

Zia tastes defeat

CALCUTTA, Dec 10: International master PS Mitrakanth of India defeated IM Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh to snatch a lead with five points after the sixth round of the Commonwealth Open Chess Championship at the Netaji Indoor Stadium here today, reports PTI.

Zia, who was the sole leader with 4.5 after the fifth round, failed to counter Mitrakanth's attacking game and surrendered in the 44th move on a day which saw most of the Grand Masters winning their matches.

Local favourite and top seed GM Dibyendu Barua, who has already suffered three defeats in the championship so far, got his act together to prevail over compatriot Suvrajeet Sena in 42 moves to take his points tally to three.

Asian Cup

UAE in last eight

Sports Reporter

Hosts United Arab Emirates earned a quarterfinal berth of the 11th Asian Cup soccer tournament after beating Indonesia 2-0 in their last league engagement yesterday.

H Ahmed and Al Talyani scored in the 16th and 47th minutes to give UAE their second win in three matches.

Indira Gandhi Gold Cup hockey from Dec 14

NEW DELHI, Dec 10: Atlanta Olympics gold medalist Australia and runners-up Korea will be the star attractions at the sixth Indira Gandhi international Gold Cup women's hockey tournament to be held from December 14 to 22 at National Stadium here, reports PTI.

Besides host India, China, Russia and Kenya will be the other teams to take part in this prestigious meet, president of Indian Women's Hockey Federation (IWHF), Mrs Vidya Stokes, told newsmen here last night.

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD) Rangamati Road Division

Notice of RHD Inviting Tenders

1. Tender Notice No : 60/EE/RHD of 1996-97
2. Name of work : Repairing (by carpeting method) and seal coat work at 2nd, 5th, 19th and 22nd KM of Rangamati Manikchhari-Mohalchhari-Khagrachari Road under Rangamati Road Division during 1996-97 in 3 (three) Groups.
3. Estimated Cost : Gr No I Tk 373235 (At 2nd KM of the road) Gr No II Tk 373235 (At 5th KM of the road) Gr No III Tk 384634 (At 19th & 22nd KM of the road).
4. Earnest Money : Gr No. I Tk 7465 Gr No. II Tk 7465/- Gr No. III Tk 7693/- 45 (Forty five) days for each Group
5. Time allowed : 45 (Forty five) days for each Group
6. Eligibility of Contractor : A to E general category enlisted contractors of RHD. RHD, Road Division, Rangamati/Khagrachari-I/II (P&D) Division, Sarak Bhaban, Agrabad, Ctg & Road Sub-Division, I/II/Chandraghona/1st Line Mechli Sub-Division, Rangamati under this Division up to 21-12-96.
7. Name of office of availability of tender documents : The Superintending Engineer, RHD, Rangamati Road Circle, Rangamati and the Executive Engineer, RHD, Rangamati Road Division, Rangamati.
8. Name of office to receive tender : Up to 12-30 PM on 22-12-96.
9. Last date of receipt of tenders : At 12-05 PM on 26-12-96 by the undersigned or his authorised representative in his office chamber in presence of the intending tenderers if they like to remain present.
10. Date & time of opening bids : Up to 12-30 PM on 22-12-96.

Sealed tenders in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of RHD under general category for the above mentioned works. The lottery shall be conducted on 28-12-96 if the necessity so demands.

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Abahani, Biman keep going

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overs.

After opener Javed Omar Belim Golla with a patient 62 set a rock-hard foundation, the portly Abahani skipper made the most of the last five overs sharing 53 runs off only 34 de-

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ABAHANI KC: 233 for seven in 50 overs (Javed Omar Belim 62, Monirul Huq 41, Akram Khan 33 n.o, Dipu Roy 3/42)

AGRANI BANK: 136 all out in 43.5 overs (Shuvro 31, Shahid Iqbal 22, Kamrul Huda 26, Dulz 2/19, Javed Omar Belim 2/7)

GMCC: 137 all out in 49.1 overs (Redwan Hasan 24, Md Ali, 23, Mohammed Rafique 4/30, Nasir Swakat 2/24, Manra 2/17)

BANGLADESH BIMAN: 140 for two in 34.5 overs (Athar Ali Khan 82 n.o, Nasir Ali Khan 23 n.o)

liveries with Iqbal Hossain before the latter was dismissed by Shahid Iqbal for 15.

Javed, in his characteristic slow but steady 152-ball stay at the crease, clubbed a quartet of fours before being eventually out in the 32nd over, leaving his side comfortably poised on 152 overs.

He shared 41 runs for the first wicket with Partho before the dashing left-hander departed for a rapid-fire 29 inclusive of four boundaries and a huge sixer.

But, the most entertaining partnership in the Abahani innings was a vital 94-run stand for the third wicket between Javed and Pakistani Monirul Huq who scored a polished 41, before both were dismissed by the seemingly ageless Dipu Roy Chowdhury.

The national selector stoked some of his old fire that once upon a time distinguished him as one of the pace aces of Bangladesh to finish with an admirable analysis of 10-2-42-3. He also captured the prized scalp of Abahani's in-form opener Partho.

The good work of Dipu, however, went down the drain when Agran Bank was done by skipper Akram Khan who, after calling the coin correctly in the morning, decided to bat and contributed an unbeaten 33 to guide his side to a fairly safe total of 233 in their share of 50.

But, thanks to a doughty eighth-wicket stand of 52 runs between Shuvro and Kamrul.

The forthcoming Bangabandhu Cup football tournament involving 12 leading clubs of Asia is gradually

gaining momentum in the capital. The BFF on Tuesday released the logo of the tournament.

The invitation tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) in celebration of the silver jubilee of our independence, will commence from December 30 at the Dhaka Stadium.

With the big carnival, the first of its kind in nearly a decade drawing nearer, the organising committee will meet with the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her office on December 17 to finalise the details.

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