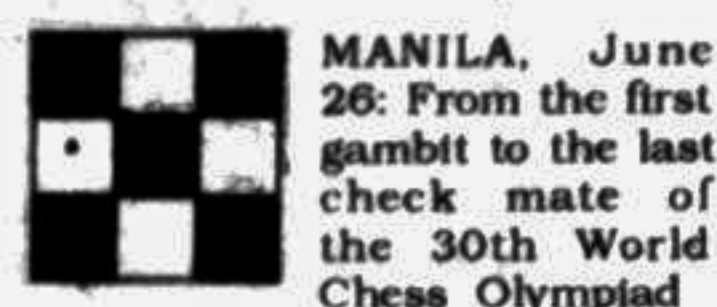


Russians remain chess kings



MANILA, June 26: From the first gambit to the last check mate of the 30th World Chess Olympiad

In Manila, Russia proved they are still kings and everyone else mere pawns on the international chess board, reports Reuters.

Despite the breakup of the Soviet Union and the fielding of a team of moderate stature — with the exception of world champion Garry Kasparov — the Russians demoralised a record 112-nation field by thoroughly dominating play.

"We could have won with a bigger (margin)," declared Grandmaster Alexander Khalifman.

"I predicted several months ago that the Russian team will get the gold medal and we did it before the last round," said a happy Kasparov, who had dourly ignored admirers and reporters during the competition.

The Russians lost only four out of their 56 games in the Olympiad, all by 24-year-old Grandmaster Alexei Dreiev. They clinched the title with one round to spare by taking an unbeatable 4.5 point lead over their closest rivals.

The Russians eventually finished with 39 points, four ahead of runners-up Uzbekistan.

Kasparov led the way, winning seven of his 10 games — including decisive victories over American Gata Kamsky and Ukrainian Vassily Ivanchuk — to clinch the Board One gold medal.

"Kasparov was in top shape," declared Russian team captain Yuri Razuvaev.

But the decisive factor was the play of lower board members like Vladimir Kramnik, who scored 8.5 out of a possible nine points against his opponents.

"Our secret weapon was Kramnik," said Razuvaev, referring to the team's youngest player who won his first six games and was promoted to Grandmaster status midway through the 14 round tournament.

ment. Kramnik, who celebrated his 17th birthday on Thursday, was winning games easily, especially with the black pieces," Razuvaev said.

Khalifman and Sergei Dolmatov also turned into dependable players who did not lose during the competition. Dolmatov provided the clincher by snatching a win



GARRY KASPAROV

from a losing position in the match against Israel.

The expected challenge from co-favourites England disappeared in a quagmire of bad results. The English team tied for eighth place with Georgia and Ukraine, six points behind Russia.

"I expected England to be a very strong opponent but I don't know what happened with them," said Kasparov. "I also expected more from the team from Ukraine."

"We just played badly," English team captain Michael Stean told reporters.

The Russians met every challenge, routing Switzerland, Croatia, Latvia, Uzbekistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, the United States, the Netherlands, Georgia and Iceland.

"I hope we can defend the gold medal in two years at the next Olympiad in Greece," Kasparov said.

STANDINGS

Final standings at the 30th World Chess Olympiad in Manila which ended on Thursday:

MEN:	
39	Russia
35	Uzbekistan
34.5	Armenia
34	United States
33.5	Latvia, Iceland, Croatia
33	Georgia, Ukraine
32.5	Israel, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Germany, Czechoslovakia
32	Switzerland, China
31.5	Hungary, Sweden, Bulgaria, Colombia, Slovenia
31	India
30.5	Netherlands, Lithuania, Estonia, Peru, France, Brazil
30	Italy, Turkmenistan, Philippines A
29.5	Poland, Norway, Argentina, Moldova, Romania, Turkey
29	Kyrgyzstan, Greece, Indonesia, Spain, Philippines C, Portugal
28.5	Kazakhstan, Australia, Austria
28	Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Mexico, Singapore, Vietnam, Canada

WOMEN:	
30.5	Georgia
29	Ukraine
28.5	China
26.5	Hungary
26	Russia
25	Romania, Azerbaijan
24.5	Kazakhstan, United States
24	Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Latvia
23.5	Poland, Bulgaria
23	Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Moldova
22.5	Indonesia, Switzerland, Greece, Turkmenistan, England, Mongolia
22	India, Israel, Slovenia, Bangladesh
21.5	Netherlands, Argentina, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Armenia, Sweden, Vietnam, Brazil
21	Germany, Norway, Australia, Philippines A
20	Austria, Spain, Scotland, Venezuela
19.5	Finland, Canada, France, Malaysia, Turkey, Portugal, Italy, Philippines B

Schillaci for Inter Milan

MILAN, June 26: Internazionale Milan continued their close season spending spree on Thursday when they signed Juventus striker and Italian World Cup hero Salvatore Schillaci for a reported eight billion lire (6.8



SCHILLACI

million dollar), reports Reuters. Schillaci, who has agreed a three-year contract worth 3.5 billion lire (3 million dollar) according to Italian sports papers, is expected to link up with Russian striker Igor Shalimov and Yugoslav striker Darko Ancev in a rebuilt forward line.

Internazionale signed Shalimov from Foggia and Pancev from Red Star Belgrade. They have also signed German midfielder Matthias Sammer from Stuttgart.

The transfers follow Internazionale's disappointing finish in the Italian League last season when they finished eighth while rivals AC Milan went unbeaten to win the championship.

On Tuesday they named Osvaldo Bagnoli, 57, as their new coach. He replaced Corrado Orrico. Bagnoli, previously coach at Genoa, is best known as the man who guided Verona to the title in 1985.

Lucky Germans logical favourites



GOTHENBURG, Sweden, June 26: It is not always the best teams which win the major titles, it takes a fair slice of luck as well, reports AFP.

And for that reason alone, Germany seem to have had their name on the European Championship since their opening match.

Everything has fallen neatly into place for them and if Denmark are to deny them the trophy in Friday's final in Gothenburg's Ullevi Stadium, it is going to take another performance bordering on the miraculous.

The Germans have ridden their luck perfectly, as they have in the past, and are poised to become the first nation to add the European Championship to the World Cup two years on.

Manager Berti Vogts, who announced after the semifinal with Sweden that he planned to use the same 11 players in the final he was sure would be against Holland, is out to steal Danish coach Richard Moller Nielsen's thunder.

Nielsen has spent the entire tournament telling anyone who will listen that his side, as ill-prepared latecomers, have nothing to prove.

Vogts said: "There is no pressure on us now, we have achieved our goal in reaching the final."

But he recognised: "We have had an extra day to rest and they had a harder game and extra time into the bargain. So, of course, the odds are in our favour."

He is not underestimating the Danes, though. "They played really well against Holland; they were not only technically brilliant, but they showed a lot of heart and character, too, as well as hard running and aggression."

"That's what we have to overcome. We'll be playing a team who are the Latins of Scandinavia."

Denmark's problem, quite

apart from having to compete against the Germans' undisputed luck, is actually to find 11 fit men to turn out.

Their injury list runs through about half of their squad, although the fillip of a European Championship final is likely to have as much of a healing effect on some of the

been eliminated by Yugoslavia, who were in turn thrown out by UEFA.

It is something of an irony that the championships, which got off to a poor start, should finally be saved from complete mediocrity by a team who ought not even to have been here.



KARL-HEINZ RIEDEL

walking wounded as any treatment.

Nielsen said: "Don't compare us to the Germans, I admire them very much and they are very difficult to play against, the perfect professionals. But there is no comparison between our styles."

"They do things one way and we do things another."

"People criticise us because we seem more relaxed but we can get really serious when it really matters."

"You can count on the players to do what is required of them."

He added: "In spite of the injuries, I am very confident, we have some really good players and I believe in them, even though the semifinal has taken a lot out of them. They were running out of gas towards the end."

Their unexpected progress to the final has shown up the pitfalls of treating the competition as the meeting of the eight best teams on the continent, for of course the Danes did not actually qualify, having



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But realistically, their journey should come to an end, as their tired legs are unlikely to carry them past the Germans — luck and all — to the trophy.

The loss of key players like Bent Christensen and Henrik Andersen, both with knee injuries, and probably full back John Siveback, will ask an awful lot of the players who remain.

And with John Jensen and two-goal hero Henrik Larsen both carrying groin strains, and Lars Olsen, Kim Christofte and Brian Laudrup all having suffered knocks, whatever team Nielsen can put out, will be seriously below par.

The only good news is that key defender Kent Nielsen should be fit again.

But with the Germans buzzing and improving game by game, the Danes will have their work cut out, their main hope being to stifle the flow of ball to creative midfield general Thomas Hassler, the star of the tournament so far.

The German defence, with Guido Buchwald and Jurgen

Kohler at its heart, is ready caught as flat as the Dutch were by the Danes' fast breaks, and they have players in all positions capable of scoring.

And then there is the luck, which has seen them through. Hassler's magnificent injury-time equaliser from a free-kick against the CIS in the opening match, when they were lucky to escape with a point, set the tone.

They survived some close calls against Scotland and escaped without a booking despite some touches of cynical gamesmanship, which has become their stock in trade. Two goals out of nothing and against the run of play brought them two points.

And even though they had to face the Dutch without Buchwald and Stefan Reuter, both with head injuries, the heavy 3-1 defeat did not put an end to their campaign as against all the odds, Scotland came good and beat the CIS 3-0.

Then they went into an awkward semi-final with Sweden, knowing that two of the hosts' key players, defender Patrik Andersson and midfielder Bub Stefan Schwarz, were missing after a second booking each against England.

That upset the balance of the side and the Germans managed to hold out for a 3-2 win, with Vogts saying: "It is not just luck, you play yourself into positions where you make your own good fortune."

Expecting to face Holland, they now find the fighting Danes in their way, but (more luck) they are suffering severe fatigue after their heroics on Monday, and it is beginning to show in training.

Laudrup, Jensen and Olsen are all struggling for fitness, limping around the training ground as best they can, while Christofte, the penalty hero, trained on his own.

Logic is never a good guide to the outcome of a football match, but for once there can be little doubt about this final.

The Germans are stronger favourites than perhaps they have any right to be, and it would be no surprise if they overran the Danes and ran in three or four goals in the process. Anything less would be a moral victory for Denmark.



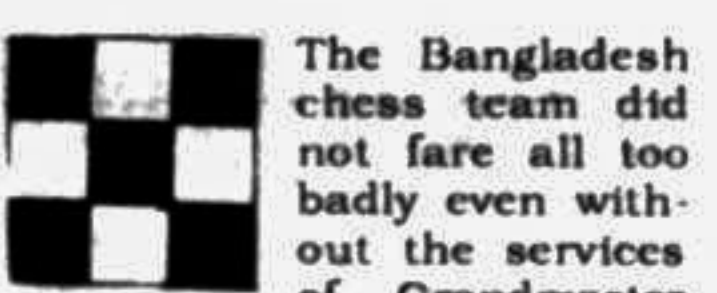
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03.00	Tennis Legends
03.30	World Cup Show Jumping
04.30	Boxing
06.30	Wimbledon Highlights
07.30	Adventures
08.00	Wimbledon Highlights
09.00	PKA Karate
10.00	Motorcycling Grand Prix 1992 Highlights
10.30	Wimbledon Early Rounds
16.30	Wimbledon Early Rounds Highlights
17.30	Motorcycling Grand Prix 1992-LIVE
22.00	Wimbledon Early Rounds-LIVE

(Please deduct 2 hours from above timings for Bangladesh Standard Time)

A fair showing by Bangladesh

By Manzurul Islam Khan



The Bangladesh chess team did not fare all too badly even without the services of Grandmaster

Niaz Mursheed and national champion Rezaul Karim Bin Sattar in the 30th Chess Olympiad which concluded on Thursday in Manila, Philippines.

The Bangladesh men's team, seeded 71st with an average rating of 2256 at the start of the 112-nation Olympiad, went up the ladder to clinch the 59th position with 25.5 point after having played 13 rounds while the women's team, seeded 56th with an average rating 2028 at the start secured a position

ranging from 22nd to 27th which accommodated England, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia and Kirghizistan with 20.5 points.

Although the performance of the men's team, weakened by the two notable omissions, was not satisfactory, young FIDE Master and former national champion Ziaur Rahman earned his second international norm.

The girls did much better with Rukhsana Gulshan Nikkon winning the silver in the fourth board.

Unfortunately, the Bangladesh team had to come back without taking part in the fourteenth and final round because of monetary problems faced by the Bangladesh au-

thorities. The six members of the Bangladesh men's team were Ziaur Rahman, Rani Hamid (the only female member of the male team for men national champions Jamilur Rahman, and Syed Tahmidur Rahman and youngsters Khan-daker Kayes Hassan and Niamul Huq Niru.

Tanima Parveen, Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa, Afroza Khanam Babee and Rukhsana Gulshan Nikkon formed the women's team. Shabana Parveen, it can be mentioned here, is the other prospective medal winner of the Bangladesh team. Although it has not been confirmed yet, she will in all probability earn a bronze in the second board.

The position of the Bangladesh women's team was 44th and points remained at 7.5.

ROUND ONE

Bangladesh lost to ninth seeded Latvia (2566) 3.5-3.5 points

Zia — A. Shirov (2578) GM 0-1

Rani — E. Kengis (2575) GM 0-1

Jamil — A. Shabalov (2538) GM 0-1

Tahmid — V. Bagrov (2509) GM 0-1

Bangladesh women's team lost to 14th seeded England (2263) 5-2.5 points.

Tanima Parveen — J. Bellin (2240) WGM 5-5.

Name at
Ziaur Rahman (2360)
Rani Hamid
Jamilur Rahman
Syed Tahmidur Rahman(2265)
Khandaker Kayes Hassan
Neyamul Haque

ABBREVIATIONS: RT—rating; RO—round; R.O.—rated opponent; GM—Grandmaster; IM—International Master; WGM—Woman Grandmaster; WIM—Woman International Master; W—win; D—draw; L—loss; RT Av—average rating; CAT—category; Pt—point; S/R—striking rate.

Name	Rt	Title
Tanima Parveen (2005)		
Sayda Shabana Parveen(2105)		
Afroza Khanam (2005)		
Rokshana Gulshan		

Shabana — S. Jackson (2230) WIM 0-1

Afroza — N. Regan (2140) 0-1

Bangladesh won against 62nd seeded Botswana (2211) 3-1

Zia — Hutchison (2235) 0-1

Rani — Teeling (2205) 1-0

Jamilur Rahman — Bushell 1-0

S. Tahmid — M. Kgumore (2205) 1-0

After the second round the Bangladesh men's team collected 3.5 points and was ranked 69th.

The Bangladesh women's team drew with 42nd seeded Austria (2062) with each team collecting 1.5 points.

Tanima — Faulstich 0-1

S. Parveen — Horbath (2030) 5-5

Afroza — R. Kose 1-0

At the end of the second round the Bangladesh women's team collected two points and was placed 47th.

ROUND THREE

The Bangladesh men's team lost to 56th seeded New Zealand (2341) by 1.5 points to 2.5

Zia — Surfaris (2305) 1-0

Jamil — Garret (2305) 0-1

Tahmid — Dryer (2235)

Kayes — Sarupar (2350) 0-1

The Bangladesh women's team defeated 52nd Portugal (2012) 2.5 points to 0.5

Shabana — Santos (2005) 1-0

Afroza —Carvalho 1-0
Rukhsana — Ferretta (2005)
At the end of the third round
Bangladesh women's team collected 4.5
and was ranked 34.

ROUND FOUR
Bangladesh lost to 67th seeds Faroe
Islands (2266) 1-3
Zia—Rodyard (2360) IM 0-1
Rani —Olson (2245) .5 . 5
Kamran—Thomas (2215) .5 . 5

MEN'S CROSS TABLE						
title	R	RO	GM	FM	W	L
FM	13	1	1	7	6	4
WM	12	8	1	2	2	5
FM	11	7	1	1	4	2
FM	9	7	1	0	4	4
	5	4	-	3	-	4
	2	-	-	-	-	-

RD—round; R.O.—rated opponent
Grandmaster; WIM—Woman
rating; CAT—category; Pt—point;

WOMEN'S CROSS TABLE

Rd	R.O	WGM	WIM	W	D
10	8	2	3	1	4
12	9	-	3	5	6
10	5	-	-	3	2
7	1	-	-	5	1

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