

Stars in their courses

Sports Reporter

After the completion of the eighth round matches the 15th national junior chess championship is now delicately poised with defending national champion IM Reefat bin Sattar and IM Ziaur Rahman jointly heading the points table, having collected seven and a half points each.

In case, both Reefat and Zia win in the last ninth and final round matches today, which they are very likely to do, the championship will have to be decided through tie-breaker.

At the National Sports Council chess room yesterday, Reefat beat M Alamgir while Zia defeated Hossain Arif in their respective matches.

Shawkat Hossain Pallab, who enjoyed a brief stay at the top on Monday, held on to his place after the top duo with a win over Sheikh Nasir Ahmed.

Pallab now has six and half points from eight matches.

Tuhin's ton throttles Orient

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Tuhin sparked with an unbeaten century as Orient Sporting Club posted a huge 139-run victory over Rayer Bazar Club in the Second Division cricket league at the Dhamondi Club ground yesterday.

Orient, bolstered by Tuhin's ton, the fourth in this year's league, amassed an imposing 234 for seven in their quota of 40 overs. Tuhin sent the ball across the fence on occasions for his 104-ball 102.

Rayer Bazar, with an unnerving task of getting almost six runs an over to win, folded their innings in the 22.1 overs, making 95.

Zahir, the captain, topscored with 30.

Richards' prediction

ANTIGUA, Jan 19: Strike bowler Courtney Ambrose poses the major threat to England's cricket tour hopes, according to Viv Richards, reports AFP.

Former skipper Richards, who led the West Indies during 50 of his 121 Tests, predicted here on Tuesday the series would be tighter than many experts were predicting — but that Ambrose would give the home side the edge.

First Div b'ball

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Dhaka Winners Club beat Dhaka Wanderers Club 58-34 in the Partex First Division basketball league at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 27-17.

Tanu topscored for Winners with 18 followed by Asif, who caged 17.

Rumel and Debasish scored 12 and eight respectively for the losers.

Twenty paddlers picked

Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation yesterday picked twenty promising paddlers from all over the country to give intensive training under a foreign coach, reports UNB.

A Chinese trainer is expected to conduct a five-week training camp beginning in the capital on Tuesday.

The selected players are: Mahboob, Manas, Mahid, Shwon, Tuhin (Dhaka); Haimet, Rubel, Sagar (Ansar); Mahboob, Abid, Nabi, Saiful (Tangail); Monir (Jessore); Zia, Rakib (Rajshahi); Partha, Ferdous (Habiganj); Pappu, Goutam (Narail) and Joyanta (Gangladesh).

Biman athletics begins

The two-day thirteenth annual athletics championship '94 of Biman Bangladesh Airlines got underway at Rajbari Police Lines ground yesterday, reports BSS.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan formally declared the meet open as chief guest in the morning. Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation Afzalur Rahman was the special guest. Biman Managing Director Abdul Majeed Chowdhury, Director administration and president Biman Sports and Cultural Council Lt. Col (retd) Shahriar Ahmed Chowdhury were present.

1190 athletes representing all directorates and domestic stations under Biman are participating in 37 events of the competition. On the first day final of 24 events were held.

Div III soccer

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