

Column One

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm, March 14, '97

- Who won the three-nation cricket tournament held in South Africa recently?
India South Africa Zimbabwe
- How many Tests will Sri Lanka play in their New Zealand tour?
2 3 4
- Who is the top-ranked woman tennis player at the moment?
Steffi Hingis Monica
- Who lifted the boys' singles title in the BEXIMCO junior tennis championships?
Danai Mahadevan Phomphon
- The BCB XI team touring Pakistan is skippered by
Liton Faruque Simon

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SPORTS TALK



Pete Sampras

(World No 1 tennis player)

"All I want to do now is play the best I can in the Grand Slams. Of course, when you are no longer playing, when you look back, what matters is the number of Grand Slam titles you have won."

After winning this year's Australian Open.



GM Niaz Murshed in action against Vietnamese International Master Nguyen Anh Dung in the third United Insurance Grand Masters chess tournament yesterday. Dung won the board. — Star photo

Nguyen bedevils Niaz

Sports Reporter

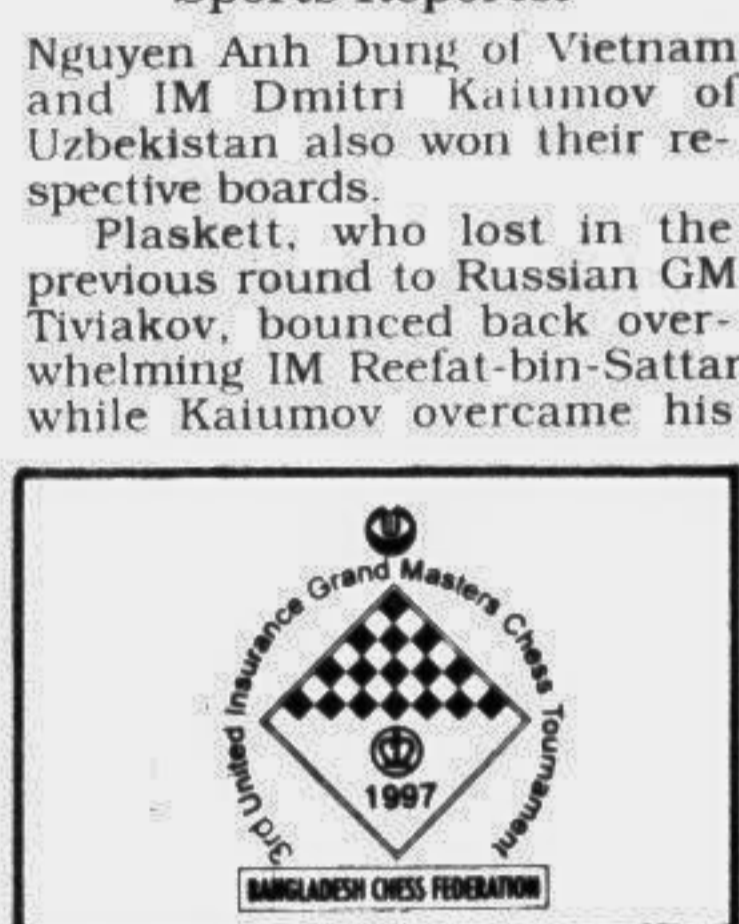
Local favourite IM Ziaur Rahman returned to winning ways in the third United Insurance Grand Masters chess tournament defeating compatriot Kayes Hasan in ninth round held at the NSC conference room yesterday.

Playing with white pieces against Kayes' King's Indian defence, Zia, the current national champion vying for his first GM norm, outplayed his opponent after 39 moves.

Zia remained second in the 14-player meet along with GM Jim Plaskett of England having six and a half points apiece, half a point adrift of Indian IM Praveen Thipsay who gave another flawless performance in the 13-round Swiss league tournament.

Thipsay, the seven-time former Indian national champion, earned an easy victory against local Saifuddin Lovlu. Playing with whites against Lovlu's Reti opening, Thipsay checkmated the unheralded player after 37 moves.

Besides, GM Plaskett, IM



compatriot IM Saidali. Plaskett, who adopted French defence with his black pieces, won the board after 31 moves. On the other hand, Kaimov, who played with white pieces, won the board after 41 moves.

Dung, handed local Grand Master Niaz Murshed his second defeat in the tournament. Playing with white pieces

against the Sicilian defence of Niaz, Dung forced his superior opposition into submission after a marathon spell of 57 moves. The defeat kept Niaz glued to his previous collection of 4.5 points.

The other two matches of the day — GM Malisauskas of Lithuania against IM Devaki Prasad of India and GM Sergei Tiviakov of Russia against Hungarian GM Szekely, ended in dull draws.

The tenth round will begin today at 2 pm.

STANDINGS

After the ninth round: 7 points — Thipsay; 6.5 points — Zia, Plaskett; 6 points — Prasad; 5.5 points — Dung; 5 points — Tiviakov; 4.5 points — Niaz, Szekely, Malisauskas, Refat; 4 points — Saidali; 2.5 points — Kaimov and 2 points — Kayes.

Today's matches: Saidali vs Niaz, Kayes vs Dung, Malisauskas vs Zia, Thipsay vs Prasad, Plaskett vs Lovlu, Szekely vs Refat and Kaimov vs Tiviakov.

Club Cup hockey MSC-Victoria opener

Sports Reporter

Dhaka metropolis league champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Victoria Sporting Club in the opening match of the Club Cup hockey tournament at 3.30 pm which begins at the Hockey Stadium tomorrow.

Bangladesh Hockey Federation is organising the two-week tournament sponsored by Karnaphuli Garden City.

A total of 14 metropolis teams, split into four groups, are taking part in the two-week long meet, initially on league basis matches.

Later, the four group champions will qualify for the semi-finals, scheduled for March 15 and 16. The final will commence on March 18.

TEAMS

The participating teams are: Group A: Mohammedan SC, Sadharan Bima and Victoria SC.

Group B: Abahani, Wari Club, Bangladesh Railway and Dhaka Ansars.

Group C: Usha, KC, Sonali Bank and Police AC.

Group D: Dhaka Mariner, Youngs Club, Ajax SC, Farashganj SC and Bangladesh SC.

Acme Div II cricket

Big win for Indira Road KC

Sports Reporter

Indira Road Krira Chakra recorded an impressive 138-run victory over Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha in one of yesterday's three Acme Second Division cricket super league matches held at the T&T ground in Mahakhali.

Electing to bat, Indira Road piled up a huge 266 for nine in the stipulated 45 overs with middle order batsman Masud hammering highest 58 off 60 balls. Shiplu (52) and Rashed (45 n.o.) were other notable run-getters.

In reply, Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha were bundled out for 128 in 42 overs.

After scoring an unbeaten 45 in the first session, Indira Road all-rounder Rashed also shone with the cherry capturing four wickets for 25 runs while Anwar took two wickets.

Away at Mirpur City Club ground, Rupali Bank handed Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Sangstha a six-wicket defeat.

Put into bat, in a rain curtailed 30-over-a-side affair, Khelaghar were restricted to 150 for nine. Opener Saiful scored 25 while Nipu added 21 runs to the Khelaghar account.

In reply, Rupali Bank reached the summit in the 27th over with six wickets in hand.

Opener Shantanu Roy scored highest 60 followed by middle order batsman Jahangir Alam, who added 24 runs.

In the day's other match, Bangladesh Railway recorded a four-wicket victory over Lancashire Cricket Club.

Opting to bat in another rain-curtailed 38-over-a-side match, Lancashire could muster 137 for seven in their innings. On the other hand, Railway took only 27.2 overs to reach the target with four wickets in hand.

Aussies 189 for four at tea

JOHANNESBURG, Mar 1: Allan Donald produced two wickets in the space of three balls to check Australia's smooth progress as the visitors stumbled to 189 for four at tea.

Donald, having struggled for line and length on the Wanderers pitch for 30 overs, removed Mark Waugh (26) and then Matthew Elliott (86) as Australia lost three wickets in the post-lunch session.

Opener Matthew Hayden and Elliott combined for a 95-run stand after medium paceman Shaun Pollock ended skipper Mark Taylor's hopes of returning to form.

Taylor, who had spent a comfortable 48 minutes for his 16 runs, played on to Pollock after Australia had begun their first innings on the second morning.

Elliott stole the show with 12 hooked, pulled and driven boundaries to go with a hooked six off Donald.

Pollock ended the second wicket stand between the two Matthews, when he had Hayden (40) caught by Daryll Cullinan at slip.

Hayden had batted for 157 minutes hitting just five boundaries.

Elliott, joined by Mark Waugh, put on an entertaining 41 runs in almost a run-a-minute before Donald struck.

Waugh, having hit four

boundaries in his 46-minute presence, tried to pull Donald and edged a catch to keeper Dave Richardson.

At the break Steve Waugh and Greg Blewett were unbeaten on 14 and one respectively.

Donald and Pollock shared the bowling honours with two wickets apiece costing 57 and 43 runs respectively.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard Saturday at lunch on the second day of the first cricket Test between Australia and South Africa at the Wanderers:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

A Hudson c Healy b McGrath 0
G Kirsten c Healy b McGrath 9
J Kallis m M Waugh b McGrath 6
D Cullinan c Healy b McGrath 27
H Cronje c M Waugh b Warne 76
J Rhodes c Healy b Gillespie 22
S Pollock c S Waugh b Bevan 35
L Klusener c Taylor b Bevan 9
D Richardson not out 72
A Donald c Healy b Gillespie 21
Adams lbw b Warne 15
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-3, w-3) 10
Total: 302

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-15; 3-25; 4-78; 5-115; 6-165; 7-183; 8-195; 9-253; 10-302.

BOWLING:

McGrath 26 8 77 4
Gillespie 17 6 66 2
Warne 27 4 98 2
Bevan 17 1 64 2
Blewett 4 0 23 0

AUSTRALIA: First innings

Taylor b Pollock 16
Hayden not out 37
Elliott not out 36
Extras: (lb-1, w-3) 4
Total: (for one wicket) 93
Fall of wicket: 133

To bat: Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Greg Blewett, Michael Bevan, Ian Healy, Shane Warne, Jason Gillespie and Glenn McGrath.

BOWLING:

Pollock 9 2 35 0
Klusener 6 0 18 1
Lewander 5 2 21 0
Kallis 5 1 11 0
Adams 3 1 7 0

Ivanisevic in last four

MILAN, Mar 1: Defending champion Goran Ivanisevic fought back from a 4-1 third-set deficit against unheralded Czech Daniel Vacek to earn a semifinal berth at the Italian Indoors, reports AP.

The big-serving Croat, the only seeded player left in the tournament, had to overcome inconsistency and nervousness to post a 6-3, 6-7 (2-7), 6-4 victory.

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Third SAARC cricket tournament Batting & bowling averages

Sports Reporter

Following are the batting and bowling averages of the four participating teams — Pakistan A, India A, Sri Lanka A and hosts Bangladesh — in the third SAARC cricket tournament which concluded Friday:

BATTING

Pakistan	M	I	NO	Runs	H/S	50s	Os	Ave
Basit Ali	3	3	1	92	67	1	-	46.00
Asif Mujtaba	4	4	-	179	91	2	-	44.75
Akhtar Sarfaraz	4	4	1	133	64	1	-	44.33
Mohammad Hussain	4	3	-	76	51	1	-	25.33
Mujahid Jamshed	3	3	-	49	26	-	1	16.33
Wasim Yousafi	4	3	-	37	15	-	-	12.33
Mohammad Wassem	4	4	-	55	42	-	-	13.75
Saleem Elahi	2	2	-	15	15	-	1	7.50
Azhar Mahmood	3	3	1	14	8	-	-	7.00
Kabeer Khan	2	1	1	11	11*	-	-
Mohammad Zahid	3	2	1	5	5*	-	1	5.00
Aaqib Javed	4	3	2	4	2*	-	-	4.00
Azam Khan	2	2	-	6	4	-	-	3.00
Arshad Khan	1	1	-	0	-	-	1

India	M	I	NO	Runs	H/S	50s	Os	Ave
S Sharath	3	3	2	99	64*	1	1	99.00
Gagan Khoda	2	2	-	79	63	1	-	38.50
Sairaj Bahutule	3	3	-	36	36	-	-	19.50
Anay Khurasiya	3	3	-	27	27	-	-	18.66
Hemang Badani	3	3	1	34	34*	-	1	17.00
Wassem Jaffer	3	3	-	49	34	-	1	16.33
MSK Prasad	3	2	2	57	56*	1	-
Harvinder Singh	3	1	1	4	4*	-	-
Arindam Sarkar	3	1	-	3	3	-	-	3.00
Debashish Mohanty	3	1	-	2	2	-	-	2.00

Sri Lanka	M	I	NO	Runs	H/S	50s	Os	Ave
Ruwan Kalpaze	2	2	1	85	54	1	-	85.00
Naveed Newaz	2	2	-	94	88	1	-	47.00
Saman Jayantha	1	1	-	26	26	-	-	26.00
M Vilevarayan	2	1	-	15	15	-	-	15.00
Upul Chandana	2	2	1	14	11*	-	-	14.00
W Waragoda	2	2	-	17	17	-	1	8.50
Chaminda Mendis	2	1	-	8	8	-	-	8.00
M Jayawardena	2	1	-	4	4	-	-	4.00
D Lyanage	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	1.00
B Ranjit	1	1	1	0	0	-	1

Bangladesh	M	I	NO	Runs	H/S	50s	Os	Ave
Minhajul Abedin	1	1	-	53	53	1	-	53.00
Sanwar Hossain	2	2	-	89	78	1	-	44.50
Aminul Islam	2	2	0	83	78	1	-	41.50
Akram Khan	3	3	-	87	54	1	-	29.00
Hasibul Hossain	3	3	1	57	42*	-	-	28.50
Alhar Ali	3	3	-	74	37	-	-	24.66
Enamul Haq	3	3	1	33	26	-	-	16.50
Khaled Masud	2	2	1	10	7	-	-	10.00
Anisur Rahman	1	1	1	7	7*	-	-	7.00
Naimur Rahman	3	3	-	17	16	-	1	5.66
Saiful Islam	3	3	1	11	11	-	1	5.50
Jahangir Alam	3	3	-	18	11	-	-	6.00
Javed Omar	2	2	-	4	4	-	1	2.00
Zakir Hossain	2	1	-	1	1*	-	-	1.00

BOWLING

Pakistan	O	M	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
Aaqib Javed	23.1	4	91	6	4/17	15.16
Mohammad Zahid	24	0	107	6	3/36	17.83
Kabeer Khan	19	0	67	4	3/29	16.75
Arshad Khan	10	1	38	2	2/38	19.00
Azhar Mahmood	32	7	96	5	3/30	19.20
Mohammad Hussain	32	3	97	5	2/11	19.40
Asif Mujtaba	9	0	21	1	1/21	21.00
Mujahid Jamshed	10	0	40	1	1/40	40.00
Akhtar Sarfaraz	3	0	13	0	-	-

India	O	M	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
Harvinder Singh	26	0	131	12	6/43	10.91
S Sharath	9.2	0	45	2	2/30	22.50
Noid David	26	2	102	4	3/32	25.50
Debashish Mohanty	25	2	110	4	2/43	27.50
Ajay Sharma	8	1	45	1	1/45	45.00
Sairaj Bahutule	27	1	121	2	1/46	60.50
Arindam Sarkar	24	0	95	1	1/24	95.00

Sri Lanka	O	M	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
Bandula Ranjith	10	3	27	3	3/27	9.00
Dulip Lyanage	17	2	64	5	4/42	12.80
Ruwan Kalpaze	12.3	1	52	2	2/36	26.00
Upul Chandana	15	1	59	2	1/16	29.50
M Vilevarayan	16	1	62	2	2/31	31.00
Chaminda Mendis	4	1	18	0	-	-
Don Anurashiri	10	0	46	0	-	-

1: England cricket coach David Lloyd believes his team is on the right

A team went to Australia and won, the senior side came to New Zealand and won," he said.

"The team I'm looking for still has some way to go. I want a tough, ruthless team. I want batters with flair who play