

## Asian youth soccer

## Bangladesh bow out

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh under-19 team crashed out of the 30th Asian Youth football championships when they conceded a 2-5 drubbing at the hands of hosts South Korea in Seoul yesterday.

It was Bangladesh's second defeat after their 1-6 thrashing against the United Arab Emirates in their inaugural Group A match on October 17. In between their two humiliating performances, Bangladesh held Iran in a goalless affair to collect their only point in the ten-team final round.

Bangladesh, who are making their first appearance at this level, will play their last group league match against an also-ran Thailand in an insignificant affair on October 25.

However, according to a faxed message received here last night, the local boys, who missed the service of captain Hasan-al Mamun, were trailing 1-2 at the breather. The right-wing back had earlier got the red card in Bangladesh's previous match against Iran.

The strong South Koreans took the lead early in the seventh minute. But their joy was shortened when midfielder Iqbal pulled off the equaliser four minutes later. In an enterprising encounter the hosts once again took the reins at the stroke of the breather and made it 3-2 midway through the second half.

Local, who capitalised a rare chance of scoring the first goal against the skillful South Koreans, celebrated his second goal in the match to raise a glimmer of hopes for Bangladesh.

But that was not what happened as South Korea, who with this win confirmed their berth in the semifinal from Group A, ran away with a facile victory stalling in two more goals within the span of nine minutes from the final whistle.

## Biman-Uttara in Damal opener

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Bangladesh Biman will take on Uttara Sporting Club in the inaugural match of the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on October 27.

On the other hand, defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will kick-off their campaign against Gopibagh Friends on November 1 at the same venue. MSC's arch-rivals and last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra will feature in their first match against Bangladesh Boys on October 31.

Twenty-two teams including 12 Premier outfits are taking part in the seasons curtain-raiser.

## Shiuk for MSC

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Thirteen players changed their allegiance on the third day of the five-day inter-club hockey players' transfer at the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) office yesterday.

But the resumption of the bourse after one-day recess on Tuesday, have once again failed to attract the heavyweights of Dhaka hockey league, who continued to offer cold-shoulders since the start of the transfer on Saturday.

And, with almost all the leading clubs of the 20 Senior Division outfits staying off the bourse, the middleings and lowly-rated clubs captured the centre-stage of an otherwise sedate affair.

The notable signing of the day was of Ajax's Shiuk, who signed for defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club. Apart from that, Usha Krira Chakra, one of the four stalwarts in the 10-team Premier league, paid a brief visit to the BHF office last evening to sign Pappu of Sadharan Bina. Meanwhile, Don of Mohammedans joined Mariner Youngs.

## Walsh gets the nod

MELBOURNE, Oct 23: Double Olympian Terry Walsh was here Monday appointed coach of the Australian men's field hockey team up to the Sydney 2000 Olympics, reports AFP.

Walsh, who played for his country at the 1976 Montreal and 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, said his goal is to finally capture the Olympic gold medal which has eluded Australia.

## '98 C' wealth Games date shifted

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23: Malaysia said Monday participants in the 1998 Commonwealth Games have accepted the new dates of September 11-21 to avoid a conflict with the 1998 World Cup athletics meet, reports AFP.

All the countries, including England, have promised to send their top athletes to the Games to be held in Kuala Lumpur, said Hashim Mohamed Ali, chairman of the organising committee.

The Games were initially scheduled from September 10-20 but was changed because of a clash with the 1998 World Cup Athletics meet in Johannesburg.

## PAPERCHESSE

Niaz Murshed's

No 16

Minor piece endings which involve Knights and Bishops can be very demoralising for the person who is in a disadvantageous position (save for opposite colour Bishops). The fact that there are very few possibilities, making a mistake is quite a rare thing, especially at tournament level.

During the recently concluded Chess Olympiad, I wanted to talk to one of the members of the Turkmenistan women's team. This is quite natural since Temirova, who plays third board for her country, is obviously very beautiful. But unfortunately for me, whenever I went up to her board, she would be a pawn down in a Bishop or a Knight ending, desperately fighting for a draw.

I went almost everyday after my game was over, only to find her still pondering over a similar ending. I don't know how she managed to get a minor piece ending every single day! But I know very well, that you couldn't really approach a lady while she was a pawn down in a Bishop ending!

She sensed that something was wrong, and came up to see

my game one day. The tournament was almost over and that very day, of all people I had to be a pawn down in a minor piece ending!

As you can see, we never said hello or goodbye during this tournament, which is alright since I get two years time to brush up on my Russian (she doesn't speak a word of English anyway) until I meet her in the next Olympiad.

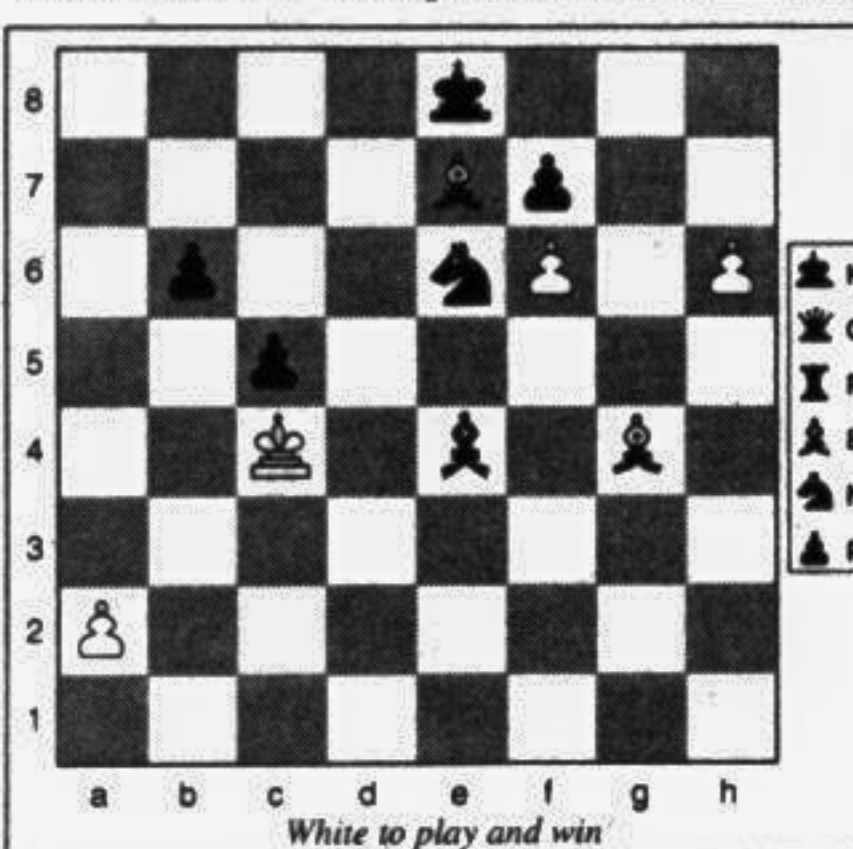
The morale of the story is, if you can help it, never go into a minor piece ending with a pawn down and no compensation in

return. But not all positions are the same. Here is a minor piece ending for you, which is quite lively and even involves a nice sacrifice.

**Solution:** 1.B-f3! if 1...B-f3 then 2.h7 no way to stop the pawn.

if 1...b7 then 2.B-c6 mate if 1...b5 then 2.K-c3 (not K-b5 because of N-d4 check) and the situation is unchanged for black.

**Niaz Murshed is the sub-continent's first and country's lone Grand Master.**



## Cullinan calls the tune

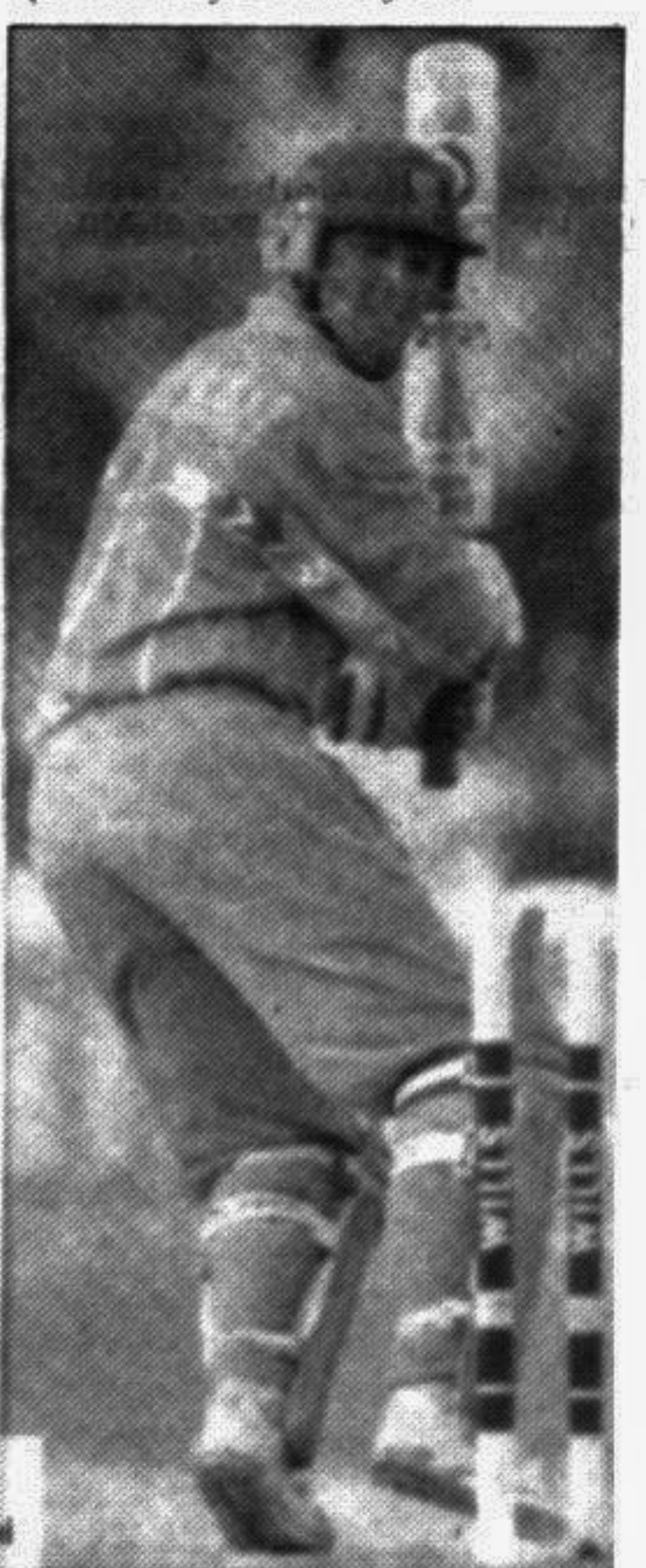


JAIPUR, India, Oct 23: Gary Kirsten set a one-day record for the most one-day runs in a calendar year as South Africa scuttled India's revival with a 27-run victory here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

The left-handed opener eclipsed West Indian Brian Lara's 1993 tally of 1,349 but teammate Daryll Cullinan took the day's honour by smashing 106 as the powerful South Africans piled up 249 for seven after being put in.

The Indians, encouraged by Monday's dramatic two-wicket win over Australia, slumped to 222 for seven after a 126-run start by skipper Sachin Tendulkar and new opening partner Saurav Ganguly.

It was South Africa's third successive win in the three-tier preliminary league of the triangular series and their 22nd in 25 one-dayers this year.



CULLINAN... m-o-m

Kirsten, a key player who has scored six of his seven one-day centuries in 1996, contributed only 29 on Wednesday after making 84 and 105 in the previous two games.

But his rare off-day was compensated by Cullinan's third one-day hundred and his 113-run stand for the third wicket with skipper Hansie Cronje (58).

The pair steered the South Africans out of trouble after the

Indians, electing to field first in overcast conditions, had reduced them to 55 for two by the 12th over.

Tendulkar and Ganguly, in reply, raised hopes of ending South Africa's winning streak by staying together till the 31st over, before all-rounder Brian McMillan hit back with two wickets off successive balls.

Tendulkar, who followed his match-winning knock of 88 on Monday with 64, was caught by Kirsten at mid-on. McMillan's next delivery found the edge of Rahul Dravid's bat and into the safe gloves of wicketkeeper Dave Richardson.

Ganguly, promoted to open instead of rookie Sujith Somasunder, went on to make 54 before having his stumps shattered by an express Allan Donald delivery.

Former captain Mohammad Azharuddin remained unbeaten on 56 as wickets tumbled at the other end.

The South Africans will guarantee their place in the final on November 6 if they defeat Australia, still without a win, in their next match at Faridabad on Friday.

Tendulkar, meanwhile, will have to review his tactics. His gamble of putting the opposition in for the first time in the series had appeared to work as the bowlers responded with the wickets of prolific openers Kirsten and Andrew Hudson.

The pair, who put on 74 and 118 in the first two matches which South Africa won, were separated with the score of five when seamer Venkatesh Prasad trapped Hudson leg-before.

Kirsten had surpassed Lara's record by two runs when he swept leg-spinner Anil Kumble straight to Sunil Joshi at deep mid-wicket.

But Cullinan made sure of an Indian rethink by appearing in the second over and remaining at the crease until the 48th, notching up his third one-day century which included eight boundaries.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the one-day international between India and South Africa on Wednesday.

SOUTH AFRICA				
Hudson lbw b Prasad	5			
Kirsten c Joshi b Kumble	29			
Cullinan st Mongia b Kumble	106			
Cronje c and b Joshi	58			
Rhodes lbw Jadeja	4			
Crookes lbw Jadeja	10			
McMillan not out	19			
Richardson not out	18			
Extras (lb 3, w 4, nb 3)	249			
Total (for 6 wks in 50 overs)	249			
168, 4-180; 5-204; 6-232				
Did not bat: P Symcox, F de Villiers, A Donald.				
Bowling: O M R W				
Srinath	10	0	45	0
Prasad	9	0	42	1

Kumble	10	0	49	2
Joshi	10	0	41	1
Tendulkar	3	0	22	0
Jadeja	8	0	47	2

## INDIA

Ganguly b Donald	54			
Tendulkar c Kirsten b McMillan	64			
Dravid c Richardson b McMillan	0			
Azharuddin not out	56			
Srinath b Symcox	4			
Jadeja b McMillan	10			
Dharmani b De Villiers	8			
Kumble b Donald	1			
Mongia not out	1			
Extras (lb 3, w 4)	17			
Total (for 7 wks, 50 overs)	222			
Did not bat: S Joshi, V Prasad				
Fall of wickets: 1-126; 2-126; 3-148; 4-153; 5-191; 6-207; 7-208				

Bowling: O M R W				
De Villiers	10	2	28	1
McMillan	9	1	32	3
Donald	10	0	49	2
Symcox	10	0	38	1
Crookes	4	0	32	0
Cronje	7	0	35	0

Result: South Africa won by 27 runs.



GARY... in runs

Man-of-the-match: Daryll Cullinan.

## STANDINGS

Titan Cup triangular one-day series standings after Wednesday's match (tabulate under played; won, no result, lost, points)				
South Africa	3	3	0	6
India	3	1	0	2
Australia	2	0	0	2
Next match: Oct 25—Australia v South Africa (in Faridabad).				



Practice session of Brothers Union began at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

— Star photo

## Final Test begins today

FAISALABAD, Oct 23: Zimbabwe and Pakistan start their second and final Test here tomorrow after a draw in their first encounter in which the home team had a clear edge on the run of play.

Zimbabwe captain Alister Campbell told AFP that his team was going into the second Test with confidence.

"We gained a lot of confidence through rearguard action on the final day of the first Test at Sheikhupura," he said.

Campbell said, "The boys are in good mental frame to tackle Pakistan tomorrow morning," adding that "we want to win."

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe fast bowler Henry Olonga is returning home because of a groin strain and will not play in the second Test, the team manager Bau Maman told the official Associated Press of Pakistan news agency.

John Rennie is arriving here Friday to join the team, the manager said.

The Zimbabwe captain will announce his team before the start of the match tomorrow.

The home side has made two changes in the line-up at the first Test at Sheikhupura, bringing in teenage batsman Hasan Raza for his Test debut, replacing Shadab Kabir in the middle-order.

Raza will earn the distinction of being the youngest Test player, a record currently held by former Pakistani captain Mushtaq Mohammad, now coach of the home team.

Muhammad Hussain comes in as 12th man in place of Shahid Afridi who gained fame recently when he scored a century off 37 balls against Sri Lanka at Nairobi earlier this month.

In the first drawn Test, Zimbabwe scored 375 in the first innings, to which Pakistan replied with a massive 553, including a double-century by skipper Wasim Akram, studied with record-breaking 12 sixes.

The tourists' second innings remained unfinished at 241-7 and they were able to put off a draw, thanks to Andy Flower and Guy Whittall as both managed to stay at the wicket for more than two hours.

## Cash Kaiser's cause of concern

BONN, Oct 23: Franz Beckenbauer is worried that the influx of cash in the English game could destroy the international market for players, reports Reuters.

Lucrative new television deals have given English league clubs extra money to buy top players. Several — most notably Manchester United — have increased their spending power further by raising funds on the London Stock Market.

In contrast, none of the big German clubs have gone public and continue to rely on fans, sponsors and television deals for their income.

In an interview with the German magazine Sport Bild, Bayern Munich chairman Beckenbauer said: (The English clubs) can do more because many of the clubs can go to the stock exchange to get capital and protect themselves.

This puts up the prices (for players) internationally. The players go where they can earn the most... the Italians will catch up, Spain and Germany have reached the Italian level.

## Muster, Yevgeny fall



STUTTGART, Germany, Oct 23: Defending champion Thomas Muster was forced to abandon his first match at the Eurocard Open on Wednesday because of injury, reports Reuters.

The Australian world number three retired from his second-round clash with Mark Woodforde with the Australian 3-0 ahead in the deciding third set.

Muster had taken the first set 6-3 but struggled in the second over which he lost 6-1.

He had intensive treatment on his left leg after drooping his serve at the start of the third set and then retired two games later.

Earlier, Russia's world number four Yevgeny Kafelnikov crashed out of the tournament in his opening match on Tuesday after losing his nerve in a late-night clash with Dutchman Jan Siemerink.

After leading 4-1 in the decisive third set and then 5-1 later in the tie-break of a second-round encounter, the Russian gave away the match just before midnight. The scoreline was 3-6, 6-3, 7-6.

Siemerink took the tie-break 7-5 to cause the first major shock of the indoor tournament which has brought together most of the top 20 players in the world.

Earlier Richard Krajicek and Michael Chang have used their heads as much as their hands to win their second round matches.

After losing the first set of a routine opening match against Frenchman Arnaud Boetsch, Wimbledon champion Krajicek cast his mind back to London grass in July and the biggest win of his career.

"Being the Wimbledon champion helps me be more relaxed," Krajicek said. "Sometimes when I am not playing so well I try to remind myself that I am the Wimbledon champion and it helps me to relax."

"Even today when I did not feel so good in the first set it helped me to raise my game."

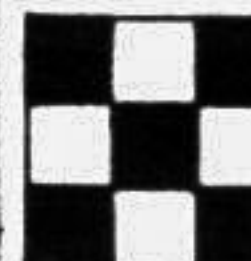


IM Mishra (R) maintains a poker face as Zia, the winner, makes a move in yesterday's match of the QM Hossain tournament of the NSC conference room.

— Star photo

## Zia point five from glory

Sports Reporter



International Master Ziaur Rahman was zeroing in to claim the Beximco 13th QM Hossain International Masters title after defeating Indian IM Neeraj Kumar Mishra in the eleventh of the 13-round Swiss league meet at the NSC conference room yesterday.

Zia, who had earlier lifted the coveted title in 1992, with this win increased his tally to nine and a half points, two points clear from his nearest rival Pakistani IM Mahmood Lodhi. The defending national champion, who will face closest contender IM Lodhi today, needs only half a point from his remaining two games to win the title for the second time. If everything goes by the script, Zia will be the second local player to capture the title for the second time after Niaz Murshed, the lone Grand Master of the country.

In a battle of nerves between the two IMs, Zia, who played with whites and adopted the English Opening, earned resignation from Mishra, one of the four Indians in the fray, after only 23 moves for his ninth win.

On the other hand, IM Lodhi earned a fortuitous passage against Saifuddin Lovelu to follow the table-leader Zia with

## Bailey gunning for Johnson

OTTAWA, Oct 23: Olympic world 100 metres record holder Donovan Bailey of Canada said here on Tuesday, that his duel with 200-400 Olympic champion Michael Johnson of the United States should go ahead, reports AFP.

Bailey said that if the race took place it would be in May over 150 metres.

The Jamaican-born Canadian sprinter said he hoped the match would take place in Canada, preferably in Toronto.



## International Notice of Invitation for Supply of Barge Mounted Power Plant (S) (BMPP)

- Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has decided to allow the private companies to install, operate, generate and supply electric power on Build-Own-operate (BOO) basis.
- Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) accordingly invites proposal from internationally reputed companies having similar experience in power generation to submit their offer. BPDB would follow a single stage bid process in one envelope and allow 45 (forty five) days for bid preparation/submission.
- BPDB intends to allow the prospective bidders to supply, install and operate 100 (one hundred) Megawatt capacity  $\pm$  10% floating type Barge Mounted Power Plant (BMPP) in two to three locations of Bangladesh, namely Khulna/ Mongla, Haripur/Siddhirgonj and Chittagong.
- It is informed that the focus shall be on sale of electricity on per kilowatt hour basis and not equipment. Flexibility in plant size and configuration shall have to be clearly stated by the bidder.
- the proposed installation, generation and supply of power shall be completed within 8 (eight) months from the date of issue of the letter of intent by BPDB. The expected time frame for supply of power on BOO basis may be from 5 (five) to 15 (fifteen) years.
- The bidder shall submit single tariff on a minimum off-take basis (BPDB and the operator will arrive at a mutually agreed minimum off-take).
- BPDB assumes the responsibilities to locate and arrange acquisitions of right of ways of sufficient space to accommodate the plant on water bodies as well as adjacent land to install, operate and maintain BMPP (s) of power generation and supply to the National Power Grid of Bangladesh.
- The successful bidder shall sign liquid fuel supply agreement with the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC). However, the successful bidder may arrange his own source of supply for liquid fuel.
- GOB will waive any import taxes and duties on importation of BMPP and spares required during the period of operation only. The BMPP (s) will also be allowed to be brought into Bangladesh and re-exported without any taxes and import/export duties.
- The prospective bidders may visit proposed site of BMPP prior to submission of their proposals.
- The prospective bidders may obtain Request for Proposal (RFP) from the office of the Director, Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka on payment of Tk. 20,000.00 (Twenty thousand) or US\$ 500.00 (US dollar five hundred) (Non-refundable) in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of Director, Purchase, BPDB. The document for RFP will be available in the above office from Nov. 15, 1996.
- BPDB reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason thereof.

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