V Sharavanan replaces Reefat at the top

Sports Reporter

V Sharavanan brought a little change in a rather monotonous pattern when he climbed to the top of the points table in the eleventh Dr QM Hossain International Master's chess tournament at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

At the end of the ninth round, he garnered a haul of seven and a half points to displace Bangladeshi IM Reefat bin Sattar at the top of the points table.

Reefat, who, until vesterday, had been to the fore. lost the lead not through any setback but because his scheduled encounter with Indian IM Lanka Ravi for the day was not held. The putoff match is expected to be played on November 1 Reefat trails Sharavanan with seven points.

Sharavanan owed his rise to the top to a ninth round victory against Bangladesh's Tayebur Rahman Suman in a match lasting 58 moves.

Holder Lodhi had relatively easy passage against local Kalimullah Khan whom he defeated in 34 moves. He stays in the third position along with Lanka Ravi with six and a half points from eight matches. National champion IM Ziaur

Rahman checkmated fellow FM Tahmidur Rahman in 27 moves. Zia, last year's runnerup. has five and a half points:

Indian IM Ravi Hegde won against Bangladesh's Hasibul Hassan Hanif in day's another match. Hegde has a bag of five

In another Deshi affair Abdullah Al Rakib wrought submission from Nahid Miyazid in just 24 moves to place in the sixth position with four and a half points.

Seasoned Indian IM Shekhar Chandra Saha raised his tally to five with a 55-move victory against Bangladesh's Maruf Ahmad.

22 called for Nirman XI trials

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Twenty-two cricketers from different city schools have been selected initially to form the Nirman Schools Eleven team for the imminent 15th Damal Summer tourney.

The players are: Junayed Rahman, Ridwan Hassan, Tasa bbur Hassan, Yassir Arif, Mir Rubaiyat Jamil and Shaker Chowdhury (Scholastica); Tanveer Islam Khan, Qazi Reaz Hamid (Dhanmondi Govt School), Ehsanul Huq, Adnan Majid Haq (Motijheel); Narayan Chandra, Jewel Hossain, Sohel Hossain and Ariful Huq (Narayanganj High School); Shamimuddoza, Mashrur Ul Quader (Mirpur Bangla High); Touseeq Ahmad Jasim (Kalindi High School); Khalid Saifullah (Siddheshwari High School): Faiyaz Ahmed (Armanitola Govt School): Mahtab Billah (Willes Little Flower); Ashfaq Ahmad and Itrat Jahan (St Joseph's High School).

Selected cricketers have been requested to report to coach Monir Ali Khan with their kits at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCGB) office at 3 pm on Tuesday.

Nat'l women's h'ball on

The four-day national junior women's handball tournament began at the Dhanmondi Women Sports Complex yesterday, reports UNB.

Sixteen district teams are taking part in the meet organised by the Bangladesh Women's Sports Federation. The opening day's results

Rangpur beat Feni 19-2 goals: Narail beat Comilla 9-2 goals; Mymensingh beat Patuakhali 15-0: Jessore defeated Naogaon 16-2 goals; Faridpur beat Bogra 12-0 goals; Rajshahi defeated Dinajpur 12-6 goals and Dhaka beat Pirojpur 20-5

Parma in Italian Cup quarters

CAGLIARI, Sardinia, Oct 28: League leaders Parma qualified for the quarterfinals of the Italian Cup following a 1-1 draw on the road against Cagliari in their second-leg third-round game of the tournament Thursday night, reports AP.

Parma, who advanced on a 3-1 aggregate, take on next Fiorentina, who eliminated defending champions Sampdoria. All the thrill of the game

came in one minute. Panamanian striker Dely Valdes put Cagliari in the lead. at Sant' Elia Stadium, with a late goal in the 90th.

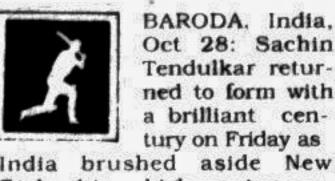
Argentine defender Nestor Sensini kicked in a quick equaliser for Parma in injury

ment

Parma controlled play throughout the game, to defend a 2-0 lead from the firstleg game.

Rutherford, Parore plough in the sands

Tendulkar toys with Kiwis



series here, reports AFP.

Oct 28: Sachin Tendulkar returned to form with a brilliant century on Friday as Zealand in a high-scoring oneday match in the triangular

The 21-year-old, who made just eight runs in his last three one-day innings slammed a glorious 115 to help India overtake New Zealand's huge 269 for four with 11 balls and seven wickets to spare.

Opening the innings, Tendulkar batted until the 46th over before he was run out when a hard drive from skipper Mohammad Azharuddin was deflected by bowler Dion Nash into the non-striker's wicket.



TENDULKAR ... 115

India still 'needed 23 runs off 25 balls at that stage, but Azharuddin (47 not out) and Vinod Kambli (12 not out) ensured the home team's second successive win in the tourna-

India, who have eight points from two matches, go into the second leg of the preliminary league beginning Sunday almost assured of playing in the final on November 5

New Zealand and the West Indies are tied at two points each after the first leg and will battle each other for the second finalists' spot.

The Kiwis, who were robbed of victory in their first match by bad weather after bowling the West Indies out for

LONDON, Oct 28:

More than one

million tickets

for the 1996

European Soccer

championships

went on sale on Thursday with

officials predicting the finals

will be the biggest sporting

event in England since 1966,

Kirton told a news conference:

"It is going to be the biggest

party in sporting and cultural

terms since England hosted

the World Cup 28 years ago.

We are determined to make it

the tournament kicks off, a to-

tal of 1.15 million tickets were

made available for the 31

matches being staged at eight

grounds during the three-

week tournament being held

from June 8-30 1996.

With 590 days to go before

Tournament director Glen

reports Reuter.

a success.

123, once again put up a grand show - only to see their efforts go waste.

Skipper Ken Rutherford hit a superb 108 and shared a 180-run stand for the third wicket with Adam Parore (96) to help New Zealand set India a stiff target of 5.4 runs an

But the in-form Indians, who defeated West Indies in their first match, rose splendidly to the task at hand in perfect batting conditions.

Tendulkar and Manoj Prabhakar (74) put on 144 for the first wicket before left-arm spinner Matthew Hart, who claimed a career-best five for 22 on Wednesday, set India back with two quick wickets. Hart accepted an easy re-

turn catch from Prabhakar and then had Navjot Sidhu caught in the deep for 11 as India slipped to 162 for two in the 34th over. Tendulkar, who smashed

nine boundaries and three sixes, and Azharuddin put India on the road to victory by adding 85 for the third wicket.

The match followed a similar course to the one between the two teams here six years ago when Azharuddin's worldrecord century off 62 balls enabled India overcome New Zealand's 278 for three with two wickets to spare.

Rutherford and Parore joined hands with New Zealand reeling at 27 for two in the ninth over after they won the toss and elected to bat

Rutherford hit 13 boundaries before being run out in the 42nd over as Azharuddin broke the wicket with a direct throw from backward point.

Parore, who needed four runs off the last two balls of the innings to reach his maiden century, skied seamer Manoj Prabhakar's penultimate delivery to Anil Kumble at mid-off. Parore, on 72 when Ruther-

ford was dismissed, helped Stephen Fleming (33 off 27 balls) put on 61 for the fourth wicket to take the Kiwis beyond the 250-mark. India take on the West

Indies next at Kanpur on Sunday in the first match of the second leg. The Kiwis play the West Indians at Guwahati on Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the triangular series one-day match between India and New Zealand here

More than 150,000 tickets

have already been sold raising

five million pound sterling

(8.18 million dollars) in rev-

enue from season ticket hold-

ers at English Premier and

football league clubs and regis-

tered supporters of the na-

15 pounds (24.50 dollars) for a

seat at a group match to up to

130 pounds (213 dollars) for

the best seat for the final itself

at Wembley on Sunday. June

Europe will be able to buy a

single ticket for a single

match, or blocks of tickets for

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go to travelling supporters

from overseas when the 15

qualifiers are known at the end

of next year. At least 40 per

A large number of the mil-

Fans in both England and in

Ticket prices range from

tional team.

various games.

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Danish football manager Richard Nielsen (L) and

his English counterpart Terry Venables pose with

European Championship trophy in London on Oct 27

the ticket-launching ceremony for the 1996 tourna-

NEW ZEALAND: Young c Mongia b Srinath Hartland e Kumble b Prabhakar Parore c Kumble b Prabhakar Rutherford run out Fleming not out Thomson not out Extras:(b-4, lb-6, w-6, nb-3) Total: (4 wkts) Did not bat: Groen, Nash Harris, Hart, Pringle. Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-27; 3-207; 4-268.

Bowling: Prabhakar Srinath 41 50 Prasad 53 10 Kumble Tendulkar 0 Overs: 50. INDIA: Prabhakar c and b Hart Tendulkar run out 115 Sidhu c De Groen b Hart Azharuddin not out



Kambli not out Extras: (lb-3, w-9) Total: (2 wkts) 271

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Thomson	5	0	25	0
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Results: India won by seven wickets. League standings (played

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fans of every team in every

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want to be as fair as possible to

everyone who would like to see

from eight finalists to 16 for

the first time, is the largest

sporting event held in England

since the host nation won the

Terry Venables said neither he

nor his team needed remind-

ing of the pressures on them

to win, adding: "It gives us a

chance of going into history in

the same way that the England

team that won the World Cup

in 1966 did. But we are not

kidding ourselves...it is going

to be a very tough competition

methods used at the successful

World Cup finals in the United

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Vice President Al Gore during

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The opening match and fi

nal will be played at Wembley

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grounds will be: Elland Road,

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ter: Hillsborough; Sheffield:

Villa Park, Birmingham, St Ja-

mes's Park, Newcastle, An-

field, Liverpool and City Gro-

Div I badminton

from Nov 27

Sports Reporter

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Federation and sponsored by

National Bank, will begin from

Mohammedan Sporting Club,

Surja Tarun Club, Shelltech

Club, Biman Bangladesh Air-

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Badminton Club and Renai-

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been requested to complete

entry formalities by November

The eight participants -

The Senior Division bad

Kirton added: "We believe

Organisers who studied the

England team manager

World Cup in 1966.

The competition, expanded

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November 27.

- AFP photo . 20

"At least 7,000 tickets will

reserved for overseas fans.

Lara suspended

NEW DELHI, Oct 28: West Indies star batsman Brian Lara was handed a one-match suspension on Thursday for refusing to leave the wicket promptly after he was given out in a one-day international match against New Zealand. reports Reuter.

Local news agencies said Lara was also find 50 per cent of his match fee for Wednesday's game at Margao in western India for questioning India's K Murali, umpiring at square leg, who declared him out, stumped off the bowling of New Zealand spinner Matthew

The Press Trust of India (PTI) quoted a statement by the Indian cricket board (BCCI), saying Lara had apologised to the umpires after a hearing by the International Cricket Council (ICC) observer Raman Subba Row.

Subba Row's decision to suspend Lara will keep him out of the West Indies next match in the series, against India at Kanpur on Sunday.

Several Indian newspapers disagreed with Murali's decision to give Lara out.

"It was a sad display of dissent by Lara who, one hopes has been made to realise the error of his ways," said the

Delhi's Times of India. "But it was also a dreadful peace of umpiring in a splendid competition which has been marred only by some horrendous decisions," the

Lara scored 32 in 58 balls, the highest scorer in the West Indies total of 123. The match was abandoned due to rain, earning two points each for both the teams.

Times said.

India won the first match of the series against the West Indies at Madras. "As per the ICC code of

conduct Clause 3, Brian Lara is suspended for one World Series Match - the next match to be played by the West Indies," PTI quoted the BCCI statement as saying.

It said Lara was subjected to a hearing by the ICC when the umpires complained in their report that he had "stayed at the wicket for an unacceptable length of time" after being given out by Murali.

Lara had also signalled to the umpire to take the opinion of the third umpire, telling Murali that he would protest if the replay showed he was not out, PTI said.

Cricket masters tourney in India next March

BOMBAY, Oct 28: India is to host a six nation cricket tournament in Bombay next March for players over the age of 35, organisers said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The World Masters Cricket Cup is being organised by a Hong Kong based company and will have teams from Australia, England, India, Sri Lanka, West Indies and South Africa.

Former Test stars such as Sunil Gavaskar, Viv Richards, Dennis Lillee, Greg Chappell, Allan Border, Barry Richards, Graeme Polock, Clive Rice and Duleep Mendis are expected to take part.

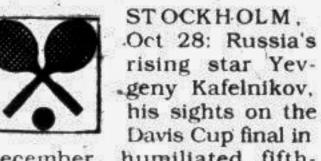
A total of 45 matches will be played in two leagues at Bombay's Brabourne Stadium from March 3, with the final on March 12.

The tournament will also be a tribute to one of India's great cricketers, CK Nayudu, in his centenary year.



Germany, Boris Chesnokov during their third round match at the Stockholm Open on Oct 27. Becker won 6-4,

Edberg bids Stockholm bye



his sights on the Davis Cup final in December, humiliated fifthseed Stefan Edberg before the Swede's home crowd in the third round of the Stockholm Open on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The 20-year-old Russian, ranked 13th in the world, dazzled with his high-speed returns and relentless attacking play and dismissed Edberg 7-

Germany's two top players, arch-rivals Michael Stich and Boris Becker, cruised through to set up a classic quarter-final

Both won in straight sets but Stich, defending the Stockholm title as third-seed, had the tougher game, grinding down strong-serving American Jim Courier 7-5, 6-

Another quarter-final will pitch world number one Pete Sampras of the US against the only remaining Swede. Magnus Larsson.

Four of the world's top five players advanced, with Croat Goran Ivanisevic, ranked and seeded second, and Spain's Sergi Bruguera, fourth, overcoming their opponents with

. Edberg. however, succumbed to the toughest and over a US team led by

probably best-motivated challenger of the day.

Kafelnikov, who expects to lead Russia's assault on the Davis Cup against Sweden in December, said he felt he had played one of his best and most important matches of the

"It was an important match for me before the Davis Cup. I want to play all my matches like this - it has happened only once or twice before this year," he told reporters.

Edberg, winner of the US Open in 1991 and 1992, says he wants to stay in the world's top five at least until the end of this year but admitted he was outplayed.

Praising his opponent's game, he said: "He has a good serve, a fine volley and one of the best returns in the world." The fast surface at

Stockholm's Globe Arena was also a factor, both players said, though neither was complain-"It's quick in there. Even if you serve well, if you've got a

guy who gets to the ball quickly, you've got no chance. said Edberg who was not really satisfied with his serving. Swedes' attention will now

shift to another Davis Cup hopeful, Larsson, Ranked 28th in the world, he was a hero in Sweden's Davis Cup semifinal last month, helping secure a sensational win for his country

While Sampras had a walkover on Thursday, due to his Swiss opponent Marc Rosset falling ill, unseeded Larsson toppled South African Wayne Ferreira, seeded 10th. in another upset.

The Swede took just 53 minutes to win 6-1, 6-2. He said Ferreira's play and concentration seemed to collapse after an early dispute with a linesman in which a comment. apparently in Afrikana, was reported to the referee and led to a warning.

A satisfied sixth-seed Bec-

ker dismissed Russia's Andrei Chesnokov 6-4, 6-3 and said he could not have played much better. "So far my play has been excellent, but it's going to get

tougher," he added, predicting a thumping serve-and-volley clash with Stich today. Ivanisevic won a fiery game against 21-year-old Italian

Andrea Gaudenzi after break ing his relatively inexper enced opponent at the end the first set. As Gaudenzi tired the Croat's serve found its mark more easily and he won 7-5, 6-3.

Bruguera disposed of France's Arnaud Boetsch 6-4, 6-2 and will meet the fired-up Kafelnikov in his Friday quar ter-final.

In later action Andre Agassi beat compatriot Todd Martin 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, 6-1

AC Milan's magic waning? table shows Milan down in in 15 games this season, a 2-1



AC Milan's domination of Italian soccer could be coming to an end, reports Reu-

After winning the Italian championship for the third successive season last May when they also produced a superb display of attacking football to destroy Barcelona in the European Cup final, Milan are struggling.

At the tie their 4-0 demolition of Barcelona in the European final in Athens silenced the doubters who said Milan lacked the sparkle of earlier vintage years.

But now the critics have plenty of fresh ammunition -- a glance at the Italian league

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eighth place while in European competition they languish at the bottom of Champions' League Group D. Their position in Europe

has been hit by UEFA's deci-

sion to deduct two points after oppositions goalkeeper Otto Konrad was hit by a bottle thrown from the San Siro crowd in their 3-0 win over Salzburg last month. UEFA showed Milan no

mercy in an appeal on Wednesday when it confirmed the two-point deduction and a stadium ban which will force the Italian club to play their remaining two "home" group matches in Trieste, northeast

A few hours later Milan slumped to their sixth defeat

loss to local rivals Internazionale sending them spinning out of the Italian Cup 4-2 on aggregate. Coach Fabio Capello admits

holders Milan must aim to win

their three remaining Champions' League fixtures to guarantee a place in the lucra tive final stages of the compe-And they need a rapid re turn to form with their Euro-

pean tie with AEK Athens in Trieste on November 2 sand wiched between league fixtures against traditional rivals Juventus and league leaders Parma, already five points clear of Milan.

Club officials admit that Milan have fallen short of their own high standards this au

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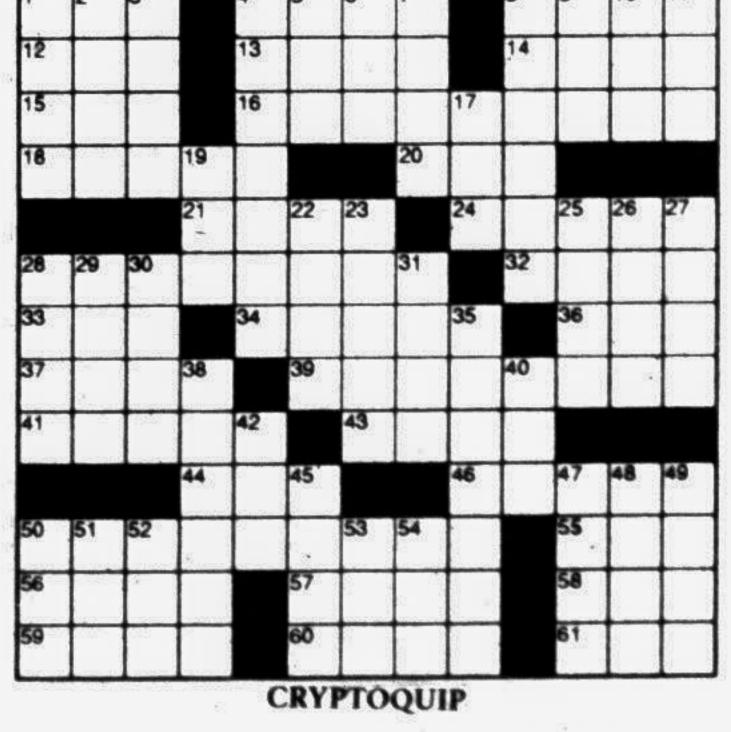
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip; THE ONE ITEM THAT

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals R

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALESMEN DON'T SELL: DOORS.

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.