual capacity as well as a represntative of the country. Zia was one of members of the Dhaka city team that won the Asian cities championship in Dubai by upsetting five other

Zia remembers his match against Filipino Antonio in the 1992 Goodricke chess in India as the most memorable and satisfactory performance to

A runner-up who has no regrets

Star Special by Ashish Das

losers in the final who can share a

alysing his own game with the the eventual champion of the national chess championship Reefat bin-

current players in the international circuit.

Apparently wobbly in his matches against weaker opponents, perhaps a bit too over confident, Zia is a man for big occasions and the statistics of the classic contest between the two coevals - Zia and Reefat - underline the above



Sattar, who happens to be friend and schoolmate during

A first year I Com student Zia, who plays for Biman in the local league along with Reefat, inherited the passion for the game from his father Paighamuddin Ahmed, who is

fancied teams.

Bobby Fischer is Zia's idol but Nigel Short of England attracts him most among the

value judgment.

Allthough obsessed with his chess, Zia was not found wanting in his opinion about the problems of chess in our

"Our players do not get enough exposure, that is why they cannot chisel or polish themselves and graduate into the international level. Unlike our neighbours where talented players are encouraged by private sponsors Bangladeshi players have to wait for statearranged trips abroad," he regretted.

Chess apart, Zia takes keen interest in table tennis. However, he loves outdoor games like football and cricket. Mohammedan Sporting Club is his favourite team but Monem Munna of Abahani is his choice of a footballer. India and Pakistan have his sympathies and love as cricketing nations, but World Cup hero inzamamul Huq is his favourite cricketer.

Unlike Reefat, Zia has no pronounced weakness for any particular recipe, but he shares Reefat's liking for Humayn Ahmed as an author. Zia, whose chromatic choice is limited to green and blue, has an ear for both oriental and western music. The heterogenous melange of Manna Dey, Kishore Kumar and Michael Jackson hears that out quite

AIS booters due today

Sports Reporters



he Ambassadors Sports (AIS) Club, an amateur Britain-based 'Sunday' football squad, arrives in the city this morning to play some exhibition matches with

Bangladeshi teams. The AIS Club will play two matches in Dhaka and in all likelihood two more in Khulna and Jessore.

Defending champions of the Dhaka First Division League Abahani Krira Chakra and their arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club will feature in two city matches scheduled to be held on May 16 and 18 at the Dhaka Stadium.

However, the fixture for the matches outside the capital is yet to be finalised.

The 'multi-national' AIS team includes eight Britons, four Americans, two Haitians and three players from Newzealand, Spain and Bangladesh.

Steve Adolph, 27, the only Bangladeshi in the side, is a forward who was born and grew up in Bangladesh. In 1989 he visited Bangladesh with the Seahorse Club from California.

Spaniard Jose Ruiz, also 27, is a midfielder reportedly possessing excellent ball control and speed. Keith Hammond, 40, the

oldest booter on the team, has had years of experience playing a good standard of amateur football in the London area. His speed and size (six feet) are supposed to be his greatest

strengths. Besides, there are standout players like John Squires of

New Zealand, Tom Fite of the USA and Philip Mitchell of Northern Ireland, on the souad.

Mitchell played professional

football in England for Ipswich

for a season. His international

experience has included playing the Argentinian national side in a warm-up for the 1990 World Cup in Italy. Twenty-three years old midfielder Mitchell is a key

player of the club. Following is the list of AIS booters (the numbers against the players' name suggest their

jersy numbers): Tim Kangas-1 (custodian), Graham Dancy, 2 (defender), Pete Smith, 4 (defender), John Squires, 5 (defender), Jose Ruiz, 6 (midfielder) Blackburn. Steve

(midfielder), Rich Jones, (forward), Philip Mitchell, 9 (midfielder), Tom Fite, 10 (midfielder), Garrick Pang, 11 (forward), David Garb, 12 (midfielder), Jonathan Ortlip, 14 (defender), Ketth Dakin, 15 (forward), Keith Hammond, 16 (forward), Steve Adoph, 17 (forward), John Boggs, 18 (defender) and Steve Ball (manager).

MSC retain Nagjee Trophy

KOZHIKODE, May 13: Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club, Calcutta, retained the Nagjee Trophy defeating Titanium, Thrivananthapuram 2-1 in the final of the 4th edition of the footbal championship here today, reports PTI.

sector, reports Reuter.

of many clubs has a negative effort on the reputation of football," Blatter wrote in his biennial report on the state of world soccer.

high," he said. He said the result of such bad business practice was that clubs went under or into heavy debt, "A peculiarity of the sports world which in private industry would never be tolergame through injury and there

lar defender Erik Holmgren. The Finns have played three friendlies so far this year, managing draws against Scotland and Turkey but losing 3-1 to Brazil. Bulgaria defeated Switzerland 2-0 in their only

qualify. Swaziland to play South Africa

bouring kingdom on July 22.

Morewa said the Swaziland



MALAYSIA'S HEROES: The Sidek brothers Razif (L) and Jalani.