

## Sport



Participants in action during yesterday's matches of the 17th national women's chess championships.

— Star photo

## Nat'l women's chess qualifier

Sports Reporter

Ferdousi Sultana Munni of Chatgong failed to qualify for the final round of the 17th National eve's chess championship against six other girls in tie-breakers as they all earned 3.5 points each at the end of the five-round qualifying phase at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Munni's 9.5 progressive score was one point short of Faizunissa Poly's who qualified for the final round as the sixth and last qualifiers.

Former national eve champion Zakia Sultana and Zahara Haque Runu scored the highest 12 points in the tie-breakers while Nazrana Khan Iva, Syeda Afzana Parveen Nira and Masuda Begum earned 11.5 points each to become the first five qualifiers.

Defending champion Syeda Shabana Parveen Nira, runner-up Afroza Khanum Babu and international rated women chess players IWM Rani Hamid and Tanima Parveen will have direct entries in to the final round which will begin tomorrow afternoon at the same venue. The draw of the final round will be held at the Bangladesh Chess Federation office this evening at 6pm.

## Nat'l athletics from May 10

Sports Reporter

The 24th national and 14th national junior athletics championships will begin at the Mirpur Stadium from May 10 and 13 respectively under the arrangement of Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation (BAAF), says a press release.

Affiliated organisations of BAAF are instructed to make their entries latest by May 8 for the National meet and May 11 for the junior's event, the press release added.

## Padma win in Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Apr 8: Padma Juba Sangha recorded a hard-fought two-wicket win over PCC in the Senior Division cricket league here at the local stadium today.

In a 35-over-a-side match, PCC, after winning the toss elected to use the wicket in the morning and scored a fighting 167 for nine with Sujon Hafizmehir the highest 32 runs for his side.

For Padma JS Kishore was the wrecker-in-chief with a haul of four wickets for 30 runs.

In reply, Nasir cracked a dazzling 42 to propel Padma to victory with two wickets in hand.

Four-H Club will take on Arunoday Krira Chakra at the same venue tomorrow (Tuesday).

## Prevention better than cure

ORLANDO, Apr 8: The sudden death of young athletes can usually be prevented by early detection and treatment of heart problems and should not discourage young people from participating in sports, researchers said Monday, reports Reuter.

An Italian study of the deaths of 46 competitive athletes found that in many instances there were warning symptoms or changes in the athletes' electrocardiograms that could have predicted the deaths.

Dr Domenico Corrao of the University of Padua, Italy, who presented the study at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology, said many of the deaths occurred in athletes with a thinning of the wall of the right ventricle, a detectable and treatable disease that appears to predispose sport-related sudden cardiac arrest.

Dr Adolph Hutter of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston said young athletes should get a physical examination and be screened for their medical history, including whether they have suffered light-headed spells, rapid heart action, chest pain or abnormal shortness of breath.

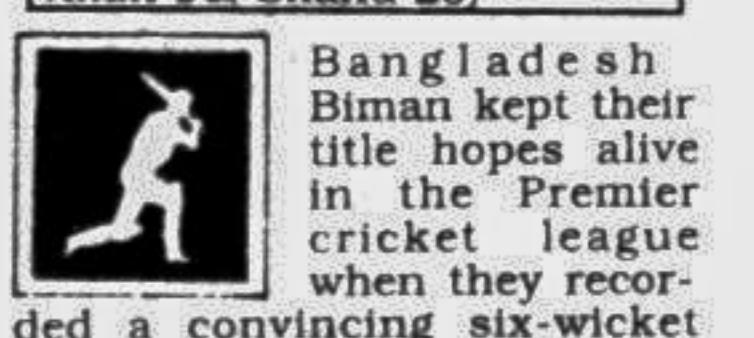
"The incidence of sudden death is incredibly small when you consider the millions of people who participate in sports," he said.

## Biman still airborne

Sports Reporter

**WARI CLUB:** 128 in 43.4 overs (Biplab 44; Nasir Khan 4/25, Rupom 2/23)

**BIMAN:** 129 for four in 27 overs (Suman 52 n.o. Nasir Khan 30, Shantu 25)



Biman skipper and national all-rounder Ziaur Rashid Rupom's decision to go for a chase in the afternoon proved to be correct as they bundled out Wari for only 128 runs.

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