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Telegraph schools' chess

Bangladeshi lads lead the board

CALCUTTA, July 22 (Internet): The second round of the XIII Telegraph schools' chess saw a generally easy day for rated players except for the fourth ranked Pratik Sengupta of Bihar at the Gorky Sadan here on Friday.

Sengupta was outplayed masterfully by Bangladeshi kid Yanur Rahman Royel.

Other two Bangladeshi Syed Ezaz Hossain and Golam Mustafa Bhuiya are also among the leaders with full points.

BRIEF RESULTS

Pratik Sengupta (Bihar) 1 lost to Yanur Rahman (Bangladesh) 2. Anirudha Menon (Ben) 1 lost to Saptharshi Roy (Ben) 2. Deep Sengupta (Bihar) 2 lost to Sourabh Das (Ben) 1. Souma Talukdar (Ben) 1 lost to Rohan Vijay Shandilya (Bihar) 2. Puneet Jaiswal (Ben) 2 lost to Prayank Das (Ben) 1. Syed Wasim Akram (Ben) 1 lost to Gulam Mustafa Bhuiyan (Bangladesh) 2. Somak Palit (Ben) 2 lost to Minahazuddin Ahmed (Bangladesh) 1. Souraj Dasgupta (Ben) 1 lost to Ejaz Hussain (Bangladesh) 2. Ayaz Lahiri (Ben) 2 lost to Rahul Ghose (Bihar) 1.

Afzal wants out of BSF

Sports Reporter

The general secretary of the Bangladesh Shooting Federation (BSF) Afzal Karim has expressed his desire to part company with the federation.

"I'm more occupied with my business now-a-days. So, I'm not in the position to give the time and effort I for the federation," said Karim in a letter to the BSF president yesterday.

Afzal also requested the BSF president to accept his resignation and appoint a new general secretary by the end of this month.

Tired colts lose to Lanka

Pakistan-UAE semifinal today

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh made their exit from the ICC Under-17 Asia Cup, losing to Sri Lanka by 43 runs in the first semifinal at the National Stadium in Karachi yesterday.

Having been coerced into playing four matches in succession, Bangladesh appeared to have run out of gas while replying to an impressive Sri Lanka total of 214 for seven in the stipulated 45 overs. The colts, who were surprisingly denied of a rest day before the semifinal, could manage 171 before being all out with ten balls to spare.

The match was however progressing with a promise of an exciting finish until Bangladesh choked in later stage of their chase. Bangladesh lost their last six wickets with the addition of 58 runs.

Sri Lankan innings flourished at the beginning with their openers - Ishan Muttalip and Harish Ratnayake - producing 71 runs.

Bangladesh on the other hand got off to a jumpy start, losing two wickets for 20 runs in 3.3 overs. Although Ashraf, one of the two players with previous international exposure, played the matured knock of 88-ball 48, others perished in a desperate attempt to accelerate run rate.

A member of the Bangladesh team that played in World Youth Championship in Sri Lanka early this year, Ashraf found a wily partner in Nasir Uddin Faruque to mend the early damage. Together they put on 61 runs for the third wicket before Faruque departed for a 55-ball 30.

Ashraf, who struck a four in his workmanlike innings,

added 32 runs for the fourth wicket with World Youth Championship mate Kuntal Chanda before both were dismissed in quick succession. Bangladesh's hopes of a turnaround in the match evaporated when Ashraf was out in 29th over, leaving his side at 113 for four.

Shariful, who had earlier captured two wickets in consecutive deliveries, scored a rapid-fire 32 off 40 balls. But the effort of the all-rounder was not enough to avoid the defeat.

For Sri Lanka Jeewan Mendis scored a run-a-ball 42 before becoming the first victim of off-spinner Shariful in the eventful 43rd over. Jeewana was later declared man-of-the-match for his blazing knock ahead of his more aggressive partner Ranawaka, who scored 28 off 21 balls. The Lankans plundered 41 runs from the last five overs that eventually drew the line between win and defeat.

Bangladesh had earlier moved into the semifinal from Pool A along with hosts Pakistan, who will take on UAE in the second semifinal today.

In their four group League matches Bangladesh lost to the hosts by one-wicket in the inaugural game on July 15 but they went on to thrash Nepal, Bahrain and Kuwait en route to semifinal.

SCORECARD

Scorecard of the first semifinal of the ICC Under-17 Asia Cup between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh at the National Stadium in Karachi on Saturday.

SRI LANKA U-17 36

1 Muttalip run out (S Alami) 36
H Ratnayake c A Arman 32
B Manjural 25
F Abeyasinghe c Nasir b Shariful 25

J Jayasuriya b A Arman	4
J c & b Shariful	42
S Wijeratne lbw b Manjural	9
A Arman	28
D Ranawaka b Shariful	28
Wijesiriwardena not out	19
D Niroshan not out	5
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, w-10, nb-1)	14
Total: (For 7 wickets in 45 overs)	214
Did not bat: Damith Gunathilake, Ishara Dilshan	
Fall of wicket: 1-71; 2-80; 3-100; 4-110; 5-136; 6-186; 7-186	
Bowler	O M R W
T Jubair	7 0 43 0
Shariful	8 1 35 2
Manjural	9 0 31 1
Shariful	9 0 42 1
M Ashraf	3 0 36 1
M Ashraf	3 0 23 0

BANGLADESH U-17	48
M Ashraf b J Jayasuriya	2
Nalees c & b Wijesiriwardena	8
Shariful lbw b Gunathilake	30
Nasir c I Muttalip b J Jayasuriya	18
Kuntal run out (J Muttalip)	32
Shariful & b Gunathilake	32
Prosenjit c Ranawaka	0
J Jayasuriya	0
Manjural c Niroshan b Ranawaka	13
A Arman run out (Ranawaka)	1
Shobuj not out	7
Talha Jubair run out (Muttalip)	0
Extras: (lb-2, w-6, nb-4)	12
Total: (All out in 42.2 overs)	171
Fall of wicket: 1-11; 2-20; 3-81; 4-113; 5-122; 6-125; 7-144; 8-149; 9-170	
Bowler	O M R W
Wijesiriwardena	4 0 26 1
Gunathilake	9 0 34 1
Niroshan	5 1 10 1
Ranawaka	8.2 0 36 1
Jayasuriya	9 0 33 3
I Dilshan	3 0 14 0
J Mendis	4 0 16 0

Result: Sri Lanka Under-17 won by 43 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Jeewan Mendis.

Umpires: Afzaal Ahmed and Sadiq Mohammad.

Match Referee: Ilyas Khan

S Africa in Murali maze



GALLE, Sri Lanka, July 22: South Africa, forced to follow-on for the second time since their return to international cricket eight years ago, were battling defeat with 112 for two Saturday in their second innings against Sri Lanka, reports AFP.

At close of play in their second innings on the third day of the first cricket Test against Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium here Saturday the South Africans were in a spin brought about by Muttiah Muralitharan.

Off-spinner Muralitharan took six wickets for 87 runs to dismiss South Africa for 238 in the first innings in reply to Sri Lanka's massive total of 522.

But he failed to take a wicket in the second innings Saturday as South Africa followed on, 284 runs in deficit.

The only wicket to fall to the bowlers in the South African second innings was that of Neil McKenzie who was caught off the outside edge by Arjuna Ranatunga at slip off leg spinner Upul Chandana for 25.

Gary Kirsten, who helped McKenzie add 58 for the first wicket, fell in the last over of the day tragically run out attempting a second run for 55, which in some way tilted the balance in Sri Lanka's favour.

Jacques Kallis was unbeaten on 25 as South Africa ended the day still requiring 172 runs to avoid an innings defeat with eight wickets standing.

Muralitharan forced South Africa to follow-on for the first time since the Durban Test against England in December last year when they were dismissed for 156.

On that occasion they battled well in the second innings to draw the match by scoring 572 for seven of which Kirsten made 275.

On a dusty and cracking pitch taking a lot of spin Darryl Cullinan stood firm against the Sri Lankan spinners spearheaded by Muralitharan.

The right-hander batted

resolutely to be unbeaten on 114, his 11th Test 100 and his fourth against Sri Lanka, having defied the bowling for 274 minutes.

Cullinan had 12 fours and a six in his 231-ball knock which had only one blemish.

At 52 he was dropped by Marvan Atapattu at mid wicket off Kumar Dharmasena, but otherwise battled with great composure which none of his team mates possessed.

Leg-spinner Upul Chandana finished the South African innings off by dismissing Paul Adams and Makhaya Ntini to finish with two for 46.

Kumar Dharmasena took the wicket of Lance Klusener, his first Test wicket for nearly two years. He was out of international cricket following a suspect bowling action which he has rectified since.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard of the end of the third day of the first cricket Test between Sri Lanka and South Africa played at the Galle International Stadium on Saturday.

SRI LANKA: First Innings 522 (Mahela Jayawardene 167, Sanath Jayasuriya 148, Chaminda Vaas 54; Shaun Pollock 3/73, Paul Adams 3/184)

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings (81 for 2 overnight)
Kirsten c S Lanka b M'tharan 12
McKenzie b M'tharan 11
Kallis c Arnold b M'tharan 29
Cullinan not out 114
Rhodes b M'tharan 12
Klusener c Chandana b D'sena 19
Boucher b M'tharan 0
Pollock c D'sena b M'tharan 4
Boje c Atapattu b Jayasuriya 12
Adams c Atapattu b Chandana 4
Ntini c Ranatunga b Chandana 8
Extras: (b-2; lb-1; nb-10) 13
Total: (All out in 99 overs) 238
Fall of wicket: 1-25; 2-30; 3-86; 4-119; 5-162; 6-168; 7-198; 8-213; 9-223; 10-238

Bowler **O M R W**
Vaas 12 6 16 0
Zoysa 4 1 12 0
D'sena 25 5 70 1
M'tharan 41 8 87 6
Chandana 14 3 46 2
Jayasuriya 3 0 4 1

SOUTH AFRICA: Second Innings
Kirsten run out 55
McKenzie c Ranatunga b Chandana 25
Kallis not out 7
Extras: (lb-4; nb-3) 7
Total: (For 2 wickets in 45 overs) 112
Fall of wicket: 1-58; 2-112

Bowler **O M R W**
Vaas 7 2 18 0
Zoysa 5 2 11 0
D'sena 8 1 26 0
M'tharan 11 2 20 0
Chandana 12 4 29 1
Jayasuriya 0.5 0 4 0

Muralitharan's final figures of six for 87 was the best by a bowler in a Sri Lanka-South Africa series, improving on Brett Schultz's 5 for 48 at the Sinhalese Sports Club grounds in 1993-94.

They amassed from the innings and six-runs drubbing of Somerset, resuming on 21 for two and still needing another 206 runs to make the hosts bat again at Scarborough - almost succeeded in avoiding an innings reverse thanks to the efforts of Steffen Jones.

The number 11 top-scored with an unbeaten 56 from 50 balls, sharing in a last-wicket stand of 73 with Graham Rose (20).

But the inevitable Yorkshire victory was finally wrapped up when Rose was trapped lbw by Simon Widdup with the visitors on 212. England seamer Matthew Hoggard was the pick of the home bowlers with five

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AB Bank TT

Sports Reporter

Favourites Wari Club, Armanitola and Inter Sports won their respective matches of the AB Bank Metropolitan Senior Division Table Tennis League at the NSC Wooden-floor Gymnasium yesterday.

All the teams posted identical 3-0 margin victories against Swamibagh Boys, Brothers Union and Armanitola Junior.

The formidable Wari trio of Pappu, Edison and Rubel recorded straight set wins against the unheralded Brothers campaigners of Shahed, Ripon and Armanitola. Wari, the oldest club in the country, have created a stir this year when they roped in the three young paddlers from last years champions Bangladesh Biman.

Meanwhile, in the First Division League Khelaghar SKS, ARKA, Angels' and Mohammedpur Boys won against Monsur Sporting, Swamibagh TTS, Purbachal Parishad and Young Pegasus respectively.

Khelaghar, ARKA and Angels' defeated their opponents by 3-0 sets while Mohammedpur Boys won the four set 3-1.

Asian women's h'ball

BHF names team

Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) announced a 16-member national team for the sixth Asian Women's Junior Handball Championship beginning here on July 25, reports UNB.

Shaila Parvin Shikha has been named captain with Irina Nahar her deputy. Nurul Islam will act as the team manager while two coaches are Nasir Ullah Lablu and Kamrul Islam Kiron.

In the opening encounter Bangladesh will take on China.

SQUAD

Shaila Parvin Shikha, Irina Nahar, Dalia Akhter (BJMC), Rozina Khatun, Lipi Begum Heera, Afroza Begum Khuku, Farzana Yasmin Nahar, Jasmine Akhter (Rangpur), Shahida Parvin, Rokana Parvin, Shahnaz Parvin Maleka (Panchagarh), Meena Khatun, Reeta Khatun (Rajshahi), Anwara Begum, Rehana Parvin (Ansar), Kaniz Fatema (Dhaka).

Standby: Sabina Yasmin (Sherpur), Rehela Siddiqui (Rangpur), Jharna Akhter (Naogaon), Ashrafunnesa Daina (Dhaka).

Zimbabwe on the back foot

LONDON, July 22: Zimbabwe found batting difficult in the NatWest Trophy triangular series final here at Lord's on Saturday, scoring a mere 169 for seven off their 50 overs, reports AFP.

Grant Flower was 53 not out and Bryan Strang nought not out.

After losing the toss on an overcast morning, Zimbabwe were quickly in trouble, even though left-hander Neil Johnson hit Andy Caddick for four off the first ball of the day.

But their joy was short-lived as from the first ball of the next over, Darren Gough had Guy Whittall out for a golden duck with a well-pitched 81mph delivery, which he edged to Graeme Hick at second slip to leave Zimbabwe on four for one.

Gough struck again in the sixth over, when he bowled an excellent off-cutter which went straight through Goodwin's defences to bowl him for three.

Left-arm Alan Mullally kept up the pressure. To his 11th ball Alistair Campbell mistimed a drive and Craig White diving forward to cover caught him for a 19-ball one, and Zimbabwe were 21 for three.

Worse was to follow as Johnson, who had just struck Caddick for a superb four, tried to cut one that was too close to him and played on for a 21 that featured five fours in 55 balls.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after the Zimbabwe innings against England in the NatWest Trophy triangular series final at Lord's on Saturday.

ZIMBABWE
Johnson b Caddick 21
Whittall c Hick b Gough 0
Goodwin b Gough 3
Campbell c White b Mullally 4
A. Flower c Stewart b White 53
G. Flower not out 53
Carlisle c Caddick b White 14
Streak lbw b Gough 18
Strang not out 0
Extras: (b-1; lb-6; w-2; nb-2) 11
Total: (For 7 wickets 50 overs) 169
Fall of wicket: 1-4; 2-12; 3-21; 4-31; 5-120; 6-143; 7-169

Did not bat: Dirk Viljoen, Muleki Nkala.

Bowler	O M R W
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Gough	10 2 20 3
Mullally	10 1 32 1
White	10 2 46 2
Ealham	10 0 41 0

ENGLAND: Marcus Trescothick, Alec Stewart, Andrew Flintoff, Graeme Hick, Graham Thorpe, Nasser Hussain (captain), Craig White, Mark Ealham, Andrew Caddick, Darren Gough, Alan Mullally.

Umpires: David Shepherd and Peter Willey (England).



Scene from the Green Delta Senior Division Hockey League encounter between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Sonali Bank Sports and Recreation Club at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

MSC swamp Sonali Bank

Sports Reporter



A second half onslaught saw holders Mohammedan Sporting Club romp past Sonali Bank by 7-1 in the inaugural match of the Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

The black and whites led the first half 2-1. But it was the bankers who gave the their more established opponents an early scare, netting the first goal in the eighth minute of the proceedings.

The holders were taken aback when Sonali Bank's Pakistan recruit Zahid Afzal slotted the ball from close range much to the dismay of a few hundred supporters of the popular Northend outfit.

But the bankers' lead lasted only seven minutes before Shahidullah Titu stepped up to convert a penalty-stroke, awarded when veteran defender Irtza Quader Guddu pulled down a menacingly poised

Ashkur Rahman in the forbidden zone.

Mohammedan needed a superlative effort from midfielder Mahabubul Ehsan Rana to take the lead in the 26th minute.

The young play-maker of BKSP, who joined from Ajax this year, found the Sonali Bank net with a terrific reverse shot after being fed by Ashkur.

However, panic gripped the Mohammedan tent at half time when Rana had leave the field after injuring his left shoulder.

This prompted the introduction of long-serving custodian Montu, the lone player in the reserve bench, as forward.

Although Mohammedan without their captain Sharafat, who is serving a two-match ban, were living dangerously even with the slender lead in the first quarter of the second half, they never looked behind once Shamim scored the third goal in the 54th minute.

Ishtaq Ahmed Shipu added the fourth three minutes later when the central defender sneaked a penalty corner between the legs of Sonali Bank

goalkeeper Farid.

Centre-forward Ramiz Ahmed flicked home a superb minus from Ashkur to give Mohammedan a 5-1 lead in the 60th minute before Shamim added his second goal three minutes from the long whistle.

But the most remarkable goal was yet to come. The sparse crowd, who enjoyed a feast on the opening day, was anticipating Montu to score and the veteran player didn't disappoint them.

He grabbed his maiden League goal at the stroke of the final whistle, thanks to a nice through from Ramiz down the middle.

Although Mohammedan began their campaign with a convincing win, the news that Rana has been advised to take rest for a week, will make them rather anxious.

Meanwhile, it was learnt that hockey legend Shahbaz Ahmed and Tahir Zaman, the Pakistan centre-forward, are scheduled to arrive in the city within the next couple of days to play for the Dhaka giants.

Raids testify to players' guilt



BANGALORE, India, July 22 (AFP/Reuters): A series of nationwide tax raids on the homes and offices of top Indian cricketers, officials and bookmakers has uncovered direct evidence of match-fixing, a federal minister said Saturday.

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concealment of wealth and also to prove escaping of tax and also...some kind of nexus in match-fixing for amassing this kind of concealed wealth," Kumar said.

"We have cogent evidence to show that amassing of wealth has a direct nexus with match-fixing," he said.

Kumar said there was "substantial and tangible evidence" to prove "escaping of tax and also...some kind of nexus in match-fixing for amassing this kind of concealed wealth."

The minister said prosecution on various tax evasion charges could entail varied jail terms ranging from three to seven years.

The investigation into cricketers, administrators and bookies will continue and the income tax department will require a minimum of 60 days to process the seized documents.

"As you know nobody is going to make a frank admission," the minister added. "Now the department will have to establish connections to the clues as well as the documents seized to the related persons and then issue a notice to them giving them the opportunity to explain whether they have already taken this wealth into account when they filed the returns."

Some 300 tax officials across India, working in conjunction with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), raided 84 premises in seven Indian cities.

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