

Sport

Bangladesh meet Zimbabwe today

Sports Reporter



Golam Nowsheer Prince, the country's most experienced pace bowler...

The second African nation to win Test status after South Africa...

Andy Flower, who is an opening batsman-cum-wicketkeeper, tipped Bangladesh as one of the candidates...

and two-day provincial competitions form the core of the internal system...



A beaming Ali Shah does a bit stretching with the help of one of his team-mates...

Radio Bangladesh and Bangladesh Television will cover both the matches live from the Dhaka Stadium.

TEAMS

ZIMBABWE: A Flower (captain), A Waller (vice-captain), D Houghton...

Rackemann wrecks W Australia

PERTH, Nov 2: Veteran pace bowler Carl Rackemann took six for 93 on Monday to destroy Western Australia's batting...

Bangladesh hockey team off to Japan

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A Bangladesh hockey team left Dhaka yesterday to participate in the 4th Asia Cup hockey tournament in Japan.

The tournament will start from November 5 in Hiroshima. Nine teams, including Bangladesh, are taking part in the tournament.

Bangladesh will meet Japan on the opening day.

Bangladesh is placed in Group B with India, Japan, South Korea and Kazakhstan.

Following are the fixtures of the Bangladesh team:

- Nov 5: vs Japan
Nov 7: vs Kazakhstan
Nov 8: vs India
Nov 10: vs South Korea

No prior visa needed for SAF athletes

The athletes and officials of the sixth SAF Games will not be required to collect visa from the embassies in their respective countries...

The athletes and officials will be given visa on-arrival at the Zia International Airport here, they said.

Bangladesh Olympic officials said this is for the first time such facilities would be provided to the foreign athletes and officials in the South Asian Regional Games.

The sixth SAF Games begin in Dhaka on December 20. Nearly 1200 athletes from seven member countries will take part in 11 disciplines of the eight-day Games.

The officials said foreign journalists, who want to cover the Sixth SAF Games, will have to collect visa from the Bangladesh embassies in their respective countries.

Snow, Titmus to help England Windies tour

LONDON, Nov 2: Former England pace bowler John Snow and off-spinner Fred Titmus have been added to England's back-up coaching team, reports AFP.

The pair will help to prepare the England A Team at Lilleshaal today before their tour of South Africa, which starts on November 29.

Both will also help Mike Atherton's senior England side before their West Indies tour in the new year.

Snow has additionally been asked to assist England's pacemen during three Tests in the West Indies. Current bowling coach Geoff Arnold will join England for the Guyana and Trinidad Tests.

Bishop aims to return to action

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Nov 2: West Indies fast bowler Ian Bishop, whose career has been plagued by injury, aims to return to action next March after breaking down again earlier this year.

Bishop, who plays for English country Derbyshire, said: "My plan is to resume active cricket in March 1994."

"The doctors have agreed once everything is okay there is no problem with that schedule. I will then travel to England in April to join Derbyshire."

Bishop, who has taken 83 wickets in 18 Tests, was diagnosed as having a stress fracture in his lower back and ordered by a specialist in Derby last May to take a complete rest.

He played in a five-Test series in Australia and in the first two Tests of a three match home rubber against Pakistan in April before he broke down again.

Anwar again Pakistan's hero

SHARJAH, Nov 2: Pakistan beat Sri Lanka on Tuesday by two wickets and two balls to spare in a thrilling match of the Champions Trophy one-day international cricket tournament at the Sharjah Stadium, reports AP.

Part-time bowler Aravinda de Silva was slammed for 15 runs in the penultimate over by Abdul Qadir and new cap Aamir Hanif for Pakistan to finally win the match by a run which came of a leg.

Faced a total of 270 for the loss of six wickets, Saeed Anwar smashed 111 for his third successive century here to give Pakistan the closing total of 271 for eight.

Requiring 17 runs to win in 12 balls and three wickets in hand, captain Wasim Akram was run out by De Silva giving Sri Lanka hopes of a fine victory.

Yet, there came leg-spinner Qadir, who though injured, slammed De Silva for a huge six over the bowler's arms off the very first ball he faced and by the time Silva had finished the 49th over, 15 vital runs had been given away.

With the scores tied at 270 and four balls left in the final over, Promadaya Wickremasinghe bowled a leg-by to Qadir, helping Pakistan to the narrow two-wicket victory.

Opener Anwar was once again in supreme element, pacing himself perfectly to score his third successive century in this three-nation tournament. He had scored 107 against Sri Lanka in their opening match

with another one in a group match in the 1990 ICC Championship in Holland.

M Meman, the manager of the visiting side, ruled out any possibilities of his side's taking the matches lightly, saying that the series would tone up Zimbabwe's preparations for the Hero Cup.

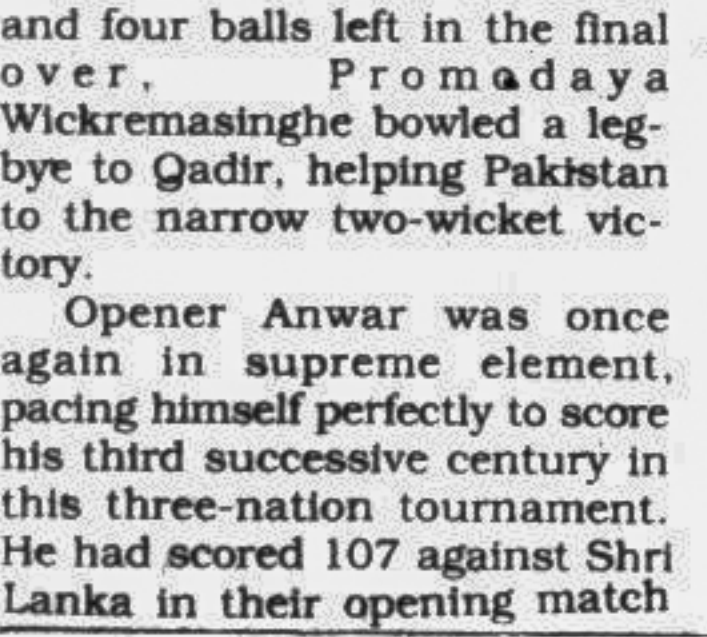
Dwelling on the set up of Zimbabwe's domestic cricket, he revealed that only one-day

De Silva run out 62
Kaluwirthana c Inzamam b Rehman 23
Karpaga not out 1
Extras: (lb-5, w-10, nb-3) 18
Total: (6 wickets, 50 overs) 270

Fall of wickets: 1-26; 2-131; 3-153; 4-197; 5-263; 6-270
Did not bat: Tillemkaratne, Ramanayake, Wickremasinghe, Liyanage.
Bowling: O M R W
Akram 10 1 42 0
Rehman 10 1 53 1
Hanif 3.4 0 27 1
Mustaq 10 1 56 1
Qadir 7.2 0 35 0
Malik 9 0 52 2

PAKISTAN:
Saeed Anwar c Mahanama b Liyanage 111
Asif Mujtaba c Kaluwirthana b Liyanage 34
Inzamamul Haq c Wickremasinghe b Liyanage 53
Basit Ali run out 13
Salim Malik c and b Ramanayake 14
Aamir Hanif not out 17
Wasim Akram run out 5
Rashid Latif c Mahanama b Wickremasinghe 2
Mushtaq Ahmed run out 6
Abdul Qadir not out 7
Extras: (lb-1, w-1, nb-7) 9
Total: (Eight wickets - 49.4 overs) 271
Did not bat: Aatur Rehman
Fall of wickets: 1-86; 2-195; 3-209; 4-225; 5-233; 6-244; 7-254; 8-260

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the Champions Trophy one-day international match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Tuesday:
SHRI LANKA:
Mahanama stumped Latif b Mushtaq 59
Gurusthna lbw b Hanif 7
Jayasuriya c Mushtaq b Malik 65
Ranatuanga stumped Latif b Malik 35



S ANWAR... man-of-match

Match of practice, Zimbabweans, the newcomers of Test cricket are never short of seriousness, as this picture of the visitors in the middle of the work-out session at the Dhaka Stadium shows yesterday.

NZ morale high: Crowe

SYDNEY, Nov 2: New Zealand cricket team morale has lifted after a victory over New South Wales ended the Kiwis' tour drought, captain Martini Crowe said Tuesday, reports AP.

The tourists ended a run of three straight losses by defeating Sheffield Shield champion New South Wales by three wickets at Newcastle on Monday.

New Zealand now will play a four-day match against Tasmania starting at Launceston on Thursday before the first Test against Australia begins in Perth on Nov 12.

Test spearhead Danny Morrison, makeshift opener Bryan Young and veterans Ken Rutherford and Andrew Jones all played impressively in Newcastle.

"We're getting there, but there's obviously a few more guys to get into some form," Crowe said. "We just need to keep improving all the time."

"We now feel we are getting somewhere and that we're starting to piece it all together." "It's obviously chirped the boys up and it's a little reward for the effort that has gone in — and that's very satisfying."

Injured opener Mark Greatbatch, who consulted a hand specialist in Sydney on Monday, is a doubtful starter for the match against Tasmania, and maybe even the first Test.

He fractured a finger on his left hand at training a fortnight ago.

Veteran David White joined the 14-man touring squad last week but will return home if Greatbatch is fit enough to play against Tasmania.

Left-arm paceman Murphy Su'a, who has a groin strain, and offspinner Dpapak Patel, who is troubled by an Achilles tendon injury, are expected to be rested from the Launceston match so they can recover in time to play in the first Test.

SA squad named for CAB meet

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 2: Western Province all-rounder Dave Rundle is the only newcomer in the 15-man South African cricket squad named on Monday for the Bengal jubilee tournament in India and the subsequent three-Test tour of Australia, reports Reuter.

Western Province captain Craig Matthews and Eastern Province all-rounder Dave Callaghan are recalled but there is no room for veteran batsman Jimmy Cook, slow left-armers Clive Eksteen and wicketkeeper Steve Palfreman.

Eastern Province fast bowler Brett Schultz will join the squad in Australia once he has recovered from a knee operation.

The squad: Kepler Wessels (captain), Hanise Cronje (vice-captain), Dave Callaghan, Daryll Cullinan, Fanie de Villiers, Allan Donald, Andrew Hudson, Brian McMillan, Craig Matthews, Jonty Rhodes, Dave Richardson, Dave Rundle, Richard Snell, Errol Stewart, Pat Symcox.

Coach: Mike Procter. Manager: Robbie Muzzell.

Rifles champs in kite flying meet

The Rifles Club became champions in the kite flying competition organised by Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation in Observance of Tourism Month '93 at the Hockey Stadium here yesterday, reports BSS.

The Arani Jubo Sangha and Shimanta Khelaghar got the second and third position respectively.

About 40 kite fliers took part in the competition.

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas witnessed the competition as the chief guest, he also distributed the trophies among the winners.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan, Syed Morshed Kamal MP, Secretary of the Civil Aviation Ministry Afzalur Rahman, Chairman of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation Bazul Ghani Patwari and a large number of spectators were present.

Lodhi flying high

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Mahmud Lodhi, the International Master (IM) of Pakistan, moved one step ahead to capture the 10th Q M Hossain memorial International Masters' chess tournament title at the Hotel Purbani yesterday.

Yesterday, Lodhi beat his Bangladeshi counterpart Ziaul Qader Tuhin.

He got 8 points from nine games.

In another match, local International Master Ziaur Rahman drew with his compatriot Rafiqul Islam.

V Sharvanan of India beat his countryman Rahul Shetty to keep himself in the second position of the points table with 7 1/2 points.

Other matches of the day were in progress till the filing of this report.



Diego Maradona (R), the Argentine captain signs his autograph at Sydney airport as his team prepares to depart yesterday. Both the Australian and Argentine teams left on the same flight to play the second leg of the World Cup qualifying match in Buenos Aires on Nov 17. The teams drew their first match 1-1 in Sydney on Oct 31.

Aussies expect an upset win

SYDNEY, Nov 2: Australia have grown in confidence and believe they can defeat two-time finalist Argentina in the teams' second leg World Cup soccer qualifying match Australian coach Eddie Thomson said Tuesday, reports agencies.

Argentina played a 1-1 draw in the first leg in Sydney on Sunday night. The second game will be played Nov 17 in Buenos Aires, with the winner on aggregate advancing to the World Cup finals in the United States next year.

"You are always a bit worried Argentina can give you a bit of a spanking and could run away with the game, but having played against them I'm certainly more confident for the second game than I was before the first," said Thomson.

Thomson and 13 members of his squad left Tuesday for Chile, where they will be based until three days before the game in Buenos Aires.

European-based members of the Australian squad will link up with their teammates the week before the match.

Thomson said he planned to make only one change to the team, with striker Frank Farina returning after suspension, probably at the expense of a defender.

"I can leave a fullback out and play an extra midfielder," the Scottish-born coach said.

"We've got a lot of options because Robbie Slater and Farina can play two or three positions and Jason Van Blerk can play a couple of positions."

Thomson said he definitely would retain all three central defenders for the second leg game at the River Plate Stadium.

Socceroo skipper Paul Wade will make a record 65th international appearance for Australia in that match and Thomson said he will again mark Argentine ace Diego Maradona.

Thomson said he had spoken to the French-based Farina on the telephone and the speedy striker was keen to link up with the national squad again.

"Frankie was very emotional. He cannot wait to get across," Thomson said.

"Slater caused some problems with his pace and strength in the first game and Farina is the same as Slater."

"If Farina can do the same, we are going to have a good shot at it."

Australia will play a practice game against Chilean club Colo Colo on Thursday, Thomson said.

Argentina won the World Cup in 1986 and were runners up in 1990, while Australia have not qualified for the finals since 1974.

MARADONA INJURED

Argentine soccer superstar Diego Maradona is suffering from a hamstring injury after

Sunday's World Cup match against Australia, but is expected to bounce back quickly and in time for the second leg in Buenos Aires.

Maradona was injured in the second half while disputing the ball with Australian captain Paul Wade, but team spokesman Roberto Viera said the Argentine skipper should be fine for the second qualifier on November 17.

"Maradona suffered a hamstring injury when he fell during the second half, but it's not that serious," Viera said today just before the Argentine team flew home.

"He should be fine in two or three days and in top condition for the Buenos Aires match," Viera said.

Maradona, making his international comeback as captain after an eight-month layoff, had a relatively quiet game, but managed to set up Argentina's only goal in the 1-1 draw with Australia when his left-foot cross was headed home by striker Abel Balbo.

Viera said Basile was not contemplating any major changes to the squad, although there were some injuries, including those to defenders Sergio Vazquez and Carlos Maccallister and Balbo.

Argentina are firm favourites to win the second leg at the River Plate Stadium to earn a spot in next year's World Cup finals in the United States.

Who is the 'real' champion?

JAKARTA, Nov 2: For the past eight weeks the chess world has watched in amazement as two matches claiming to be for the world chess title ran simultaneously, reports Reuter.

The official title match ended on Monday in Jakarta with an emphatic victory for Russia's Anatoly Karpov over Jan Timman of the Netherlands.

Ten days earlier, another Russian, Garri Kasparov, had completed an even more decisive win against England's Nigel Short in an unofficial contest in London billed as the "Times world chess championship".

Both Karpov, 42, and 30-year-old Kasparov now claim to be the true world champion, to the confusion of chess followers around the world.

Although Kasparov is ranked number one in the world, clearly ahead of second placed Karpov, his action in walking away from the World Chess Federation and trying to take the world title with him has been widely criticised.

Of course there should only be one world champion, said Karpov after his victory in the official title match. But at the moment there are two systems and two world champions.

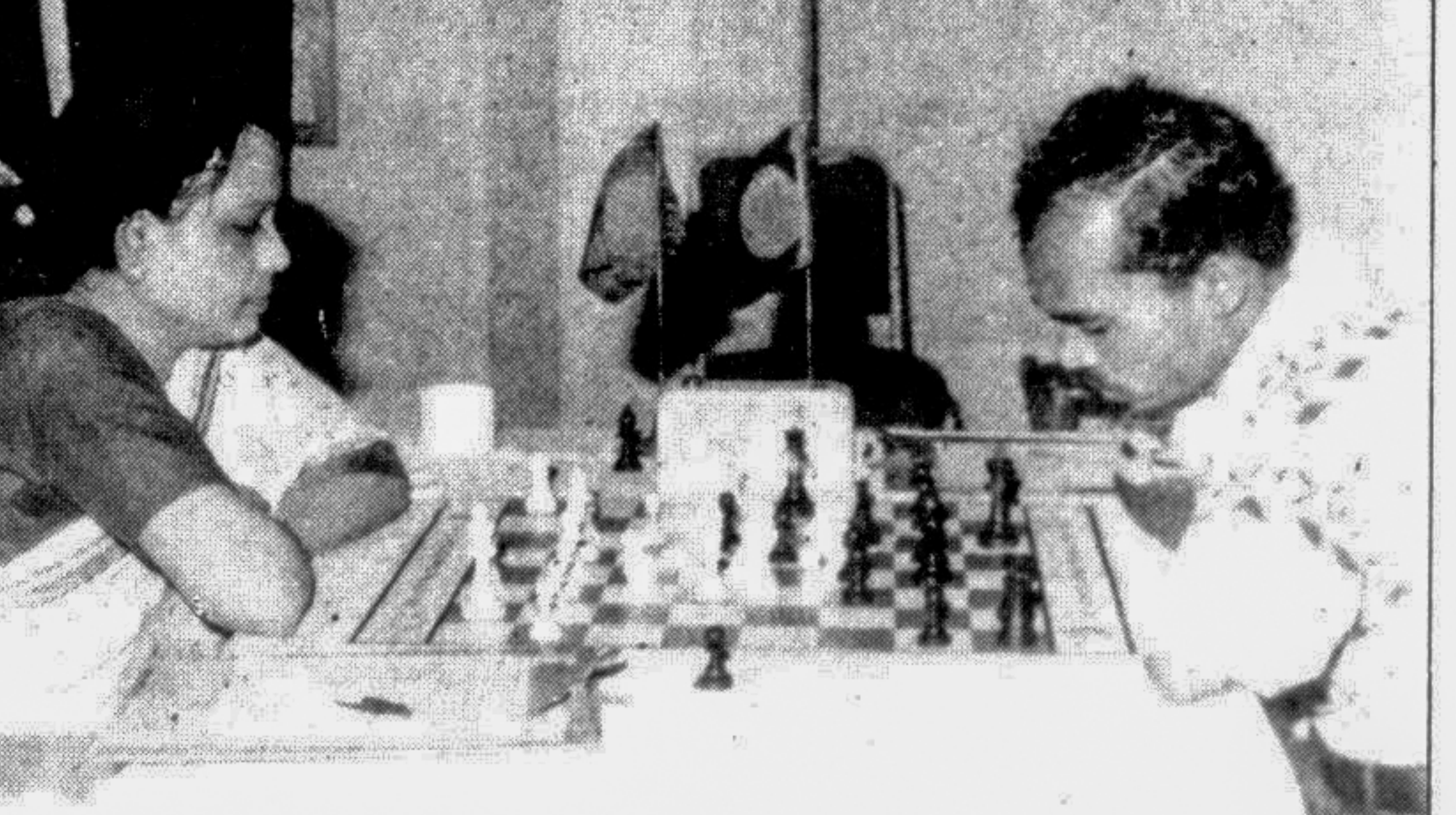
After his successful match against Short, Kasparov has said he is the only player with the right to claim the world title. The public will decide who is the true world champion, he said.

Until February this year the chess world was united, with one world champion and a lengthy but fair qualification procedure to find a challenger every three years.

Then Kasparov and his official challenger, Short, decided to break with the World Chess Federation and organise their own, more lucrative, title match.

The action by Kasparov and Short has been compared to two Wimbledon tennis finalists walking off the court to play their final in another venue for higher prize-money.

The World Chess Federation reacted angrily, stripping Kasparov of his world title and removing him and fellow Grandmaster Short from the world ranking list. The next two players in line for the world title, Karpov and Timman, were asked to substitute for Kasparov and Short in the official match.



Bangladeshi International Women's Master (IWM) Rani Hamid (L) and compatriot Kalimullah Khan Kalam (R) playing their 10th round match in the Dr Q M Hossain memorial International Masters' chess competition at the Hotel Purbani yesterday.

— Star photo