Niru shocks Reefat

Sports Reporter

National champion Reefat bin Sattar suffered a shock defeat, his second when compa triot Niamul Hug Niru beat the young International Master (IM) in one of the eighth round matches of the Dr. Q M Hossain International Masters' chess tournament at Purbani Hotel yesterday.

Reefat who had earlier lost to arch-rival and Ziaur Rahman also an IM, in fact the only third from Bangladesh yesterday opened with white pieces but ran into trouble in French defence opening game and accepted defeat after 34 moves.

Undaunted by his coeval's fa.ll from grace Zia recorded a fine win against Indian IM Shekhar Chandra Sahu. The win helped Zia to attain top position in the points table along with Pakistani IM Lodhi and Sharvanan.

Sharvanan, another Indian beat Ziaul Qader Tuhin in 21 moves in another match.

Wins for BJMC, B'G Press

Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (EUMC) and BG Press won their respective matches in the Métropolis Sonali Bank Second Division football league yesterday, reports UNB.

in the first match, BJMC Sporting Club beat Mohakhali Eleven 2-0 at the Outer Stadium in the afternoon.

Azad Hossain put BJMC ahead in the 32nd minute while Rezaur Rahman sealed the victory adding one more goal in the 69th minute.

Dhaka WASA lost by a similar margin (2-0) against BG Press at the same vernue. Asgar and Mahbub scoring one goal apiece for the winners.

Div II hock ey

Cantonian Sporting Club 1 egistered a solitary goal victory over Dhaka Young Stars i'n the Me tropolis Green Delta Se cond Division hockey league at the Hoci'tey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Far idul Islam netted the crucial goal for the Canton ians from a penalty corner in the 32nd minute.

In the day's other match between Mukta Bihanga Tar un Sangha and Shishu Kishore Sangha ended in a goalle ss draw at the same venue.

Barnak Samaj will take on Farashganj SC at 2.15 pm while Victoria SC face Udity Club at 3.45 pm today, the last day of the group matches.

Div III soccer begins today

The Pragoti Insurance Third Division football league, organised by Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA), begins today at the Outer Stadium, reports UNB.

Maghbazar Kisholay Sangha will take on Sunrise Sporting; Club in the opening match at 3:15 pm.

State Minister for Education Principal Md Eunus Khan will formally inaugurate the league to be participated by 18 metropolis teams, inftially in two groups.

The participating teams are: Group A - Maghbazar Kisholay Sangha, Matuail Jubo Sangha, Bashabo Tarun Sangha, Kadamtala Sangsad, East End Boys Club, Little Friends Club, Dilkusha SC, Amin Bazar KS

and Sunrise SC. Group B - East Bengal SC Chalantika KC, Ganderia Famous SC. Purbachal Parisad, Dhaka Sporting Club, Fire Service, Rahmatganj SC, Maghbazar KC and Govt Printing Press.

Japan finish top in Asian v'ball

MIYAKONOJO, Japan, Oct 31: Japan powered past Kazakhstan on the final day here today in finish atop the Asian women's volleyball qualifying tournament and make a berth in the World Championships next year, reports AFP.

The Japanese spikers, the winners over Australia on Saturday, scored a 3-0 (15-2, 15-8, 15-3) win for their second consecutive victory in the threenation round robin competition at the Miyakonojo Culture

Centre, western Japan. Kazakhstan ended at second with one win against one loss and Australia third with two defeats.

Hellmann Cup tennis results

SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct 31 Emilio Sanchez Vicario of Spain beat top seeded Jaime Yzaga of Peru 6-1, 6-7 (5-7), 7-5 Saturday to make the finals in the Hellmann's Cup tennis tournament, reports AP.

in the other semifinal. Argentina's Javier Frana was leading Marcelo Filippini of Uruguay 6-4, 1-3 when heavy

rain forced a halt in the match. Two hours later, play remained suspended and it wasn't clear whether it would resume.

Faruque to lead Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

Faruque Ahmed

has come of age.

Long mooted as a

durable captain

for the Bangla-

desh national cri-

cket team, the talented Abahani

middle order batsman has

finally got the job. It was

disclosed yesterday as the

Bangladesh Cricket Control

Board (BCCB) announced a

fourteen-member squad for the

Gold Leaf two-match one-day

series starting from Novem-

A gutsy performer with a

rich repertoire of strokes

Faruque who is also an excel-

lent fielder will lead the full-

fledged national team for the

first time having shouldered the

responsibility in outstation

streak of failure, Faruque emer-

ged the most consistent bats-

man of an experimental Bang-

ladesh team which returned

home from Shri Lanka yes-

terday after a twin prepara-

tional trip to the Deccan and

Shri Lanka. Bangladesh is in

the thick of its preparation for

next years ICC trophy in Kenya

which will pave the path for

three top finishers to compete

in the one-day world cricket

championship scheduled to be

held in the subcontinent a

throned is Athar Ali Khan who

will, according to one club

official show up this year, albeit

for limited appearances. Aba-

KAPIL DEV

talks with both Kapil and Ravi

Shastri, the other Indian all-

rounder now languishing out-

side the national team. Ravi and

NEIL FAIRBROTHER

Kapil will play six matches

between themselves, said the

official. Although it will take

some time to find out if the

Indian, due would really come

another anticipated big signing

will be confirmed today. English

Test player Neil Fairbrother who

dling spectator interest, want

traditional rivals Pakistan are

the main attraction for Asian

expatriates here, have stayed

away for the last two years to

protest what they feel is a pro-

Cricket is not the number

Near empty stands at the

one sport in the Emirates and

without an India-Pakistan

Champions Trophy matches are

a stark reminder that three of

the best one-day teams in the

world - World Cup champions

Pakistan, West Indies and Shri

Lanka — do not draw the

But Astf Igbal, former Pak-

istant Test captain and Chief

coordinator of the Cricketers

Benefit Fund Series (CBFS)

which runs cricket here, be-

lieves he can talk India into

playing in the Australasia Cup

tralia, New Zealand, Pakistan,

Shri Lanka and either Bangla-

desh or the United Arab Emi-

"I am in constant touch with

That will also feature Aus-

match it becomes a non-event.

India, whose clashes with

India back, reports AFP.

Pakistan bias.

crowds.

here next April.

SHARJAH, Unitted

Arab Emirates.

Oct 31: Emirates

cricket organisers.

stung by empty

coffers and dwin

hani officials have finalised

The man whom Faruque de-

Kapil Dev, the st-

ar Indian allroun-

der, who has been

eluding Abahani's

clasp for the last

couple of years

Abahani's quartet?

Sports Reporter

Abahani.

couple of years later.

Dogged by inexplicable

matches.

captained the BCCB XI in the Shri Lanka tour replacing Golam Nowsher Prince, skipper for the earlier Deccan tour. However. Athar is very much there as one of the 14 members. The other players are Sajjad Ahmed Shipon, Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Shahnawaz Shaheed



FARUQUE Shanu, Akram Khan, Enamul Huq Moni, Aminul Islam Bulbul, Golam Nowsher Prince Saiful Islam, Jahangir Alam Dulu, Nasir Ahmed Nasu, Al Shahriar Rokon and Salahuddin. Ahmed Iqbal Bachchu who accompanied the BCCB team to Shri Lanka retained the job.

Test babes Zimbabwe led by Andy Flower are due in the city on November 1. The newest entrants of Test cricket fraternity will play two one dayers to soup up Bangladesh's preparation for

topscored for England in the

1992 World Cup final against

eventual champions Pakistan

has reportedly entered into a

match-wise contract with

·Abahani's big signing specu-

lation pushed the recruiting ef-

forts of other teams into obliv-

ion. GMCC who have already

the ICC trophy. Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu. the long serving former Bangladesh captain will be adjudicator for the man-of-thematch award for the first match while Roqibul Hassan, another former national captain will pick the player of the second

one-dayer. Last minute touches are being given to smoothen the outfield, damaged of the Dhaka Stadium, venue for the two matches. Footballers in league with the monsoon rain left the stadium in a pathetic state as country's sports authorities pursued the penny wise pound foolish theory too long.

Season and daily tickets for the Gold Leaf one-day series are on sale, at 14 Agrani Bank branches.

Meanwhile, the march of foreign players to take part in this year's domestic Premier league cricket championship began yesterday. Two players both from Delhi - Bhaskar Pillai and GP Singh came to the BCCB office to confirm their participation. Pillai a dashing middle order batsman will play for Bangladesh Biman alongside Pakistani Wasim Haider.

GP Singh is the other player from Delhi who signed for league champions Abahani. A hard hitting batsman and a useful medium pacer Singh plays for Elworth Cricket Club in Cheshire league, England.

ports AFP.

But the Kiwis have only four wickets in hand in their victory push with their best batsmen back in the pavilion.

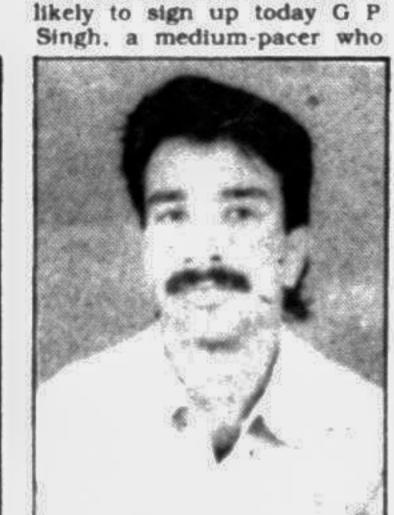
were 167 for six in their second innings chasing a 246 victory target, with wicketkeeper Tony Blain on five and Murphy Su'a vet to score.

Andrew Jones 44 and Bryan Young 43 while NSW's former Test of-spinner Greg Matthews and Test candidate paceman Glenn McGrath took two wickets each.

61 for four overnight to be all out for 109.

and spinner Dipak Patel 3-35. opening batsman Mark Taylor

top scored with 30.



RAVI SHASTRI

confirmed the services of Indian

Test discard Raman Lamba are

G P SINGH

played in a couple of one day internationals for India.

Premier league teams are provisioned to recruit four foreign players each, two of whom will be able to play in one

India missed in the desert

Indian officials and am confi-

dent we will be able to woo

allegations that the CBFS was a

pro-Pakistani organisation and

matches were "fixed" to ensure

the early eighties with the pri-

mary objective of honouring

cricketers from India and Pak-

istan, has gained official recog-

"All the major nations have

nition over the years," he said.

played here. Sharjah is an im-

ender now. We would not have

gained acceptance if allegations

ging is an insult to the integrity

of the organisation and the

the 14 tournaments played

here, while India have suffered

successive setbacks since a fa-

mous last-ball six by Javed

Miandad robbed them of victory

Sharma (Indian bowler) to bowl

a full toss to Javed?" Astf asks.

"India have won here before and

so have England and West

indies. It's all part of the game."

venue. There are no home

teams here," said Asif, who grew

up in India before migrating to

"Shariah is an off-shore

"Did we entice Chetan

"To make accusations of rig-

Pakistan have won seven of

portant part of the cricket cal-

of fixed matches was true.

cricketers.

in 1986.

Asif disagreed with India's

The CBFS, which began in

them back," he said.

that only one team won.

NZ 79 runs away from victory

NEWCASTLE, Australia, Oct. 31: New Zealand were 79 runs from their tour victory after the penultimate third day of the first class cricket match against Sheffield Shield champions New South Wales here Sunday, re-

At the close, New Zealand

Ken Rutherford made 47.

Earlier, NSW crashed from

New Zealand pace spearhead Danny Morrison captured 6-54 NSW skipper and Test

Handball results

Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club defeated Nawabpur SC by 26-13 goals in the handball tournament at the handball court of the Outer Stadium yesterday. reports UNB.

The winners led the first hall

Priya scored eight goals while Navan and Nobi netted five each for the Youngs Club. Dhanu hit six and Sudhir three for Nawabpur SC respectively.

Earlier, in the day's first match. Victoria Sporting Club beat Progati Boys Club by 14-9 goals after dominating the first session 7-6.

Akul contributed eight Khokon Sr three for the winners while Apu netted four goals and Sohel and Kajal two each for the losers respectively.

Brothers Union will meet Bangladesh Rifles in the only match scheduled for today.

To allay India's fears, CBFS

assembled three leading former

cricketers - Geoff Boycott of

England, Suntl Gavaskar of In-

dia and Imran Khan of Pakistan

- Earlier this year to draw up

the playing conditions for tour-

banners displayed by spectators

matches that local expatriates

identify themselves with their

countries and with the heroes

generates is understandable. It

happens everywhere in the

world. Here, when India wins,

their supporters celebrate. The

Pakistanis too celebrate when

also deprived their players of

possible pickings from the

35,000 dollar beneficiary fund.

Asif said by not playing India

Medvedeva

tames Arantxa

ESSEN, Germany, Oct 31:

Natalia Medvedeva cried with

joy after coming back to beat

number one seed Arantxa

place in today's Essen women's

Sanchez-Vicario and claim

tennis final, reports AFP.

The patriotic fervour sport

they worship," he said.

their team wins."

Asif also dismisses anti-India

"It is only during cricket

Pakistan.

as insignificant.

BONN, Oct 31: Bayern Munich crushed Kaiserslautern 4-0 to close in on league leaders Eintracht Frankfurt, who were held to a scoreless draw against lowly Wattenscheid in the German First Division soccer on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Bayern stay on

Eintracht's heels

The Bavarians, now unbeaten in seven games, moved into second place, three points behind Frankfurt, who lead with 22 points.

The goals were scored by Christian Ziege in the 16th minute, Adolfo Valencia in the 29th and 59th minutes and by Lothar Matthaeus on a penalty in the 68th. *A very stable performance,

Bayern vice president Franz Beckenbauer said after the match before a home crowd of 58,000 in Munich's Olympic Stadium.

Midfielder Ziege clearly outshone Kaiserslautern's Andreas Brehme, a former Bayern player, on the left flank.

Brehme, who scored the penalty which clinched the Germans the 1990 World Cup final against Argentina in Rome, opted out of international football after last year's European Championship with 74 caps to his name.

But there are strong rumours that national coach Berti Vogts may want to take advantage of Brehme's experience at the 1994 finals in the United

But it was not Kaisers lautern's day in Munich and it took 51 minutes before the visitors had their first and only scoring chance.

"We dominated the match from the first minute and every player was on the move," said Erich Ribbeck, coach of record 12-times champions Bayern, who are bidding for their first title since 1990.

'I am very, very satisfied. hope we will be able to preserve this from for the return match against Norwich," he added in reference to the UEFA Cup match at Norwich City in five days.

Frankfurt only managed a scoreless draw away against second-from bottom Wattenscheid after failing to capitalise on scoring chances by, above all, Rudi Bommer and polish international Jan Furtok.

Title desenders Werder Bremen slipped into third place in the standings after being held 2-2 away against seventhplaced Bayer Leverkusen.

Four days before the return match against Sofia, Bulgaria, in the European Cup, Bremen played convincingly and took an early lead through goals by Marco Bode in the sixth and New Zealander Wynton Rufer in the 40th minute.

But Leverkusen hit back in the 43rd minute with a goal by Andres Thom and Ralf Becker hit the equaliser in the 64th.

Big-hitters in Stockholm final

STOCKHOLM, Oct 31: Defending champion Goran Ivanisevic and Michael Stich muscled their way into the final of the Stockholm Open on Satur day, reports Reuter.

Ivanisevic humbled American Maltvai Washington 6-2, 6-1 and Stich overcame Marc Rosset of Switzerland 6-4, 7-6 to set up a clash between two of the tour's hardest hitters on the lightning fast surface in the globe arena.

However, the deciding factor in both semi-finals was the versatile game of the in form winners, who outshone their opponents in every facet of

"You have to have more than a good serve; the all-court game must be there," said the German after reaching his first final in Stockholm.

"I'm playing very well right now so naturally I would like to move up to number one in the world," Stich added.

Big-serving Rosset received a code violation when he was on the brink of defeat. He threw down his racket as he changed ends in the tiebreaker and was penalised a point which gave Stich matchpoint. He won the tiebreak

Although Ivanisevic has nine-match unbeaten run in Stockholm, Stich can take comfort from the fact that the Croat has never managed to make a successful title defence on the ATP Tour.

A stress fracture of the right foot in January ruined much of the 10th ranked Ivanisevic's year, but since mid-September he has resumed his surge towards the top with titles in Bucharest and Vienna.

With the confidence I have now, I know next year will be very good and important for me," Ivanisevic said. Against Washington, Ivani-

sevic even controlled his notoriously fiery temper. "When I explode on court I don't do it in a negative way anymore," he said, adding, "it

comes with age." Although Washington, conqueror of Borts Becker in the third round, was comprehensively beaten, he recorded the best indoor performance of his and pulled ahead at about the career by getting to the semitwo-hour mark.



Argentine captain Diego Maradona (R) manoeuvres past Australian captain Paul Wade (L) during the first leg of the World Cup qualifying series in Sydney yesterday. Two-times World Cup champions Argentina drew 1-1 with the Socceroos after Maradona set up a goal from the corner. The second leg will be played in Buenos Aires on Nov 17.

Magnificent Maradona relives magic but

Aussies hold Argentines



SYDNEY, Oct 31: Argentina take a crucial away goal back to Buenos Aires for next month's return leg

after holding a committed Australia to a 1-1 draw in their World Cup football eliminator here Sunday night, reports AFP.

Skipper Diego Maradona, just turned 33 and playing his first international for eight months, was largely shackled by his Australian counterpart Paul Wade over the 90 minutes. but inspired Argentina's vital goal with a flash of genius.

Maradona evaded his marker in the 37th minute to cross from the right for Roma striker Abel Balbo to deftly beat diving goalkeeper Mark Bosnich with a header into the top right hand corner.

Australia showcased their dramatic improvement in the world game by striking back five minutes later with a superb team goal, engineered by German-based Ned Zelic.

Zelic split the defence with a ball to overlapping right back Tony Vidmar, whose pass across the face of goal was put away by his Belgian-based brother Aurelio.

The two teams meet again in the River Plate Stadium in Buenos Aires on November 17 to claim a ticket to the World Cup finals in the United States

next June. Argentine coach Alflo Basile used the halftime break to instruct his midfield to improve their support for front-runners, Gabriel Batistuta and Balbo and the two-time World Cup champions dominated the second half for long periods with possession football.

"Balbo and Batistuta were isolated for the first half and we tried to get the midfield to them more in the second half," said Basile at the post-match press conference.

Maradona, who hobbled through much of the second half after taking knock, played more forward in attack and was content with distributing the ball to his eager midfield colleagues, Fernando Redondo and Hugo Perez.

Basile was satisfied with the overall performance of central defender Sergio Vazquez, whose task was to shadow Australia's lone front-runner, Belgianbased veteran Graham Arnold.

Arnold almost got the better of Chilean-based Vazquez in the 12th minute when left back Jason van Blerk's tantalising cross was just nodded to safety in front of goal.

"The plan was for Vazquez to neutralise Arnold, not letting him get possession," said Basile. "He had problems in the first 15 minutes, but he did well in the end." Basile would not commit

himself to making any changes for the second game although he has to check the fitness of midfielder Jose Basualdo who was replaced by Gustavo Zapata in the 70th minute after a heavy tackle.

Maradona became one of five vellow card recipients in the match for showing dissent to Hungarian referee Sandor Puhl. Similar warnings were given to Australian midfielder Robbie Slater and substitute forward David Mitchell as well as Argentina's Carlos McAllister and Perez.

Roared on by a ground record 44,000 home crowd, Australia, fielding seven European-based team members were good value for the draw. especially in the first half when, spearheaded by pacy Frenchbased midfielder Slater, they threatened Sergio Goycochea's

Arnold had another chance in the 23rd minute when Redondo dithered and was dispossessed 30 metres in front of his goal but Arnold shot tamely

Maradona almost conjured a second goal for his team just nine minutes after halftime when he cheekily chipped the Australian defence from a freekick for Balbo to back-heel across the goalmouth, but nobody was on hand to apply the finishing touch.

"I'm not very happy with the result, but I'm very happy with the way we played." said Australian coach Eddie

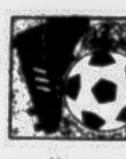
Thomson afterwards. "We played some super stuff in the first half, but except for one mistake for which we were

punished, we did really well.* "We've got (suspended) Frank Farina to come back for the Buenos Aires mater and we're still got a good chance of going through to the World Cup

English-born Wade celebrated equalling the most number of international caps with 64 by keeping Maradona, the player of his generation, largely

"It's still one of the toughest jobs in football," said Wade of his marking assignment. "I foilowed him around for 90 minutes and in a few seconds he can cause so much damage it just shows they the Argentine public demanded him to be in the national team."

Anfield makes Flowers rue



LONDON, Oct 31: Liverpool strike force Rubbie Fowler and Ian Rush punished Southampton's England

goalkeeper Time Flowers on Saturday for turning down a prestige move to Anfield, reports Fowler and Rush scored

twice each as Liverpool hammered Southampton 4-2. Eighteen-year-old Fowler

beat Flowers with a 15th minute header from a Rob Jones. Twelve minutes later he scored from the edge of the penalty box with a low angled But struggling Saints, who

were unbeaten in their three previous games, hit back just before half-time through Matthew Le Tissier. Welsh international Rush,

who got a League Cup hat-trick in midweek against Fulham, scored after an hour before Le

games since returning from a five match spell in the Southampton reserves. But Rush put the result beyond dispute five minutes from time. Premiership leaders Man-

chester United must thank Eric Cantona and mark Hughes for salvaging their unbeaten record at home to Queen's Park Rangers. United found Les Ferdinand

and Bradley Allen too hot to handle in the first half. Ferdinand forced Peter Schemichel into a superb save after five minutes. In the eighth minute. Allen beat Schemichel to a Ferdinand cross to head Rangers into the lead.

But United hit back in the second half. Cantona and Hughes scored to make sure United retained their record. And the champions increased their lead at the top of the table to 11 points after nearest chasers Norwich and Arsenal

Blackburn Rovers, who are favourites to sign Southampton's goalkeeper, inflicted Tottenham Hotspurs' second defeat in 11 games, 1-0 win at Ewood park. Rovers gave 2.75 million

pound signing David Batty his

debut, but Alan Shearer's ninth

goal of the season after only 15

minutes sealed the match.

Shearer volleyed past Erik Thorstvedt from close range at the end of an Andy Ripley cor-Peter Beardsley scored a hattrick as Newcastle bounced back from two defeats with a 4-

0 win over Wimbledon, who beat them in the League Cup on Tuesday. The rout started with a Beardsley penalty in the 36th minute. His two second half goals came after an Andy Cole

strike to celebrate his return to

the side after being dropped for

significant move from a leading

group of a dozen runners who

dominated the race from the

seconds further back with

Ethiopia's Kebede Gemechu

Bernadini finished nine

Nerurkar finished 5th in

arguing with Manager Kevin drew 0-0 at Highbury. Keegan. Tissier got his fourth goal in two

SAN SEBASTIAN. Spain, Oct 31: Commonwealth golds in 1974. her victory. "I expected to win China's running His breakaway was the first

sensation Wang Junxia won the women's World Marathon Cup Sunday, leading a Chinese sweep of the race in this northern Spanish port

Wang, who had the best year-old mark of 2:21.06 set by

this race. I trained very hard for it. San Sebastian is a beautiful place to run a marathon."

and countrywoman Zhang Lirong was third. Richard Nerurkar of Britain

with Italy's Severino Bernadini "It was a superb race with

lap, the competitors." The 29-year-old graduate of

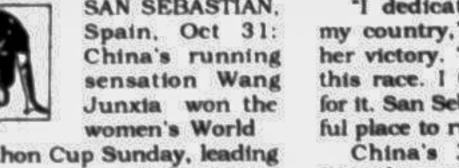
the 10,000m at the 1991 World Championships but missed Stuttgart this year because he had decided to concentrate on the marathon here, which he prepared with three weeks altitude training in the pyrenees.

third in 2:10:16.

beginning.

Four Chinese women stayed at the head throughout most of the race, joined by Olga Michurina of Russia at the halfway point.

China maintains its grip "I dedicate this victory to marathon prize since lan my country," Wang said after Thompson won European and



city with a time of 2 hours, 28 minutes, 16 seconds, reports time for the marathon this year, fell short of the eight-

Norwegian Ingrid Kristiansen in London in 1985. World champion and world record holder in the 10,000 metres. Wang stayed with the head of the 62-woman field over most of the race in this northern Spanish port town

China's Zhang Linli was second in an unofficial 2:29:42,

won the men's race in 2:10:03

great spectators, a great place to win, Nerurkar said. "Everything was fantastic, the

Oxford and Harvard Universities followed up his marathon debut victory in Hamburg earlier in the year with an astutely-judged run to claim Britain's first major