

## Nat'l chess on

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International Woman Master Rant Hamid resigned after only 18 moves against Niyamul Haq Niru in the first round of the nineteenth national chess championship which began yesterday at the National Sports Council chess room.  
Rant Hamid, a former national champion, made a blunder very early in a game of Sicilian Defence and gave in to the relentless pressure from Niru who played with white pieces.  
Rezaul Haq of Bangladesh Biman, also lost his first round encounter to Abdul Khaleque. Rezaul, playing with white, resigned after 48 moves in a game of King's Indian Defence.  
Abul Kashem Bhuiyan of Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation, who finished first in the qualifying meet, had a disastrous start when Ferdous Mahub Ali Ferdousi checkmated him on the 35th move.  
Khandakar Kayes Hassan had to resign after 33 moves as he ran out of time against Ziaul Qader Tuhin.  
Abdullah Al-Raqib and Rafiqul Islam settled for a draw in their match. The other matches of the day between Saifuddin Lablu and A N M Ruhul Quddus; Khan Kalam and Omar Khaled were in progress when this report was filed.  
Meanwhile, national champion Reefat-bin-Sattar could not turn up for his first round match as his flight from Iran was delayed. Reefat, who became an International Master after finishing with seven and a half points out of possible eleven in the recently concluded world chess championship for zonal eleven held in Isfahan, Iran, will play his first round match against Anjad Mintu on a rest day.

## Big win for Abahani

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Jamil Parvez Lulu struck four times to steer Abahani Krira Chakra to their second successive big-margin win in the Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.  
Abahani, last year's runners-up, followed up their massive 8-0 victory over lowly Bangladesh Railway on Saturday with another seven-goal thrashing of newcomers Public Works Department (PWD) yesterday. All seven were field goals.  
National striker Lulu opened the account for the winners in the 16th minute.  
Alamgir Alam doubled the margin three minutes later and Lulu struck again in the 22nd minute to make it three-nil for the winners.  
Lulu scored his third of the match in the 31st minute and Akhter Hossain found the target in the very next minute. Abahani returned to the dressing room with a 5-0 first-half lead.  
Fazal Mahmud, who scored a hattrick in Abahani's league opener, struck four minutes into the second half and Lulu got his fourth goal eight minutes from the final whistle to mark an end to PWD's woe.  
In the painfully one-sided encounter, Abahani got eleven penalty corners yet surprisingly failed to profit from even one of these chances. PWD, quite naturally, did not even manage a long corner.  
In the other match of the day, Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club and Sonali Bank fought to a goalless draw.

## Frenchmen fall to N Koreans

**GOTHENBURG, Sweden, May 12:** France lost 3-2 to title challengers North Korea in a tight and exciting men's team event match here at the world table tennis championships on Tuesday, reports AFP.  
French number one Jean-Philippe Gatien, who played well to win both his singles, believes they will be hard pushed for a medal.  
Action from yesterday's Metropolis Green Delta First Division hockey league match between Abahani Krira Chakra and PWD SC at the Hockey Stadium. Abahani recorded a massive 7-0 victory over PWD.

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Scene from yesterday's DMFA Cup football tournament match between Bangladesh Boys Club and Lalmatia Club at the Dhaka Stadium. Bangladesh Boys beat Lalmatia 6-5 in tie-breaker. — Star photo

but as luck would have it the match was forced to the tie-breaker.  
In the penalty shoot-out, the deadlock remained after both teams scored from four of their five spot kicks each.  
Bangladesh Boys started the round tentatively as Swapan Khan found the mark for the losers.  
The other match, in the afternoon, was packed with entertaining football.  
The two champions from the Second and Third Division leagues — Bangladesh Boys Club and Lalmatia Club — entered the pitch with a similar goal — to win.  
Feroz of Bangladesh Boys drew first blood when he pushed the ball into the Lalmatia net from close in the 19th minute to put his side ahead (1-0).  
But Bangladesh Boys could not enjoy the lead for long since Asadullah headed home the equaliser five minutes from the short whistle (1-1).  
Rest of the ninety minutes saw both teams attacking each others citadels for the winner.

# South Korea scrapes through

**BEIRUT, May 12:** South Korea beat Lebanon 1-0 in Beirut on Tuesday for their first victory in their battle to get to a third consecutive World Cup finals, reports AFP.  
The fervent home fans, starved of international soccer for 20 years before the Asian Group D tournament started this week, were stunned into silence by Seok-Ju Ha's 18th minute goal.  
Soldiers, who escorted the referee off the pitch after the Lebanon-Hong Kong match, moved in again.  
Already at the centre of heavy security that has made the South Koreans wary of leaving their hotel, extra army vehicles were put on the convoy that escorted them back to their hotel immediately after the match.  
Flag-waving Lebanese fans, starved of international football for 20 years, gathered around the bus, but an army officer said, "There's no danger of an incident. It is just a precaution."  
South Korea, held 0-0 by Bahrain on Sunday, again found it difficult to hit the kind of form that won them a place in the 1986 and 1990 World Cup finals.  
Lebanese strikers Fadi Allouch and Abdul Chehab had early chances before Ha put South Korea ahead with their first goal of this qualifying campaign.  
Ha fired home a shot from the edge of the penalty area that Ahmad Sakr, Lebanon's third goalkeeper in three games, could not hold.  
Just after, Korea's Jung-Yoon Noh was booked for failing to move back from a free kick. His reaction was to thank the referee and give him a friendly pat on the backside.  
Both sides had more chances but Lebanon pressed hardest in the second half.  
South Korean coach Kim Ho admitted he was happy with the 1-0 win.  
"You can go forward for goals and then concede stupid ones," he said afterwards. "It was a tough game and one which our defenders had to be at their best for."

**TEAMS**  
LEBANON: Ahmad Sakr, Youssef Farhat (Fouad Hijazi 83), Issam Kobessi, Ibrahim el Hosni, Nazih Nahle, Rafi Joulfagi, Jamal Taha, Babkin Melkian, Abdul Fatah Chehab (Walid Dahroug 74), Wael Nazh, Fadi Allouch.  
SOUTH KOREA: Sin Bum-Chul, Hong Myung-Bo, Shin Hong-qi, Kang Chul, Park Jung-Bae, Qu Sang-Bum, Park Nam-Beol, Seo Jung-Won, Jung Yoon-No (Im Jeong-Ilyeok 62), Seok Ju Ha, Hwangbo Kwan.  
Referee: Mohamed el Bahar (Morocco)

**STANDINGS**  
(played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):  
Hong Kong 3 2 1 0 6 4 5  
South Korea 2 1 1 0 1 0 3  
Lebanon 3 0 2 1 4 5 2  
India 2 0 1 1 3 4 1  
Bahrain 2 0 1 1 1 2 1

## O'Neil turns down Forest

**WYCOMBE, England, May 12:** Former Northern Ireland midfielder Martin O'Neil Wednesday turned down the chance to succeed Brian Clough as Nottingham Forest manager and opted instead to stay at league newcomer Wycombe Wanderers, reports AP.  
Clough has retired from soccer management after an 18-year spell at Forest, who twice won the European Champions Cup but this year was relegated.  
Derbyshire's fast medium bowler Dominic Cork, who made his debut against Pakistan last season, also faces Australia and the selectors have recalled experienced Essex all-rounder Derek Pringle.  
Worcestershire left-hander Richard Illingworth is the one spin bowler included although batsman Graeme Hick can be called on to bowl his off-breaks.

## Benn-Gent bout rescheduled

**LONDON, May 12:** Nigel Benn's defence of the World Boxing Council super-middleweight title against Lou Gent has been rescheduled until June 26 because the champion has injured his shoulder, reports AP.  
Benn was training in Tenerife when he suffered a trapped nerve in the shoulder. The all-British fight should have been staged at London's Olympia hall June 5.

## Gooch set to revert to his usual role

**LONDON, May 12:** Graham Gooch looks like reverting to his usual opener's role for next week's Texaco Trophy series against Australia, reports AFP.  
The England captain propped himself down the order in one-day cricket towards the end of the disastrous winter tour of India.  
He even admitted he did not rule out batting at six in future Tests, with the aim of preparing the way for someone to replace him when he retired from international cricket.  
Robin Smith was promoted to open with Alec Stewart and it was suggested the Hampshire batsman could have a full-time new role when he made a century in the Test against Sri Lanka after Gooch had returned home.  
But the England selectors, who reveal their Texaco squad of 13 on Wednesday, are now thought to want Smith to concentrate on anchoring the middle-order in the coming Ashes series.  
And they also want Gooch to kick off an important summer by again doing what he does best — leading from the front.  
England's selection as expected to be a familiar mix of so-called one-day specialists and players being blooded in preparation for the Test series.  
But David Gower and Jack Russell, controversially left out of England's winter plans, are not expected to be recalled for the one-day series.  
Neither will there be any place for Ian Botham or Michael Atherton.  
After such a bad winter, only Gooch, Smith, Alec Stewart, Graeme Hick, Chris Lewis and Paul Jarvis are guaranteed inclusion.  
Neil Fairbrother, Derek Pringle, Richard Illingworth, John Embury and Dermot Reeve have solid one-day credentials.  
But batsmen like Mark Ramprakash, Graham Thorpe and Mark Lathwell, plus pacemen Andy Caddick, Mark Holt and Martin McCague could win some of the places going begging after England's winter sorrows.  
And players who have started the season bang in form — such as Matthew Maynard, Martin Bicknell and Graham Lloyd — are also in contention.

## Caddick, Lathwell, Thorpe named for one-dayers

**LONDON, May 12:** Uncapped batsmen Mark Lathwell and Graham Thorpe and New Zealand-born bowler Andrew Caddick Wednesday were called into England's line-up for the series of one-day cricket internationals against the touring Australians, reports AP.  
But there were no places for veterans David Gower, Ian Botham or John Embury in a youthful-looking squad of 13.  
Graham Gooch will lead the England team in the games at Old Trafford May 19, Edgbaston May 21 and Lord's May 23.  
Although Lathwell failed to make a big score against the Australians for Somerset last weekend he scored 77 for Somerset in a victory over Nottinghamshire in a one-day game on Tuesday.  
Left-hander Thorpe scored 103 for Surrey against Lancashire on Tuesday, but his season lost by six runs.  
Caddick, whose parents are English, is a 6-foot-5 (1.95 m) fast medium bowler. Another Somerset player, he models himself on former New Zealand pacesman Sir Richard Hadlee who owns the record for the most wickets in Tests, 431.  
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## Richardson ploughs in sand

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Needing 212, Yorkshire were well on course as Richardson, fresh from the West Indies series triumph over Pakistan, and Martyn Moxson (52) put on 104.  
But from there they slumped to 177 all out.  
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Chasing Lancashire's 236 all out, Surrey, thanks to a double century stand by skipper Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe, needed just 25 runs from the last five and a half overs.  
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Lancashire skipper Neil Fairbrother was the backbone of his side's innings with a washbuckling 87.  
At Worcester, Graeme Hick enjoyed more success while Graham Gooch and his Essex colleagues suffered another bitter failure.  
Hick, who took 187 runs off touring Australian's attack last week, hammered a dozen boundaries in an unbeaten 62 as Worcestershire raced home by nine wickets with 23 overs to spare.  
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## Bad day for TV umpire

**LONDON, May 12:** Wasim Akram survived a close run-out call here on Tuesday as it was proved that even with the aid of an extra television eye, umpires can't see everything, reports AFP.  
The Surrey-Lancashire one-day match was the first time the television umpire had been used in English cricket and it was not an auspicious start for the system that could be used in the Ashes series this summer.  
Third man Alan Jones, sitting in front of a BBC TV monitor, made a piece of history when he was asked to adjudicate on a tight run-out decision.  
But, ironically, camera angles meant he was unable to tell from the picture whether Wasim had made his ground or not. As a result, the umpires were forced to revert to tradition and give the Pakistani captain the benefit of the doubt. BBC executive producer Keith Mackenzie admitted later: "It was very unfortunate that the crucial thing the third umpire was looking for we got wrong".  
A buzz went round the crowd when umpire Barry Dudson, at the bowler's end, turned towards the pavilion to signal that he needed Jones's help with the Wasim decision.  
A minute went by before Jones contacted Dudson by walkie-talkie to tell him that it was impossible to judge by the camera angles whether the batsman had made his ground.  
From the BBC's seven cameras, the TV director had provided the best two pictures for Jones to judge.  
Neither was conclusive but things might have been different if the BBC had had their full Test match complement of 10 cameras at the ground.  
The TV eye was used successfully at Tests in South Africa and New Zealand during the northern hemisphere winter.  
Ironically, when Wasim was eventually run out, Jones was not needed. Graham Thorpe's throw from extra cover beat him with yards to spare.  
The system will next be used in a Benson and Hedges quarter-final before any decision about it being employed in a Test match.

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Durham opener Wayne Larkins hit an unbeaten 110, but holders Hampshire got home by three wickets with five balls to spare at Stockton. Paul Terry's solid 79 held

## Gazza to miss England's tour of United States

**LONDON, May 12:** England midfielder Paul Gascoigne is to miss England's tour of the United States this summer because his Italian club Lazio have refused to release him, reports AFP.  
Gascoigne, England's outstanding individual, will, however, be available for the two key World Cup qualifiers in Poland and Norway on May 29 and June 2.  
England leave for Boston on June 5, 24 hours before the last day of the Italian season when places in next year's European Cup could still be undecided.  
Unlike Gascoigne, David Platt and Walker of Juventus and Des Walker of Sampdoria are both being allowed to join the tour after the season is finished.  
"Platt and Walker will join England in America but Lazio have informed the FA that Paul Gascoigne will be required for club commitment during June and will not be taking part in the US Cup," said Football Association spokesman David Bloomfield.

## Beijing leaves nothing untried

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