

Abahani, MSC may play in President Cup

Sports Reporter
The First Division football league champions Abahani Krishna Chakra and the runners-up Mohammedan Sporting Club may represent Bangladesh in the seventh President Cup football tournament to be held from January 10 to 20 in the city.

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), the organisers of the competition, will start the process of negotiation with the top two clubs of Bangladesh soon.

This was decided at a meeting of the tournament committee of the BFF at the Federation conference room last evening.

The BFF will grant Taka two lakhs to each club to help them participate in the competition.

If the teams turn down the proposal then the BFF will field a select squad comprising the top footballers of the country in the tourney, according to sources.

One team from Russia, Denmark, Romania, Poland, South Korea, Malaysia and Mohun Bagan from India are expected to participate in the forthcoming international club tournament.

Besides, a North Korean team may also take part in the competition.

The BFF will ask the National Sports Council (NSC), the governing body of the country's sports, to allow them to hold the meet at the Dhaka Stadium.

RATE OF TICKETS

Meanwhile, the BFF has fixed the rate of gallery tickets for the President Cup.

Each entrant will have to pay Taka 15 for the group league matches while for the semifinals and the final the rate of each ticket will be Taka 20 and 25 respectively.

COACHES' CLINIC

Meanwhile, an intensive coaching clinic for local football coaches under a German trainer began at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Thirty-five coaches are taking part in the course.

DU cricket on

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Department of Law registered an emphatic nine-wicket victory over Department of Microbiology in the inaugural match of the 1992-93 Dhaka University inter-department cricket tournament at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Batting first, Microbiology were all out for a paltry 85 in 28.2 overs with Morwar and Saiful making 14 and 10 respectively.

Sharif with three wickets for 16 was the most successful of the Law bowlers.

Law Department cruised past the target by scoring 89 in 20.2 overs with nine wickets to spare.

Farid Ahmed was unbeaten on 35 while Rafiqul Islam made 13.

Sajjad took the only Law wicket to fall for 16 runs.

Bayern Munich lead Bundesliga

BONN, Nov 1: Bayern Munich opened up a two-point lead in the Bundesliga after coming from behind to beat champions VfB Stuttgart 3-2 away on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Fritz Walter opened the scoring for Stuttgart with a 52nd minute penalty. But their lead was short-lived.

Bruno Labbadia equalised one minute later and Bayern, counter-attacking superbly, scored again through Harald Cerny and Christian Ziege in the 61st and 68th minutes.

Andre Goke raised Stuttgart's hopes of avoiding their first home defeat of the season with his side's second two minutes from time, but Bayern kept their nerve and their lead.

Disappointed Stuttgart coach Christoph Daum said: "After taking the lead we made mistakes and virtually invited Bayern to score."

The win put Bayern on 18 points, two clear of Eintracht Frankfurt, Bayer Leverkusen and Werder Bremen.

Bayer Leverkusen were held to a goalless draw at home by Dynamo Dresden while Werder Bremen beat Wattenscheid 3-0 in matches on Friday.

Unbeaten Eintracht have the chance to take over at the top on goal difference when they play Karlsruhe today.

Fernandez in hometown final

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Nov 1: Crowd favourite Gigi Fernandez reached her first singles final of the year where she will take on top seed Mary Pierce of France after both posted convincing semifinal wins at the 150,000 Puerto Rico Open tennis tournament on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Lamba belongs as GMCC enter semis

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He came here to play cricket but had been in the news even before laying the bat on the ball since his arrival a few days back. A sudden development Saturday

paceman Rafiq for 15 with 65 runs on the board. Lamba then teamed with the genuine Mymensingh player Anisuddin Bhuiyan to put on 104 runs for the third wicket which literally sealed the fate of the match. While

Monti got one wicket each. Biman could not have got off to a worse start when opener Rupam was leg before to Saiful for nought. One-drop Zakaria doubled Biman's problems when the thick-set player found himself short of the



Anisuddin Bhuiyan Pika of GMCC cover drives Biman's offie Anwarul Amin Azhar on his way to a fine half-century in yesterday's only Damal Summer tie at the Dhaka Stadium. GMCC beat Biman by 25 runs to reach the semis. — Star photo

night saw him recover his lost identity and Raman Lamba, the Indian Test discard, celebrated his sense of belonging yesterday with an eighty-plus knock as his new team GMCC became the first outfit in the 14th Damal Summer Cricket championship to reach the semifinals.

Lamba's long innings in the wilderness began when the prolific scorer for Damal champions Abahani last season arrived in Dhaka without being hepped to the intentions of his parent club in Dhaka. The handsome Delhi player, who scored six centuries for Abahani in the 1991-92 Navana league, found himself in a soup as his old club refused to renew a rather costly contract.

Athula Samarasekera's signing for Abahani made the calculations even easier as the Sri Lankan Test player is anticipated to bolster the batting, a job Lamba did last year.

However, Lamba was over the hump when GMCC roped him in for a reported fee of 10,000 dollars including his food and lodging following well intentioned mediation by the Abahani officials.

Free from the anxieties of identity crisis, Lamba yesterday scored 81 as GMCC defeated Bangladesh Biman in their last group Y match by 25 runs to cap a creditable, thrilling six-run win against Mohammedan in the previous match.

Enamul Huq Moni, the Biman skipper, perhaps prompted by the thought of rustiness that might have accrued on the willow of the Delhi player for the lack of match practice, sent GMCC to bat first after having won the toss.

A new-look Saiful, with tinted glasses, threw his bat around for a quick 16 off 13 balls and Dulu made 14 off 13 balls with his left-right technique as GMCC reached 213 for eight wickets from their quota of 45 overs.

Azhar went through the hoop for his figures of three for 53. Babul, the newball bowler, got away with the respectable analysis of one for 26 off nine overs. Rafiq, Shaheen and

Lamba's tentative bat at times drew out stifled cries of anguish from the Biman bowlers Anis Bhuiyan, better known as Pika, was all assurance playing every ball on its merit.

Pika made a fine 56 off 83 balls including three boundaries before holing out to Babul off his fellow Mymensingh cricketer and veteran Biman off-spinner Anwarul Amin Azhar.

crease to be run out for eight.

Mahbubur Rahman Selim, the other opener, had his prayers to the heavens for somebody with less penchant for the cool shade of the kiosk somewhat granted when ex-skipper Shahinawaz Shaheed Shanu stepped in to attempt a Biman take-off.

Selim stroked his way to a fine 38 off 82 balls, embellished with four fours, becoming the second of the five run out victims of the innings.

Shanu, let off by substitute Billu, scored an entertaining 74 before a deflection from bowler Dulu found him stranded at the non striker's end. The dark, robust batsman played 87 balls and hit four fours and two big sixes over long-on.

Shaheen was stumped for four and Saiful came back for his second spell to drive a nail in Biman's coffin by clean bowling skipper Moni for nine.

Rafiq swung his bat more out of desperation than discretion to emerge with a quickfire 31 off 28 which included one heaved sixer off medium-pace Kajal over midwicket.

The promising GMCC, however, had the last laugh when Rafiq missed an almighty swing to be bowled to mark the end of the Biman innings at 188 in the 44th over.

Saiful was once again the pick of the GMCC bowlers with figures of two for 19 off nine overs, including two maidens. Kajal suffered some stick to finish with two for 46. Tutul claimed one for 32.

Biman will now have to beat last year's runners-up Mohammedan Sporting if they are to reach the semifinals.

SCOREBOARD GMCC Tutul b Babul 8 Lamba ct Shanu b Shaheen 81 Mohsin b Rafiq 15 Pika ct Babul b Azhar 56 Sanjeeva ct Moni b Azhar 2 Saiful ct Zakaria b Azhar 16

Bowling O M R W Alok 7 0 25 0 Babul 9 1 26 1 Rafiq 5 0 33 1 Shaheen 7 0 28 1 Moni 9 0 42 1 Azhar 8 0 53 3

Bangladesh Biman Rupom lbw Saiful 0 Selim run out 38 Zakaria run out 8 Shanu run out 74 Shaheen std Pappu b Tutul 4 Moni b Saiful 9 Rafiq b Kajal 31 Barua run out 7 Babul b Kajal 3 Azhar run out 2 Alok not out 1 Total: (all out in 44 overs) 188

Result: GMCC won by 25 runs.

Haynes won't play at Lilac Hill

PERTH, Nov 1: The West Indies will begin their cricket tour of Australia on Monday without veteran opener Desmond Haynes, who has a lingering back injury, reports AP.

The tourists kick off their three-month, five-Test Australian tour with a one-day match against an Australian Cricket Board XI at Lilac Hill.

Team captain Richie Richardson said it had been decided not to risk the possibility of 38-year-old Haynes aggravating the injury in a low-key match.

"It is a bit of old age — but we have to take care of him," Richardson joked.

Richardson said he expected to field a youthful team against a Chairman's XI consisting largely of West Australian state players.

Paceman Kenneth Benjamin and Anderson Cummins should both play, while Jamaican left-hander Jimmy Adams is expected to take the place of Haynes.

"We'll be looking to give some of the guys who haven't played here before a chance," Richardson said.

The Chairman's XI side will feature a nostalgic return to the playing field by former Test pace bowler Dennis Lillee and former Test spinner Bruce Yardley.

The West Indies face Western Australia in a day-night match in Perth on Wednesday and play Australia in the first test starting Nov. 27 in Brisbane.

Ivanisevic faces Forget in Stockholm final

STOCKHOLM, Nov 1: Croat Goran Ivanisevic blasted in 13 aces as he completed his fifth successive victory over world number three Stefan Edberg on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Ivanisevic beat Edberg 6-4, 7-6 to reach the final of the Stockholm Open in which he will meet Frenchman Guy Forget, a 7-6, 7-6 winner over world number two Pete Sampras.

"I have never served better in my life. He didn't have a chance to break," said a delighted Ivanisevic after his latest triumph over Edberg.

The only break came in the fifth game of the first set.

In a tense second set tiebreak, Edberg double-faulted at 8-8 and Ivanisevic seized his chance to wrap up the match.

Forget, playing at his best against Sampras, kept his nerve in two tiebreaks.

In the first set tiebreak Sampras let a ball go which he thought was wide and he slammed his racket to the floor when it was called in to give Forget a 10-9 lead. The Frenchman won the following point and the set.

Forget marched into the final in style, an ace giving him the second set tiebreak 7-4.

"It's hard to lose when you don't lose your serve, but he came up with the big shots at the right time," Sampras conceded.

Navratilova, Malejeva win exhibition match

MEXICO CITY, Nov 1: Martina Navratilova teamed with Katerina Malejeva to defeat Gabriela Sabatini and Helena Sukova 4-3 in doubles in an 'All Star' Women's exhibition performance here Saturday, reports AP.

More than 5,000 fans crowded the Palace of Sports for the exhibition, organised by one of Mexico's leading private banks. It was made up of five one-set games, four of them singles of one point apiece and one doubles worth two points.

Greatbatch goes Zimbabwe attack as NZ hit 205/1

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Nov 1: New Zealand piled on an impressive 205 for one wicket Sunday, the first day of their first five-day Test against Zimbabwe, reports AP.

Opener Mark Greatbatch made short work of the Zimbabwe bowling, hitting 87 in 110 minutes off 79 balls.

Zimbabwe fielders dropped three catches off Greatbatch whose tally of runs included 14 fours and one six.

He scored his first fifty in 39 balls, the sixth fastest 50 by a Test opener in the history of the game.



M. GREATBATCH ...87

Rod Latham ended the day on 86 not out, his highest score in Tests.

The start of play in the second city of Bulawayo was delayed by two hours due to heavy overnight rain, the first downpour since southern Africa's worst drought this century forced Bulawayo to adopt strict water rationing.

New Zealand are on a two-Test tour of Zimbabwe, who won Test status only last July.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the first cricket Test between Zimbabwe, and New Zealand Sunday.

NEW ZEALAND: first innings M Greatbatch c Campbell b Shah 87 R Latham not out 86 A Jones not out 30 Extras (lb-2) 2 Total (for one wicket) 205

Fall of wicket: 1-116 To bat: M. Crowe, K Rutherford, D Patel, A Parore, W Watson, M Haslam, S Doull, M Sura

Bowling (to dated): O M R W Jarvis 14 353 0 Burmester 11 153 0 Shah 14 646 1 Traicos 8.1 1 9 0 Crocker 8 0 37 0 Houghton 0.5 0 0 0 G Flower 4 2 5 0

ZIMBABWE: D Houghton, G Flower, A Flower, A Pycroft, K Arnott, A Campbell, A Shah, G Crocker, J Traicos, M Jarvis, M Burmester.

Jadeja, Manjrekar put Indians in command

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Nov 1: Ajay Jadeja and Sanjay Manjrekar combined for a brilliant unbeaten partnership Sunday, each scoring centuries on the second day of a four-day match against a South Africa Combined Bowl XI selection, reports AP.

Play ended with India on 296 for the loss of one wicket off 85 overs in their first innings, with 281 of the runs coming from the Jadeja-Manjrekar partnership.

The visitors, on their first-ever trip to South Africa, earlier restricted the Bowl XI first innings to 230 all out.

Wikus Botha got Indian opener Woorkeri Raman caught by wicketkeeper Brian Randall with the score on 11, but Jadeja rolled up 132 and Manjrekar 134 to put India in a commanding position.

Michael Cann scored 94 runs Saturday to carry the South African side's batting.

South Africa, barred from international cricket for two decades because of apartheid, returned last year with a visit to India for three one-day matches.

India's tour, which began

last week, will include the first official Test series between the two nations.

Earlier, resuming on Saturday's score of 224 for nine, the last wicket pair of Peter de Vaal and Henry Williams added another six runs before being separated 10 minutes after the start.

Chetan Sharma had Williams (17) caught at square leg by Woorkeri Raman to finish as India's most successful bowler with four for 56.

The 47-year-old all-rounder Peter de Vaal remained unbeaten on 37.



A. JADEJA ...132 no

Bishop back for Windies

PERTH, Australia, Nov 1: The West Indies have included express bowler Ian Bishop in a squad of 13 named today for the opening match of their three-month Australian tour, reports AP.

Bishop, 25, had been expected to be rested from Monday's game against an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI at Lilac Hill Park, Caversham, near here.

But tour manager David Holford confirmed on Sunday night Bishop would line up alongside fast bowlers Anderson Cummins, Kenneth Benjamin and Patrick Patterson in the 50-overs-a-side festival match.

Bishop's inclusion is an indication of the respect the tourists have for the Chairman's XI, virtually a western Australian side, with the addition of former Australian Test greats Dennis Lillee and Bruce Yardley to give the occasion extra sparkle.

Western Australia, the current holder of the Sheffield Shield and an outstanding one-day side, have an excellent record against touring international sides.

Bishop's presence will create great interest. He is appearing in Australia for the first time since he was forced to return to the West Indies last December with serious back problems.

Those worries appear to be behind him now after his successful participation in the English County Championship competition last summer.

The two pacemen left out of the squad for the pipe-opener are Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh, along with veteran opening batsman Desmond Haynes.

The West Indies squad is: Phil Simmons, Brian Lara, Richie Richardson (capt), Carl Hooper, Gus Logie (vice capt), James Adams, David Williams, Ian Bishop, Anderson Cummins, Kenneth Benjamin, Patrick Patterson, Keith Arthurton, Junior Murray (squad to be trimmed before game on Monday).

Windies Masters clinch series

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Nov 1: A West Indies XI beat an England XI by three wickets in the second of two one-day limited overs matches played on Saturday in the inaugural International Cricket Masters tournament at Kensington Oval, reports Reuter.

Scores: England XI 233 for seven in 45 overs (Derek Randall 75). West Indies XI 219 for seven off 40.4 overs (Collis King 63).

(West Indies' target reduced from 234 to 219 in 42 overs because of rain. West Indies win series 2-0).

Speedy UAE hold Iran goalless

HIROSHIMA, Nov 1: Three-time champions Iran failed to capitalise on many chances and were held to a goalless draw by the United Arab Emirates in the 10th Asian Cup football championships Group A match here today, reports AFP.

The Asian Games gold medalists have now three points from one win over North Korea and one draw, while the Emirates stand with two points from two drawn games in the four-team preliminary competition.

The Emirates kept the upper hand in the first 20 minutes, but couldn't find the target.

"It was the best match in this tournament so far, because our team was in their penalty area for 20 minutes out of 90. It was just bad luck that we couldn't score," said Ali Parvin of Iran.

"We came here to repeat the Beijing Asian Games. Therefore, we will play a good game to beat Japan (on Tuesday) and shall qualify for the semi-finals."

Emirates coach Valeri Lobanovski of Russia said: "The Iranian players were better than us with high balls. So we tried to play on the ground and use our speed."

"The door (for the semi-finals) is still open for the four teams," he added.

They will take on North Korea on Tuesday.

Iran outshot the UAE 16-11 before 25,000 spectators at Hiroshima Park Main Stadium.

It was the sixth drawn game out of seven matches since the tournament began Thursday. There is no extra time in the preliminary round matches.

China and Thailand ended in a scoreless draw and Saudi Arabia, seeking their third straight Asian Cup title, tied 1-1 with Qatar, quarterfinalists at the Barcelona Olympics, in Group B matches Saturday.

Thailand tied Qatar 1-1, and China tied Saudi Arabia 1-1 in Group B matches Thursday.

Japan and the UAE tied 0-0 in Group A Friday.

Iran beat North Korea 2-0 in Group A Friday.

After the round-robin preliminaries, the top two teams

Charity soccer to bridge bitterness over Bosnia

LONDON, Nov 1: Former European soccer champions Red Star Belgrade will play a charity match against a Sarajevo team in Liverpool this month in an attempt to bridge the bitter divide in war-torn Bosnia, reports Reuter.

"It will be a tribute to goodwill and the ability of men to compete without fighting," a spokesman for the organisers said on Sunday.

The teams meet at Liverpool's Anfield Stadium on November 11 — Armistice Day.

"Efforts are being made to ensure that during the match all fighting stops and the efforts of opposing sides are entirely concentrated towards this humanitarian gesture," said the spokesman.

Japan come from behind to draw with North Korea

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Nov 1: Hosts Japan came from behind to draw with North Korea in the 10th Asian Cup football championships here Sunday, reports AFP.

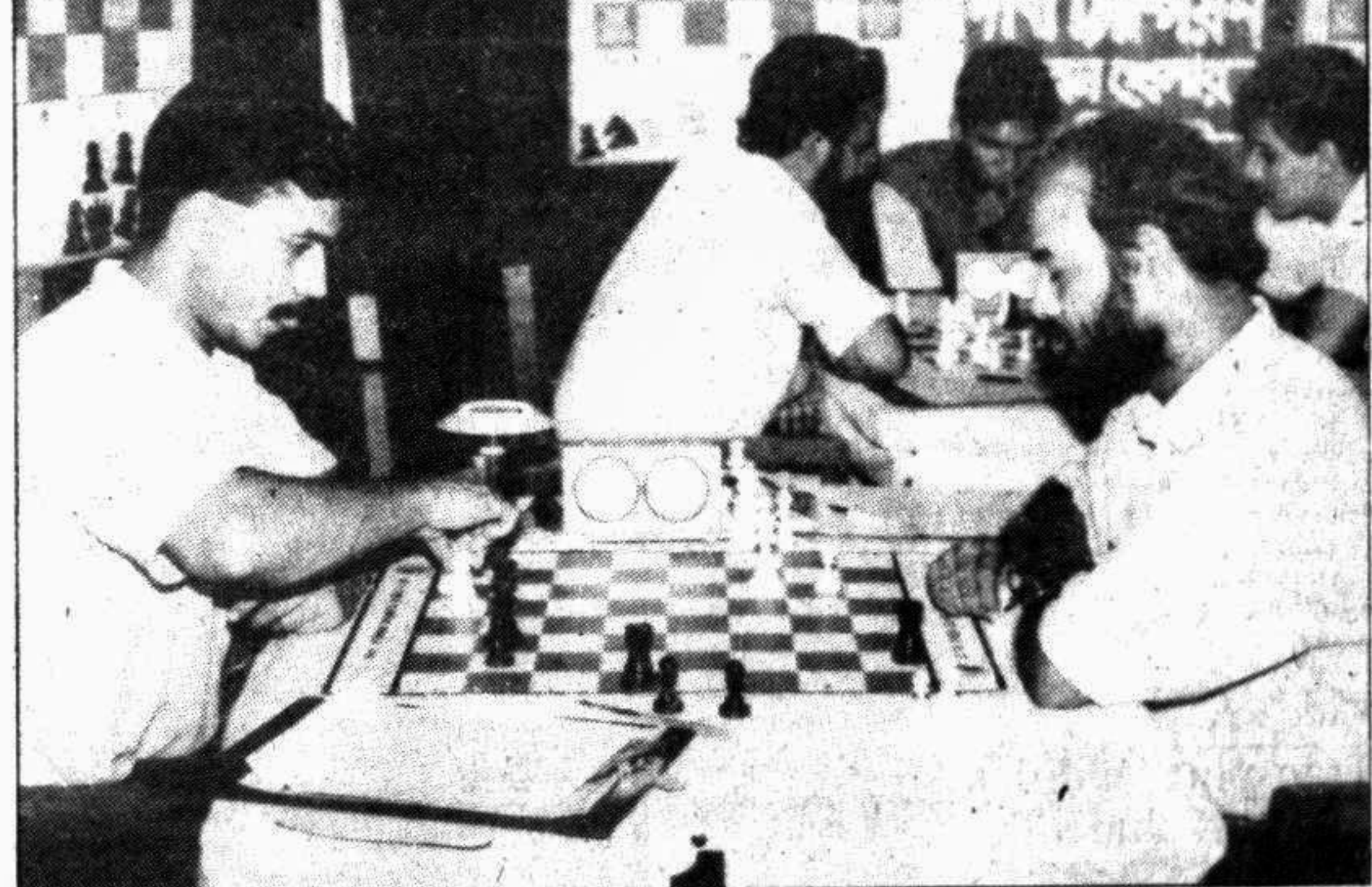
32,000 local fans and Japanese-based Koreans saw North Korea take the lead in the 29th minute through Kim Gwang-Min.

But Japan came back in the second half, and were provided with a golden opportunity to draw level in the 66th minute after midfielder Masahiro Fukuda was brought down in the penalty area.

However, ace striker Kazuyoshi, Miura stunned the partisan home crowd when his spot kick struck the left post and stayed out.

To their credit the Japanese kept their heads up and after a period of sustained pressure Masashi Nakayama finally knocked home the equaliser in the 80th minute following a corner.

"Japan showed two faces — a bad one and a good one. The first half was bad, because positions were not correct. The lines play too far from each other and the angles between the players were wrong. And the Koreans were aggressive," said Japan's coach Marius Johan Ooft of the Netherlands.



International Master Mahmood Ahmed Lodhi of Pakistan is all set to wrap up his match against Indian rated player Swapan Mitra at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday. — Star photo

Lodhi, Qadhi share lead

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Former Q M Hossain IM chess champion Mahmood Ahmed Lodhi, the Pakistani International Master, jointly led the points table with the Yemeni IM Hamed Mansour Qadhi with four and a half points at the completion of the fifth round of the eleven round Swiss league of the second Prantik International Masters chess competition at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Lodhi, playing with white, beat Indian rated player Swapan Kumar Mitra in 56 moves. Swapan has earned three and a half points.

Qadhi forced Neeraj Mishra, another Indian rated player, to resign after 39 moves in a match of the Orunfeld defence.

Vishal Sareen, yet another

Indian rated player, shared the second position with Amir Hossain of Bangladesh by collecting four points each.

Sareen beat Bangladeshi IM Zillur Rahman Champak in 50 moves while Amir defeated compatriot Rezaul Haque in the 28th move.

Champak has three points while Rezaul has two and a half points.

The Indian IM Shekhar Chandra Sahu drew with Saifuddin Labu of Bangladesh after 60 moves, raising their points tally to three and a half points each.

Ten players have collected three points each. They are Mishra (Ind), Champak, Nahid Mizid, Rahul Kabir Shiplu, Kalimullah Kalam, Neyamul Huq Niru, Q M Lenin and Rafiur Rahman Ronny of Bangladesh.

Shiplu, Niru beat Shawkat Hossain Pallab, Kalam defeated Taibur Rahman, Lenin beat Hanif while Ronny got past Razaul Karim Liton in their respective fifth round encounters.

Rezaul, Pallab have earned two points each while Taibur, Hanif and Liton have collected two points each.

The match between the national champion Reefat bin-Satter and the Indian rated player Atanu Lahiri was in progress when reports last came in.

Both Reefat and Atanu had three points each after the fourth round proceedings on Saturday last.

Forty-four players including five International Masters and seven rated players are taking part in the meet, jointly organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation and the Dhaka Chess Foundation.