BULAWAYO, Feb 10: Pakis tan paceman Wasim Akram was given a severe reprimand but no fine by match referee Jackie Hendriks over a dissent" incident on the third day's play of the second Test against Zimbabwe on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Umpire Quentin Goosen reported Wasim for snatching his hat back at the end of an over when he had a close lbw decision against Dave Hougtone turned down

The hearing took place immediately after Wasim had helped Pakistan to a convincing eight-wicket win. The former Pakistan captain who ended with match figures of 8-83 apologised for the hat inci-

Houghton was one of two Zimbabwe batsmen to suffer breakages at the hands of Wasim.

However, Houghton still has an outside chance of playing in the third and deciding Test, beginning in Harare next Wednesday, despite having his right thumb broken in two places.

But opening batsman Mark Dekker had his left index finger fractured in two places and is definitely out.

Div I cricket

Sports Reporter

City Club beat Dhanmondi by seven wickets in the lone Yamaha First Division cricket league engagement at the Dhanmondi Cricket stadium yesterday.

Batting first, Dhanmondi were all out for 161 in 41.5 overs with Morshed making

Akikul was the other notable scorer with 25.

City Club posted 162 for three in 34.4 overs with Arif Hossain making 58.

Asiful took two wickets for 33 runs among the Dhanmondi bowlers.

Karpov levels with Gelfand

SANGHINAGAR, Feb 10: Russian Grandmaster Anatoly Karpov bounced back into the game by defeating Boris Gelfand on Friday in the fourth of their 10-game World Chess Championship semifinal, reports AP.

Karpov, who suffered a shock defeat at the hands of his Belarus rival in the third game on Thursday, has leveled the score with Gelfand. They have two points each as the first two games ended in a

In the other semifinals, the fourth game between American Grandmaster Gata Kamsky and Valery Salov of Russia was adjourned after 61 moves. Kamsky leads with 2.5-0.5 points as has won the first and third games, while the second game ended in a draw.

Grandmasters Karpov, Salov and Kamsky want the winner of the chess tournament to be declared the world chess champion.

On Friday, Karpov, 43, began with the neo grunfeld defence. Playing white, he expanded the centre board on the 14th move by pushing pawn to two squares.

After the first time control. Karpov' won Gelfand's exchange on the 45th move. He also established the advantage of connected passed pawns in the centre.

In a desperate situation. Gelfand tried to harass Karpov's king with a few checks. Karpov brought his king to safety on the queen's side.

Faced with multiple threats. Gelfand resigned on the 50th

Botham speaks out

LONDON, Feb 10; Ian Botham has launched an extraordinary attack on the men who run English cricket following England's disastrous Ashes tour, reports AFP.

He said: "You are not too old to play cricket at 35 plus. But You've got to be about 60 plus if you want to have a say in things.

"So you walk around a field for about 20 years and forget everything you've learned. It

doesn't make any sense.' The former Test all-roun-

der was furious at the way England caved in to Australia and lost the series 3-1.

"We do not seem to have enough unity." he told the BBC. "I'm not blaming the captain (Mike Atherton). That's what

the management are there In a thinly-disguised reference to team manager Keith Fletcher and former captain Graham Gooch, the former

England all-rounder lambasted what the called "the Essex syndrome. "Players at internationallevel should not have to run

five miles in the morning before a game. It is ridiculous and it is time the players woke up to that. "Team spirit seems to have

disappeared. The players look unhappy and that should not be happening," he added.



Indian' Rushmi Chakravarty stretches to retrieve a forehand return during yesterday's girls singles final against Hong Kong's Jacklyn Yun Fu-Ning in the Toyota ninth Bangladesh international junior tennis championship at the Ramna National Tennis Complex. The third seed Indian won. - Star photo by Enamul Huq

Rushmi wins one, loses one

Sports Reporter

Third seed Indi break to draw level. However, an Rushmi Chak Rushmi regained her touch in ravarty enacted a time and simply ran down somewhat prewhatever challenge there was dictable finish to from the Hong Kong girl, the girls' singles spending only one game in of the Toyota ninth Banglathe third set to wrap up the desh international junior te-

nnis championships, beating

unseeded Jacklyn Yun-Ning-fu

of Hong Kong 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 in

the final at the Ramna Natio-

nal Tennis Complex yesterday.

Thai Wanachinda Atchara and

Anuchan Montica - already out

of the race, Rushmi, a known

face to the local tennis lovers

having visited Bangladesh as a

member of the Indian squad

for the sixth South Asian Fe-

deration (SAF) Games Decem-

ber 1993, was heavily tipped

to win the final against Ja-

as easy as statistics might have

indicated with the Hong Kong

player, spurred on by a couple

of sensational wins leading up

to the final, refusing to get

ket team leaves

take part in a li-

here Friday to

mited-overs tournament in

New Zealand, hoping to live up

to its computer-aided status as

the best one-day combination

strokeplayer Mohammad

Azharuddin, will take on Aus-

tralia. South Africa and the Ki-

wis in the February 15-26

tournament being organised to

celebrate the centenary of New

India, the top team in one-

day cricket according to the

latest Deloittes computer

rankings, are looking for their

fourth limited-overs success

this season after winning the

Singer Cup in Sri Lanka, the

triangular series at home

against New Zealand and West

Indies, and a separate rubber

because we are number one."

manager Ajit Wadekar said

during the 14-man squad's

preparatory training camp at

"All rankings are forgotten

once the boys take the field,

but we are determined not to

let up on our victory streak

this season," he said.

yesterday.

the Air Force ground here.

"There is no pressure just

against West Indies.

Zealand Cricket.

The Indians, led by stylish

in the world, reports AFP.

However, things were not

cklyn.

ing third set

With the top two seeds -

The Indian who played in the Australian Open junior tennis championship last December, was richer for 40 International Tennis Federation (ITF) ranking points and had quite a morale booster ahead of the Sri Lankan international junior tennis championships. Rushmi left for the Lankan capital of Colombo last evening after the finals.

Jacklyn, whose remarkable giant-killing run ended with yesterday's defeat, garnered 20 ITF points.

However, Jahnavi Parekh and Sai Jayaluxmi deprived the singles champion of a double when the pair overcame a second set slump to beat Rushmi and Hrushdi Kamte 6-1, 4-6, 3-6 in an all-Indian affair.

Indians off to New-Zealand

All eyes on Azhar's men

Azharuddin, India's most

successful Test captain with

10 victories under his belt, be-

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H Eugene Lockhart said

Rushmi Chakravarty receives the championship trophy from the Bangladesh Tennis

Federation president, Professor Rashiduddin Ahmed at the Ramna National Tennis Complex

Thursday, reports AP.

PARIS, Feb 10: MasterCard

fazed by her opponent's theo-Jahnavi, who, like Rushmi, retical superiority and fought was also in Dhaka during the neck and neck until the decid-SAF Games, and her partner began the match in a com Having conceded the first manding fashion and swept set in tie-break. Jacklyn came Rashmi and Hrushdi aside in back roaring and held on to a the first set before the eventual runners-up fought back in the second to stretch the final to a deciding third set.

Jahnavi and Jayaluxmi never allowed their opponents any space in the final set and polished it off with two breaks. The pair, also Colombo-bound for the Sri Lanka edition of the meet beginning on February 13, reaped 40 ITF points while Rushmi and Hrushdi collected

In the boys' doubles, Witoonpanich Bhee, who was seeded second to Indian Sauray Panja, made amends for his singles debacle when the Thai and his compatriot squeezed out a 7-5, 7-5 win in the final.

In a convoluted way, it was a semblance of revenge for the Thai as he beat his conqueror in the singles semifinal. Miha Gregory and his fellow-Slovenian Mitja Pavlinic for the trophy and valuable 40 ITF points.

Saurav Panja faces Gregory in the boys' singles final, the last match of the six-day meet. today. The match begins at 2:30 pm.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas is likely to witness the final as chief guest and distribute the prizes among the

lieved the task ahead was not

easy, and called for a more

positive attitude from his team

we drew both the one-off Test

and the one-day series because

we allowed them to bounce

back," he said. "It's time for us

"I am not making a predic-

tion that my team will win the

trophy, but if the players

promise me they will be

tougher mentally this time.

then we should stand a good

who made his Test debut

against the West Indies in De-

cember, and seamer Prashant

Vaidya are the only ones in the

team yet to play a one-day in-

India take on New Zealand

in their first match in the

round-robin competition on

TEAM

(Captain), Sachin Tendulkar

Sanjy Manjrekar, Vinod Kam-

bli, Manoj Probhakar, Javagal

Srinath, Venkatest Prasad.

Nayan Mongia, Anil Kumble,

Ashish Kapoor, Venkatapathy

- Star photo

Manager: Ajit Wadekar

Raju, Prashant Vaidya.

Navjot Sidhu, Ajay Jadeja,

Mohammad Azharuddin

February 16 at Napier.

Off-Spinner Ashish Kapoor,

to get tough and win.

chance.'

ternational.

(Vice-captain).

"Last year in New Zealand.

Sports Reporter It was a quiet day at the Jaisha Ghar of Hotel Purbani

yesterday with familiar rivals International Ziaur Rahman and his Pakistani counterpart Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi faxing their brains over an adourned first-round fixture of the second United Insurance Grandmasters' chess champi onship.

Lodhi adds to

Zia's woe

Withheld following Zia's plea for an adjournment, the match, however, didn't quite have a soothing effect on the Bangladeshi national cham pion's already rocking campaign for a GM norm as the jovial Pathan enforced a resignation in 41 moves.

However, the young commerce undergraduate made an enterprising start against Lodhi's Queen's pawn opening. exchanging one of his rooks for a knight to press on for an advantage. But, a couple of indiscreet moves in the middle proved fatal as the Pakistani national champion latched on to the openings to force a submission.

Zia now have two points from six outings while Lodhi's bag of three and a half points takes him to the third position along with Grandmaster Niaz Murshid and Tajik IM Magaran Magoedov.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Chess Federation, organisers of the Swiss league competition. will launch a coaching programme for country's rated chess players plus those who are to take-part in the national men's and women's championships.

Russian Grandmaster Mikhail Krasenkov, currently trailing table leader English GM Mark Hebden by half a point at five, will conduct the course, scheduled to start from February 20.

Healy's head must hurt

PERTH. Feb 10: An English cricket fan head-butted Australian Test wicketkeeper lan Healy outside a hotel in Perth. police said today, reports Reuter.

The fan, reported by local media to be part of the English side's "Barmy Army" of supporters, crashed his head into Healy's nose early on Wednesday morning outside a hotel in the western city of Perth. police told Reuters.

The day before. Australia had won the final Ashes Test match against England in Per

"My understanding is that Healy said something derogatory to the fan and the Pommie (English) bloke head-butted him," acting-inspector Jim Jasper said.

A Royal Perth Hospital spokeswoman confirmed Healy was treated on Wednesday but declined to give details of any injuries.



IAN HEALY

sion advertisement in the northeast city of Brisbane today and was unavailable for comment.

His manager, Paul Smith,

said he spoke to Healy on the telephone on Thursday but Healy made no mention of the incident. We would certainly not be

sending him into a film shoot with a brace on his nose and black eyes," Smith told Reuters today. Perth police said Healy at the time thought his nose was

broken and wanted police to

pursue the matter, but dro-

pped the idea after the hos-

pital confirmed it was not broken. State radio in Perth quoted unnamed witnesses to the incident, which happened about 2.30 AM as saying Healy was accused a minutes before the attack of saying something

critical of the English team. Healy was chatting amiably for 10 minutes before the sudden attack, hotel manager George Benney told Reuters. "I'm only reporting what my security man saw," he said.

Perth television sports presenter lan Brashaw said Healy showed no signs of injury when he left Perth on Wednesday with the rest of the Australian team.

England's "Barmy Army" are

a boisterous group of supporters who paint their faces in the colours of the union jack. Their colourful approach to cheering at all five Ashes Test matches was welcomed by both teams. one that operated in former



Bangladeshi International Master Ziaur Rahman, whose campaign for GM norm in the ongoing United Insurance Grandmasters' tournament has been in turmoil from the very outset, ponders over a move during his adjourned match against Pakistani IM M A Lodhi vesterday. - Star photo

MSC's trial of strength

Sports Reporter



Mohammedan Sperting Club hinted a welcome return to collective form when

the former champions outciassed strong Brothers Union by seven wickets in an important Navana Premier Division cricket league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Pakistani Test-discard

Aamer Malik's sparkling batting helped the success-lorn popular club to make light of what appeared to be a daunting task in the earlier part of the weekly holiday. Malik. who collected his

third half century on a trot. remained unbeaten on 67 off only 68 balls as Mohammedans, chasing 205 in 45 overs for an outright win, completed the job for the loss of three wickets with more than three overs to spare. A source of prolonged dis-

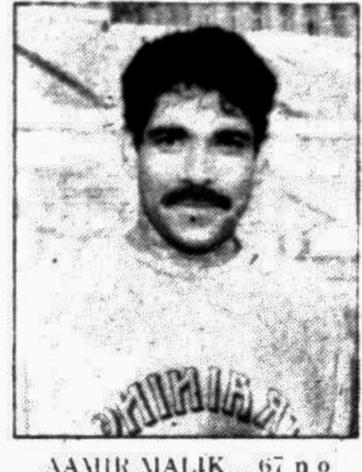
appointment for the fans. Malik brought up Mohammedans' sixth straight win in seven matches with a boundary, his tenth in a highly entertaining innings. The way to Mohammedans

successful journey was paved earlier by a cracking opening partnership between the inform Nadeem Younus, another Pakistani and experienced Nurul Abedin with the former national cricketer finally showing signs of coming out of a rut he had been. The two put 94 runs in 20.2

overs before Nurul left for 43/ made off 67 balls with the help of a sixer and a four.

When the hundred was posted. Mohammedans suffered another casualty with the tall, well-built Younus falling one short of his half century after having played 67 balls and struck a quartet of fours and a sixer.

After dismissing Nadeem Sohel, the young off-spinner who recently got included in



AAMIR MALIK ... 67 n o

the national youth team, picked up Selim Shahed's wicket for 24 with the total on 186 but with Aamer Malik in full flow. Mohammedans did not have to look back after

Sohel Islam's bag of two wickets cost him 32 runs from nine overs.

His spinning partner, leftarm Saifullah Khan also gave away same number of runs for Nurul's wieket. Earlier. Brothers, put into

bat, collected a fairly fighting total of 204 for nine wickets.

Hauif brothers from Pakistan, Aamer and Aabid, put exactly 100 runs for the third wicket after opener Sajid and skipper Al-Shahriar left with the total on 26 in the tenth

Aabid, the opener, topscored with 62 off 95 balls including seven hits to the fence. His elder brother Aamer made 59 off 76 deliveries including a sixer.

Shoaib Hassan scored a rapid-fire 33 off 36 balls with the help of two fours and a sixer to carry on the good work of the Hanif brothers but support at the other end was at a premium. Five wickets tumbled for 29

runs and Brothers had to settle for a total they at one stage did not quite think of and later gave every indication of surpassing it. Hasibul Hossain, Moham-

medans' young new-ball bowler, was chiefly responsible for Brothers' swift collapse. The right-arm bowler, who excelled during his recent stint with the national youth team. took three for 32.

Khaled Mahmood took two for 32 while spinners Selim Shahed and Mustadir claimed one apiece.

FINA take China to task



LAUSANNE, Feb 10: The International Swimming Federation said Friday it will send a commi-

ssion to China to investigate the spate of positive drug cases among Chinese swimmers, reports AP.

The move is one of several "bold new initiatives" against drug use approved by FINA, including an increasing out-ofcompetition testing and possible stiffer penalties for offend-

The decisions were announced after a special twoday meeting of the FINA executive committee, federation vice presidents from five continents and the FINA medical commission. "I am pleased that we have

consensus on a number of new approaches to control and hopefully eliminate the abuses of drugs that are possible in our sport," FINA president Mustapha Larfaoui said.

FINA has come under strong international pressure to get tough on doping, particularly in the wake of a number of positive drug tests last year involving Chinese swim-FINA said Friday that a

travel to China to "investigate the involvement of coaches, doctors and team leaders" in the doping scandals. Seven Chinese swimmers, including two women's world champions, failed drug tests at

the Asian Games in Hiroshima.

Japan, in October. They were

special commission would

subsequently banned for two China's swimming programme has been surrounded by drug allegations ever since Chinese women emerged from virtual obscurity to dominate

the sport the past few years. Allegations intensified when Chinese women wen 12 of 16 races at the World Championships in Rome last September. The rout was so thorough that coaches and team leaders from 18 nations signed a petition demanding that FINA tighten doping controis.

The pressure on FINA to act increased after the positive tests at the Asian Games. Chinese officials have denied the existence of any sys-

tematic, state-sponsored doping programme similar to the

East Germany. However, they have recently acknowledged that some coaches, doctors or other officials could be involved in the doping cases.

Apart from sending a delegation to China, FINA said it would "Increase substantially" the number of out-of-competition tests in 1995 and would call for an extraordinary antidoping congress to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during the world short-course championships in November-December.

The congress would also consider the following changes: - Retroactive sanctions against swimmers, with suspensions starting before the date of a positive test. - Sanctions against national

positive tests have been recorded. - Obligatory investigations

federations of countries where

by federations on coaches, doctors, team leaders and any others involved in doping

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