Nat'l youth cricket results

Sports Reporter

Kushtia, Comilla and Gaibandha entered the zonal finals of the 13th Beximco national youth cricket championship now being held across the

Yesterday, Kushtia crushed Sherpur by nine wickets at Tangail. Batting first Sherpur made 116 for six wickets from their quota of 45 overs. Kushtia reached the target in 22.1 overs for the loss of one wicket.

At Jhenidah, Comilla DSA beat Satkhira by six wickets. Satkhira were all out for 127 in 42 overs. Comilla overhauled the score in 38.4 overs for the loss of four wickets.

Gaibandha DSA defeated Dinajour by four wickets at Thakurgaon.

Chittegong DSA reached the semifinal of Group A with a sixwicket victory against Manikgani DSA at Comilla.

Batting first, Manikgani were shot out for 61 in 27.7 overs. Chittagong made 62 for four in 20,2 overs.

Pioneer soccer

Nakhalpara Jubo Kallyan Sangha registered a massive 7victory over Kurmitola Appolo Sangha in the Janata Bank Metropolis Pioneer loot ball league at the Banani Chairmanbari ground vesterday, reports UNB.

At the Jagannath College ground. Mukta Bihanga beat Pardogar SC by a solitary goal while Mokimbazar KC drew goalless with Nawabganj SC.

In the other matches of the day, Kasaituly Samaj Kallyan Parishad beat Spondon KC 1-0 at the Lalmatia Boys' High School ground; Sutrapur SC defeated Aghanagar PMS 2-0 at the Dhupkhola ground: Nawabkatara KC beat Dhaka Dynamo Club 2-0 at the Dhanmondi Club ground; and Lalbagh TS beat Ratnbow AC 1-0 at the Outer Stadium.

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 Sunday in the 11th Yokohama International Women's Ekiden, a relay marathon, reports AP. Japan's six runners covered

the 42 195 kilometres (26 miles, 385 yards) through the streets of Yokohama in 2 hours, 17 minutes, 6 seconds.

China, which led from the second leg until Maki surged ahead, placed second among the 19 teams from 10 nations in 2:17.54.

Maki, Japan's top woman runner at 10,000 metres overtook China's Wang Huabi, and Junko Asai, winner of the 1993 Osaka International Marathon, held the lead through the anchor leg. It was Japan's second vic-

tory in the annual race. It also won in 1990. China won in 1989 and 1991. Russia was third Sunday in

2:18.50. Olga Bondarenko, the 1988 Olympic gold medalist at 10,000 metres, narrowed the gap behind China to 22 seconds but couldn't catch up. Bondarenko anchored the

winning Commonwealth of Independent States team last

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-times world cross country champion John Ngugi to take a random dope test, reports Reuter.

Kenya Amateur Athletics Association (KAAA) secretarygeneral David Okeyo told reporters, a meeting on Tuesday would name the tribunal that would submit its report to the world's athletics governing body in three months.

"In the meantime Ngugi is automatically out of competition," Okeyo said.

Okeyo said there would be no pressure on the tribunal to complete its work in a hurry and the association would fully back any decision taken by the IAAF after the hearings.

"A hearing is intricate. We must know the circumstances. We must understand what really happened from all parties concerned," Okeyo told re-

porters. 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. Ngug said he had never taken drugs and did not know how serious the refusal was until he was barred from the team selection meeting.

Reefat nearer to IM norm

Sports Reporter

Master opening -Both Lodhi and Hodgson have six points with the Pakistani IM having played Master's (IM) eight matches and the latter a game less. GM Niaz Murshed drew

Reefat bin-Sattar

was adrift from

the International

norm by a half a

point at the end of the eighth

Purbani Hotel.

Rahman Champak.

ponent in 46 moves.

Bangladeshi IM Zillur Rahman

Champak in his scheduled en

counter for the day. Playing

with black pieces Lodhi won in

48 moves against Champak

who began with a Guico Piano

Division super and relegation

begins from March 3

Wednesday, with Abahani Krira

Chakra taking on Brothers

Abahani Krira Chakra fin-

ished the first phase of this

year's Navana league with 18

points from ten matches - two

points clear of their nearest ri-

vals - reigning champions

Mohammedan Sporting Club

position in the points table

with an emphatic eight-wicket

victory against arch-rivals

Mohammedan Sporting Club,

last year's champions, on

opponent in the inaugural su-

per league tie, managed ten

points from as many outings in

be eager to be at par with

ament told conte-stants on

Saturday they would be fined

for agreeing quick draws

instead of playing to win, re-

Vassily Ivanchuk, Alexeis

Shirov and Vlladimir Kramnik,

Luis Rentero, said 100,000 pe-

satas (dollar 850) would be

deducted from their appear-

ance fees under a "fighting

clause" in their contracts stip-

ulating that at least 40 moves

should be played before a draw

aroused by a fourth round

which produced five draws out

drew with world champion

Garri Kasparov by repetition of

position after only 19 moves,

said he would protest against

it's a question of justice",

Kramnik said, adding: "I would

probably have lost if I had

"It's not a matter of money,

Rentero's anger was

Kramnik, 17, a Russian who

in letters to three players,

Brothers Union, Abahani's

Mohammedans who will

LINARES, Spain

Feb 28: The orga-

niser of the 11th

Linares Grandma

ster chess tourn-

Abahani captured the top

and Gulshan Youth Club.

February 26.

the first phase.

ports Reuter.

can be agreed.

of the seven games.

the threatened fine.

played on."

Union at the Dhaka Stadium.

.The six-team super league

The Bangladesh

Cricket Control

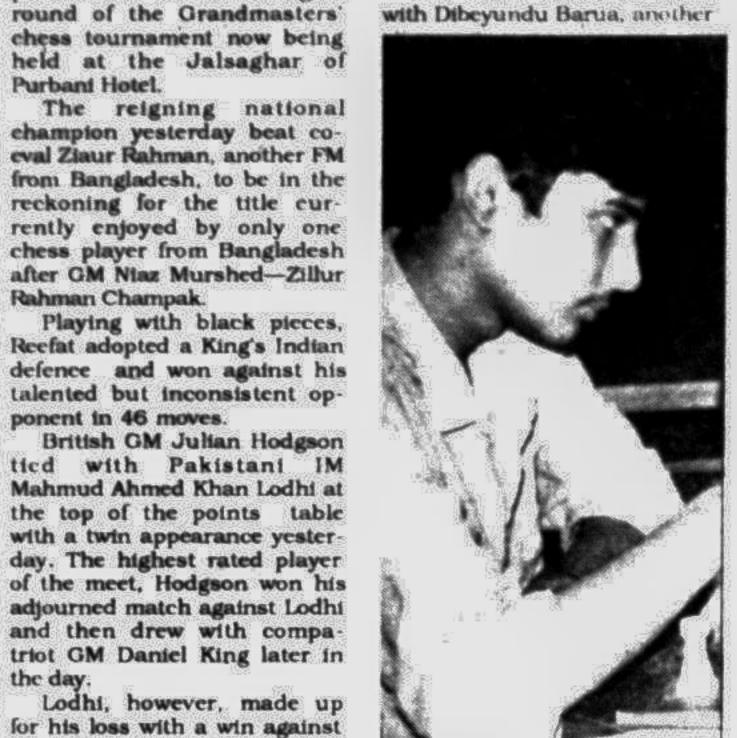
Board yesterday

announced the

fixtures for the

Navana Premier

the day.



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

Navana super league from Mar 3

Sports Reporter

Abahani, wili begin their super

league campaign on March 4

They must be fired up more

than usual because their oppo-

nents will be Bangladesh

Biman who beat them by five

The six super league con-

Meanwhile, the relegation

league comprising the last five

finishers of the first phase of

the eleven-team Navana will

start their existential struggle

on the same day, but at a dif-

Surja Tarun Club will meet

The relegation league is

scheduled to be over with the

holding of the last match be-

tween Udity Club and Victoria

Sporting Club on March 14.

four days ahead of the sup-

posed culmination of the

Navana super league with

Mohammedan and Abahani

are Udity, Surja Tarun,

The five relegation teams

British master Malcolm

Pent, who saw a fax of the

Kramnik. Kasparov game dis-

agreed, saying: "This game

looks prearranged. All the

moves have been analysed be-

vian, was angrier than

Kramnik, "If Rentero does not

withdraw this threat immedi-

France's second

in 24 hours

notched up their second vic

tory in 24 hours at the men's

International Handball Tour-

nament here Saturday when

they beat South Korea 28-16

drew 25-25 with Austria, in

Gardent (4), Volle (2), Perreux

(2). Richardson (6), Munier

(2), Stoecklin (2), Monthurel

(2), Kyu-Chang (1), Bum-Yon

(7), Kang-Wook (2), Sung-Jin

(3), Schaaf (4), Lepetit (3).

(1) scored for the Koreans.

They now face Sweden, who

The French scorers were

Young-Sun (3), Young-Shing

On Friday France beat

(13-4), reports AFP.

today's final.

Austria 25-24.

PARIS, Feb 28: France

Shirov, a 20-year-old Lat-

clashing on March 18.

'all-losers' Public Works

Department (PWD) at the

Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

ferent venue.

testants are Abahani, Moham-

medans, Gulshan Youth, GMCC.

Biman and Brothers Union.

wickets in the first leg.

cepted the offer for a draw after 14 moves in a game of the Queen's gambit accepted.

Indian IM Neeral Kumar Mishra drew with compatriot IM Arun Vaidya. Mishra, who played with black pieces. adopted the King's Indian defence and the match ended in a stalemate after 59 moves.

The clash between GM David Norwood and Indian V Koshi was adjourned after 60 moves.

After the eighth round, Lodhi and Hodgson have six points each from eight and seven matches respectively.

Reefat has five and half from his eight and the young FM needs another two and a half points for his OM norm. However, with three tough encounters lying ahead Reefat would do well to earn the half point he needs to secure his M norm.

Niaz and King have five points from seven and eight matches respectively. David Norwood, another English GM, has four from seven matches. Koshi and Zia have three and a half points from seven and eight matches respectively. Dibyendu Barua has two

and a half from eight outings. Both Mishra and Vaidya have two points each from eight encounters apiece. Zillur Rahman Champak completes the tally with a miserly half of a point from eight matches.

Kalabagan, Victoria and PWD.

DIV II PLAY-OFF

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

to score 146 in 35 overs with

Tuhin (sr) top scoring with 35.

Asad made 28 and Raja scored

for 19 runs. Hassan Mahmud

Rana bagged three wickets

In a thrilling second hall

contest Wanderers could

muster 145 for eight wickets.

Jahangir scored 39 and Hassan

chipped in with 28. Shafiq was

the other notable scorer with

in Shantinagar's innings, took

two for 25. Bappi was the

other wicket taker with two

DOIIS are fighting for the two

places in the ten-team super

league. Eight teams have al-

ately, I will leave tomorrow,"

fended his decision to offer a

draw after 21 moves to

Dutchman Jan Timman in an

end game where he had no ad-

honest game " he said. "This is

terrible. I came here to play

chess, not to get involved in

taken to task, Timman replied,

I never sign contracts with

fighting clauses. I am trusted

The first bloodless fight of

the day ended when Ukrainian

Ivanchuk, the other recipient

of Renteros' penalty notice,

offered a draw to Russian Artur

with honour from Saturday's

lacklustre show was Russian

Evgeny Bareev, who defeated

Yugoslav Ljubomir Ljubojevic in

36 moves, finishing with a fine

black, adjourned against fellow

Russian Alexander Belyasky.

They were expected to play

Boris Gelefand, playing

- Star photo

The only player to emerge

Yusupov after 20 moves.

"It was a fair result in an

Asked why he had not been

Shirov, playing black, de-

ready booked their berths.

Wanderers, Shantinagar and

Tuhin (sr), who batted well

Shantinagar 'B' batted first

Stadium yesterday.

took two for 47.

for 25.

vantage.

conflicts."

to play to win."

rook sacrifice.

out their game today

Shantinagar B were one up

Fletcher sure of English success

JAMSHEDPUR, Feb 28 England's cricket manager, Keith Fletcher is confident that his boys, fresh from the Hangalore triumph, were capa ble of defeating the Indians in the one day series, reports

"We have a good one day side and have a fair chance of winning the series if we show the same form," Fletcher told reporters here on the eve of the fourth one-day international cricket match against

Asked whether England would persists with its new strategy of an all team bowling attack Fletcher said. 'We are playing to a plan. We believe that our main strength lies in pace bowling and we will concentrate on that.

He also said England would most probably retain the same team that won the Bangalore one dayer on Friday. The visitors would announce their final line up later in the evening

The visiting team manager expressed satisfaction with the one-day pitches and said the Jamshedpur track was ideal for instant cricket as it will favour the batsmen. "Except the pitch in the second one dayer at Chandigarh where the ball did all kinds of tricks, the pitches so far have been good," he added

Kiwis make one

change for 2nd Test CHRISTCHURCH. New Zcaland, Feb 28: New Zcaland

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

Australia took a 1-0 lead in the three-Test series with an emphatic innings and 60-run victory Sunday at Lancaster

Batsman Chris Harris, who was 12th man, was the only casualty being replaced by medium pacer Willie Watson.

The New Zealand team: Martin Crowe (captain), Mark Greatbatch, John Wright, Andrew Jones, Ken Rutherford, Chris Cairns, Adam Parrore, Dipak Patel, Willie Watson, Danny Morrison, Michael Owens, Murphy Su'a.

Schools handball

Sports Reporter

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

A quick draw will cost 'em dear NEW DELHI, Feb 28: India, cight-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.

> "I do not believe in defensive play. It is not our style," Harmik Singh said Saturday in the northwestern Indian desert city of Bikaner, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

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 Candhi tournament in Bombay next month.

The European style adopted by his predecessor Balkishen Singh flopped in Barcelona last year when India matched its previous worst performance by finishing seventh. Harmik said European

teams played desence-oriented hockey and depended on penalty corners in a style evolved mainly to counter freeflowing forwards from India and Pakistan. "But we don't have any Bovelanders here," he said in a

corner specialist Floris-Jan Bovelander, one of the hardest hitters of the ball. Harmik said he also did not approve of a defender moving up in an attempt to score— a tactic favoured by former cap-

reference to Dutch penalty

Singh, who retired after Barcelona "The players should use minimum possible energy. It is better to pass on first time and keep on changing possession of the ball. This will cause

tain and ace half-back Pargat

less exhaustion," he said. His predecessor Balkishen borrowed the "total hockey" concept from European teams in the belief that it would put India back on top, but lost his

job after Barcelona. Arch rival Pakistan won Asia's only hockey medal in the Spanish city- a bronzeby sticking to traditional Asian. Aussies win by an innings and 60 runs

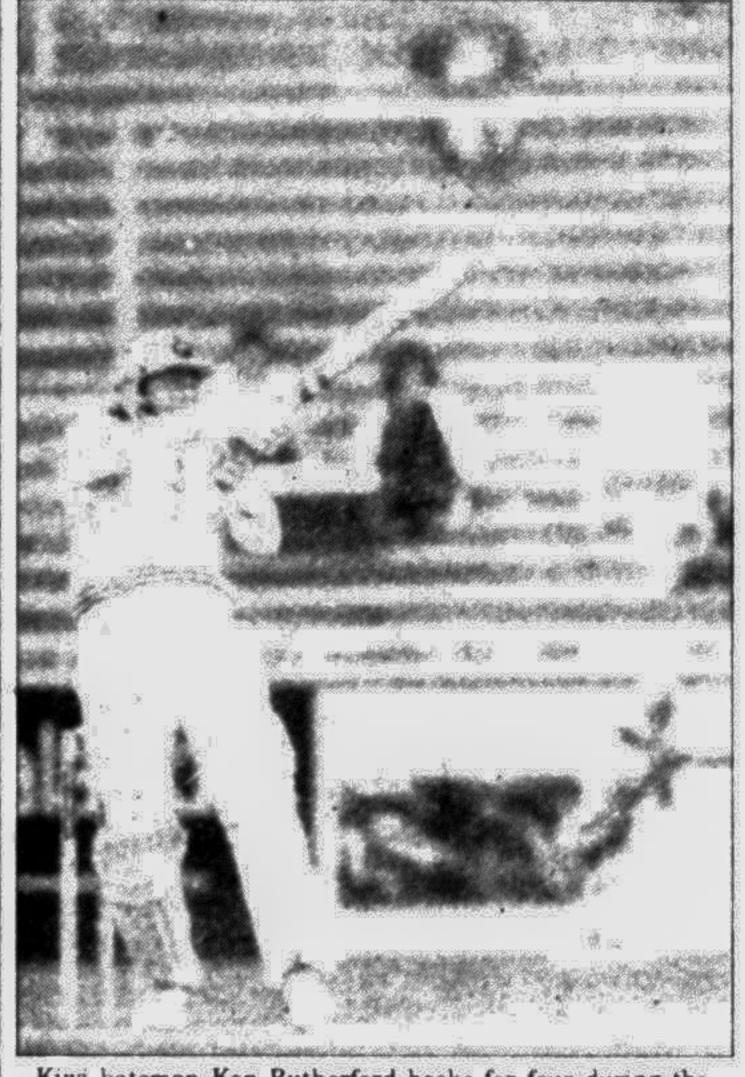
Rutherford's brave ton in vain



CHRISTCHURCH. New Zcaland, Feb 28. Australia inflicted a crushing

innings and 60 runs defeat on New Zealand in the first cricket Test at Lancaster Park

In a disciplined display, he rarely bowled a loose ball and none of the batsmen mastered the blond 23-year old. He extracted sharp turn at times, bowling Dipak Patel around his



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

today, reports Reuter. New Zealand crumbled in a second lackluster batting display, with the exception of Ken Rutherford, to the spin of Shane Warne and the pace of Mery Hughes and Craig McDermott to be all out for

243 in their second, innings shortly after tea. For Australia, it was their first Test win in New Zealand since 1982 and they are well set to win the three-match series, something they have

never done in New Zealand. "We've just let ourselves down full stop," New Zealand captain Martin Crowe told a news conference. "Mentally we must pick ourselves up."

Both Crowe and Australian skipper Allan Border acknowledged that the game's first session, when New Zealand failed to take advantage of bowling on a green wicket, was a turning point.

Australia made 485 and New Zealand replied with just 182. Warne, who won the second Test for Australia against the West Indies earlier in the season with seven for 52, won the man-of-the-match award with four for 63 in the second innings and match figures of

"He created problems for all our batsmen," Crowe said. Of the New Zealand bats men only Rutherford came out



S WARNE ... man-of-match

of the match with credit. After scoring 57 in the first innings. he made 102 in the second scoring with stylish drives and

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 be rame worse when llughes quickly dismissed Crowe Ibw for 14, the second time in the match he had taken Crowe's wicket 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 He then undid Rutherford

with a sharp turning delivery which the batsman touched to wicket-keeper lan Healy.

Murphy Sua'a held the Australians up for a time as he hit lustily for a Test best of 44 until Huges bowled him with the second new ball. While Warne won the man-

of the match award, the game was a triumph for Border, personally and as captain.

Australia were under pres sure to win after their 2-1 loss to the West Indies, but the match will mainly be remembered for the moment on Friday when Border reached 50 to overtake Surill Gavaskar's record of 10, 122 runs in Test cricket and become the most prolific Test scorer.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first cricket Test between Australia and New Zealand at Lancaster Park to-

AUSTRALIA: First innings NEW ZEALAND: First in-

nings 182 NEW ZEALAND: Second in-

M. Greatbatch c Reiffle b

llughes J Wright b McDermott A Jones e Border b McDermott M Crowe lbw b Huges K Rutherford c Healy b Warne C.Cairns c Taylor b Warne A Parore c Boon b Warne D Patel b Warne M Su'a b Hughes D Morrison c Healy b Hughes M Owens not out Extras: (nb-4, lb-2) Total:

Fall of wickets: 1-0: 2-19: 3-24; 4-51; 5-92; 6-110; 7-144; 8-190; 9-242 Bowling:

lughes McDermott 19 Reiffel S. Waugh Warne M Waugh Man-of-the-match: Shane Warne

Result: Australia won by an innings and 60 runs.

the amateur body that runs

their affairs has been played

Association founded by Kas-

parov tried to take control of

In 1989, the Grandmasters'

out before.

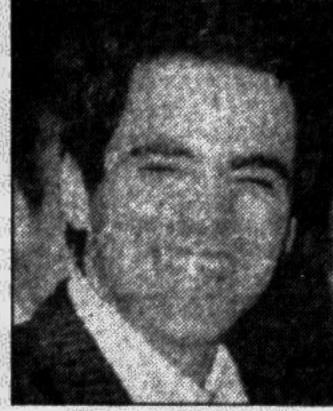
FIDE may sue Kasparov, Short

ZURICH, Feb 28: The international chess federation

FIDE has threatened to sue world champion Garri Kasparov and challenger Nigel Short for planning their own title clash outside the auspices of the world body, 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 late on Friday from its headquarters in Lucerne, Switzerland. Earlier that day, Kasparov

and Short had declared their objections to the way FIDE awarded the world final to the



GARRI KASPAROV

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.

The move and FIDE's reaction marked the latest round in a long-running struggle between the world body and chess professionals trying to control their livelihood.

And it maintained chess's record of inducing emotions at

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 chal lenger this century, told Reuters while on a visit to Athens.

Kasparov, who has a history of clashes with FIDE president Florencio Campomanes over players' rights, maintained a stony silence at the Grandmaster chess tournament in Linares, Spain. Short and Kasparov have

not hidden their dislike for each other in the past, but the Briton said he had received an enthusiastic response when putting the idea to Kasparov after hearing Manchester had been given the final.

We were never consulted. They just informed us and gave us a date for Manchester. Then we found out there had been two bids from London which we had never heard about," Short said.

Manchester had successfully offered FIDE a prize fund of 2.54 million Swiss francs (1.7 million dollar).

FIDE said Kasparov, born in Azerbaijan but representing Russia, had been consulted on all three bids, and agreed with Campomanes that only Manchester's fulfilled FIDE regulations.

And it said Short's adviser, Lubsoh Kavalek, had also been informed of the bids - as agreed with Short since the Briton was travelling at the time - and commented that Manchester's was the only ac-

A similar clash between the small number of players who earn a living from chess and

ceptable bid with a bank guar-

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

trying to take over FIDE, its organisations or its structures," he said. Kasparov's own grievance

FIDE. We plan to create some-

thing entirely new. We are not



NIGEL SHORT

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.

