Dhanmondi Govt High School became the first team to quality for the Dhaka zonal championship for the eleventh Nirman schools cricket tour-

They beat Nabakumar Institution by two wickets yesterday at the Golaphagh Ground to clinch the Group A championship

The Dhaka zonal finals comprising the eight group champtons will be held after the completion of the qualify ing meet late this month or early February.

The final round of this year's school cricket championship comprising the 20 zonal champtons of the country is scheduled for February 10 to 20 in Dhaka

The Nabakumar skipper Liton won the toss and elected to bat. Whatever his plans were it surely didn't work as his batsmen could muster a paltry 116 in 33 overs, two short of the stipulated 35 overs.

Shipu topscored with 34 runs off 56 balls, an innings inclusive of four shots across the fence while sundries added a healthy 33 to the total. Munna with 18 and Suman

with 12 were the other Nabakumar batsmen to reach the double figures. Rumman with three wick-

ets for 27 was the pick of Dhanmondi School bowlers while Babu and Tanvir took two wickets apiece.

Chasing a modest total Dhanmondi School lost their opener Tanvir for one in the very first over bat eventually cruised past the opponents' total making 118 in 31.1 overs with two wickets in hand.

Skipper Chayan, who made an unbeaten half-century for Dhanmondi School in the semifinals last Monday, once again scored a match-saving 45 from 36 balls, a knock that in cluded seven hits to the fence and one over it.

Babu remained unbeaten on 21 and Dipu scored 16 while extras added 11 runs to the

Suman and Rana evenly shared four wickets between them while Liton and Shipu took one wicket each for Nabakumar Institution, the eventual Group A runners-up.

TODAY'S MATCH Lalmatia Boys School vs

Graduates School (BUG)

V'ball results

Sports Reporter

Defending champion Titas Club registered their third consecutive victory in the NBL First Division volleyball. league by beating Brothers Union 14-16, 17-16, 15-3 at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yes-

Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation outplayed Dilkusha Sporting Club 15-1, 15-4, 15-9; Azad Sporting Club beat East End Club 16-14, 15-7, 17-15 while Bangladesh Rifles received a walkover against Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation.

TODAY'S MATCHES

First Div: PDB vs Wari (3:30 pm)

Police vs BWDB (3:30 pm) Fire Service vs Madartek (6:00pm) Sonali Bank vs East End

Boys (6:00pm) Second Div:

Victoria vs Srijoni Sangsad (5:00 pm)

Humiliation for Karpov

WIJK AAN ZEE, Netherlands, Jan 19: Former world chess champion Anatoly Karpov suffered one of the worst defeats in his career on Monday when he was beaten in only 12 moves by American Larry Christiansen in a Grandmaster tournament, reports Reuter.

Karpov, playing black, blundered on his 11th move and Christiansen responded by moving his queen to attack two of Karpov's pieces simultane-

Faced with the unavoidable loss of either a bishop or a knight, Karpov resigned.

Karpov, 41, was world champion for 10 years between 1975 and 1985 before losing his title to fellow-

Russian Garri Kasparov. During his reign, Karpov established himself as the most consistently successful world champion with an unrivalled record of first in chess tour-

Barcelona keen to host World Chess Championship tie

SAN LORENZO DE EL ESCORIAL, Spain, Jan 19: The City of Barcelona was reported on Monday to have offered a prize fund of 4 million dollar to stage the World 'Chess Championship match between defender Garri Kasparov and either Nigel Short or Jan Timman in September, reports Reuter.

Team leaves for Qatar today

Sports Reporter

BFF member as the chef-de-In a rather unprecedented manmission in the first place only to replace him with the BFF. ner the Bangladtreasurer Abbasuddin Khan for esh Football Federation (BFF) the reported inability of Manik. made two cons-

picuous changes in the 25-

member Bangladesh national

football squad which leaves the

Bangladesh will play Al-

Ratyyan Club in an exhibition

match in Doha on January 22

to mark the retirement of

Mohammod Ahmed Al-

Suwaidi, a national player of

Association, the organisers of

the meet, will bear all the ex-

penses of the Bangladesh na-

SALAHUDDIN. . . coach

But the important changes

of officials have already trig-

gered a lot of controversy over

the country's soccer, quite

surprisingly changed the

leader of the delegation thrice

Ahmed Manik, an eminent

politician of the country and a

ter an exciting seven-ran

victory over Evergreen Club in

one of the two matches of the

Second Division cricket league

Stadium yesterday.

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at the Dhanmondi Cricket

At the Dhanmondi Club

ground, Amarjyoti Club beat

United Heroes Club by a flat-

tering margin of 70 runs in the

At the Dhanmondi Cricket

Stadium, batting first Nabin

Sangha made 185 for the loss

of eight wickets in the stipu-

Nabin Sangha had a night-

marish start when they lost

their top three batsmen in the

sixth over with only seven

Anis, steadied the rocking

Nabin Sangha innings and

pushed the total to 109 in the

Anis remained unbeaten on

DE EL ESCORIAL,

Spain, Jan 19: Ni-

gel Short, Brita-

in's world chess

Then Raja, teaming up with

The nominated Saifuddin

A spirited 102-

run fourth-wicket

partnership bet

ween Raja and

Anis helped Nab-

in Sangha regis-

The BFF, governing body of

the sincerity of the BFF.

within a couple of days.

tional selection.

Qatar Football

city for Qatar today.

The

In a dramatic turn around yesterday, the BFF selected Golam Rasul Mollah, another BFF member who was the manager of the Bangladesh Reds for the recently concluded seventh President Cup, once again because of Abbasuddin Khan's inability to join the squad.

The story of indecision did not end there as the BFF at he eleventh hour dropped Nabi Chowdhury, secretary of the BFF selection committee, who was supposed to join the team as an observer, to make room for Dr Ibral Hossain Chowdhury, who will now ac-

company the team as physio. in the original list of 25 members, there was no room for a doctor.

The inclusion of a doctor in the contingent has surprised observers since Bangladesh will play only one match in Doha and that too an exhibition match.

When asked, the BFF secretary told The Daily Star yesterday that the changes in the squad had been made after consulting all the members of the BFF including Nabi Chowdhury and Abbasuddin But sources said that the

changes were made as per the reported instructions of one of the most powerful person of the sporting arena. However, Kazi Salahuddin,

the coach of the national squad seemed quite happy with the "All the players are fit and

we will definitely display an attacking brand of soccer in

Sports Reporter

72 off 82 balls while Raja

scored a 70-ball 54, a knock

embellished with as many as a

extras added 29 runs to the

three wickets apiece while

Asad and Tarek took a wicket

Shahnewaz made 16 while

Mustafiz and Imtiaz bagged

Despite a quick fire half-

century from Mustafiz

Evergreen could not make it as

they were all out for 178 in 34

boundaries and six boundaries

for his 27-ball 52 while Tarck.

Imtiaz and Mohon 33, 23 and

the Evergreen batting claiming

four wickets conceding 33

runs while Tipu and Mamun

ground, Amariyoti Club, by

virtue of a 87-run second

wicket stand between Sumi

and Shezon, beat United

Winning the toss, the

bagged two wickets each.

20 runs respectively.

Heroes by 70 runs.

Mustafiz hit two over-

Shahnewaz ripped through

At the Dhanmondi Club

half a dozen fours and a six.

Doha," Salahuddin told The

Team manager Md Shafiquzzaman also expressed optimism about the performance of the team in a foreign

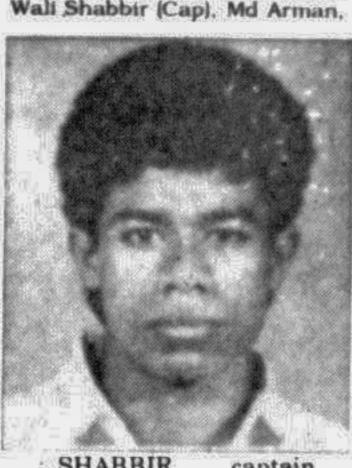
Syed Rumman bin Wali Shabbir has been made the captain of the team.

Daily Star yesterday.

Following is the list of players and officials of the squad: Goalkeepers - Sayced

Hassan Khanan and Md Ponir. Defenders: Kaiser Hamid. Monem Munna, Ataur Rahman Khan, Jewel Rana, Masud Rana, Pijush Nandi and Barun

Medios: Syed Rumman bin Wali Shabbir (Cap), Md Arman,



SHABBIR ... captain Zakir Hossain, Saiful Bari Tito, Suttayajit Das Rupu and Mahbub Hossain Roxy.

Forwards: Rizvi Karim Rumi, Golam Ghaus, Maniun Joarder, Imtiaz Ahmed Naguib and Rakib Hossain.

Officials: Golam Rasul Mollah, (chef-de-mission), Md Shafiquzzaman (manager), MA Azim Badal (asst manager), Kazi Salahuddin (coach) and Dr Ibrul Hossain Chowdhury Nabin Sangha, Amarjyoti win

Amariyoti skipper Moni

elected to bat and his batsmen

amassed a massive 238 for the

loss of eight wickets from

30 balls while Shezan, Sumi

and Rashed made 39, 34 and

Tarek topscored with 41 off

their quota of 35 overs.

wickets for 41.

Navana Premier resumes today

Sports Reporter

The Navana Premier Division cricket league resumes today after a day's break with the top two teams-defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club and their arch rivals Damal Summer title-holders Abahani Krira Chakra- returning to action after a fortnight lay-off.

Reigning champions Mohammedans, who have won all the three matches they have played so far, will take on minnows Public Works Department (PWD) at the Dhaka Stadium while Abahani, now leading the points table with four straight victories, meet newcomers Udity Club, who upset Damal Summer runners-up Brothers Union in their previous game, at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

The first leg is scheduled for a February 9 finish with the traditional rivals facing each other. The super league, comprising the top six teams of the first leg and the relegation play-off series featuring the live bottom finishers will be held later on.

Gaibandha cricket

GAIBANDHA, Jan 19: Gorosthanpara Krira Chakra registered an emphatic 60-run victory over Azad Sporting Club in the inaugural match of the Gaibandha First Division cricket league here at the local stadium today.

Nipa, Zakia atop Sports Reporter Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa

and Zakia Sultana led the points table with two points after the completion of the second round matches of the final round of the fourteenth national women's chess championship at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday. Nipa, playing with the black

pieces, forced Jebunnessa Rina to resign after 43 moves while Zakia needed 40 moves to take care of Masuda Begum. Earlier on Monday, Nipa

upset national women's champion and International Women Master (IWM) Rani Hamid in her first round tie. Rani Hamid put the bitter

memory of the unexpected loss behind to beat Afroza Khanam Babli in her second round engagement. Playing with the white

pieces Rant Hamid adopted the French Defence system to take care of Babli in 44 moves. Tanima Parveen settled for

a draw against Sycda Afsana Parveen, the younger sister of Nipa. Tanima now has one and a half points.

PALLAB RETAINS TITLE

Meanwhile, Shawkat Hossain Pallab, an SSC examinee from Dhaka Cotton Mills High School, retained the national sub-junior title beating Javed Hossain of Faridpur Talma Nazimuddin High School in a title-deciding active play-off match at the NSC chess room yesterday.

The organisers, the Bangladesh Chess Federation, had to arrange the play-off match since both players finished with six points each from the seven-round Swiss league of 13th national sub-junior chess championship which concluded on last, Monday.

Pallab won the first sub-junior title last year and finished as runner-up in the 11th subjunior chass held in last 1991.

Richie Richardson, the West Indian skipper, holds the World Series Cup high after his side registered a fourwicket win over Australia in the second match of the best-

of-three series at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Monday. Windies won the series 2-0. - AFP photo

Egypt-Angola tie ends in a draw

LUANDA, Jan 19 : Egypt and Angola played a scoreless tie Monday in a World Cup qualifying game delayed a day because the game officials didn't arrive at the stadium. reports AP.

Game officials from Malawi got struck in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, when their flight to Angola was cancelled, FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said Monday in Zurich, Switzerland. Tognoni said FIFA sent alternate officials from Belgium for the match.

Angolan national radio said about 30,000 fans, half the stadium's capacity, attended the game.

Zimbabwe (3-0-1) lead Africa Group C with seven points, followed by Egypt (2-1-1) with five points. Angola(0-1-2) are third with two points, followed by Togo (0-3).

The top nation in the group advances to the nine-nation second round of African qualifying. Three teams from Africa will qualify for the World Cup finals, to be played in nine US cities from June 17-July 17,

Juvenile soccer Sports Reporter

Bhai Bhai Sporting Club of

Chandpur edged past Cholormi Khelaghar Asar by a solitary goal in the Jadukar Samad memorial juvenile soccer tournament at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Border denies WSC hang-over Indies going into Adelaide but Matthews paid the price for



19: Australian cricket captain Allan Border said Tuesday that the West Indies' emphatic sweep of the one-day series

will have no bearing when the next Test match begins Saturday in Adelaide, reports The West Indies heat Australia in two straight games

Series finals. But Australia have a 1-0 lead in the five-Test series going into Adelaide's fourth Test. Two of the Tests have ended in draws, with the fifth scheduled to begin on Jan. 30

in the best-of-three World

in Perth. Richie Richardson's newlook West Indies side struggled in the early part of the tour but has hit form in recent weeks, culminating in Monday's four-wicket win at the Melbourne Cricket Ground to claim the World Series trophy for the fifth time.

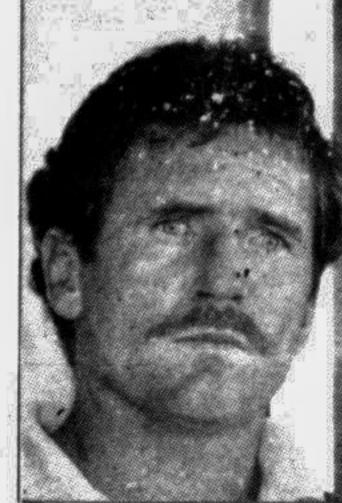
Strike bowler Curtly Ambrose led the way to victory, taking eight wickets in the two matches. But Border said the one-day results have little relevance in the Test

"It will be a great confi-

dence boost for the West

from our point of view we are able to separate the two games," border said. "Now, we just have to concentrate on winning the Test series."

Off-spinner Tim May and all-rounder Tony Dodemaide have been recalled to the



ALLAN BORDER

Australian 12 in place of the injured Mike Whitney and displaced all-rounder Greg Matthews.

Whitney broke his foot during a one-day match in Brisbane last week and will not play for up to eight weeks. his lack of sharpness with his bowling in the first and third Dodemaide is back for his

first Test on home soil since

he was hit out of international cricket by Viv Richards and the West Indies during the 1988-89 series. The West Indians dealt

harshly with Dodemaide four years ago when he lost his outswinger and the Victorian state bowler said he was hoping to even the score against Richardson's side "It's something I've been

four years - to get another Test on home soil - especially against these blokes because they cost me my spot the last time they were here," he said "I was disappointed the way

working towards for the last

things went against them last time so I'm really happy and really looking forward to it." May played the last of his

seven Test matches against the West Indies at the Adelaide Oval four years ago. Opening Australian batsman

David Boon is believed to have suffered a slight hamstring strain during Monday's World Series final. But on arrival in Adelaide on Tuesday he said he was fit and not in doubt for the

Wadekar promises Phoenix



19: India's crickct manager Ajit Wadekar is optimistic about his

team's chances against England despite the last-ball defeat in Monday's first one-day international in Jaipur after a wretched South African tour, reports AFP.

"We have the talent and potential to win both the Test and one-day series," Wadekar told AFP here on Tuesday during a brief stop-over on the way to Chandigarh for Thursdays second interna-He said the team was not

"unduly concerned" at the defeat Monday when Chris Lewis sneaked a leg bye off the final delivery to give England a

DU cricket

Department of Marketing moved into the semifinal of the Dhaka University inter-department cricket tournament.

Sports Reporter

Marketing registered an easy 61-run victory against Department of Public Administration in the quarterfinals at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday. Batting first Marketing

nine wickets in the stipulated 30 overs. Topaz topscored with 28 while Mamun and Alamgir made 23 and 22 runs respec-

made 165 runs for the loss of

tively. Masud took four wickets giving away 30 runs. A six-wicket haul by Mamun restricted Public

Administration 104 in the 28th over. Faruk Ahmed, who plays for Abahani Krira Chakra in the

Navana Premier Division league, topscored with 35 while Amin remained unbeaten on 11. Mamun, who shone with the willow, went one better

with the leather claiming as gloom. many as six wickets conceding only 17 runs. Liton with two wickets for 11 lent him able support.

NEW DELHI, Jan thrilling four-wicket win and a 1-0 lead in the six-match se-

> "It was anybody's game till the end, these things happen in one-day cricket," Wadekar said, but conceded India should have scored more than their eventual 223 for three in 48 overs.

"That two youngsters like Vinod Kambli and Sachin Tendulkar got among the runs augurs well for the team. Now it is upto the others to get



AJIT WADEKAR their act together."

Left-handed Kambli struck a

maiden international century on his 21st birthday, while childhood friend Tendulkar smashed 81 off as many balls during a 164-run stand for the fourth wicket which rescued India from a tentatives 59 for three in the 20th over. The 51-year-old Wadekar, a

former Test captain who managed the team during the dismal South African tour where India Jost the one-day series 5 2 and the Tests 1-0, predicts happier times ahead for the cricket-mad nation. "The law of averages will

catch up soon, probably on the current England tour itself, he said. "There is no cause for

India has won just one of their last 21 Test matches against lowly Shri Lanka on a spiteful wicket- which

prompted batting macstro Sunil Gavaskar to write Tuesday that "India have lost the winning habit."

But the optimistic Wadckar thinks otherwise. "Don't forget the Shri Lanka

Test was the only one India has played at home in the last four years. We are on home ground against England and that will be a big advantage." "We promise to rise from the ashes," Wadekar said.

"England will not find the going easy on this tour." Thursday's international in Chandigarh and the first of three Tests in Calcutta from January 29 give beleaguered captain Mohammad Azharu-

ddin a last chance to come good or face the axe. The 30-year-old Hyderabad batsman, who made a sketchy six in Jaipur, was retained as captain for only the first three matches, and the national selectors will decide his future

after the Calcutta Test. His England counterpart, Graham Gooch, was delighted at the early victory on the tour.

"It is always good to begin the series with a victory," the 39-year-old veteran said."It should keep the boys in good mental shape and look ahead positively.

"I am pleased with the performance," Gooch said, picking left-hander Neil Fairbrother for special praise for and unbeaten 47 during the tense final moments.

"Neil is a wonderful one-day player. But I am happy that we were able to restrict India to 223 on a good batting wicket." Meanwhile, 'organisers of

the Chandigarh match put up a "house full" sign at the 30,000capacity Sector 16 Stadium and said "every inch of possible space" had been taken.

competition of Bangladesh

Shooting meet The inter-club shooting

isman began yésterday at the Gulshan shooting range, re-State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain inaugurated the 3-day competition in

the afternoon.

championship contender, defended strongly to draw against Jan Timman of the Netherlands in the sixth game of their 200,000 US dollar final eliminator chess match on Monday, reports

JAN TIMMAN

Reuter. Short, 27, and Timman, 41, agreed a draw after 53 moves in a rook endgame which neither player could win.

The winner of the 14-game series will challenge Garri Kasparov for the world championship later this year and will join a small elite of chess millionaires.

Despite his extra pawn Timman, playing black, failed to press home his advantage and level the match score. Short now leads by two wins to one with three draws. Fighting with his back to

the wall, Short played resourcefully on his 40th move, checking Timman's king and shattering his pawn formation. Grandmaster Elizibar Ubilava of Ukraine, the official commentator of the match, echoed the puzzlement of his

colleagues that Short played "a

suspicious opening." He said it

had looked temporarily as if Timman could win in the

endgame. Ubilava said: "Timman didn't find the best plan. He missed several chances to

Short, playing white, began with the Spanish opening invented by the 16th century priest Ruy Lopez.

Timman opted for a varia tion that opened up the board when he captured Short's king's pawn with his knight on the fifth move. The British champion

threw caution to the wind with an aggressive but risky pawn advance on his 13th move. Although forced to sacrifice a pawn when Short threatened to checkmate his king on the 15th move, the Dutchman

emerged on top from the aggressive opening clashes. "Timman has good results in this variation and he trusts his intuition," said Dutch Grand master Gert Ligterink. By the end of the game the tide had turned in Timman's

champion who was a pawn Controversy was still raging among experts after the game as to whether Timman had really missed a possible vic-

favour and it was the Dutch

"I suspect Timman could have extracted more from the situation, but I didn't see a clear win for him," said British Grandmaster Jonathan Speelman, adding: "Short had to fight extremely accurately to

Since the third game, play has lasted for more than 5 hours. Both players have to keep in good shape to continue the 14-game duel. "Chess is not the same as

running the 100 metres," Short told reporters Sunday. "But I think the method one needs to prepare for a tournament or a match are very similar in a way to the methods one uses to prepare for sport-

26 runs respectively. Sayced was the pick of United Heroes bowlers who claimed four wickets for 33 while skipper Babu took two

Facing a huge total United Heroes were never in the chase and were bowled out for 168 in 33 overs. Sandries provided 38 while

Kawser, Kamal made 36 and 20 runs respectively. Although Amarjyoti skipper tried as many as ten bowlers including himself, Shezan and Nipu with two wickets apiece returned the best analysis.

Dhanmondi Club ground.

Jabir took one wicket apiece.

Rashed, Zahid, Palash and Rayer Bazar Athletic Club in today's only match of the

will take on Azad Sporting Club Second Division league at the Timman misses another chance

"basically a game."

ing events."

He said he thought of chess "primarily a fight, as mental boxing." Timman said it was He said the mistakes of both players were "very typical of games under such tension."

The seventh match is scheduled for Wednesday.

Shawkat Hossain Pallab retained the national sub-junior chess title beating Javed Hossain in the title-deciding playoff at the NSC chess room yesterday. - Star photo