

DMFA Cup resumes today

Sports Reporter

The third Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) Cup resumes today after a lapse of eight days with two matches billed for the day at the Dhaka Stadium.

In the first match scheduled to begin at 5 pm, Brothers Union take on Victoria Sporting Club while last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra meet Farashganj in the second match slated for a 7 pm start.

The curtain-raising meet of this year's domestic football season will be off the ground after lying in an animated suspension because of a triangular, egotistical clash between the organisers Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) and the two most popular clubs of the country — Dhaka

the other three semifinalists of last year, were supposed to open their campaign on May 6, the starting date of the second round comprising eight teams including four first round qualifiers.

With their plea for a change in the schedule going a-begging, Mohammedans in a much publicised counter-measure stayed away from the field on May 7, the date of their tournament opener against lowly Bangladesh Boys.

The DMFA which looked set to have a meet sans Mohammedans reaffirmed their determination of bringing no change in the schedule since Mohammedan's request came after the completion of the fixture and day's other match between MuktiJoddha and Arambagh was duly held.

But tension mounted in the stadium arena as the supporters of both Mohammedans and Abahani held rallies and demonstrations stemming from cross purposes and no matches were held on the following day with the authorities attributing the 'black out' to inadequate security measure.

With the DMFA deciding to live with the flesh in the thorn, play resumed next day only to come to the final eight-day standstill from next day.

By then DMFA after a quixotic reflexing and annulling of the fixture had succeeded in bringing Mohammedans back into the fold and just when it seemed the cloud of confusion had passed, the ill-fated meet hit its second but always predictable snag.

Seeing the DMFA buckle under Mohammedan's pressure, Abahani the other most crowd-pulling heavyweights of local soccer decided to throw their weight around.

The Dhanmondi Club after having taken part in one match announced their decision of pulling out the meet, leaving the organisers in a new quandary.

As usual hectic parleys sponsored by the DMFA involving a volunteering BFF, the highest governing body for

country's football, were on and after a prolonged session of overtures the sky blues changed their stance and the meet was finally uncursed.

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Meanwhile, Mohammedans yesterday registered two of the four Russian footballers who had arrived in the city on Monday.

The 32-year-old Mickail Karataev, a midfielder from the tenth positioned Khamas Club of Russian First Division football league will don number 11.

Mohammedans' other choice, who too likely to make his debut at the Dhaka Stadium tomorrow against MuktiJoddha along with the red-haired Karataev is striker Andrey Kazakov.

The 25-year-old six footer from Cosmos Club, a Second Division club in the Russian



A KAZAKO

league will put on number 12 shirt.

All the four Russians practised with the team yesterday at the Mirpur Stadium instead of the previously announced Dhaka University ground, a fact that caused quite bit of resentment among the wistful dyed in the wool black and white fans.

So sudden and secret was the last minute decision about the change of venue that three very clouty club officials treasurer Awarul Haq Helal, football secretary Abdus Salam Murshedi and member of the governing body Monirul Huq Chowdhury were caught unawares.

"Having made his admission, his resignation is an entirely appropriate action." The former Pakistan captain resigned from the ICC's cricket committee following allegations from former international teammate Younis Ahmed that he tampered with the ball.

The cricket committee was set up to discuss, among other issues, ball-tampering. The Mail on Sunday newspaper quoted Younis as saying Imran had used vaseline, a bottle top and a screw driver to roughen the ball.

Younis wrote to the ICC detailing the claims against Imran, but Richards said: "We won't be doing anything with the letter. We are not in the business of involving ourselves with what one individual says about another."

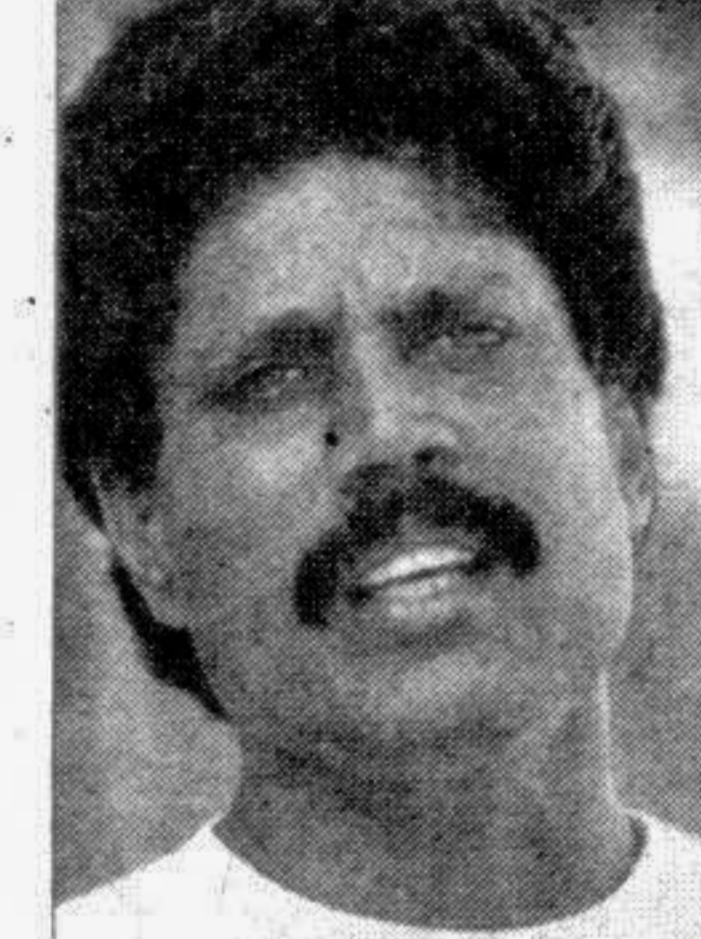
In a column in Monday's Daily Telegraph, Imran said lifting the seam had been a common practice on the county and international circuit.

"Ball-tampering was simply not an issue in those days and certainly not the mortal issue it is now considered to be."

"Of course what was not within acceptable limits was when once I used a bottle top in a county match."

"Sometimes we used to wonder when the ball would swing more than normal and that usually happened after drinks or the launch break."

Reuter adds from London: Imran Khan's resignation from a top-level cricket committee over ball-tampering allegations



KAPIL DEV

was described by a leading official on Monday as "entirely appropriate action."

International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executive David Richards said: "It's said that a player of Imran's ability found it necessary to interfere with a ball."

Asked whether while playing against Pakistan he had ever suspected of ball tampering by them, Kapil said,



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Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra.

The unprecedented imbroglio which at one stage threatened the completion of the tourney began shortly after its kick-off on April 27.

Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club, who had their representative duly present at the time of finalising the tournament fixture, appealed midway through the first round for a delayed start of the final round alluding to inadequate prep time and the ball of the theatre of nonsense was set rolling.

The black and whites, who got first round byes along with

A Kapil bouncer to Imran

CALCUTTA, May 17: Kapil Dev today said that former Pakistani skipper, Imran Khan, has set a bad example for the younger generation by resorting to ball-tampering in a first class match, reports PTI.

"One should try to play the game as fair as possible because it is our duty to protect this game the way it was handed over to us by the earlier generation," Kapil told newsmen here today.

Imran had admitted in a recent biography that he once used a bottle top to roughen the ball during an English county championship match.

Kapil who holds the world record of taking the highest number of Test wickets said, "If I had resorted to such methods I would have taken more than 500 wickets by now."

When asked to comment on Imran's decision to resign from the cricket committee of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Kapil said, "Who is bothered about Imran's resignation from ICC committee."

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Div II qualifying cricket results

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Sunrise Sporting Club registered a landslide victory while Rahmatganj MFS and Moghal SC had to fight to win their respective matches in the Lotus-Kamal Second Division cricket qualifying meet at different city venues yesterday.

On the western strip of Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Sunrise SC earned a massive 188-run win over Hatkhola KC. Sent into bat first, Sunrise scored a mammoth 258 for eight wickets in the stipulated 35 overs.

Uttam who hammered a hurricane 47 off 27 balls was the top scorer in the match. He was followed by Mustafa, 40 and Ashraf, 23, while extras came to 38.

In reply, Hatkhola were bundled out for a paltry 70 in 24.4 overs. Masood who shone with the ball for Sunrise claimed five wickets for only eight runs in his seven-over spell.

At the Jagannath Hall ground Rahmatganj beat Pallima Sangsad by 42 runs in a reduced 25-over a-side match.

Batting first, Rahmatganj scored a moderate 116 for nine wickets in the allotted 25 overs with extras featuring highest 29.

Mukter, 19, Hedayet, 15 and Mamun, 13.

Chasing 117 for victory, Pallima Sangsad were skittled out for 74 in 19.1 overs.

Nadir and Karim with 10 and 13 respectively were the only double figure scorers for the vanquished.

Mukter and Selim who bowled nippily took two wickets each for Rahmatganj.

In the other match of the day at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Moghal SC egged past Nayapaltan SC by 10 runs.

Moghal SC who scored a poor 111 in 28.4 overs before being bundled out, restricted Nayapaltan for 101 in 32.3 overs.

Canadian envoy calls on BOA chief

Sports Reporter

The Canadian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Jon J Scott met with the president of the Bangladesh Olympic Association Gias Kamal Choudhury at his office yesterday.

In the backdrop of Bangladesh's participation in the forth coming 15th Commonwealth Games which will be held in Canada, the envoy exchanged views with the BOA officials including two vice-presidents Inamul Haq and Siddiq Ahmed and secretary general Bashir Ahmed.

Capriati caught with drugs



CORAL GABLES, Fla. May 17: As a precocious 14-year-old, Jennifer Capriati found ways to give the veterans of tennis all kinds of trouble. Now, at 18, Capriati is the one getting into trouble, reports AP.

Capriati in 1990 became the youngest player to win a match at Wimbledon, and at the French Open became the youngest Grand Slam semi-finalist.

Now she has a police record.

Capriati was arrested Monday on misdemeanor marijuana possession after police searched her dir 50-a night Coral Gables motel room looking for a runaway teenager.

Her arrest came five months after she was cited by Tampa police for allegedly shoplifting a dir 15 ring from a shopping mall.

Capriati could not be reached for comment on Monday's arrest.

A message was left at the office of Capriati's lawyer, John Ross. Barbara Perry, Capriati's agent, had no immediate comment.

Brother Steven Capriati, who said he spoke to Jennifer by telephone Monday, told The New York Times she "was crying a little bit, but was OK." His parents were in Boca Raton, but were not talking to the media, he said.

Police came to the Gables Inn early Monday after receiving an anonymous tip that a 17-year-old runaway girl was at Capriati's hotel room, said Coral Gables Sgt. Mitch Fry.

Capriati allowed detectives to search room 109 and went to the police station "with no problems at all" after police found marijuana in her knapsack, Fry said.

While police were conducting the search, the runaway and 19-year-old Tom Wineland of Biscayne Bay drove up in a green convertible Mazda Miata, Fry said. The runaway is not being identified because of her age.

"They pulled up driving Jennifer's car," he said. When the two approached the room, Wineland "stuffed what appeared to be crack into his pants," Fry said.

A clerk at Gables Inn said

The runaway was charged with possession of two packets of heroin and was released to her parents.

Wineland was charged with possession of suspected crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia and was taken to Dade County Jail, where he was being held early Tuesday on dir 6,000 bond, authorities said.

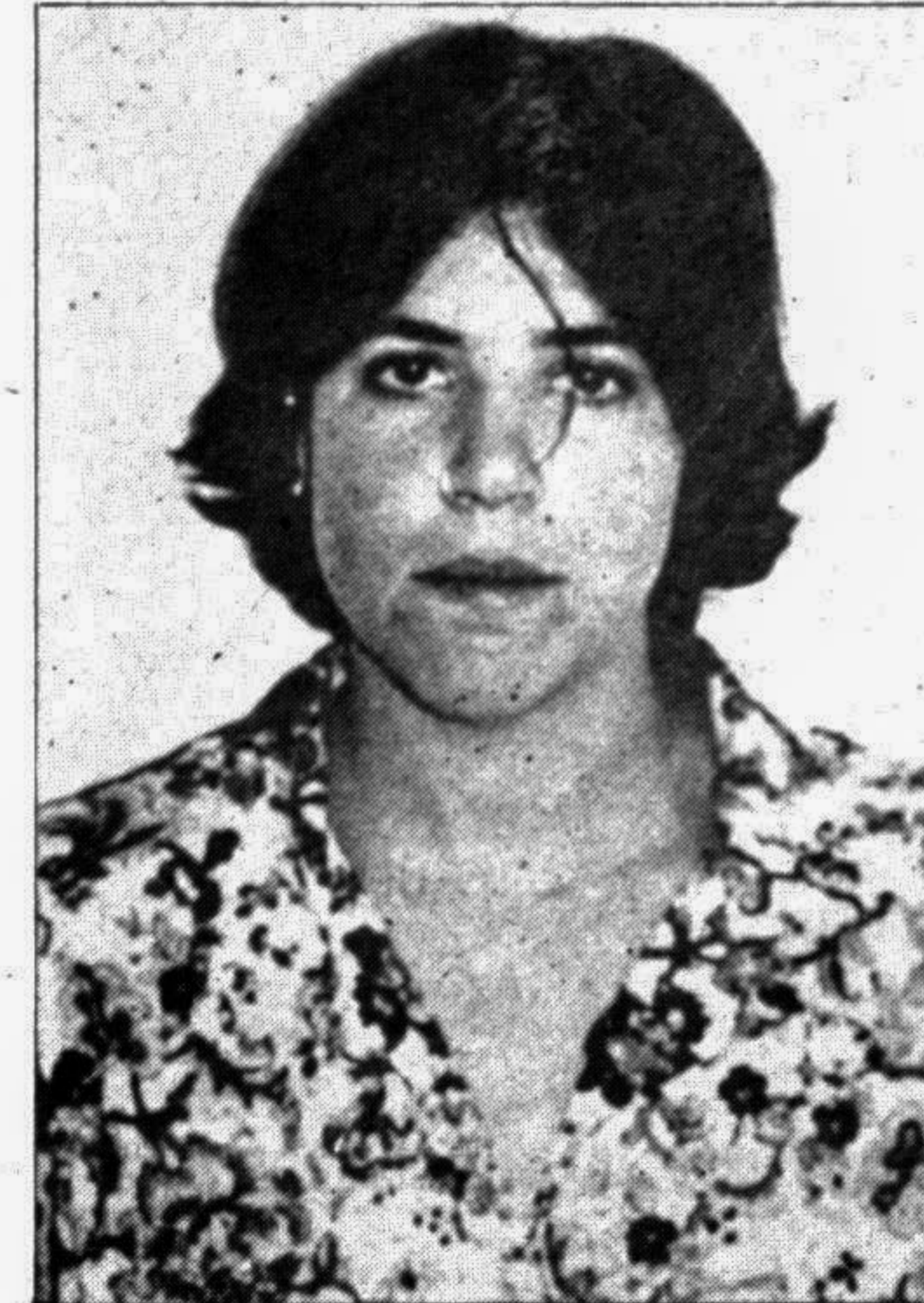
Capriati was released to Ross and will be arraigned

Capriati checked in Saturday morning and checked out Monday.

Capriati most recently has been living in Boca Raton with friends after moving out of her parents' home near Tampa.

"It's better here (in Boca) than up where I was living," she told Sports Illustrated for a story this month.

She told the magazine she was "chillin', just having fun."



US teenage tennis star Jennifer Capriati shown in this Coral Gables police department photo, was arrested in Florida on Monday for possession of marijuana.

within three months, said Mort Lucoff, a spokesman for Dade County courts. If convicted, the tennis star will probably only have to submit to counselling, he added.

Fry said he didn't know how the three were related.

"I don't even know if these people know each other very well," he said.

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and taking SAT preparation classes at Florida Atlantic University.

Capriati has not played tennis since losing in the first round of the US Open last August. She left the tour because of an injured elbow. In January, she said she wouldn't return to playing until after her high school graduation in June.

— AFP photo

Zia needs only a draw

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With one match remaining International Master (IM) Zia-ur Rahman of Biman consolidated the top spot in the qualifying meet for the 20th national chess championship after beating Abdullah Al Rakib of Narayanganj in the penultimate round at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Zia who was leading with 8.5 points after the tenth round needs only a draw today to finish top in the 11-round qualifying meet along with the thirteen top finishers to earn the right to play in the final round.

Teammate Rezaul Haq who drew with Tahmidur Rahman in this round followed the table leader along with Tayebur Rahman of Khulna University and Hasibul Hasan of Naogaon, all collecting seven and a half points.

WI to play six Tests in England in '95

LONDON, May 17: England are cashing in on the powerful crowd appeal of the West Indies by scheduling an expanded six-Test cricket series against them next year, reports Reuter.

The unofficial world champions have never played more than five Test matches on previous visits to England, but in 1995 their international programme has been extended to mirror those of Australian teams, with six Tests as well as three one-day internationals.

"It has been done largely for financial reasons," admitted Test and County Cricket Board spokesman Tim Lamb.

"The West Indies are a very attractive team and this way all six of our Test match grounds get an opportunity to stage one match each in the series."

"The change of programme means that Sri Lanka will not play a Test in England next year. They have played one-off matches at the end of the last three West Indian tours."

Stewart's Surrey unstoppable

LONDON, May 17: Alec Stewart's Surrey continued their unstoppable start to the season while West Indian Carl Hooper starred with the bat, albeit in a losing cause, in English county cricket on Monday, reports Reuter.

Stewart, England's opener who hit two centuries in one Test in the West Indies on the recent England tour, insisted his county side "are not getting carried away."

The championship leaders crushed Derbyshire by an innings and 138 runs at The Oval to make it eight wins out of eight in all competitions.

Stewart said: "It's the result of consistent team work, with everyone chipping in. But we are not even a quarter of the way through the season."

Stewart declared his first century on the Saturday score of 570 for six, leaving David Ward six shot of the first triple century of his first-class career.

Ivanchuk stuns Kasparov



AMSTERDAM, May 17: Professional Chess Association world champion Garry Kasparov suffered a rare defeat and lost a key piece to Vassily Ivanchuk of Ukraine in the fourth round of the VSB Bank tournament on Monday, reports Reuter.

Ivanchuk, 25, who despite a world number five rating had only ever beaten Kasparov once before, now shares the lead with the Azeri-born Russian with two rounds to go.

Dutchman Jan Timman beat Britain's Nigel Short on Monday, and they share third place in the four player tournament.

Ivanchuk, with white, began with a Kings Pawn opening and Kasparov chose his favourite Sicilian Defence. The world champion, who seemed distracted and sleepy, watched as Ivanchuk chose a little-known but aggressive variation.

"This (white advancing the F-pawn early) is one of the sharper moves available," said Dutch Grandmaster Hans Ree.

The dark-haired Ukrainian played rapidly, preparing a king's side attack and clearing the queen's side to castle. Kasparov then struck back, with a central pawn advance unknown to theory.

It gradually dawned that this was a devastating mistake. Ivanchuk launched a bishop move which surgically sliced

open the world champions defence.

In desperation, Kasparov sacrificed his queen for two minor pieces but the outlook was grim. Ivanchuk had used only 30 minutes. Some experts had only just arrived to watch the match, and it was almost over.

In the analysis room the boards were barely visible as experts crowded round to assess Kasparov's survival chances.

Russian-born Grandmaster Genna Sosonko saw defeat as inevitable. "Kasparov has no chance of drawing, he is merely choosing when to resign," he said.

When the end came, a frowning Kasparov strode out of the venue almost immediately, forgoing normal Grandmaster practice of analysing the game with chess journalists.

Timman's 64-move win against Short came after a long, dour struggle in which both men seemed to have opportunities up to the end. It was the Dutchman's first win in the competition.

In today's fifth round Ivanchuk plays Short and Kasparov meets Timman. The tournament, with total prize money of 37,500 guilders (20,000 dollar) has six rounds with each player meeting each other twice, once with the white pieces and once with black.

Standings after four rounds: 1=Kasparov, Ivanchuk 2. 1/2 points 3=Short, Timman 1 1/2

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 Arthur or Lillie	36 Datebook pages, often	1 Fluffy	19 Hoose-gow
4 Brazilian rubber	37 Slander	2 Corn serving	20 Poet
8 Caffeine-rich nut	40 Bellicose deity	3 Archaeological find	21 U.S. Teasdale
12 One in a row?	41 Double-decker checker	4 Indiana athlete	22 First-rate
13 "Oh, woe"	42 They're from the heart	5 Actress	23 Will-wisp link
14 Saharan	46 Netman's name	6 "Norma"	25 Writer Kingsley
15 Items	47 Lahr role	7 Fool	26 Well type
17 Tear	48 Reverence	8 Pure gold has 24	27 Cranny
18 Notion	49 Pea cases	9 City near Prove	28 Spreads seeds
19 Chauffeur's name	50 — River, N.J.	10 Occupation	30 Somewhere out there
20 "60 Minutes" commentator	51 Fresh	11 Puts two and two together	33 PR concerns
22 Outerwear		16 Mid-	34 Crystal-gazer
24 Part of a Latin trio			36 A small singing group?
25 Skilled crafts-persons			37 Omnit
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30 Menotti lad			39 Oklahoma city
31 Kanga's kid			40 Minuscule bit
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34 Pack away			43 Carnival setting
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Solution time: 26 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP
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Q N J N E P H B E V A N E
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NEWLY ENGAGED COUPLE, OUT TO DINNER, WANTED ONLY PEAS AND CARATS.
Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals X
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 President of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) and a current member of the FIFA disciplinary committee Major (Retd) Hafizuddin Ahmed, MP, presenting one of the five fourth prize of the Star World Cup No 3 to Shahpar Murshed at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday. Standing on his right is A S Mahmud, Chairman of the sponsors Transcom Electronics Limited. — Star photo