

Sport

Tanima wins nat'l title

Sports Reporter

Tanima Parvin regained the status of country's top female chess player when she beat Shabana Parvin in the play-off for the 15th national women's championship title at the chess room of the National Coaching Centre yesterday.

Tied at the top with the rather unfortunate Shabana at the end of the regulation nine rounds having secured seven points each, Tanima, the champion of 1991 wrapped up the match with one of the four games of active chess to spare. The eventual scoreline was 2.5 to 5 in Tanima's favour.

Starting with black pieces, Tanima the first year student of Chittagong Commerce College checkedmate Shabana, a former champion, who came unstuck in the play-off for the second year in a row.

Haunted by the memories of a loss to last year's champion Zakia Sultana in a similar situation, Shabana yesterday opened with Queen Pawn but succumbed swiftly to a confident and aggressive Tanima Parvin.

The bespectacled Tanima, who took part in the Greece Chess Olympiad four years ago, launched into the offensive in the second game with a King's Pawn. But Shabana, the 1989 champion adopted Sicilian Defence opening and after 43 moves the Alpine variation match ended in a draw.

Black again brought luck for Tanima, as the runner-up of the 1990 under-14 Tata chess tournament in India's Jamshedpur, won the third game of Queen Pawn system in 35 moves.

Tanima, who started this year's meet rather unpromisingly drawing with reigning champion Zakia Sultana, suffered her only defeat to the veteran IWM Rani Hamid.

The league match between the eventual champion and the

runner up ended in a draw.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champion
1979	Rani Hamid
1980	
1981	
1982	
1983	
1984	
1985	Yasmin Begum
1986	
1987	not held
1988	Rani Hamid

1991	Tanima Parvin
1992	Rani Hamid
1993	Zakia Sultana
1994	Tanima Parvin

Meanwhile, 36 players topped the table with full points at the end of the second round of the qualifying meet, for the 20th national chess championship now being held at the same venue.

Fourteen players were trailing the leaders with one and a half point each to their credit.



Tanima Parvin, the newly crowned national women's champion, stops the clock after completing her move against Shabana Parvin Nipa during the play-off match to decide the title at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Ambrose arrives

LONDON, Apr 29: West Indies pace bowler Curtly Ambrose flew into Britain on Friday but refused to comment on his late arrival for the English county cricket season, reports Reuter.

Ambrose, the world's top fast bowler, is expected to be fined by Northamptonshire for arriving several days late.

The man-of-the-series in the recent Test against England in the Caribbean was expected by club officials on Monday and would probably have played in the Benson and Hedges Cup first round game against Middlesex at Lord's which Northants lost.

But Ambrose then indicated that he wanted a longer break from cricket following the Test series against England which West Indies won 3-1 with the bowler taking 26 wickets.

Ambrose could make his first championship appearance next Thursday at Northampton against last season's third placed county Glamorgan.

Tufnell in trouble

LONDON, Apr 29: England spin bowler Phil Tufnell has appeared in court on charges of assaulting his former girlfriend, reports AP.

Scotland Yard confirmed Friday that Tufnell, 27, spent Wednesday night locked in a police cell after he was arrested at his home in north London.

Tufnell, who arrived back in London last week after England's tour of the West Indies, was remanded on bail Thursday until May 12 by magistrates on the condition he not contact the alleged victim, Jane McEvoy.

The Sun newspaper reported Friday that Tufnell and McEvoy were arguing over custody rights for their 18-month-old daughter.

"She won't let me see my daughter," Tufnell was quoted as saying.

Agassi moves into qtrs

DULUTH, Ga, Apr 29: Third-seeded Andre Agassi claimed an early birthday gift Thursday night and advanced with the other top seeds to the quarterfinals of the \$1.3 million AT&T and T Challenge, reports AP.

Agassi, seconds shy of turning 24, finished his 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Richey Reneberg just before midnight. Top-seeded Michael Chang overcame a tough challenge from Luis Luján of Brazil 6-3, 7-5 and No. 2 Todd Martin breezed past qualifier Brian Dunn 6-3, 6-2.

Wild-card entrant Mats Wilander of Sweden fought back from two breaks down in the final set to claim his first quarterfinal berth since November 1990. He beat Fernando Meligeni of Brazil 2-6, 7-5, 7-5 in a match that started Wednesday and was delayed by rain.

In other matches, qualifier Christian Bergstrom of Sweden upset No. 8 Jason Stoltenberg of Australia 6-4, 6-4 and No. 5 Mali'Val Washington beat a weary Jimmy Connors 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Agassi, not playing his usual decisive style, struggled against Reneberg. Relying on numerous drop shots, Agassi managed to keep his opponent off balance, particularly in the final two sets.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Sadharan Bima KS vs Santinagar Club 5 pm (Dhaka Stadium)

Farashganj SC vs Eskaton Sabuj Sangha 7 pm (Dhaka Stadium)

WANDERERS WIN

In the first match of the day Dhaka Wanderers Club elimi-

nated the Second Division football league runners-up the Muslim Institute by the odd goal in three.

After a goalless first half all the three goals were scored in the second session of the play. Dhaka Wanderers, who enjoyed marginal dominance drew the first blood in the 49th minute when substitute Shaifq completed a counter attack shooting home from close 1-0.

However, Muslim Institute restored parity nine minutes later when striker Sanahullah found the net from a goal-mouth melee 1-1.

Lion of Wanderers struck the match decider in the 75th minute of the play. A solo dash from the midfield culminated in a spectacular goal as the forward dodged past a couple of Muslim defenders before rounding off the helpless custodian Tuhin 2-1.

Dhabu missed two spot-kicks in a play and that was enough to seal Rahmatganj's fate in this year's DMFA Cup football tournament.

The long-haired right back, who joined Rahmatganj this year from Arambagh, missed a penalty in the second half and repeated it in the tie-breaker allowing opponents Dhanmondi Club to win the match 4-3 in day's second engagement at the Dhaka Stadium under flood-lights yesterday.

With this win Dhanmondi moved into the final from Group A and they will play the championship deciding match with MuktiJoddha Kriya Chakra, the new forces in local football scheduled to begin at 7 pm Sunday.

Rahmatganj, who dominated most part of the proceedings, opened the account in the 14th minute when their winger Towhid hammered a fierce left-footer from top of the box 1-0.

The first Division side from the old town could have doubled the margin in the 44th

Simmons' dream debut



LONDON, Apr 29: West Indian batsman Phil Simmons completed a record innings in his English county debut Friday, hitting 261 for Leicestershire in the team's season opener in the county championship, reports AP.

Simmons' score, against Northamptonshire at Grace Road, is the highest in a debut appearance in English professional cricket history, eclipsing a record that had stood for 168 years.

Simmons, batted 444 minutes, faced 354 balls and hit 34 fours and four sixes. "Making a start like this was beyond my wildest dreams and I just hoped the day would never finish," said the 31-year-old batsman.

When Simmons resumed Friday, he drove Paul Taylor's first two balls of the day for four, passing Samuel Coe's 80-year-old team record of 252 not out.

Simmons added nine more runs before he was caught by Allan Lamb at slip off the medium-pace bowling of Mark Bowen.

Simmons hammered a Northants bowling attack missing West Indian teammate Curtly Ambrose, the top-rated bowler in the world. Ambrose failed to arrive from Antigua this week for the start of the season, and is expected to be fined for his non-appearance.

Simmons' previous best innings in first-class cricket was 202, struck for Trinidad against the Windward Islands in the 1991-92 season.

The previous record for the highest debut scored in English professional cricket was 227, set by T Marsden of Sheffield and Leicester against Nottingham in 1826.

Reuter adds: world record-holder Brian Lara was upstaged by his fellow Trinidadian Phil Simmons on the first day of the English county championship cricket season on Thursday.

As Lara began his Warwickshire career with a quiet day in the field to the frustration of a large Edgbaston crowd, Simmons was helping himself to a career-best unbeaten 247 on his first-class debut for Leicestershire.

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Lara spent his quietest day since scoring his 375 in Antigua 10 days ago as Glamorgan reached 291 for six against Warwickshire, with middle-order batsman David Hemp hitting 109 not out.

The West Indian star bowled just one over of leg-spin and passed most of the day standing at slip or in the covers.

Another West Indian test batsman, Jimmy Adams, was also in the runs with a century for Nottinghamshire against Oxford University on a day of mostly plentiful run-scoring.

Last season's strugglers Durham rattled up 441 for three against Derbyshire, with new opener Mark Saxeby making 181, and Hampshire opener Paul Terry hit 130 to steer his side to 282 for seven against Essex at Southampton.

England seam bowler Andy Caddick and Pakistani leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed both grabbed four wickets as Somerset bowled out Gloucestershire for 203, while Worcestershire paceman James Brinkley made an early impression against Surrey.

After Worcestershire had been bowled out for 205, Surrey were reduced to 58 for four as Brinkley, Scots-born but raised in Australia and recommended by former test batsman Tom Moody, took all four wickets.

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Lewis, Torrence star attractions

DES MONIES, Iowa, Apr 29: Carl Lewis and Gwen Torrence will be expected to add world class to a US track and field meet this weekend, reports AP.

Lewis will run in an invitational 100 metres and Torrence, the 1992 Olympic gold medalist, is entered in the women's 200. Both are to race Saturday at the Drake Relays, an event mostly for US college athletes.

Competition for Lewis, the world record holder in the 100, includes Bode Osagbore, whose 10.01 is the fastest US collegiate time this year. Lewis' 1991 world mark stands at 9.86.

Meet director Bob Ehrhart said, "Joe Douglas, his manager, called and said Carl would like to run, do you have a place for him? I said we didn't have an event for him, but give me two seconds and I'll put one in."

Lewis, owner of eight Olympic gold medals, is still going strong at the age of 32. Two weeks ago, he helped the Santa Monica Track Club break its own world record in the 800 relay, running his 200-meter leg in 19.4 seconds.

Blackburn need a miracle



LONDON, Apr 29: Trailing by two points with two games left, Blackburn manager Kenny Dalglish knows his team is going to need some help to catch Manchester United and capture the Premier League championship, reports AP.

"Someone else has got to do us a favour now," said Dalglish, who takes his team to Coventry Monday night. "We must keep on winning and hope for the best."

Manchester United need four points from their three remaining matches to clinch their second consecutive title. With two of the games against teams fighting relegation and a superior goal differential to Blackburn, a win and a draw will virtually sew up the title.

Blackburn came back from a 16-point deficit to draw level with Manchester United two weeks ago. But a draw last weekend at home against Queens Park Rangers allowed United to regain the advantage.

Both teams won Wednesday night, leaving United with 85 points in 39 games and Blackburn with 83 in 40. Dalglish's consolation prize in the 2-1 victory over West Ham was that they clinched at least a berth in the UEFA Cup next season.

This win means we qualify for Europe and that is a great reward for the players and (owner) Jack Walker," Dalglish said. "I have never managed a side in Europe and I am looking forward to it."

United won 2-0 at Leeds in what was expected to be the Reds' toughest test down the homestretch, but manager Alex Ferguson knows it's too early to start taking it easy.

"You don't get any points for complacency," Ferguson said. "And we shall have to show the same determination on Sunday as we did here tonight."

United play at Ipswich Sunday, with Southampton and Coventry to follow in the final week of the season.

While only two teams remain in the running for the championship, as many as 12 in the 22-team league have at least a mathematical chance of being relegated.

Swindon, who visit Queens Park Rangers on Saturday, are already going down. The only suspense remaining for John Gorman's team is whether the Robins will achieve the dubious distinction of allowing 100 goals in a season. The team has let in 94 with two games to go.

Oldham, a team that seems on the brink of relegation every season before rescuing itself with a strong finish, need to start their drive Saturday at home against Sheffield Wednesday. Oldham, one place above Swindon, have four games crowded into the season's final week.

Holyfield puts 'em on the spot



LAS VEGAS, Apr 29: The stunning revelation of former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield's heart ailments had the Nevada State Athletic Commission defending its routines for the pre-flight examinations of fighters, reports Reuter.

"I don't foresee any drastic or massive change in pre-flight physicals by any commission anywhere in the world," said Marc Ratner, who directs the Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC).

"There's no way we would have picked up this condition," said Dr. Flip Homansky, chairman of the NSAC's medical advisory board.

Holyfield's twin heart ailments were discovered after he was hospitalized following his losing effort against challenger Michael Moorer last Friday.

Holyfield was admitted to a Las Vegas hospital to treat a kidney condition caused by dehydration. He was given substantial amounts of fluid, but his heart could not handle it and his lungs filled with the fluid.

Doctors said Holyfield had what is termed a "stiff heart" — a condition described as a non-compliant left ventricle that keeps the heart from expanding properly during exertion causing fatigue.

Later tests done in an Atlanta hospital also revealed a tiny hole in Holyfield's heart. "No athletic commission would have picked this up," Homansky said. "There's no way it could have because it was a subtle thing that had been going on for a long time."

"He had been checked by his cardiologist, who passed him," added Homansky. "His blood pressure was normal. If he had any symptoms or signs he would have been checked."

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- 1 Far, in combinations
 - 5 Breakfast for Brutus?
 - 8 Band in Boston
 - 12 Hemsley sitcom
 - 13 Faux follower
 - 14 Grand-scale
 - 15 Court's decision
 - 17 British actress
 - 18 Author Fleming
 - 19 Up
 - 21 Shell out
 - 24 Alberto's aloha
 - 25 Match-maker's concern
 - 26 Citizen's obligation
 - 30 Beerlike brew
 - 31 Diana's princess-dom
 - 32 'The Crying Game' star
 - 33 Court findings
- DOWN**
- 2 Ostrich's kin
 - 3 Started supplies
 - 4 Motor
 - 5 Admitting clients
 - 6 It'll get you moving
 - 7 Fred and Adele
 - 8 Gram-marian's stop sign?
 - 9 Berke Breathed's penguin
 - 10 Nap
 - 11 Read superficially
 - 16 Incensed
 - 20 Solar output
 - 21 Serb or Croat
 - 22 Vaulter's need
 - 23 Incessantly
 - 24 Mini-religions
 - 26 Small crowds
 - 27 "Battle Cry" author
 - 28 Bivouac structure
 - 29 Tibetan herd
 - 31 Port, for one
 - 34 Golf ball feature
 - 35 Subtroop
 - 37 Low sound
 - 38 Drink nonstop
 - 39 Aesopian loser
 - 40 Modern Persia
 - 41 Dither
 - 44 Additionally
 - 45 Cagers' org.
 - 46 Aurora's counterpart
 - 47 Undoubtedly

Solution time: 24 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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X R J H M Y E C Y Q Z

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TOURISTS WERE WELL ORIENTED PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FOR THE FAR EAST.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: E equals M

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



Former heavyweight boxing champion Evander leaves an Atlanta hospital after a check-up of April 27, four days after losing his crown to Michael Moorer.