

Pallab finishes on top

Sports Reporter

Shawkat Hossain Pallab of Sonali Bank became the unbeaten champion with six and a half points in the qualifying round of the second United Insurance International Masters' (IM) chess competition at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

In the seventh and final round, Pallab beat Moniruzzaman Moni.

Tanima Parveen of Biman finished unbeaten runner-up while Genius' Aminul Islam took the third spot.

One hundred and three players took part in this Swiss league tournament.

The final round matches will begin from March 20.

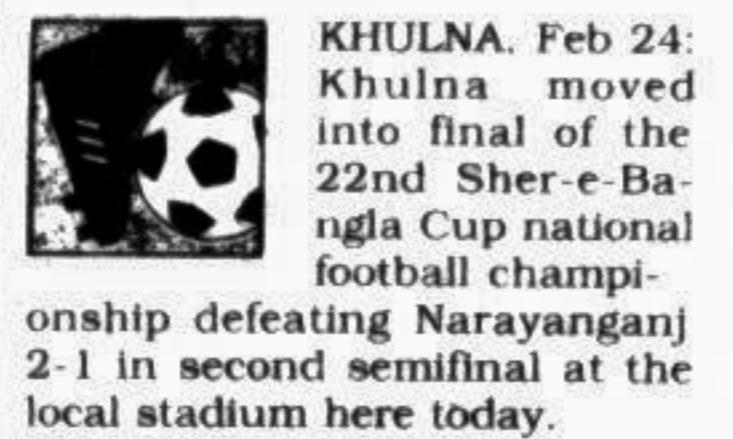
Nirman cricket results

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Opee produced an awesome batting display as Willes Little Flower School outclassed

Violence overshadows match as Khulna move into final

From Staff Correspondent



KHULNA. Feb 24: Khulna moved into final of the 22nd Sher-e-Bangla Cup national football championship defeating Narayanganj 2-1 in second semifinal at the local stadium here today.

The exciting encounter was also marked by violence following some allegedly controversial decisions by the referee which incensed the crowd who became violent. The trouble lasted about an hour and reportedly left fifty persons were injured including twelve policemen.

Among the injured, Emily, the Narayanganj coach his wife and some players sustained minor cuts and bruises.

Witnesses claimed the police resorted to baton charge, used tear gas and fired blank shots to disperse the unruly

mob as the clashes spread outside the stadium after the match.

Hosts Khulna, who dominated the match, snatched victory with two spot kicks in both halves.

Sunny converted both the penalties for the winners while Riaz netted the only goal for Narayanganj.

The match was locked 1-1 at the breather.

Khulna created many chances to score.

They had wait till 21st minute of the proceedings before a Narayanganj defender fouled in the danger zone to award Khulna a penalty. Sunny scored from the spot-kick 1-0.

Seven minutes later Khulna deprived of another scoring chance when the referee over looked foul.

Narayanganj leveled the margin in the 35th minute.

Div II cricket

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Ajax, Amarjyoti and Uttara recorded wins in their respective matches of the Second Division super league at different city venues yesterday.

Ajax carved out a massive 155-run victory against DOHS at the Dhaka Stadium.

The Narayanganj custodian Milon who came to the rescue on several occasions to thwart Khulna's attacks beautifully chested as Aslam free-kick in the dying moments of the first half.

DOHS were all out for 94 in their turn from 32.3 overs.

Amarjyoti beat Orient Sporting Club by 47 runs in another match played on the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Amarjyoti, batted first and were all out for 155 in 40 overs.

Orient were all out for 108 in 34.5 overs.

Unlike the two other super league ties Uttara managed an exciting seven run win against Nirman XI at the Pallabi ground.

Uttara batted first and were all out for 123 but then succeeded in bowling Nirman out for 116 with Rana taking three for 16.

In day's relegation league encounter Azad Boys notched up a huge 105-run victory against Wari Kali at the Jagannath Hall ground.

Azad Boys batted first and mustered 164 for nine wickets. Chasing 165 for a win Wari were all out for 59 in 19.5 overs.

Champak leads Madras chess

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International Master (IM) Zillur Rahman Champak led the points table of the Madras International Masters' (IM) chess tournament in India with a collection of four points after the fifth round matches.

In beating the world's No. 3 player, Burillo complemented his booming serve with a sparkling return game to win with surprising ease.

The 21-year-old Spaniard had never been ranked higher than last year's season-ending 56th. Entering the match Burillo was 0-5 in singles play this year and ranked 69th in the world.

In the boys' doubles the Thai pair Roymoni Putipong-Witoonpanich Bhee squeezed into the semifinal defeating Indian pair Saifuddin and Verma.

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Suksamaran beat (teammate) Suppaphuna 6-3, 6-1. She will face another Thai girl Tovisithai and Anuchan Montika and Vinca Rampen of Indonesia earned their semifinal in the boys' singles.

The Thai dominating the court on the third day of the five-day long world junior ranking meet moved into the final of the girls' singles and into the boys' and girls' doubles semifinal.

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