

Kasparov too good for Anand

LINALES, Spain, Mar 9: World champion Garry Kasparov upset Viswanathan Anand of India on Monday to share the lead with Anatoli Karpov, who beat Yugoslav Ljubomir Ljubicevic in the ninth round of the Linales International Chess Competition, reports AP.

Kasparov, playing white, defeated Anand in 65 moves. He earned a point to improve to 6.5 points, along with Karpov.

Anand fell from the lead to third place with 6 points.

Karpov, playing black, beat Ljubicevic in 40 moves.

The 13-round tournament, featuring 14 of the world's top players, finishes March 14. The 10th round is to be played Tuesday.

Nat'l youth cricket finals from today

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Jessore take on Jhenidah while Chittagong meet Comilla today at the Mirpur Pallabi ground and Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium respectively in the two opening matches of the Beximco 13th national youth under-19 cricket championship final round.

Eight teams are participating in the over-limit knockout tournament. The other four teams are last year's runners-up Rajshahi, Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP), Gaibandha and Dhaka.

The two semifinals will be held on March 12 and 13 while the final is scheduled for March 15.

S M Kamal, a director of the Beximco group, the sponsors of the competition, will inaugurate the meet as chief guest this morning at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Earlier, 35 teams in five groups participated in the qualifying meet with the group champions moving into the final round.

FIXTURE

Following is the fixture of the final round of this year's national youth cricket championship:

March 10 : Jessore vs Jhenidah (Mirpur Pallabi)

March 10 : Chittagong vs Comilla (DCS)

March 11 : BKSP vs Gaibandha (Mirpur)

March 11 : Dhaka vs Rajshahi (DCS)

March 12 : First semifinal (DCS)

March 13 : Second semifinal (DCS)

March 15 : The final (Dhaka Stadium)

N'ganj cricket final today

Sports Reporter

Rainbow Athletic Club play Rifle Club in the final of the Narayanganj A K M Shamsuzzoha memorial First Division cricket final at the Osmati Stadium today.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka will distribute the prizes as chief guest in the afternoon.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

A hat-trick from Bijoy Kumar powered Spandan Krira Chakra to a 5-0 victory against Mohammad Ali Krira Chakra in the Janata Bank Pioneer football league at the Lalmatia Housing Society ground yesterday.

Habib scored the other two goals for the winners.

Kalabagan Krira Chakra edged past Agrani Krira Chakra by two goals to one in the other match at the venue.

Pintu and Zahid scored for Kalabagan while Habib reduced the margin for Agrani.

Azimpur Kishore Sangha edged past Amligola Tarun Sangha by three goals to two in the most contested match of the day at the Outer Stadium.

Arambagh Kishore Sangha (Jrs) beat Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha 2-1 in the other match at the same venue.

Nasim Ahmed scored both goals for Arambagh while Faisal pulled one back for Mukta Bihanga.

At the Mahakhali T&T ground, National Football Training Club outplayed Rising Star Club by four goals to nil.

Islam, Bhuvan, Tofazzal and Amin were the scorers.

Dipali Juba Sangha, by virtue of Aminur Rashid's goal, edged past Chaitali Club in the other match at the venue.

Gulbagh Krira Chakra defeated Barmal Sangsad by three goals to nil at the Khilgaon High School ground.

Zabir, Abr and Emdad were the scorers.

Motijheel T&T Club shared points with Mugda SKS in a one-all draw at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

Arni scored for T&T Club and Rahman for Mugda.

Nobody Sangha drew goals with Apurba Juba Sangha in the other match at the venue.

Kawranbazar Pragati Sangha beat Tejaan Nabataranga by two goals to nil at the Banani ground.

Abahani will seek revenge

Sports Reporter

The Navana Premier Division super league resumes today after a day's gap with Abahani Krira Chakra meeting the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) at the Dhaka Stadium.

League leaders Abahani who have so far 20 points from 12 matches will be eager to avenge their first phase loss to the same team, but the last year's runners-up may be a bit handicapped in achieving their target as they will be without their top performer, the Sri Lankan opener Athula Samarasekara, certain to miss the match because of a disciplinary measure.

Abahani, who won this season's curtain raising meet, the Dama Summer tournament held at the Bag end of last year, maintained a clean slate until they met GMCC in the first leg of the Navana League. GMCC brought the title-aspirants down to earth with a confounding ten-wicket win on January 27.

As it has been the trend this year, Samarasekara departed early in that match and the whole team collapsed against a spirited attack on a slightly damp wicket.

Abahani recovered well from that shock and kept on winning before coming a cropper again, this time against Bangladesh Biman in their second super league tie. Biman recorded a big 76-run win after having brushed aside



A SAMARASEKARA suspended

adjudged leg before by umpire Dipu Chowdhury to Biman's opening bowler Babul. Samarasekara, who must have been in the middle of a lean patch, explained only by the law of averages after that superb match-winning knock of 167 against Mohammedans, was not happy with the decision and resented the leg before dismissal. He contended that the ball that found his pads had come off his bat.

The dissent shown by the tall former Sri Lankan Test cricketer was enough to earn him a show cause notice from the BCCB and a subsequent

one-match suspension from the unidentified match referee monitoring the conduct of the players as well as the competence of the umpires.

The match referee is the latest step of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) to establish a strict code of conduct in the wake of an alarming inclination of players towards anarchy.

Samarasekara, who will be back in action after today's match, is the second player to go through the hoop following the implementation of this new measure after Victoria Sporting's Selim Shahed.

The other two disciplinary actions - one against national skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu and the other involving former national cricketer Nadir Shah - imposed on different grounds, coincided with Samarasekara's suspension. Nannu has been stripped of the captaincy by Mohammedan Sporting Club for failing to turn up in Mohammedans' match against Biman while Kalabagan clamped down heavily with a three-year suspension on Nadir Shah for alleged violation of club discipline.

LEAGUE TABLE

Following is the points table of the Navana Premier Division cricket super league as on March 8.

Team	M	W	L	Pts
Abahani	12	10	2	20
Mohammedans	12	9	3	18
Gulshan Youth	12	8	4	16
GMCC	12	8	4	16
Biman	12	8	4	16
Brothers	12	6	6	12

Good wins for B Boys, Nirman

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Boys and Nirman Schools Eleven won their respective Second Division cricket super league encounters held at two different city venues yesterday.

Nirman, back to the foundation level after a short stay in the ether of the Senior Division, beat Wari Krira Chakra yesterday by 54 runs at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Sent in to bat, the schoolboys rattled up 226 for seven wickets from their quota of 40 overs with almost all the batsmen chipping in with useful scores. The mediocre exhibition of team effort was marked by a topscore of 34 notched by opener Dipu. As many as six of the nine batsmen who showed up out there in the middle made it to the twenties. Suman, the other opener who helped put on 75 runs for the first wickets, scored 27. Jewel, Shahidul, Sajib, Shimul were the other notable run-getters with 24, 23 not out, 22 and 21 respectively.

Biplab had a poor consolation of three wickets for the

thrashing he took at the hands of the Nirman batsmen who took 61 runs off his bowling.

Firoz bagged two for 20 and Sohel had one for 42.

Wari KC got off to bad start, losing two wickets for 20 runs but bounced back into the game with a fightback from the middle order only to lose way at the bag end.

Shahid was instrumental for Wari's brief resurgence with a calm innings of 34 before being run out. Skipper Nantu made 24 and Firoz managed 28 before the final slump. Bipul with 19 and Biplab with 11 were the other batsmen to make it to double figures before Wari were routed for 172 in 35 overs.

Nirman skipper Asad and Jewel bagged two wickets apiece giving away 43 and 29 runs respectively while Hiru, Nirmal and Apan claimed one wicket each. Nirman now have four points, having won both their super league matches so far. The defeat forced Wari to stay put with their collection of two points, attained from a win in their first match of Group X.

In the Group Y match,

Bangladesh Boys registered a three wicket win against Young Pegasus A at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

The victors, chasing Pegasus A's score of 196, reached 197 for seven wickets in 35.3 overs.

Nasim of Bangladesh Boys had a significant role in his sides second consecutive victory, having turned in a fine all-round performance. Nasim made an attacking 52, the highest score of the match, to ease the pressure off his side who were rather unhappily placed at 97 for six in 21.4 overs.

In the morning, asked to bat first, Pegasus A managed 196 for all the ten wickets from 37.2 overs. The team from Azimpur failed to consolidate after the top three batsmen had given them a satisfactory start.

Openers Delta and Javed put on 94 for the first wicket with the former topscoring with 44. Javed made 30 and one down Liton kept the good work with a breezy innings of 40 off as many balls.

However, the batting caved in after that and from 131 for 196, Pegasus were all out for 196.

Azad and Ujjal of Bangladesh Boys caused the debacle taking three wickets apiece.

Azad took three for 38 and Ujjal three for 27. Babla took two for 43. Although Nasim was not as successful as his peers wicket-wise he, too, turned the screw on with figures of one for 19 from eight overs.

Bangladesh Boys were rocked early in their quest for 197 runs but Nasim, with a bit of help from opener Tapu, brought themselves right back into the game. Nasim made 52 and Tapu 22 but it still required a fine rearguard action to see them through as a mid-innings collapse threatened to gum up the works of the chasers.

Murshed was the most successful bowler for Pegasus A with figures of three for 28. Palaash, Javed and Shaheer took one wicket each.

While Bangladesh Boys now have four points, Pegasus A are yet to open their super league account after two matches.

Martina makes a difference

NEW YORK, Mar 9: Martina Navratilova, currently ranked No 5 in the world in women's tennis, has been named the "Player Who Makes A Difference" for her offcourt achievements, reports AP.

The veteran left-hander will receive the award at centre court ceremonies at the Family Circle Magazine tournament held March 29-April 4. It was announced Monday by tournament director Dede Patterson.

The "Player Who Makes A Difference" award was created last year by Family Circle Magazine to honour the efforts of the Women's Tennis Association member who made the most outstanding contributions of time and energy to worthy causes.

"It is important to recognize and honour women tennis players who find time in their busy schedules to give something back to their communities and charitable organizations," said Valerie Salembier, Family Circle Magazine publisher. "We are thrilled that Martina won the award this year. She truly is a legend both on and off the court."

The winner of 162 tournament titles, the most of any player, man or woman, Navratilova has most recently been involved with the Grassroots Experience, a group that takes children from the inner-city and Indian reservations to spend a day skiing in Aspen, where she makes her home.

She also is involved in Make-A-Wish foundation for terminally ill children; is active with In God We Trust, an AIDS charity where she donated all her winnings from the 1991 Virginia Slims Championship victory; the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation and RESPONSE, a centre for battered women in Aspen.

Navratilova was selected in balloting by members of the United States Tennis Writers' Association from six finalists,

including Elise Burgin, Chris Evert, Arantxa Sanchez

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Vicario, Monica Seles and Pam Shriver. The finalists were nominated by player representatives and agents.

WTA's top 20

- ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Mar 9:** Top 20 women's tennis players, according to rankings issued by the Women's Tennis Association on Monday:
1. Monica Seles (Yugoslavia)
 2. Steffi Graf (Germany)
 3. Martina Navratilova (US)
 4. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (Spain)
 5. Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina)
 6. Jennifer Capriati (US)
 7. Mary Joe Fernandez (US)
 8. Conchita Martinez (Spain)
 9. Jana Novotna (Czech Republic)
 10. Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere (Switzerland)
 11. Anke Huber (Germany)
 12. Nathalie Tauziat (France)
 13. Mary Pierce (France)
 14. Helena Sukova (Czech Republic)
 15. Katerina Maleeva (Bulgaria)
 16. Amanda Coetzer (South Africa)
 17. Magdalena Maleeva (Bulgaria)
 18. Zina Garrison-Jackson (US)
 19. Natalia Zvereva (Belarus)
 20. Julie Halard (France)

Crowe calls for killer instinct

AUCKLAND, Mar 9: New Zealand cricket captain Martin Crowe urged his team Tuesday to use "killer instinct" when they face Australia in the third Test, which starts Friday in Auckland, reports AP.

Australia hold a 1-0 lead in the three-Test series and New Zealand need to win the final Test to tie the series.

"We mustn't aim too high, but aim to be competitive and if we get in a situation in the match which we can jump on - obviously we'd love that," Crowe said.

"I'd like to think we can continue to progress and build on the confidence we've got."

New Zealand have a good recent record against Australia at Eden Park, winning Tests in 1981-82 and 1986.

Australia, meanwhile, have to decide whether to recall Damien Martyn at the expense of out-of-form Mark Waugh.

Waugh managed scores of just 13 and 12 in the first two Tests.

Martyn had a solid debut series against the West Indies, but has been 12th man for the first two Tests in New Zealand.

"I have to keep training and wait," Martyn said.

"I'm looking forward to playing whenever I can because you want to get out there."

"It's hard to say how I'm going because we haven't had good nets over here, but I'm hitting the ball all right and I just have to take it from there."

Bright Star's title

Sports Reporter

Bright Star Club emerged as champions in the Rajshahi Bhoer Kagaj First Division cricket league beating Raninagar Club by two wickets in the final at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday, according to a message received in Dhaka.

Electing to bat, Raninagar Club were all out for a poor 116 in 37.3 overs, 2.3 overs short of the stipulated 40, with Shaheer topscoring with 31 and Nayan and Shuvra getting 17 and 15 respectively while extras added 18 to the total.

Apple with four wickets for 27 ripped through the Raninagar batting line up while Ehtesham with 2 for 22 and Latu with two for 21 lent him able support.

Bright Star reached the target making 117 losing eight wickets in 39.3 overs.

Golla remained unconquered on 55 and Latu made 12 while extras contributed 23 bonus runs to the Bright Star total.

Qari and Nayan evenly shared four wickets between them for 12 and 28 respectively while Bablu and Dipu took a wicket apiece for Raninagar Club.

Glue gliff

LONDON, Mar 9: Table tennis officials are cracking down on the use of glue and other solvents which can improve the performance of rackets, reports AP.

The executive committee of the International Table Tennis Federation announced measures Tuesday aimed at preventing the use of illegal substances at the May 11-23 world championships in Goteburg, Sweden.

The ITTF said players may not use rackets which contain any aromatic or chlorinated solvents. Only rubber adhesive will be permitted.

Rackets will be tested at random during the early rounds of the world championships. Rackets of all players will be tested during the late rounds.

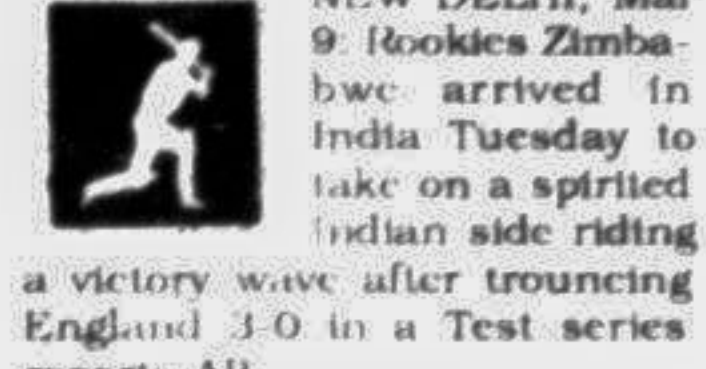
Any player caught using an illegal product on the racket will be banned from the championships, the ITTF said.

Albert Shipley, the ITTF's administrative director, said the federation had developed a special device to test rackets for illegal solvents.

He said some players have been using rubber glue on their rackets to produce a "much faster catapult effect."

Zimbabwe arrive in India

TEAMS



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NEW DELHI, Mar 9: Looking Zimbabwe arrived in India Tuesday to take on a spirited Indian side riding a victory wave after trouncing England 3-0 in a Test series reports AP.

Skipper David Houghton said his team would face difficulties adjusting to the turning track. Arriving in Bombay, he told newsmen he wanted to play more Tests than one-day matches.

Zimbabwe got Test status last year and drew their first Test at home against India last

October.

The one-off Test begins in New Delhi March 13. The visitors also will play three one-day internationals in Faridabad March 19, in Gauhati March 22, and at Pune on March 25.

The Zimbabwe team is a mixture of young and old. The oldest Test player in the world, John Traicos, 45, expects a rich haul on the turning wickets that enabled India to spinwash England.

The visitors' batting strength lies in brothers Andrew and Grant Flower and the skipper, Houghton. Kevin Arrott hammered his maiden century against New Zealand.

India made two changes in the team that humbled England, recalling off-spinner Maninder Singh. Vijay Yadav, leg spinner Venkatpathy Raju and wicketkeeper Kiran More were dropped.

India likely will rely on their spin attack once again, with three spinners in the team.

Skipper Mohammed Azharuddin and manager Ajit Wadekar were retained for the mini series.



DAVID HOUGHTON

INDIA: Mohammed Azharuddin (Captain), Navjot Sidhu, Manoj Prabhakar, Vinod Kamble, Sachin Tendulkar, Kapil Dev, Jagavallab Srinath, Anil Kumble, Praveen Amre, Maninder Singh, Vijay Yadav, Rajesh Chouhan, Woorker Raman and Ajay Sharma.

Bergkamp Dutch footballer-of-year

AMSTERDAM, Mar 9: Ajax Amsterdam's Italy-bound striker Dennis Bergkamp has been chosen Dutch 1992 footballer-of-the-year, reports Reuter.

It is the second time Dutch league players have voted for the international marksman, who is to play for Internazionale Milan starting next season. Bergkamp also won the 1991 Dutch award.

His Ajax teammate Wim Jonk, a defensive midfielder who is also moving to Internazionale next season, was runner-up. PSV Eindhoven's Brazilian striker Ramario finished third.

Ajax's 19-year-old winger Marc Overmars, who made his debut for the Netherlands against Turkey recently, was voted most talented young players of the year.

Former Dutch international Hans van Breukelen, 36 and still in goal for PSV, was voted best keeper as in the previous year.

Bergkamp's award crowns a

memorable two seasons. Current leading league scorer with 18 goals, he was joint top impression for the Netherlands with 12 goals in 19 matches.

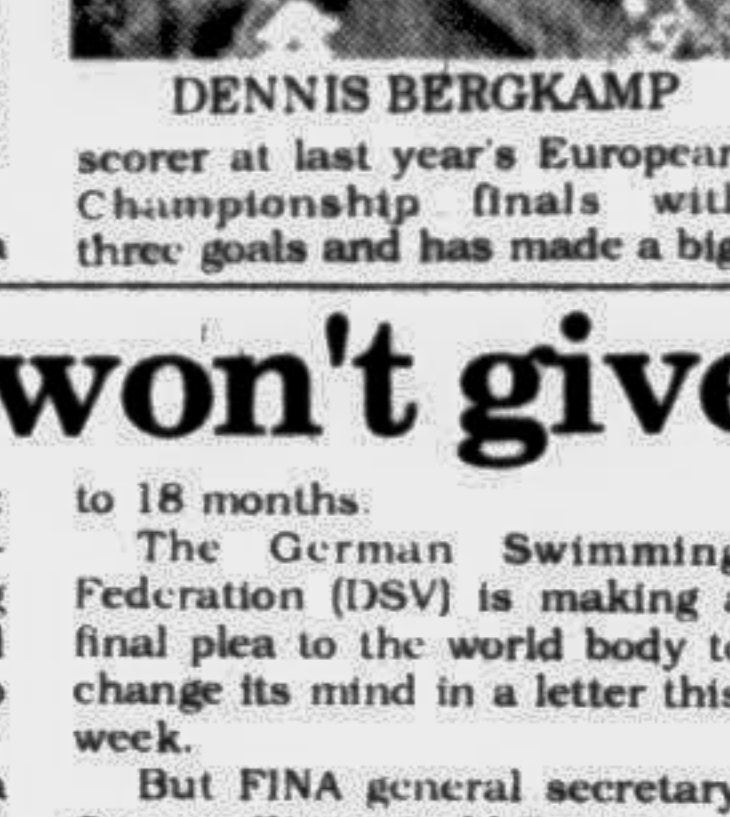
A product of the expert Ajax youth policy, Bergkamp began his football career at a little-known Amsterdam Catholic Club, together with his brothers Wim, Ronald and Marcel.

He was soon spotted by an Ajax scout, but young Dennis initially refused to go, declaring Ajax players were too cocky for his liking. But the scout persisted and after convincing his father, the nine-year-old Dennis relented.

In his junior years he played with Ajax twins Roland and Frank de Boer and Richard Witvage, who later joined Barcelona when Johan Cruyff became coach at the Spanish First Division club.

Bergkamp made his Ajax debut in 1986 at 17 under then-coach Cruyff, against Roda JC Kerkrade.

Ajax won 2-0 and although the prolific striker had to wait until his first goal, his subsequent exploits confirmed his rich promise.



DENNIS BERGKAMP

Strauss won't give in easily

BONN, Mar 9: Germany's ex-world swimming champion Astrid Strauss, who blames a positive drugs test on beer, is set for a contest in an arbitration court after the governing body FINA said on Tuesday it saw no reason to reconsider her ban, reports Reuter.

Strauss's lawyer Wolfgang Weber said on Monday the swimmer would take on FINA in the International Olympic Committee (IOC) arbitration court if it did not reverse last December's decision to increase her doping ban from six to 18 months.

The German Swimming Federation (DSV) is making a final plea to the world body to change its mind in a letter this week.

But FINA general secretary Gunnar Werner told Reuters: "I doubt whether FINA can find any grounds to change the decision. But we will wait and see what the letter says. There is no reason for considering the case right now."

Strauss, the 1986 world 800 metres freestyle champion, tested positive for the male hormone testosterone in March last year.

hormone in the body at all. Strauss has already taken the case to the German civil courts and won an injunction to swim at last year's German Olympic trials, although she did not compete at the Barcelona Games.

The 23-year-old wants to continue fighting the ban because she is determined to make the German team for the European Championships in Sheffield, England, from July 29 to August 8.

Werner said the governing body had nothing to fear from a court case.

"We would not be that pleased but what can we do about it? FINA has acted completely correctly, legally," he said. "I see no reason today to fear a court case."

The court of arbitration for sport, which is based at IOC headquarters in Lausanne, has 40 independent members and was set up to deal with disputes not covered by Olympic rules or other sports regulations.

DMFA meet

Sports Reporter

A meeting of the Senior Division soccer league committee will be held tomorrow at 4:30 pm at the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA)'s Dhaka Stadium office.

The meeting will discuss the impasse regarding the inter-club players' transfers for the 1993 Premier Division and First Division leagues.

The league committee will consider the letters of the Dhaka Metropolitan Clubs Association and Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club - the two soccer giants of the country - who pleaded that the transfers be deferred until mid April.

According to the DMFA schedule already announced the transfers are to be held from March 15 to 21.

More Germans to miss Toronto

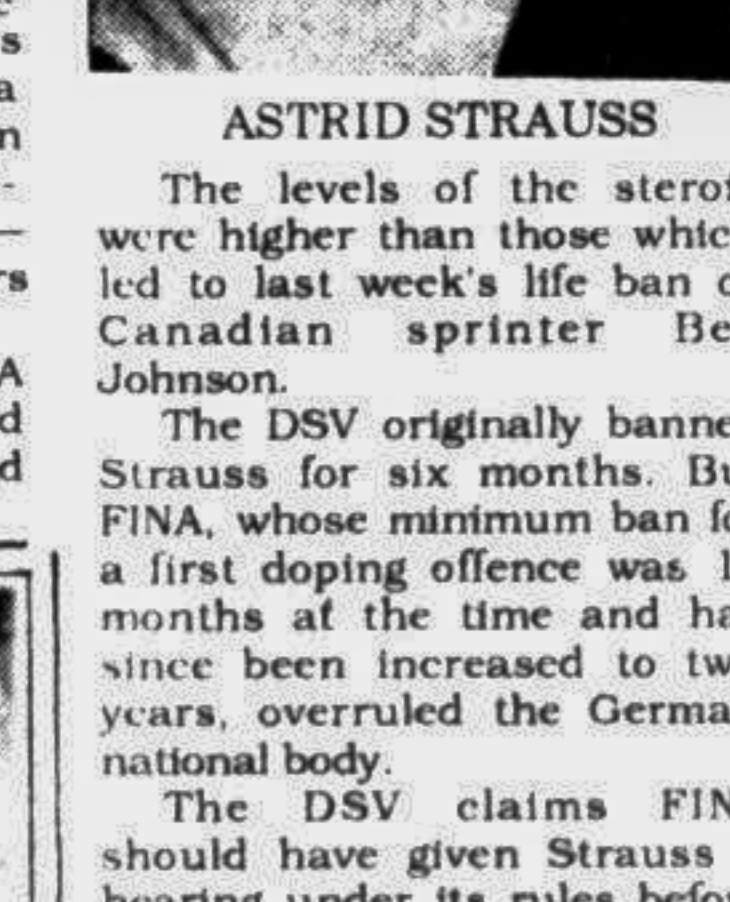
BONN, Mar 9: Triple jumper Ralf Jaros and middle distance runner Hauke Fuhlbuegge on Monday pulled out of Germany's team for the World Indoor Athletics Championships, reports Reuter.

Jaros, the sixth best jumper in the world this year, was hampered by a thigh muscle injury at a meeting in Karlsruhe at the weekend. Fuhlbuegge has not recovered sufficiently from flu and will miss the 3,000 metres.

The Germans are a long way from full strength.

Olympic 5,000 metres champion Dieter Baumann and long jump gold medalist Heike Drechsler have decided to skip the event to concentrate on the outdoor World Championships in August.

Heike Hemkel, high jump champion in Barcelona, is the Germans' main hope at the Toronto championships which start on Friday.



ASTRID STRAUSS

The levels of the steroid were higher than those which led to last week's life ban on Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson.

The DSV originally banned Strauss for six months. But FINA, whose minimum ban for a first doping offence was 18 months at the time and has since been increased to two years, overruled the German national body.

The DSV claims FINA should have given Strauss a hearing under its rules before increasing the ban.

But Werner said: "There was no hearing needed. If a punishment does not comply with FINA rules, FINA has the right to increase it to the minimum ban under its rules. There is no reason to change the decision now."

Former East German Strauss claims the positive training test resulted from a party organised by the handball section at her sports club in Magdeburg where she drank eight to 10 beers.

Her body contained more than twice the permitted level of testosterone.

The heavily built swimmer is due to attend a clinic to test the influence of alcohol on her testosterone levels, although some leading doping experts dispute whether outside influences can affect levels of the



Action from yesterday's Janata Bank Pioneer soccer league match between Azimpur Kishore Sangha and Amligola Tarun Sangha at the Outer Stadium. The Azimpur booters edged past Amligola 3-2. —Star photo