



Russian Grand Master Gari Kasparov speaks to reporters after retaining his World Chess title for the fifth time in New York on October 9. Kasparov reiterated his ten-year-old stronghold on the crown after collecting the required ten points following a 17th round draw with challenger Viswanathan Anand of India. — AFP/UNB photo

**Pioneer soccer**

**Sports Reporter**  
A second half onslaught by the Kasaituli stalwarts propelled the old-town outfit to a sensational 3-1 win over Gulistan Club in a crucial Pioneer Division football super league engagement at the Jagannath University College ground yesterday.

With the stakes high for both teams in the last and promotion deciding match Kasaituli, who were left with the only option — beat Gulistan to join the Third Division next year along with Jatrabari, came from behind to earn a memorable victory.

In an highly enterprising encounter it was Kasaituli striker Jahed whose two quick goals midway through the second session shattered Gulistan's hopes for a much needed draw that could have earned them a promotion.

In front of a big crowd, Gulistan began with a bang when their opportunist forward Moin Khan headed home a right flank corner as early in the sixth minute. But undaunted by the early setback and after a rather disappointing first 30 minutes, Kasaituli came up firing all their four cylinders during the second session and deservingly got the equaliser in the 38th minute through Shahajan.

The equaliser added fuel to Kasaituli attack and the rejuvenated old towners then got the much needed goal in the 44th minute with Jahed, capitalising on a defensive error, made no mistake sending the ball home over an onrushing Gulistan custodian Ashraf.

Three minutes later Jahed scored his second goal in the match with a pile driver to seal a defeat on Gulistan.

Meanwhile, in the other two insignificant matches on the concluding day, Uttara Friends Club handed a humiliating 7-0 defeat on Goran Barnali with Akram notching up a hat-trick for winner. While in another match at the same venue Painardi Agragati recorded a comfortable 2-0 win against Deeba Sangad.

**King Kasparov reigns**

**NEW YORK, Oct 10:** The fight for the world chess crown is over, and now it's just a battle for the money.

Viswanathan Anand, a 25-year-old Indian, played to the bitter end Monday, conceding a draw only when he and Gari Kasparov reached a totally drawn position on the 63rd move, reports AP.

After the 17th game of the World Championship Monday, Kasparov had a lead of 10-7 in the 20-game contest.

Kasparov needs 10 1/2 points to win. In a 10-10 tie, he keeps his title but has to split half the 1.35 million dollars prize money with Anand.

It is Kasparov's fifth successful defence of the title he won in 1985.

The 18th game, scheduled for Tuesday, probably will decide the division of the prize fund, which was reduced from 1.5 million dollars. Match spokesman Andrew Finan said the fund had been

cut 10 per cent to pay for additional organisational and promotional costs.

The winner is to receive 900,000 dollars and the loser 450,000 dollars.

On Monday, playing with the white pieces that move first, Anand came close to defeating Kasparov, but the champion held on in a difficult situation.

When play began, Kasparov played the razor-sharp Dragon variation of the Sicilian defence.

Play mirrored the two men's 11th game until Anand's 13th move. The challenger rejected the possibility of launching an all-out checkmating attack. Instead, he chose to trade down to an advantageous endgame where his pieces were more active than the champion's.

Kasparov, however, fought back and earned the draw.

The 32-year-old Russian said it was difficult to play knowing he had a three-point lead and only needed a draw.

"The only way to prepare psychologically was to con-

sider this the last game of the match and it gave me the strength to survive," Kasparov said.

Despite the stunning views of the New York City skyline from the windows of the 107th floor observation deck at the World Trade Centre, the eyes of about 600 spectators were locked on the chess moves.

Kasparov said his loss in the ninth game of the contest, which gave Anand the lead, was not his worst moment in the contest. He said that came just before the first game.

"Before the match I could feel I wasn't using all my potential and that was scary," Kasparov said. But he said Anand's victory spurred him into action.

"It took enormous energy. I started working like I never did in my life," he said.

Kasparov was asked whether he would play for a win today or settle for a draw.

"I haven't decided yet, but I hope that the match will be over tomorrow," he said.

**Anand, the fallen idol**

**BOMBAY, Oct 10:** Viswanathan Anand's defeat in the Professional Chess Association world title contest against champion Gari Kasparov was greeted in his native India today with a mixture of disappointment and pride, reports Reuter.

"It was very sad to see Anand not putting up a fight until it was too late," International Master and Commonwealth champion Pravin Thipsay said.

"But he is still a great player and to be number two in the world is still a great landmark for India," he told Reuters.

The 25-year-old Anand was also the sentimental favourite among most of 15,000 chess tournament players around the Philippines, where he spent part of his childhood.

Filipino national chess master Edgardo de Castro said, "He was our idol because, first, he was an Asian like us, also, Filipinos remember well the time he spent here as a boy when he first learned to play chess."

Chess fans in both countries said lack of experience may have led to his defeat. Anand, who collects a loser's purse of 500,000 dollars has won only one game in the tournament, with three games left.

But because of the challenge, experts credit Anand with reviving interest in chess in the country that claims to have invented the game.

The 17th game on Monday saw Anand make a final bid for the title at the New York World Trade Centre in a grueling contest that lasted 63 moves and almost five hours at the board, but Kasparov's resilience and fighting spirit fended off the attack and enabled him to hold on to the crown that he has defended since 1985.

Even if Anand had won the game, the title already looked out of his reach as he trailed Kasparov by several points in the best-of-20 game World Championship.

Hopes were boosted in India after a confident Anand broke a deadlock of eight successive draws with a win in the ninth game. But critics at home said that after

Kasparov came back to win games 10 and 11, there was a complete breakdown in the challenger's spirit.



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already accused of "over preparing" Anand and "destroying his imagination and institution."

"I think Artur Yusupov (Anand's trainer) is in awe of Kasparov," Pravin Thipsay said. "I think he underestimated Anand's ability out of his respect for Kasparov and did not encourage him to attack enough."

Anand has refused to blame his seconds.

"I really feel I made many mistakes mainly because of my inexperience. Next time I will do it better," Anand told reporters last Friday.

But Anand is at least being recognised for the international acclaim that he has brought to his homeland.

In contrast to the controversial, hot-headed Russian, Anand, affectionately referred to as "Vishy", became the darling of the international chess community because of his boyish charm, wit and fine sportsmanship.

"People in this country are just starting to realise that Anand is one of the greatest sportsmen India has ever produced," chess international Dev Angsh Datta said.

**Beijing's Olympic bid uncertain**

**LAUSANNE, Oct 10:** China's sports minister met Tuesday with IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch but there was no word on whether Beijing plans to bid for the 2004 Games, reports AP.

The International Olympic Committee said Samaranch met with minister Shaozu Wu, who is also president of China's national Olympic committee; He Zhenliang, the IOC member from China, and China's world and Olympic table tennis Deng Xiaping.

"Among the subjects discussed were the Chinese government's adoption of new laws on physical education and sport, with particular emphasis on anti-doping measures," the IOC said in a brief statement. "We also informed the IOC on the Chinese athletes' preparations for the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta."

There was no mention of bidding for the 2004 Games. An IOC official close to Samaranch said the Chinese stressed the issue is a "political decision" that is in the hands of the Chinese government.

The deadline for submission of bids is Jan 10.

Samaranch said two weeks ago it appeared unlikely Beijing would make a bid. "I am not very optimistic," he said.

**Ctg soccer**

**CHITTAGONG, Oct 10:** Customs and Excise Club beat Mohammedan Blues 2-1 in their second match of the CJKP Elite Points First Division football league at the local Niaz Stadium today, reports UNB.

The winners led the first half 1-0.

Mehdi opened the Customs account in the very second minute with a nice header off a Farooq job.

Zahid doubled the margin in the 17th minute of the second half by a placing shot from an well organised move.

Substitute Haroon netted a consolation goal for the junior Mohammedans from a penalty 13 minutes later.

In the other match of the day, BCIC Sports Club defeated Agrabad Naojawan Club by a solitary goal this afternoon.

Substitute Miraj scored the all-important goal for BCIC in the 29th minute of the second half after receiving a pass from Zakir

**Basler Parma bound**

**BREMEN, Germany, Oct 10:** Mario Basler, Werder Bremen's German international, looks set to move to Italy's UEFA Cup holders Parma, reports Reuter.

Bremen manager Willi Lemke said on Monday the Bundesliga club would be prepared to let the midfielder leave if a good deal could be struck with the Italians.

Talks between Basler and Parma officials are said to have taken place late on Sunday evening in Duesseldorf.

"I hope my teammates understand that I had to accept such a lucrative offer from Italy," Basler said.

**Adnan, a neophyte's puny effort**

**Sports Reporter**  
National junior champion Adnan Faisal collected four and a half points to grab 72nd position in the just concluded 34th World Junior chess championship.

80 leading junior chess players from across the globe participated in the virtual world cup of potential future masters of the game.

Adnan defeated Colombia's Carlos Perdomo (2320), Turkey's Tamar Karatakin, Japan's Tomohiko (2180) and South Africa's Mtho. He also drew with another springbok Audrey Hobes.

German International Master Roman Slovaon prevailed as champion and Ukrainian Alexander Anischuk runner-up in the 13-round Swiss league competition held in Halle, Germany. Both the top finishers attained ten points but Slovaon won in the resulting tie break.

Although the result none too flattering, Faisal's showing in a tournament of such stature should bring our success-starved sports fans no shame at all. The experience the youngster gathered will hopefully go a long way in nurturing his raw talents.

**Kiptanui aiming higher**

**NAIROBI, Oct 10:** World record holder Moses Kiptanui has nothing more to prove in his speciality steeplechase and a switch to other distance races is imminent, the Kenyan athlete said in interviews published on Monday, reports Reuter.

"I feel there is nothing for me to prove. But I am still looking forward to running under eight minutes five to six time," Kiptanui told the East African, a weekly printed in Nairobi.

Kiptanui became the first man ever to run the 3,000 metres steeplechase in seven minutes 59.18 seconds when he set the world record at the globe's most expensive meeting in Zurich last August.

He has said next year's Atlanta Olympic final was likely to be his last steeplechase because he still had no Olympic gold and then he would switch to 1,500 and 5,000 metres.

Responding to criticism that top African athletes skipped the All-Africa Games to run for money in Europe, Kiptanui said.

"This is nonsense. After all, who doesn't want money in life. People should understand that athletics is now big business. Most athletes train hard to better their living."

Kiptanui also attacked the Kenya Amateur Athletics Association (KAAA) for what he called unfair treatment of young athletes; "In many ways up-and-coming athletes are not treated well by the KAAA. This is a major issue."

**Mo makes good this time**

**SABAE, Japan, Oct 10:** China's tiny Mo Huilan, keeping perfect poise through complex manoeuvres, beat two superb balance beam performances with a 9.900 Tuesday for her first world gymnastics gold medal after some nagging near misses, reports AP.

In men's competition, Vitaly Scherbo whirled to the 11th World Championships gold of his career, winning on the parallel bars after taking the floor exercises gold the previous day. He also had a bronze in the vault Tuesday and had won silver in the men's individual all-around.

Ukraine's Lilia Podkopayeva, the women's all-around champion, finished with two golds and two silvers after tying for second on the beam Tuesday, behind Mo.

It was the second time Podkopayeva had scored a 9.837 and then lost to a 9.900. Russia's Svetlana Chorkina was the one who beat her Monday, on the uneven bars, where Mo had one near miss, also scoring 9.837.

Mo, who lost the all-around title with a sit-down landing from the balance beam, was flawless throughout this time after Podkopayeva and American Dominique Moceanu tied at 9.837. She sailed through difficult somersaults and a complex landing routine.

Mo, missed her chance for another gold in the final women's event, the floor exercises, when she stepped out of a landing in a sprightly, saucy routine.

But China still ended up with the most medals — three golds, six silvers and one bronze. China won the men's team title and Li

Xiaoshuang was the men's all-around champion, although his best in the later specialty events was a second behind Scherbo in the floor exercises Monday. He had a sixth and a seventh Tuesday.

Romania finished with three golds, one silver and three bronzes after Gina Gogean won the women's floor exercises with 9.825 after mistakes by Mo Podkopayeva and Moceanu. China's Ji Liya was second with 9.675 and France's Ludvine Furnon, a replacement for injured American Shannon Miller, was third with 9.625.

Miller, the 1993 and 1994 all-around world champion and 1994 winner on the balance beam, tied for fourth on the beam this time with 9.737. She dropped out of the floor exercises because of a foot injury that has bothered her almost throughout the championships, although she helped the Americans to a women's team bronze medal.

Ukraine gained a third gold medal to go with Podkopayeva's two when Grigory Misutin tied for first with Russia's Alexei Nemov in the vault with 9.756. Misutin succeeded in a rarely performed and rarely landed 2 1/2 front somersault from a handspring, and there were boos when it was marked only at 9.712. A vaulter's mark is the average for two vaults, and Misutin had 9.800 on his first.

On the parallel bars, Scherbo, who won six golds at the 1992 Olympics, went last in the eight-man field and scored 9.812 after a series of one-hand manoeuvres. China's Huang Liping was second with 9.750 and Hikaru Tanaka of Japan's silver medalist men's team was third with 9.750.

Germany's Andreas Wecker included two double somersaults over the bar in his high bar routine and won with 9.812. Japan's Yoshiaki Hatakeda, who did one of the somersaults, was second with 9.775 and Bulgaria's Krasimir Dounev and China's Zhang Jinjing tied for the bronze with 9.750. Scherbo missed another medal, finishing fifth medal with 9.725.



Joint gold medalist Lilia Podkopayeva (L) of Ukraine and Simona Amanar (C) acknowledge the crowd raising flowers along with silver winner Gina Gogean (R) of Romania after they received their medals at the 1995 World Gymnastics Championships in Sabae, Japan on Monday. — AFP/UNB photo

**Gloria gives Goran hell**

**TOKYO, Oct 10:** Defending champion Goran Ivanisevic survived a gritty three-set scare from unheralded American Louis Loria in the 1 million dollars Seiko Super tennis tournament Tuesday, reports AP.

Ivanisevic, the hard-serving second seed, staved off a match point in the third set tie-breaker, finally winning with a trademark ace, 6-7 (2-7), 6-4, 7-6 (9-7).

Gloria, a qualifier here ranked 233 in the world, stayed with Ivanisevic, ranked seventh, throughout, coming in to blast returns of the Croatian's second serves and taking risks, charging the net to hit volley winners.

"He was returning unbelievably. He was guessing right on my serves," Ivanisevic said, who added that he didn't feel well after spending six days in bed with a fever and a cough.

The fiery Ivanisevic also hurt his cause Tuesday with a couple of costly outbursts.

In the first set's ninth game he was given a warning by the umpire for slamming a ball across the arena and into the upper stands, then was broken in the 12th game on a penalty point for pretending that he would slam a ball at a line judge who had just called

him for a foot fault.

"I wasn't going to hit her. It was just a fake," Ivanisevic said. "And (Gloria) played good in the tiebreaker."

After winning the second set, Ivanisevic immediately put himself in trouble again, double faulting to lose the first game of the third. But he fought through seven deuces in the eighth game to break back, finally winning on his third break point when Gloria hit a forehand just wide down the line.

Gloria, like Ivanisevic a lefty, protested the call, but to no avail.

Ivanisevic was next to meet Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark, who earlier Tuesday beat a dispirited Aaron Krickstein of the United States, the 16th seed, 6-4, 6-0.

Mark Philippoussis, a hard-hitting Australian 18-

year-old many consider a top-10 prospect, pounded his way past German veteran Alexander Mronz 6-3, 6-3.

In the second round, Philippoussis, ranked 60th, was to meet former Seiko Champion and this year's fifth seed, Stefan Edberg, who has dropped to 20th in world rankings after once being No. 1 in the world.

American Bryan Shelton and Jeremy Bates of England traded serve and volley games with each winning a tie-break in the first two sets until Bates pulled it out with a break in Shelton's final service game 6-7 (7-9), 7-6 (7-2), 7-5.

Shuzo Matsuoka, the only Japanese singles player left in the tournament, let down the partisan crowd Tuesday, falling in straight sets to Hendrik Dreckmann of Germany, 6-3, 6-3.

"I had wanted to show everyone how much better I'd gotten," said Matsuoka, who unexpectedly reached the quarterfinals of Wimbledon this year. "But I haven't been able to find my timing for the last week or so."

In other action Tuesday, Cristiano Caratti of Italy beat Scott Draper of Australia, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2), and eighth seed Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands overcame American Tommy Ho, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Top singles seed Michael Chang was to play doubles with his brother Carl later in the evening against Josh Eagle and Andrew Florent of Australia. The top seed's first singles match was to be Wednesday.

**Contract for Asian Games stadia signed**

**BANGKOK, Oct 10:** Thai property giant Bangkok Land Public Co Ltd signed a contract yesterday to build three major sports complexes for the 13th Asian Games to be held in Bangkok in 1998, reports AFP.

The contract with the Sports Authority of Thailand calls for the construction of five indoor sports arenas at three different sites and three outdoor sports facilities. Bangkok Land said in a statement.

The five indoor arenas included one with 10,000 seats, two with 5,000 seats and two more with a capacity of 3,000 each, the company said.

The facilities would accommodate tennis, boxing, snooker, gymnastics, volleyball and weightlifting.

Also included in the contract were a football stadium with 5,000 seats, two swimming pools, 12 outdoor tennis courts and a press centre capable of handling up to 3,000 journalists, it said.

Bangkok Land, Thailand's largest property company, declined to give figures for the value of the contract but said that a two billion baht (80 million dollars) guarantee had been given to the Sports Authority of Thailand.

The company also announced it would donate a total of 100 million baht over the next four years to the Sports Authority to fund the training of Thai athletes.

**Jansher ban overturned**

**LONDON, Oct 10:** World Squash champion Jansher Khan has had a seven-match British super-league ban overturned on appeal, reports Reuter.

Instead the Pakistani has been barred from the semifinals and finals next April of the new British National Cup competition.

Jansher was suspended earlier this year for allegedly not trying during a 10-8, 9-0, 9-0 defeat by Scotland's Peter Nicol while playing for Bristol side Wizards against London club Cannons.

But the world number one is not attached to any British club and is not at present appearing in this season's super-league which started a week ago and does not include Wizards.



Vitaly Scherbo (C) of Belarus, the gold medalist of the men's floor event in the 1995 World Gymnastics Championships, celebrates the moment of glory along with Li Xiaoshuang (L) of China and Grigory (R) of Ukraine at the winners' podium in Sabae, Japan, on Monday. — AFP/UNB photo