



India's Krishnamurthy Murugan (R) makes a move on way to beating Ziaur Rahman in yesterday's fifth round game of the QM Hossain chess competition at the NSC. —Star photo

# Murugan dents Zia's hopes

Sports Reporter

Former national champion and an aspirant for an IM title Ziaur Rahman... lost his fifth round match of the 9th QM Hossain chess meet to Indian IM Krishnamurthy Murugan...

Atanu's d4. Atanu was in a mess right from the word go. Tahmid checkmated Atanu in the 29th move.

Tahmid has two points while Atanu stays on one at the end of the fifth round of the 15-day long competition.

Khandaker Kayes Hasan passed up a golden opportunity of forcing victory against Yemen IM Hameed Mansour Qazi.

When the Bangladeshi player accepted Qazi's offer of a draw he was a mere two moves from a possible victory.

Qazi has three and a half points while Kayes has three after having played five matches each.

Rahul Shetty, another norm hunter from India defeated compatriot IM Arun Vaidya to take his points to 4.5, just behind Murugan.

With this win Murugan continues to lead the points table with five points from as many rounds.

Zia, who started the tournament with a bang, now has three, also from five matches.

National champion Reefat bin-Sattar, another FIDE Master, drew with the top rated Indian player Lanka Ravi.

Reefat opened with c4 as his Indian counterpart adopted a Caro-Kann defence.

Reefat played with white, adopted the Panoz-Botvinnik variation and the game entered a very interesting stage.

Although the Bangladeshi had two bishops in the middle game he tried to offset his weakness in c3 by sacrificing a pawn in move a4.

The 14th move, Reefat enjoyed a slight edge over his more experienced Indian opponent but repetition of position forced him to settle for a draw in the end.

Reefat has two points and Ravi three, both from five matches.

Defending champion Lodhi of Pakistan played like an extravagant in his bout of wits against IWM Rani Hamid.

The Pakistani IM sacrificed his queen in exchange of a bishop and rook. Earlier Lodhi had opted for a modern defence to counter Rani's e4 but switched to the Sicilian dragon pattern.

The match ended in Lodhi's favour after 31 moves.

Lodhi has so far scored three and half points while Rani is yet to open her account.

Another IM norm aspirant Syed Tahmidur Rahman recorded his maiden win in the tournament at the cost of Atanu Lahiri from West Bengal.

Tahmid gambled with a Banco gambit to ward off

# Game 18 drawn

BELGRADE, Oct 12: American Grandmaster Bobby Fischer and the Soviet-born Frenchman Boris Spassky tied in the 18th game of their tournament on Sunday, leaving the score at seven games to three for Fischer, reports AFP.

Spassky, who played white, proposed to call it a day at the 36th move, after four and a quarter hours of play.

# India's gold sweep in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Oct 12: India came out of the five-day Indo-Indonesian Open track and field championship, which finished here today, as the top foreign gold-grabbing team, followed by Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore, reports AFP.

In the women's 4 X 400 metres final, the Indian team-VK Sindhu, K Binamol, Jaspreet Bajwa, Bhagirathi Bile—clocked 3:50.48 to take India's sixth and last gold. Host teams came second and third with times of 3:57.34 and 3:59.39.

Earlier Monday, Bile took India's fifth gold medal in the women's 1,500 metres, clocking 4:42.15, ahead of Indonesia's Marselina Ina Pirani who finished 4:43.76 and Agda Amaral in 4:46.34.

The 12-athlete Indian contingent placed second in the overall medal tally by taking six golds, five silvers and three bronzes.

The Indonesian province of East Java topped the list with seven golds, four silvers and four bronzes.

Indonesian teams took a total of 30 gold, 35 silver and 34 bronze medals.

Malaysia placed second among foreign teams as its five athlete team garnered two golds and one silver. Triple jumper Sidik Sahak won Malaysia's first gold on Sunday while Che Osha Che Amat, running the 100 metre hurdles, contributed the second gold on Monday.

Che Osha cleared the hurdles in 14.51 seconds on Monday ahead of Indonesia's Rumini and Martini Kusyiah, who took the silver and bronze, respectively, in times of 14.89 and 14.99.

Thailand, with seven athletes, took a total of two golds and two bronzes. Russames Teprari contributed a gold Monday with a 1.69 metre leap in the ladies high jump.

Pornsak Ployod took the first gold medal for Thailand on Saturday when he won the men's high jump with a leap of two metres.

In Monday's other finals, India failed to get another gold when its 1,500 metre runner in the men's event, Vick Kam Singh, had to be satisfied with the silver medal with a time of 3:55.88.

The gold went to home team runner Parlauntan Siregar, who finished in 3:53.49, while the bronze went to fellow Indonesian Supriyadi, who clocked 3:56.07.

The 4 X 100 metre runs in the men's and women's men's decathlon and the men's 4 X 400 metres were an all Indonesian affair with host country athletes taking all the medals.

Athletes from Bangladesh, Brunei, Myanmar and the Philippines, who were scheduled to participate in the athletics meet, withdrew with only their officials showing up at the championship.

# Lalmatia, Badda earn promotion to Division Two

Sports Reporter

Lalmatia Club and Badda Jagaroni Sangha will play in the Dhaka Second Division football league next year.

Lalmatia and Badda Jagaroni emerged as the unbeaten champions and runners-up in the Pragati Insurance Third Division league by finishing their alleged 'put up' match in a scoreless draw at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Lalmatia have collected 11 points and Jagaroni Sangha 10 from seven matches each.

Gandaria Famous Sporting Club and Maghbazar Kishalay Sangha, who earned seven points from six outings each, jointly finished third.

Matuul Juba Sangha, Bashabo Tarun Sangha and Kadamtala Sangsad, who have already completed their eight-team super league campaign, have collected six, five and four points respectively.

Purbachal Parishad, the other team in the fray, managed only two points from six encounters.

Lalmatia Club, who came into the limelight by emerging as the Pioneer league champions in 1983, had finished top in the Third Division in 1986 but failed to move into the Second Division because of registration problems of some of their players. They qualified for this year's super league from Group B of the preliminary league.

Eighteen teams, in two groups, took part in the first round with the top four teams from each group making the super league.

Lalmatia won four matches and shared points in their three remaining outings while the runners-up Badda Jagaroni Sangha won three and drew in the other four encounters.

In yesterday's other match, Matuul Juba Sangha edged past Bashabo Tarun Sangha 1-0.

Mintu Karim was the scorer.

Two more matches of the Third Division super league are yet to be played. In today's only match, Purbachal Parishad will take on Kadamtala Sangsad at 4 pm at the Mirpur Stadium.

# Continental Soccer Cup in Saudi Arabia from today

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, Oct 12: Saudi Arabian hosts fine-tuned preparations Monday for the inaugural Continental Soccer Championship, including teams from the United States, Argentina and the Ivory Coast, reports AP.

The six-day event begins Thursday at the modern King Fahd International Stadium when Saudi Arabia plays the Americans. Ivory Coast and Argentina square off on Friday.

The teams will enjoy Saudi hospitality during a two-day break, then the losing teams play for third place on Monday, Oct 19.

The following day, the winners play for the King Fahd Cup trophy, gold medals and dirr 150,000 top prize. The runners-up will be awarded silver medals and dirr 50,000, with the third-place finisher taking bronze medals.

# Marathon result

EINDHOVEN, Netherlands, Oct 12: Britain's Andy Green won the Eindhoven marathon here on Sunday with a 30-second cushion over second-placed Marti ten Kate of Holland, reports AFP.

Sebio Sitanyika of Zambia was third in the men's event.

They joined the 48 first-round survivors to make up 32 pairings for the first of two matches which make up the round.

Today they play the same opponents but switch colours and winners on aggregate to through to Wednesday's third round. Tied scores would be resolved by quickplay games tomorrow.

Britain's Nigel Short, seeded seven, lost with white in his first match against the Australian Ian Rogers. Rogers needs only a draw to knock short out tomorrow.

Dutchman Jan Timman, seeded sixth and playing with black drew with the Pole Robert Kuczyński.

Short and Timman are to play each other in Linares, Spain in January for the right to contest Garry Kasparov's world crown.

The tenth seed, Russian Leon Polugavev, and 15th seed Michael Adams of Britain also lost. Cautious play led to many other draws in the round.

Top-seeded Ukrainian Vassily Ivanchuk won his opening match against Russian Vladimir Epishin.

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Pragati Insurance Third Division football league 1992 champions Lalmatia Club members and officials pose for the photographers at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

# Div Two soccer

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Bangladesh Boys Club got the better of Muslim Institute 5-3 in the only match of the Sonali Bank Second Division football super league at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh Boys, who now top the points table, have collected nine points while Muslim Institute have five from six matches each.

The top two finishers will play in the First Division league next year.

Two matches will be played today. Shantinagar Club will play Prantik Kria Chakra at 2:30 pm and Jurain Janata Club will clash with Dhaka WASA at 4 pm at the Hockey Stadium.

# African zone qualifiers for '94 W Cup

# Nigeria, Algeria, Morocco start well



PARIS, Oct 12: Nigeria, Algeria and Morocco confirmed their status as leading contenders to take Africa's three places in the 1994 World Cup finals in the USA with convincing victories in weekend African Zone qualifiers, reports AFP.

Nigeria, facing South Africa in the republic's first-ever World Cup match, ran out easy 4-0 winners, Algeria disposed of Burundi 3-1 and the Moroccans were winning 5-0 when Ethiopia were reduced to six men and the match was abandoned.

The hapless Ethiopians ended up in their depleted state without having a single player sent off and could now face a heavy fine if FIFA decides the injuries which nearly cut their team in half were not genuine.

Their problems started last Wednesday when six members of their squad defected in Italy.

Attempts to summon replacements in time failed and the Ethiopians were forced to take the field with two goalkeepers in the middle of defence and a 40-year-old deputy coach in midfield.

Trailing 4-0 at half-time, they appeared for the second time with only nine players for no apparent reason and within ten minutes of the second period another three players had been "injured", forcing Algerian referee Rachid Medjiba to stop the match.

Tunisia also started well in Group F with a 5-1 win over Benin.

NIGERIA BEAT SA In Lagos, Nigerian coach Clemens Westerhof praised South Africa for a courageous display in their defeat on Saturday.

While the Nigerian press trumpeted that the South Africans had been "demolished", "trounced", or "roasted" in the opening Group D match, the Dutchman was more cautious.

The South Africans are just starting out, Nigeria was not really threatened by them, but they should be encouraged for the way they played against a team with nine professionals in European clubs," said the Dutchman.

A capacity 80,000 crowd in the Surulere stadium saw South Africa hold out for 33 minutes before Nigeria was able to get a shot past goalkeeper Mark Anderson.

Ricky Oubokiri, last season's leading championship scorer in Europe with Boavista of Portugal, finally beat Anderson with a spectacular header.

Rashidi Yekini, top scorer at the African Nations Cup tournament in Dakar, scored twice in the second half and Samson Siasia added the fourth with a point blank shot.

South African coach, Stanley "screamer" Tshabalala said he needed more time to prepare his side. "We need another year to be fully operational," he said.

Two months ago were just starting to play international football again after so long locked up in cage.

But Tshabalala was tipping Nigeria to be one of Africa's three representatives at the World Cup finals in America in 1994.

South Africa's newcomer status showed in the anthem playing before the match. The visiting delegation was embarrassed when the Nigerian Army band played the old African anthem that South African sports representatives have tried to avoid, the Football Federation anthem was meant to have been played.

Abdelhafid Tasafout, 23, scored twice in Algeria's 3-1 win over Burundi in Group A.

The former World Cup finalists should have scored more in a match they completely dominated. Their first goal came only in the 40th minute, after Burundi had a player sent off.

Zimbabwe, who handsomely beat South Africa in an African Nations Cup qualifier last month, managed only a 1-0 win over Togo in Group C.

Striker Adam Ndlovu scored in the 67th minute, but the aggressive match was also marked by the sending off of Zimbabwe's Rahman Gumbo in the 77th minute for time wasting and Togo's Mesang Ametokodo for a crude foul on Zimbabwean goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar.

Egypt, Zimbabwe's main rivals in the group, also got off to a winning start, beating Angola 1-0.

In Group E, Ivory Coast winners of their first African Nations Cup earlier this year, showed that they too will be looking to make the trip to the United States by pasting Botswana 6-0, largely thanks to a hat-trick from Aboulaye Traore.

Next week, the African champions visit Saudi Arabia where they will take part in an inter-continental competition featuring the hosts, the United States and Argentina.

In Group H, Zambia and Madagascar set the early pace, beating Tanzania and Namibia 2-0 and 3-0 respectively.

In other matches Sunday, Zaïre scored twice in the final 13 minutes to beat Liberia 4-2 in Group B; Gabon beat Mozambique 3-1 in Group E; in Group F it was Zambia 2, Tanzania 0, and Madagascar 3, Namibia 0; and Mali forfeited to Guinea because of financial problems.

# Magpies may match Liverpool in a decade, says Keegan



LONDON, Oct 12: Kevin Keegan steered Newcastle United to a 10th successive win in the English First Division on Saturday and then declared that the Magpies could emulate the success of his old club Liverpool, reports AP.

This club can be a Liverpool over the next 10 to 15 years because it's being run properly now," said the Newcastle manager, and former England captain, after the 1-0 home win over Tranmere Rovers in front of a sell-out 30,137 crowd.

We have Premier league players, we play premier league football and we pay Premier League wages. And we're getting better gates than the Premier league.

They had the full-house signs up at St James' Park almost an hour before kick-off with an estimated 7,000 fans turned away in disappointment.

Keegan added: 'There's something happening here that is not happening anywhere else in the country.'

We're turning people away, locking fans out. I feel sorry for them because some of them have been supporting this club when it wasn't worthy of support and now unfortunately they can't get in.'

I've told the players to be aware of that situation and enjoy it, but not to get caught with it, just concentrate and keep things going.

David Kelly's 37th minute diving header—his eighth goal of the season—did just that as Newcastle saw off Tranmere.

Keegan commented: 'The only disappointing thing was that we didn't win by a greater margin. The scoreline doesn't tell the true story and that is no disrespect to Tranmere.'

Newcastle's win stretched their lead at the top to eight points, as second-placed Charlton went down 2-1 at Bristol City to suffer their first league defeat of the season.

Joint Charlton manager Alan Curshibly reckoned his side, who lost to an injury-time goal from Jerry Harrison, deserved at least a draw.

I'm disappointed not to get one and I think we should have tightened up instead of trying to score a second goal," he said.

Graham Turner, boss of third-placed Wolverhampton, was not to happy either about the penalty decision that cost his side three points in the 1-1 draw at Southend.

I didn't see way it should be awarded, but we have to abide by the referee's decision," he said.

I was satisfied with our performance, but no more than that. I thought we saw enough of the ball to have won the match, but with other teams in the leading group suffering defeat, this was a point won rather than two lost.

Benoit-Samuelsen, Hudson Columbus marathon champs

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct 12: Joan Benoit-Samuelsen hopes the cautious approach she brought to the Columbus Marathon will help her compete in the future, reports AP.

Benoit-Samuelsen won the women's title in Sunday's race with a time of 2 hours, 32 minutes, 18 seconds. It was her first competitive marathon since the New York Marathon last fall.

I was a wreck after New York last year," said Benoit-Samuelsen, who won a gold medal in the marathon at the 1984 Olympics. "But I've been training well lately, and I feel good right now. It was a conservative but strong race for me."

Diana Bussa finished second in 2:35.35, while Rosa Gutierrez was third in 2:36.40.

Benoit-Samuelsen and men's winner Brad Hudson each won dirr 17,000.

Hudson kicked in after 19 miles (30 km), making up a 53-second deficit before passing Chad Bennion, his ex-teammate at the University of Oregon, on mile 24 (38 km) and breezing to the men's title in 2:13.49.

It was the third-lowest winning time in the 26.2-mile (42 km) marathon's 13-year history.

Bennion made his move near the 10-mile (16-km) mark and faded after leading for 13 consecutive miles (21 km). He finished second with the time of 2:14.25.

Jim Hage finished third in 2:15.51.

He (Bennion) got away until about the 19-mile (30 km) mark," Hudson said. "That's when I started to track him down. I wanted to run hard the last 5K, but I had to run hard the last 10K to catch him."

Once Hudson took the lead, Bennion couldn't recover, suffering cramps in his calves and pain in his Achilles' tendon.

It wasn't conscious effort to make a move, Bennion said. "I noticed the gap went with it and found myself alone for about 10 miles (16 km). By the time he (Hudson) caught me I tried to respond but my calves were too tight."

There were 4,000 men and women who competed in the marathon.

Junior Rice of Shepherdsville, Ky., won the men's wheelchair overall in 1:50.41. Ann Walters of Champaign, Ill. won the women's wheelchair in 1:55.56.

# Gazza apologises for his remark

BISHAM ABBEY, England, Oct 12: Paul Gascoigne apologised to Norwegian Sunday after a televised remark that could have sparked a diplomatic row, reports AP.

The midfielder, preparing for an England comeback against Norway on Wednesday, was intercepted by a Norwegian television crew after a training session and asked if he had a message for the people of Norway.

Without realising the cameras were rolling the Lazio player responded: 'Yes, F... off.'

But a repentant Gascoigne moved quickly to defuse the situation. He said: 'Obviously it was a mistake and I can only offer my sincere apologies. I'm very sorry about it.'



Great Britain's Nick Faldo smiles as he holds the Toyota World Match Play golf trophy after crushing American Jeff Sluman in the final at Wentworth on Sunday.

—AFP photo