Niaz, Zia go to Doha today

Sports Reporter

Grandmaster Ntaz Murshed and former national champion FIDE Master Ziaur Rahman leave Dhaka today for Doha, Qatar to take part in the Doha Chess Festival to be held September 17 to 28.

They leave by Gulf Air at

8:25 this morning. Niaz and Zia, along with national champion Reefat bin-Sattar and former national champion Syed Tahmidur Rahman, both FIDE Masters, will be taking part in an 11 round Swiss league competition which includes a field of five Grandmasters and 25 International Masters.

The invitational meet offers a total prizemoney of 6600 US dollars to be distributed among the top six finishers. Besides, the champion will receive a trophy and a gold medal while the runner-up will pick up a silver medal with a bronze medal going to the player finishing third. Places will be deeided, if necessary, through FIDE rules regarding tiebreaks.

The National Sports Council is bearing Niaz's travel expenses while Zia is paying his own way. Recfat and Tahmid are already in Doha, having gone there to compete in the recently-concluded Asian Junior under-20 meet. Tahmid had gone as the coach-cummanager of Reefat and Shawkat Hossain Pallab, the Bangladesh sub-junior champion who laso competed in the Asian under-16 meet held simultaneously. Niaz is expected to return

home on Sept 30. He will later leave for the Interpolis Grandmasters' championship to be held in Tilburg, Netherlands from October 8. World champion Garry Kas-parov is also expected to play in that tournament.

U-16 booters return home

Sports Reporter

The Banglades's national wouth under '6 football team returned home late Monday night after taking part in the fifth Asian youth championship which ended on Sunday last in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The 25-member Banglades! youth squad had left Dhaka on September 1.

Bangladesh, placed in Group A along with North Korea, Bahrain and hosts Saudi Arabia, failed to win a single point conceding an incredible 13 goals and scoring only two.

Bangladesh lost to North Korea 0-3 in the second match on the inaugural day on September 4. Bahrain blanked Bangladesh 6-2 in the second match while they lost to Saudi Arabia 0-4 in their third and final group match on September 8.

Qatar, Thailand and China were the Group B teams.

The United Arab Emirates

The leader of Bangladesh team Shah Abul Kashem, who is also a joint secretary of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), when interviewed by some newsmen yesterday, as tonishingly failed to mention who became the champions and runners-up of the meet. "We left for Dubai en route

to Dhaka on September 11 and the final was held on September 13," Shah Kashem

According to him, despite conceding 13 goals, the Bangladesh boys displayed good footballing skills.

The BFF joint secretary said that the defeats had been mainly caused by the astro-turf

*Our players are not familfar with the synthetic surface and invariably towards the end of almost every match they ran

out of strength The That players had a long six-month long preparation on

the astro-turf for this meet, he Besides the excessive heat

also had an adverse impact upon the Bangladeshi players,

Shah Kashem said. Players like Ruhul Amin and Biplab Marma reportedly fell

Whatever the reason, the

bottom line is that Bangladesh were swept aside in each and every match. Earlier, last June, the

Bangladesh senior team lost to South Korea 0-6 and to Thailand 1-2 in the qualifying tournament held in the Thai

capital Bangkok. One hopes the concerned authorities will take up the issue of the country's pathetic footballing standards scriously

to determine what needs to be done before it is too late.

Williams ends Tottenham revival

LONDON, Sept 15: John Williams scored his third goal of the season against Tottenham on Monday to put Coventry second in the English Premier League, reports Re-

Williams, on target twice in last month's win at Spurs, sent a looping header over lan Walker in the 61st minute of an exciting tussle.

E Bengal beat Abahani 1-0



ting past Abahani Krira Chakra of Bangladesh by a solitary goal in the Nehru Stadium here Tuesday, reports PTI. The all-important goal was

headed in by Nigerian star/ Chibuzor off a measured cross from Tushar Rakshit from /a thrown in by Ilyas Pasha in the 26th minute of the first half. The game never rose to any

great heights and was fosten marred by frayed tempers in which the East Bengal skipper, Kuljit Singh, was shown a yellow card and defender Rezaul Karim Rehan of Bangladesh given marching orders.

Although the Calcutta team enjoyed a slight territorial ad vantage over their rivals across the border, most of the play remained confined to the midfield and was marked by rough

Both the teams, however, had their share in front of the goals but on each occasion peor finishing failed to produce any results.

Striker Golam Ohmous, who played well for the Bangla outfit, provided a good opening Mamun Joarder, who missed an easy chance from close range in the first half.

The Abahani custodian Mo-

hammed Mohsin brought off a brilliant save when he fisted away a shot from Mushtaq Ali following a free-kick after Chibuzor was brought down in

front of the box. In the 25th minute play had to be stopped for about seven minutes when rival players attacked each other and the Abahani Krira Chakra goalkeeper Mohsin assaulted the referee Abant Sarma.

UNB adds: Abahant, who clinched the prestigious BTC Club Cup tournament beating East Bengal Club 1-0 in Dhaka last year, suffered their second consecutive defeat at the hands of East Bengal this year.

East Bengal Club Abahani by 1-0 in a return leg tie of the Asian Cup Winners' Cup tournament in Calcutta early, this year. The first leg match between them ended goalless in Dhaka.

Abahani left Dhaka on August 29 to participate in two football tournaments in Assam. They will leave Assam for Calcutta Wednesday.

In the Independence Day Cup tournament in Nowgong. Abahani beat Banpur United 2-I in the pre-quarter final, beat Assam Police 6-0 in the quarter final, got a walkover against Nagaland Police in the semi final and lost to Border Security Force (BSF) 0-3 in the final.

In the Bordolot tournament Abahani beat Assam Police 5-0 in the pre-quarter-final and beat Nepal Airlines 3-0 in the

quarter-final. The Abahant team against East Bengal Club was: Mohstn, Alamgir, Rehan, Ataur, Nira (Jewel), Masud Rana, Wastm, Zakir, Chaus, Rumi (Aslam) and Mamun Joarder.

Div II soccer Sports Reporter

City Club shared points with Shantinagar Club after their encounter ended in a one-all draw in the Sonali Bank Second Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. City Club led 2-1 at the

breather.

Md Badal Hossain put City Club in the lead in the 15th minute (1-0) while Rezaur Rahman doubled the margin in the 25th minute (2-0)

Md Straj reduced the mar gin in the 33rd minute (2-1) while Tapan restored parity for Shantinagar Club in the 5oth minute (2-2).

The day's second match between Rayerbazar Athletic Club and Azad Sporting Club ended in a one-all draw. Dipu scored for Rayerbazar

and Rabiul Mahmud for Azad Sporting Club.

TODAY'S MATCHES

East End Club vs Jurair Janata (3 pm: Dhaka Stadium) Dhaka WASA vs BG Press (4:30 pm: Dhaka Stadium).



A midfield melee in the Sonali Bank Second Division match between Rayerbazar AC and Azad SC at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. The match ended goalless. -Star photo

Aussies, Lankans both need reshaping

SA cricket league

Lamb to play in

CAPE TOWN, Sept 15: Allan Lamb, dropped from the England squad to tour India later this year, has signed to play for south Africa's Western Province in 1992-93, reports

Kevin Cummins, managing director of the Western Province Cricket Union, told AFP on Tuesday Lamb had signed for an undisclosed sum. The South African season from October to March coincides with England's tour of

Lamb will be returning to England where he has another two years of his contract with Northamptonshire to run.

South African-born Lamb played for Western Province between 1971 and 1980, before moving to England where he captained Northamptonshire and became a regular number four Test batsman. Allan Lamb is facing

further punishment for his allegations of ball-doctoring against Pakistan,

The Northamptonshire skipper, who recently served a two-match ban imposed by his county because of the claims, has been ordered to appear before the Test and County Cricket Board's disciplinary committee on Wed-nesday.

Lamb, who was also fined around 2,000 pounds by Northants.

UEFA Cup kicks-off today champions at their giant Nou



15: Complacency is Barcelona's main concern as they begin their defence of the

European Cup at home to Viking Stavanger on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Barcelona should easily beat the struggling Norwegian

First round of Div III soccer ends

Sports Reporter

The first round of the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league ended yesterday with eight teams moving into the super league.

Teams which have qualified for the super league are, Maghbazar Kishalaya Sangha, Matuail Juba Sangha, Bashabo Tarun Sangha and Kadamtala Sangsad from Group A and Gandaria Famous Sporting Club, Purbachal Parishad, Badda Jagarani Sangsad and Lalmatia Club from Group B.

Nabarun Sangsad, one of the eight teams of Groups A has been scratched from the meet as they did not turn up for any match while Power Development Board (PDB) Sporting Club of Group A, who have collected just a point from eight matches, will play in the Pioneer league next

The eight-team super league is likely to begin in the third week of this month.

Three matches were held yesterday, two at the Outer stadium and another at the Mahakhali T & T ground.

In the second match at the Outer Stadium, Dhaka Sporting Club got the better of PDB by three goals to nil. Mahid.

Asaduzzaman and Md Belal Hossain were the scorers. Mozammel Hossain of Dhaka Sporting received the

yellow card. Earlier in the afternoon, Fire Service edged past Maghbazar Krira Chakra 1-0.

Md Faruk got the decider in the very sixth minute of play. match between Purbachal Parishad and

Lalmatia Club ended in a oneall draw at the T & T ground. Shahtd Hasan put Purbachal ahead in the seventh minute

while Mozammel Hug drew level for Lalmatia from a penalty. Eighteen teams in two

groups participated in the first on Saturday. which began earlier last

Camp Stadium, but after giving away a league point at Tenerife at the weekend they would do well not to take it for granted Viking, however, are in

poor shape, one from bottom of the First Division after 18 matches and without departed coach Benny Lennarisson, who guided them to the league title last season for the first time in nine years.

Barcelona will be without international midfielder Jose Maria Bakere and Pable Alfam both serving and in the suspensions, an Juan Carlos, who was injured in Tenerife. AC Milan return to the

competition they graced from 1988 to 1991, including two successive triumphs, as the only team with maximum points in the Italian First Division after two games. They are at home to Olimpia Ljumbljana of Slovenia,

one of several new UEFA

member countries with teams

in the continent's three club competitions. But nerves are no edge at Milan, unbeaten in their league campaign last scason, with six foreign stars from which to

choose only three per match. Dutch hat-trick hero Marco van Basten, compatriot Frank Rijkaard and Yugoslav Dejan Savicevic played in the astonishing 5-4 win at Pescara on Sunday.

But French goal ace Jean-Pierre Parin told French radio he, Dutchman Ruud Gullit and Croat Zvonirim Boban would all play on Wednesday against the Slovenian champions.

Papin could easily be proved wrong. Gullit thought after missing the opening league match at Foggia that he would be picked against promoted Pescara.

The French striker's former club Marselille go into another European Cup campaign away to Glentorn of Northern Ireland bidding to become their country's first winners of

a European club trophy. A side with three new foreign faces, Marseille are just beginning to gel, according to coach Jean Fernandez. "Things are falling into place," he said after Saturday's 3-1 eight teams which is being retained

Germans BFB Stuttgart, sceded like Barcelona and Milan, face much tougher opponents in Leeds United and, furthermore, must put behind them a disappointing 2-0 second round Cup defeat to Second Division Hansa Rostock

for a second time.

"Even if it's difficult, we have to forget the Cup result

next few days to the European tie. If we don't do that, things could go wrong again," striker Maurizio Gaudino said. Leeds have the psychologi-

cal edge after a 2-1 win in a per-season tournament at home, but they are without a win in their last four Premier League matches. "If we call heads, it turns up tails right now," Manager

Howard Wilkinson said of a run of bad luck which included French striker Eric Cantona being denied a penalty in a 1-1 draw with Aston Villa on Sunday.

Up Winners' Cup holders Werder Bremen begin their defence in a an all- German clash with Hanover today.

They go into the match with moral sky high after a 7-0 drubbing of amateurs Beckum in their domestic cup match. UEFA Cup holders Ajax Amsterdam did not see league action at the weekend and leading striker Dennis Bergkamp and Libero Wim Jonk appear to have recovered from injuries in time for the match away to Alzburg of Austria on Wednesday. Defender Sonny Silloy is suspended.

Napoli officials tight lipped about Maradona

VALENCIA, Spain, Sept 15: Napoli officials who arrived in Spain on Tuesday for the Italian club's UEFA Cup tic against Valencia refused to discuss Diego Maradona's stalled transfer to Sevilla, reports

"We've come to Valencia to play soccer and nothing clsc, said director Giorgio Perinetti. "It's very delicate matter which really could cause a lot of trouble. That we need now

is peace and quiet." Maradona, still under contract to the Italian side unti mid-1993, flew into Scville on Sunday from Buenos Aires expecting to sign for the south-

ern Spanish club within days. The former Argentine captain, who refused to return to Napoli after serving a 15month ban from world soccer for cocaine abuse, has already trained with Sevilla.

Napoli broke months o deadlock on Friday by agreeing to release the 31-year-old midsielder, but transfer details have yet to be finalised.

Sevilla's Argentine coach Carlos Bilardo said: "This long saga will be over soon. It won't last much longer-four or five days at the most."



-Star photo NSC chess room.

and turn our attention in the 15: Australia's tour of Shri Lanka proved that with an injection of killer instinct the island side could threaten the

> established cricketing powers, reports Reuter. It also exposed shortcomings in the Australian batting line-up which will need to be sorted out before their West Indics tour in November.

> > Australia beat Shri Lanka 1-0 in the three Test series, but only after the home side collapsed in the second innings of the first match, wasting a winning position.

"I rate them very highly. Once they get a taste of how to win, how to nail sides fully when they got them under pressure, they can be a real force," Australian captain Allan ended in a rain-drenched draw on Sunday. "I would go past to say that

Border said after the final Test

Shri Lanka are a better Test match side than India from what I saw of them last year in it was Shri Lanka's first

series at home for five years due to separatist violence. The tour, which went off without incident, opened the

doors for others to follow. New Zealand are due for a six week trip from November 15 followed by England, India, South Africa and West Indies within the next 12 months.

Border who won the "manof-the-match" award in the last Test for his scores of 106 and 78, made 243 runs in the series, and is only 348 runs away from overhauling the Test

Indian batsman Sunti Gavaskar For the last 18 months ! have not played particularly

record of 10,122 runs held by

well. But I felt quite good in this Test. Obviously I am taking things as they come. If I come through the West Indies series I think I could do it," he said. He said Australia's top order

"Unless we got it going against the West Indies we are going to be in trouble". Australia's top five con-

was eausing some concern.

tributed 110 or more runs only twice in six innings, with Mark Waugh out for a duck four times in a row. All-rounder Greg Matthews could also find it hard to win a

despite an excellent batting record in the series. Matthews cut a very popular

figure amongst Shri Lanka

place against the West Indies,

spectators with a few crowdpulling stunts like dancing to the beat of Shri Lankan drums and joking with the spectators on the boundary line.

"His role is more as a bowler and to get wickets. His batting is a bonus for the side. He will come under the hammer if he goes back to Aus-

Ranatunga said he was satisfied

matches. This will be a good eye opener for the New Zealand tour," he said.

improve our spinners, fielding and lower order batting".

Kent finish 2nd behind Essex



second place in the English county championship and a cheque for 23,000 po-unds after crushing Warwickshire by an innings and 143 runs at Edgbaston on

15: Kent clinched

Tuesday, reports AFP. They needed only 54 minutes and 19 overs to polish off Warwickshire's second innings, which resumed at 120 for five and finished on 171. Spinners Richard Davis

turing five for 41 and West Indies all-rounder Carl Hooper a county-best four for 57. David Gower, the batsman

in the game long-term. This wreaked havoc, with Davis cap-

side but I know I must score

land's forthcoming tour to India, has been given a new twoyear contract by Hampshire. Gower wanted a five-year

agreement, but Hants chief ex-

surprisingly left out of Eng-

ecutive Tony Baker insisted: "It was never a contentious issue. We all wanted him to stay." Gower commented: 'I've enjoyed my three years with Hampshire and I want to stay

shows my commitment to cricket, which some might have doubted. "It is still very much my aim to get back into the England

runs at county level to be con-

bby Parks after 15 years on the staff and 35-year-old Dutch seamer Paul-Jan Bakker, who took 193 first-class wickets in seven years with the county. Parks, who holds the club record for dismissals of 1,000,

Hampshire are releasing

33-year-old wicket-keeper Bo-

has been told that the county cannot afford to keep two capped keepers.

"I feel I've been kicked in the teeth," stormed Parks, who has lost his place to Adrian Aymes.

"Obviously there is no loyalty in the game. This is a big let-down because I want to stay in the game."

Yugoslavia, Sept 15: Legendary ch-

ess maverick Bobby Fischer, in the midst of a 5 million dollar rematch against Boris Spassky, showed no sign on Monday of relenting in his defiance of US authorities over tax matters, reports

Reuter. "I have not paid my income taxes since 1976 and have no intention of paying them now," Fischer said at a joint news conference with archival Spassky in the Yugoslav Adriatic island resort of Sveti

Spassky and Fischer are replying their epic encounter in Reykjavík in 1972 when Fischer won the world chess champion's title.

Bert Gimm, a US Internal Revenue Service representative in Rome, told Reuter that Fischer, a US citizen, would have to pay 31 per cent of his tournament carnings in taxes. Asked about Fischer's re-

Chess results

Sports Reporter Anatoly Karpov. Abul Kashem Bhuiyan and ANM Ruhul Quddus maintained their leads in the qualifying tournament for the forthcoming international rating chess competition with full five

Kashem defeated Waliullah Patwary while Quddus beat Anisuzzaman. Waliullah and Anis, who

trails the top duo by half a

points after winning their

fifth-round matches at the

NSC chess room yesterday.

actually, dated back to 1965 shared the top place with when he was forbidden to play Kashem and Quddus the day at Capablanca's memorial before, slipped down to third place after their defeats in the fifth round. Mintu improved his position by beating Eliza and now

jection of US tax law, Gimm Spassky, 56, reported by said: "It is only September sources close to the match or-1992. Lct's wait and see ganiser to be suffering from whether he will file his tax reprostate gland problems, said turns when the time comes in April 1993." 'You would be surprised

how many people who publicly claim they will not pay income tax actually do at the end." The Temperamental American chess legend at an earlier news conference spat in contempt at a letter by the

US Treasury Department

warning him he was violating

sanctions on Yugoslavia by playing there. Fischer, 49, formerly the eccentric enfant terrible of chess, still displays a grudge against communism, chess authorities and particularly against his own country's

Chess Federation.

Soviet, a criminal organisation," Fischer said. He blames the American Chess Association for not siding with him when he sent 99 demands to the World Chess Federation before a 1975 match against title contender

"I have nothing to do with

the US Chess Federation.

consider them to be pro-

After his demands were brushed aside, he did not appear for the match and the title was awarded to Karpov.

Despite the Superpower Cold War prevailing at the time. Fischer accused the US Chess Federation of falling under the influence of the powerful Soviet State Chess Federation. But Fischer's resentment

tournament in Havana because communist Cuba was under a strict US economic blockade. Fischer found a way around this by playing other contestants in Havana- by telex -

Fischer won't comply with IRS from a New York apartment.

> on Monday he was experiencing problems with his concentration. "The problem is the fifth hour, that is when my concentration drops," said Spassky, a Russian who has long lived in

France. In the 'eighth game on Sunday, after four hours of play in which he was close to victory, Spassky made a fatal oversight and lost. In the seventh game, Spassky left his scat 27 times.

ney trouble which affected his play at the French Championship earlier this year. Fischer leads the rematch series 3-2, with three draws which are not counted for victory. The first player to score 10 points wins 3.5 million

But Spassky played the

problem down at the news

conference, saying he had kid-

Schools-madrassah sports in Comilla from Sept 20

dollar and the loser gets 1.5

Sports Reporter

million dollar.

The six-day long 21st summer swimming, soccer and handball competitions, under the auspices of the Bangladesh National School and Madrassah Association, will begin on September 20 in Comilla. Professor Younus Mian

Director General of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Bangladesh, will inaugurate the meet as chief guest The Education Secretary Shafiul Alam will grace the

guest on September 25.

tralia and doesn't take wickets. It is simple as that," said Bor-Shri Lankan captain Arjuna

with the way his team had played throughout the series. "Shrt Lanka dominated the play on all five days of the Test

But he added: "We have to

Gower to stay with Hampshire for two

more years LONDON, Sept 15: England reject David Gower has been given a new two-year contract by his country cricket club

Hampshire, reports Reuter. Gower said: "I have enjoyed my three years with Hampshire and I want to stay in the game long-term. This shows my commitment to cricket, which some might have

Gower, 35, England's leading Test run scorer, is still unhappy at being left out of the squad to tour India and Shri Lanka next year.

doubted."

He said today, "It is still very much my aim to get back into the England side, but I know I must score runs at country level to be considcred."

ABC top group

Sports Reporter

Zahir and Asghar continued their high scoring form as star-studded Azad Boys Club finished their first leg engagements with a clean slate when they registered a facile 79-57 win over Eagles Club in the Partex First Division basketball league at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymna-

sium yesterday.

Boys cagers started sluggishly giving the opponents enough space to score. As a result, they finished the first half with a tentative lead of 29-25. In the second half, the winners got their winning touch back. They dribbled and scor-

Tired from their high-

strung encounter with Gregs

Club the day before, the Azad

ed with astonishing case and left their opposition dumbfounded. Zahir and Asghar, once again, proved to be the scoring wizards of the side, slamdunking 30 and 20 points

respectively. Abed weighed in

with 13 points. For Eagles, Imon top-scored with 27 points. Azad Boys Club now enter the super league as the Group

B champions.

In the first match of the day, Hornets SC found Dhumketu Club for too superior giving up the match 44-75. Shahin led a three-man of-

fensive for the Dhumketu boys

who had a marginal edge of 33-26 in the first half, notching up 22 points. Tipu and Nawsher played their part caging in 17 and 16 points respectively. For Hornets Julian and Tar-

un scored 10 and 12 points concluding ccremony as chief respectively.