

## Twin upsets in chess

Sports Reporter

Upset was the order of the day in the First Division chess league as league leaders Brothers Union and third place holders Bangladesh Ansars suffered surprise defeats at the hands of the Dhaka University chess team and Naryanganj Mashguli Mehli respectively in the 13th round at the National Sports Council yesterday.

Brothers, who earlier lost their unbeaten record to Bobby Fisher Chess Club, conceded their second defeat in the league so far when the defending champions, seemingly missing sorely the service of grandmaster Niaz Murshid, went down to the students 1.5-2.5. The Gopibagh outfit, however, maintained their position at the top with 39.5 points.

Ansars also lost 1.5-2.5 to the Narayanganj team, who earlier had stunned Bangladesh Biman, but didn't relinquish their place to nearest rivals Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), trailing the services team by one and a half points at 31. BTMC won against Narayanganj Chess Club by three points to one.

Brothers' loss yesterday helped Biman gain on the current table-leaders as the airline team beat Protibha Daba Goshthi 3-1 to raise their collection to 35 points — four and a half adrift.

## Kabaddi league now Dec 2

The Dhaka Metropolis Kabaddi League, scheduled to begin on November 25, has been deferred for one week, reports UNB.

The league will now begin from December 2 at the Kabaddi court of the Dhaka Outer Stadium, said a press release of Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation yesterday.

Sixteen teams, divided into four groups, will compete in the league.

The teams are: Mirpur Juba Sangha, Azad Sporting Club, Sonali Bank Club, Bangladesh Bank Club, Jurain Janata Club, Maniknagar Kabaddi Club, Dilkusha Sporting Club, Arunayatan Sangskriti-O-Krira Sangha, Anirban Sangsad, Bara Goli Samaj Kalyan Juba Sangha, Gazaria Thana Narakalyan Samity, Imlarot Nirman Samik Union, Public Health Employees Welfare Association, Sreejoni Sangsad, Anirban Sangskritik Sangsad and Jatrabari Faruq Smriti Sangsad.

## Schools soccer from Dec 20

The first ever schools soccer tournament for under-16 booters will begin on December 20 at six different zonal grounds across the country, reports UNB.

Forty-nine teams representing their districts will compete in the first phase of the national junior tourney, organised by Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

The teams are: Dhaka Zone — Narayanganj, Narsingdi, Chandpur, Madaripur, Rajbari, Gopalganj, Dhaka and Munshiganj.

Tangail Zone — Tangail, Gazipur, Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Faridpur, Netrakona, Sherpur and Manikganj.

Comilla Zone — Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Bandarban, Feni, Sunamganj, Comilla, Sylhet, Laxmipur and Khagrachhari.

Jessore Zone — Jessore, Khulna, Bagerhat, Narail, Satkhira, Jhalakathi and Magura.

Chaudhara Zone — Chaudhara, Kushtia, Pabna, Barguna, Bhola, Jhenidah, Patuakhali and Meherpur.

Natore Zone — Rajshahi, Natore, Rangpur, Sirajganj, Nilphamari, Kurigram, Naogaon, Gaibandha and Lalmonirhat.

## Wessels declines

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 21: Former South African cricket captain Kepler Wessels has declined himself unavailable for selection for the first Test against New Zealand starting in Johannesburg on Friday, the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) said, reports Reuters.

UCBSA managing director Ali Bacher said that Wessels had played through the pain barrier on many previous occasions but felt that his participation with a painful right knee would have been an unreasonable risk.

"His right knee first flared up during the Test match against Australia in Melbourne from December 26 to 30 last year and then during the third Test match against England at the Oval earlier this year he had blood-stained fluid drained from it."

## Barisal soccer

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 21: Babuganj Club earned a 2-1 victory over Brown compound in the Emma Overseas First Division football league at the local stadium here today.

# Tarun, Victoria cruise

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Victoria and Surja Tarun picked their second successive wins yesterday only to line up for a collision that will pave the way for one team's passage to the second round of the 15th Damal Summer cricket tournament.

Former national cricketer Azhar Hossain turned in a virtuoso performance at the Mirpur Pallabi ground to literally lead Victoria to a 44-run over minnows Ajax Sports Club and to a position from where they can top Group F, provided they beat the day's other winners Tarun on Friday at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

The bespectacled Victoria captain better known as Shantu captured four wickets for 28 runs from nine overs of offensive off spin that contained three maidens to put the chasers on the spot.

Left-arm spinner Bipal Sarkar made it all the more easy for Azhar to prey on the Ajax batsmen's nerves with commendable figures of two for 26 also from nine overs.

Ajax were eventually all out for 143 in 42.3 overs with six of their willow wielders making it to the double figures. Zakir Hossain topped the chart with 25 followed by a stormy 14-ball 23 from Abdul Karim and a laboured 20 by Asif.

Earlier, Azhar kept his side focused on a good total after his counterpart Shahul Azam won the toss and opted to field.



AZHAR HOSSAIN

Sulaj Hossain was Ajax's most successful bowler claiming three for 46 but Sadeq fulfilled the demands of instant cricket with an economical analysis of two for 19 from nine overs.

Spin was the deciding factor at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium also as Surja Tarun completed a 59-run victory over lowly Gopibagh Friends Association.

Tarun's slow left armer Asif Omar Belim ran through the opponent batting as set to score 205 for a rather improbable win, the Gopibagh team were stalled at 146 for eight on completion of the stipulated 45 overs.

Asif had a haul of four for 30 from nine overs as Shakil, Imran and Nasir fought over a lost cause for the newcomers with respective contributions of 39, 28 and 23.

In the morning, veteran Nurul Hadi, who is skipping his parent club this year at the twilight of his career, checked with the experience of other harpours, himself laid the foundation of a victory.

On winning the toss, he chose to bat first and together with Suman raised 96 for the first wicket.

The tall wicketkeeper-batsman went on to topscore with a 108-ball 67 after Suman left him for 32.

After a sound start the Tarun innings underwent an anticlimactic experience as none of the latter batsmen settled down and a potentially huge score dwindled into a final collection of 205 for seven when they ran out of their share of 45 overs.

Imran and Rose captured two wickets apiece for Gopibagh giving away 41 and 32 runs respectively.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

BU vs Eskaton (DCS)  
Dhanmondi vs Lalmatia (Mirpur).

## Believe it or not

LONDON, Nov 21: A British cricket captain has been banned for three years after making up the details of a match which gained his team promotion, but was never played, reports Reuters.

Mohammed Isaq, 30, submitted a match report to the Quaid-e-Azam league in Yorkshire claiming his side had won a match which could not take place because the scheduled pitch was being used for another game.

The Daily Telegraph said Isaq made up match details and told team members to brag to friends about how well they had played.

The six points his team won for the victory clinched promotion.

But the plan backfired when the team's players were spotted watching other matches at the time of their fictional game.

The Telegraph reported the team's promotion was cancelled and Isaq was banned from playing anywhere in Yorkshire for three years. He has now moved to the south of England to carry on playing, the newspaper said.

## Fleming favoured over Hughes

HOBART, Nov 21: Swing bowler Damien Fleming was Monday named in the Australian team to face England in the first cricket Test starting in Brisbane on Friday, but his Victorian teammate Merv Hughes missed out, reports AP.

Fleming, who made his Test debut on Australia's recent tour of Pakistan, was preferred to veteran Hughes as the main support bowler for new ball pair Craig McDermott and Glenn McGrath.

Hughes missed out despite taking four for 51 for an Australian XI against the tourists in Hobart.

Australian team manager Ian McDonald said a disappointed Hughes declined to speak to the media after he was told of his omission.

"He's pretty down about it," McDonald said.

Hughes took 31 wickets in the 1993 Ashes campaign in England but has struggled with weight problems this season.

Fleming said he was ecstatic to be selected.

"When you are a kid growing up, it's a dream to play a Test against England, and especially the first of the series," he said.

Wicketkeeper Ian Healy was named in the 12-man Australian squad despite still recovering from a badly broken left thumb that forced him home early from Pakistan.

Healy has not played a match in almost a month and McDonald said that he will undergo a fitness test on Tuesday.

Steve Waugh, who returned from Pakistan with a shoulder injury, also was named in the team, as were spinners Shane Warne and Tim May.

Middle-order batsman Damien Martyn missed out despite scoring a century for the Australian XI against England on Friday.

England are not expected to name their team until Thursday.

## Adams, Murray conjure valiant rear-guard action

# India on road to victory



BOMBAY, Nov 21: India were on the verge of a 12th victory in their last 13 home Tests foiling a gallant rear-guard action by the West Indian sixth-wicket pair of Jimmy Adams and Junior Murray here Monday, reports AFP.

The tourists ended the fourth day's play of the first Test at the Wankhede Stadium at 252 for eight in their second innings, still 111 runs away from a victory target of 363 with only two wickets in hand.

Adams and Murray defied the Indian bowlers with a partnership of 162 runs in 172 minutes after the top five batsmen had fallen for a paltry 82.

The pair, who came together 45 minutes after lunch with a four-day defeat staring at the West Indians in the face, smashed the spinners and seamers alike on a wicket of uneven bounce.

They brought the West Indians within 119 runs of victory in the sensational Test match, before being felled within the space of five deliveries 25 minutes before stumps.

Murray, whose previous best in 13 Tests was 49 not out against Australia two seasons ago, struck seven boundaries and two sixes in a super 85 before being bowled by off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan.

In the next over, left-handed Adams was leg before to seamer Javagal Srinath after making 81 in a three-and-a-half hour stay at the crease with 10 boundaries and a six.

The West Indians, who were 244 for five at one stage, also lost Ken Benjamin before stumps were drawn, caught at silly-point by Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin off left-arm spinner Venkatesh Raju.

Play was called off at the fall of Benjamin's wicket, leaving debutant Rajendra Dhanraj unbeaten on three and only captain Courtney Walsh and

Cameron Cuffy to follow. The partnership between Adams and Murray threatened to overshadow India's brilliant all-round display in a topsy-turvy Test match which saw 23 wickets fall on the first two days, five on the third and 10 on the fourth.

India added 46 runs to their overnight score of 287 for eight — 40 of them coming from the rampaging blade of Srinath — before they were all out for 333



JIMMY ADAMS... 81

In their second innings an hour from the start.

Srinath, whose top score so far was 21, with a career-best 60 led the lower order batsmen, who compiled 245 for the last five wickets after the top five had been consumed for 88.

Seamer Manoj Prabhakar removed Phil Simmons and the record-breaking Brian Lara in the first over to give India a flying start in the West Indian second innings.

After the first ball was declared a no ball, Prabhakar had Simmons edging the second to wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia.

Four balls later, Lara edged an away-swinging onto his wicket before he had scored to make the West Indies two for two.

The tourists, who went to lunch at 48 for three, lost the in-form Carl Hooper without adding to the score when Srinath had him caught behind.

## Aussie XI-England match drawn

# Stewart cements Test place



HOBART, Nov 21: England vice-captain Alec Stewart scored an unbeaten century against an Australian XI Monday, almost certainly sealing his place in the team to face Australia in the first cricket Test, which starts Friday in Brisbane, reports AP.

Stewart made 101 not out as England, having followed-on 177 runs behind, reached 207 for one when the match was halted an hour early and declared a draw.

Given an opportunity to make amends for a first innings display described as "pathetic" by manager Keith Fletcher, the tourists comfortably saved the match.

Captain Mike Atherton contributed 49 solid runs to an opening stand of 131 with Stewart and Graham Thorpe made an encouraging undefeated 48.

Stewart, back in the team after being sidelined by a broken index finger looked confident throughout his 243-minute innings and hit 10

boundaries. Stewart is expected to open alongside Atherton in the first Test with former captain Graham Gooch, who has expressed a preference for opening, coming in at No. 5.

"We have to make a final decision about the opening situation over the next couple of days, but obviously Alec looks in good form," said Atherton.

Responding to the Australian XI's 386 for seven declared in a rain-wrecked match, England's first innings ended Monday morning at 209.

Persistent rain of Sunday allowed just 3.3 overs of play and the time lost ensured England would not slide to a second consecutive defeat on tour.

Wicketkeeper Steve Rhodes and last-man Phil Tufnell added just four runs after the resumption, still 28 runs short of the follow-on mark of 237.

Rhodes made exactly 50 in 169 minutes but threw away his wicket by charging Merv Hughes and lofting a catch of Paul Reiffel at mid-off.

The scalp of the England keeper gave Hughes figures of four for 51 but he still missed selection in the Australian Test team.

Australian XI captain Damien Martyn had no hesitation in enforcing the follow-on but Atherton and Stewart shared an impressive opening stand that ended any chance of an outright result.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps Monday, final day of the four-day cricket match between England and an Australian XI at Bellerive Oval:

AUSTRALIAN XI: 1st innings 385-7 dec

ENGLAND: 1st innings

Mike Atherton c Reiffel b Hughes	2
Alec Stewart c Langer b Reiffel	27
Graham Thorpe b Angel	19
Graham Gooch b Reiffel	50
John Crawley st Atkinson b Robertson	14
Craig White lbw Angel	18
Steven Rhodes c Reiffel b Hughes	50
Darren Gough c Blewett b Angel	4
Martin McCague c Atkinson b Hughes	16
Joey Benjamin lbw Hughes	1
Phil Tufnell not out	0
Extras	8
Total	209

Fall of wickets: 18, 36, 92, 117, 117, 152, 156, 194, 200, 209.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Merv Hughes	17.4	4	51	4
Paul Reiffel	19	8	41	2
Gavin Robertson	26	7	72	1
Jo Angel	12	2	36	3
Greg Blewett	4	2	3	0

Batting time: 320 minutes.

Overs: 78.4

ENGLAND: 2nd innings

Alec Stewart not out	101			
Graham Thorpe not out	48			
Extras:	9			
Total: 207 for one wicket declared				
Fall of wicket: 131.				
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Merv Hughes	10	2	43	0
Paul Reiffel	16	6	33	0

for 23. Keith Arthurton was snapped up at silly point off Raju to make the West Indians 82 for five, and allow Adams and Murray to put up their defiant, but vain stand.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the first cricket Test between India and the West Indies today.

INDIA: First innings 272 (N Mongia 80; S Manjrekar 51; C Walsh 6-79)

WEST INDIES: First innings

243 (V Raju 5-60)	
INDIA: second innings	
Prabhakar c Hooper b Benjamin	7
Sidhu lbw b Benjamin	12
Mongia c Adams b Benjamin	0
Kambli c Hooper b Benjamin	0
Tendulkar c Murray b Hooper	85
Azharuddin c Arthurton b Hooper	17
Manjrekar c Cuffy b Walsh	66
Kumble c Hooper b Cuffy	42
Srinath c Murray b Dhanraj	60
Chauhan c Murray b Walsh	4
Raju not out	37
Extras: (lb-12, lb-14, nb-11)	3
Total: (in 98.1 overs)	333

Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-10; 3-11; 4-43; 5-68; 6-162; 7-237; 8-265; 9-309.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Walsh	28	6	84	2
Benjamin	24	3	82	4
Dhanraj	10.1	0	46	1
Hooper	24	4	69	2
Cuffy	12	2	46	1

WEST INDIES: Second innings

Simmons c Mongia b Prabhakar	0
Williams lbw b Srinath	11
Lara b Prabhakar	0
Hooper c Mongia b Srinath	23
Arthurton c Azharuddin b Raju	20
Adams lbw b Srinath	81
Murray b Chauhan	85
Dhanraj not out	3
Benjamin c Azharuddin b Raju	2
Extras: (lb-13, lb-9, nb-5)	27
Total: (in 8 wks)	252

Fall of wickets 1-1; 2-2; 3-26; 4-48; 5-82; 6-244; 7-246.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Prabhakar	3	0	17	2
Srinath	17	6	45	3
Raju	25.3	4	75	2
Kumble	12	1	39	0
Chauhan	15	3	45	1
Tendulkar	3	0	9	0

## Zimbabweans lose match, win hearts

PERTH, Nov 21: Zimbabwe went down by 30 runs to Western Australia, but made many friends with their positive cricket on Sunday, in the opening match of their Australian tour, reports AFP.

A crowd of around 3,000 in the gold-mining city of Kalgoorlie, 600km (400 miles) east of Perth, warmly applauded the battling effort by the tourists' low-order batsmen after all appeared lost.

Zimbabwe were set a tough task when Western Australia, even without top batsmen Damien Martyn, Justin Langer and Tom Moody, lashed 266 for five in their 50 overs.

And it all looked depressingly hopeless when the visitors crashed to 75 for five in their long chase.

But stout lower-order resistance saw the youngest nation on the international circuit to the highly respectable total of 336 before they were dismissed after 47.3 overs.

Number nine batsman Paul Strang, better known for his leg-spin bowling, clouted a vigorous top score of 43, with seven scorching fours.

Fast bowler Eddo Brandes put his ample beard behind and invigorating 38, with six fours and a mighty six.

Then the side's number eleven batsman Health Streak joined in the fun with a lively 25.

Guy Whittall was the only specialist batsman to find touch. He engineered a useful 38 in the number four position.

Zimbabwe, still jet-lagged after arriving here Friday afternoon, were up early Sunday for the hour-long flight to Kalgoorlie.

They fly to Adelaide, South Australia, today for two matches before returning to Western Australia in a week to prepare for their first two World Series one-day games, against Australia and Australia A, at the WACA ground.

## Adam Parore in superb nick

BLOMFONTEIN, South Africa, Nov 21: New Zealand wicketkeeper-batsman Adam Parore tuned up for the first Test against South Africa starting in five days with a fluent 127 as the touring team continued their run spree against Orange Free State on Sunday, reports Reuters.

## 8th men's World Cup begins tomorrow

# Dutch bookies' favourites



SYDNEY, Nov 21: The Netherlands' impressive form this year makes them favourites to retain the eighth men's Hockey World Cup, being staged in Australia for the first time, reports Reuters.

The venue for the tournament, which starts on Wednesday, in the western Sydney suburb of Homebush, where Australia finished as runners-up to the Netherlands in the women's World Cup four years ago.

A similar final is considered a distinct possibility in the men's event and a Dutch success would enable them to equal Pakistan's record of winning the event three times.

The Dutch, only fourth in the last major hockey test, the 1992 Olympic Games, have been in sparkling form this year.

They won four successive high-level tournaments, including the seven-nation event in Amsterdam last June in which they finished above five of their World Cup rivals — Australia, Germany, Pakistan, Argentina and South Africa.

A team of character and skill, their trump card remains the powerful Floris-Jan Bovelander, who could well score his 200th international goal during the World Cup.

He was the second highest scorer in the last World Cup, at Lahore in 1990, scoring nine times, one less than Spain's Ignacio Escude.

But Bovelander is not the only feared Dutch marksman. Opponents also have great respect for Taco van der Horst who is equally adept at converting corners.

The Australian bookmakers have installed the Netherlands and Australia as joint favourites, ahead of Germany and Pakistan.

Both Germany and Australia, the 1992 Olympic gold and silver medalists respectively, have shown patchy