



Action from yesterday's Star First Division football league match between Dhanmondi Club and East End Club at the Hockey Stadium. Dhanmondi recorded an emphatic 3-1 victory. — Star photo

## BABF picks 29

The Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation yesterday picked 29 players for the Bangladesh team to take part in the forthcoming 17th Asian basketball championship to be held in Jakarta.

The 29 players are: Strajul Islam, Nurul Huda, Faruq Ahmed, Nazrul Islam, PK Goswami, Wasif Ali, Ayub Ali, Sulip Barua, Ashraful Huq, Rowshanul Alam, Sohail Faruqi and Shahidul Huq (Bangladesh Navy); Selim Reza, Shaiful Alam, Nurul Amin, Amirul Islam, Iqbal Hossain, Khairul Alam, Humayun Reza (Army); Ayub Hossain, Jahangir Alam, Feroze Alam Manju, Sushanta Gomez (BDR); M Ali, Sultan (BAF); Michael Madhu, Toufik Alam (DU); Ishtiaq Ahmed (Rajshahi), Vivekananda (Eagles).

## Schools b'ball

Sports Reporter

Nabakumar Institute, BAF Shaheen College and School, St Gregory's and Udayan won their respective matches in the National King Fahd school basketball championship at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Nabakumar beat Rifles High 45-15, BAF Shaheen beat Mirpur Siddhyanta High 52-14, St Gregory's beat Jubilee 44-17 and Udayan beat Rifles Public High 25-20.

## Rummon on winning run

Newaz Amin Rummon beat Hira Lal 4-6, 7-6, 7-5 in the second leg of the SAF Games tennis training tournament played at the National Tennis Complex in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Earlier, Rummon defeated first leg champion Syed Wajidul Huda 6-3, 6-3 on the opening day of the second leg on Thursday. He now has full four points from two matches.

In another match of day, Faisal Syed Huq beat Shovon Jamaly 6-4, 7-5. Faisal, who beat Shamim Ahsan Roni 6-2, 6-1 on Thursday, have also secured full four points from two outings.

Hira Lal beat Shovon Jamaly 6-4, 6-3.

The third day matches start today at 3 pm.

## Karpov-Timman Game 7 drawn

AMSTERDAM, Sept 17: Anatoly Karpov and Jan Timman agreed to a draw Friday after a brief and lackluster seventh game of their FIDE international chess federation championship match, reports AP.

Ex-world champion Karpov now leads Dutch Grandmaster Timman by 4 points to 3. The winner is the first player to reach 12 points.

Timman, who told reporters he felt "uncomfortable" Friday, offered the draw to Karpov on move 21, after just under two hours of the scheduled seven-hour playing session.

Playing white, Timman arrived for the game one minute late to find his chess clock had already been started by Amsterdam mayor Ed van Thijn. After that, he never completely recovered his concentration.

Chess world championships routinely contain a large number of drawn games, including four of the seven between Timman and Karpov so far.

Game 8 will be played in Amsterdam on Saturday.

Although the match is for the FIDE world title, rebel world champion Garry Kasparov currently leads his British challenger Nigel Short 4-1 in a rival world championship in London.

# Facile win for Dhanmondi

Sports Reporter



Dhanmondi Club recorded a facile win over East End Club in one of the two Star First Division football

league encounters at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

They beat the promotes 3-1 after having taken a one-nil lead at first half.

Salahuddin, who made his mark this year with a remarkable feat of scoring five goals in

one match earlier this year, was on target for the winners in the 12th minute of the match with a powerful long drive (1-0).

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## BCCB XI lose again

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The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) XI suffered yet another defeat yesterday.

According to a faxed message received by the BCCB office last night the BCCB XI lost to the Cricket Club of India by 38 runs in Bombay yesterday.

Batting first CCI collected 137 for nine from 28 overs in a rain-truncated match. Paranjpe and Doshi formed the cornerstones of the CCI innings with two useful knocks of 42 and 41 respectively. Senghi, Marwa and Rohan Gavaskar, the young son of legendary Sunil Gavaskar, were the other notable scorers with 16, 10 and 10 respectively.

Dulu was the most effective of local bowlers with figures of two for 20. Moni had two for 26, Prince one for 21, Babul one for 12 and Waheed one for 31.

The BCCB XI were shot out for 99 only in 26.3 overs. Dulu, who bowled well, headed the list of BCCB XI scorers with 26.

Opener Jahangir made 20, Athar, Selim and Suman were the other batsmen to make it to the double figures with 16, 10 and 10 respectively.

## Middlesex in a mess

LONDON, Sept 17: Middlesex, the new English County champions, were shot out for 68 in 110 minutes by Worcestershire at Worcester on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The score equalled the season's lowest first-class total — Nottinghamshire's first innings against Surrey at the Oval on July 30.

Middlesex, who wrapped up the championship three weeks ago, were dismissed in 27.3 overs and now face a tough fight to preserve their unbeaten record this season.

Former England paceman Phil Newport finished with four for 20 and Stuart Lampitt took three for nine.

Worcestershire, fourth in championship table, reached 193 for seven before bad light stopped play 4.4 overs early on the first day of the four-day match.

David Gower delivered the perfect riposte to England's selectors by hitting an unbeaten 95 in Hampshire's 211 for three on a rain-curtailed day against Essex at Chelmsford.

The left hander, overlooked for the tour to the West Indies early next year, hit three sixes and eight fours in the 121 balls he faced.

Another left hander in the runs was Lancashire skipper Neil Fairbrother, who cracked his first century for 14 months and his first at Old Trafford for six years as his team reached 277 for eight against Northamptonshire.

The former England player hit 110 off 134 balls with a six and 15 fours after Lancashire had slumped to 30 for three.

## Bremen blaze

BREMEN, Germany, Sept 17: German international prospect Bernd Hoesch hit a hat-trick in Werder Bremen's 5-2 European Cup first round win over Dynamo Minsk of Belarus on Thursday, reports Reuter.

He was on target in the 26th, 32nd and 60th minutes.

New Zealand international Wynton Rufer completed the Werder scoring with two second-half goals.

Werder goalkeeper Hans-Jürgen Gundelach was caught napping twice in his first full European club match — beaten by serge Gerassimets and Valeri Wiclttschkow after the interval.

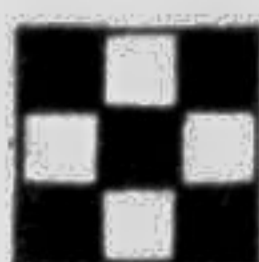
## Another Cuban defects

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Sept 17: Honduras granted political asylum on Thursday to a Cuban athlete who was taking part in a student tournament, the Interior Ministry said, reports Reuter.

The IOC executive board probably will be asked by its president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, to consider a Palestinian invitation when it meets today in Monaco, according to Dick Yarbrough, the ACOG spokesman.

The ministry has decided in favour of the asylum request, Discua told reporters.

# Short not cut short as yet



LONDON, Sept 17: Briton Nigel Short kept his chess title challenge alive on Thursday when he drew the fifth game in his match with world champion Garry Kasparov, despite having the handicap of the black pieces, reports Reuter.

Kasparov still holds a commanding 4-1 lead in the 24-game duel but saw his much-vaunted advantage of the white pieces neutralised for the first time in the match, and in dramatic fashion.

The draw after just 18 moves kept Short in the battle for the chess crown and gave his supporters a much-needed boost.

He was pleased but guarded about his prospects after putting in a bold performance. The 28-year-old challenger needed just 11 minutes to post the result while Kasparov used an hour and a half of his allotted two hours for the first 40 moves.

Short was in high spirits at a post-match news conference, but when asked if he saw this game as a turning point he fell into a long, pained silence.

"I believe I will play better than you saw me in the fourth game (Short's worst loss of the match). It is very difficult to say," he finally replied.

Short daringly entered a line that Kasparov has beaten every time in his career. After producing a powerful improvement on the 10th move, the Briton forced Kasparov onto the de-

fensive and the Azeri-born Russian was clearly relieved to have found a route to a draw.

Kasparov, 30, joked afterwards that Short had now gained an advantage. "I have had to play five games in the match, Nigel only four," he said. "I don't write off my opponent just because I have had a good

draw."

The atmosphere in the Grandmaster analysis room was euphoric, Sara Christopher, a member of the match organisation, told Reuters. "They just thought thank god he (Short) hasn't lost again."

English International Master John Emms shared this reaction. "It was a good result, very good. It was a perfect opening for Short, just what he needed," he told Reuters.

The match resumes on Saturday with Short having the advantage of the white pieces and first move.

In the official World Championship organised by international Chess Federation FIDE, favourite Anatoly Karpov leads Dutchman Jan Timman 3-1/2 to 2-1/2. Play resumes today in Amsterdam, with Timman having the white pieces.

The world body stripped Kasparov and Short of their titles when they refused to play their match under the FIDE banner.

They formed their own organisation, the PCA (Professional Chess Association), and The London Times newspaper put up a purse of 1.7 million pounds (2.63 million dollars) for the breakaway duel.

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# Lankans still optimistic



COLOMBO, Sept 17: Sri Lanka are optimistic they can turn the third and final cricket test against South

Africa in their favour despite slow batting on the third day, reports Reuter.

"There are ways we can force a win. We have two options left ... we could either declare be-

hind their score or gain a first innings lead and put the ball in their court," said Sri Lankan cricket manager Duleep Mendis on Friday, the rest day.

"The wicket is taking a lot of spin and keeping low and we expect the three spinners to do the job for us," said Shri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga, who will be relying on Muttiah Muralidharan, Kumara Dharmasena and Sanath Jayasuriya.

"We need at least three to four sessions to get South

Africa out, so we intend batting at least till lunch," said Ranatunga.

Shri Lanka will start the fourth day, Saturday, on 245 for five wickets, still 71 runs short of South Africa's first innings total of 316.

Shri Lanka, who are trailing South Africa 1-0, need to win this Test to even the three-Test series.

Both Ranatunga and Mendis defended the defensive measures adopted by their team on the third day when only 128 runs were scored off 73 overs.

"South Africa bowled to a plan maintaining a tight line and made run-making a difficult task for us. If Aravinda de Silva and Ranatunga could not force the pace I don't think anybody else would have," said Mendis.

The South African pace, quartet restricted Shri Lanka's two experienced stroke-makers

to 30 runs off 27 overs and 44 runs