

Twin triumph for young Zia

Sports Reporter

Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh ended his campaign in the ninth Dr QM Hussain chess tournament with the twin satisfaction of winning the title as well as the IM norm at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

The lanky former national champion defeated Indian rated player Rahul Shetty to finish on top of the points table with 12 and half points, one point ahead of Indian IM Krishnamurthy Murugan.

Zia, who suffered a slashing of points from his original rating following his dismal performance in a recently festival chess tournament in Doha, Qatar did well to raise his rating to 2400 — the minimum requirement for an International Master — with a well-deserved victory in the QM Hussain International Masters.

Playing with black Zia adopted a Sicilian defence against Shetty and won the match after 39 moves.

Krishnamurthy Murugan became runner-up with eleven and half points. Yesterday he beat Saifuddin Lablu of Bangladesh. Playing with white Murugan beat his opponent in 35 moves in a game of the Nimzo Indian system.

Defending champion Mahmood Ahmed Lodhi secured the third position, determined through tie-break. The Pakistani IM, who got ten and half points, had a quickfire victory against Yemeni IM Hamed Mansour Qadhi. Playing with white Lodhi outplayed his opponent in just 16 rounds in a match of a Birds opening.

Lanka Ravi, one of the three Indian IMs who took part in this meet, defeated compatriot Atanu Lahiri of West Bengal in 39 moves.

Ravi played with white in the match played with the King's Indian defence.

Ravi finished fourth with ten and a half points, his ranking having to be decided through the tiebreak with Lodhi.

Indian IM Arun Vaidya playing with white beat Bangladesh Jamilur Rahman in a Dutch variation game in 53 moves.

Recfat bin-Sattar drew with PDS Girinath after only five moves IM Zillur Rahman Champak did the same with compatriot, Syed Tahmidun Rahman but took two moves

Rufer's pair sinks Bayern Munich

BONN, Oct 25: New Zealand goal ace Wynton Rufer scored twice to shatter Bayern Munich's unbeaten record on Saturday, as Werder Bremen beat the league leaders 3-1 at the Olympic Stadium, reports AFP.

High-scoring Bayer Leverkusen drew 2-2 with Eintracht Frankfurt but did not go top under Germany's point system, which puts more emphasis on a club's win/lose ratio than goal difference.

It was a superb result for the embattled Bremen, who had been struggling in the Bundesliga and saw their hopes of retaining the European Cup Winners' Cup take a nosedive in midweek.

Rufer slotted home a 42nd minute penalty and got another in the 65th minute, while Austrian teammate Andreas Herzog got the third just four minutes later to send Uli Hoenes' men reeling.

Olaf Thon got Bayern's consolation goal, converting a penalty 12 minutes from time. It may not have been much, but Thon's strike kept Bayern just ahead in a highly-contested Bundesliga top-flight.

The leading four clubs all have 15 points, and the top three have all conceded 10 goals. Bayern have been rated with the same win-loss record as Eintracht, but have scored 21 goals to their rivals' 20.

Bayer Leverkusen are third, with Borussia Dortmund bringing up the rear after crushing Moenchengladbach 4-1.

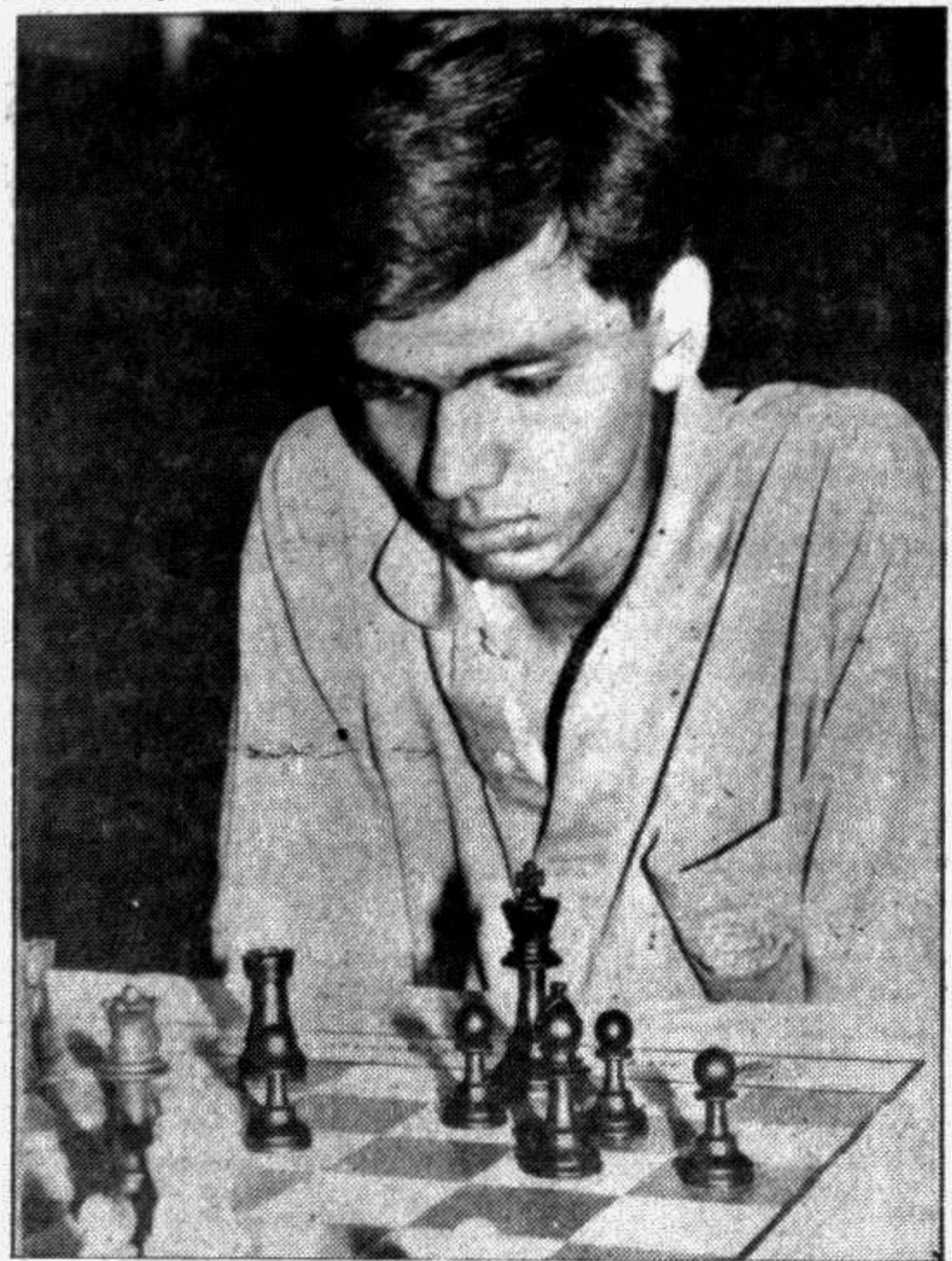
Dumped out of the European Cup by Leeds United, VfB Stuttgart's woes continued on Saturday as they were beaten 3-1 by lowly Cologne and had midfielder Maurizio Gaudino sent off for a deliberate handball after 34 minutes.

Frank Ordenewitz slotted home the penalty and Pierre Littbarski later added two more as Cologne took full advantage of their 10-men opponents.

Yamamoto, Date to represent Japan in Hopman Cup

PERTH, Australia, Oct 25: Japanese pair Yasafumi Yamamoto and Kimiko Date will represent their country in the 700,000 dollar (\$63,000 US) Hopman Cup mixed teams tennis event here early next year, organisers said today, reports AFP.

more while Rani Hamid and Khandaker Kayes Hassan settled for a draw after 45 moves. The trio of Rahul Shetty, IM Arun Vaidya and Bangladeshi seventh position. Seven points gave Bangladeshi IM Zillur Rahman Champak the ninth position. I named Mansour Qadhi of



Ziaur Rahman, who earned his final IM norm on October 22, had a gloriously sweet end to his Dr QMH International Masters' chess competition when he defeated Indian Rahul Shetty in his last round match at the NSC conference room yesterday to carve his name on the championship trophy. Zia finished with twelve and a half points.

FIDE Master Reefat bin-Sattar got nine points each but were ranked fifth, sixth and seventh following the tie breaker.

PDS Girinath, the rated Indian player, earned eight and half points to clinch the

Yemen got the tenth position with six and half points. Former Bangladesh champion Jamilur Rahman, who also got six and half points, finished eleventh.

Khandaker Kayes Hassan

was placed twelfth with six points. Tahmidur Rahman, the Bangladeshi FIDE Master, also got six points but was placed a rank lower 13th.

Saifuddin Lablu and Indian Atanu Lahiri got three and half points to get the 14th and 15th positions respectively.

Rani Hamid, the Bangladeshi IWM and only female competitor, was fixed at the basement with one and half point.

Sixteen players including eight locals, six Indians, one Pakistani and one Yemeni, took part in this invitational International Masters Chess tournament played on a round-robin system over a fortnight. The tournament began on October 8.

Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Miah will give away the prizes today at 6 pm at the conference room of the National Sports Council.

Champion Zia will get a cash award of Taka 30,000. Murugan will receive Taka 16,000 as the runner-up while Lodhi, the third place finisher, will get Taka 9,000.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Following is the roll of honour of QM Hussain Chess tournament

Champion	Year
Raja Ravishankar (Ind)	1980
Qi Jinxuan (China)	1981
Niaz Murshed (Ban)	1982
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Raja Ravishankar (Ind)	1985
Dibyendu Barooah (Ind)	1986
Zillur Rahman Champak (Ban)	1987
Mahmood Ahmed Lodhi (Pak)	1990
Ziaur Rahman (Ban)	1992

Korda in CA final

VIENNA, Oct 25: French Open runner-up Petr Korda reached the final of the 305,000 dollar Vienna tournament CA Trophy on Saturday with a 7-5, 6-7(2/7), 6-3 victory over Dutchman Jan Siemerink, reports AFP.

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Spassky takes another 'time-out'

BELGRADE, Oct 25: Sunday's 25th game in the dir 5 million chess rematch between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky has been postponed, match officials said, reports AP.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Spassky had requested the postponement, his fourth of the match which Fischer leads 8-4, but they gave no further details.

Under the match rules, each player can request a maximum of four postponements. After that they forfeit the match.

Fischer and Spassky battled to a draw Saturday, leaving Fischer still two games away from victory. The first player to win 10 games takes the dir 5 million prize.

A statement explaining the postponement was expected, officials said.

The Russian's three previous postponements have all been on the grounds of ill health.

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Spassky showed no signs of ill health Saturday in the 24th game that ended in a draw after 39 moves.

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Grabb gets his second career title

TAIPEI, Oct 25: American Jim Grabb ended a five-year title drought Sunday, capturing his second career singles title with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Australia's Jamie Morgan at the 300,000 US dollar Taiwan Tennis Open, reports AFP.

Grabb, ranked 78th in the world and seeded third in the tournament, overpowered his Australian opponent.

"The key to the match was that I played well on the big points," Grabb, 28, told reporters afterward. He won 82 per cent of his first serve points.

"I was down a couple of times on my serve and managed to hold," he said. Morgan broke the American player's serve only once in the one hour, 23 minute match.

Relishing the end of his title drought since winning in Seoul in 1987, Grabb said: "I think I have been playing well since Brisbane where I reached the quarter finals, and especially my match against Edberg in Tokyo even though I lost. All I needed was a good draw."

Morgan, who was playing in his second career final, told reporters that Grabb dictated the match.

"In my other matches, I was in control, but today he hit really big and never let me in the match," the 23-year-old Sydney-sider said.

Morgan was sidelined with a pelvic injury for nearly four months earlier this year.

In the doubles, Australia's John Fitzgerald and Sandon Stolle beat Christo van Rensburg of South Africa and Patrick Baur of Germany 7-6 (7/5), 6-2. Both teams were playing together for the first time.

Singapore Open karate

SINGAPORE, Oct 25: More than 130 participants from 35 countries will take part in the inaugural Singapore International Open karate championships to be held here over two days, the organisers announced Wednesday, reports AFP.

The championships, starting Friday, will be for three divisions: lightweight for below 70 kg, middleweight between 70.01 and 80.00 kg and heavyweight for those above 80.01 kg.

Each country is allowed a maximum of six entries, two in each division.

The organisers said they intend to make it an annual event as there were no major regional or national tournaments for karate.

The only international event at present is the World Karate Championships held once in four years in Tokyo, the last time being in November 1991.

Lendl's second in two weeks

HONG KONG, Oct 25: Former world number one Ivan Lendl is back in the groove, clinching his second successive tournament Sunday in as many weeks, reports AFP.

champion is on the comeback trail up the world rankings.

Currently placed eight on the ATP world rankings, Lendl is progressing up the list after an injury related slide out of the top 10 recently, the Tokyo win ending a title

my aim is to keep moving up the rankings," said Lendl.

A powerful all-round performance netted Lendl his third successive Marlboro Championship.

Watched by Hong Kong governor Chris Patten and a capacity crowd cheering on local hero Chang, the 32-year-old Lendl carved out his victory with superb passing shots.

Chang, who forsook his normal baseline game by advancing to the net frequently in the hope of hustling Lendl in to mistakes, was time and again left stranded by precision backhand passing shots.

"Normally he overpowers me, but today I think I was beaten by his passing shots, which were very accurate," said Chang, who has now lost in all five encounters with Lendl this year.

Chang trailed Lendl throughout the match. But dangerous when behind, the 20-year-old fought all the way to give Lendl a torrid time. Chang's tenacity was highlighted in the ninth game of the fourth set when serving at 3-5 he lagged behind 0-40.

Hong Kong's favourite sportsman fought back grimly to save three championships points, hold his serve, and conjure up the possibility of a dream comeback.

Lendl, however, kept his nerve and temper — which frayed once, earning him a code violation for umpire abuse — to serve out the match despite Chang being up 30-0.

"I don't like the idea of having match point and then he comes back" joked Lendl afterwards. "It is great to win here once again. I think Michael was unlucky today."

Chang, who was seeking his first title here in eight attempts, had to make to with a runner-up purse of 100,000 dollars.

He also was appointed patron of the Hong Kong Tennis Foundation, which seeks to develop junior tennis in the British colony.



Czech-born American Ivan Lendl smiles while holding the trophy after defeating compatriot Michael Chang in the final of the \$ 640,000 Marlboro Championships in Hong Kong yesterday. Lendl won 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. — AFP photo

The Czech-born American defeated compatriot Michael Chang 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 to win the \$ 640,000 US dollar Marlboro Championships.

The victory, which earned Lendl 200,000 US dollars, comes in the wake of last week's Japan Indoor title and confirms that the former

drought of more than a year.

Although he does not receive any ATP points for defeating world No. 4 Chang here as this tournament is an exhibition event, Lendl was satisfied with his progress.

"I'm happy with the way I have played this week. I'm getting back into top form and

strong, but Gamache's eye swelled in the second. Lopez took all of Gamache's punishment. Late in the 10th he got the upper hand with four rights that stunned the champion.

Two judges had Gamache ahead, and a third judge had them even, when the bout was stopped. Lopez, fighting in Gamache's home state of Maine, said he knew he would probably have to stop the champion to win.

"Actually, I wanted to knock him out," Lopez said.

The 30-year-old Lopez lifted his record to 41-3-1 record with 28 knockouts. Gamache, 26, was undefeated in his 29 previous encounters.

It was Lopez 10th title fight, with seven victories, two losses and a draw. He said trouble making the 130-pound junior lightweight limit led to

the losses.

For Saturday's fight he weighed in at 134.5 pounds, while Gamache weighed 135 pounds.

The fight was Gamache's first defence of the title he won four months ago when Chun Chif-Sung was unable to answer the bell for the ninth round.

Jordan admits gambling scam

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Oct 25: Basketball star Michael Jordan testified in court here Thursday that a 57,000-dollar check he wrote to a suspected drug dealer was payment for gambling debts, reports AP.

Jordan, who led the Chicago Bulls to two straight National Basketball Association titles.

essential in developing Honda's technology and products, Kawamoto said.

Honda was spending an estimated 10 billion yen (dir 80 million) a year and using 100 engineers to supply engines for the McLaren-Honda F-1 team.

But recently, it felt there was little left for it to learn from F-1 technology.

When Honda decides to return to F-1, it should have a new goal to accomplish, Ichida said.

"It is still hard to believe (it's over)," he said. "I guess the reality will hit me a bit later."

Honda fails to win its last F-1 race

SUZUKA, Japan, Oct 25: After 10 years of building engines for Formula One racers, Honda had hoped to wind up with a race victory at home in Suzuka, reports AP.

McLaren-Honda driver Gerhard Berger of Austria came close — 13.7 seconds behind winner Riccardo Patrese for Italy.

But teammate Ayrton Senna of Brazil, a three-time world champion, went out on the third lap because of a failure in the engine — Honda's pride.

Honda announced last month that it would withdraw from Formula One racing at the end of this season.

"We put our best efforts into today's performance. Naturally the result wasn't the best, but it was good all the same," said Akimasa Yasuoka, Honda's racing team leader. Katsumi Ichida, Honda's executive chief engineer, added, "Because it was the last chance for us to show the outcome of 10 years

of (Formula One) participation, Suzuka has been the most important target for us."

Many spectators were waving Honda flags during the race, and many also bought jackets and T-shirts with Honda's red logo on them.

Patrese won in a Williams-Ranault, boosting his teams lead in the constructors' standings to 164-89 over McLaren-Honda.

Honda went into F-1 racing in 1964, when it made both engines and chassis. It was the idea of the late Honda president Soichiro Honda.

Starting from scratch, Honda first won in 1965 in Mexico. It won again in Italy in 1967, but pulled out of F-1 racing in 1968, turning its F-1 knowledge instead to development of its CVCC engine for passenger cars.

After 15 years, Honda returned to Formula One as Spirit-Honda with a Swedish driver, Stefan Johansson.

Since 1983, with partners including Williams, Lotus and

McLaren, Honda has been involved in 70 victories in 233 races and has shared in six constructors' titles.

Like other Japanese auto makers, Honda has been suffering from declining sales amid an overall economic slowdown.

But company president Nobuhiko Kawamoto says that was not the reason for withdrawing from F-1.

It was time for Honda to shift from winning races to developing less polluting vehicles for ordinary consumers, he said.

The intensive challenges of F-1 competition have helped train many engineers who are

Eldredge, Sato win Skate America

ATLANTA, Oct 25: Todd Eldredge of the United States won the men's competition and Yuka Sato of Japan held on to win the ladies' event Saturday in Skate America International 1992, reports AP.

Sato, who was first after the short programme, finished second to Nancy Kerrigan of the United States in the free skate. But Kerrigan was a disappointing fourth after the earlier rounds and ended with the silver medal.

Lu Chen of China took the bronze.

Sato, whose father and mother were both Japanese figure skating champions, hit three of the four triple jumps in her powerful final programme.

Kerrigan, skating to music from "Beauty and the Beast," also included four triple jumps in her programme, and skated well.

"I made a mistake in the short programme. If I had been higher, my chances would have been better

tonight," Kerrigan said.

American men swept the medals in their competition. Eldredge was followed by Scott Davis and Mark Mitchell.

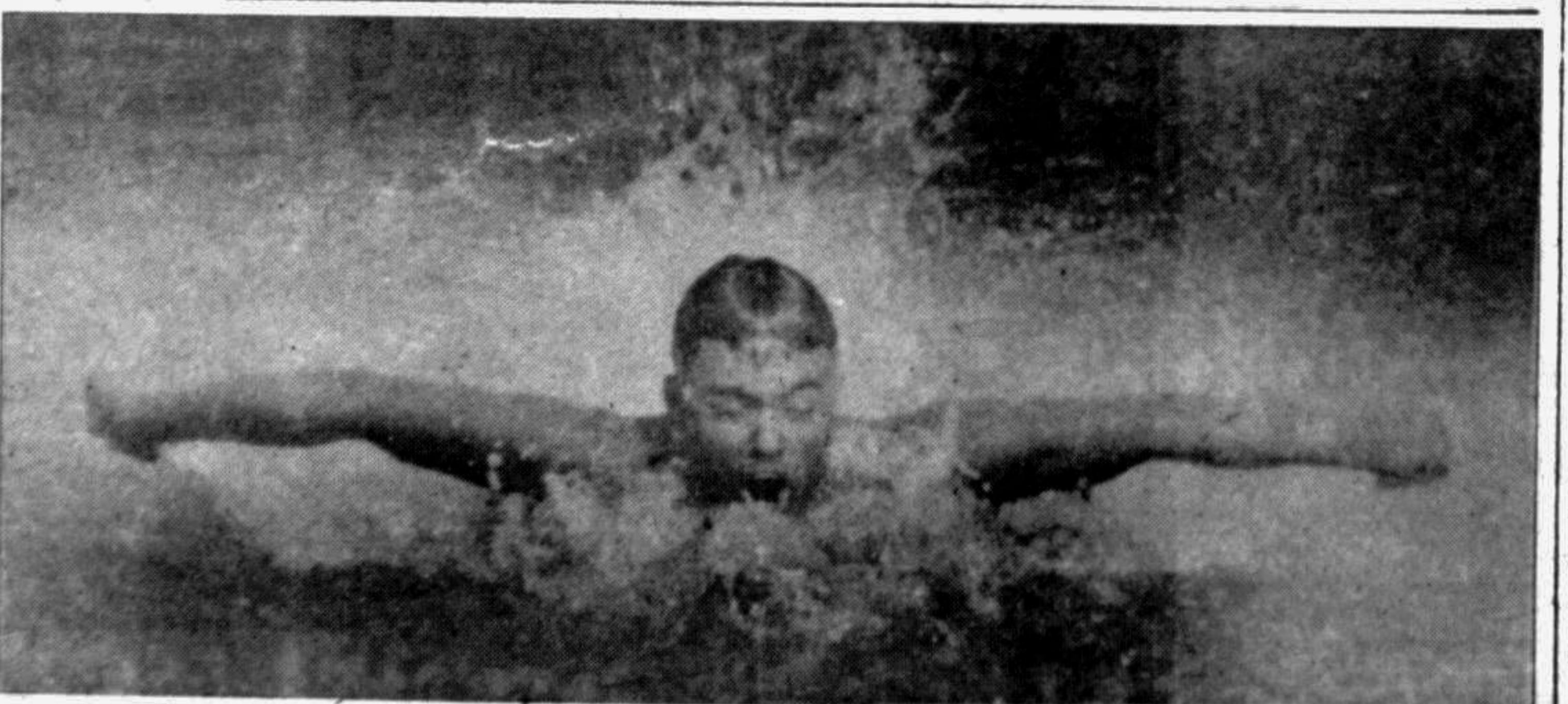
Mitchell fought back from a seventh-place finish in the technical programme to win the final free skate. He earned scores ranging from 5.3 to 5.9 out of 6.0 for a performance that was highlighted by six triple jumps.

Eldredge, who led after the technical programme, skated a cautious freeskate to hold on to the gold. Skating to music from "Les Miserables," he was hampered by a number of technical errors.

"I was a little nervous today, but I went out and attacked the programme," Eldredge said.

Viacheslav Zagorudniuk of the Ukraine finished fourth. In ice dancing, Maia Usova and Alexander Zhulin of Russia took the gold and Sophie Montotte and Pascal Lavanchy of France won the silver.

Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow of the United States captured their first medal in international competition with a bronze.



M. Moniruzzaman of BKSP in action during the 100m butterfly event at the Dhanmondi Women's Sport Complex yesterday. Moniruzzaman won the gold clocking 1:04.89 — Star photo