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Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has 114 members -- 12 of them female, who were only allowed in only in 1981. Of the 114 current members, 48 are from Europe, 21 from the Americas, 20 from Africa, 20 from Asia and five from Oceania.

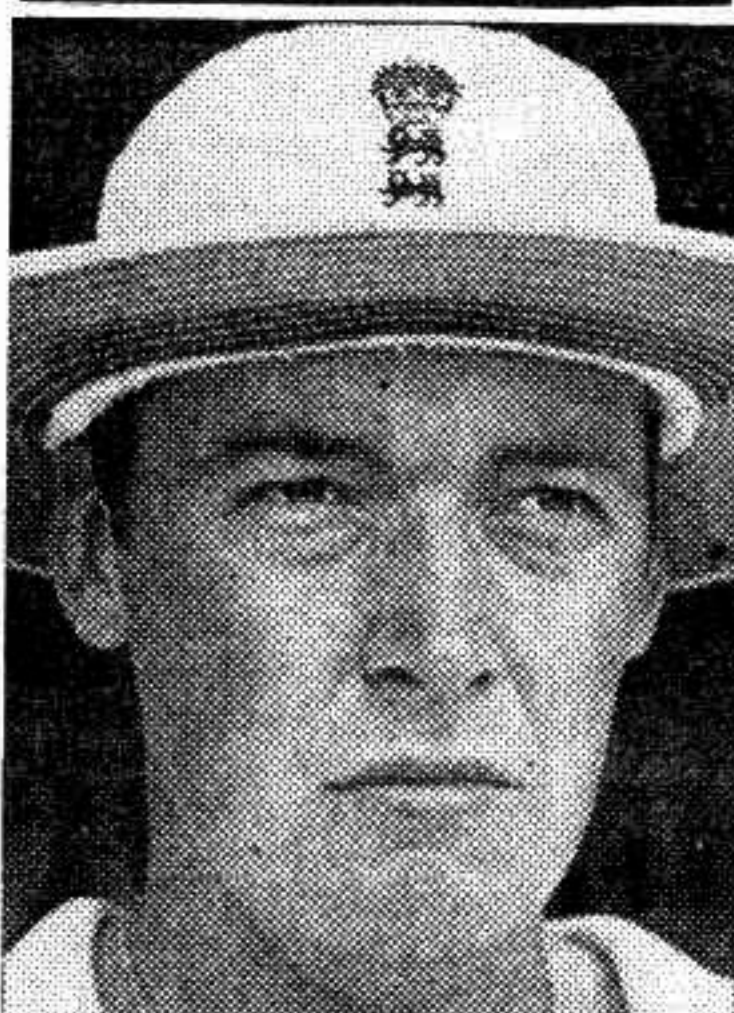
In perhaps its bid to counter claims that it is more like a private club, the committee, overlooking the Olympic movement, has been expanded in recent times with 42 members being included in the past five years.

Although the organisation has existed since June 1894 when Baron Pierre de Coubertin of France convened a meeting in Paris, there is no clear track to becoming a IOC member.

The IOC Executive Board consists of 11 members, including the current president, Spaniard Juan Antonio Samaranch and four vice-presidents. The Board meets four times a year and one of its agenda involves proposing new members to the annual full session of the IOC. New members are approved by acclamation and not by a formal vote, which reflects on the influence of Samaranch and his board.

So, to become the 115th member of the IOC, I would have to know Mr. Samaranch personally. And, to tell you frankly I do not. How did you guess?

SPORTS TALK



Angus Fraser

(England pace bowler)
Too many people in English cricket earn a decent living out of the game without being good enough.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-109

Tick the Correct Answers

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Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm

Jan 8 '99 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Which country topped the medals table in the 13th Asian?

China India Japan

2. How many medals did Bangladesh clinch at the Asian Games?

None One Two

3. Who scored the first century in this year's Premier cricket league?

Azam Shawkat Selim

4. Where will the 14th Asian Games be held?

Paris Pusan Pyongyang

5. Which team won the AB Bank Senior Div TT title?

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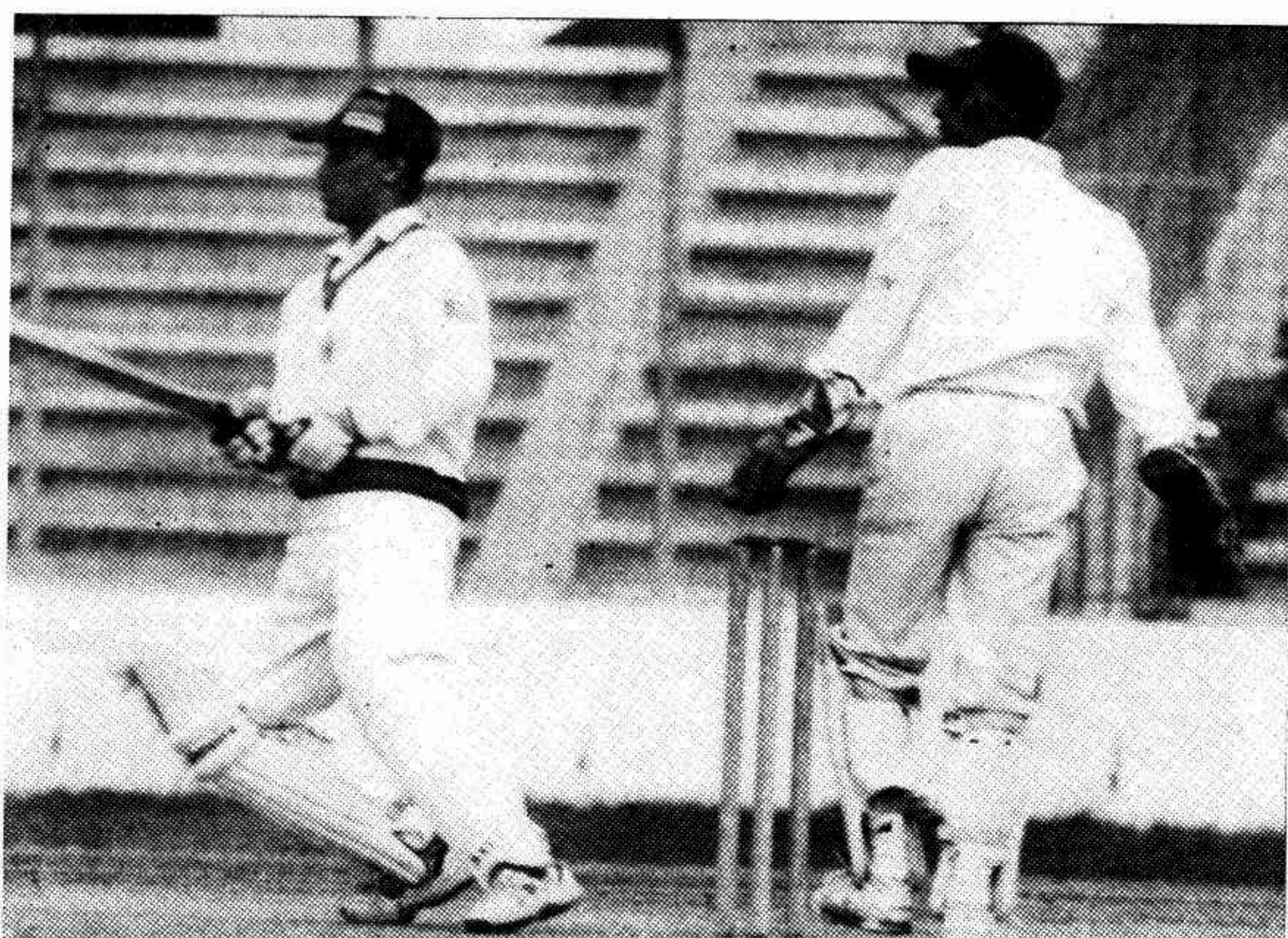
Red card record

ROME, Jan 7 (Reuters/Internet): Uruguay defender Paolo Montero became the man sent off most in Italy's Serie A history when he was dismissed in Wednesday's league clash between Juventus and AC Milan.

Montero has been shown the red card 12 times in his eight seasons in Italy -- six times for Juventus and six times for his former club Atalanta Bergamo. His 60th-minute dismissal for deliberate handball in Juve's 1-1 draw at the San Siro took him past Inter Milan veteran Giuseppe Bergomi, who has been sent off 11 times.

Montero is also on target to break the record for dismissals in a single Serie A season, which currently stands at four.

He has been sent off three times in the first 15 matches of the current campaign -- against AS Roma, Fiorentina and Milan.



Scene from the first day's play of the Biman-Kalabagan match of the Janakantha Premier League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Ajax scent maiden win, Dhanmondi match 50-50

Biman set to remain unbeaten

Sports Reporter

Aminul Islam slammed his second half-century of the season to glide title aspirants Biman to a fighting total against Kalabagan Krira Chakra in a Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match, which began at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

In another match, Agrani Bank mustered 221 against Victoria Sporting at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Away at the BKSP, Ajax Sporting almost ensured their maiden victory in the elite league in a match against promotees Sadharan Bima at the end of day one.

Aminul Islam, the national skipper, scored 62 runs as the national airliners, opting to bat first in the two-day affair after calling the coin correctly, went on to score 275 for nine at the end of their stipulated 60 overs against the lakeside outfit. Kalabagan's captain Saiful Islam was dropped from the first eleven for poor form. Aminul put on a 60-run partnership with captain Faruque Ahmed for the third wicket in 13.3 overs and then added another 53 runs with Habibul Bashar to help Biman recover well from a rather slow start.

The two Biman openers Javed Omar and Ziaur Rashid gave Biman 47 runs in 20 overs before the latter was caught at point by discarded Pakistan international Ghulam Ali off a Mushfiq delivery. In his eye-sore of a 90-minute stay at the crease, Ziaur Rashid took 72 balls to score 16, half of which came from two boundaries.

Biman lost their second wicket on 66 when Javed Omar, a national opener, edged to wicketkeeper Jubayer Ishiaque while trying to drive medium pacer Ghulam Ali. Javed scored 35 off 64 balls in 108 minutes inclusive of five fours.

Biman's slow progress came to an end at that point when Aminul joined Faruque. The partnership was broken by left-arm spinner Sharfuddin Moin c b Sabir, who bowled Faruque on 28 with a straight delivery. The Biman skipper, who took 75 balls for his 28, missed the line of the ball as he tried to sweep the southpaw through square leg.

After Faruque's departure with Biman on 126 in the 49th over, Aminul took the score to 179 with discarded national middle-order Habibul Bashar before being trapped leg before by Kalabagan's Pakistani all-rounder Shahid Saeed in the 62nd over.

Aminul, in his 124-ball stay at the crease, hammered five sweetly timed hits across the rope.

In the remaining 18 overs, Biman scored 96 runs. Almost all the lower orders batted well to take the score to a fighting total. If they can defend that against Kalabagan today, Biman will remain as the only unbeaten team in the 12-team league having won all their previous five matches.

At the Dhanmondi Stadium, Agrani Bank's moderate total of 221 against Victoria was built around two half centuries from Pakistani middle-order Shaheen Malik and one-down Rajin Saleh, who scored 61 and 53 runs respectively. Among others, Zakaria chipped in with an unbeaten 33.

In reply, Victoria were on 33 for no loss in 13 overs. For Victoria, off-spinner Sabbir Khan returned with three for 47, while Rakib Hasan and Mustadir captured two wickets each.

Away at the BKSP, Sadharan Bima, electing to bat first, were shot out for a meagre 178 by Ajax Sporting. Indian Kamal Chopra saved the insurgents from increased embarrassment with a dazzling 86 while his compatriot Rajinder Singh, who scored successive centuries



in their previous two matches, was the other notable run-getter with 27.

Ajax's new-ball bowler Aminul Islam finished with three for 26.

In reply, Ajax were half way through by scoring 88 for one in 21 overs.

All the three matches will continue today.

SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the three Janakantha Premier Division cricket league matches began at different venues yesterday:

Biman v Kalabagan KC (Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)

BIMAN INNINGS				
Javed c Ishiaque b G Ali	35			
Ziaur c G Ali b Mushfiq	16			
Faruque b Sharfuddin	28			
Aminul lbw b S Saeed	62			
H Bashar b S Saeed	28			
M Akhter run out	27			
Hasanuzzaman c A Hasan b Sharfuddin	22			
N Shawkat c A Hasan b Sharfuddin	29			
Atiar not out	3			
Talha run out	4			
Extras: (b-1, lb-8, w-17)	26			
Total: (for 9 wkts in 80 overs)	275			

Fall of wkts: 1/47; 2/66; 3/126; 4/179; 5/201; 6/221; 7/252; 8/271; 9/275.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
S Saeed	16	2	44	2
Mushfiq	16	2	59	1
G Ali	12	0	39	1
Fahim	16	1	40	0
Sharfuddin	13	2	52	3
Masud	7	0	32	0

Agrani Bank v Victoria SC (Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

AGRANI BANK INNINGS				
Obaidullah c & b Rakib	14			
S Kadir c R Hanif b Rakib	5			
Saleh c & b Sabir	53			
Ziauddin c R Hanif b Sabir	8			
S Malik c Aftab b Mustadir	61			
Zakaria not out	33			
Mofizur c Reaz b Mustadir	7			
S Arefin c & b Sabir	2			
Mosaddeque run out	7			
Russell run out	7			
Suja c Reaz b R Hanif	0			
Extras: (lb-4, lb-3, nb-7, w-10)	24			
Total: (all out in 75.2 overs)	221			

Fall of wkts: 1/19; 2/23; 3/57; 4/149; 5/158; 6/167; 7/172; 8/199; 9/215; 10/221.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zakir	12	0	36	0
Rakib	11	1	33	2
R Hanif	15.2	3	29	1
Sabbir	16	4	47	3
Shawkat	6	0	20	0
Jewel	2	0	10	0
Mustadir	13	0	39	2

VICTORIA SC INNINGS

Imran batting	17			
Monir batting	8			
Extras: (lb-1, nb-2, w-5)	33			
Total: (for no loss in 13 overs)	33			

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mofizur	2	0	13	0
S Arefin	3	0	8	0
Mosaddeque	2	1	5	0
Russell	3	2	0	0
S Malik	2	1	4	0
Suja	1	0	1	0

S Bima v Ajax SC (Venue: BKSP)

S BIMA INNINGS				
Moin c Aminul b I Haider	7			
I Islam c Nayan b Aminul	2			
K Chopra c R Islam b Shoeb	86			
M Rahman b Aminul	0			
Rajinder c sub b H Khan	27			
Saiful c Shoeb b Nayan	9			
T Islam run out	0			
S Islam c Ranak b Nayan	0			
T Islam b Aminul	18			
Nakib b Shanchoy b Shoeb	0			
Hadi not out	0			
Extras: (lb-4, nb-8, w-17)	29			
Total: (All out in 58.2 overs)	178			

Fall of wkts: 1/6; 2/34; 4/105; 5/138; 6/140; 7/140; 8/169; 9/169; 10/178.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Aminul	12.2	3	26	1
I Haider	13	0	42	2
Nayan	12	0	31	2
Selim	3	0	16	0
H Khan	7	0	34	1
R Islam	8	2	15	0
Shoeb	3	1	10	2

AJAX SC INNINGS

S Khan c I Islam b Rajinder	26			
Imran batting	35			
Sanchoy batting	21			
Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-4)	6			
Total: (For no loss in 21 overs)	88			

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nakib	3	0	16	0
Saiful	1	0	13	0
K Chopra	3	1	13	0
T Islam	2	0	15	0
Rajinder	6	0	20	1
Hadi	4	0	12	0
I Islam	2	0	5	0

Sub jr chess Eaj earns solo lead

Sayed Eaj Hossain defeated Mohammad Javed to earn a solo lead in the 19th Sub-junior national chess tournament after the fifth round matches at the NSC Chess Room yesterday, reports APB.

Eaj, who shared the lead with Javed in the fourth round, outwitted his opponent in 27 moves adopting Sicilian defence with black piece. This is the fifth straight win for Eaj that raised his individual points tally to 5 points.

Defending champion Ruhul Islam Bobby is in the second position with 4.5 points after picking his fourth win beating Mohammadullah Mohan.

Six players — Javed, Obaidul Islam, Golam Mostafa, Tanvir Talukdar, Monir and Farhad Imam — are sharing the third position with four points.

Obaidul M Sagar, Mostafa won over Farhadul Islam, Tanvir outplayed Lorel, Monir beat Arif and Farhad drew with Parag in the day's other engagements.

Six the round ties of the nine-round Swiss league meet will begin today.

Meanwhile, two-day under-16 chess tournament will begin today at the chess federation.

Above 50 players will take part in the competition arranged by Khelaghar Asar.

SA stick to same 12

CAPE TOWN, Jan 6 (Reuters/Internet): South Africa named an unchanged 12 on Wednesday for the fifth and final Test against West Indies at Centurion Park starting on January 15.

Convener of selectors Peter Pollock said they would also field the same XI if Allan Donald recovered from a slightly pulled hamstring.

Donald was unable to bowl in West Indies' second innings in the fourth Test which South Africa won by 149 runs at Newlands on Wednesday to lead the series 4-0.

If Donald is unfit, pace-bowling all-rounder Lance Klusener will replace him in an otherwise unchanged side.

SQUAD

Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Daryll Cullinan, Hansie Cronje (captain), Jonty Rhodes, Shaun Pollock, Mark Boucher, Allan Donald, David Terbrugge, Paul Adams, Lance Klusener.

Steve pulls for Shane

BRISBANE, Jan 7: Australia's injured limited-overs cricket captain Steve Waugh has given his full support to replacement Shane Warne, who is embroiled in a bookmaker scandal, reports AP.

Waugh will miss the opening matches of the tri-series against England and Sri Lanka because of a hamstring injury.

The decision to give Warne a leadership role has divided commentators in Australia, but he was given the captaincy last year when the Australian Cricket Board knew of Warne's bookmaker dealings but had covered them up.

Warne only returned to international cricket for this week's fifth Test after a nine-month absence because of a shoulder problem.

Pakistan to assess the atmosphere

KARACHI, Jan 7 (Reuters/Internet): Pakistan are sending a representative to India to assess the threat to their cricket tour posed by Hindu activists, a top official said on Thursday.

"We have always said the security of the Pakistan team was of the highest concern," Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Khalid Mahmood said by telephone from Lahore.

"We are sending a delegate to India, who along with the Pakistan High Commission, will assess the extent and nature of the threat," he said. Pakistan still planned to go ahead with the tour.



PATHETIC: A groundsman inspects the Ferozeshah Kotla pitch at Delhi which was dug-up by radical Shiv Sena activists. —Internet photo

Shiv Sena vows to resist Pak tour

Ferozeshah pitch dug up

NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Reuters/APF): Activists of a right-wing Hindu party dug up the pitch at Ferozeshah Kotla Cricket Stadium on Wednesday, three weeks before a Test match between India and Pakistan, and vowed to prevent the fixture from going ahead.

The match, the first on Indian soil between the two arch-foes in almost a decade is scheduled to start on January 28.

Satish Sharma, club secretary of the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA), said that about 20 Shiv Sena activists broke into the stadium by climbing over a 1.85-metre high wall at around 11:00 pm (1730 GMT).

The activists were protesting against the Delhi Cricket Board's decision to hold the match despite warnings by firebrand Shiv Sena leader Bal Thackeray.

The party said they would "go to any extent" to prevent the Pakistani cricketers from playing in India.

"Games are played between friends and not enemies," said Jaya Bhagwan Goel, the head of the party's Delhi unit. "How can you play with a country which is bent on destroying you."

Goel also threatened physical assault on the tourists, saying "It was now for Pakistan to think about the safety of its players, everything is possible

in this charged atmosphere."

In Bombay, Shiv Sena spokesman Subhash Desai said the vandals were "real patriots," and warned that the Pakistanis would not be allowed to play "even if the venues are shifted."

Satish Pradhan, a Shiv Sena representative in parliament, told he was proud of what his party workers had done and added that no amount of security could prevent them from agitating against the cricket fixture.

"Every one has his own methods of agitation, they have done this thing and I am proud of it when we say that Pakistan should not be invited to India then we mean it," Pradhan said.

DDCA's Sharma said: "They came with shovels and other such instruments and immediately began to dig the pitch. They also beat up the four police constables who were on duty."

Police arrested four activists, who were charged with criminal trespass and criminal intimidation.

Sharma said the pitch would be repaired in time and the match would not be cancelled. "They have damaged the pitch considerably but it is not irreparable," he said.

Sharma said security had been beefed up after the incident.

Shiv Sena, which commands a huge following in Bombay, Maharashtra state's capital, says India and Pak-

istan, which have tense relations and a bitter territorial dispute over Kashmir, should not play sport while India's soldiers suffer in border violence.

Wednesday's incident followed recent attacks on cinema halls by Shiv Sena activists enraged by a film, "Fire," which depicts an intimate relationship between two women who find solace in each other's company after being neglected by their husbands.

In the past, Shiv Sena has opposed visits by Pakistani artists and sportsmen to India and has campaigned for strict control of theatre, music and other forms of culture.

Pakistan tours to India have been called off in the past after threats by Hindu militants, Shiv Sena activists dug up a pitch in Bombay in 1991 to sabotage one.

India and Pakistan share a passion for cricket which goes back to their days under colonial rule but have fought three wars since the end