



Indian V Sharavanan, who is currently leading the points table, makes a move against Reefat bin-Sattar, the Bangladeshi IM while the Pakistani IM and holder Mamud Ahmed Khan Lodhi watches. Sharavanan and Reefat drew their tenth round match of the eleventh GM Hossain chess championship at the NSC conference room yesterday.

—Star photo

## Sharavanan stays at top

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force a draw in 51 moves. Rakib upped his collection to five points.

Ravi's fellow countrymen Shekhar Chandra Sahu also found his Bangladeshi opponent Taiyebur Rahman tough

### Div II hockey

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Victoria Sporting Club almost confirmed their promotion to the First Division when they blanked Uttara Hockey Club 2-0 in one of the two Green Delta Insurance Second Division hockey super league matches at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Fazlur Rahman and Rafiqul Karim scored one goal apiece to guide Victoria to its fifth win from six matches.

Victoria, who suffered their only defeat at the hands of Tejgaon Agragami, now have 15 points from six matches, are only one point from the title with one match to play in the eight-team fray.

Victoria will take on their last robin league match against Raktim Sangha on Monday.

In the other match of the day, Combined SC and Raktim Sangha split points in a goalless draw.

### Sri Lanka-Zimbabwe 3rd Test heads for a draw

## Houghton shines at Harare



HARARE, Oct 29: Dave Houghton followed his second Test double century with an unbeaten 125 on Friday as Zimbabwe almost certainly ensured the third and final Test against Sri Lanka would mirror the previous two and end in a draw.

The former Zimbabwe captain combined with Alistair Campbell in a record Zimbabwe partnership for any wicket of 194 as the home side reached 276 for four by the end of the third day in response to Sri Lanka's 402.

By that stage any hope of a result in the deadlocked series looked to have disappeared. Only a considerable increase in Zimbabwe's run rate on the fourth day looks to provide them with any hope of a declaration to give them time to bowl out Sri Lanka and record their first Test win.

Their scoring rate on Friday gave little indication that was uppermost in their minds as they added just 266 runs during the day for the loss of three wickets.

Resuming at 10 for one, Zimbabwe lost left-handed opener Mark Dekker for 14 in

the sixth over of the day but Houghton and Campbell ensured there were no further traumas.

Neither took any risks as they reached 72 for two by lunch and added a further 76 runs in the afternoon session without being parted.

Campbell reached 99 but was denied a century an hour

before the close when he drove loosely at Pushpakumara and edged a catch to wicket-keeper Hashan Tillekeratne.

Four overs later Zimbabwe captain Andy Flower gloved a catch to Tillekeratne to be out for 10 but that was the final success of the day for Sri Lanka.

Houghton, who hit a Zimbabwe record 266 in the second Test, reached his third Test century with a hooked four off

McCall-Holmes bout in Jan

NEW YORK, Oct 29: Oliver McCall will make his first defense of the World Boxing Council heavyweight title he won last month against former champion Larry Holmes in January, promoter Don King announced on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

McCall, who has a record of 25-5, won the crown on September 24 when he stopped Britain's Lennox Lewis in the second round of their title bout in London.

Holmes, who was heavyweight champion for more than seven years, will be fighting for the title he first won in 1978.

The 61-4 Holmes turns 45-years old next week. McCall, a former sparring partner of Mike Tyson, is 29.

The bout will take place on January 21, but no site has been selected, King said.

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