

## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Michael Chang**

(American tennis player)  
"I feel winning another Grand Slam isn't out of my reach, and I want to get back to the top five."

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3	The final of the 1st Asian Test Championship will be held in	Dhaka	Calcutta	Colombo
4	The eighth SAF Games will be held in	India	Sri Lanka	Nepal
5	How many teams are taking part in the Janakantha Premier cricket league?	10	12	14

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## Monir lifts N'ganj chess title

Monir Hossain emerged unbeaten champion in the Narayanjan District chess championship securing eight points, reports UNB.

Sharif Hossain Milton secured the second position with seven points while Syed Monirul Haq earned the third position bagging six points.

Zakia Sultana was selected as the best woman chess player who has five points.

Milton and Zakia will represent the district in the forthcoming national chess championship.

Meanwhile, the 20th national junior chess competition and 20th national women chess competition qualifying matches will begin on January 28 at the NSC chess room.

## U-17 cricketers' camp deferred

A week-long training camp for the under-17 cricketers in preparation for the ICC-sponsored 10-day residential camp, will begin on February 3 instead of January 28 at Kalabagan KC ground, Bangladesh Cricket Board said in a press release on Monday, reports APB.

The Board, however, gave no reason for the shifting of the date.

Concerned authorities have been asked to send not more than two players from each district of the Dhaka division while the under-17 cricketers playing in Dhaka Premier, First Division, Second Division and Third Division leagues have been asked to join the camp.

## Div III cricket qualifiers

Pirerbagh PKC, Bhai Bhai KC and Battala SZS won their respective matches in the Third Division qualifying cricket competition at different city venues yesterday, reports UNB.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Pirerbagh defeated Reo-sun Juba Sangha by 21 runs.

At the Mohakhali T&T ground, Bhai Bhai earned a massive 102-run victory over Sheikh Kamal Nagar KC.

At the Uttara Friends Club ground, Battala beat Sanchoy CC by one run.

## Eid may have its toll on performance

# Crucial BU-MSC tie today

Sports Reporter

The Janakantha Premier Cricket League resumes today after a nine-day break for the Eid festival. But there will be hardly any respite for the organisers as they are likely to face the twin problem of a day-long countrywide strike and the enigma of substandard umpiring. On the resuming day, three matches will be held at different city venues.

Table leaders Brothers Union will take on Mohammedan Sporting in a crucial tie at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Brothers, who are enjoying a mental edge with highest six wins against a single defeat on completion of their seven matches, will be looking forward to a win against a morally charged-up Mohammedan to take the solo lead in the 12-team fray. The Gopibagh outfit, who played one match less, are now jointly leading the table with Abahani and Biman.

Biman crossed their last major hurdle in their chase for a

fifth league title when the national airline outfit defeated Abahani by six-wickets in an eventful match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on January 16.



Brothers, eyeing for their second league title, will miss the service of Indian all-rounder Sanjeev Sharma, who opted to stay home to comply with more demanding occupation. Brothers, however, brought in experienced Pakistani all-rounder Mohammed Zahid to fill Sanjeev's void.

On the other hand, Mohammedan, who won five matches against a couple of defeats, will rely on the services

of their Kenyan-duo of Steve Tikolo and Maurice Odumbe for a desperately needed victory.

Star-studded Surjo Tarun, who are virtually out of the title race after conceding three defeats against four wins, will take on a rejuvenated Victoria at the BKSP in Savar. For Tarun, a win will enable them to keep their outside chances alive in the title race. But the cause of concern for Surjo Tarun might be the presence of former Pakistan Test player Manzoor Elahi in the Victoria line-up.

Among the real contenders, Kalabagan Krira Chakra, who took a nose-dive along with Surjo Tarun, will take on promoters Orient SC at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Kalabagan have so far won four matches in their seven league outings.

Orient, who are struggling for survival in the elite echelon, will be in quest for their second win after six defeats. They are now sharing the bottom spot with Ajax.

## Inzamam misses, Malik doesn't

# Gwalior match drawn



GWALIOR, Jan 25 (Reuters/Internet): Salim Malik and Inzamam-ul-Haq saved Pakistan from potential defeat on Monday in their opening tour match against India A.

Malik struck 122 and sixth wicket partner Inzamam 96 to lift their team from 23 for five to 272 all out, boosting a 58 runs first innings advantage to 330. The stand was worth 148.

Pakistan's bowlers then restored control as India A stuttered to 111 for five and the match was drawn.

## A MISTAKE RECTIFIED

GWALIOR, Jan 25: Pakistani batsman Inzamam-ul-Haq was awarded a century here today after a mysterious scoreboard mix-up during the three-day Indian tour opener which ended in draw here today, reports AFP.

Inzamam, who was stranded on 98 not out when Pakistani captain Wasim Akram declared the first innings against India A on the first day on Saturday, was granted two additional runs 48 hours later.

Akram apparently saw one of the two scoreboards at the Roop Singh Stadium credit the batsman with 100 and called his side's declaration Saturday. But the official scoresheet showed Inzamam only had 98 when Akram declared the innings.

Hectic behind the scenes activity finally saw Inzamam credited with his ton in the score book, the man to suffer was young Younis Youhana, the genuine century-maker in the innings, who had two runs topped of his 124.

India A opener Sadagopan Ramesh played some stylish strokes in his nine-boundary 56 to remind selectors of his form ahead of the opening Test, starting in Madras on Thursday.

## Nat'l tennis circuit on

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, Jan 25: The six-day Sadharan Bima national tennis circuit started at the Station Club here today.

Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi Khan Sahabuddin inaugurated the meet as the chief guest.

34 men's teams and five women's teams are taking part in the circuit.

## Perth official's revelation

PERTH, Australia, Jan 25: Members of swimming's international governing body FINA are no better than international Olympic Committee (IOC) members in their demands for five-star luxury, officials said here today, reports APB.

Politicians and officials of sporting organisations who dealt with FINA during two World Championships held here in 1991 and 1998 said they were amazed at the demands of FINA officials.

Former West Australian state sports minister Graham Edwards said he could not believe the demands made by FINA in the run up to the 1991 World Championships.

"I was absolutely amazed when I read the bid documents and found out just how much we had to outlay for the care and comfort of the FINA officials. It was incredible," Edwards told ABC radio.

Edwards' arguments reached the point where he stood aside as sports minister, but put a stop to the spending first.

day. He survived a dropped catch on 39.

Inzamam narrowly missed his century for the second time in the three-day match. He had reached 98 in the first innings when Pakistan declared.

Malik helped himself to a bounty of boundaries from off-spinner Harbhajan Singh and slow left-arm Rahul Sanghvi. He hit 18 fours and a six in total.

Young seamer Laxmi Ratan Shukla remained disciplined and was rewarded with a haul of four for 38, including Inzamam's wicket.

Seam partner Dooda Ganesh took four for 78.

Pakistan's five main



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bowlers took one wicket each, but paceman Waqar Younis, punished in the first innings, conceded 40 in eight overs.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day tour match between India A and Pakistan at the Roop Singh Stadium on Monday:

**PAKISTAN: First innings**  
334-6 declared  
**INDIA A: First innings** 276  
**PAKISTAN: Second innings** (Overnight 107-5)  
S Anwar c Karim b Ganesh 4  
W Wanga c Karim b Ganesh 0  
Moin c Laxman b Ganesh 2  
Y Youhana c Karim b Shukla 0  
Inzamam b Shukla 96  
Mushtaq c Karim b Shukla 8  
S Malik c Gandhi b Ganesh 122  
W Akram c Kotak b Sanghvi 6  
Saqlain b Harbhajan 14  
Younis lbw b Ganesh 0  
Akhtar not out 2  
Extras: (nb-13, lb-5) 18  
Total: (All out in 83 overs) 272  
Fall of wickets: 1-5: 2-6: 3-8: 4-8: 5-23: 6-171: 7-198: 8-258: 9-258

**Bowler** O M R W  
Ganesh 25 7 78 4  
Shukla 19 8 38 4  
Harbhajan 21 4 72 1  
Sanghvi 18 3 79 1

**INDIA A: Second innings**  
S Ramesh c sub N Qureshi 56  
b Mustaq 11  
V Laxman c Khan b Younis 11  
D Gandhi c Khan b Akhtar 4  
A Khurashia c Khan b Akhtar 9  
J Martin not out 20  
S Kotak lbw b Saqlain 1  
S Karim not out 0  
Extras: (nb-8, lb-1, lb-1) 10  
Total: (For five wickets in 30 overs) 111  
Did not bat: Shukla, Ganesh, H Singh, Sanghvi

Fall of wickets: 1-30: 2-50: 3-70: 4-96: 5-103  
**Bowler** O M R W  
Younis 8 0 40 1  
Akhtar 6 1 19 1  
Akram 5 1 16 1  
Mushtaq 7 0 26 1  
Saqlain 4 1 8 1

Result: Match drawn

## Shiv joins the gang

Shivnarine Chanderpaul slammed a magnificent 150 against South Africa in the second one-day international at Buffalo Park in East London to become the fourth West Indian among the 16 highest individual scorers in the instant version of the game since its inception in the early seventies.

The Guyanese left-hander took only 136 balls to reach the unique mark. Besides, his 226-run partnership for the fourth wicket with Carl Hooper was six runs short of the record 232-run stand between South Africa's Daryll Cullinan and

Jonty Rhodes against Pakistan in Nairobi three years ago.

Pakistan opener Saad Anwar, however, leads the elite table with a swashbuckling 194 against India during the Silver Jubilee Cup in Madras, May 1997. The same tourney produced another 150-plus knock from Sri Lankan master-blasters Sanath Jayasuriya (151 not out) against the hosts in Bombay.

Legendary West Indian Vivian Richards holds the distinction of scoring three 150-plus knocks while his compatriot Brian Lara has achieved the feat twice.

Richards smashed an undefeated 189 against England in Old Trafford in 1984, hammered 153 not out against Australia in Melbourne in 1979 and plundered 181 against Sri Lanka in the 1987 World Cup in Karachi.

Sharjah was a happy hunting ground for Lara. The south-paw scored 153 against Pakistan in 1993 at the desert venue and repeated the feat two years later against Sri Lanka with 169.

Desmond Haynes is the other West Indian batsman in the impressive list with an unbeaten 152 against India in Georgetown in 1989.

Following is the list of super sixteen:

No	Score	Name	Country	Against	Venue	Date
1	194	S Anwar	Pak	Ind	Madras	May 21, 1997
2	189	V Richards	WI	Eng	Old Trafford	May 31, 1984
3	188	G Kirsten	SA	UAE	Rawalpindi	Feb 16, 1996
4	181	V Richards	WI	SL	Karachi	Oct 13, 1987
5	175	K Dev	Ind	Zim	Trent Bridge	Jun 18, 1983
6	171	G Turner	NZ	East Africa	Edgbaston	Jun 7, 1975
7	169	D Calaghan	SA	NZ	Pretoria	Dec 11, 1994
8	169	B Lara	WI	SL	Sharjah	Oct 16, 1995
9	167	R Smith	Eng	Aus	Edgbaston	May 21, 1993
10	161	A Hudson	SA	Holland	Rawalpindi	Mar 5, 1996
11	158	D Gower	Eng	NZ	Brisbane	Jan 15, 1983
12	158	V Richards	WI	Aus	Melbourne	Dec 9, 1979
13	153	B Lara	WI	Pak	Sharjah	Nov 5, 1993
14	152	D Haynes	WI	Ind	Georgetown	Mar 21, 1989
15	151	S Jayasuriya	SL	Ind	Bombay	May 17, 1997
16	150	S Chanderpaul	WI	SA	East London	Jan 24, 1999

(\* not out)

— Compiled by Hasan Masood

## Shahryar sees cricket as a solution

GWALIOR, India, Jan 25 (Reuters/Internet): Cricket matches played in good spirit can ease tension between arch-rivals India and Pakistan, former diplomat and manager of the visiting Pakistan team Shahryar Khan said on Monday.

Khan thanked officials in the central Indian town of Gwalior for a peaceful start to the cricket tour which began with a three-day match against India A on Saturday, and added that he hoped for positive results in talks between the two countries due next month.

The tour got off smoothly, but under heavy security, after the right-wing Hindu Shiv Sena party called off a threat to disrupt the visit hours before the Pakistani team arrived last week.

"Only political methodologies can solve political problems, not cricket matches," said Khan, a former foreign secretary.

But if cricket is played in a good spirit, and there is people-to-people contact as you see here, [then] people will appreciate that the spirit with which the game is played will clearly lead to benefits, and the atmosphere will improve," he said.

"It is good for all. It is good for South Asia."

Tensions between the arch-foes, which have fought three wars since their independence from Britain in 1947, mounted last year after they staged rival nuclear tests.

Under international pressure, the two sides later cautiously resumed a series of peace talks, and have since made symbolic gestures, including the start of a bus service connecting Lahore and Delhi across their troubled border.

"Talks will resume next month. It is our hope that the talks will be successful," Khan said.

The Shiv Sena party buckled under all-round public outrage and withdrew its threat, resulting in the first regular test match tour by Pakistan to India since 1987.

At least two tours were hit in the intervening years by threats from Shiv Sena, which says India should not play cricket with its neighbour when its soldiers are dying in border clashes.

India and Pakistan are scheduled to play the first test of a two-test series at Madras from Thursday.

"We go as goodwill ambassadors," Khan quoted Pakistani prime minister Nawaz Sharif, a former cricketer himself, as saying.

## Nagano citizens not satisfied

TOKYO, Jan 25: A Japanese citizens' group in Nagano, the site of the 1998 Winter Olympic Games, said Monday it will call for the dismantling of the International Olympic Committee which it says has been tainted by corruption, reports AP.

"This investigation was carried out in a secret room and it was quite insufficient," the Anti-Olympics People's Network said.

The group called for an outside investigation of the IOC's financial activities, and it is preparing papers to demand the IOC be dismantled, Masao Ezawa, a representative for the group, said in a statement.

"The group will ask authorities, including the Swiss government and Lausanne municipal officials, to investigate whether IOC members took bribes."

The Nagano group said the removals didn't go far enough, charging that "the IOC itself is being corrupted." After the expulsions, 106 members remained on the IOC board.

If the IOC continues to exist, it will exert a negative influence on sports itself as well as on children all over the world," Ezawa was quoted as saying by Kyodo News service.

## Worst crisis of the Olympic movement

# Mr. Samaranch, please resign

Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed

Allegations of corruption and unhealthy practice in its very formation against the International Olympic Committee had been rising for the last at least two decades. The IOC, as it is popularly known, is insulated from the outside world by a self-imposed system that is far from democratic. The Committee president, Juan Antonio Samaranch has been in that chair to supervise four to five Olympic Games. The core members are like a cult and many have been in the committee for more years than normal democratic would allow.

Despite the allegations, the IOC opted not to dig into them for fear of discovering dirt. But, the accusation of foul play in the manner the 2002 Winter Games was awarded to Salt Lake City was so hot that the IOC Executive Committee had to investigate. As a result, six IOC members have been asked to resign as an honourable exit or face forced expulsion. All the six are from the so-called Third World countries. Apologies for failing to find a better word. Three others have already resigned under the same charges of misdemeanour in their conducting awarding the Games.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. The six, if they do not resign, will have the opportunity to defend their case, if they so desire. But an IOC executive reiterated Samaranch's opinion that they would serve the Olympic movement more of they (quietly) resigned. There appears to be an attempt to sweep too much under the carpet.

There are also suggestions, backed by hard evidence, that there money changed hands in awarding the 2002 Summer Olympic Games to Sydney, a charge vehemently denied by Sydney. What the president of

the Australian Olympic Committee, John Coates, will admit is providing huge financial inducements to some African countries to improve sports facilities in those countries. Otherwise, Sydney's chances were slipping away. So, in other words, Sydney bought votes. There seems to be a very fine line between bribery and what is being advocated as having been done in good faith. Investigations of all alleged wrong doings in awarding the last few Games are now reportedly on.

As a precaution against future bungling, the IOC declared yesterday at Lausanne, Switzerland, that no IOC member would be allowed to visit a city



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that has bid for hosting the Games, nor will bid city members be allowed to visit IOC members in their countries. Has the IOC forgotten about neutral venues? If any IOC member wants to be bribed (?) and if a bidding city wants to, then they can always find a suitable venue in some remote island, away from prying reporters and flash bulbs. Furthermore, in these days of com-

puter shopping and electronic communication, one hardly needs to move from his comfortable settee to make any financial deal. That is why the measures announced by the IOC yesterday seem not good enough to hold water.

Also interesting to see over the next few weeks will be the path Samaranch decides to take. For having been in the chair for precisely the period since allegations have been mounting, two decades, is last-ditch attempt to save his neck by finding scapegoats in less influential members, his humble suggestion would be to ask Mr. Samaranch to tender his resignation, when the Olympic movement is steeped in its worst crisis, he could not take a better decision to serve the Games. Unfortunately, Samaranch announced yesterday that he has 'never considered resignation as an option'. But for his age, it almost sounded arrogant. He has the support of the executive committee, he has been receiving many letters and many phone calls expressing solidarity with his leadership. I have rarely heard such brazen remarks. He wants to seek similar support from the IOC session in six weeks time from members whom he planted in the committee. Outrageous is one word that comes to mind.

For the sake of democracy, in honour of the athletes who shed their blood, sweat and tears, in consideration of millions of children who look up to the IOC as an ideal, who live to match the high standards of the Games, I think of the harbinger of their utopia, Mr. Samaranch you should resign. And, please do it before the IOC session. There is no need to prove the dictator that many have alleged you are.

# IOC expels six members

LAUSANNE, Jan 25: Acting swiftly and forcefully to clean house, the International Olympic Committee has ousted six of its members in a bid to save its credibility following the biggest corruption scandal in Olympic history, reports AP.

With the future of the organisation, its president and the games themselves under threat, the IOC said Sunday that it was determined to bring to an end "the ugliest chapter" in its 105-year history.

Embattled IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch apologised to the world for the scandals but vowed to stay in office and restore the prestige of the Olympics.

"This is the beginning, not the end of our work," he said. "I am certain that the Olympic movement will emerge from the crisis stronger than ever."

As a third member resigned in the Salt Lake City scandal, Samaranch said three other members remained under investigation, while a fourth was warned about his actions by the ruling executive board.

"The members violated their Olympic oath and betrayed the confidence put in them by the Olympic family," Samaranch said. "These actions were inappropriate and against the policy of our organisation."

A special inquiry found eight IOC members had pocketed more than 440,000 dollars

in cash and excessive gifts and services. One, Jean-Claude Ganga of the Republic of Congo, received more than 216,000 dollars, the report said.

Samaranch said he had "temporarily excluded" the six members, with a final vote due in March. The head of the investigation, IOC vice president Dick Pound, said the six were essentially expelled and could only ask to be reinstated by the remaining 106 IOC members.

The action came at the end of a two-day emergency meeting to deal with a spiralling crisis that started with allegations of vote-buying in Salt Lake's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

While the scandal broke a little over a month ago, the IOC acted quickly, in part to placate international corporations that pay millions of dollars in Olympic sponsorships.

In Salt Lake, Olympic organisers said they were pleased by the "speed and efficiency" the IOC's investigation but also conceded they made some mistakes.

"We are deeply saddened. Some of these actions should not have taken place," Robert Garri, chairman of the Salt Lake Organising Committee, said. "Some of those actions were below the standards expected by this community."

In Sydney, where the 2000 Games will be staged, organising committee chief Sandy Holloway said the IOC took the right actions.

"As regards to Sydney, we are very relaxed," he said. Holloway said the IOC appeared to be "very confident" of Sydney and he had launched an investigation except as part of a broader look at bidding cities.

Samaranch said that the 2000 Summer Games would remain in Sydney and the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake, despite the scandal that has now encompassed both cities.

Samaranch said the IOC would form an ethics commission and continue the corruption investigation in other cities, going back to the bids for the 1996 Games won by Atlanta.

While Samaranch said he had no plans to resign, he said he would ask for a vote of confidence on his leadership at a special IOC assembly March 17, 18, called to consider the executive board recommendations.

IOC director general Francois Carrard said those members recommended for expulsion were Ganga, Agustin Arroyo of Ecuador, Zein El Abdin Ahmed Abdel Gadir of Sudan, Lamine Keita of Mali, Charles Mukura of Kenya and Sergio Santander of Chile.

Several said they would not resign and would fight the expulsion recommendations.

"I don't feel that I have been expelled, since it is the assembly that expels members," Arroyo said Sunday. "My conscience is at peace."

Still under investigation were Louis Guirandou-N'Diaye of the Ivory Coast, Kim Un-yong