

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 team's final round.

Bangladesh, who are making their first appearance at this level, will play their last group league match against an also-rans 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.

Iqbal, 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 hope for Bangladesh.

But that was not the case as South Korea, who with this win confirmed their berth in the semifinal from Group A, ran away with a facile victory stabbing 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.

Shik 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 middlings and lowly-rated clubs captured the centre-stage of an otherwise static affair.

The notable signing of the day was of Ajax's Shik, 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 Bima. 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.

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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 Sheikhpura," 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 Orlanga is returning home because of a groin strain and will not play in the second Test, the team manager Bau Meman 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 Sheikhpura, bringing in teenaged batsman Hasan Raza for his Test debut, replacing Shabab 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 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, studded with record-breaking 12 sixes.

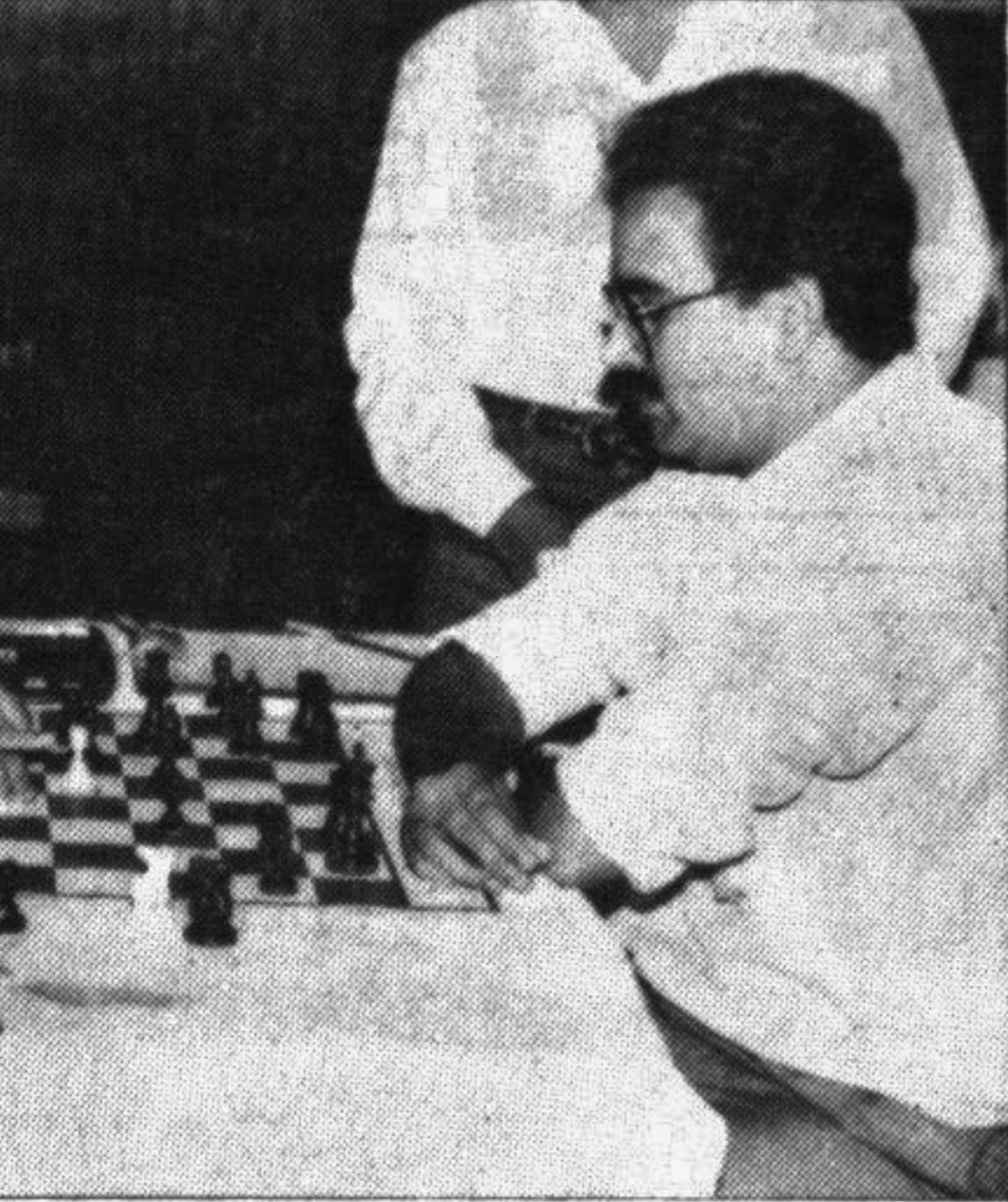
The tourists' second innings remained unfinished at 241-7 and they were able to pull off a draw, thanks to Andy Flower and Guy Wittal as both managed to stay at the wicket for more than two hours.

South Korea in a hurry

SEOUL, Oct 23: South Korea's soccer chief Chung Mong-Joon today called for a quick and clear answer from North Korea to his repeated suggestion that the two Koreas share the 2002 World Cup matches, reports AFP.

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

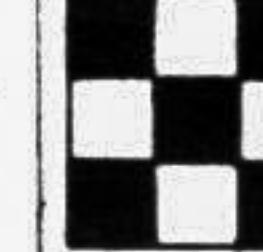
The Jamaican-born Canadian sprinter said he hoped the match would take place in Canada, preferably in Toronto.



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

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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 ev-

erything 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 41 moves.

Former champion IM Reesat, who is going through a lean patch, drew with FIDE Master Jamilur Rahman to slide further behind in the title race.

With this draw Reesat was also thrown out of contention.

Young Enamul Hossain Rajib beat compatriot Hasibul Hasan Hanif while in a clash between two Indian IMs, Sudhakar Babu prevailed over Verugeese Koshy, who made an inspiring start but lost his way as the Mounds progressed.

Both Rajib and Sudhakar are now jointly sharing the third slot with Reesat, each having collected seven points.

In the other matches of the day, Abdullah-al Rakib defeated Rafige, Khandaker Hayes Hasan drew with Indian IM Vishal Shareen.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Hanif vs Rakib: Mishra vs Rajib; Lodhi vs Zia; Reesat vs Lovel; Shareen vs Jamil; Sudhakar vs Kayes; Rajib vs Koshy.

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

1. 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.
2. 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/submit.
3. BPDB intends to allow the prospective bidders to supply, install and operate 100 (one hundred) Megawatt capacity ± 10% floating type Barge Mounted Power Plant (BMPP) in two to three locations of Bangladesh, namely Khulna/ Mongla, Haripur/Siddhirgonj and Chittagong.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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).
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The prospective bidders may visit proposed site of BMPP prior to submission of their proposals.
11. The prospective bidders may obtain Request for Proposal (RFP) from the office of the Director, Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th floor), Motijheel 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.
12. BPDB reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason thereof.

Habibur Rahman Jamaly

Secretary

Niaz Murshed's

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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 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...b-h7 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.

White to play and win

Cullinan calls the tune

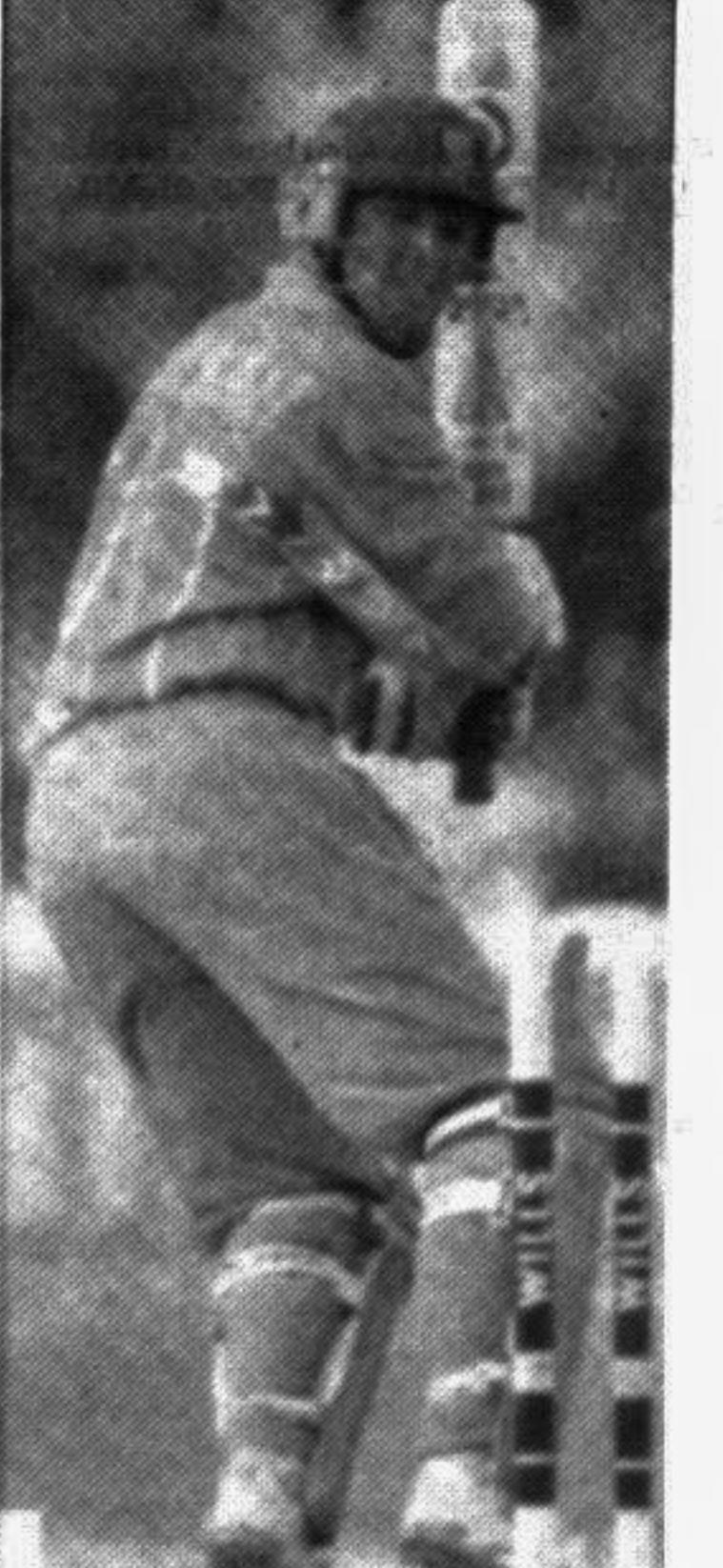


JAIPUR, India, Oct 23: Gary Kirsten set a world record for the most one-day runs in a calendar year as South Africa scuttled India's revival with a 27-run victory here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

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.



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-rounders 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 Somanasundar, went on to make 54 before having his stump shattered by an express Alan 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 1bw b Prasad 5
Kirsten c Joshi b Kumble 29
Cullinan st Mongia b Kumble 106
Cronje c and Joshi 58
Rhodes 1bw Jadeja 4
Crookes 1bw Jadeja 10
McMillan not out 19
Richardson not out 8
Extras (lb 3, w 4, nb 3) 10
Total: (for 6 wkt in 50 overs) 249

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-55, 3-

168, 4-180; 5-204, 6-232.

Did not bat: P. Symcox, F. de Villiers, A. Donald.

Bowling:

Smithath 10 0 45 0

Prasad 9 0 42 1

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 0 6

India 3 1 0 2 2

Australia 2 0 0 2 0

Next match: Oct 25—Australia v South Africa (in Faridabad).

CULLINAN m-o-m