Chess players leave for Moscow today

Sports Reporter

A 12-member chess squad leaves Dhaka today for the Russian capital of Moscow to take part in the Chess Olympiad, beginning from November 30.

Grandmaster Niaz Murshid will lead the seven-strong men's team while the fivemember women's team will have former national champion International Women Master Rani Hamid.

Syed Sujauddin Ahmed will also be boarding on the Moscow-bound aircraft to represent Bangladesh in the FIDE Congress, while Bangladesh Chess Federation joint secretary Farhad Hossain will act as team official.

The players are: IMs Reefat bin Sattar, the newly-crowned 11th Dr Qazi Motahar Hossain chess championships, Ziaur Rahman, the reigning national champion, Syed Tahmidur Rahman, Abdullah al-Raqib, Dewan Maruf Ahmed, Syeda Shabana Parveen, Tanima Parveen and Zakia Sultana.

No respite for Zimbabwe

ADELAIDE, Nov 27: Darren Lehmann blasted 59 runs from 31 deliveries Sunday as the South Australian state team scored a crushing sevenwicket victory over Zimbabwe in a limited-overs cricket match at Adelaide Oval, reports AP. The result was a blow for

Zimbabwe, who opens the World Series campaign against Australia in Perth on Friday

Zimbabwe were dismissed for 186 and South Australia galloped to 187 for three in reply from just 38.3 overs.

Greg Blewett was unbeaten on 56 with Jamie Brayshaw on 15 at the end, but it was Lehmann who set up the vic-

It was Zimbabwe's second limited-overs defeat from two one-day games on tour, and the African nation is struggling to find the right lineup in the lead-up to the World Series tournament, which also will be contested by England and Australia A.

Eddo Brandes was the only Zimbabwean bowler to make any impact on the defiant South Australian batsman, finishing with two for 24 from six overs, while Alistair Campbell made 66 in the tourists' in

Pace bowler Jason Gillespie had an outstanding debut for South Australia, taking four for 30 from his 10 overs.

Zimbabwe next play a West ern Australian Country Districts XI in Busselton on Tues-

Scores: Zimbabwe 186 (Alistair Campbell 66; Jason Gillespie 4-30). South Australia 187-3 (Darren Lehmann 59, Greg Blewett 56 not out).

Two more Sino drug cheats

TOKYO, Nov 27: A Japanese news agency reported today that "A" samples of Chinese competitors in last month's Asian Games have tested positive for drugs, reports Reuter

Kyodo news service gave no details of either the identities or sports in which the Chinese competed or the numbers said to be involved. Kyodo said the positive

reading came from "A" urine samples. Tests were being conducted on "B" samples to confirm the results.

The news agency said the samples, taken after competitors finished their events in the games, were tested at a

Tokyo laboratory. Kyodo quoted a Chinese official who was present at the testing as saying: "We will abide by OCA (Olympic Council of Asia) rules and that's all I

can say now. We must wait for the final results." On Wednesday, the Interna-

tional Swimming Federation (FINA) banned for two years China's 400 metres freestyle world champion Yang Aihua after she tested positive with excessive levels of the male hormone testosterone

She was caught in random. out-of-competition sampling conducted just before the Asian Games on September 30.

Cuban boxers banned

MEXICO CITY, Nov 27: Two Cuban boxers, including world amateur flyweight champion Waldemar Font, have been banned from international competition for two years because they failed an anti-doping test at the Goodwill Games in Russia, the Cuban news agency reported Saturday, reports AP

The decision by the International Amateur Boxing Association costs the Cubans two of the six gold medals they won at the competition in St Petersburg in July.



the ball while teammates Ahmed Shakeel and Anil Aldrin watch during a World Cup hockey encounter in Sydney yesterday. The game ended 2-2. - AFP photo

Dutch drop first point



SYDNEY, Nov 27: The Netherlands dropped their first point at the men's World Cup today when they

shared a goalless draw with Olympic champions Germany, reports Reuter. The European rivals are

locked at the top of their qualifying group with five points apiece following their fourth successive draw in matches against each other this year.

Netherlands lead Group B with five points from three games, Germany have four points and three countries -India, South Africa and South Korea — have three points.

In the day's other matches, South Africa drew 2-2" with India and South Korea gained their first ever victory over Belgium, winning 7-2.

It was South Africa's third successive draw in the tournament at Homebuash Sta-The Netherlands Germany

match failed to live up to expectations as a spectacle but the result delighted coach Roeland Oltmans. "We really wanted to beat

the Germans but, in this group, a draw against Germany was sufficient." The defending champions

were particularly strong in de-

We didn't concede a single penalty corner in the match

which is a great achievement," added Oltmans. South Africa looked set for

their first ever World Cup win when they led India 2-1 but a second penalty corner conversion by Anil Aldrin four minutes from time kept India in third place in the group.

India almost over-ran South Africa at the start of the game and besides a third minute goal by Aldrin, had other scoring chances.

South Africa came back with two splendid field goals. Gregg Clark and Murray Anderson scoring from Robert Pullen passes. South Korea seemed to be

coasting to victory against Belgium when they led 3-0 but Belgium got back into the game with two corner conversions by Erik Vandergracht. Korea woke up again and at

last showed they can score goals, netting four in the last nine minutes. Shin Seok-Kyo converted two corners for Korea and Kang Ken-Wook two field goals in their seven goal tally. Belgium have now conceded 21 goals in three games. German coach Paul Lissek

told reporters afterwards: "We are happy with the draw against the Dutch team which we believe the strongest team here, especially with the penalty corners. "This has been an very im-

portant step towards the semifinals for us," Lissek added. South Africa coach Gavin

Featherstone later criticised hockey officials for staging the tournament during the heat of an Australian summer.

Speaking after his side's draw in Group A, Featherstone said temperatures on the artificial pitch reached 40 degrees Celsius.

"World Cup hockey should not be played in such extreme conditions," Featherstone said. "The next thing you know the International Hockey

Federation will go to the other extreme and award a tournament to Iceland," he added. "The organisers should consider playing at sensible

times, not between 12 noon and 3:00 pm," he added. South Africa's match started at 1:30 pm local time when the official temperature was recorded as 35 Celsius.

STANDINGS

Standings after the fifth day of the eighth men's hockey World Cup today (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points): Group A:

Pakistan	3	3	0	0	8	2	6
Australia	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
England	3	10	2	O	2	1	4
Spain	3	1	T	1	5	4	3
Argentina	3	U	1	2	2	6	1
Belarus	3	0	0	:5	1	7	0
Group B:							
Netherlands	3	2	1	0	12	5	.5
Germany South Korea	3	1	2	0	7	1	3
India	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
South Africa	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
Belgium	3	0	0	3	3	21	0
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FIFA plans to rev things up



ZURICH, Nov 27: World soccer's governing body FIFA is launching a new drive to

reeing following concerns that standards have become sloppier since this summer's World Cup, reports AP.

FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said Friday that there had been an increase in unpunished tackles from behind and faulty offside calls favouring defensive play.

"Instructions given by FIFA during the World Cup which created this famous American spirit' - the clampdown on tackling from behind, on the behaviour of the players - are no longer followed to the letter." Blatter told a news conference.

"These are not recommendations but orders," he said Referees who don't comply with FIFA's instructions won't be used any longer in international matches.

Blatter said a pool of about 70 referees suitable for the 1998 World Cup finals in France would be drawn up in February. Final selection will be made much later.

Standards of play at this summer's World Cup finals in the United States were higher

than for many years, largely thanks to a clampdown on defensive play.

FIFA ordered referees to send off players carrying out dangerous tackles from behind. It also changed the offside rules to favour forward

SA ready to step in

PRETORIA. Nov 27: South African Football Association president Solomon Morewa said on Saturday the republic was ready to host the 1996 African Nations' Cup after Kenya announced their withdrawal as hosts on Friday, reports Reuter.

The 16-nation tournament is scheduled for January 1996. South Africa, originally due to host the 1998 event, had been official reserve for almost a year after doubt over Kenya's ability was first voiced by the Confederation of African Foot-

Kenya's Culture and Social Services Minister Hussein Maalin Mohamed announced his country's withdrawal in Nairobi on Friday, blaming spiralling costs and CAF's insistence on two different cities as venues for the two-week event

play and instructed linesmen not to raise their flag in case of doubt.

However, Blatter said one recent study in France had shown there were refereeing errors in 8 out of 10 offside

"It's exactly the same problem we had before the World

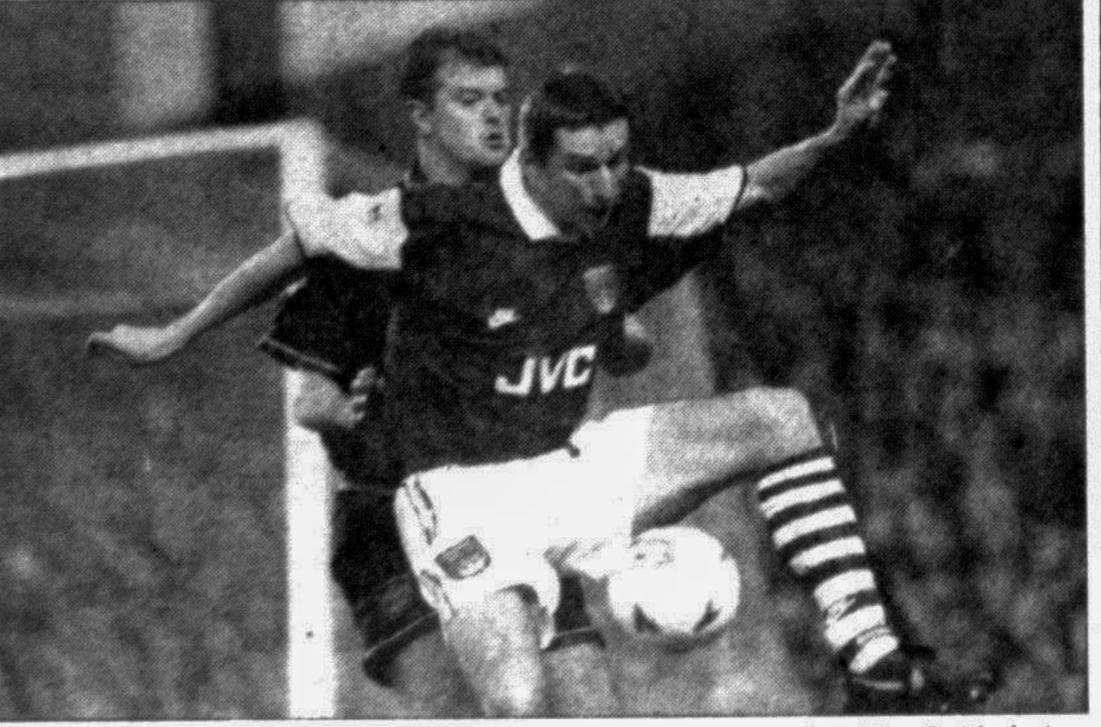
Cup," Blatter said. He said FIFA "would go back on the offensive, to revive the American spirit in the national

and regional leagues." Blatter spoke after a week of meetings of FIFA technical. medical, referees and women's commissions. He was flanked

by FIFA president Joan Havelange of Brazil. In a tentative step away from the male stranglehold on the sport, FIFA decided to introduce female referees and lineswomen at next summer's

World Cup women's finals in Sweden. Twelve men and 12 women will officiate the matches There are now four women on FIFA's Committee for Women's Football, as opposed to one in

the past About 20 million women actively play soccer in 81 national associations around the world. Women's soccer will make its debut.



Manchester United defender Gary Pallister (L), marks Arsenal striker Alan Smith during their English Premier league match at Highbury in London on Nov 26. The game ended in a - AFP photo goaless draw.

Maradona's maiden

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 27: Diego Maradona won his first match as coach Saturday, when his team Deportivo Mandiyu defeated Gimnasia Jujuy 3-0 in an Argentine league game, reports AP.

Since Maradona took over Mandiyu in early October, the team lost three games and tied four. The side risks relegation to the Second Division.

Maradona, 34, is barred from playing by a 15-month suspension for failing a drug test during the World Cup.

PSG falter again

PARIS, Nov 27: Champions Paris St Germain failed to make any real challenge on French First Division leaders Nantes when they were held to a goalless home draw by Bordeaux on Saturday, reports Reuter:

With the season at its halfway mark the Paris club are three points behind Nantes who are away to Cannes today.

Despite brave efforts by Liberian striker George Weah who kept trying until the final whistle. Paris showed little of the form which saw them beat Bayern in Munich in a Champions' League match on Wednes-

"It was a fairly good match but we were a bit tired and Bordeaux proved tonight they are a very strong team," said Paris deputy chairman Michel Denisot.

Lyon moved into third place thanks to an easy 3-0 win over Martingues while Auxerre, recovering from a poor start, were even more impressive with a 4-0 demolition of struggling Sochaux to move into fifth place behind Cannes.

Lowly Bastia's 2-2 home draw against Monaco was interrupted for 15 minutes just before the interval when angry fans invaded the pitch after referee Antoine de Pandis disallowed a goal by Bastia striker Anton Drobjak for off-

There was total confusion as the referee walked off and was soon followed by both teams But after a short break the fans left the pitch and play was resumed. Monaco took a 2-0 first half

lead but Bastia fought back to grab a draw.

Woodies beaten at Jakarta JAKARTA, Nov 27: Jan Apell

and Jonas Bjorkman won the ATP World Doubles Champi onships today after beating Australian duo Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde in a marathon final lasting almost four hours, reports AFP. It was the second year run-

ning that Australia's former doubles champions had been beaten in the final. But this was one of the closest finals ever. The match see-sawed be-

tween the increasingly fatigued pairs in the final tie break, before the Swedes clinched vic tory when "the Woodies" failed with a crucial return.

After taking the first set, Apell and Bjorkman had to fight all the way in their 6-4.

4-6, 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (8/6) win. "We played our best tennis here, but we were lucky as well." Apell said.

In the last set, the rate of unforced errors and double faults from both teams increased as the match wore on.

Neither pair conceded in what was an aggressively played encounter before a disappointingly small 3,000 crowd at Jakarta's Senayan Tennis Stadium.

Matthaeus bails Bayern out



BONN, Nov 27:

Lothar Matthaeus,

moved back to

midfield from

libero, landed a

late penalty to

on Saturday, reports Reuter.

start with Ulf Kirsten putting his side ahead 1-0 after 31 minutes but the hosts began to dominate the match after Christian Nerlinger equalised two minutes before the break.

Matthaeus' penalty in the give struggling champions. 74th minute, after he was Bayern Munich a much-needed fouled by Romanian interna-2-1 win over Bayer Leverkusen tional Loan Lupescu, lifted Leverkusen had the better Munich three places in the



Bayern Munich's French international Jean-Pierre Papin (C) and Brazilian teammate Jorginho (L) congratulate Lothar Matthaeus after he scored the winner against Bayer Leverkusen in a Bundesliga match in Munich on Nov 26. -AFP photo Bayern won 2-1.

Bundesliga to fifth.

"Lothar simply saw that there were big problems," said president Franz Beckenbauer explaining why the captain had returned to midfield after

starting the season as libero. But an injury to Munich goalkeeper Oliver Kahn, who tore a ligament in his right. knee, took some of the gloss

Club officials said the injury could keep him off the field for six months.

Kahn wrecked his knee in a collision with teammate and defender Marcus Babbel while trying to block the goal by Kirsten. He was replaced by Sven Scheuer. Officials said the 25-year-

old, who transferred from Karlsruhe at the start of the season for 5.5 million marks (3.5 million dollars), would be flown to the United States for an operation. Swiss striker Stephane

Bundesliga leaders only narrowly held on to the top spot with a 3-3 draw at Borussia Moenchengladbach. Michael Zorc scored

Dortmund's first goal after ten minutes, followed eight minutes later by an equaliser from Heiko Herrlich Chapuisat then hit the back of the net twice before the

break - in the 20th and 45th minutes - in a fast and rain drenched match that saw the hosts repeatedly stalled by Dortmund defenders. But after a string of predictable drives. Moencheng ladbach clawed their way back

Martin Dahlin and another from Holger Fach in the final minute. "My side played good soccer in the first half," said Dor tmund coach Ottmar Hitzfeld

"In the second half we controlled the game but failed to take advantage of our chances Towards the end we did not play very cleverly. Moenchengladbach remain

in third place, while Dortmund lead by one point from Werder Bremen, who defeated Schalke 2-1 on Friday.

Chinese stamp supremacy



ISTANBUL, Nov 27: China's Li Dan cruised to victory in the final and heaviest women's class at the World

Weightlifting Championships on Saturday, giving the country a clean sweep in each women's category they contested, reports Reuter Li, competing in the over

83 kg, easily lifted a world record 107.5 kg in the snatch to take a five kg lead over Finland's Karolina Lundahl and hoisted 135 in the jerk to total 242.5.

not try higher I put up with the pain because the pride of my country is the most impor? tant," said Li, who was asked why she did not go for more world records when she was obviously comfortable at the weights attempted.

Lundahl. also a shot-putter, trailed Li for the silver with a total of 230.00. Her three medals in the snatch, jerk and total were the first women's weightlifting medals for Finland.

One of three to also compete in shot put, Lundahl said weightlifting was a useful complementary sport and the athletics training made them better lifters.

Li's combined gold was the sixth overall win for Chinese women, totalling 18 gold medals in all if the snatch, jerk and total medals are counted. Colombia were next best

with three golds from the 83 kgs. China sat out the 50, 76 and 83 kg categories, which were the only ones to go to other nationalities. Chinese women have been

dominant in women's weight lifting since it began in the early 1980s. They hold all women's world combined re China's supremacy in

"I had an injury and so I did Istanbul was assured by what was effectively a second-string team, as the record-breaking to three days the success of women who swept the Asian former Soviet competitors: fol-Games in Hiroshima were left at home.

A SOVIET SHOW Meanwhile. Ukrainian

Timur Taimazov successfully defended his 108 kg title with four world records to continue the winning run of ex-Soviet states in the heavy categories.

Taimazov's second and third snatches of 198.0 and 200.0 kg set world records and he soared ahead of other contenders with a record breaking 235.0 jerk to chalk up a world record total of 435.0.

The jerk counts as 235 0 for the total, which must be divisible by 2.5 kg. His final performance was

too good for 1984 Olympic gold medalist Nicu Vlad. The veteran Australian, formerly of Romania, totalled 422.5 for the overall silver.

"I wanted to start higher in both the snatch and jerk, but saw the other's starting lifts and lowered mine," Taimazov

"A lower start was enough to win the championship Russia's 1991 World Chan-

pion and 1992 Olympic silver medalist. Artur Akoev was third with 420.0. Taimazov's victory extends

lowing victories from Russians Alexei Petrov and Sergev Syrtsov in the 91 and 99 kg categories respectively. Taimazov, who is one of the few stars to survive in the Ukraine team, is also the only

one to have a private sponsor in wrestler-turned business man Victor Ardishev. Ukraine, which won the men's team event in the worlds last year in Melbourne are considerably weaker this

time due to a number of prob

lems, including coaching

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