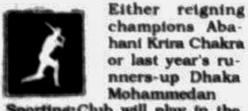


Not quite cricket, brother

Sports Reporter



Either reigning champions Abahani Krita Chakra or last year's runners-up Dhaka Mohammedan

batman, played 15 balls, apparently under instructions from his superiors, for his one run before Saidul Anam Efec snapped him up at close, again off Lipu.

Masum, who was going great guns initially, slowed



JAHANGIR ALAM... first ton of the season

down the pace to end up on 84 not out. He had to play 141 balls, hitting nine boundaries. He had an unlikely companion in wicketkeeper Tamal, unbeaten on 18, while trooping back to the pavilion at the end of the 44 over set piece.

Lipu took two wickets for 30 while eight other bowlers toiled wicketless, as Brothers closed shop on 156 for two wickets.

Abahani, the Group X champions by virtue of this win, face arch-rivals Mohammedans, the Group Y runners-up, on Friday while Brothers, runners-up of Group X, play the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club the next day, November 7, Saturday.

Both the matches will be played at the Dhaka Stadium.

triot Athula Samarasekara. Abahani's one-drop batsman, in one over to reduce them to 30 for two. Bowling with fire, the right-arm medium-pace made one ball rise menacingly to little Shovon who, in an attempt to save his face, gloved it to the waiting hands of Habibul Bashar Suman at first slip, after making seven.

Samarasekara came and went, first ball, chasing a wide delivery from Fernando and Suman again completed a regulation catch.

Akram tentatively waved at Brothers' 'experiment' Marshall to give Tamal his first catch behind the stumps for six. The wicket apart, Marshall offered the spectators, including a few fall guys, a veritable feast of wide deliveries.

Ashoka de Silva cooked up a bad mix up that saw him run out for three and only double figures from skipper Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu and newcomer Ripon allowed Jahangir to complete his hundred.

Lipu made 15 before swinging one straight into the clasp of Shamsul Huda at a place between short-square and mid-wicket, while Ripon scored 12 before being stumped by Tamal off Salahuddin.

Abahani reached 191 for nine at the end of the 44 overs, one short of the full quota of 45 managed by the Brothers bowlers within the stipulated time.

Fernando bowled nine overs on the trot to finish with two for 28. He should have been more economical but for the wides and no-balls he conceded while striving for extra pace on a wicket dead as a dodo.

Salahuddin also took two for 16 but off three overs while Morshed, Marshall and Masum claimed one each.

Brothers looked good enough to overhaul the Abahani score in time with Masum and Nobel once again in punitive mood. A 120 runs were put on the board in 31.4 overs quite leisurely.

Nurul Abedin Nobel, the Brothers skipper, swung his counterpart Lipu high at deep midwicket where Jahangir took a fine catch. Nobel scored 53 off 93 balls, including five hits to the fence.

Halim Shah, a fine young

Div I basketball title-decider today

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Angels Club take on star-studded Azad Boys Club in the title-deciding match of the 1992 Partex First Division basketball league today at 3:15 pm at the Outer Stadium wooden floor gymnasium.

Both teams, still unbeaten, have eight points from four super league matches each.

Last year's runners-up Dhaka Winners Club have ended their six-team super league campaign with eight points while Gregs Club have earned seven points.

Dhuketu Club have collected six points. Panthers Sporting Club, the other team in the fray, did not participate in two super league outings in protest of the alleged irregularities of the league committee.

Earlier, eleven teams in two groups took part in the first round.

The top three teams from each group moved into the super league.

DU basketball

Sports Reporter

Department of Chemistry trounced Department of Law 32-12 in the Dhaka University inter-department basketball tournament at the university gymnasium yesterday.

Morshed caged 14 points while Mahmud and Nazrul scored six points each for the victors.

Shahidul and Reza evenly shared 12 points for Law Department.

Institute of Business Administration recorded an exciting 36-32 victory against Department of Public Administration in the other match of the day.

Fischer plays white in 29th

BELGRADE, Nov 4: Bobby Fischer, playing with the advantage of the white pieces, tried once more Wednesday to nail down the final victory to crown his return to competitive chess, reports AP.

Fischer chose the main line of the Ruy Lopez opening for the 29th game of his rematch with Russian-born Boris Spassky instead of the exchange variation that he used when he last played white, in Game 27 last Saturday.

Spassky relied on the Breyer Variation, as he did when the series began two months ago.

Fischer leads the dlr 5 million rematch 9-5. The first player to take 10 games receives the winner's prize of dlr 3.35 million.

Ties do not count, and Fischer is already guaranteed a tie by winning nine games. According to match rules, if Spassky now comes back to tie him at 9 games each, the match will end in a draw and the two players will split the prize money.

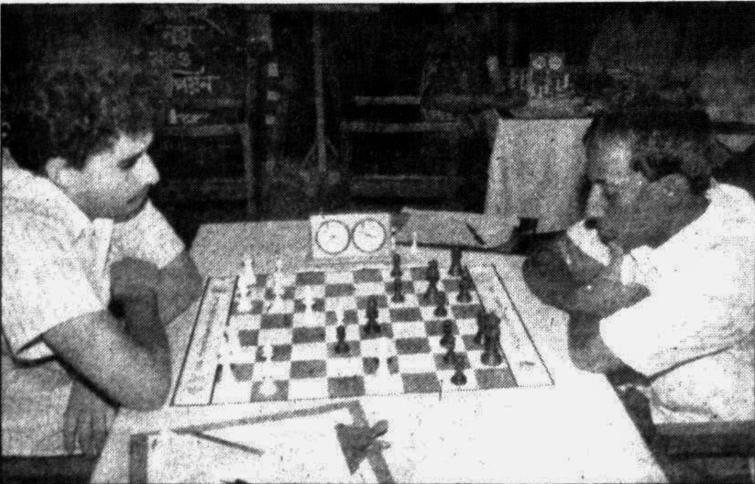
Fischer, a 49-year-old American, won the world chess championship by beating Spassky, now a French citizen, 20 years ago. But he was stripped of the title in 1975 by the International Chess Federation for refusing to defend it.

He had not played competitively since until this match began in September. He insists the current match is for the world title, but it is not sanctioned by the World Chess Federation.

The match is sponsored by Yugoslav businessman Jezdimir Vasiljevic and is being played in defiance of U.N. sanctions against Yugoslavia, which the international community blames for instigating war in neighbouring Bosnia-Herzegovina.

between themselves in a drawn match.

The match between Fide Master Reelal Bin-Sattar and Khandaker Kayes Hassan was in progress when reports last came in.



Yemeni IM Hamed Mansour (Gadhi) and Bangladesh's Niamul Haq Niru during their eighth round match of the second Prantik chess competition at the NSC chess room yesterday. The game was adjourned until today.



Gazi Ashraf Lipu swings Brothers Union's Salahuddin, a stroke that spelt the Abahani skipper's doom in yesterday's Group X championship deciding match of the Damal Summer cricket at the Dhaka Stadium. Lipu made 15. But his team went to win the contest by 35 runs. — Star photo.

As Kiwis press for quick runs in Bulawayo

Greatbatch goes blazing



BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Nov 4, Opener Mark Greatbatch thrashed an unbeaten 80 in just 138 minutes

to keep alive New Zealand's hopes of victory over Zimbabwe today, reports Reuter.

Greatbatch answered the call for quick runs after the touring team had bowled out Zimbabwe for 219, to lead by 106 on first innings.

At the close of the fourth day of the rain-affected first Test, New Zealand had moved to 163 for one off just 35 overs.

Greatbatch and first innings century-maker Rod Latham gave their side a flying start with an opening stand of 102 in only 20 overs.

After Latham had been dismissed for 48, Greatbatch and Andrew Jones (31 not out) maintained the tempo of the innings. Greatbatch struck two sixes and three fours.

Earlier, off-spinner Dipak Patel captured his Test best of six for 113 to raise New Zealand's hopes of victory.

Patel, getting appreciable turn, started a slide which saw Zimbabwe slump from their overnight 54 for one to 64 for five. The rot was eventually checked by captain Dave Houghton (36) and vice-captain Andy Flower, top scorer with 81.

Flower shared in two important partnerships — 70 for the sixth wicket with Houghton which ensured his side did not follow on, and 60 for the seventh with Ali Shah.

An earlier report said: New Zealand, spearheaded by off-spinner Dipak Patel, dismissed four Zimbabwe batsmen for only 10 runs before a staunch sixth-wicket partnership saved the follow-on.

At lunch on the fourth day Zimbabwe were tottering at 135 for six, with Patel taking four for 63.

Zimbabwe slumped from their overnight 54 for one to 64 for five with four wickets going down in the first 45 minutes.

Patel, getting appreciable turn on the Bulawayo Athletic Club wicket, removed night-watchman Mark Burmester and Kevin Arnott. Then Alistair Campbell was run out, going for a third run and Andy Pycroft was yorked by debutante Simon Doull.

But Zimbabwe captain David Houghton with 36 and vice-captain Andy Flower, unbeaten on 34 at the break, put on a face-saving 70-run partnership for the sixth wicket which pushed Zimbabwe safely past

the follow-on mark of 126. Houghton was bowled just before lunch by Patel, leaving Flower and Ali Shah at the crease at the break.

one over with flight and then the arm ball. However, apart from Flower's moment of indiscretion, Zimbabwe held firm to the



M GREAT BATCH ...80 no

Martin Crowe struck lucky with his plan to panic Zimbabwe into a mistake in the little play allowed on the third day of the Test

A wet wicket delayed play until after tea, when Crowe declared the Kiwis first innings on 325-3. Zimbabwe lost opener Grant Flower in the penultimate over to close on 54-1, still 271 runs behind.

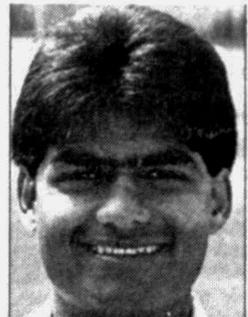
A rare rush of blood saw Flower attempt to sweep the off-spinner Dipak Patel only to be caught at silly point by Rod Latham for 29. He shared in an opening partnership of 54 with Kevin Arnott.

Arnott closed the day on 25 with night-watchman Mark Burmester yet to score. Zimbabwe's target on Wednesday is to reach 126 to avoid the follow on. But it should not be difficult given the easy-paced nature of the strip.

Crowe declared after almost 10 hours play had been lost over the first three days. The not out batsman Andrew Jones and Ken Rutherford were on 67 and seven respectively.

Crowe's objective was to go on the attack. The new ball was entrusted to left-arm seamer Hurphy Su'a and Patel and it was the spinner who proved the more threatening.

He beat Arnott twice in



D. PATEL ... 6 for 113

close of this third day's play.

SCOREBOARD
Close scoreboard after the third day of the Zimbabwe v New Zealand cricket Test here on Tuesday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 325-2)			
Greatbatch c Campbell b Shah	87		
Latham run out	119		
Jones not out	67		
Crowe c Jarvis b Traicos	42		
Rutherford not out	7		
Extras (lb 3)	3		
Total (3 wkts dec, 96.1 overs)	325		

Fall of wickets: 1-116; 2-243; 3-314

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Jarvis	26.1	4	87	0
Burmester	14	1	71	0
Shah	14	6	46	1
Traicos	23.1	4	56	1
Crocker	14	1	57	0
Houghton	0.5	0	0	0
G Flower	4	2	5	0

Did not bat: D N Patel, A C Parore, S Doull, M Su'a, W Watson, M Haslem.

ZIMBABWE: First innings
Arnott not out 25
G Flower c Latham b Patel 29
Burmester not out 0
Extras (0) 0
Total (1 wkt, 41 overs) 54

Fall of wicket: 1-54				
Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Su'a	4	1	10	0
Patel	16	7	24	1
Doull	4	2	3	0

Handball transfers date extended

Sports Reporter

The date of the inter-club transfer of players for the forthcoming Second Division handball league has been extended till November 7, says a press release.

Participating teams have been asked to contact the Bangladesh Handball Federation at the Dhaka Stadium between 5 pm to 7 pm daily in this connection.

DU cricket

Sports Reporter

Department of Political Science registered a convincing 94-run victory against Department of Bengali in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket championship at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Batting first Political Science Department made 166 runs for the loss of six wickets in 29 overs with Anjan scoring 53 and Faruk 48.

Rashedul with two wickets for only three runs was the most successful of Bengali bowlers.

Facing a huge total, the students of literature soon lost heart and were bundled out for a poor 72 in 27 overs.

Afsar scored 16 for Bengali. Imran and Mojin took three and two wickets respectively for Political Science Department.

Ctg badminton

CHITTAGONG, Nov 4: Sahela Begum of Nasirabad Government Women College and Gulshan Nigar of Bangladesh Women Association High School won double crowns in the district women badminton at the CJKP gymnasium here this afternoon, reports BSS.

In the senior group, Sahela Begum became singles champion beating Rahela Alam Timu of Bangladesh Women Association High School (BWA School).

Sahela Begum their paired with collegemate Jannatul Ferdous to clinch the doubles title, beating Rahela Alam Timu and Shamima Didar of BWA School.

In the junior group, Gulshan Nigar of BWA School beat schoolmate Jinnat Ara to win the singles title.

SA will not bid for World Cup



JOHANNESBURG, Nov 4: South Africa have with-drawn their bid to stage the next cricket World Cup, the managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa Ali Bacher said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Bacher said South Africa's crowded international programme would make it difficult to stage the competition and that hosting the World Cup would take resources and attention away from the board's development programme.

The Cup to be staged either in 1995 or 1996, will now be hosted by England or in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Bacher said the decision had been taken unilaterally by the South African board and no deals had been struck with the other bidders.

Amrit Mathur, manager of the Indian touring team in South Africa and a member of the Board of Control for Cricket in India confirmed that the statement was the first indication he had of the decision.

South Africa will stage at

least 19 Tests and 60 Internationals before the end of the 1995-96 season and will tour six countries.

"We have enough on our plate," said Bacher. He added that the South African board's

priority was to develop cricket among all races in South Africa and the responsibility of staging the Cup would divert that purpose.

The International Cricket Council originally debated the hosting of the World Cup in July and could not decide be-

between England and South Africa. Since then the Asian combination has entered the fray.

England staged the first three World Cups in 1975, 1979 and 1983. India and Pakistan jointly hosted the 1987 competition and earlier this year Australia and New Zealand shared the fifth competition.

A decision will be made in December and Bacher said the board would examine both bids before casting a vote.

While the World Cup has become increasingly lucrative, the ICC's constitution has problems dealing with contested bids.

A successful bid needs to succeed in three areas. It needs the support of one of the foundation members — England and Australia, six of the nine Test playing nations and a majority of the full council in which Test nations get two votes and the 18 associate nations one vote.

"We need a formula to share it around," said Bacher. "I am against the idea that it goes to the highest bidder — then governments get involved."

Lodhi brightens his chances

Sports Reporter



Pakistani International Master (IM) Mahmud Lodhi brightened his chances of winning the second Prantik International chess tournament when he topped the points table with six and half points at the end of the eighth round at the chess room of the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday.

Lodhi beat potential title claimant Indian IM Sekhar Sahu in 57 rounds. Playing with white Lodhi adopted a King's Indian defence to overcome Sahu.

Indian rated player Vishal Sareen drew with compatriot IM Neeraj Mishra in one of the 19 matches billed for yesterday. Sareen has six points while Mishra has five and a half.

Nahid Mizaid of Bangladesh beat Saifuddin Lablu, also from Bangladesh, to share the second spot in the points table with six points.

The match between Hamed Mansour Qadhi, the Yemeni IM, and Niamul Haq Niru, was adjourned.

In another match featuring two Indians — both rated players — Swapam Mitra and Atanu Lahiri, the former emerged as the winner Simanur Islam of

Bangladesh beat his compatriot Kaitmullah Khan Kamal. Ziaul Kader Tuhi, the former national runner-up checkmated Kazi Mahmudunnabi of Bangladesh. Local player Ruhul Qudus eliminated Mizanur Rahman — another local competitor. Nery Rezaul Huq had a few butterflies in his stomach in disposing of Afroza Khanam Babbe.

Ruhul Kabir Shiplu, the national sub-junior champion, went down to Ali Amjad of Bangladesh in another match. A famished Khorshed Alam outwitted his local counterpart Shabbir Chowdhury. Ranadev won against Faruq Rashid in a match involving local players. Sheikh Anwar Hossain outwitted his opponent Shawkat Hossain in another tie free from any foreign smell. Mujibur Rahman was the last in the list of a Bangladeshi defeating a Bangladeshi as he circumvented Alimul Huq Kajar.

IM Zillur Rahman Champak of Bangladesh drew with compatriot Surur Samad. So did Bangladeshi Amir Hossain with another home player Hasibul Hassan. Another match saw two local players — Rafiqur Rahman Rony and Shawkat Hossain Pallab — share a point

Bishop bowls Windies to win



PERTH, Nov 4: Pace bowler Ian Bishop took three wickets for 21 Wednesday night to lift the West Indies to a 28-run victory over the Western Australian state team in a limited-over cricket match at the WACA Ground, reports AP.

The West Indies made 199 all out, but then dismissed the state team for 171 to score the second straight win of their Australian tour.

Bishop is making a comeback after being sidelined for almost two years with a back injury and bowled most impressively.

Desmond Haynes and Keith Arthurton both made 44 as the West Indies fell just short of a total of 200.

Haynes took two hours to compile his runs, but showed he had fully recovered from a minor back injury.

Captain Richie Richardson weighed-in with a brisk 36 that included six boundaries, but left-hander Brian Lara fell for two after scoring a flamboyant century in the West Indies' tour opener on Monday.

Pace bowler Joe Angel finished with impressive figures of four for 38 from his 10 overs, while veteran swing bowler Terry Alderman claimed two for 34 from nine

overs for Western Australia. The tourists lost their last six wickets for 26 runs in 7.4 over.

Batsman Damien Martyn, who has been making rapid progress towards a berth in the Australian Test team, suffered a minor injury to his

right knee as he tried to cut off a straight drive from Gus Logie.

Martyn was examined by a doctor, but recovered in time to bat.

He top-scored with 52 from only 61 deliveries before being run out.

Bishop's impressive bowling was backed-up by part-time spinner Carl Hooper, who took three for 25.

The West Indies begin a four-day match against West-

ern Australia starting on Friday.

Sent in by Western Australia captain Geoff Marsh, the tourists began promisingly, reaching 153 for three at the end of the 39th over.

But they lost their remaining seven wickets for only 46 runs in the next 10 overs, with the innings closing after 49 overs.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES:			
Haynes b Andrews	44		
Lara c Lavender b Reid	2		
Richardson lbw Angel	36		
Arthurton run out	44		
Logie run out	24		
Hooper lbw Angel	7		
Bishop c sub (Kelly)	4		
b Alderman	4		
Murray c Moody	20		
b Alderman	0		
Ambrose c Alderman	0		
b Angel	3		
Cummins not out	0		
Walsh c Lullian b Angel	1		
Extras: (9 lb, 2w, 3nb)	14		
Total:	199		

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-78, 3-109, 4-153, 5-165, 6-171, 7-190, 8-190, 9-194, 10-199.

Bowling: O M R W
Reid 10 1 38 1
Alderman 9 2 34 2
Angel 10 0 38 4
Julian 10 1 39 0
Andrews 10 0 41 1
Batting time: 212 mins, overs 49. (Incomplete)