

Locals lead in Q M Hossain chess

Sports Reporter
International Master (IM) Reefat-bin Sattar and his compatriot Hasibul Hasan Hanif, who sprang a surprise upsetting runner-up IM Ziaur Rahman on the opening day, led the points table with two points each at the end of the second round of the eleventh Q M Hossain International Masters' tournament at the National Sports Council conference room yesterday.

In a all-local affair Reefat, playing with white pieces stranded his opponent Maruf Ahmed after the 36th move while Hasibul Hasan Hanif cornered FIDE Master Tahmidur Rahman in the 42nd move.

Indian IM Lanka Ravi and V Sharavanan who won their respective openers, split points in the second round when they settled for a draw after only the 12th move. The draw left them at the second position with one and a half point each.

However, defending champion Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi of Pakistan adjourned his second round match with Ziaur Rahman after the 61st move. Zia, who was in a commanding position against his more experienced opponent, will look forward to off set his unexpected loss to Hasib Wednesday when the match resumes at 10 this morning.

In the other matches of the day, Indian IM Ravi Hegde beat Abdullah al Rakib of Bangladesh while another Indian Shekhar Chandra Shahu drew with Nahid Miazi and Kalimullah Khan of Bangladesh defeated compatriot Tayebur Rahman in the 33rd move.

Grammar Open chess on

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The Grammar Open chess tournament featuring 26 youngsters from different English medium schools of the city got underway yesterday. Organised by the Dhaka Grammar School, the meet, first of its kind, involves participants from Aga Khan School, Radiant International School, Cosmic International School and the hosts Dhaka Grammar School.

TSS football

Sports Reporter
The TSS Green Eleven clinched the Shaheed Anjoo Mandal memorial inter-divisional football title of the Telephone Shilpa Sangstha (TSS) eliminating the TSS Blue by a lone goal in the final played at the Tongi TSS ground Wednesday.

Bedaruddin produced the match-winner in a see-saw encounter witnessed by sizeable crowd.

Nowsher Ali, the managing director of TSS distributed the prizes.

Div II hockey

Sports Reporter

Combined Sporting Club recorded their second successive win when they edged past Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha by a solitary goal in one of the Green Delta Insurance Second Division hockey super league matches billed for the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Nazmul Alam scored the match winner in the 26th minute from a short corner.

In the other match of the day, Nazrul Islam notched three goals in Barnak Samaj's 4-0 rout of Uttara Hockey Club.

Nazrul, who gave Barnak Samaj a 2-0 first half lead with strikes in the 22nd and 32nd minutes scored his third goal from a penalty stroke after medio Wakil had made it 3-0 for the winners.

Milla's legal problems

YAOUNDE, Oct 20: Cameroon's 1990 World Cup star, Roger Milla is to face magistrates here next week as two former friends try to recover 14,000 dollars from the footballer and his wife, it was reported on Wednesday, reports AFP.

The case involves a failed business set up Mariear-Evelyne Milla but which was backed by a couple identified by the L A Nouvelle Expression newspaper as a Mr and Mrs Nyom.

The friends invested the money, 7.15 million CFA francs, to make cloth patchworks emblazoned with a picture of Roger Milla to coincide with this year's World Cup.

Unfortunately, the business collapsed overnight when the Indomitable Lions were knocked out of the first round in the United States.

In September, the Nyom family had bailiffs seize 20 million CFA francs worth of Milla furniture and possessions, the paper said.

Cameroon's most famous footballer, who at 42 became the oldest man to score a World Cup goal in their 6-1 trashing by Russia.

Mohammedans leave it late

Sports Reporter



Last year's champions Mohammedan Sporting Club started having their stars properly aligned only a day after the fair as the popular giants of local soccer braced for a look back at one of their worst years in the recent times with a savoury and highly commendable 2-1 win against strong Brothers Union in an unexpectedly chaotic Star Premier tie at the Dhaka Stadium last night.

For the second consecutive

Bakhtiar in an off-the-ball incident in the 61st minute. The customary practice of challenging the whistler's decision irrespective of its justification gave handle to the trouble-mongers in the galleries who wasted no time to indulge in disruptive activities causing a 30-minute hold up in the proceedings.

Police fired several rounds of tear gas shells to thwart the trouble-makers who tore open the barbed fencing and invaded the pitch. However, the mindless criminals were vainly to put out the fire in their eyes caused by the tear gas with indigenously produced ephemeral paper torches. For water cannot palliate the burning sensation from the whiff of tear gas of these days rather the heat of the flame can allay your sufferings a bit.

Returning to the mutton, Mohammedans shot into the lead in the 33rd minute when Kazakov cashing on a defensive lapse by Brothers right back Pijush rolled the ball into the net by the far post.

After a little loopy Kazakov had walked off to atone of offence he had no apparent reason to commit unlike his compatriot Gearmann in the previous match, and the invasion drama seen off. Mohammedans doubled the lead though being reduced to ten men.

Another Biplab, the Brothers winger, reduced the margin two minutes from time.

Both the teams have one match on hand with Mohammedans scheduled to meet arch-rivals Abahani who have already won the title in this year's Premier finale on October 24.

Although the black and whites went home with a sweet revenge of their first round 0-1 loss to Brothers Union their hopes of finishing runners-up behind Abahani are still a long way coming because only if second placed Mukhtjoddha who are now at par with Mohammedans with 24 points lose either one or two points against Arambagh in their last match and Mohammedans spoil Abahani's unbeaten record that the former champions can claim to be the number two.

Zimbabwe-SL Test Hosts 182 for three

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Oct 20: After losing the first two wickets for just eight runs, Zimbabwe's batsmen rallied to 182 for three wickets in their second cricket Test against Sri Lanka on Thursday, reports AP.

With an hour left to play, Dave Houghton notched up a Test century in a partnership with skipper Andy Flower, who achieved a half century.

The two batsmen put on 100 runs in 29 overs, buoying Zimbabwe's hopes after their disastrous start at the Queens Club in the western provincial capital of Bulawayo.

Opener Grant Flower was caught behind with only one run, and Mark Dekker was dismissed without scoring.

Then Alistair Campbell was stumped with 16 runs, preparing the way for the partnership between Zimbabwe's left-handed skipper and cool-nerve Houghton.

Zimbabwe won the toss and chose to bat first on an easy pace wicket still drying from heavy seasonal rains that delayed the Test for two days.

"It was gamble to go in first, but it would have been a bigger gamble to put the Sri Lankans in on the moist pitch," said Zimbabwe coach John Hampshire.

Kapil's twilight trouble

BOMBAY, Oct 20: Kapil Dev has aggravated a hamstring injury that is likely to rule him out of the current triangular cricket series against New Zealand and West Indies. Kapil, who said at the start of the current season that he would retire from cricket after the Test series against West Indies, is expected to be out for two to three weeks, according to the India team doctor.

That will rule the world record Test wicket-taker out of the one-day tournament and could threaten his place in the Test series against West Indies beginning on November 18.

The injury, sustained on last month's tour of Sri Lanka, was aggravated in Monday's opening one-dayer against West Indies, and Indian manager Wadekar hinted on Wednesday that young Bombay all-rounder Sarraj Bahutule could be called in to replace Kapil.

Local commentators expect Kapil to be recalled to play in at least one of the three Tests for sentimental reasons and bid farewell to fans. The third Test, beginning on December 10, is in his home town of Chandigarh.

Zafar Iqbal steps down

NEW DELHI, Oct 20: India's hockey coach Zafar Iqbal resigned today after failing to win the gold medal at the Asian Games in Hiroshima, but he denied the defeat had anything to do with his decision, reports AFP.

"I had decided to step down even before leaving for Hiroshima," said Iqbal, 40, who cited "family commitments" as his reason for stepping down.

"Coaching the Indian team needs a high degree of commitment, and entails long periods of absence from the family and loved ones," he said.

Iqbal's contract expired after the Asian Games, but it was expected to be renewed for next month's World Cup in Sydney.

Ben Johnson's candid views

PARIS, Oct 20: Former sprinter Ben Johnson, banned for life for using steroids, fuelled controversy on Wednesday by saying doping was necessary to be the best and was still widely used in athletics today, reports Reuter.

"I don't regret having taken drugs," said the Canadian appearing on a French television show.

"It was what you had to do to be the best." Johnson's remarks came a day after International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch said the IOC were not in favour of life bans for athletes found guilty of doping and that bans for first offenders in various sports should be reduced from four years to two.

Jamaican-born Johnson, who was stripped of his gold medal in the 100 metres at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, said he was only one of many athletes using performance-enhancing products.

"The whole world was using drugs," said Johnson, who was banned for two years after Seoul and then banned for life last year after a second positive test for steroids.

"I did it because I was caught in a system and I got caught because I was the best. It only helped me for 10 per cent. The other 90 per cent came from my own capabilities."

Ijaz inspires Pakistan



RAWALPINDI, Oct 20: Pakistan managed a comfortable 39-run win over South Africa Thursday in a Willis triangular series one-day match at the Pindi Cricket Stadium here, reports AFP.

Chasing Pakistan's 249 for six the South Africans managed 210 for five in 50 overs, leaving them with their fourth defeat in as many matches in the tournament which Australia is leading. Pakistan will have to lose all its remaining four matches for the South Africans to make it to the final.

Pakistan's second victory against South Africa was helped by a 125-run fourth-wicket stand between Ijaz Ahmed, who made 110 — his third century in one-day cricket — and captain Salim Malik, who hit 56. Opener Saeed Anwar also contributed 42 off 52 balls with nine boundaries in the Pakistan total.

South Africa never looked likely to manage the 12-run-per-over rate they needed towards the end of their innings to catch the home side. South Africa lost Andrew Hudson for 20 to Waqar Younis and Kepler Wessels for 19 to the same bowler who had him leg before. Wessels laboured for 19 overs for his runs.

But, Hansie Cronje, who battled for two hours for 53, added 64 runs with Darryl Cullinan, who made 36, for the third-wicket, and 31 with Jonty Rhodes for the fourth-wicket, before being run out.

Rhodes, before being another run out victim after making 33, was hit on the head by Aaqib Javed as he ducked into a delivery, but continued batting. Gary Kirsten and David Richardson were left to do the spadework in the end, chasing and impossible target.

Earlier, Pakistan had started disastrously after being put in by Kepler Wessels. They lost Aamir Sohail in the fourth over off Craig Matthews who had him caught at the wicket by David Richardson for one.

Saeed Anwar and Inzamam-ul-Haq added 37 runs for the second wicket. A mixup between the two ended Inzamam's innings when he was declared run out for 10 by the TV umpire.

Not much later, Anwar was taken at deep cover by Cullinan off Eric Simons, after he had scored 42, hitting nine fours.

From 61-3 in the 16th over, Pakistan recovered to add 125 runs for the fourth-wicket through Ijaz Ahmed and Salim Malik, who was dropped when on 18 in the 27th over by Jonty Rhodes off Cronje and went on to make 56. It was the Pakistani skipper's second half-century of the tournament.

Ijaz Ahmed, who reached his third century in one-day games, with 13 fours and a six, silenced those who had criticised his controversial inclusion in the Pakistani team after a long absence.

Ijaz reached his half century off 72 balls but hit the next 50

foot seven inch tall paceman sent India reeling to 63 for three in the 18th over when he had skipper Mohammed Asharuddin caught at mid-off by Chanderpaul.

Navtoj Sidhu, however, steered India out of trouble with an unbeaten 65 and was still at the crease in the company of Atul Bedade (12 not out) when rain cut short the match.

The remaining three one-day internationals will be played from November 7, after a triangular one-day competition involving New Zealand which starts Sunday.

India ride on elements

BOMBAY, Oct 20: India drew level with the West Indies in their five-match one-day series here Thursday after being declared winners of the rain-hit second international with a superior run-rate, reports AFP.

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the one-day cricket international between Pakistan and South Africa in a triangular series today.

PAKISTAN
Saeed Anwar c Cullinan b Simons 42
Aamir Sohail c Richardson b Matthews 1
Inzamamul Haq run out 10
Salim Malik c Wessels b Eksteen 56
Ijaz Ahmed b Matthews 110
Wasim Akram b Matthews 12
Rashid Latif not out 4
Akram Raza not out 3
Extras: (b-4, lb-4, nb-2, w-1) 11
Total: (for six wickets, 50 overs) 249
Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-39; 3-61; 4-186; 5-232; 6-245.

Did not bat: Waqar Younis, Asif Mujtaba, Aaqib Javed.
Bowling O M R W
Villiers 10 0 41 0
Matthews 10 2 50 3
Cronje 10 0 45 0
Simons 10 1 56 1
Eksteen 10 1 49 1

SOUTH AFRICA
Hudson c Latif b Waqar 20
Wessels lbw b Waqar 19
Kronje run out 53
Cullinan run out 36
Rhodes run out 33
G Kirsten not out 20
D Richardson not out 19
Extras: (b-2, lb-2, nb-2, w-3) 10
Total: (for five wickets, 50 overs) 210
Fall of wickets: 1-35; 2-61; 3-130; 4-160; 5-189.

Bowling O M R W
Wasim Akram 10 1 40 0
Aaqib Javed 10 0 36 0
Waqar Younis 10 0 35 2
Akram Raza 10 0 41 0
Salim Malik 5 0 24 0
Aamir Sohail 5 0 20 0

Result: Pakistan won by 39 runs
Man-of-the Match: Ijaz Ahmed, Pakistan.
Umpires: Javed Akhtar and Said Ahmed Shah



Brothers Union custodian Pour fisting away the ball to safety during his side's crucial Star Premier Division football league encounter against Mohammedan Sporting Club at the flood-lit Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Mohammedans won the match 2-1. — Star photo

match, Mohammedans pulled off a win with ten men following their victory against their first round conquerors Agrani Bank.

Russian striker Andrey Kazakov who almost confirmed his distinction as the topscorer in this year's league with eleven goals with the latest breaking yesterday's duck, was given marching order by Malaysian referee Bah for hacking down Brothers

hardly troubled by the police action bordering on misdirected, belated excess and for the unpenitent time the safer section of the football buffs were at the receiving hand shedding tears copiously for no sense of loss and of course no fault of their own. Authorities' stupidity in locking some of the gates from outside made the evening miserable for the pressmen who were left with no other option but to try

AGRANI BANK SAFE
Fortunes fluctuated in day's first match played earlier at the same venue as Agrani Bank won against Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club by a 6:1 minute goal from Iqbal.

While the bankers scrambled to safety with 14 points Fakirerpool refusing to indulge in the speedy practice of off the ground deals ran into the relegation zone, with 11 points.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Wanderers vs Muslim 4.30 (Dhaka Stadium)
Bima vs Dhanomdi 6.30 (Dhaka Stadium).

Milan's misery compound Sharpe M United's saviour



LONDON, Oct 20: A brilliant 80th minute goal by Lee Sharpe, his second of the tournament, gave Manchester United a 2-2 home draw with Barcelona that kept them top of their European Champion's League group on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Holders AC Milan, effectively beginning again from scratch after having their points docked because of crowd violence, picked up a point in a disappointing 0-0 draw away to AEK Athens.

Milan are bottom of Group D which Ajax Amsterdam lead with five points after a 0-0 draw away to Salzburg.

Brazil's World Cup star Romario and Barcelona captain Jose Maria Bakero shocked Old Trafford, where United have never been beaten in European competition, by putting the Spaniards 2-1 up after Mark Hughes' headed opener from a fine Sharpe cross.

United lead Group A from IFK Gothenburg on goal difference after the Swedes, surprise 2-1 winners over Barcelona at home three weeks ago, also moved onto four points with a 1-0 home win over Galatasaray of Turkey.

The English champions' Scottish manager Alex Ferguson said "We lost two bad goals and we're not happy about that."

"Paul Ince was magnificent. We needed someone to lift them all and he was the one." England midfielder Ince, the man mainly responsible for turning the tide back in United's favour, began the move that led to Sharpe's equaliser, a deft side-footed flick with his trailing leg.

Magnus Erlingmark, who hit Gothenburg's first against Barcelona on September 28 scored the only goal 14 minutes from time in near freezing conditions that did not suit the Turks and had them on the defensive almost throughout.

Barcelona, who won the European Cup in 1992, are third in group A on three points with Galatasaray bottom on one.

Liberian striker George Weah and Argentine World Cup forward Claudio Caniggia both scored their third goals of the tournament as Paris St Germain and Benfica won to stay top of Groups B and C respectively.

The French champions are the only side of the 16 involved in the four groups to have taken maximum points from three games.

Weah hit PSG's second in their 2-1 away win over Dynamo Kiev, for whom Viktor Leonenko also scored his third goal in the competition.

Three times winners Bayern Munich, making noticeable improvements with each game according to their Italian coach Giovanni Trapattoni, scraped a 1-1 draw against Spartak in Moscow within a 90th minute equaliser from defender Marcus Babel to leap over Ukrainians Dynamo into second place in Group B with three points.

Caniggia's penalty one minute before the interval in Lisbon sent Benfica, who have won the European Cup twice and been losing finalists five times, on their way to victory over Steaua Bucharest.

The Romanians had defender Anton Dobos sent off in the 58th minute, but managed to pull a goal back through Damian Militaru on the stroke of time after Joao Pinto had put Benfica two up.

Benfica are only ahead of Hajduk Split on goal difference, the Croats, who conceded only their first goal in the round robin series in a 2-1 home victory over seasoned European campaigners Anderlecht, already look capable of taking a surprise place among the quarter-finalists.



Reigning champion Pakistani IM Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi advances his queen against Bangladesh's Ziaur Rahman in the second round of the Dr Q M international masters' invitational tournament at the chessroom of the NSC yesterday. The game was adjourned after sixty-one moves with Zia in a slightly better position. — Star photo



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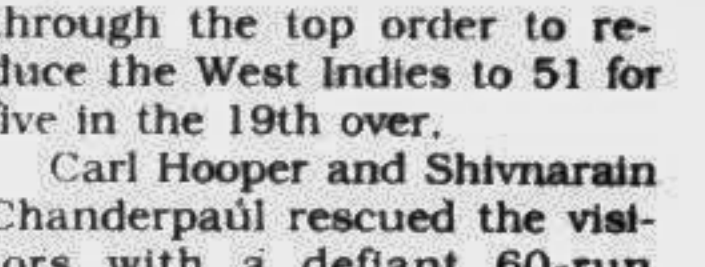
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WEST INDIES
P Simmons lbw b Prasad 24
S Williams c Kamblit b Srinath 0
B Lara c Prasad b Srinath 6
C Hooper c Mongia b Srinath 70
K Atherton c Mongia b Kumble 2
J Adams c Mongia b Prasad 2
S Chanderpaul run out 22
A Cummins c Tendulkar b Prabhakar 34
C Walsh c Bedade b Prasad 3
B Browne not out 8
C Cuffy not out 1
Extras: (3-lb 13-w 4-nb) 20
Total: (nine wickets, 50 overs) 192
Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-17; 3-33; 4-48; 5-51; 6-111; 7-154; 8-167; 9-182.

Bowling: O M R W
Prabhakar 10 1 34 1
Srinath 10 2 34 3
Prasad 10 1 36 3
Kumble 10 0 42 1
Chauhan 10 1 43 0

INDIA
M Prabhakar c Lara b Walsh 00
S Tendulkar c Hooper b Cuffy 00
N Sidhu not out 65
Asharuddin c Chanderpaul b Cuffy 34
V Kamblit c Atherton b Cummings 17
A Bedade not out 11
Extras: (1-lb