Sports Reporter

A superb allround act from Natmul engineered a huge 80run St Joseph's High School victory over Segunbagicha High School in the 11th Nirman Schools cricket championship Dhaka Zonal tie at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

With this win St Joseph's High emerged Group C cham-

Natmul contributed 74 runs to his side's 198 all out in 34.4 overs and later took five wick ets for 15 runs to skittle out Segunbagicha for 118 in 30.5

Sent in to bat. St Joseph's School were all out for 198 runs two balls inside their quota of 35 overs with Naimul making most of the runs. His match-winning knock featured 11 boundaries and one six. Rathan followed him with 30, inclusive of three fours and a stx while Ishtiaque weighed in with 17. Extras yielded a useful

In reply, Segunbagicha School fell apart in the face of Naimul's incisive bowling, managing a paltry 118 runs in 30.5 övers. Sumon (29), Tanvir (24) and Moazzem with 20 runs were the three batsmen to put up ant resistance.

The Segunbagicha score owed a lot to sundries which provided a staggering 23 runs. Rathan gave able support to Naimul with figures of three for 20.

In the other match of the day at the Brothers Union ground, a Kalshi Islamic High School emerged winners by an almost similar margin in their tie with Gandaria High.

Having won the toss Kalshi High elected to bat and piled up 205 runs in 35 overs and then bowled the Gandaria boys out for 121 to be victors by 83

## Dhanmondi beat Lalmatia Club

Sports Reporter

Dhanmondi Club recorded their seventh win in the Milners First Division super league with a huge 102-run victory over Lalmatia Club, at the Mirpur Pallabi cricket ground yesterday.

Put in to bat Dhanmondi aided by a series of useful knocks from all but two o batsmen who had a chance to bat yesterday, piled up 222 for seven wickets. Shri Lankan Raj Kumara topscored with 45. Atlar, the wickets keeper, with 37, veteran Sami with 34, Biplob with 29 and skipper Dulu with 25 were the other notable run-getters.

Khokon and Dulal with two wickets apiece shared the bowling honours for the beleaguered Lalmatia Club.

Samiur Rahman Sami, the former national team paceman, shone with the new ball to ring the death knell of the Lalmatia batsmen. With excellent back up from the other Dhanmondi medium-pacers Sami decimated the Lalmatia innings at

Babu of Lalmatia withstood the Dhanmondi barrage with a defiant knock of 30 while his peers just came and went. Sami finished with the ex-

cellent analysis of three for 26 from nine overs.

Raj Kumara, Mithu and Rafique claimed two wickets apiece while Biplob was left with one wicket which cost him just four runs. There is no Milnars fixture

for today.

### Chang Pai cricket Sports Reporter

Shantinagar B team deleated Munshiganj Cricket Club by 194 runs in the inaugural Group A match of the Chang Pai Cricket tournament at the Golaphagh ground yesterday.

Batting first Shantinagar Club made 251 and then booked Munshiganj Cricket Club for only 57 runs. Raja of Shantinagar was ad-

udged the man-of-the-match.

# Gulshan canter past Udity

Sports Reporter Earlier, Udity Club, sent in to bat, started well with open ers Anup and Shipon giving them a fine if not a sparking start. They put on 43 before Malhotra had Anup caught by Arun Lal for 20.

Shipon then teamed up with Rokon to sustain the tempo and the pair put on 60 runs for the second wicket before Ehsan bowled Shipon, the top scorer for 61. Rokon followed him to the pavilion with the addition of another 24 runs and then the rot set

Rahul and Durjoy left cheaply to spotl the good work done by the earlier batsmen and the lower order just crumbled against the accurate leg spin of left-armer Astf.

The last five Udity wickets went down for 27 runs only. Astf mopped up the tail with fine figures of five for 32

Ehsan claimed two for 42 and the senior of the two Shabbirs playing for Gulshan took two for 17 as Udity were all out for 179 in 43.4 overs. Gulshan recovered well

from an early loss when Liton, the hard-hitting opener was bowled by Sajal for eight. Mamun, the other opener, made things hum again along with the senior Shabbir who came at number three.

After Mamun's departure at 53 Shabbir conjured up a match-winning 69 run partnership with Arun Lal. Arun hit a brisk 53 off as many balls with the help of four boundartes and a sixer before being run out. Shabbir had left carlter for 35 made off 68 balls.

Malhotra with an unbeaten 31 and Ehsan with 22 not out completed the formalities for the winners who reached their "target of 180 in 42.2 overs. It was Udity's fifth loss in

seven outings. The day's other match between Brothers Union and Surja Tarun scheduled to be held at the Dhaka Stadium fell through as the pitch was not deemed fit for cricket by the

TODAY'S MARCH

threats at bay.

experts baffled.

the board.

Mohammedan vs Kalabagan (Dhaka Stadium).

After 24 moves an unbal-

anced end game was reached,

Timman having a bishop and

two pawns as compensation for

a rook, in a position which left

one knows what's going on,"

Short's favour when he cap-

tured one of Timman's pawns

on the 37th move. Faced with

the unavoidable loss of a sec-

ond pawn, Timman surren-

Timman said afterwards he

thought he was doing well un-

til his 26th move, when he

placed a bishop on the edge of

turned a slightly better posi-

tion into a rotten one," he said.

Monday with the 10th game

due to start at 3 pm (1400

gmt). The eventual winner will

challenge Garri Kasparov for

the World Championship later

If the score is tied after the

14 games, the match goes into

extra time with rapid play-off

This was a mistake which

The match will continue on

said Grandmaster Hans Ree.

"It's very complicated. No

The tide finally turned in

## **Indian Under-25s** 224 for four

CUTTACK, India, Jan 24 India Under-25s, replying to England's first innings of 408 for four declared, were 224 for four at the close of the second day of their three-day cricket match on Sunday, reports Reuter.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day cricket match between India Under-25s and England on Sunday:

**ENGLAND**: First innings (overnight 312 for three) G Gooch retired hurt M Atherton lbw b Zaidi A Stewart Ibw b Gandhe 149 R Smith not out M Gatting c Bahutule b Zaidi 27 G Hick c Puri b Kuruvilla 26 C Lewis not out Extras: (b-8; lb-11; w-1, nb-4) Total: (four wickets declared) Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-71;

3-307; 4-364 Did not bat: I Salisbury, P Taylor, P Tufnell, D Malcolm

Bowling 28 Kuruvilla Zaidt Gandhe Bahutule Pandey Jadeja INDIAN UNDER-25e : First

innings A Jadeja Ibw b Lewis A Juresia not out J Paranipe lbw b Taylor R Dravid Ibw b Lewis R Purti retired hurt S Dighe c Lewis b Salisbury G Pandey not out Extras: (b-1; lb-4; nb-11) Total: (four wickets)

Fall of wickets: 1-33; 2-74; 3-89: 4-98 To bat: A Kuruvilla, S Bahutule, A Zaidi, P Gandhe Bowling 35 Lewis 51

Tufnell Salisbury

## Gooch makes it or does he?

LONDON, Jan 24: The British newspapers saluted England cricket captain Graham Gooch Sunday for reaching the rare scoring milestone of 100 hundreds, reports AP.

Next week, they can do it

In Cuttack, India, on Saturday, Gooch scored an unbeaten 102 against an Indian Under-25 team to reach the century of centuries. Or has he only scored 99?

To those not acquainted with the sport, cricket can be a puzzling game. Its administrators, it seems, are making it even more curious especially in relation to counting up Gooch's centuries.

When the English cricket team started its tour of India it was widely thought he had scored 99 hundreds. But doubts were cast on a century he scored in South Africa when that nation was banned from international sport because of its apartheid policy.

The International Cricket Council will rule Feb 2 whether that century in South Africa counts as "first class." If it doesn't, Saturday's century in Cuttack was Gooch's 99th.

If the England captain scores another century between now and then, that may get the administrators off the hook.

At least Gooch will be sure he has reached the milestone. "It's a bit of an anti-climax because it all hangs in the balance," he said after his century in Cuttack.

"If I had known for sure would feel a little more elated. On a personal basis would like to know where I

#### stand." Win for DOHS Sports Reporter

Defence Officers' Housing Society (DOHS) registered a facile six-wicket victory over Lalbagh Anwar USC in the only Second Division ericket league tie at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday,

Sohel Hamid, the DOIIS skipper, won the toss and invited the Lalbagh batsmen to use the strip first. In the face of some accurate bowling by the DOHS bowlers Lalbagh innings folded in 122 runs in the 32nd over with Matiur notching up the highest individual score of 29 runs in 35 balls. Jewel, who shared a 49run seventh-wicket stand with Matiur, contributed 20 including two fours.

Shanto was the most successful DOHS bowler claiming three wickets for 23 runs. Faisal and Sohel took two apiece.

good hand with 32 runs.

End Club (DCG)

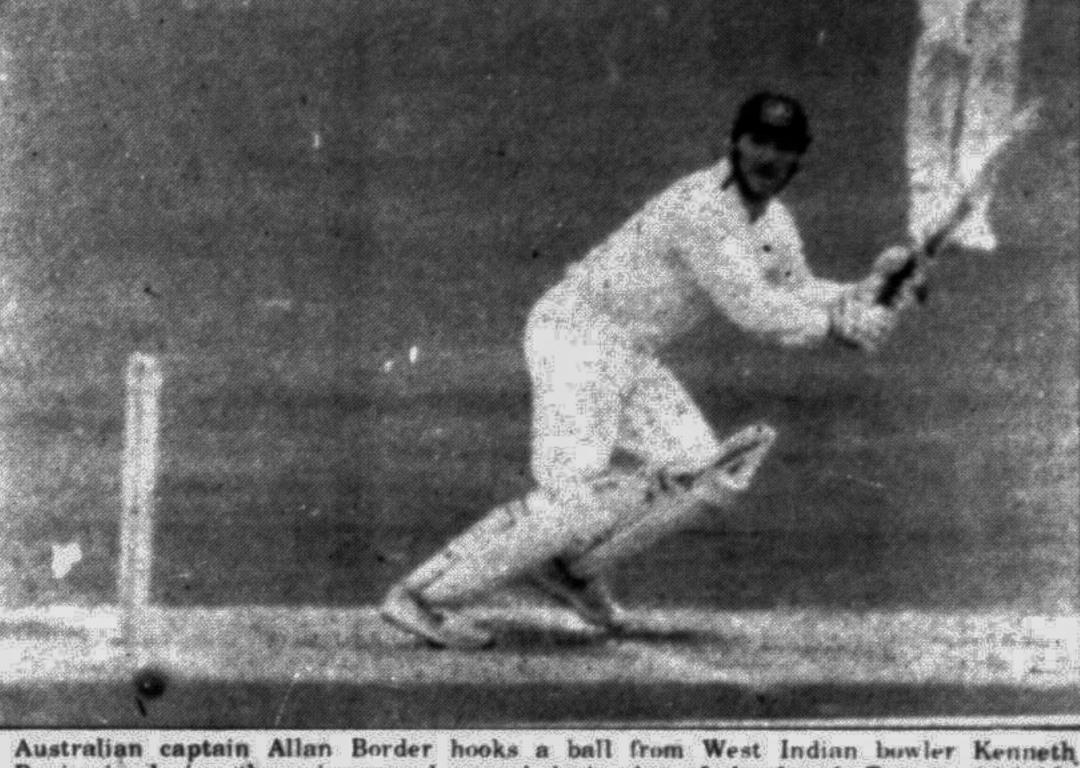
Pegasus B (DCS)

TODAY'S MATCHES

Gandaria Cricketers vs East

Azad Boys Club vs Young

The DOHS batsman were never in trouble in their chase of the modest Lalbagh total, racing to 124 in 24.2 overs for the loss of four wickets. Taregue topscored with 38 runs while Shohag remained unbeaten on 26. Extras lent a



Benjamin during the rain-marred second day's play of the fourth Test in Adelaide

## Rain gets in Windies way



sent one victim to hospital and injured two other players, as they went for the kill against Australia on the second day of the fourth Test today, reports Reuter. Captain Allan Border, re-

quiring only 52 runs to become the world's highest Test runmaker, was trying to prop up Australia, three wickets down for 100 when rain stopped play for the day. He was unbeaten on 18 in

not out 35, the pair having raised the score from a poor 46 for three in chasing the West indies 252. Curtly Ambrose had earlier sent opener David Boon to

partnership with Steve Waugh,

hospital for an X-ray on his left forcarm, hit by a sharply rising ball. The inspection showed the arm was badly bruised. Boon, undefeated on two, will resume his innings lower down the order. "He'll be able

to bat tomorrow. His arm was

hit just below the elbow. It was

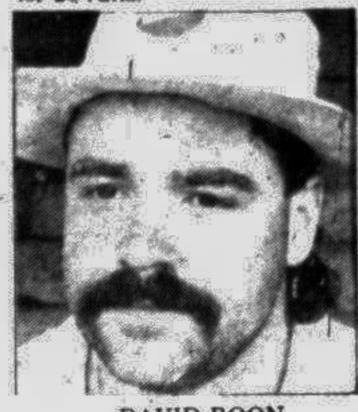
just paralyzed," said Australian manager Bobby Simpson. Steve Waugh, dropped twice had his left hand taped after it was struck by a ball

from Courtney Walsh. When rain intervened for the third time, forcing an early finish and a total of three hours and 20 minutes play lost, Border had in sight and mind the world record 10,122 runs scored by the now retired Indian batsman Suntl Ga-

Australia resumed their in nings at an overnight two runs for one wicket after the dismissal of Mark Taylor for one.

which he felled Boon, forced Mark Waugh (0) to edge a catch to Phil Simmons in the

The score was 16 for two Langer was hit on the back of the head by lan Bishop with the fourth ball he faced Saturday and did well to survive a torrid 98 minutes in all for 20 runs.



DAVID BOON

The gutsy Langer was hit twice Sunday, once by Ambrose on the elbow as he tried to avoid a short ball, and then by Kenneth Benjamin in the solar plexus when he missed a pull shot.

Despite his problems, Langer persisted for 79 deliveries in all until he was eaught behind by Junior Murray off Benjamin, trying to hook a short

"It was the toughest cricket I've ever played to get runs out there but I thoroughly enjoyed it," Langer said. "It was so hard to get runs and their bowling was just unbelievable. "Steve Waugh told me it

doesn't get much tougher than this but I was disappointed to get out after I'd done all the hard work." Australfan team physiother-Ambrose, in the over in apist Errol Alcott beat a con-

stant path out to the middle as he had to tend to the injured batsmen trying to cope with a steamed-up West Indian at-

Langer's helmet was cracked by a ball from paceman lan Bishop on Saturday and he suffered double vision.

Steve Waugh was dropped twice on 27 in the space of seven balls faced, once a hard chance by lan Bishop in the covers and then an easter take, spilled by a diving keeper

Rain, which caused the loss of 43 minutes of play on the first day, was expected to clear by Monday

But the rain already appears to have lessened the chances of the West Indies, 1-0 down in the five-Test series with two matches drawn, to force a win at the Adelaide SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second

day of the fourth cricket Test between Australia and the West Indies today: **WEST INDIES:** First innings

(B Lara 52, M Hughes five for **AUSTRALIA:** First innings

(overnight two for one) M Taylor c Hooper b Bishop M Waugh c Simmons b Ambrose J Langer e Murray b Benjamin S Waugh not out

D Boon retired hurt Extras: (7 b, 2 lb, 15 nb) Total: (for three wickets) 100 Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-16, 3-46. To bat: I Healy, M Hughes, S

A Border not out

Warne, T May, C McDermott Bowling: C Ambrose 25 l Bishop

# Giggs gets United's goal



LONDON, Jan 24: Tecnage winger Ryan Giggs blasted home a free-kick 14 minutes

time to secure favourites Manchester United a 1-0 victory 'against Second Division Brighton in their FA Cup fourth round tie on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The 19-year-old Welshman likened to George Best saved the Premier League leaders from humiliation when he drove in the direct free-kick from 20 metres against the side United beat in the 1983 FA Cup final replay.

. Arch-rival neighbours Manchester City joined them in the fifth-round draw with a 2-1 victory at Queen's Park Rangers, who were unbeaten at home in an FA Cup tie since 1980.

Blackburn Rovers, like Manchester United chasing the double, killed of Third Division Crewe's Dreams of any upset with a comfortable 3-0 victory despite being without leading scorer Alan Sherer. And Hartlepool, the Second

Division club who needed a court order on Friday to allow them to play their fourth round tie after being would up on Wednesday, were bundled out 1-0 at Sheffield United. Mark Pembridge took the day's scoring honours with a

hat-trick inside 13 minutes in the second half to earn Derby a 5-1 win at his former club Luton in an all-First Division clash. Ipswich, fifth in the Premier League and still in the

League Cup, came from behind to beat Second Division promotion hopefuls Tranmere 2-1 and end the Merseyside club's unbeaten home record this Tranmere, who carried the

Cup hopes of Merseyside after outlasting neighbours Liverpool and Everton in the competition for the first time, went ahead through former Scottish international Pat Nevin after 17 minutes.

Despite missing their top goalscorer John Aldridge, the former Liverpool striker who is suspended, they looked like holding out until Jason Dozell equalised in the 68th minute

Aston Villa, second in the Premier League, were forced to another replay when held 1-

and Bulgarian international

striker Bontcho Guentchov

snatched a winner in the 77th.



RYAN GIGGS

1 at home by Wimbledon after taking a lead after just three minutes through Dwight Yorke. Wimbledon, who have

knocked Villa out of the Cup twice in the last four seasons, equalised in the 35th minute when Gary Elkins' low drive struck the foot of a post and rebounded off diving goalkeeper Nigel Spink to cross Villa only secured their

fourth-round place on Wednesday, after Bristol Revers had forced them to a third round replay.

Nottingham Forest, quarterfinalists in four of the last five seasons but bottom of the Premier League, came from behind at home to Middlesbrough to earn a 1-1

draw when Neil Webb equalised Willie Falconer's

Alan Cork, the veteran striker who was in Wimbledon's 1988 cup-winning side, scored the winner for Sheffield United just 70 seconds into the second half against Hartlepool-third-

nalists Crystal Palace. Hartlepool won a reprieve in the High Court on Friday after being wound-up with debts of 263,607 pounds sterling (405,954 dollar) on

round conquerors of 1990 ft-

Wednesday. Kevin Keegan's runaway Division leaders Newcastle United were held to a 1-1 draw at Second Division Rotherham despite taking a 29th minute lead through Robert Lee. Nigel Jonson equalised for the Yorkshire Club in the 69th.

High-flying Premier League challengers Norwich play Tottenham today and joint second-favourites Arsenal meet Leeds on Monday.

Aberdeen manager Whillie Miller was furious after Scotland's match of the day at league leaders Glasgow Rangers was postponed just 20 minutes before kick-off.

Miller admitted the decision to call off the game between the two leading Scottish Premier League sides was correct, but said it was a "travesty" that the verdict had come so

Glasgow Celtic, 12 points behind Rangers before Saturday's game, secured their first league win in four games 1-0 at Airdrie thanks to a fifthminute goal from Tommy Coync-his 50th goal in 99 first team appearances.

Coruna remain on top of the table MADRID, Jan 24: Spanish

League leaders Deportivo

Coruna snatched a vital point with a goal three minutes into injury time which gave them a 1-1 draw away to Rayo Vallecano of Madrid on Saturday, reports Reuter.

## Tanima in lead Sports Reporter

Tanima Parveen stayed atop the points table of the 14th women's national chess championship now being held at the chess room of the National Sports Council (NSC).

She drew her adjourned match with Shabana Parveen Nipa yesterday to raise her collection to five and half

Shabana Parveen Nipa's tally now stands at four and half. Afroza Khanam Babli won the other adjourned sixth round match beating Masuda Begum yesterday.

In the seventh round matches of the day Rani Hamid beat Rahman in 37 moves. Zakia Sultana needed 39

moves to defeat Zebunnesa Rina while Afsana Parveen Nira recorded a 30 move victory against Sclima Banu Tuhin in the other seventh round



wickets with his left-arm spin to play a pivotal role in Gulshan's five wicket win against Udity Club in the day's solitary Navana Premier Division cricket

league engagement at the

Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

yesterday. Gulshan, who with yester day's victory recorded their fourth consecutive win, bowled the young Udity outfit out for 179 runs with Asif taking five wickets for 32 and then batted sensibly to wrap the match up in 42.2 overs for the loss of

five wickets only. Arun Lal and Ashok Malhotra, the Indian recruits, batted professionally once again to ease Gulshan's task. While Arun Lal followed up his unbeaten match-winning 70 against Brothers with a halfcentury, Malhotra, the more stylish of the two naturalised Calcuttans, remained unbeaten for a second consecutive match on 31.

LORENZO

DE EL ESCORIAL

Spain, Jan 24:

Nigel Short of

Britain defeated

Dutchman

Timman on Saturday to take

the lead in their 200,000

dollar final eliminator contest

to challenge for the world

game of the series in 39 moves

after an exciting struggle and

now leads, Timman, 41, by

three wins to two with four

draws and five games left to

with the same exchange varia-

tion of the Ruy Lopez opening

used in several previous games

but varied it with a slightly un-

usual knight manocuvre on his

fered a rook sacrifice, which

Short declined, playing instead

to undermine the Dutch

champion's defences. Shot

then sacrificed a pawn on his

13th move to lure Timman's

queen away from the battle-

British champion used a pow-

erful advanced pawn to

threaten the defences protect-

ing Timman's castled king.

The game then seemed all but

shootout at the Chinese Lunar

Saturday, reports AFP.

tion period.

New Year tournament here

side had their work cut out in

defeating Asian champions

Japan who held them to a 1-1

scoreline at the end of regula-

Lehmann saved his side fur-

DMFA meeting fails

Sports Reporter

Metropolis Football Association

(DMFA) ended yesterday with-

out any breakthrough regard-

ing the fate of this year's

league football as the members

reportedly got entangled in a

rumpus over the formation of

The meeting of the Dhaka

But Swiss goalkeeper Stefan

The highly-favoured Swiss

HONG KONG, Jan

24: World Cup

tzerland edged

past Japan 4-3

aspirants Swi-

On his 18th move the

Timman's 11th move of-

Short, playing black, began

Short, 27, won 'the ninth

title, reports Reuter.

Short still one point ahead over, with Short poised either to capture a rook or secure checkmate.

But Timman amazed mas-



NIGEL SHORT defensive play and after two hours the battle was still rag-

ing fiercely. By threatening to exchange queens by force, he was able to

games. If this still fails to produce a winner, the match will hold the worst of Short's be decided by drawing lots. Japan make Switzerland sweat

> the Japanese penalty kicks to give his side a berth in the tournament finals Tuesday. Switzerland, who are using the four-term tournament as a build-up to their World Cup qualifying campaign, sparked to life in the second half after

> being held to a scoreless first half by the Japanese. Forward Beat Sutter broke the deadlock in the 56 minute when he scored from close

range after good lead up work by Regis Rothenbuhler. Japan equalised five minutes alter when substitute Hisashi Kurosaki's free kick from the edge of the penalty are slipped through the grasp

of Swiss goalkeeper Lehmann. Despite relentless pressure, the Swiss failed to score

## occasions.

Div II handball

Boys Club defeated Kurmitola Apollo Club by 15-10 while Christian Youth Club outplayed Dipali Jubo Sangha by 30-14 goals in the other match of the

ther blushes by stopping two of

morale-boosting victory. "We have made a great start to our World Cup group and this tournament is useful to keep the momentum going,"

said satisfied Swiss coach Roy

The BFF XI beat Rayan Sporting Club of Doha 2-1 in the friendly match, organised

player of Qatar. medio-cum-winger Rumman Bin Wali Shabbir scored the goals for the BFF selection.

#### the league committee. The meeting will now start afresh on January 26. The DMFA is expected to come up with a few important decisions related to the senior

and the Dhaka Metropolis

Clubs Samity who insist on

holding the league matches at

the Dhaka Stadium only.

division football leagues whose fates are uncertain following a reesty stance by the footballers

· Progoti Boys and Christian Youth Club won their respective matches in the Sun Crest Second Division Handball super league at the Outer Stadium yesterday, reports

although coming close on two

with Italy.

In the first match, Progoti

Current leaders in the European Group One, the Swiss overcome cold conditions, a waterlogged pitch and tenacious opponents to score a

Hodgson. Switzerland are unbeaten in their world cup qualifiers having collected seven points from four games. They have defeated Estonia away 6-0, Scotland at home 3-1, Malta at home 3-0 and drawn away 2-2

## Booters back

The Bangladesh football team, which participated in an exhibition match in Qatar under the banner of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) eleven, returned home vesterday morning, reports

Friday on the occasion of the retirement of Mohammed Ahmed Al-Suwaidi, a national Striker Rumi Rizvi Karim

Former champion Tanima Parveen, who finished runner up to Rani Hamid last year, is seen brooding over a move during her sixth round match against Shabana Parveen Nipa , yesterday. The match was earlier adjourned on Saturday. - Star photo