

**Niaz fifth**

Sports Reporter

Niaz Morshed, the only Grandmaster of the country, finished fifth in the Gausdal international invitational chess competition held in the Norwegian capital Oslo, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

Niaz, who earned only five points from nine matches, lost to two Russian Grandmasters in the final two rounds.

The names of the champion and runner-up could not be known from the sketchy reports filtering in.

**One newcomer in Windies side for Down Under**

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Aug 21: Grenadian wicket-keeper-batsman Junior Murray is the lone newcomer in a 16-man West Indies cricket squad named to tour Australia in October, reports AFP.

Murray, the first player from Grenada to be selected for the West Indies, won the selectors' nod of approval following an outstanding 1992 season when he scored his maiden first-class century and averaged 47.87.

The squad will assemble for a two-week training camp in Barbados prior to the tour.

**Squad:** Richie Richardson (capt), David Williams (wkt), James Adams, Curtley Ambrose, Keith Arthurton, Kenneth Benjamin, Ian Bishop, Anderson Cummins, Desmond Haynes, Carl Hooper, Brian Lara, Augustine Logie, Junior Murray, Patrick Patterson, Phillip Simmons, Courtney Walsh.

Manager: David Holford, Asst Manager: Rohan Kanhai.

**England call up Richard Blakey**

LONDON, Aug 21: England called Yorkshire's wicket-keeper-batsman Richard Blakey into their squad on Friday for the remaining two limited overs cricket matches against Pakistan, reports Reuters.

Blakey, 25, seems certain to face Pakistan at either Lord's on Saturday or at Old Trafford on Monday now that England have a winning 3-0 lead in the five-match series after their victory at Trent Bridge on Thursday.

England's selectors said they wanted to use the last two internationals to blood one or two younger players, opening the way for both Blakey and Derbyshire pace bowler Dominic Cork, who was in the original squad but did not play on Thursday.

**Dhaka first into semifinals**

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The first part of a two-day long hockey match, a cosy win for defending champions Dhaka and

a sharp shower marked yesterday's twelfth national youth hockey championship.

In the first of the four matches scheduled for the day, a lately formed Dhaka DSA relieved the Primary Sports Centre (Rajshahi) boys of home-sickness with a 2-1 win to enter the semifinals.

Neither side could score in the first half of the match that got off to a delayed start, a fact that contributed to the interesting phenomenon of a match being played over two days.

Shimul scored for the reigning champs immediately after the breather from a penalty corner.

Khawja Danesh sounded the board to double the margin in the 59th minute.

Sirajul Islam of PSC hit a ding-dong retaliation in the next minute to make the score line 2-1.

Some of the Dhaka supporters abused the umpires. Dhaka will meet the winners of the unfinished

Narayanganj-Jessore match, scheduled to be completed today.

Rajshahi DSA moved into the quarter-finals of the ten-day tournament with a two-nil win against Mymensingh DSA.

The winners led the first half one-nil with Mobarak Ali finding the target in the 13th minute.

Mahbub Hossain had the match all but wrapped up for the northern district with another field goal immediately after the breather.

Rajshahi will play Dhaka Education Board in the quarter-finals.

Munshiganj DSA edged past Patuakhali DSA enroute to the quarter-finals in the first of the two afternoon matches yesterday.

Mujibur Rahman scored a field goal in the fourth minute for the victors.

Mujib then doubled the margin early into the post-lesson session.

Mainul Islam reduced the margin for Patuakhali with a field goal in the 56th minute.

The lurid drama of a damp day was complete in the last match of the day, between Narayanganj and Jessore. Stretched into the violet

hour of the twilight because of the inevitable delay for the afternoon shower and the Juma prayers, the match could not be finished with both the teams locked at 2-2, when the violet turned black. And there are no floodlights at the hockey ground.

Abdullah, now in the limelight for his four goals in the previous match against Noakhali and the controversy centering around the accusation of him being overaged, gave Narayanganj a first-half lead.

Jessore, however, forced ahead with two quick goals in the second half with Ashiq and Towfiq converting penalty strokes.

Salman Kader restored parity for Narayanganj.

The match had to be called off for the want of sufficient light and the remaining one minute will be played today at 1.45 pm at the Hockey Stadium.

The winners will face Dhaka in the semifinals.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Rajshahi DSA vs DEB (2:30 pm)  
Munshiganj vs Faridpur (4:15 pm)

**Ramprakash remains in favour**

LONDON, Aug 21: Mark Ramprakash, twice disciplined by Middlesex this season for bad behaviour,

is one of nine England cricket players to be given winter contracts, reports Reuter.

The troubled 22-year old batsman was confirmed on Thursday by a member of an exclusive club led by captain Graham Gooch.

Ramprakash, Phil Tufnell and Neil Fairbrother have been offered contracts which will guarantee them around 15,000 pounds sterling (29,000 dollars) apiece whether or not they are picked to tour this winter.

'Senior' contracts — worth an estimated 25,000 pounds (48,000 dollars) — go to Gooch, Alec Stewart, Robin Smith, Jack Russell, Phillip DeFreitas and Chris Lewis.

England's announcement followed media reports that Test flop Graeme Hick was understood to be one of their chosen few.

But he, like David Gower and Allan Lamb, have been excluded.

Ramprakash was fined two weeks' wages by Middlesex

and warned about his future conduct after verbally abusing a Cambridge University player in April.

This week, he was demoted to the Second XI as a matter of internal discipline. Newspaper reports suggested it followed



MARK RAMPRAKASH

an altercation with a spectator in a match against Yorkshire.

The decision to award Ramprakash a contract was made before that second incident, but there is no suggestion England selectors will now change their minds.

The contracts recognised

the importance and or potential of these players to the England side, said a spokesman.

"They provide a measure of security to both the players and the board bearing in mind the number of unofficial cricket events springing up worldwide," he said. "It also ensures that the England Committee can exercise a measure of control over the top players' activities."

**Foundation chess gets underway**

Sports Reporter

Abdullah Al-Mamun, the vice-president of the Dhaka Chess Federation, inaugurated the first Foundation Open chess tournament at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday, says a press release.

Forty-one players won their respective first-round matches on the opening day.

One hundred and twenty-eight players including a host of prominent faces of the country's chess arena are taking part in the nine-round Swiss league tournament organised by the Dhaka Chess Federation.



Pakistan pacesman Waqar Younis appeals successfully for an lbw against England's Allan Lamb in the Texaco Trophy match at Trent Bridge on Thursday. Pakistan lost by 198 runs. — AFP photo

**Hard day's work ahead for Aussies**

COLOMBO, Aug 21: All-rounders Greg Matthews and Craig McDermott staged a backs-to-the-wall

fight as they battled to save Australia from defeat after Sri Lanka rocked the visitors Friday on the fourth day of their match, reports AFP.

Matthews and McDermott produced a gutsy fightback to take Australia into the fifth and final day with a shaky 102-run lead over Sri Lanka, who made their highest Test total of 547 for 8 declared in the first innings.

By the close, Australia were 393 for seven in their second innings with Matthews on 51 and McDermott 28 not out and still needing to set Sri Lanka an unbeatable victory target before being bowled out.

But with the wicket known to have its surprises on a final day, Australia are faced with the grim prospect of losing their first Test to Sri Lanka in five matches.

Matthews, who hit his seventh century in Tests, and McDermott, defied everything that was thrown at them by Sri Lanka's high-riding bowlers during a tension-filled final session.

Matthews, who has four centuries to his credit hit seven boundaries in his innings while McDermott, who was felled by a nasty rising delivery from pacesman Pramodya Wickremasinghe, recovered to make a fighting 28 not out. His highest Test score is 42 not out against England.

From a dicey 253 'for four at tea, Australia fell into dire straits with the dismissal of

captain Allan Border (15), Mark Waugh (56) and Ian Healy (12) before Matthews and McDermott put on an unfinished 320run 8th wicket stand.

The pair will have to carry the flag for Australia on the fifth and final day Saturday but leg-spinner Shane Warne and pacesman Mike Whitney would also have to be prepared to joint the last-ditch battle.



DAVID BOON ... 68

Sri Lanka's leading strikers Champaka Ramanayake, Pramodya Wickremasinghe and left-arm spinner Don Anurasiri bowled their hearts out to share six wickets amongst them selves with Asanka Gurusinha responsible for a brilliant run out.

Gurusinha ran out Jones with a brilliant throw to the stumps from square-leg and

held two fine catches to dismiss opener Mark Taylor and Border. Anurasiri had the best figures of three for 120 off 32 overs.

"There is hardly anything in the wicket. It is just that the batsmen lacked the application to build the innings after having settled down," said Australian manager Cam Batsturs.

Taylor and Tom Moody resumed from the overnight score of 26 for no loss. While Taylor batted with ease, Moody batted occasionally. In the fifth over, while trying to drive a half-volley by Champaka Ramanayake, Moody missed the line completely and saw his stumps uprooted with the scoreboard reading 41.

Boon and Taylor batted effortlessly for some time, compiling 66 runs together. At 15, Boon was dropped by wicket-keeper Ramesh Kaluwithana off Ramanayake. At 68, Boon jumped out and drove left-arm spinner Don Anurasiri but was caught by Ramanayake at short mid-off with a good reflex action jump. His knock lasted nearly three hours, containing 10 fours through the 149 balls he faced.

The turning point for Australia was the run-out of Dean Jones — the fourth batsman to fall when the scoreboard showed 233. Jones, who was at the non-striker's end, took a single after a shot to square-leg by Mark Waugh. But Gurusinha, who fielded on the run, made a direct hit on the stumps, catching Jones unawares by his accuracy.

Border was caught brilliantly at silly point by Asanka Gurusinha off Don Anurasiri for 15. Waugh was caught behind off Pramodya Wickrema-

singhe, lending an edge to the new ball taken in the 76th over.

The second Test begins Aug 28 and the last on Sept 8.

Australia have a poor record on the Indian Subcontinent, where their victory over a fledgling Sri Lankan team at Kandy in 1983 remains their only Test triumph since Bill Lawry's team beat India 3-1 in 1969.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first cricket Test between Sri Lanka and Australia on Friday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 256 (I Healy 66 not out)  
**SRI LANKA:** First innings 547 for eight declared (A Gurusinha 137, R Kaluwithana 132 not out, A Ranatunga 127, R Mahanama 78).

**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings (Overnight 26 for no wicket)

Moody b Ramanayake	13
Taylor c Gurusinha b Anurasiri	43
Boon c Ranatunga b Anurasiri	68
Anurasiri	57
M Waugh c Kaluwithana b Wickremasinghe	56
Border c Gurusinha b Anurasiri	15
Matthews not out	51
Healy lbw b Hathurusinghe	12
McDermott not out	28
Extras (lb-16, nb-33, w-1)	50
Total (seven wickets)	393

Fall of wickets: 1-41; 2-107; 3-195; 4-233; 5-269; 6-319; 7-361.  
**Bowling:** O M R W  
Ramanayake 24 5 91 1  
Wickremasinghe 15 0 61 1  
Hathurusinghe 17 4 55 1  
Anurasiri 32 3 120 3  
Madhursinghe 14 1 50 0

**England aim for a clean sweep**

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug 21: England's batsmen made the highest score in the history of international one-day cricket on Thursday to set up a 198-run thrashing of world champions Pakistan, reports Reuter.

The result mean England took a 3-0 winning lead in the five-match series and represented some measure of revenge for the home side after their 2-1 defeat in the Tests.

Put in to bat, England made 363 for seven in their 55 overs with man-of-the-match Robin Smith, Neil Fairbrother and Graeme Hick all hitting quick-fire half centuries.

The previous top score in limited-overs cricket was 360 for four, made by the West Indies in the 1987 World Cup against Sri Lanka. That total, however, was scored off just 50 overs.

**Div III soccer**

Sports Reporter

Bashabo Tarun Sangha and Maghbazar Kishalay Sangha won their respective matches of the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Bashabo Tarun Sangha edged past Aminbazar Krira Sangha 1-0 in yesterday's first match.

Jahun-e-Alam scored the all important goal for the winners in the 68th minute.

Sajjuddin of Bashabo and Reazuddin of Aminbazar received marching orders.

Maghbazar Kishalay also registered a 1-0 victory over Matuail Juba Sangha in the other match of the day.

Ratan Kumar scored the decider in the sixth minute of play.

Huda of Matuail invited the yellow card for rough play.

Meanwhile, there are no matches scheduled for today. Three matches will be held tomorrow. East End Boys Club will play Maghbazar Kishalay Sangha and Matuail Juba Sangha\* will clash with Aminbazar Krira Sangha at 3 and 4:30 p.m. respectively at the Outer Stadium while Little Friends' Club will take on Dikusha Sporting Club at 4 pm at the Mahakhali T&T ground.

The 198-run defeat was not the most comprehensive victory ever in one-day internationals — Australia beat Sri Lanka by 232 runs eight years ago — but it was immensely satisfying for the home supporters.

The game's most menacing attack was taken apart as every home batsman tucked into a mountain of runs.

Gooch (42) and Alec Stewart (34) gave England a roaring start by putting on 84 in 17 overs.

Smith (77) and Fairbrother (62) both powered on as Salim Malik, deputising for unwell captain Javed Miandad, turned in desperation from one bowler to another.

Hick produced the most spectacular innings of all with 63 off 42 balls, helped by two sixes and seven fours.

Waqar Younis took four for 73 off his 11 overs, but a veil is fast drawn over the rest.

Paiced by such a huge total and without Miandad, Pakistan, not surprisingly re-

sponded without an ounce of conviction.

It was finished as a contest before the end of the seventh over, by which time Phil DeFreitas had struck twice and Chris Lewis once to leave the tourists reeling at 27 for three.

Salim Malik top scored with 45 but England coasted home in 46.1 overs.

Gooch said: "Nothing really went right for them today. But they have had a good tour and we're not feeling too sorry for them."

England now seek a clean sweep by winning at Lord's on Saturday and at Old Trafford two days later.

**SCOREBOARD**

Final scoreboard in the third Texaco Trophy one-day international between England and Pakistan at Trent Bridge on Thursday:

**ENGLAND:** 363-7 off 55 overs (RA Smith 77, GA Hick 63, NH Fairbrother 62).

**PAKISTAN:**

Amir Sohail c Botham b Lewis	17
Ramiz Raja c Gooch b DeFreitas	0
Salim Malik c Small b Illingworth	45
Asif Mujtaba c Lewis b DeFreitas	1
Inzamam-ul Haq run out	10
Ijaz Ahmed c Gooch b Botham	23
Wasim Akram lbw b Illingworth	1
Rashid Latif at Stewart b Illingworth	29
Waqar Younis c Hick b DeFreitas	13
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	14
Aaqib Javed c Stewart b Small	2
Extras (lbw 5, w 5)	10
Total (46.1 overs)	165

Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-22; 3-27; 4-60; 5-87; 6-98; 7-103; 8-129; 9-153; 10-165.

<b>Bowling:</b>	O	M	R	W
DeFreitas	11	1	33	3
Lewis	8	2	24	1
Botham	11	1	41	1
Small	5.1	0	28	1
Illingworth	11	1	34	3



A glimpse of yesterday's Third Division football league match between Matuail Juba Sangha and Maghbazar Kishalay Sangha at the Outer Stadium. Maghbazar Kishalay Sangha won 1-0. — Star photo

**Kent emerge as challengers to Essex**

LONDON, Aug 21: Kent emerged as the latest English county cricket championship challengers to

leaders Essex after crushing Leicestershire by an innings and 138 runs on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Kent (24 pts) removed Leicestershire from second place and stand only 25 points behind Essex with four matches left after Essex's game against

Surrey at Colchester was washed out.

In the rest of the pursuing pack Middlesex and Nottinghamshire struggled to hold on for a draw, while Warwickshire suffered an innings defeat by Lancashire, and Northamptonshire, still in third place, lost tense finish against Gloucestershire.

At Grace Road, Leicestershire followed on 321 behind and were mopped up for 183 by lunch, losing their last five

wickets in eight balls.

Allan Igglesden took three wickets in one over and Richard Davies started and finished the collapse either side of Igglesden's burst with two wickets.

But Kent captain Mark Benson acknowledged that Essex were still favourites. He said: "The championship is still in their hands. If we are to win we depend on them faltering, but if they do slip we are the team who can catch them."



Action from yesterday's 12th national youth championship match between Mymensingh DSA and Rajshahi DSA at the Hockey Stadium. Rajshahi DSA made it to quarterfinals winning 2-0. — Star photo

**Tillekeratne to lead provincial against Aussies**

COLOMBO, Aug 21: Sri Lanka named Test batsman Hashan Tillekeratne to lead a strong Southern Province team for the second three-day game against Australia beginning Monday at the Uyanwatte Stadium in southern Matara, reports AFP.

The Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka released to the press Friday a 15-member squad for the 3-day game, including 9 players from a separate 17-member squad that has been chosen for the 3-Test series against Australia.

Tillekeratne and five others in the Test squad, Dulip Liyanage, Kapila Wijegunawardene, Sanath Jayasuriya, Ruwan Kalpage and Gamini Wickremasinghe are, however, not playing in the first Test here between the two sides.

The other three, Chandika Hathurusinghe, Marvan Atapattu and wicket-keeper Ramesh Kaluwithana are playing in the first Test.

The first three-day match between a Board President's XI and Australia was drawn earlier in central Kandy.

Southern Province XI: H Tillekeratne (captain), S Jayasuriya, C Hathurusinghe, C Mendis, M Atapattu, J Kumudu, N Ranatunga, SM Fauny, D Liyanage, R Kalpage, K Wijegunawardene, G Wickremasinghe, M Ekanayake, R Pallyaguru, R Kaluwithana.

**Silver Cup soccer**

The first Silver Cup under-12 soccer tournament, organised by the Tophkana Mohammediyan Fan Club, began at the Segunbagicha School ground yesterday, says a press release.