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International Woman Master Rani Hamid resigned after only 18 moves against Niyamul Haq Niru in the first round of the nineteenth national chess championship which began vesterday at the National Sports Council chess room.

Rani Hamid, a former national champion, made a blun der very early in a game of Sicilian Defence and gave in to the relentless pressure from Niru who played with white

Rezaul Huq 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 Mahbub 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-Ragib and Rafigul 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 Ispahan, Iran, will play his first round match against Amjad 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 runnersup, followed up their massive 8-0 victory over lowly Bang ladesh 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 threenil for the winners.

Lulu scored his third of the match in the 31st minute and Akhter Hossain found the tar get in the very next minute. Abahani returned to the dressing room with a 5-0 first-half

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 vet 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.

#### BGIC basketball

Rangers Club became runners-up in the BGIC Second Division Basketball League with one game in hand when they beat Kurmitola Young Star Club 57-36 at the court adjacent to the wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

They earned 13 points from seven encounters losing only once to champions Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club.

Rangers Club led the first half 28-22.

Sujan caged 20 and Shaibal 19 points for the winners while Tasu notched up 13 and Ripa eight for the losers.

In the the other match. Rising Force SC recorded a 77-22 victory over Mitford Friends Club after dominating

the first half 25-10. Mujib contributed 24,

Monwar 20 and Sajed 14 for the winners while Zakir scored 11 for the losers.

The match scheduled for today has been suspended due to unavoidable circumstances.

#### 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.

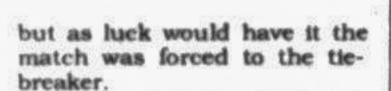
French number one Jean-Philippe Gatien, who played well to win both his singles, believes they will be hard pushed for a medal.

## Nat'l chess on | BRTC move to Group C final

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perior skill as all four of their BRTC squeezed shots found the mark while out a 4-2 win in the tie-breaker their opponents struggled against fellowfrom the very beginning and finished with just two goals out Senior Division of the four kicks they took. football leaguers

For BRIC, Nipu, Chanchal, Ratan and Mizan all scored while only Ashkar and Amer



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,



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

tournament at the Dhaka Stadium last night.

Fakirer Pool Young Men Club

to move into the Group C final

in the ongoing DMFA Cup

BRTC will take on the winners of the May 15 group semifinal between Victoria Sporting Club and newlypromoted First Division side Bangladesh Boys Club, who edged out Third Division league champions Lalmatia Club 6-5 in the other match in the afternoon, also in tiebreaker.

The BRTC-Fakirer Pool tie began with both teams trying in vain to establish control in the midfield, consequently creating frequent midfield melees. This scenario prevailed throughout the 90minute affair, carrying the match over to penalty shoot-

In the tie-breaker, however, the BRTC strikers showed suKhan found the mark for the

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 (I-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

first player to try his luck missed the target but they hung on through goals from Firoz, Nasim, Badal and Shuvra

But Lalmatia's Firoz squandered the advantage when he hit the post, much to the dismay of Sabu, Uttam, Masud and Mozammel, who didn't give the Bangladesh Boys goalie any chances.

Bayazid and Jinnah of Bangladesh Boys Club and Haroon of Lalmatia Club all scored but Sajjad Babu, failing to keep his cool, sent the ball wide to give Bangladesh Boys a passage to the Group B semifi-

The match was stopped for nearly 35 minutes owing to heavy downpour after both sides had taken four shots

# South Korea scrapes through



BEIRUT, May 12: South Korca 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 homme fans, starved of international soccer for 20 years before the Asian Group D tournament

### Marseille pay for complacency

SAINT-ETIENNE, France, May 11: European Cup finalists Olympique Marseille paid for fielding a below-strength team when they were bundled out of the French Cup by Saint-Etienne here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

A Brenard Casoni own goal in extra time gave Saint-Etienne a 2-1 win but they deserved to have wrapped up the quarter final match in the normal 90 minutes.

Only an unfortunate deflection of a Rudi Voeller cross in the 62nd minute allowed Marseille to equalise after Gerald Passi's stunning left foot drive had put the home side ahead.

Marseille, who got past Caen in the last round with virtually a reserve team, did not go so far this time but still started with only seven first

team regulars. One of the non-regulars was legendary France Fullback Manuel Amoros, who played the first half and is unlikely to be seen in a Marseille shirt again. He plans to move at the

end of the season.

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 precau-

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

Lebanese strikers Fadi Allouch and Abdul Chehab had early chances before Ha put South Korea ahead with their first goal of this qualifying

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 fail ing 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, Youssel Farhat (Fouad Hijazi 83), Issam Kobcissi, Ibrahim el Hosni, Nazih Nahle, Rafi Joulfagi, Jamal Taha, Babkin Melikian, 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-Hyeok 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 2 0 1 1 3 4 2 0 1 1 1 2 Bahrain

### 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

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



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. - Star photo

#### 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 Shri 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, Grame Hick, Chris Lewis and Paul Jarvis are guaranteed inclusion.

Neil Fairbrothers, Derek Pringle, Richard Illingworth, John emburey and Dermot Reeve have solid one-day credentials.

But batsmen like Mark Ramprakash, Graham Thorpe and Mark Lathwell, plus pace men Andy Caddick, Mark Ilott and Martin McCague could win some of the places going begging after England's winter

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 Emburey 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

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.

Lefthander Thorpe scored 103 for Surrey against Lancashire on Tuesday, but his team lost by six runs.

Caddick, whose parents are English, is a 6-feet-5 (1.95 m) fast medium bowler. Another Somerset player, he models himself on former New Zcaland paceman Sir Richard Hadlee who owns the record for the most wickets in Tests,

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-

Graham Gooch, Alex

Stewart, Mark Lathwell, Robin

Smith, Graham Thorpe,

Graeme Hick, Neil Fairbrother,

Chris Lewis, Paul Jarvis, Dominic Cork, Derek Pringle, Andrew Caddick, Richard Illingworth. 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.

LONDON, May 12: West Indies' skipper Richie Richardson made 52 on his debut for

Yorkshire but Northamptonshire won the one day Benson and Hedges clash by 34 runs at Headingley on Tuesday, reports AFP.

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. Nigle Felton made 62 and Allan Lamb 54 for Northants.

Surrey threw away a golden situation to lose to Lancashire by six runs at the Oval. 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. But after Stewart was second man out for 95 and then Thorpe followed for 103, Surrey sensationally collapsed

in the face of accurate bowling and tight fielding. Lancashire skipper Neil Fairbrother was the backbone of his side's innings with a

swashbuckling 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

Essex had been dismissed for 115 after being put in. In one sequence of 57 deliveries, they added only a single. West Indian fast bowler Ken

Benjamin claimed two for 28 on his debut, Richard Illingworth took three for 21 and left arm medium pacer

Richardson ploughs in sand Chrts Tolley conceded only 13 in his 11 overs, picking up the

wicket of Derek Pringle. Franklyn Stephenson again proved an aggressive one day opening batsman as Sussex beat Glamorgan by 33 runs at

He followed his rapid Sunday league century with 43 in an opening stand of 96 in



RICHIE RICHARDSON ... 52

24 overs with David Smith (55). Sussex finished with 263 for seven and England spinner lan Salisbury prevented Glamorgan from taking command with a spell of one for 28.

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

bled for 41.

#### Bad day for TV umpire A buzz went round the



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 sum-

'ting in front of a BBC TV moni tor, made a piece of history when he was asked to adjudicate on a tight run-out deci-But, ironically, camera an-

Third man' Alan Jones, sit

gles meant he was unable to tell from the picture whether Wastm 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 crowd when umpire Barry Dudleston, 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 Dudleston 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 pro-

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.

vided the best two pictures for

The TV eye was used successfully at Tests in South Africa and New Zealand during the northern hemisphere win-

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.

### Gazza to miss England's tour

midfielder Paul Gascoigne is to

miss England's tour of the United States this summer because his Italian club Lazio reports AFP.

key World Cup qualifiers in Poland and Norway on May 29 and June 2.

when places in next year's European Cup could still be undecided. Unlike Gascoigne, David

after the season is finished. Association spokesman David

not to distribute anti-Olympic

plans to from an organisation,

although he would continue his

individual campaign against

Games is considered to be

Sydney. Other competitors are

Manchester, Berlin, Istanbul

Lewis lashes

He said he had given up his

Beijing's main rival for the

materials.

the Olympic bid.

and Brasilia.

ports AFP

## Beijing leaves nothing untried



tained by authorities for two weeks for trying to organise a campaign against Beijing's bid to host the 2000

# Ban on Ngugi goes

sports authorities on Wednesday lifted a suspension imposed on five-time world cross country champion John Ngugi for his refusal to take a drug test, reports AP.

However, Ngugi, also the

1988 Olympic 5,000-meter

gold medalist, still faces a possible ban of up to four years from track's governing body pending its own investigation. The ban was imposed Feb 13 after the runner snubbed

who visited him at his central Kenya farm. The medical team said Ngugi refused to submit to the testing procedure while the runner claimed the IAAF offi

Isaiah Kiplagat, chairman of the Kenya Amateur Athletics Association, said Wednesday that investigations supported Ngugi's stand that his refusal arose from misunderstandings. There are many mitigating

factors," Kiplagat said. He said Ngugi was unaware of out-of-season tests, had always been accompanied by officials known to him in previous tests, and that army regulations prevent dealings with foreigners without authority

steel worker, said by telephone he was arrested in Beijing on April 23, escorted to his home in central China's Wuhan and held in detention until May 7.

China's communist leaders,

eager to regain the world respect they lost after crushing pro-democracy protests in capital.

six competing cites on September 23, there will be no opposition that could mar the Games. Beijing's official bid pro-

World Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch, currently in Beijing, is getting China's top VIP treatment, including attending a ceremony hailing the Chinese translation of a book called "Samaranch and

China's Democracy Wall movement in the late 1970s, said in materials sent to foreign reporters before his arrest that he opposed the Olympic bid on economic

I wanted to have a press conference in Beijing and or ganise an anti-Olympic movement, he said.

He was only released after signing a document accusing him of committing the crime of incitement.

Qin, who now runs a street stall, said police warned him not to form any anti-Olympic organisation, not to talk about his opposition to the Games with foreign journalists and

them together after a slump to 113 for five, chasing 197. Liecestershire pulled off a

thrilling last-ball victory over Warwickshire at Grace Road.

The scores finished level but Leicester had lost fewer wickets. Warwickshire's last pair needed one off the final delivery from Winston Benjamin but, as Allan Donald tried to scamper the single, the West Indian fielded the ball, turned and hit the stumps with a di-

celebration run straight back to the pavilion. Phil Robinson had boosted the Leicester total with 70 after they had been 34 for

rect throw and continued on a

three at one stage. Andy Moles hit 63 as Warwickshire coasted to 96 for two but spinner Adrian Pierson took three wickets against his former county as

Leicester bounced back. Middlesex lost five wickets for 30 runs in eight overs to go down by 14 runs to Derbyshire at Derby.

Openers Desmond Haynes

(60) and Mike Roseberry (58) put on 100 before Allan Warner applied the brake and Frank Griffith removed Haynes and Mark Ramprakash with

successive deliveries. Derbyshire's 253 for eight was built around half centuries from Jone Morris Adams.

Greg Mike's four-wicket burst almost snatched a win for Nottinghampshire against Somerset at Trent Bridge but Adrian van Troos hit the last ball from Andy Pick for four to give the visitors a one wicket

Paul Pollard and Paul Johnson hit half centuries as Notts totalled 279, but Somerset looked safe at 237 for two, with Nick Folland making 83 and Mark Lathwell cracking 77 off 59 balls.

But Mike precipitated a collapse and seven wickets tum-

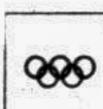
### of United States LONDON, May 12: England

have refused to release him, Gascoigne, England's outstanding individual, will, however, be available for the two

England leave for Boston on June 5, 24 hours before the last day of the Italian season

Platt of Juventus and Des Walker of Sampdoria are both being allowed to join the tour

"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



BEIJING, May 12: Chinese dissident Qin Yongmin said on Wednesday he had been de-

Olympics. Qin, a 40-year-old former

NAIROBI, May 12: Kenyan

doctors from the International Amateur Athletics Federation

cials failed to identify themselves correctly.

from superiors. Ngugi is a sol-

1989, are pressing hard to gain the 2000 Olympies for the They have assured the International Olympic Committee, which will decide among

mises "no group opposed to holding the 2000 Olympics will appear in Beijing, either now or in the future".

the Olympics". Qin, who was imprisoned for seven years for organising dissident activities during

grounds.

spect throughout the world than if I was to fight Frank," he

up and to be proud of me. All I want to do is to prove I'm the best, by fighting the best.

#### back at Bruno LONDON, May 12: Lennox Lewis flew back to England on Tuesday unimpressed by the complaints from Frank Bruno's

camp that he was too

"chicken" to take him on, re-

man," said Lewis, who is cur-

"He sounds like a desperate

rently eyeing a possible fight with American ex-world champion Evander Holyfield. After returning to a hero's welcome at Gatwick following the successful defence of his WBC title against Tony Tucker in Las Vegas, the champion in-

sisted it was unwise of his

great British rival to insult

"My message to Frank is 'Don't call me a chicken'you'll get knocked out," said But he sounded as if he was

determined to make Bruno

wait for his turn to challenge for his crown I'd rather take a fight with Evander Holyfield because it would earn me much more re-

Beating Holyfield would make the British public stand