LINARES, Spatn, March 1: World champton Garri Kasparov moved into joint first place in the Linares Grandmaster chess tournament on Sunday when he drew with Russian Artur Yusupov in a marathon 11-hour clash lasting 118 moves, reports Reuter.

The game began on Friday and was adjourned after six hours play, with Kasparov enjoying the advantage of rook for bishop and pawn and good winning chances but no clear path to victory.

Kasparov himself knew he had a long and hard task ahead. On his way to the resumption at 1400 GMT on Sunday, he said: I am going to play this endless game. It will take at least four hours to win.

Kasparov looked determined as he hunched forward. resting his head on folded arms and grimacing as he scanned the broad for the best moves, while Yusupov strolled casually around the playing

A win would have given Kasparov three points from four games and the sole lead, so it was no surprise that he persisted for so long.

But he was unable to overcome Yusupovs determined resistance.

thought Kasparov would win, but analysis showed it was not so easy after all, commented Latvian Alexei Shirov.

Kasparov has now produced both the longest and the shortest games in the tournament. On Saturday he drew against Kramník in only 19 moves.

The other unfinished game between Alexander Belyavsky and Boris Gelfand was agreed drawn in less than an hour, after a total of 68 moves.

Players threatened with fines by organiser Luis Rentero for agreeing quick draws instead of playing to win, breathed more easily on Sunday when it was announced that the penalty had been withdrawn.

I've made my point, said Rentero through an interpreter.

The tournament continues.

Shantinagar B in Division Two super league

Sports Reporter

Shantinagar 'B' qualified for the super league of this year's Second Division cricket league in the second of the three play-off matches with a 26-run win against DOHS at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Tuhin (Sr) turned in a fine all-round performance to help his side to a win. He scored 92 off 78 balls with the help of seven fours in the Shantinagar innings of 191 for six wickets off the stipulated quota of 35

Bhutto was the next highest scorer with 57, made with the help of six fours. Raja was the only other batsman to reach the double figures with ten not

Shantu, Faisal and Tasnim were the successful DOHS bowlers claiming two wicket

Tuhin (Sr) then joined the other Shantinagar bowlers to restrict DOHS to 165 for nine wickets from their 35-overs.

Atiq was the top run-getter in the DOHS innings with 31, followed by Mithu, Pappu and Jewel who scored 27,29 and 16 respectively.

Tuhin, Sentu and Mamun claimed two wicket apiece for Shantinagar 'B'.

Rajshahi cricket

results

Sports Reporter Mukti Sangha and Probhati

Sangha came out easy winners in their respective Rajshahi Bhorer Kagoj First Division cricket league matches yester-

At the Rajshahi Stadium, Mukti Sangha, aided by brilliant batting from Banik and Moti, outplayed Willow KC by 55 runs. Batting first, the Mukti Sangha batsmen piled up an imposing 188 for four wickets in their allotted 35 overs with Banik and Moti making 61 and 49 respectively. Jewel (28 not out) and Milon with 22 were the other notable scorers.

In reply, Willow could muster just 133 in 32.5 overs. Kamal topscored with 30 followed by Bhipu who chipped in with 23. Milon and Moti took two wickets apiece for Mukti Sangha.

In the other match of the day, at the Divisional stadium, Probhati Sangha defeated Diganta Prasari by 30 runs.

Electing to bat after winning the toss, Probhati Sangha amassed 146 for the loss of eight wickets in the stipulated 35 overs and then restricted their opponents to 116 in 32



Grandmaster Niaz Murshed making a move during yesterday's ninth round match of the United Insurance Grandmasters' chess tournament at a local hotel. Lodhi maintained his lead in the points table by beating Niaz in 50 moves. -Star photo

Reefat does it in style

Sports Reporter

FIDE Master Reefat bin-Sattar completed an elevenround norm for International Master (IM) title in style when he beat Indian IM Arun Vaidya in one of the ninth round matches of the



United Insurance Company Grandmasters' chess tournament at the Jalsaghar of Purbani hotel yesterday.

Needing only a draw to tote up half a point to his overnight collection of five and a half, Reefat did one better by

Chen sets a new triple jump mark

MOSCOW, Mar 1: Russia's Iolanda Chen set a new women's indoor triple jump record in Moscow on Sunday with a leap of 14.46 metres, ITAR-Tass news agency said. reports Reuter.

The jump, recorded during Russia's winter athletics championships, bat the previous record of 14.44 metres set by Ukraine's Sincssa Kravets in Seville almost two

INDATED, Mar 1

from a one-goal

deficit to beat

Zimbabwe 2-1

Sunday and adva-

nce to the second round of

African regional qualifying for

the 1994 World Cup, reports

1, in a game where 30 specta-

tors were injured, and

Morocco battled Tunisia to a

goalless draw, likewise send-

ing both on next-to-last day of

nearly completed the second-

round field of nine for the

African region. Cameroon's

match with Zaire at Yaounde,

Where Cameroon needed only

a draw to clinch a second-

round berth from Group B, was

postponed Sunday because the

Zatrean team could not get a

flight to the capital. The match

was supposed to be played

Zimbabwe led Egypt in

Group C entering Sunday's

game at Cairo, and needed only

a draw to advance. But Egypt's

victory gave it an identical 4-

1-1 record, but Egypt's plus-

seven goal differential was far

better than Zimbabwe's plus-

gave it the berth from Group H

also on goal differential after

finishing with an idential 3-0-1

record with Madagascar.

Morocco's draw at Casablanca

gave it a 4-2-0 record and 10

points, one better than Tunisia

the lead in 19th minute, fol-

lowed by Kalusha Bwalya in the

65th minute and Timothy

Madagascar in the 84th mi-

with no bearing on second-

round qualifying, Angola beat

Togo 1-0 in Lome in a Group C

match; Niger beat Botswana 2-

I in Group E in Niamey; and

Benin edged Ethiopia 1-0 in

Several berths were de-

Cotonou in Group F.

Fidy Rasonaivo scored for

in other games Sunday

Mwitwa in the 70th minute.

Kelvin Mutale gave Zambia

(3-3-0) in Group F.

Zambia's victory at Lusaka

Egypt, Morocco and Zambia

the first round.

Monday.

Zambia beat Madagascar 3-

Egypt rallied

a collecting a full point which considerably enhanced his possibilities of doing the needful for a GM norm. The reigning national champion who missed the bus in the Qazi Motahar Hossain tournament held in Dhaka last year, now needs one and a half point more from his remaining two

matches. In fine form lately,

Reefat yesterday beat the bald-

ing Vaidya with white pieces

in 21 pieces. Like Reefat, Pakistani IM Mahmud Ahmed Lodhi has been making most of this international meet. On top of the points table now with seven points, Lodhi yesterday beat Bangladeshi GM Niaz Murshed in 50 moves.

Now on the threshold of getting his GM norm, Lodhi played with white and beat his more illustrious opponent in a game of the Slav exchange ariation. British GM Julian Hodgson,

the highest rated player and a probable candidate for the title of this eleven-round meet, drew with Indian IM Neeraj Mishra to trail Lodhi in the points table with six and half points. Ziaur Rahman, the young

Bangladeshi FM, recorded a creditable victory against GM David Norwood, another Briton, who did not appear to be in his elements, in a Reti opening game.

However, IM Zillur Rahman Schools handball

Sports Reporter

The fifth schools handball championship will begin in the city from March 12.

Schools which have com pleted entries are requested to contact the Bangladesh Hand ball Federation by March 4.

Egypt come from behind

On Saturday, Senegal beat

Gabon 1-0 to clinch the Group

G title; Nigeria beat Congo 2-0

to earn the berth from Group

D; and Guinea, despite a 2-0

loss in Nairobi, advanced on a

better goal differential from

Group 1 in its two-leg series

Algeria won its second-

Ivory Coast, the defending

round berth with a 2-1 victory

over Ghana in Tiemcen,

African Nations Cup champion,

had clinched its berth on Jan

31 with a 1-0 victory over

Only the nine group win-

ners advance to the second

round, where they will be

drawn into three more groups

of three. They will play a

league schedule with those

second-round group winners

advancing to the World Cup fi-

nals in the United States June

Zimbabwe, at one stage play

was held up for ten minutes

when spectators began stoning

the pitch. Zimbabwe's German

coach Reinhard Fabisch was

Zimbabwe, unbeaten in five

previous World Cup encoun-

ters, started strongly and

rocked the 120,000 crowd

when they went ahead after

just five minutes through Sawa

the match with their rapid and

always-dangerous raids the

home players and supporters

became increasingly frustrated.

And when Hossam Hassan was

refused a corner in the 25th

minute, feelings boiled over

eree Jean Fidel Dirumba

looked as though he was going

to take both teams off. But

clam was restored and after a

ten-minute interruption play

terms when their striker

Ismail Youssef was brought

crashing down inside the area

in the 33rd minute and Ashraí

Egypt got back on level

For a moment, Gabon ref-

and the stoning began.

As the visitors dominated

slightly hurt in the incident.

In Cairo, where Egypt beat

17-July 17, 1994.

Mackop.

resumed.

with Kenya.

Algeria Friday night

cided Friday and Saturday.

Champak turned out to be the only disappointment for local chess lovers on a day of resounding success for Bangladesh. Playing with black he lost to English GM Dantel King after 47 moves in a game

Varugeese Koshy of India drew with compatriot GM Dybyendu Barua in a game lasted 60 moves.

of the French defence varia-

With two more rounds to go M A K Lodhi, the Pakistani IM leads the points table with seven points from nine matches. Both Hodgson and Reefat are placed second in the points table with six and a half points each, but Hodgson has a game in hand.

Niaz Murshed and Danie King have five points from eight matches each. So has Norwood from nine matches. Zia has four and half and Koshy three and half after having played eight matches apiece. Mishra has three and Barua two and a half from eight out



REEFAT BIN-SATTAR ings apiece. Vaidya has two points and Champak half a point from eight matches each.

Gassem stepped up to make no

former Liverpool goalkeeper

Bruce Grobbelaar was beaten

for a second time eight min-utes later when flossam

The visitors charged for-

ward desperately in the sec-

oud half trying to get an

equaliser, but they could not

find a way through the massed

Hassan rifled home.

Egyptian defence.

/imbabwe's experienced

mistakes with the spot kick.

Sports Reporter Three hattricks were

scored in a single match of the Janata Bank Pioneer football league when Kawran Bazar PS swamped Eastern Sporting Club by nine goals to nil at a city venue yesterday.

Nastr, Bachchu and Saidul slammed three goals each for Kawran Bazar PS. Following are the brief results of the other matches of

the day:

North zone Uttara Sporting Club beat Eskaton Sabu Sangha (Jrs) 2-0 and Badda Jagaroni Sangha drew goalless with Dipali Juba Sangha.

East zone: Swarup Krira Chakra beat Muradpur 2-0; Rayshahebazar Tarun Sangha bcat Mansur Sporting Club 2-0 and Shatadal Sporting drew goalless with Red Sun Krira Chakra.

West zone: Azimpur Kishore Sangha edged past Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha 2-1 and Badshah Smriti Sangsad shared points with KR Boys in a one-all draw.

South zone: Mirpur XI trounced Sonali Krira Sangha by seven goals to nil and Surjasikha beat Nabodoy Sangha 1-0.

Central zone: Madartek Club defeated Kendrio Kishore Kafela 3-1; Motijheel T&T Club edged Past Ek Jhak Paira 1-0 and Gulbagh Krira Chakra beat Khilgaon Juba Sangha by a solitary goal.



Action from yesterday's Pioneer soccer league match between Azimpur Kishore Sangha and Mukta Bihanga at the Outer Stadium yesterday. Azimpur won 2-1.-Star photo

Fairbrother steers England home



India, Mar 1: A limping Netl Fatrbrother, bating with a runner, hit an unbeaten 50 to

guide England to victory in the fourth one-day cricket international Against India on Thursday, reports agencies. India, batting first in the rain-curtailed 26-over-a-side

match, made 137 runs, compiled by six double-figure scores, none of which crossed England made 141 runs in 25.4 overs with the winning shot - a boundary to point -

bringing up Fairbrother's half

-century England now lead 3-1 in the six-match series after their humiliating 0-3 thrashing in the Test rubber. At best, India can level the limited overs series with wins in the remaining two matches at Gwaltor.

Fairbrother, who, first shared a 50 run partnership with Chris Lewis (25) and then an unbeaten stand of 48 with Dermot Reeve (17 n o) was hit on the right knee by medium pace bowler, Salil Ankola when the score had just crossed 43 with three batsmen back in the pavilion.

He needed treatment for several minutes and a runner from then on but, although Ankola struck him again on the same spot, he showed his customary panache and cool head in a tight limitedovers contest.

With Dermot Reeve [16 not out) proving the ideal foil, England took 10 off each of the 23rd, 24th and 25th overs, leaving them an easy five off the last. Fairbrother ended the innings with af our through the covers to bring up his 52 ball half century. India may have suffered be

cause captain Mohammad Azharuddin did not use old campaigner Kapil Dev's remaining two overs in the clos ing stages even though his. first spell of four overs gave away only 10 runs. Pioneer soccer



urbeaten 53 in the win against India at Jamshedpur vesterday... -Star TV photo

Also, Azharuddin did little to stop the singles, spreading his field out when England needed just 15 runs in two

In the 16th over, when the score was 72 for three. Fairbrother hit leg-spinner Anil Kumble for two fours - a sweep and an attempted drive that shot over the vacant slips. In Kumble's next over, Lewis despatched the ball to the point boundary

The match began nearly four hours late due to persistent rain. It was cut to 28 overs a side and then further reduced as England bowled only 26 overs in the time avail-

The match was watched by a capacity 25,000 crowd who repeatedly pelted outfielders of both teams and officials with plastic bottles and food. India's total of 137 for

seven from 26 overs did not look enough on a hard, fast pitch which gave the scam howlers plenty of encourage-They lost Manoj Prabhakar

in the therd over, run out from fine leg by Devon Malcolm's direct throw, then struggled to get the rate above four an over.

Malcolm (17 runs off six overs) was particularly tight and only Praveen Amre was able to dominate the bowling. He hooked his first ball over

the wicketkeeper for four and had made 19 in 13 balls when Graham Gooch took an excellent running catch to dismiss England's innings followed

a similar pattern with identical scores at 14 and 21 overs.

Their acceleration was provided by Fairbrother, who was well supported by Chris Lewis (25 in 30 balls) and Robin Smith, who made 17 then acted as Fairbrother's runner. England physiotherapist

Dave Roberts said Fairbrother was suffering from severe bruising 'He'll be having treatment

over the next few days and we hope he will be fit for Gwalior," Roberts said. Mike Gatting let the field

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the shortened fourth one-day interna-

early after feeling unwell and

tional between India and England at the Keenan Stadium here Monday: INDIA: Sidhu c DeFrettas B Malcolm 18-Prabhakar c Blakey b DeFreitas Kambli run out Tendulkar b Jarvis Azharuddin c Fairbrother

More not out Extras: (lb 6, nb1, w3) Total: (seven wkts. 26 overs) Did not bat: Kumble.

b Lewis

Srinath

Kapfl Dev not out

Ankola run out

Amre c Gooch b Jarvis

Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-46; 3-51; 4-96; 5 99; 6-122; 7-Bowling

DeFreitas Malcolm 0 32 Reeve Jarvis

ENGLAND:

Gooch c More b Kapil Smith run out Hick c Azharuddin b Ankola 1 Fairbrother not out Lewis Ibw b Prabhakar Reeve not out Extras: (b3, lb6, nb2, w2) Total: (for four wickets,

Defreitas, Malcolm, Jarvis Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-33; 3 43, 4 93 Bowling 10

38 Srinath Ankola Kumble 22 Result: England won by six

Man-of-the-match: Neil

Crowe offers to step down CHRISTCHURCH, him replaced. moment and I am prepared for "I would like to earry on as



Mar 1: New Zea land cricket captain Martin Cro we said Monday he is prepared to

quit as skipper after his sides crushing defeat in the first Test against Australia, reports Australia took a 1-0 lead in the three-Test series for the

Trans-Tasman trophy with an innings and a 60-run victory Sunday with more than a day to spare at Lancaster Park. Crowe had a poor game tac-

tically as well as with the bat, scoring 15 and 14. He boasts just one win in 13 matches as captain since taking the job in late 1990.

could accept a decision to have

The New Zealanders have never recovered from the retirement of Sir Richard Hadlee three years ago. Crowe said he

MARTIN CROWE

because I want to sort out the problems the side is having."

But it is not working at the

WELLINGTON, March 1: New Zealand cricket

coach Warren Lees Monday slammed his own team saying its members lack pride, reports AFP. His comments came a day

after New Zealand were thrashed by Australia who won the Test by an innings and 60 runs with a day to spare. "I don't really think some of the players cherish their

position in the team enough,"

lees said in an interview. "I think one or two may feel they're there by default, which

is a dangerous thing." Former Test wicketkeeper Lees questioned how much

some of the New Zealand play-

ers wanted to lay Test cricket. "I believe players have to have a real pride in the fact they're playing for New Zealand and that's something I think one or two of our guys have had to sit in their room and think about."

Lees also has his critics. In November he abandoned the New Zealand cricket team in Shri Lanka after a bomb ex-

ploded outside the Colombo hotel room the team was staying in. Lees led five players back home within days, leaving most of the current Test players to battle on without his support.

Lees said New Zealand's failure to fight harder to save the Australian match hurt batsman and bowlers.

he said. The national selectors, con-

on Thursday.

Watson, Danny Morrison,

Murphy Su'a, Michael Owens

and Chris Cairns, one of whom

is sure to be left out on the

more than the fact that New Zealand were not good enough "That didn't disappoint me as much as the lack of spirit,"

vener Don Neely, Ross Dykes and Lees Have, however, stuck ond Test, starting in Welington

The only change they have made from the first Test is bringing in seamer Willie Watson for batsman Chris Harris, who was 12th man last

with the same 11 for the sec-

That loads the 12 with five fast or fast medium bowlers,

Test experience.

The second Test starts in Wellington on Thursday. Allan Borders Australian

Waugh was cut attempting a wild swing at spinner Dipak Patel in Australia's tally of 485 and admitted he had been over-confident when he went

"I was disappointed with the shot I played," Waugh said Monday. "I think it was overconfidence because I played a

shot I shouldn't have played." Border has indicated that the same 11 will be retained for the second Test at the

Biplab powers Dhaka to final



An all-round pernational youth cricket championship when they registered

Stadium yesterday. Others who made their respective zonal finals yesterday were Chittagong, Chapainawabganj and Khulna.

a massive 156 run victory

against Rajbari at the Tangail

At the Tangail Stadium, batting first, Dhaka amassed 279 for the loss of nine wickcts in 44 overs with Biplab (Jr) topscoring with 85 and Opi making 76, Biplab (Jr) 25, Momin 24 and Chayan 19. Rajbari were shot out for

123 in 28 overs with Dalim, Swapnil, Sujan and Mahbub scoring 29, 27, 18 and 16 re-

Biplab (Jr) claimed three

scalps for 29 while Shamsu chipped in with two for 11. Dhaka will play Kushtia in

the Group B final tomorrow. Chittagong made the Group A final when they beat Narayangani by 13 runs in the scmifinal at the Comilla Sta-

made 140 losing eight wickets in the stipulated 45 overs. Sct to score 141 for victory

127 in 431 overs with Biddyut, Manna and Jahangir (Sr) getting 19, 18 and 16 respectively Chittagong will take on

At the Jhenidah Stadium,

Group C final. The victory pits Chapainawabgani against Comilla in

Mymensingh to reach the

tomorrow's final. Batting first Mymensingh were all out for 176 in 43

their target making 178 for eight in 42.4 overs. Chapainawabganj will meet Comilla in the Group C final

Chapainawabganj reached

tomorrow Khulna defeated Patuakhali by four wickets in the Group D semifinals.

Khulna will either play Jhenidah or Bakerganj in the final tomorrow Patuakhali, batting first

made 128 for the loss of eight wickets in 40 overs Khulna needed only 31.1

overs to score 134 with four wickets in hand.

did not bat and Alec Stewart had to withdraw before the game because of a back spasm.

25.4 overs) Did not bat: Gatting, Blakey,

Kapil Prabhakar 0 33

wickets Fairbrother

anything. I can have no argu-No. Zealand captain if I can ment with any decision the selectors might make". New Zealand selector Don Neely confirmed Crowe offered to step down during discussions in Christchurch.

> When we were discussing all the options, Martin offered the option that would the team be better served by having someone else captain it," Neely "He was looking for a way to

selected Martin as captain for the second Test obviously we disagreed with him." The New Zealand side has been unsettled since the disrupted tour of Shri Lanka last

shake the team up. As we've

November. A bomb exploded outside the teams hotel in Colombo shortly before the first Test and five key players - Rod Latham, Dipak Patel, Mark Greatbatch, Gavin Larsen and Willy Watson, as well as coach Warren Less - flew home

rather than continue the tour. Those players were replaced by John Wright, Michael Owens, Grant Bradburn and Justin Vaughan, but only Wright had significant

New Zealand lost the series to Shri Lanka and have now lost their last three successive Tests.

side received key contributions from everyone on the team in the first Test except Mark Waugh.

out to bat.

Basin Reserve.

Sports Reporter

morning of the match.

formance from Biplab (Jr) powered Dhaka to the Group B final of the Beximco 13th

> Chittagong batted first and Narayangani were shot out for

Lingail in the group final to-

Chapainawabganj recorded a two-wicket victory against