

Sport

Nat'l youth cricket results

Kushtia, Comilla and Gaibandha entered the final of the 13th Bestimo national youth cricket championship...

Pioneer soccer

Nakhalpara Jubo Kalyan Sangha registered a massive 7-1 victory over Kurmitola Appolo Sangha...

Japan beat China in relay marathon

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Feb 28: Izumi Maki overtook a Chinese runner on the fifth leg and Japan's national team held on for a 48-second victory...

Maki, Japan's top woman runner at 10,000 metres, overtook China's Wang Huabi and Junko Asai...

KAAA to look into Ngugi's case

NAIROBI, Feb 28: Kenya's national athletics body said on Saturday it would appoint a tribunal next week to probe the refusal of five-time world cross country champion John Ngugi to take a random dope test...

Ngugi faces a four-year ban for refusing a random dope test. The winner of the 1988 Olympics 5,000 metres, Ngugi told journalists last week he had declined the test because the IAAF team of doctors who visited his rural home 300 kms north of Nairobi failed to identify themselves.

The KAAA barred Ngugi from competing in the national cross country championships, used to select the team for the World Championships in Spain on March 28.

Reefat nearer to IM norm

FIDE Master Reefat bin-Sattar was admiral of the International Master's (IM) norm by a half a point at the end of the eighth round of the Grandmasters' chess tournament now being held at the Jalsaghar of Purbani Hotel.

opening. Both Lodhi and Hodgson have six points with the Pakistani IM having played eight matches and the latter a game less. GM Niaz Mureshed drew with Dibeyundu Barua, another...



REEFAT... half a point away GM from across the border. Playing with white Niaz ac-

Navana super league from Mar 3

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board yesterday announced the fixtures for the Navana Premier Division super and relegation leagues.

Abahani will begin their super league campaign on March 4. They must be fired up more than usual because their opponents will be Bangladesh Biman who beat them by five wickets in the first leg.

Kalabagan, Victoria and PWD. DIV II PLAY-OFF Shantinagar 'B' were one up in their bid to carve a place among the ten super league qualifiers with a one-run win against Wanderers Club in one of the three play-off matches at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

A quick draw will cost 'em dear

LINARES, Spain, Feb 28: The organisers of the 11th Linares Grandmaster chess tournament told contestants on Saturday they would be fined for agreeing quick draws instead of playing to win, reports Reuters.

British master Malcolm Penf, who saw a fax of the Kramnik-Kasparov game disagreed, saying: "This game looks prearranged. All the moves have been analysed before."

ately, I will leave tomorrow," he said. Shirv, playing black, defended his decision to offer a draw after 21 moves to Dutchman Jan Timman in an end game where he had no advantage.



English Grandmaster Julian Hodgson, playing with the white pieces, awaits fellow countryman GM Daniel King's next move during their eighth round tie in the international Grandmasters' meet at the Jalsaghar of Purbani Hotel yesterday. The two settled for a draw. — Star photo

Fletcher sure of English success

JAMSHEDPUR, Feb 28: England's cricket manager, Keith Fletcher is confident that his boys, fresh from the Bangalore triumph, were capable of defeating the Indians in the one-day series, reports PTI.

Kiwis make one change for 2nd Test

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 28: New Zealand have made one change to their team for the second cricket Test against Australia starting at the Basin Reserve in Wellington on Thursday, reports AP.

Schools handball

The fifth schools handball championship will begin in the city from March 12. Schools which have completed entries are requested to contact the Bangladesh Handball Federation by March 4.

India bid bye to European style

NEW DELHI, Feb 28: India, eight-time Olympic champions, is reverting to the free-flowing Asian hockey style and bidding adieu to European tactics after the flop in the Barcelona Games, the team's new coach said, reports AFP.

France's second in 24 hours

PARIS, Feb 28: France notched up their second victory in 24 hours at the men's International Handball Tournament here Saturday when they beat South Korea 28-16 (13-4), reports AFP.

India play in the traditional style

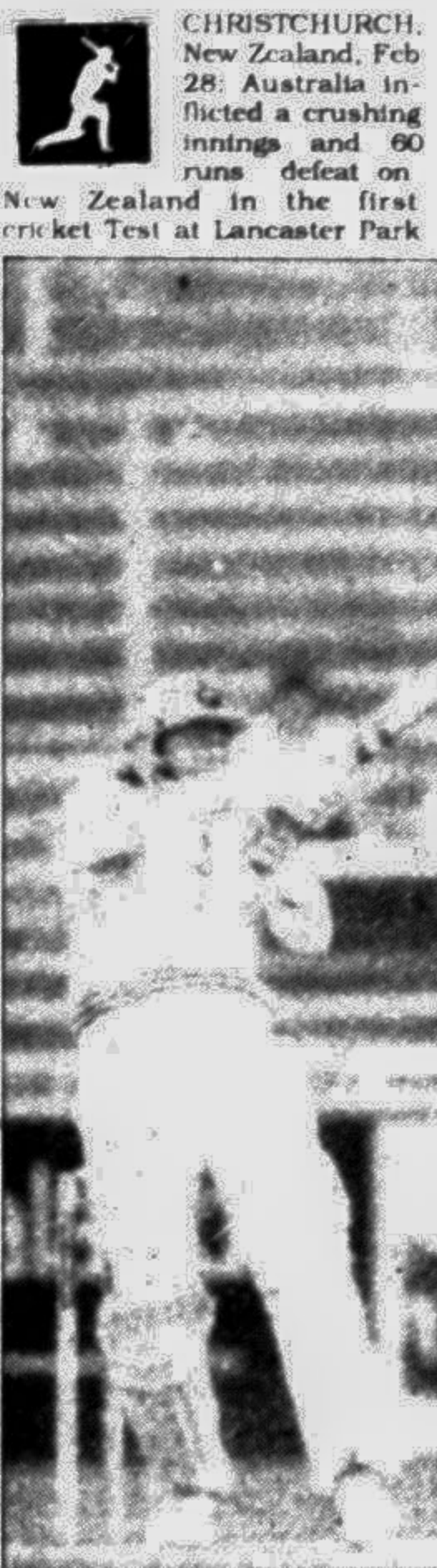
All the teams in India play in the traditional style in the domestic tournaments. This is our style and I also prefer it, he said. Harmik, a member of the Indian hockey team at the 1968 Mexico Olympics and captain in Munich four years later, said India would switch back to the subcontinental style at the Indira Gandhi tournament in Bombay next month.

Manchester's European teams played defence-oriented hockey

English city of Manchester, and would go it alone. They added they would set up a rival chess professionals' association to receive offers by March 19.

Aussies win by an innings and 60 runs

Rutherford's brave ton in vain



Kiwi batsman Ken Rutherford hooks for four during the fourth day's play in the first cricket Test against Australia at the Lancaster Park, Christchurch yesterday. Rutherford's gritty 102 failed to salvage the Kiwis as they were beaten by an innings and 60 runs. — AFP photo



Warne then claimed four wickets, having Chris Cairns caught at slip for 21, Adam Parore taken at short leg for five and bowling Patel for eight. He then undid Rutherford with a sharp turning delivery which the batsman touched to wicket-keeper Ian Healy.

In one over he off-drove Warne for four and then smashed him straight over the sight-screen for six. He hit nine fours and one six in his four-hour innings — his third Test century.

New Zealand had started the day at 37 for three and their near hopeless task became worse when Hughes quickly dismissed Crowe lbw for 14, the second time in the match he had taken Crowe's wicket. Rutherford's brave ton in vain.

SCOREBOARD: Australia: First innings 485. New Zealand: First innings 182. New Zealand: Second innings...

Result: Australia won by an innings and 60 runs.

FIDE may sue Kasparov, Short

ZURICH, Feb 28: The international chess federation FIDE has threatened to sue world champion Garry Kasparov and challenger Nigel Short for planning their own title clash outside the auspices of the world body, reports Reuters.

Manchester's European teams played defence-oriented hockey

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 late on Friday from its headquarters in Lucerne, Switzerland.

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odds with the sedate, cerebral nature of the game. This should be seen as the players versus the officials. If the players are with us, then that's it, FIDE will be finished," Short, Britain's first title challenger this century, told Reuters while on a visit to Athens.

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the amateur body that runs their affairs has been played out before.

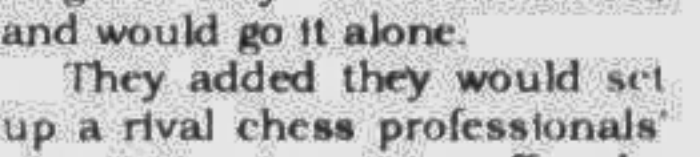
In 1989, the Grandmasters' Association founded by Kasparov tried to take control of the world championship cycle.

It eventually backed down under pressure from FIDE, prompting Kasparov to quit the association.

Short said there would be no repeat this time. There will be no compromise between ourselves and FIDE. We plan to create something entirely new. We are not trying to take over FIDE, its organisations or its structures," he said.

Kasparov's own grievance against FIDE goes back to 1985, when Campomanes, citing exhaustion on the part of the players, halted Kasparov's challenge against then champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union when he was heading for victory.

Later, after finally becoming champion, Kasparov led an unsuccessful bid to oust Campomanes.



GARRY KASPAROV



NIGEL SHORT