

Sport

Pak parade in local hockey league

Sports Reporter A host of Pakistani players, led by World Cup-winning Pakistan skipper Shahbaz Ahmed...



Bespectacled Bangladeshi IM Zillur Rahman makes a move against the Uzbek GM Gregory Serper during a ninth-round engagement of the second United Insurance Grandmasters chess championship at the Jalsha Ghar of Hotel Purbani yesterday.

Hebden maintains solo lead

The top-of-the-table rivalry between English Grandmaster Mark Hebden and his Russian counterpart Mikhail Krasenkov continued with the Briton staying one point clear on completion of the ninth round matches of the second United Insurance Grandmasters chess championship at the Jalsha Ghar of Purbani Hotel yesterday.

Sports Reporter master Edhi Handoko's stern defence and eked out a win after 90 moves. Playing with white pieces, Reefat managed to push his theoretically superior opposition, who formed his defence in the line of Petrof's variation, to the corner.



SAF Games sans Central Asia

Sports Reporter The South Asian Federation (SAF) Games will remain exclusively a South Asian sporting carnival, at least for its seventh edition, scheduled to be held in the South Indian city of Madras in December.

Although the much expected, speculated and to some extent, feared sense of novelty in the form of strong Central Asian presence has been put off, the next SAF Games in the port city of India will have its share of newness.

Karpov beats Gelfand

SANGHINAGAR, India, Feb 13: World champion Anatoly Karpov beat Boris Gelfand of Belarus in the sixth game of the 500,000 dollar FIDE world chess semifinals here Monday, reports AFP.

The first to reach 5.5 points in either match will clash for the title in August.

Ctg football

CHITTAGONG, Feb 13: Padma Kali Sangha beat Registered Parabati Khela Ghar 3-2 in the tie-breaker in the inaugural match of the Mayor Goff-Cup kishore football tournament at the Outer Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Becker gets into groove

MARSEILLE, France, Feb 13: Boris Becker won a battle of big serves against Czech Daniel Vacek to notch his first tournament success of the new season at the Marseille Open on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Agassi keeps Chang at bay

SAN JOSE, California, Feb 13: Andre Agassi, shaking off only his second loss in 33 sets played this year, turned back Michael Chang 6-2, 1-6, 6-3 to capture the San Jose Open, reports AP.

In the third set, Agassi took it to duce and closed it out at break point with a strong, unreturnable forehand. Chang came close to breaking back when he led 30-40 at 2-4, but Agassi won three straight points to hold serve.

SOBD games on Feb 17

Special Olympics Bangladesh (SOBD), a foundation dedicated for the cause and benefit of persons with mental retardation — is going to hold its national games on February 17, at the sports centre of the University of Dhaka, according to a press release yesterday, reports BSS.

Jansher heads the field

CALCUTTA, Feb 13: The world's front-ranking squash players, including world champion Jansher Khan of Pakistan and number two Brett Martin, would vie for top honours in the Stroh's Open squash world super series which gets underway at the Tollygunge Club here from February 22, reports PTI.

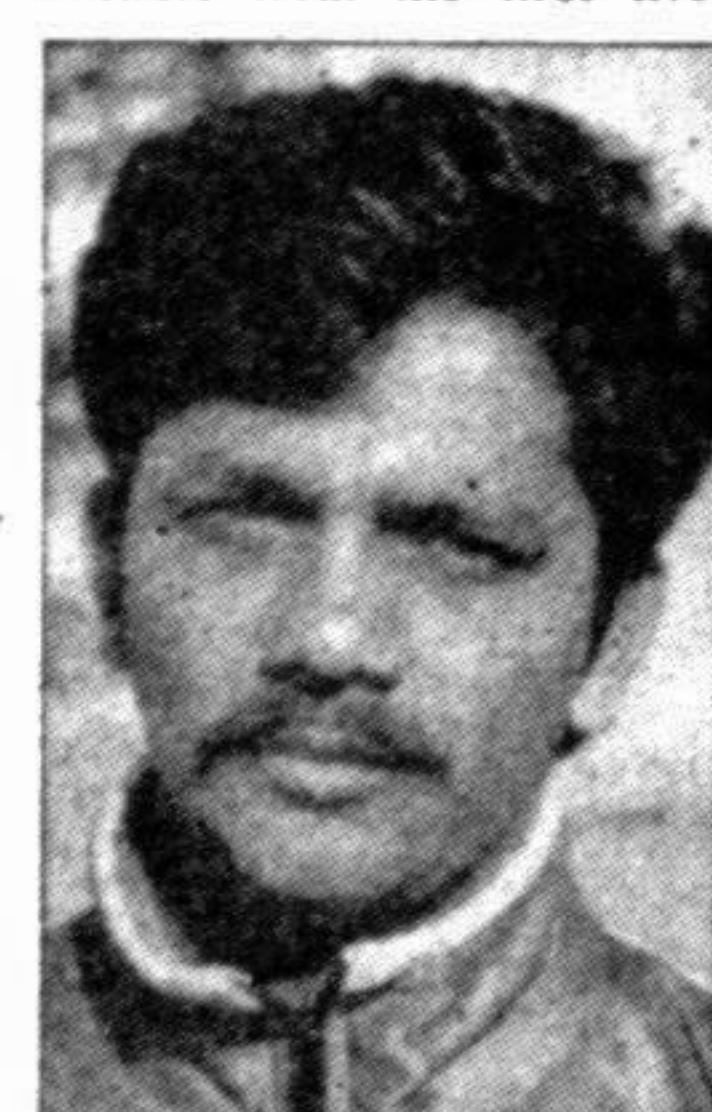
Ferreira wins Dubai Open

DUBAI, Feb 13: Wayne Ferreira, riding high on his recent Davis Cup success, swept to victory in the 1 million dollars Dubai Open tennis tournament on Sunday, defeating unseeded Andrea Gaudenzi of Italy 6-3, 6-3 in the final, reports Reuters.

Hamid, Hasib MSC's bane



Sports Reporter Pakistani Mahmood Hamid's brilliant batting and Hasibul Hossain's one prodigal over sent former champions Mohammedan Sporting Club hurtling to their second defeat in this year's Navana Premier Division cricket league yesterday.



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yesterday, notching up the third century of the league after Abahani's Naimur Rahman, Gulshan's Indian Test discard Arun Lal.

Although Hamid was a host in himself, the fate of the match took a decisive swing to GMCC's way in the 41st over, bowled by Hasibul Hossain, Mohammedan's young pace bowler.

Esakatons Record Eskaton Sabuj Sangha picked up their second win at the cost of a hapless Surja Tarun, whom they outclassed by ten wickets in the day's other Navana engagement played on the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Ameritech Cup Magdalena's

CHICAGO, Feb 13: Third-seed Magdalena Maleeva, a last-minute entry, defeated Lisa Raymond 7-5, 7-6 (7-2) Sunday to win the 430,000 dollars Ameritech Cup, reports Reuters.

The 79,000 dollars first prize made the Bulgarian the 62nd woman professional tennis player to earn one million dollars in a career.

In the tiebreaker, opening a 5-0 lead, while Raymond ran out of gas.



Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria celebrates after beating American Lisa Raymond in the final of the Ameritech Cup in Chicago on Feb 12. Magdalena, 19, won 7-5, 7-6. — AFP photo



Top-seed Boris Becker of Germany displays his trophy after winning the Marseille Open on Feb 12. In the final he beat Czech Daniel Vacek 6-4, 7-5. — AFP photo