

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: Titas Club vs Bangladesh Ansar, West Jatrabari KC vs Brothers Union, Anushilan KC vs Farashganj SC, Nakhlapara JKS vs Dhaka University Chess Club, Mohakhali Prodip Sangha vs Narayanganj 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 Jatrabari Kira Chakra, Anushilan Kira Chakra, Titas Club, Nakhlapara Judo Kira Sangha, Leonine Chess Club, Mohakhali Prodip Sangha, Sonali Bank, Kamalapur Samajkallyan and Kira Chakra Sangha. Narayanganj 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 Mahbub 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 Armanita JS by 3-2 sets in a tough contest. Rubel beat Mustafa 21-11, 21-12, Rajon beat Tuhin 21-7, 21-19, Badal got walkover, Rajon 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 3-0 sets with Shamsur 21-6, 21-6, Munna beat Mamun 21-7, 21-9 and Musabir overpowered Arif 21-21-5.

BSJA trounced Pratyasha Club by 3-0 sets with Shamsur 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, Kajal 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.

SIX NO TRUMPS

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WHERE EXPERTS OFTEN FAILED, A NOVICE SUCCEDED

(Hand # 143)

West	North	East
♦ S: J104		
♦ H: Q9865		
♦ D: 9852		
♦ C: 3		

East
♦ S: 8765
♦ H: AJ3
♦ D: 1074
♦ C: K97

South (D)

♦ S: 093

♦ H: K102

♦ D: KQJ

♦ C: 8654

Bidding: North South were vulnerable

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 Club*	Pass
1 Spade**	Pass	2 Clubs	Pass
2 No Trumps	Pass	3 No Trumps	Pass
Pass	Pass		

* Artificial, 18 or more HCP.
** Artificial, showing 10-12 HCP.

The South hand was held by a relatively new player in contract bridge. She had read several basic rules where she learnt that if a game contract in No Trump can be played, it was better not to play in minor suit for a game. Another rule that she learnt was that if there was an agreement in the minor suit bid by partner, it was better to play in No Trump. More importantly her next lesson was that if the opponents attacked the weakest suit, it was advisable to hold until the opponent, who was likely to gain entry subsequently, was exhausted in the suit.

Armed with all these wisdom, South did not support partner in Clubs and bid 3 No Trumps. If Clubs were supported, North might have tried a Small Slam which would have failed, but a game in Clubs was there. Anyway, South entered into a shaky contract of 3 No Trumps.

THE PLAY

West led 6 of Hearts and East, who was an experienced player thought very carefully and came to the conclusion that West was void of any other entry. Hence, the declarer must be lured to an easy trick in Hearts so that when he gained entry in Clubs, the Heart suit could be run. When East played the Jack, the declarer stuck to her bridge lesson and ducked the Jack. The expert East was then quite helpless. He had to play the Ace and then Three of Hearts hoping the partner with the King. As the cards were, she made 4 No Trumps.

When partner mentioned that she might have lost five Heart tricks by ducking the Jack, as West could have both the Ace and Queen. The declarer said in reply that the rule was to hold it until last!!

Grant's one-man show



LAHORE, Pakistan, Dec 6 (Reuters/Internet): Grant Flower followed 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 sec-

ond day at 315-7. Captain Alastair Campbell made a polished 71 and Andrew Whittal 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.

SCOREBOARD

Score board on the third day

1. Titas Club vs Brothers Union

2. Leonine Chess Club vs Nakhlapara JKS

3. Dhaka University Chess Club vs Mohakhali Prodip Sangha

4. Sonali Bank vs Kamalapur SKCS

5. West Jatrabari Kira Chakra vs Anushilan Kira Chakra

6. Nakhlapara Judo Kira Sangha vs Leonine Chess Club

7. Mohakhali Prodip Sangha vs Narayanganj CPA

8. Sonali Bank vs Kamalapur SKCS

9. Wari Junior vs Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA)

10. Mohammadpur Boys vs Engineers Club

11. Armanita JS vs Purbachal Parishad

12. Dilkusha SC vs Sagar

13. Tuhin vs Mustafa

14. Rajon vs Badal

15. Rubel vs Jewel

16. Shahid vs Goutam

17. Ritu vs Goutam

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