

Sport

Div I chess from today

Holders Leonine Chess Club will take on runners-up Bangladesh Biman in the first match of the First Division chess league which opens at the NSC chess room today, reports UNB.

Monday's remaining six matches are: Titus Club vs Bangladesh Ansar, West Jatra-bari KC vs Brothers Union, Anushilan KC vs Farashganj SC, Nakhapara JSC vs Dhaka University Chess Club, Mohakhali Prodig Sangha vs Narayanangj CPA, and Sonali Bank vs Kamalapur SKCS.

Seven matches will also be held every day. Fourteen teams are participating in the 13-round Swiss league basis tournament, organised by Bangladesh Chess Federation.

The teams are: West Jatra-bari Kira Chakra, Anushilan Kira Chakra, Titus Club, Nakhapara JSC, Farashganj SC, Leonine Chess Club, Mohakhali Prodig Sangha, Sonali Bank, Kamalapur Samajkalyan and Kira Chakra Sangha, Narayanangj Chess Players Association, Bangladesh Biman, Dhaka University Chess team, Bangladesh Ansar, Farashganj Sporting Club and Brothers Union.

Eight foreign players, including two Grand Masters, will take part.

AB Bank TT

Bangladesh Biman, Biman Junior and Brothers Union won their respective matches of the AB Bank Senior Division table tennis league at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Biman dumped Swamibagh Boys by straight sets with Mahub beating Anup 21-5, 21-7; Hamlet defeating Jewel 21-11, 21-5 and Rochi outplaying Babu 21-10, 21-10.

Biman Junior disposed off Inter Sports Club by 3-0 sets. Edison beat Shahid 21-17, 21-12. Goutam defeated Akhlaq 21-12, 21-12 and Pappu overpowered Monir 19-21, 21-18, 21-17.

Brothers Union overpowered Armanitola JS by 3-2 sets in a tough contest. Rubel beat Mustafa 21-11, 21-12, upon beat Tuhin 21-7, 21-19. Badal got walkover. Ripon lost to Mustafa 21-12, 21-17 and Rubel defeated Tuhin 23-21, 21-13.

In the First Division league, Wari Junior, Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA), Mohammadpur Boys and Engineers Club beat their rivals at the same venue.

Wari Junior defeated Mansur Sporting Club by straight sets as Asiq outplayed Mosharrar 21-6, 21-6, Munna beat Mamun 21-7, 21-9 and Musabbir overpowered Arif 21-7, 21-5.

BSJA trounced Pratyasha Club by 3-0 sets with Shamim defeating Sohel, 21-12, 21-10, Rumi beating Reefat 21-9, 21-6; Raihan outplaying Shimul 21-6, 21-5.

Mohammadpur Boys dumped Purbachal Parishad, also by 3-0 sets, as Rafiq defeated Sumon 21-16, 26-24, Kaja beat Kabir 21-14, 21-18 and Parag outplayed his namesake 21-14, 21-11.

Engineers Club beat Dilkusha SC by 3-1 sets. Sagar overpowered Tirtha 22-20, 19-21, 21-17. Munna outplayed Parag 13-21, 21-12, 21-15. Ritu lost to Mehedi 21-15, 21-23, 21-17 and Sagar defeated Parag 21-17, 21-16.

Grant's one-man show



LAHORE, Pakistan. Dec 6 (Reuters/APP/Internet): Grant Flower followed a career-best figures of seven for 31 with a hard-hitting century to put Zimbabwe in command of their match against Lahore City Cricket Association on Sunday.

They were 211 for five at the close of the third day — a lead of 318.

Left-arm spinner Flower, who claimed three wickets on Saturday, took a further four in a 10-over spell which yielded just seven runs.

Lahore, resuming on 188 for four, eventually declared their first innings on 287 for nine, 107 behind.

Flower, a right-hand batsman, and Gavin Rennie then gave the Zimbabwe second innings a flying start with a stand of 184. Flower's 118 off 106 balls included 18 fours and a six.

Rennie followed his first innings 55 with an elegant 63, including eight fours.

Off-spinner Baba Zaman chipped in with three wickets as the Zimbabwe middle order failed.

Earlier, Pakistan Test discard Salim Malik grabbed five wickets but failed in his usual role as a batsman.

Malik on trial after his failure against Australia, was bowled by part-time left-arm spinner Grant Flower for 9.

Zimbabwe were dismissed for 394 after resuming the second day at 315-7. Captain Allister Campbell made a polished 71 and Andrew Whittall 38.

Malik, 32, who was implicated in match-fixing by a probe committee in September, was dropped from Pakistan team after he failed to score in both innings of the recent Karachi Test against Australia.

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Shahid Anwar c Rennie b G Flower 15
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Humayun Farhat c Mtambanadzo b G Flower 0
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