

Rezaul still atop

Sports Reporter

Fide master Rezaul Huq of Bangladesh Biman maintained his sole lead in the qualifying round of 21st national championship after drawing his ninth round engagement against Saifuddin Laili of Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Rezaul's collection stood at seven and a half points.

Four players are lying in second position with seven points. They are — Abdullah al Rakib of Narayanganj, Ali Amjad, Saifuddin Laili and Arman Monir.

Aquamarine in Office cricket semis

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Aquamarine moved into the semifinals of the Office cricket league plate group eliminating Arab Bangladesh Bank by 38 runs at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Batting first, Aquamarine scored an impressive 191 for eight of 35 overs.

Skipper Irfan led the way with 54 off as many balls. For AB Bank, Jewel took three wickets giving away 47 runs.

In reply, AB Bank were all out for 153. Tutul top-scored with 64 off 71 balls. Zia claimed three for 12 while Rabbu finished with two for 39 among the Aquamarine bowlers.

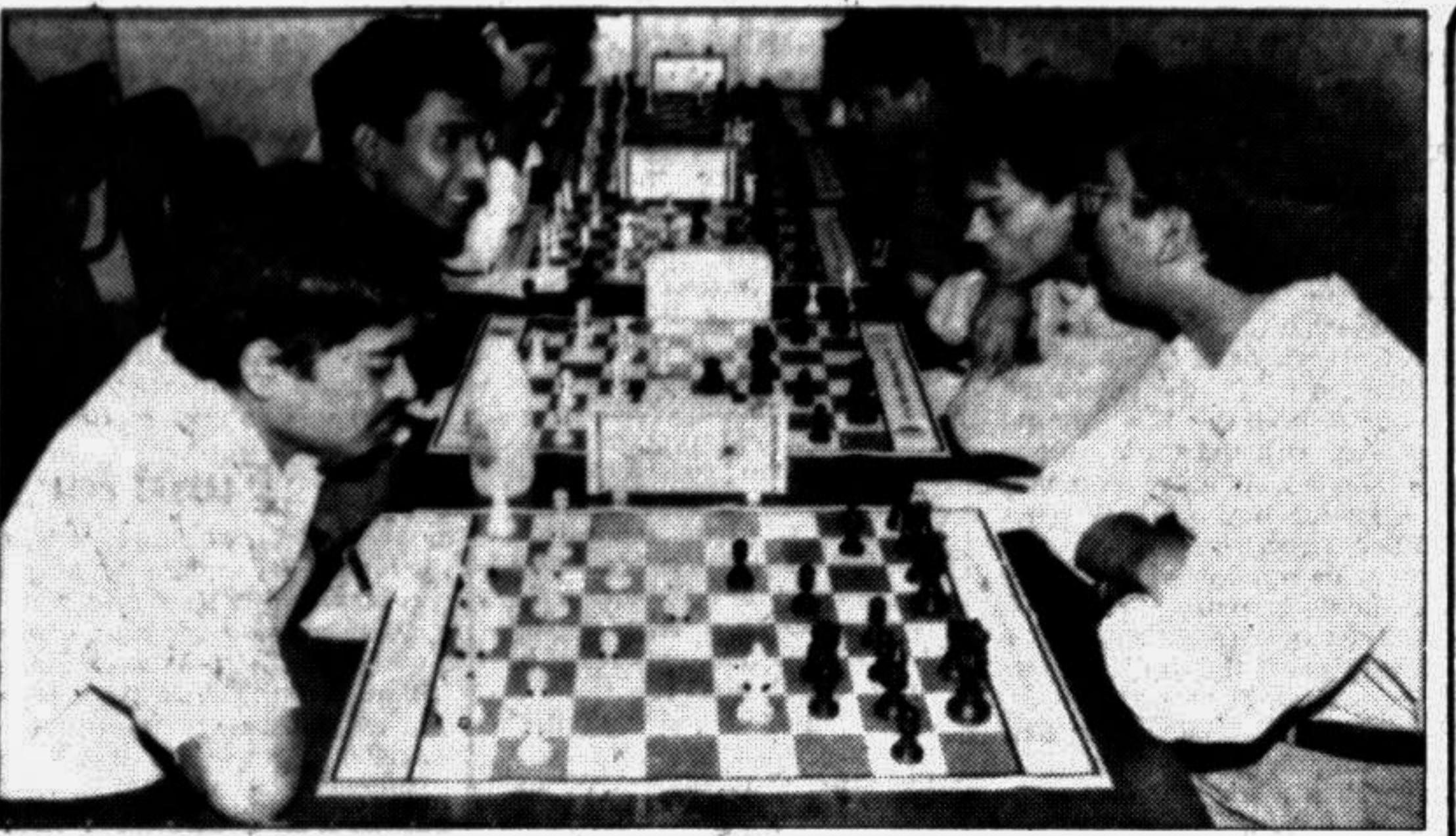
IBF to order Foreman to fight Schulz

NEW YORK, June 2: The IBF is expected to order George Foreman to defend his heavyweight title against German contender Axel Schulz, The New York Times reported Friday, reports AP.

Several sources told the newspaper the 46-year-old champion will be told Friday at the organisation's convention in Atlanta that Schulz is the mandatory challenger. The German lost a controversial majority decision to Foreman on April 12.

According to Foreman's promoter, Bob Arum, the champion is so popular in Germany that if the rematch were held there he could earn more than \$10 million in European endorsements, doubling the figure he is expected to earn for the fight.

Michael Moorer, who lost his title to Foreman last year, has filed a suit contending he has a contract for a rematch. That could be negated if Foreman has to face Schulz.



A glimpse from yesterday's 21st national chess championship at the NSC chess room.

— Star photo

Windies wallop Leicester



LEICESTER, England, June 2: West Indies crushed Leicestershire by 287 runs on Thursday to complete the first win over a county of their tour in England.

Leicestershire were bowled out for 130 after the tourists had set them a virtually impossible 418 for victory.

At one stage Leicestershire were 25 for six and only some late tall and resistance salvaged their pride and prevented a complete rout.

Fast bowler David Millns, who has two championship half-centuries this season, was top scorer with 28. The last pair, Adrian Pierson and Alan Sheriyan, both made 19.

Kenny Benjamin was top West Indian wicket-taker with four for 50, his first three wickets coming at a cost of just four runs in his first two overs.

Former Glamorgan player Ottis Gibson snapped up three for 26 and ex-Kent off-spinner Carl Hooper three for 22.

The easy win was set up with a lunchtime declaration at 143 for four after West Indies had scored a further 127 runs in the two-hour morning session.

Opener Stuart Williams hit a half-century and Jimmy Adams, out of form so far on the tour, made 42.

But once again there was disappointment for captain Richie Richardson, he was out lbw to Gordon Parsons for just 16.

Richardson's form remains the biggest concern for West Indies ahead of next week's first Test against England at Headingley.

So far on the tour he has struggled to find his best form and Andy Roberts, West Indies cricket manager, said: "We would like to see him have a long innings. The problem at the moment is with his timing.

"It has been affected by the shoulder injury he suffered in the first one-day international

against Australia last March."

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