

Dhaka grapplers too good

Sports Reporter

Dhaka emerged the unchallenged champions of the 13th national junior and cadet wrestling championship '94 with a haul of ten golds at the end of the three-day competition at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.

Dhaka, in fact, garnered 15 models including two silvers and three bronzes besides the ten golds.

Munshiganj took the second slot more by default of the other outfits than any real competition with the champs. So ragged was the nature of the pointless tourney that just one silver medal and a bronze were enough to earn them the runners-up position.

Gazipur came third with one silver.

Nine teams — Dhaka, Munshiganj, Gazipur, Khulna, Jessore, Jessore Board, Narail, Chittagong and Rangpur — took part in this competition featuring 16 events.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain gave away the prizes as chief guest.

Office hockey super league begins today

Sports Reporter

The Sonali Bank office hockey super league begins at the Hockey Stadium today with two matches billed for the opening day.

After a day's rest, four top finishers of the round robin league — Bangladesh Navy, Sadharan Bima, Bangladesh Air Force and Sonali Bank — will vie in the final round where their previous points will also be counted.

Navy, who led the first phase with ten points from six matches, will meet Bangladesh Air Force in the first match at 2:45 pm while Sadharan Bima will take on Sonali Bank at 4 pm.

DU cricket

Sports Reporter

Department of Management pulled off a 20-run victory against Botany in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket championship at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Management batted first to collect 138 for five from their stipulated quota of 30 overs.

Selim was their top-scorer with 25.

Botany's Rashed captured two wickets for 38 runs.

Babu made 29 and Rashed followed his bowling success with 18 but Department of Botany could only collect 118 for nine from their quota.

Management's Shamim paved the path for his side's win with a haul of three for 17.

Nirman cricket final today

Sports Reporter

The 12th Nirman schools cricket championship final between Mymensingh and Narayanganj will be held at the Dhaka Stadium today.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain will give away prizes after the final.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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4 George's wife

5 Humorist

6 Karras or Trebek

7 Erstwhile "Golden Girl"

8 "Out of Africa" star

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11 Diminutive ending

17 Lucie's brother

19 Fashion line

22 Footed vase

23 Clear the decks

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26 "Monkey suit"

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35 Lecherous look

36 Lapdog, for short

37 Micro wave?

39 Impressionist Claude

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Minnows' moment of truth

SHARJAH. United Arab Emirates, Apr 12: Debutants United Arab Emirates test their strength against India on Wednesday in the opening match of the one-day Australasia Cup but rows over player selection are still dogging other teams, reports Reuter.

Shri Lanka and previous cup winners Pakistan have been embroiled in selection controversy before the competition which ends on April 22 and also includes Australia and New Zealand.

Pakistan will miss Waqar a lot

ISLAMABAD. Apr 12: Pakistan's cricket squad leaves for the Australasia Cup in Sharjah today, but without top pace bowler Waqar Younis who is recovering from appendicitis, reports Reuter.

Younis, who underwent surgery last week and will be out of action for about six weeks, was replaced by the young Aatur Rehman.

Captain Salim Malik told reporters in Lahore he hoped the middle order batsmen would improve on their recent performance in New Zealand in which Pakistan won the Test series 2-1 but their batsmen had to struggle for runs.

"This has become essential because in the absence of Waqar we need to make a big total and allow Wasim (Akram) and other bowlers enough overs to bowl out the opposition," Malik told the official APP news agency.

Other teams taking part in the Australasia Cup beginning on Wednesday are Australia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, India and the United Arab Emirates.

THE SQUAD: Salim Malik (captain), Asif Mujtaba (vice-captain), Amir Sohail, Saeed Anwar, Basit Ali, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Wasim Akram, Rashid Latif, Aaqib Javed, Akram Raza, Athar Laeq, Shahid Ahmad, Ijaz Ahmad, Aatur Rehman.

Yorkshire beat Montserrat

PLYMOUTH, Montserrat. Apr 12: The touring Yorkshire county cricket club defeated Montserrat by 16 runs in a limited overs match at Sturge Park on Sunday, reports AP.

The English players, who are touring Leeward islands to prepare for their new season, batted first on a placid pitch and scored 204 for 4 from 47 overs.

Yorkshire's innings were built around a fine century by former England opener, Capt. Martyn Moxon, who cracked 101 with nine fours and one six.

Openers Gary Barzey and Alexander Herbert provided a fairly solid start for the home side, taking the score to over 40 but a middle order collapse saw the Montserrat team finishing on 188 for seven from 47 overs.

Herbert hit a patient 45 and Fitzroy Buffonge contributed 32 while Mark Stephanie top-scored with an elegant 47.

Medium pacer, David Gough, took 2 for 40 from his 10 overs and Michael Foster 2 for 26 from nine overs.

"The tournament will give us the opportunity to get a feel of the international teams," said Emirates team captain Sultan Zarawani.

"The other teams will be under pressure not us, for we have nothing to lose," added Zarawani, the sole Arab member of the UAE team which was formed only seven months ago and won the International Cricket Conference Trophy in Nairobi last month.

The UAE team includes eight Pakistanis, three Indians



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and two Sri Lankans and is coached by former Indian Test player Madan Lal. Its ICC win also qualified it for the 1996 World Cup, to be hosted jointly by Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka.

"Basically we're treating this tournament to prepare the team for the world cup," Zarawani said.

Five Pakistani cricket fans began a hunger strike on Saturday to try to force officials to recall top batsman Javed Miandad, who announced his retirement from the sport last week after being excluded from the team going to Sharjah.

Pakistan, led by Salim Malik, are also missing key pace bowler Waqar Younis, who is recovering from appendicitis and has been replaced by Aatur Rehman.

There was more controversy in Sri Lanka when captain Arjuna Ranatunga and three other players resigned after failing a controversial fitness test, and the team left for Sharjah under police guard on Tuesday with prolific opener Roshan Mahanama their new

captain.

The Indian side arrived on Monday in a confident mood after recent wins over England, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka and West Indies.

"We have all the chances in the world to win the tournament," said manager Ajit Wadekar, himself a successful Indian captain.

He snapped at suggestions that the Indian pace attack had lost its sting in the absence of Kapil Dev and Manoj Prabhakar. "Their absence won't hit the balance of the team. We have the resources to tackle the situation."

Australia have arrived with new captain Mark Taylor, who replaced Allan Border. "We have a good chance specially considering our performance the last three one-day internationals in South Africa," Taylor said.

"The Australasia Cup, will give (Shane) Warne, who has not yet played against Indian or Pakistani batsmen, a chance to firmly establish his credentials as a world class bowler."

Lankans off to Sharjah

COLOMBO. Apr 12: Sri Lanka's cricket squad left for Sharjah today under police guard after a row over fitness tests that failed star batsman Aravinda de Silva and led to captain Arjuna Ranatunga quitting, reports Reuter.

The 14-member side, taking part in this month's Australasia Cup, is led by prolific opener Roshan Mahanama.

The team was taken to the airport under police guard following threats against players by fans unhappy with the selection.

Ranatunga, three players and five selectors earlier quit. They said the test which failed De Silva and four others had not been conducted in line with procedure.

THE SQUAD: Roshan Mahanama (captain), Hashan Tilakaratne (vice-captain), Athula Samarasekera, Aruna Gunawardene, Sanath Jayasuriya, Ruwan Kalpage (subject to fitness), Pubudu Dassanayake, Asanka Gurusinha, Chaminda Vaas, Hemantha Wickramaratne, Manjula Munasinghe, Champaka Ramanayake, Upul Chandana, Ajit Weerakkody.

First time for Soweto

JOHANNESBURG. Apr 12: Soweto will host a full international cricket team for the first time during New Zealand's tour of South Africa later this year, reports Reuter.

New Zealand face a President's XI in the township, during their three-Test tour which will also include seven day-night internationals and one one-day international.

The England A team played a game in Soweto on their tour in December last year.

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November 9	NFO XI	Johannesburg	
November 11-13	Border	East London	
November 15-17	Combined Bowl XI	Kimberley	
November 19-22	Orange Free State	Bloemfontein	
November 24-29	First Test	Johannesburg	
December 1	President's XI	Soweto	
December 3 (day/night)	Northern Transvaal	Pretoria	
December 6 (day/night)	Eastern Province	Port Elizabeth	
December 9	Day-night intl	Johannesburg	
December 11	South Africa	Pretoria	
December 14	Day/night intl	Durban	
December 17	Day/night intl	Port Elizabeth	
December 19	Day/night intl	Cape Town	
December 21-23	Boland	Stellenbosch	
December 26-30	Second Test	Durban	
January 2-6	Third Test	Cape Town	
January 10	Day/night intl	East London	
January 12	Day/night intl	Bloemfontein	
January 14	Day/night intl	Johannesburg	

England 224 for four at lunch

Sports Reporter

England were 224 for four in their second innings at lunch on the fourth day of the fourth cricket Test against the West Indies at the Kensington Oval, Barbados yesterday, according to a message received late last night.

Resuming their overnight score of 171 for three, the visitors lost Graeme Hick with the addition of 23 runs. Hick made 59.

Vice captain Alec Stewart was batting on 75 and Graham Thorpe on 25.

SCOREBOARD

Scores at lunch on the fourth day of the fourth cricket Test match between England and the West Indies here Tuesday:				
ENGLAND: 1st innings 355.				
WEST INDIES: 1st innings 304.				
ENGLAND: 2nd innings (resumed at 171 for three)				
Atherton c Lara b Walsh	15			
Stewart not out	75			
Ramprakash c Chandepaul b Walsh	3			
Smith lbw b Kenny Benjamin	13			
Hick c Lara b Walsh	59			
Thorpe not out	25			
Extras (legbyes 2, noballs 32)	34			
Total (for four wickets off 77 overs)	224			
Wickets fell at: 33 (Atherton), 43 (Ramprakash), 79 (Smith), 194 (Hick).				
To bat: Jack Russell, Chris Lewis, Andy Caddick, Angus Fraser, Phil Tufnell.				
Bowling:				
Ambrose	16	3	43	0
Walsh	22	4	65	3
W Benjamin	18	2	46	0
K Benjamin	13	1	51	1
Chandepaul	5	2	11	0
Adams	3	1	6	0

Soccer players' transfers, tepid

Sports Reporter

For the second consecutive day the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) office was predominantly occupied by the officials of the middlemings and the minnows of the Senior Division leagues yesterday with 47 players completing transfer formalities on the fourth day of this year's inter-club players' transfers yesterday.

Brothers Union officials, considerably enervated by the loss of a number of key booters on the opening day, however, continued their effort to immunize the Gopibagh club against any further damage. Yesterday they retained right-back Pijush Nandi, midfielder Uttam, and goalkeeper Ponir along with new signings, Biplob of Muktiyoddha Sangsad, who were in the thick of action on the inaugural day when they roped in 11 so-called pool players, and Mizan (jr) of Eskaton Sabuj Sangha.

Abahani Krira Chakra, reportedly trying to strike a deal to have veteran striker Sheikh Mohammed 'Aslam, who left the Dhanmondi side only last year for their arch-rivals Mohammedans, back in the azure attire, lured Sohail away from Wanderers.

Officials of Mohammedan Sporting, however, seemed to be content with Monday's buyings, opting to stay away from the DMFA after an abortive campaign to win Rouf Babul of Farashganj, the only booter to have violated last season's proposed players' pool when he left Brothers. Babul, who has decided to serve Farashganj for at least one more year, was the only player to collect his token on commission.

Gulshan club win tennis team's title

Sports Reporter

Gulshan Club won the inter-club team tennis tournament beating Dhaka Club by the odd match in five at the Gulshan Club tennis court yesterday.

Shamsur Rahman Mashuk and Habibur Rahman of Dhaka Club won both the singles matches beating Gulshan's Abdul Wahed and Syed Wahed respectively.

But Gulshan Pairs won all three doubles matches to tilt the balance in their favour.

In a keenly contested encounter, Munir and Azmat Moyeen of Gulshan Club downed Mashuk and Habib 6-3, 3-6 and 6-3.

Wahidul Alam paired with Syed Wahed to make short work of Syed Mahmud and Bhutto.

Change of partner did not bring any luck for Bhutto who, together with Nazem Kamran Chowdhury, suffered another loss and with them went Dhaka Club's hopes of a chance of clinching the title.

Sponsored by the Fortuna Group, the meet featured quite a number of teams, notable among them being Engineers' Club, Officers' Club, Dhaka Club, Gulshan Club, the British Club, the American Club and the Bagha Club.

Industries Minister AM Zahuruddin Khan and Special Envoy to the Prime Minister Morshed Khan witnessed the finals.

Members of the champion Gulshan Club (From left, Munir, Azmat Moyeen, Syed Wahed, Wahidul Alam, Abdul Wahed) which won the Inter Club teams' tennis tournament at the Gulshan Club court yesterday.

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Jansher completes a treble

LONDON. Apr 12: Jansher Khan landed his third consecutive British Open squash title on Monday with a 9-1, 9-0, 9-10, 9-1 victory over Australian Brett Martin, reports Reuter.

It was a comprehensive 62-minute success for the Pakistani world champion, who at one stage looked set to inflict one of the worst drubbings in the event's history on the world number two and second seed.



World champion Jansher Khan of Pakistan holds the British Open men's squash title after beating Australian Brett Martin 9-1, 9-0, 9-10, 9-1 in the final in London on Monday. It was Jansher's third consecutive British Open win.

Jansher took the opening game in 11 minutes, allowing Martin just one point from a penalty stroke.

He was not so generous in the second game — the Australian being whitewashed — and when Jansher led 7-4 in the third it looked all over.

But Martin attacked the champion and clawed back to 7-7, only for the Pakistani to reach match point at 8-7. Jansher wasted two chances with errors, then missed another match point at 9-8.

Martin eventually clinched the game after 26 minutes with a drop shot, and took the opening point in the fourth game, before his efforts from the previous games took their toll.

Jansher regained the initiative, and the title, which has now been in Pakistan hands for 13 successive years following Jahangir Khan's record 10 wins. "I thought I would win easily when I led 7-4 in the third," said Jansher. "I relaxed and he played some good shots and put pressure on me."

"I was upset with five or six decisions by the referee and I lost concentration."

Martin said: "He was just too fast for me in the first two games. It looked easy but he had to work for it."

In the women's event, Martin's sister Michelle gave the family something to celebrate as she retained her title with a 9-1, 9-5, 9-3 victory over Australian compatriot and second seed Liz Irving.

Sixth SAF Games post-mortem India outboxed by judges!

NEW DELHI. Apr 12: Overconfidence cost India gold in the SAF Games football while biased judges deprived the boxers many medals in Dhaka, chief-de-mission DV Bhatia said in his report, reports PTI.

The report, submitted to the Indian Olympic Association and accepted by it after discussions in the executive committee meeting today, cautioned that Sri Lankan athletes would "pose to be a major rival" for India in the 1995 SAF Games to be organised in Madras.

Bhatia said the competition was likely to get much tougher in the coming years with improvement in the standard of Sri Lanka and the probable induction of former Soviet republics.

"We have to look for good talent right from now so that proper training can be given to them. For this, we have to reach the areas in the country which are known for producing good sportsmen in respective disciplines."

Their training has to be really modelled on scientific grounds so that they can compete with other advanced countries," Bhatia said in the report.

He said while the performance of India in athletics was "satisfactory" with 16 golds, 16 silver and 10 bronze, it was disappointing in football.

"Probably our (football) players were over confident and became complacent while playing the final. Killer instinct was also lacking in our players."

Bhatia said after leading at every stage of the match India unfortunately lost the final which was decided by sudden death. Nepal won the gold in the shoot-out.

In boxing, he said, India could have won at least five gold medals with the kind of intensive coaching the boxers had received.

"Unfortunately, the entire boxing competition was controlled by the president of the World Boxing Federation who is from Pakistan — he is known all over for his arbitrariness. There were glaring instances of forced, biased and partial decision."

"Since I was a witness to some of the events, I found that we are made victims of impaired judgement even in the events where our boxers had performed very well... it is evident from the medal tally that Pakistan bagged nine out of 12 gold medals in the reckoning while India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka had to be content with only one gold medal each."

Despite this India finished second in overall position in boxing as against third spot in Colombo, the chef-de-mission said.

India made a clean sweep in judo, winning all the nine gold medals while in kabaddi, the show was "disappointing."

Gustafsson left in cold

NICE, France. Apr 12: Unheralded Frenchman Thierry Guardiola surprisingly ousted third seed Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden in the first round of the 300,000 dollars Nice Open tennis tournament on Monday, reports Reuter.

Ranked 203rd in the world, Guardiola hit back after losing a first-set tiebreak 7-3 and overcame Gustafsson, world ranked 11th, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.

"This is my best result for two years," said Guardiola, who has been struggling with an elbow injury. "It was when I beat Spaniard Carlos Costa, since that, I've been chasing top form. But now I'm fine."

Gustafsson, left to concentrate on next week's Monte Carlo Open, made many unforced errors on his way to an early exit.

"I've never played so badly in my whole life," he said. "My serve was awful and my forehand was even worse."

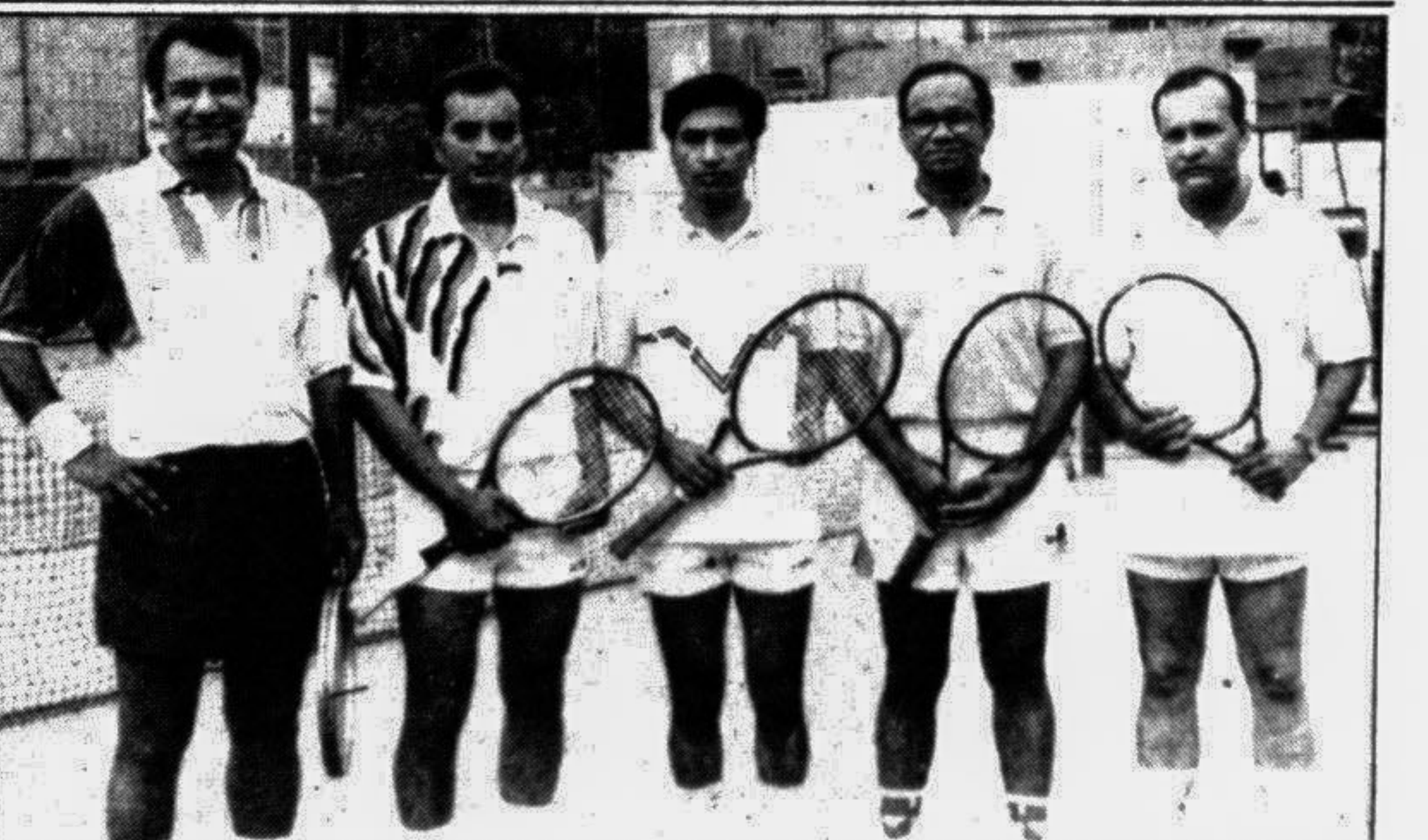
Nat'l women's chess on

Sports Reporter

The qualifying round of the fifteenth national women's chess championship got underway at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

With thirteen chess players competing in the five round Swiss league competition six matches were decided on the opening day while Mousumi got a bye.

The thirteen participants are: Tanima, Jebunessa, Babi, Salima Akhter, Nera, Noorjahan, Tuhtin, Nurunnahar, Masuda Begum, Hamida Banu, Runu, Sharmin and Mousumi.



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