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Schools chess

from Dec 10

Sports Reporter

The Standard Chartered schools chess tournament will begin at the National Sports Council chess room on December 10. Bangladesh Chess Federation is organising the nine-round Swiss League meet.

Meanwhile, the organisers have deferred the deadline for registration by two days. So school students now can send their entries at no cost to the federation office at 62/3 Purana Paltan, Dhaka up to December 9.

Dilkusha retake

kabadi title

Dilkusha Sporting Club regained the title of the First Division kabadi league beating Sonali Bank 94-48 in the final yesterday at the court adjacent to the Bangabandhu National Stadium, reports UNB.

Earlier, in the third place deciding match, Azad Sporting Club trounced Faruque Smriti Sangsad 52-26.

Director of Sports Directorate Akhtar Hamid was the chief guest on the concluding day and gave away the prizes.

Saadi's aim

in life!

DUBAI, Dec 4: Libyan leader Moamer Gadhafi's son said today he aims to hire the services of Argentinian footballer Diego Maradona, coach Carlos Bilardo and sprinter Ben Johnson, to help make him Africa's best player, reports AFP.

Saadi Moamer Gadhafi, in an interview with the Arabic newspaper Asharq Al-Awsat, said Maradona, Bilardo and Johnson were due in Tripoli on December 15.

They are to take over Libya's national football team, he said. "My aim is to become the best player in Africa within the next year or two," said Gadhafi, who is a team member and president of his country's football federation.

"When Maradona visited me recently in Libya, he noticed I have a high level of technical skill and advised me to work on my physical condition," Saadi said.

Mehmud's dream debut

Barisal forced to follow

Sports Reporter



Barisal were forced to follow on against Chittagong on the second day of their National League match at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

The Barisal outfit invited trouble when they, chasing a mammoth Chittagong first innings total of 387 for nine, were all out for 237 in 80.4 overs when stumps were drawn for the day.

Barisal now need 146 runs in their second innings to make Chittagong bat against on the final day today.

Earlier, resuming on 367 for nine in 97 overs, Chittagong, who thrived on twin tons from opener Azam Iqbal and skipper Minhazul Abedin to pile up a huge total on the opening day, added another 20 runs from the last 18 legal deliveries.

Barisal looked never comfortable in their chase despite a gritty 45 from national all-rounder and skipper Habibul Bashar. They lost wickets at regular intervals due to some quality bowling from Chittagong tweakers Shahed Mehmud and Sabir Khan.

Playing his first match in the National League, Mehmud, the Pakistani leg-spinner, proved his worth with a fantastic four-wicket haul. Mehmud, who dismissed Bashar, also accounted the wicket of Mofizur, the second highest contributor in the Barisal total with 34.

Off-spinner Sabir finished with three for 38 from 24 economical overs.

Chittagong's shrewd captain Minhazul having ensured two batting points by enjoying a first innings lead, will call upon his men to pick up their second successive victory. The port city team is currently second behind leaders Sylhet, who have eight points from three games.

Extras: (b-7, lb-5, nb-5) 17
Total: (For 9 wickets in 100 overs) 387
Fall of wickets: 1-57; 2-100; 3-239; 4-314; 5-330; 6-344; 7-344; 8-352; 9-354.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Kamal	3	1	6	0
Mofizur	15	3	62	0
Rashedul	3	1	18	0
Hannan	3	1	18	0
Pijush	19	2	79	1
Totam	19	2	58	2
Mazharul	9	0	36	1
H Bashar	24	0	73	4
Mahbub	3	0	17	0
Halim	2	0	18	0

BARISAL: First innings
Hannan c Sabir b Safiuddin 14
Rashedul st Ishraq b Enamul 24
Bashar c Azam b S Mehmud 45
Halim lbw b Sabir 10
Mazharul b Sabir 17
Patwari c Azam b Sabir 17
Mofizur c Shahidul b S Mehmud 34
Kamal c Ishraq b S Mehmud 30
Totam not out 23
Mahbub b S Mehmud 17
Pijush b Anis 15

Extras: (b-9, lb-7, nb-12, w-3) 31
Total: (All out in 80.4 overs) 237
Fall of wickets: 1-15; 2-75; 3-92; 4-106; 5-108; 6-169; 7-169; 8-191; 9-237.

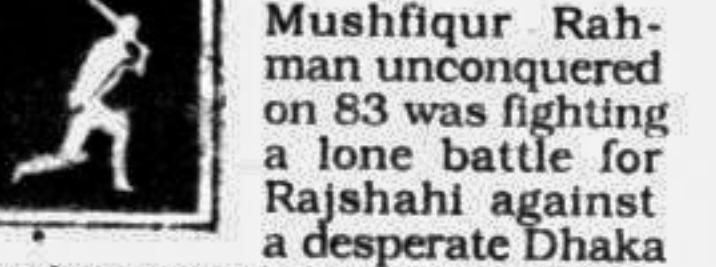
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anisur	7.4	1	22	1
Safuddin	8	1	27	1
S Mehmud	27	7	88	4
Enamul	13	2	39	1
Sabir	24	7	38	3



Top seeded Pakistani Asif Qureshi receives the singles champion's trophy from the Minister for Works, Housing, Civil Aviation and Tourism Engineer Mosharraf Hossain after his triumph over Slovakian Viktor Bruthans in the final of the ITF men's futures F2 tournament at Ramna yesterday.

Mushfiq keeps Dhaka at bay

Sports Reporter



Mushfiqur Rahman unconquered on 83 was fighting a lone battle for Rajshahi against a desperate Dhaka on the second day of the National League match at Faridpur yesterday.

The young right-hander, who overshadowed another brilliant innings from national vice-captain Khaled Mahmud for Dhaka, was 17 runs adrift from the magical three-figure mark as Rajshahi posted 234 for seven in 84 overs at stumps.

Coming into bat at number six with his team limping at 81 for four, Mushfiq held the innings together after Mahmud turned up the heat with a blazing half-century in the morning.

Resuming on 33, Mahmud took the Rajshahi bowlers to the sword and reached 66 off only 57 balls. Mahmud's pyrotechnics helped Dhaka, who started the day on 272 for six, cross 300.

Yet to get a point from their last games star-studded Dhaka seemed to be getting things their way when left-arm seamer Morshed Ali Khan took three quick wickets, leaving Rajshahi tottering at 11 for three.

Rajshahi however recovered thanks to Sanchay and Mustadr Litu producing 70 runs for the fourth wicket before the former departed for a defiant 28.

Mushfiq then joined in the act. During his 162-ball undefeated knock the under-rated but talented player shared 29 runs for the fifth wicket with Mustadr, who fell two runs short of what would have been a well-deserved half-century.

Mushfiq with national wicketkeeper Khaled Masood put on 45 runs and added 62 runs for the seventh wicket with Tariqul, who made 23.

The promising middle-order batsman put on 28 runs for the eighth wicket with Ripon, who was batting on 12 at close of play with Rajshahi still 75 runs behind Dhaka's first innings total.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day National League match between Dhaka and Rajshahi at the Faridpur Stadium yesterday:

DHAKA: First innings (overnight 272 for 6 in 86 overs)
Mehrab c K Masood b Nayan 87
Harun c Mizanur b Aminul Jr. 0
Javed c K Masood b Nayan 81
Aminul b Aminul Jr. 5
Sanwar run out 37
Salim b Nayan 5
K Mahmud c & b Aminul Jr. 66
Atiar run out 6
Mukul not out 9
Fahim run out 0
Morshed run out 0
Extras: (b-5, lb-15, nb-4, w-2) 26
Total: (All out in 97 overs) 322
Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-155; 3-167; 4-200; 5-210; 6-245; 7-278; 8-320; 9-320.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Aminul Jr	20	4	55	3
Mizanur	15	2	61	0
Nayan	24	5	47	3
Ripon	7	0	31	0
Tariqul	12	2	46	0
Safuddin	6	0	16	0
Mustadr	13	1	46	0

RAJSHAHI: First innings
Rawkon b Morshed 2
Raftul b Morshed 6
Nayan b Morshed 0
Sanchay c Atiar b Aminul 28
Mustadr c Harun b Fahim 48
Mushfiq batting 83

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India warned for dissent

Exciting last day on cards



SYDNEY, Dec 4: Australian Test umpire Darrell Hair warned the Indian cricketers for dissent after protesting replays supported their appeals in a fiery last half hour against New South Wales at the Sydney Cricket Ground here Saturday, reports AFP.

India were well-placed for a first win on their Australian tour after setting New South Wales 286 runs for victory. They were thrashed by Queensland by 10 wickets on Monday.

At stumps on the third day, NSW were 64 for one, with opener Greg Hayne not out 36 and night-watchman Gavin Robertson on five.

The Indians made 331 in their second innings. Stand-in captain Saurav Ganguly made 81 and opener Sadagopan Ramesh 74 while Ajit Agarkar was not out 65.

The Indians were upset when umpire Simon Taufel turned down an appeal for a bat-pad catch by VVS Laxman off leg-spinner Anil Kumble against Hayne, and vented their feelings after watching replays on

the giant scoreboard. Hair spoke to all-rounder Ajit Agarkar about showing dissent and later to Ganguly.

Coach Kapil Dev claimed Hair told Ganguly: "First the Pakistanis did this. Now why are you Indians doing this?" Kapil added: "I wouldn't like anybody coming out to my captain and saying something like that."

"It's not the way I expected a senior umpire to act. I will point out that as manager I wouldn't like my boys to cross the limit but if my boys are wrong I will say sorry."

There's no need for a report, it's not very important at this stage."

Hair is not allowed to comment but it is understood he simply told Ganguly that players in international games are not allowed to stand around watching replays and show dissent.

The Pakistanis were also told the same thing during the recent 3-0 Test series win by Australia. But the incident again highlighted the problems associated with multiple replays on the ground.

Parvez powers

Sylhet

Sports Reporter

Opener Parvez hammered a brilliant 90 as National League leaders Sylhet took a stranglehold over Khulna on the second day at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday.

The absorbing knock from the young right-hander helped the hosts to recover from a jumpy start to make 236 all out in 86.3 overs in their first innings.

Parvez on eight at the start of play, played the sheet anchor role to propel Sylhet to taking a first innings lead of 113. He however missed the ton, nicking a Jamaluddin delivery behind the wicket.

For Khulna off-spinner Sohail Islam captured four wickets for 54 runs in his 19 overs. Veteran right-arm seamer Khairuzzaman returned with three for 62 runs.

Bundled out for 123 in the first innings Khulna, were 33 for no loss in their second innings at stumps.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day National League match between Sylhet and Khulna at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday:

SYLHET: First innings (overnight 31 for 1 in 15 overs)
Parvez c Tuhin b Jamaluddin 90
Aloke lbw b Khairuzzaman 5
Rajin c Saeed b Sohail 12
Nasirul c Khairuzzaman b Sohail 26
Safullah b Khairuzzaman 12
Rafique c Saeed b Sohail 20
Necamur c & b Jamaluddin 25
Mortuza c Tuhin b Sohail 17
Hasibul not out 1
Iqbal run out 1
Imran lbw b Khairuzzaman 0
Extras: (b-5, lb-7, nb-9) 21
Total: (All out in 86.3 overs) 236
Fall of wickets: 1-20; 2-74; 3-104; 4-138; 5-179; 6-188; 7-195; 8-234; 9-235.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Khairuzzaman	25	6	62	3
Tanvir	5	1	12	0
Hasanuzzaman	13	4	24	0
Jamaluddin	22	2	63	2
Sohail Islam	19	2	54	4
Monirul	2	0	9	0

KHULNA: Second innings
Jamaluddin batting 9
Selim batting 20
Extras: 4
Total: (For no loss in 19 overs) 33

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	6	2	22	0
Iqbal	5	0	0	0
Necamur	2	0	4	0
Rafique	4	3	2	0
Safullah	2	1	1	0

Qureshi king

of court

Sports Reporter

Asif Qureshi underlined his ranking by clinching the singles title of the ITF men's futures F-2 tournament with a straight sets victory over Viktor Bruthans in the final at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday.

The top-seeded Pakistani faced little resistance from the Slovak to win the first set 6-1 after wrapped up the top-sided affair taking the next 6-4.

The victory not only enabled Qureshi to collect 24 ATP ranking points but left him 1950 dollars richer.

Viktor had to be satisfied 16 points and a loser's purse of 1350 dollars.

Qureshi, who played some exciting tennis throughout the week, advanced into the final with hard-fought 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Australian Ashley Fisher in the semifinals on Friday while Viktor defeated Donovan September of South Africa 6-4, 7-5 to book his berth.

Q'land beat

Canberra

CANBERRA, Nov 4: Queensland beat Canberra by 26 runs in their Mercantile Mutual Cup interstate one-day cricket match at Manuka Oval in Canberra today, reports Reuters.

Scores: Queensland 280 for three (Jimmy Maher 128, Matthew Hayden 113); Canberra 254 (Rod Tucker 85, Peter Solway 51).



Action from yesterday's national youth hockey championship final between Dhaka and BKSP at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium. —Star photo

BKSP's fifth in a row

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) clinched the Acme 18th national youth hockey title beating Dhaka DSA 3-0 in the final at Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

This was the fifth consecutive and seventh overall national youth crown for BKSP since its inception in 1975.

In the day's final match, Maksud Alam, Ashique Abedin and Ashrafur Islam scored one goal each for BKSP, the national sports training institute, who dominated the first half 2-0.

Maksud opened the winners'

account with a field goal in the 10th minute. Ashique doubled the margin from a penalty stroke in the 17th minute while Ashrafur completed the tally in the 66th minute, also by a field goal.

TEAMS

BKSP: Shahriar, Sarwar, Yamin, Rajibul, Hedayetul, Rahul, Shawkat, Ashique, Kutubuddin, Maksud, Mobarak, Abedul, Towhidur and Ashrafur.

DHAKA DSA: Rintu, Pappa, Ramzan, Imran, Shohag Sr. Rahman, Ronny, Khalek, Muhi, Jewel, Babar, Hareesh and Roman.

Umpires: Maksudur Rahman and Aslam Belim.

Years	Champions	Runners-up
1975	Dhaka DSA	Faridpur
1976	Dhaka DSA	Dhaka Ed Board
1977	Dhaka Ed Board	Dhaka DSA
1978	Dhaka Ed Board	Dhaka DSA
1979	Dhaka Metropolis	Dhaka DSA
1983	Dhaka DSA	Dhaka Ed Board (Joint Champions)
1987	Faridpur DSA	Jessore DSA
1988	Patuakhali DSA	BKSP
1989	BKSP	Dhaka DSA
1990	BKSP	Dhaka DSA
1991	Dhaka DSA	Faridpur DSA
1992	Faridpur DSA	Dhaka DSA
1993	Dhaka DSA	BKSP
1994	BKSP	Dhaka DSA
1995	BKSP	Dhaka DSA
1997	BKSP	Dhaka DSA
1998	BKSP	Faridpur DSA
1999	BKSP	Dhaka DSA

Expatriates' chess

Four players lead table

Four players topped the table of the Expatriates' Open chess tournament with full four points after the fourth round matches yesterday at the National Sports Council, says a press release.

They are: Feroz Ahmed (Uttara Central), Rafiqul Islam (Ansar), Mahdi Hassan Porag (Kamapur) and Shahinur Hossain (Leornie).

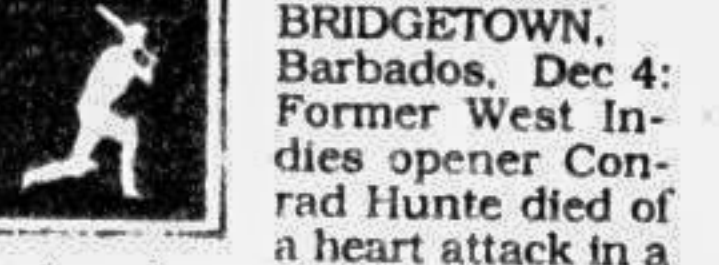
On the day, Porag beat Saifuddin Lovlu, Feroz beat Arman Hossain Monir, Rafiqul beat Afroza Khanam Bably and Shahinur beat Arun Chandra Sarkar.

International Master Reefat-bin-Satter, Taibur Rahman Suman, Sawkat Hossain Polab, Aminul Islam Polash and Nazrul Islam Delu were jointly in the second position with three and half points each.

In other matches, Reefat beat Anisuzzaman, Suman beat Giasuddin, Polash beat Krishnapada, KH Amin beat Milton, Rani Hamid beat Bahar, Sham-sul beat Kashem, Sohail beat Monir, Kamber Ali beat Kashem, Rafiqul beat Shafiq, Bakul beat Javed, Uddes beat Bareque, Delu drew with Polash.

Today and tomorrow are rest days.

Conrad Hunte (1932-99)



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Dec 4: Former West Indies opener Conrad Hunte died of a heart attack in a Sydney hospital on Friday. He was 67, reports Reuters.

Hunte, who began his first-class career with Barbados in 1950, played in 44 Tests, scoring 3,245 runs at an average of 45.06. He hit eight centuries.

Hunte, who was elected president of the Barbados Cricket Association in October, died following "a massive heart attack," his sister Hyacinth told a local radio station.

He felt ill while playing tennis with friends, collapsed and died within an hour. Hunte was in Australia to address an international conference on social issues.

"I was so shocked to hear of his death," former West Indies batsman Sir Everton Weekes said. "The last time I saw him he looked so healthy and vibrant. This is a man who gave so much, and a man who, in my view, had so much more to give."

Hunte, who was knighted by the Barbados government a year ago for his contribution to cricket, died just a month after the death of another outstanding Barbados player Malcolm Marshall.

He was a pall bearer at the

former West Indies pace bowler's funeral, Marshall, 41, died from cancer of the colon.

"The news of his (Hunte's) death has come as a shock to us all. He was superbly organised in defence, and also possessed a wide range of shots," said Steve Camacho, the chief executive officer of the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB).

Hunte was naturally aggressive as a batsman but when he played for his country he adapted his technique in an effort to give the innings a solid base.

He was particularly strong off his legs, clipping the ball through midwicket or glancing fine.

Hunte was an instant success when he played in his first Test series against Pakistan in 1957-58, amassing 622 runs at an average of 77.75. That included 142 in his first match at Bridgetown, 280 in the third at Kingston — his highest in tests — when he added 446 for the second wicket with Gary Sobers, who made his then record Test score of 365 not out, and 114 in the fourth at Georgetown.

Hunte's finest overseas tour came in England in 1963 when he plundered 471 runs in the Test series to head the averages at 58.87.

The highest of Hunte's three double centuries was 263 for Barbados against Jamaica in 1961-62. His first-class career spanning 17 years brought him 8,916 runs at 43.92.

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