

Anand wilts once again

NEW YORK, Oct 3: Titleholder Garri Kasparov extended his lead in the Professional Chess Association World Championship on Monday, punishing the passive play of Indian challenger Viswanathan Anand in the 13th game, reports Reuter.

Kasparov defending his crown for the fifth time since winning it 10 years ago, scored his second victory with the black pieces in the best of 20 contest — and unusual feat at World Championship-level.

Kasparov leads Anand by 7-1/2 points to 5-1/2 points after three wins and nine draws. Anand has won one game. One point is awarded for a win and a half point for a draw.

"It looked easy but there's a lot of tension just behind the curtain in this match," Kasparov told a news conference in the World Trade Centre where the series is being played. "After all, it was not very difficult today but it took a lot of preparation and courage to play risky opening."

Kasparov, 32, played the

same so-called Dragon variation of his favourite Sicilian defence that brought him victory in game 11 on Thursday. He pressed the advantage in the middle game by bringing his powerful rooks and queen



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onto strong squares as Anand's king walled in the centre of the board. Kasparov ended the game, with his 25th move. Striking a knight into the heart of Anand's defence. The 25-year-old challenger had no choice but to extend his hand in resignation.

Grand Master observers

said Anand, despite playing with the white pieces and the advantage of the first move, was too passive in the opening and will need to attack Kasparov to stand any chance of catching him.

"He's got to play increasingly desperate, risky chess which could make the match more interesting," said English Grand Master Daniel King.

The winner will be the first to score 10-1/2 points and collect almost one million dollars from the sponsor Intel Corp. Kasparov would retain the title in the event of a 10-10 tie and the total prize of 1.5 million would be shared.

"I feel quite comfortable not only because of the score but also the character of these games has dramatically changed," Kasparov told reporters.

The match began September 11 with eight successive draws in eight games, a record for the World Championship. Anand won game nine followed by wins in games 10 and 11 for Kasparov and a draw in Friday's 12 game. The 14th game is scheduled for Tuesday.

10th women's meet Sino booters Asia's best

KOTA KINABALU, Malaysia, Oct 3: China staved off a strong challenge from Japan to score two late goals and win the 10th Asian women's football championship for the fifth time, reports AFP.

Goals by Sun Wen and Fan Yunjie in the 68th and 74th minutes respectively destroyed brave Japanese hopes of pulling off an upset against the favourites.

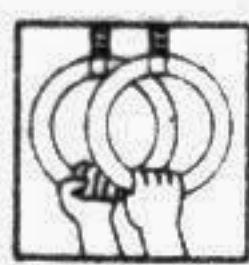
In the first-half, both teams went all out to try and snatch the lead but the score stood at 0-0 at half-time. Japanese goalkeeper Shiho Onodera pulled off a brilliant save in the very first minute of play when she stopped Zhao Lihong's close-range attempt.

Onodera went on to deny the Chinese several more times, particularly after the breather, but she was unable to completely stop the onslaught.

The Japanese finally cracked in the 68th minute. Onodera had earlier punched out a curling shot from Shui Qingxia. Substitute Wei Haiying took the corner and Fan Yunjie headed the ball for Sun Wen to put China ahead.

Six minutes later, Yunjie rose high above the Japanese defence to head home Haiying's corner kick.

Romania rule the floor



SABAE, Japan, Oct 3: Defending champions Romania leapt-frogged over the United States in the women's team compulsory exercises at the World Gymnastic Championships here today, while China continued to grumble about the judging, report agencies.

Lavinia Milosovici, who won the Olympic floor and vault gold medals, and another 18-year-old, Gina Gogean, powered Romania to earn 192.570 points, ahead of the overnight US tally of 191.722.

China trailed third with 190.819, while Russia, third last year, prepared to compete in the final compulsory group on Wednesday before the team programme ad-

vances to three more days of optional exercises.

Gogean took over the individual score lead from American Shannon Miller, who is seeking a record third consecutive all-around title, she earned 9.90 from three judges on the floor.

"We wanted to mix the big experience of Lavinia and Gina with the dynamic feeling among younger gymnasts in the team," said Romanian team manager Octavian Bellu. "We've formed the best team in a transitional period before the Olympics."

Japan retained their lead in the men's compulsories with defending champions China second, Russia and Ukraine, second and third last year, were to compete on Wednesday.

World all-around title-

holder Ivan Ivankov and multiple Olympic champion Vitaly Scherbo will also compete on the final day of the compulsories for Belarus, a team not fancied as serious medal contenders.

"We did better than the United States in the team compulsories."

On Monday, Chinese men's team manager Zhang Jian accused German and Japanese judges of deliberately giving low scores to his squad.

The charge was denied by the judges and Yuri Titov, head of the International Gymnastics Federation, told the Chinese to calm down, reminding them that the game's videotape and computer system was in operation to check against biased scoring.

At last year's World Championships in Dortmund, Germany, China clinched the gold medal for the first time in the men's team event since 1983, despite placing sixth in the compulsories.

Lee Joo-hyung soared to one of the day's highest marks, a 9.562 on the horizontal bar, as South Korea moved into sixth place in men's team competition.

But the five waiting to compete Wednesday include four top contenders — Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Germany, all in 1994's top five, behind China.

The team champion, and the 36 individuals who qualify for the all-around final, will be decided Friday after optional exercises.

Among other nations in action Tuesday, Hungary moved into ninth place. Switzerland 11th, Australia 12th and the Czech Republic 13th.

South Korea's Lee stood eighth in individual qualifying with 56.287 points. Hungary's Zoltan Supola moved into ninth with 56.270.

Australia's Andrei Kratosov scored the best men's mark of the day, a 9.612 on the horizontal bar, but stood 24th overall at 55.312 after a low 8.700 in the floor exercise.

The leaders remained. Li Xiaoshuang of China at 56.987 and Japan's Hikaru Tanaka at 56.800. Tanaka has the highest men's mark so far, a 9.725 on the bar. American John Roethlisberger stood fifth at 56.500.

Ferdinand earns Venables' vote

LONDON, Oct 3: Newcastle striker Les Ferdinand was rewarded by England coach Terry Venables for the 10 goals he has scored this season by being recalled to the national squad Monday for the friendly against Norway in Oslo on October 11, reports Reuter.

Ferdinand, who moved from Queens Park Rangers to Newcastle for 6.0 million pounds (9.50 million dollars) in the summer, has not played for England since making an appearance as a substitute against the United States 13 months ago.

But while he returns to the party, there is no place for Matthew le Tissier of Southampton or International's Paul Ince who has struggled to find form since moving to Italy from Manchester United in the close season.

Also out are Blackburn goalkeeper Tim Flowers and his clubmate David Batty, plus Liverpool's John Barnes and Coventry winger John Salako.

Venables has called up three players for the first time — midfielder Gareth Southgate of Aston Villa, Ferdinand's Newcastle teammate John Beresford, and Steve Stone of Nottingham Forest.

Newcastle, who top the Premier League, have four players in the squad including defender Steve Howey and midfielder Robert Lee.

Venables has been forced to make changes because injuries rule out Graeme le Saux, Tony Dorigo, Peter Beardsley, David Platt and Darren Anderson, while Stan Collymore of Liverpool lacks recent match fitness.

England, who host next year's European Championship finals, have not won in Oslo since a friendly shortly before the 1966 World cup finals when Jimmy Greaves scored four times in a 6-1 victory. Their last win against Norway came in 1980 and they have failed to beat them in four matches since then.

Fenech returns to ring

SYDNEY, Oct 3: Australia's former three-time world boxing champion Jeff Fenech said on Tuesday he will make a comeback against American James Lonaker next month, reports Reuter.

Fenech, 31, a former IBF bantamweight and WBC super-bantamweight and featherweight champion, told reporters he will end to two-year absence from the ring by fighting 23-year-old Lonaker in Atlantic City on November 18.

Fenech, who retired in 1993 after being knocked out by American boxer Calvin Grove in a super featherweight world title eliminator, will return in the lightweight division.

The frustration of hopes

ATLANTA, Georgia, Oct 3 (AFP): Many people who received only a handful of the 1996 Olympic tickets they sought have decided they would rather skip the Centennial Games altogether than pay for a trip and see relatively little.

"We should have been associated with a big corporate sponsor. Then we would have been all right," lamented Chicago's Miles Zaremski.

He ordered more than one thousand dollars worth of seats, received tickets only for baseball and said he would give away the seats rather than spend more money on travel after the seating disappointment.

The story is common for those among the 300,000 ticket applicants who discovered in the past week they were getting little or none of

the big-ticket seats they had sought.

Adding to the frustration was a 15-dollar non-refundable application fee with every order.

"If somebody got tickets to horsehoes they got more than I did," said Georgia resident Brad Oliver, comparing the sports to a popular us leisure game. "Now I'm not going anywhere. And I probably won't even watch it on television."

Mike Swick went for wrestling, handball and second-level events figuring the basketball, swimming, athletics and gymnastics seats would be near impossible. So was what they wanted. They wound up with baseball, volleyball and paddling.

Now they may stay home. "I would like to experience the Olympics and see Atlanta but I don't know if I am going to make the ex-

pense to see what I don't really want to see."

Among the ticket failures were the parents of 1992 Olympic gold medal winner Summer Sanders. They lost in the lottery process for swimming seats.

"It's embarrassing as a parent having to approach people asking for tickets. You feel like an absolute idiot," said Bob Sanders, father of the champion.

Olympic organisers ticket chairman Scott Anderson said 93 per cent of the 2,400 people who have sent back second-chance ticket forms for available events have bought more seats while only seven per cent have sought refunds.

"We have disappointed some people, but I don't think we have lost any," Anderson said. "The Olympic spirit is going to shine through."

Diego feels great now

BUENOS AIRES, Oct 3: Diego Maradona has declared himself "satisfied and happy" with his footballing comeback, on his return from Boca Juniors' exhibition match against South Korea, reports AFP.

Boca won Saturday's game in Seoul 2-1 with Maradona, whose corner set up his team's first goal, showing that his skills had not deserted him after a 15-month drugs ban.

"Boca's main objective is the championship," he said at Ezeiza Airport on Monday evening. "And we must be well-prepared and more together than everyone else if we're going to win it."

Maradona said that playing again "was marvellous. I was hoping I'd be able to handle all the running around and I succeeded. I never thought I'd feel so comfortable with the ball as I did."

The Argentine was banned by FIFA after testing positive for the stimulant ephedrine at last year's World Cup.

Fiery Saturday forecast

NEW YORK, Oct 3: It might have been the first time both fighters were on the deck at a news conference.

That's where Lennox Lewis and Tommy Morrison were Monday — on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier intrepid, now a museum, report agencies.

"Both fighters throw bombs," Dan Duva said in explaining the choice of the site. That's boxing humour.

"I think this fight is not going to go more than three rounds," Emanuel Steward, Lewis' trainer, said. "It's going to be explosive while it lasts."

The scheduled 12-round heavyweight bout will be held in Convention Hall at Atlantic City, New Jersey on Saturday night.

Lennox Lewis, however, dismissed Tommy Morrison as a significant threat. But not the importance of their heavyweight fight.

"I don't think that this is going to be one of my toughest fights," Lewis said at the news conference.

"It's just another fight that I need to win to get back my heavyweight title."

Lewis lost his World Boxing Council crown 12 months ago when he was stopped in the second round by American Oliver McCall. The defeat was the first suffered by the Briton in 28 professional fights.

Lewis feels that a victory over the 45-2-1 Morrison, former holder of the lightly-regarded World Boxing organisation title, should set him up for a showdown with compatriot Frank Bruno.

Bruno outpointed McCall last month to claim the WBC title that Lewis was awarded when Riddick Bowe dumped his belt into a London trash-

bin rather than fight the organisation's designated opponent.

"I definitely want to get in the ring with Frank Bruno if he's man enough," Lewis said.

Both Lewis and Morrison pack a powerful punch. Lewis has gone the distance just four times in his 27 wins.

Morrison has finished 39 of his 45 wins early.

But Lewis is not loading up for a one-punch knock-out win against the American.

"Everybody here is talking about bombs, but I believe I have an whole arsenal," Lewis said. "I have all of these weapons, but if one of them doesn't work, then I just go to another."

Lewis says the teachings of veteran trainer Emanuel Steward has been instrumental in adding diversity to his technique.

"It's amazing how much I've learned being with Emanuel," he said.

"This is my third fight with him and I really feel like at this stage all of my abilities are going to shine through."

Record entrants for '98 WC

ZURICH, Oct 3: A record number of countries have entered for the 1998 World Cup in France, soccer's governing body FIFA said on Monday, reports Reuter.

FIFA said more than 150 entries were expected. Most had arrived by the September 30 deadline and some which had been announced had still to arrive by post, it said in a statement.

The previous highest entry was 144 for the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

"The record entry reflects not only the continuing emergence of new countries in various continents and the founding of new national associations but also the enthusiasm of even the smallest countries to take part in the world's greatest sports competition," said FIFA general secretary Joseph Blatter.

Sound start for Eltingh

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 3: Fully-fit Dutchman Jacco Eltingh took the first step towards a defence of his 1994 title here, brushing off a challenge from Briton Tim Henman 6-3, 6-4 to reach the second round of the 414,250 dollar Salem Open today, reports AFP.

Eltingh is aiming to repeat a rare tournament double after winning both the singles and doubles titles at the national badminton stadium in a sweep of the honours in Kuala Lumpur a year ago.

For the first time in several months, the 25-year-old Monte Carlo-based player is in top form after recovering from knee problems which had plagued him until late in the summer.

"I had fluid in both knees and the tendons had been chronically inflamed for five months," he said. "But I'm finally in shape now and it feels great."

Eltingh won his last singles title in Kuala Lumpur. He and Paul Haarhuis, last year's doubles winners, have won three doubles crowns in 1995 including Monte Carlo, the French Open and Halle, Germany.

The Dutchman, number 28 on the ATP Tour computer, was solid on serve against Henman, the world number 142. Eltingh needed 65 minutes to earn his second round place.

Joining the third seed with wins were Australian teenager Mark Philippoussis, Italy's Gianluca Pozzi and Russian Davis Cup doubles player Andrei Olhovskiy.

Philippoussis won an all-Aussie struggle, ousting compatriot Jamie Morgan 1-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-4. Pozzi became the third of four Italians entered this week to reach the round of 16.

The 30-year-old from Bari defeated Canadian qualifier Albert Chang 6-4, 6-4. Olhovskiy beat Italian qualifier Nicola Bruno 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Lars Rehmann stopped German country man Alexander Mronz in a two-hour, 38-minute struggle, winning 4-6, 7-6 (7/5), 7-5.

Rehmann next faces American Patrick McEnroe for a quarterfinal berth.

Top seed Richard Krajicek and second seed Haarhuis finally got into first-round action Wednesday. Krajicek plays Malaysia's top player, Adam Malik, in a

night match, while Haarhuis begins against Shuzo Matsuo of Japan.

Earlier on Monday an overly ambitious opening-day schedule forced officials to postpone one match as the tournament got underway with three seeds sailing smoothly through.

Fifth-seeded Marcelo Rios, the long-haired teenager from Chile sometimes billed as the "Agassi of the Andes" for his flamboyant looks, moved through into the second round after a three-set battle.

The world number 32 beat lucky Australian entry Sandon Stolle 7-6 (8-6), 4-6, 7-6 (7-2). Stolle was put into the 32-man field when compatriot Mark Woodforde had to withdraw due to a family emergency.

Sixth-seeded Renzo Furlan of Italy took a set to find his stride, but slipped into gear comfortably to eliminate another Aussie, Michael Tebbutt, 6-7 (2-7), 6-0, 6-3.

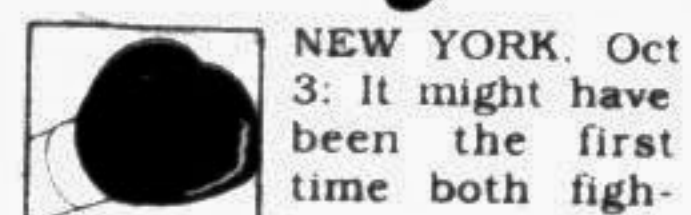
There was a 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (7-2) victory for Zimbabwe's Byron Black, the tournament number seven seed over British veteran Jeremy Bates.

Officials had hoped that they could play seven singles matches plus a highlight

doubles featuring the top-seeded pair of Dutchmen Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis.

In the day's first match, Danny Sapsford, a qualifier, lost 6-2, 6-3 to Germany's Hendrik Dreckman, to give Britain a disappointing day of two defeats.

Furlan, playing for the first time in Kuala Lumpur, said he overcame a case of nerves before defeating Tebbutt.



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Taiwan itchy about 'Magic'

TAIPEI, Oct 3: Health officials said Tuesday they were considering whether to allow Magic Johnson, who has the AIDS virus, to visit Taiwan with his All-Star basketball team, reports AP.

Chen Cheng-chung, owner of the Taiwanese Hung Fu Rams basketball team, said Johnson's squad of former NBA players is scheduled to arrive Oct. 30 in Taipei.

The teams will play two games before the Americans depart Nov. 2, he said.

Taiwan bars entry of people who have major contagious diseases including the virus which causes AIDS.

But Chang Po-ya, director general of the Department of Health, said Johnson may be allowed in if he can convince the government he will raise awareness of AIDS.

Johnson retired from the National Basketball Association in 1992 announcing that he had contracted the AIDS virus and has since become a major spokesman on the disease.

Mandela meets Samaranch

GENEVA, Oct 3: South African President Nelson Mandela met Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch on Monday to press for Cape Town's bid to host the 2004 Summer Games, reports Reuter.

Mandela met Samaranch on the first day of a two-day visit to Switzerland, his first official visit since his election as South African head of state last year.

Talking against time!

MINNESOTA, Oct 3: Prosecuting attorney Marcia Clark out-talked everyone else in the OJ Simpson murder trial, a transcript service said on Monday, reports Reuter.

West Publishing Corp, which compiled an electronic record of the former football player's double murder trial, said Clark spoke more than 37,000 words before the case went to the jury last week.

Simpson defender Johnnie Cochran was second with more than 33,000 words. Clark colleague Christopher Darden third at more than 15,000 and defence lawyer Robert Shapiro fourth at more than 12,000.

The company said the most frequently used significant word was "blood" — 15,000 times — followed by "glove" — more than 13,000 mentions.

In all the trial generated more than a million lines of transcribed data, the company said, and featured 16,000 objections, 500 apologies and 300 sidebar conferences.



Paul Ince (L) of Inter Milan battles for possession with Torino's Paolo Cristallini during a Serie A clash on October 1. Torino were thrashed 0-4. — AFP/UNB photo

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