BCCB juniors lose by 1 run in Nepal

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) youth under-19 team bowed out of the silver jubilee tournament

in Birganj, Nepal.
BCCB XI, placed directly in the quarterfinals, conceded a one-run defeat in the hands of Patna Cricket Association of India at the Narayani ground in Birganj last Friday, according to a faxed report sent by manager Roquibul Hassan, late Friday night.

BCCB XI, comprising the promising young players of the country, after restricting their opponents to 129 in the allotted 40 overs, were all out for 128 in 32.5 overs.

BCCB XI skipper Sharfuddowlah ibne Shahid Saikat won the toss and asked the Patna Cricket Association to

success for BCCB XI when he dismissed opener Neeraj Kumar for two with the scoreboard reading eight. Then medium-pacer Rahul

Majbee registered the first

got Ram Bhagat caught by Durjoy for 31. Rahul then dismissed Sanjiv

Kumar with the score on 49. Wickets kept on falling at regular intervals and Patna were 109 for 9 towards the of their innings. But Ahmed defied the Bangladeshi attack and remained unconquered on 29 with the team total on 129 when overs ran

Tarun Kumar with 21 and Ajay Kumar with 17 were the other two Patna players to reach the double figures.

Rahul, who plays for Udity Club in the Navana league, with three wickets for 11 from seven overs was the pick of the Bangladeshi bowlers while Majbee claimed two for 26 from eight overs.

Skipper Saikat also bagged two for 26 from seven overs and Durjoy got one for 19 from five overs.

In reply, despite some brave innings from Pilot, Sajid Hassan and Durjoy, the Bangladesh boys were dismissed for 128, two runs short of the target.

Pilot, the promising wicketkeeper-batsmen of Kalabagan Krira Chakra, topscored with 42 while Sajid Hassan, son of manager Roquibul Hassan, who opened the innings with Shipon, made 35 and Durjoy got 24.

No other Bangladeshi batsmen could make the double figures.

Sanjiv Kumar claimed three wickets for 18, and Manaj bagged two for 42 while Bhagat took one for 24 for the Patna Cricket Association.

The Bangladesh team reportedly left Birgani for Kathmandu yesterday and is likely to return home today.

FIDE infuriated

LONDON, Feb 27: The International Chess Federation (FIDE) threatened to take legal action after world champion Garri Kasparov and challenger Nigel Short refused to play their 1993 title match under its jurisdiction, reports Reuter.

"Fide has the legal title to the world championship and will take all necessary legal steps to protect those rights," the federation said in a statement released from its headquarters in Lucerene, Switzerland.

Kasparo and Short, in a statement attacking FIDE, said earlier on Friday that they were setting up a new professional chess body and invited fresh bids to stage the final.

FIDE announced earlier this week that the 24-game final would be held in August in the northern English city of Manchester.

But Short, 27, the first Briton this century to challenge for the world title, and Azeri-born Kasparov, 29, said FIDE had not consulted them about the decision.

The FIDE statement said both players were notified about the bidding for the final and it had not received any communication from either of them indicating dissatisfaction with the process.

It said a new professional body would have no right to arrange the championship.

FIH secretary general resigns

BRUSSELS, Feb 27: Spain's Juan Angel Calzado is resigning as Secretary General of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) here, reports

The Spaniard, who has held the post since 1984, wants to pursue his professional interests. A replacement will be ap-

pointed in April. The FIH has also announced changes in Oceania, with New Zealand's David R Appleby taking over from Australian Finalay McNab as president of the regional federation. Australia's Pamela Tye has been named secretary general.

Niaz outmaneuvers Norwood

Sports Reporter

Niaz Murshed, current rational champion. moved within one and a half the lone Grandmaster of the copoints of his first International untry, etched a Master title norm when he beat Indian Verghese Koshi. Refat adopted the Alpine variaover English Gration of the Sicilian defence to ndmaster David Norwood in the seventh round of the force his opponent to resign on the 40th move. Reefat ongoing Grandmasters' meet at the Jalsaghar of Hotel Purbani needs six points to win his

spectacular win

dmaster in the fray, Daniel King, came out an easy winner against Indian IM Necraj Kumar Mishra in only 23 moves. King, whose collection stands at four and a half points, played with white in a game of the Modern defence. Mishra has tow to his name.

Indian Grandmaster



Indian Grandmaster Dibyendu Barua (L) moves his rook's pawn during his seventh round tie against Bangladeshi IM Zillur Rahman Champak at the Jalsaghar, Hotel Purbani yesterday. After five consecutive losses Dibyendu got back to winning ways, registering his second win of the meet. - Star photo

yesterday.

Niaz, playing with black pieces in a game of the Reti opening, came under pressure on the 31st move as he was running out of time. But he kept his cool under the circumstances and came up with a series of brilliant moves that saw his opponent losing a rook on the 37th move. Norwood did not continue after that.

With this win Niaz upped his tally to four and a half points from six outings while Norwood's collection remains on four after seven matches. Another Bangladeshi to win

yesterday was FIDE Master Reefat bin-Sattar. Reefat, the

The best game of the day was played between Pakistani IM Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi and Grandmaster Julian Hodgson of England. After 65 moves the match was adjourned with the Englishman enjoying a clear edge. Lodhi, who remained at the top of the points table after the seventh round, will have to start tomorrow with a pawn down.

Hodgson, who has the highest rating among the participants, begins today with three pawns and a bishop against Lodhi's two pawns and a knight.

The other English Gran-

Diby endu Barua found the winners' luck after the consecutive defeats when he took care of Bangladeshi IM Zillur Rahman Champak. Dibyendu needed 34 moves in a game of Advance variation of the French Defence.

FIDE Master Ziaur Rahman split point with International Master Arun Vaidya of India. Zia, who also drew with Koshi in their adjourned sixth-round match, preferred the Catalon system but found it was taking him nowhere after 44 moves. Zia has three and a half points while Vaidya took his tally to one and a half points.

Giants' 'no' to players' transfers

Sports Reporter



With Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club, the two soccer giants of the co-

untry, deciding to stay back, the inter-club players' transfers for the 1993 Premier Division and First Division football leagues look rather uncertain.

According to the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association's circular, the much-delayed transfers are scheduled to be held from March 15 to 21.

Abahani and Mohammedans, who had protested the league committee decision about the players' transfers in their meeting on February 22, later in a joint statement categorically refused to participate in the transfer procedures on the announced dates.

in the joint statement they said since the leagues would

not start immediately after the transfers, it would be meaningless to complete the player signings so hastily, because such huge sums of money are concerned.

Abahani and Mohammedans reportedly succeeded in winning the support of eight other clubs when they held a meeting at the Arambagh Club premises yesterday with SA Sultan in the chair.

The meeting unanimously protested the DMFA decision and said that they would not take part in the players' transfers in March, according to

However, they reportedly expressed their willingness to complete the transfers sometime in April if Bangladesh does not play in the World Cup qualifying rounds to be held in Japan and the United Arab Emirates in mid-April and

"If the national team participates in the World Cup fixtures, the transfers ought to be held in May," they pro-

posed. Tanvir Mazhar Tanna, a director of Abahani Krira Chakra, and Fazlur Rahman Babul, a former BFF member, represented Abahani and Mohammedans respectively.

Brothers Union, along with nine other clubs, did not attend yesterday's meeting. Meanwhile, the DMFA has

appointed four members who will look after the players' transfers. They are Nabi Chowdhury, Azfar-uz-Zaman Sohrab, Zahirul Islam Rumi and Modabber Hossain Babu.

According to the schedule, the tokens will be issued from March 15 to 21 while the transfers will be conducted between March 16 to 21.

Kasparov, Short stun chess world

Azeri-born Kasparov, who plays

the British chess world was

"taken completely by sur-

of the venue, FIDE said its

president Florencio Campome-

nes had consulted both play-

FIDE had often shown disre-

gard for its own rules, and

"wilful disregard" for the play-

ers of the World Championship

halted the Kasparov-Karpov

world final in Moscow. "This

was an action condemned as

profoundly unethical," the

could not be trusted to organ-

ise the most important profes-

sional chess competition in

the world," the statement

final would now be played un-

der the Auspices of the

Professional Chess Association

and both players had agreed to

donate 10 per cent of the

establishing the body.

world final prize fund towards

bids to stage the match would

have to be received by Friday,

March 19. The bids would be

opened in the presence of

Short and Kasparov on March

that a bid from Manchester,

offering a prize fund of 2.54

million Swiss francs (1.70 mil-

lion), was the only one to meet

vantage to Short, from nearby

Bolton, who had always sup-

ported Manchester's bid. The

city hopes to stage the

The decision gave home ad-

its conditions.

FIDE announced on Tuesday

The statement said new

Kasparov and Short said the

"It was clear that FIDE

In 1985, Campomanes

A BCF spokeswoman said

When announcing the award

Kasparov and Short said

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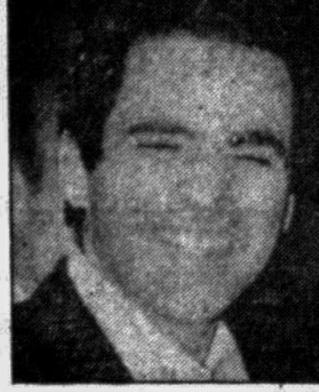
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statement said.

LONDON, Feb 27: The chess world was split on Friday when world champion Garri Kasparov and challenger Nigel Short refused to play their 1993 final under the

jurisdiction of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), reports Reuter. In a statement sharply at

tacking FIDE, the two players said they were setting up a new professional chess body, and invited fresh bids to stage



GARRI KASPAROV

Manchester was due to stage the 24-game match in August, under a FIDE decision

announced earlier this week. But Short, 27, who is the first Briton this century to challenge for the world chess title, and Kasparov, 29, said they had not been consulted by FIDE before its decision.

A spokesman at FIDE's headquarters in Lucerne, Switzerland, said the federation had no immediate comment.

The statement was issued through Simpson's-in-the-Strand, London's foremost chess venue.

Adam Black, spokesman of the British Chess Federation (BCF), said Short, who is in

Greece, had confirmed by Olympic Games in the year telephone that the break with FIDE was a joint decision with

A council spokesman said: "The present situation is strictly between FIDE and the two players, and we hope that this internal dispute will be resolved quickly.

FIDE's decision awarding the final to Manchester meant disappointment for two other British bidders as well as Spain's Santiago De Compostela and Yugoslav chess fanatic Jezdimir Vasiljevic, who bid a huge 5.6 million to stage the



NIGEL SHORT

Vasiljevic putup 5 million last year for a match between former world champions Boris Spassky and Bobby Fischer in Yugoslavia in defiance of United Nations sanctions.

Kasparov unmoved

LINARES, Spain, Feb 27: Garri Kasparov stayed aloof on Friday as a storm raged over the world chess champion's rejection of the international body FIDE, reports Reuter.

The Azeri-born champion who plays for Russia adjourned after six hours play and 60 moves against Russian Artur

BTF warns two Lankan players

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTP) has warned Shri Lanka tennis players Lasith Dissanayake and Pravin Waas for misconduct with the umpire and referee as well as verbal abuse during the boys' doubles semifinal of the seventh Bangladesh international junior tennis championships which concluded in the city Friday.

BTF sources said they would lodge an official complaint with the International Tennis Federation against the two players on five grounds-unreasonable delays, ball abuse, verbal abuse, abuse of rackets, and unsportsmanlike conduct.

The semifinal between Lastth-Pravin and Suhel Malhotra (India)-Chandragupta Soysa (Shri Lanka) was held up for 45 minutes when the two ac cused Lankan argued with the umpire in an unbecoming ma nner on Wednesday evening.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Nobodoy Sangha trounced Sonali Krira Sangha by eight goals to nil in one of the twelve matches of the Janata Bank Pioneer football league at the Mirpur Outer Stadium yester-

Following are the brief results of the other matches of the day:

At the Outer Stadium KR Boys Sporting Club beat Amligola Tarun Sangha by five goals to one and Radshah Smriti Sangsad drew goalless with Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha;

At the Dhanmondi Club Ground, Khwaze Dewan Juba Samaj beat Lalbagh KC 2-1;

At the Jagannath College ground, Maniknagar Unnayan Samity and Eastern Football drew goalless:

At the Banani ground, Kawranbazar Pragati Sangha beat Uttara SC 2-1 and Tejgaon Naba Taranga Sangha swamped Eastern SC 8-0;

At the Mahakhali T & T ground, Dipali Juba Sangha received a walkover against Beraid XI: At the Lalmatia Housing

Society ground, Islampur Uttaran Samity defeated Mohammad Ali SC 1-0; At the Bashabo ground,

Gulbagh KC trounced Mirkadim KC 5-0; and Ek Jhak Paira beat Titas SC 4-0.

Holford insists it's poor batting not the pitch

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 27: West Indies cricket manager David Holford said on Friday that poor batting, not the pitch, was to blame for Pakistan's collapse against his side on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Indies bowled West Pakistan out for 43 Newlands in Cape Town, the lowest total in international one-day cricket. West Indies made 45 for three and the game was over in less than three hours.

"I don't know why everybody is going on about the pitch," Holford said. "It wasn't a disgrace. Forty-three runs, now that was a disgrace."

Leading South African

"People must get out of the habit of always laying the blame for poor batting at the door of the pitch.

cricket officials have threatened to stop using Newlands as an international venue and West Indies captain Richie Richardson said the pitch was very dangerous. But Holford insisted bad

batting was to blame and cited the first-ball dismissal of West Indies opener Desmond Haynes.

The pitch had nothing to do with Des's dismissal. It was a poor shot, and frankly there were a lot of poor shots," he said. "I honestly don't believe the groundsman should be hauled over the coals."

Newlands groundsman Dave Tamkin has been summoned to a disciplinary inquiry into his preparation of the pitch.

He was given a written warning after the previous match at Newlands, between West Indies and South Africa, because the pitch was not covered during a storm two days before the game.

The president of the Western Province Cricket Association, Percy Soon, said on Thursday the problem was that Newlands was not exclusively a cricket club.

Clinton commends Bowe's mission

LONDON, Feb 27: Riddick Bowe's goodwill tour to Somalia had been praised by President Clinton, reports AFP.

He says in a letter, made public here, to the world heavyweight champion: "I have followed the progress of your efforts in Somalia and I commend your courageous mission in an unstable and dangerous

"I greatly admire your endeavours to provide famine relief and to boost troop morale."

Windies deserving winners



JOHANNESBURG Feb 27: A century opening stand by Deamond Haynes and Brian Lara spurred West In-

dies to a comfortable fivewicket win over world champions Pakistan in the final of the triangular one-day series here today, reports Reuter.

to score 8,000 runs in one-day international.

His dismissal triggered a mini-collapse, four wickets going down for 30, but West Indies were never under any real pressure.

They went into the final 15 overs needing just 28 to win with five wickets in hand. Gus Logic made the target aca-

Rameez Raja lbw b Simmons 11 Shoatb Mohammad b Bishop 0 Javed Miandad Ibw b Bishop 0 Zahid Fazal c Murray Simmons

Asif Mujtaba run out Wasim Akram run out (Lara) 34 Rashid Latif run out (Ambrose)

Wagar Younis b Ambrose



Pakistan vice-captain Waqar Younis writhes in pain after an Ian Bishop lifter hit him on the abdomen when he went for a pull during the final of the triangular series against the West Indies at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg yesterday. West Indies won by



B LARA... man-of-series The result was seldom in doubt after Pakistan, asked to bat first, were bowled out for a modest 187 in their 50 overs. cruised home in 39.4 overs. Pakistan's only consolation West Indies completed their fourth victory over the was the man-of-the-match

Pakistan, seeking to erase left-arm spin. the memory of their world record lowest one-day internaof defending their 187 total if tional score of 43 against West Indies in Cape Town on they had taken a couple of Thursday, never came to terms early wickets. with losing half their wickets

for 87. They spent 35 overs compiling 100- opener Aamir Sohail propping up the inhings with 57 off 95 balls, and only some lusty late hitting by pace bowlers Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis gave the score respectability.

world champions in this tour-

nament with 10.2 overs to

spare.

Hooper for two successive sixes in making 37 off 35 balls and skipper Akram hammered 34 before being run out following a misunderstanding with Asif Muitaba. But their efforts were put in

Wagar hit off-spinner Carl

perspective by the fluent batting of Haynes and Lara. During their stand of 112, Haynes, who made 59 off 75 balls, became the first player



D HAYNES ... 8000-plus runs

demic, scoring freely off both Wagar and Akram in his unbeaten 41 as West Indies

lowed his half century with two for 32 from 10 overs of Akram said he thought Pakistan were in with a chance

award, won by Sohail. He fol-

But once Haynes and Lara had settled in he did not at any stage "feel his side would take the trophy." West Indies captain Richie

Richardson said the one-day wins over the world champions had given his side a psychological boost for the home Test series against Pakistan starting next month.

SCOREBOARD*

Scoreboard of the final between Pakistan and the West Indies in the triangular series which also includes South Africa at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg on Saturday:

PAKISTAN: Aamir Sohail c Hooper b Ambrose



AAMIR SOHAIL ... m-o-m

Mushaq Ahmed not out Aaqib Javed b Ambrose Extras: (lb7, w5, nb3) Total: (All out 50 overs) Falls: 1-46; 2-48; 3-55; 4-

187; 9-187 Bowling: 33 Ambrose 2 Walsh 28 23 Simmons 0 46 Bishop 50 Hooper

73: 5-87: 6-141: 7-142: 8-

WEST INDIES: Haynes b Wagar Lara b Aamir Sohail Simmons b Wagar Hooper b Aaqib Richardson c Rameez b Aamir Sohail Adams not out Extras: (lb-4, nb-3, w-1) Total: (For five wickets, 39.4

Fall of wickets: 1-112; 2-114: 3-124: 4-142: 5-158 Did not bat: Murray, Bishop, Ambrose, Walsh. Bowling:

32 Akram 32 Aaqib Mushtag 27 0 32 Aamir Sohail 10 Result: West Indies won by

five wickets. Tangail reach zonal final

Sports Reporter

Tangail became the first team to

reach the zonal finals of the Beximco 13th national youth cricket championship when they beat Sylhet by virtue of losing lesser number of wickets in the

Group A semifinal at the

Comilla Stadium yesterday.

Batting first Sylhet were all out for 127 in 33.2 overs while Tangail reached the in 40 overs with one wicket to spare. The Group A final will be held on March 3. Tangail won the toss and

asked Sylhet to bat Sylhet

made 127 with Ram topscor-

ing with 43 and Abid and Mintu getting 28 and 24 respectively. Zahid ripped through the Sylhet batting lineup claiming four wickets for 36 while Santur chipped in with two

in reply, Tangail found scoring difficult in the face of some accurate bowling by the Sylhet bowlers bat somehow succeeded in leveling the score with one wicket in hand in 40 overs.

wickets for 13.

Sajjad, Saikat, Mehdi and Nirmal made 26, 15, 12 and 10 respectively. Sylhet were directly placed

in the semifinals while Tangail beat Sunamganj in the quarterfinals on February 25, the inaugural day of this year's youth cricket championship. Four other teams moved

into their respective zonal semifinals yesterday. They were Nawabganj, Dhaka, made 31 and Opi remained Patuakhali and Joypurhat. unbeaten on 21.

At the Jhenidah Stadium, Nawabganj registered a mas-Patuakhali registered an sive 157-run victory against exciting six-run victory against Sirajganj in the Group C quar-

amassed 241 for the loss of seven wickets in 35 overs. Jewel topscoring with 64 and Suman getting 31. Aziz and Shamsu made 26 each and Andren and Faisal

Electing to bat, Nawabgani

terfinals.

tively. Tito and Pallab evenly shared four wickets between them for 34 and 64 respec-

collected 25 and 23 respec-

Siraigani were shot out for a paltry 84 in 30.4 overs with Nannu. Tito and Mamun making 30, 16 and 15 respec-Alam, Faisal and Zahir took

two scalps each for Nawabganj. The victory pits Nawabganj against Mymensingh in the group semifinal tomorrow. At the Tangail Stadium Dhaka defeated Chuadanga by

six wickets to qualify for the Group B semifinals. Dhaka will now play Rajbari Batting first Chuadanga

were all out for a meagre 121

in 44.1 overs with Khoka, Rinku and Tutul scoring 26, 16 and 14 respectively. Opt and Biplab (Sr) claimed three wickets apiece for 19

Dhaka needed only 21.1 overs to make 125 with six wickets to spare. Biplab (Jr) topscored with 50 while his senior namesake

and 32 respectively.

Zakir captured three wickcts for 23 for Chuadanga.

Bhola to qualify for the Group D semifinals at the Satkhira Stadtum. Patuakhali will now take on Khulna tomorrow Sent in to bat, Patuakhali made 194 for the loss of nine

wickets in 42 overs, three

overs short of the stipulated 45, with Kishan scoring 42, Kabir 37 and Manaj 31. Momin bagged three wick-

ets for 28. In their turn Bhola were restricted to 188 for nine

wickets in 42 overs. Arun topscored with 51 while Robin and Biswajit got 21 and 19 respectively.

At the Thakurgaon Stadium, Joypurhat received a walkover against Faridpur in the Group E quarterfinals in the other

match of the day. Joypurhat will face Pabna in the semifinals tomorrow.

TODAY'S MATCHES Comilla: Chittagong vs Manikgani Tangail: Sherpur vs Kushtia

Jhenidah: Comilla vs Satkhira Satkhira: Jhenidah vs Bakergan Thakurgaon: Gaibandha vs Dinajpur

Title retained SEOUL, Feb 27: South

Korea's Moon Sung-Kil retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-flyweight title with a first round victory against Hilario Zapata of Panama in Seoul on Saturday.