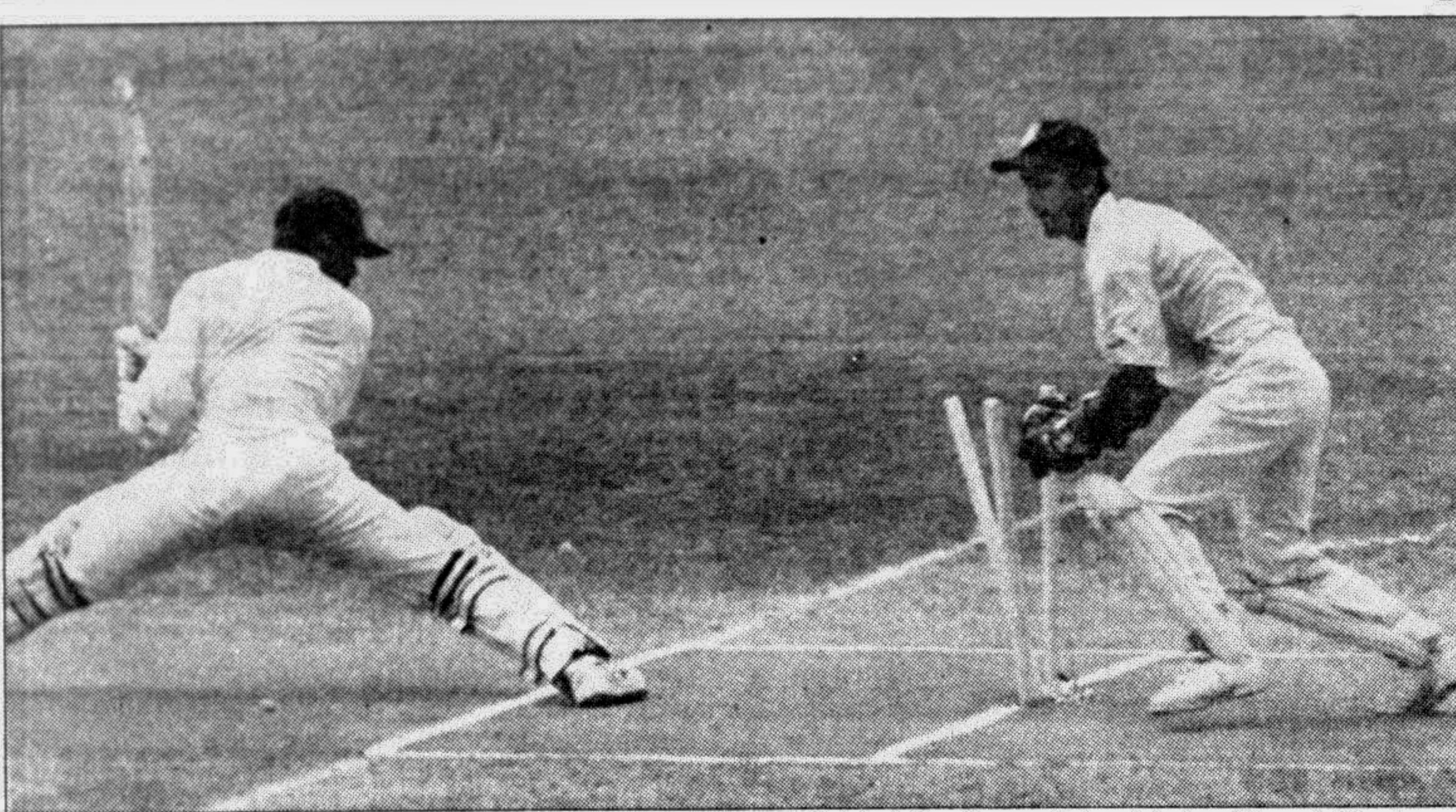


## Sport



Bangladesh wicket-keeper Khaled Masood does some smart work behind the stumps, but not before Kenya's Stephen Tikolo's foot was firmly placed inside the crease during the ICC Trophy final in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

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## Nat'l chess results

Sports Reporter

Six players — Enamul Ho-  
sain Rajib, Abdullah al Rakib,  
Arifuzzaman Sikder, Showkat  
Hossain Pallab, Tayebur Rah-  
man Sunam and Syed Ruhul  
Kabir, were leading in the pre-  
liminary phase of the 23rd na-  
tional chess championship with  
seven and a half points each at  
the end of the tenth round at the  
NSC chess room yesterday.

Rakib beat Amir Hossain,  
Pallab defeated Muniruzzaman  
while Rajib and Arif shared  
points to remain at the crowded  
top spot.

Besides, nine players —  
Kays Hasan, Shahadat Hos-  
sain Ratto, Nasir Ahmed, Ali  
Amjad Minu, Omar Khaled,  
Saidul Islam Masum, Ruhul Is-  
lam Bobby, Minuruzzaman and  
Mohammad Jabed, were in the  
second place with seven points  
apiece.

## Incontrad v'ball

Five men's and two women's  
matches of the Incontrad inter-  
district volleyball tournament  
were held yesterday at the vol-  
leyball court, reports UNB.

In the men's group, Kushtia  
DSA beat Noakhali 3-0, Lal-  
monirhat beat Jhalakati,  
Rangpur defeated Noakhali and  
Kushtia beat Jhalakati all in  
straight sets.

Kulna DSA overcame  
Comilla 3-1.

In the women's group,  
Kulna DSA beat Rangpur 3-0  
while Dinajpur DSA defeated  
Comilla also by the same mar-

## JU comfortably placed

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Jahangirnagar  
University, Man-  
ikganj and Mymen-  
singh took first  
innings leads over  
their respective  
opponents in the preliminary  
round of the 23rd national  
cricket championship zonal  
finals at different venues of the

## Div II soccer

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Gandaria Famous Sporting  
Club recorded their ninth victo-  
ry in the Second Division  
football league with a 2-0 victo-  
ry over Mahakali Ekashad  
at the Mirpur Stadium yester-  
day.

Nasir and Harun scored once  
each in the 48th and 65th  
minute respectively.

The win raised Gandaria's  
tally to 28 points from 13  
matches, one point adrift of  
second placed Dhaka Wander-  
ers Club. Mahakali remain on  
14 points.

In another match at the  
same venue, a hattrick by  
striker Nazmul guided Muslim  
to a 3-1 win over East  
End Boys' Club.

Nazmul struck in 36, 48th  
and 68th minutes. East End's  
Akbar pulled one back 14 min-  
utes from time.

In the two matches batted  
at Comilla, Manikganj, restricted Noakhali to 175  
in 63.3 overs. Khokon and Liton  
were the most successful  
Manikganj bowlers capturing  
four and three wickets respec-  
tively.

Besides, two other zonal fin-  
als began at Dinajpur and  
Pabna yesterday.

At the Dinajpur Stadium the  
match between Nilphamari and  
Pabna resulted to 80-w  
a-side due to heavy rain.

In reply, Pabna will be look-  
ing for 171 in 80 overs to win  
when the play resumes at the  
this morning.

At the Pabna Stadium, Ra-  
jshahi University were shakily  
placed on 16 for two at stumps  
as they were chasing a paltry  
Satkhira total of 146.

Opting to bat, Satkhira were  
bundled out for 146 in 85 overs  
with Shameem collecting high-  
est 57 followed by Khokon and  
Litu who added 23 runs each.

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