



SPORTS TALK



Xie Jun

(Women's world chess champion)

"I was six when I was introduced to Chinese chess. And at 10, I learnt chess when one of my trainers thought that I was not too bad."

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Jan 19, 2001 and draw

shortly afterwards

1. Who lifted FIDE World Chess

Championship crown?

Kramnik | Anand | Kasparov

2. Which country clinched the women's cricket World Cup?

Australia | New Zealand | England

3. Who is European footballer-of-the-year?

Figo | Zidane | Shevchenko

4. Who is the Prime Bank

Ranjan | champion?

Rajib | Rashed | Pallab

5. Who became Americas player-of-the-year?

Romario | Ronaldo | Batista

Name.....

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GP U-17 Cricket

Sports Reporter

Khulna Tigers, Chittagong Karnaphuli and Khulna Rupsha won their first round matches of the GrameenPhone under-17 cricket tournament on Saturday.

At the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University, Khulna Tigers posted a 32-run win over Rajshahi Padma while Chittagong Karnaphuli handed Dhaka Colts a 14-run defeat at the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium.

Away at the Mymensingh Stadium, Khulna Rupsha beat Rajshahi Tista by seven wickets.

Following are the brief scores:

Khulna Tigers v Rajshahi Padma

Khulna Tigers: 168 for 9 in 45 overs (Mortaza 57, Aslam 32, Shakil 3/26, Zubayer 3, 27).

Rajshahi Padma: 136 all out in 40.3 overs (Rakibul 12, Murad 4/23).

Result: Khulna Tigers won by 32 runs.

Chittagong Karnaphuli v Dhaka Colts

Chittagong Karnaphuli: 176 for 8 in 45 overs (Altash 69, Mafizul 3/24, Sharif 2/28).

Dhaka Colts: 162 all out in 43.3 overs (Rahman 31, Arsalan 3/34, saad 2/7).

Result: Chittagong Karnaphuli won by 14 runs.

Rajshahi Tista v Khulna Rupsha

Rajshahi Tista: 52 all out in 27.3 overs (Faihan 4/19, Kowshuk 2/7, Mahmud 5/3).

Khulna Rupsha: 53 for 3 in 22 overs (Arman 19, n.o., Mumna 10, Rajib 1/6).

Result: Khulna Rupsha won by seven wickets.

Thumb down from Botham

LONDON, Jan 13 (Internet report): Former England cricketer Ian Botham has dismissed Geoff Boycott's decision to coach the Pakistan national team.

Botham has been offered 30,000 pounds for a two-week coaching clinic to try and improve the technique of the Pakistan batsmen following their 1-0 home Test series defeat by England last month.

"I couldn't be happier for the Pakistan batsmen," said the legendary all-rounder, who has clashed numerous times with Boycott in the past.

"I'd be glad to see the back of him."

"If Boycott coaches Pakistan this can only help England's cause after some of the stick he has given our players as a punishment."

"I'm sure he will settle very well in Lahore," Botham told The Mirror.

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Sports Reporter

GREEN DELTA NATL CRICKET LEAGUE

Dhaka Metro v Chittagong

Enamul Hoque continued his excellent form to get back holders Chittagong on the winning track with an impressive seven-wicket victory over high-flying Dhaka Metropolis in their second leg home match at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

On the penultimate day of the four-day match, the veteran all-rounder who took seven wickets for 74 and scored 66 in the first innings, took another three wickets for 53 runs to bowl out the visitors for 184.

Needling 102 to win, the home side raced on to score 104 for three to ensure a victory inside three days.

Resuming at 91 for four, Dhaka Metropolis, who earned full eight points from their previous encounter against Biman, could last 36.1 overs on the day, scoring 93 runs more before being all out.

Finishing with a match haul of ten for 127 Enamul however proved once more that his slow deliveries are still very much effective on docile turf.

The southpaw was ideally helped by Pakistani leg-spinner Shahid Mahmud, who returned with four for 48.

With an easy target in hand, the hosts batted in almost one-day style to reach the summit

in only 20.3 overs with opener Nafees Iqbal hammering an exciting 59 off 53 balls. In his 65-minute stay at the crease Nafees smote three sixes and a quartet of fours.

Skipper Minhazul Abedin, with an unbeaten 19, was the other notable run-getter for Chittagong, who gained sole lead, albeit temporarily, raising their tally to 36 points, two points clear of Biman.

If Biman can manage an outright win against Khulna at the BKSP ground today, they would leapfrog Chittagong with six points. The national airliners would however go level with the holders, collecting four points, if the match ends in a draw.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the four-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Dhaka Metropolis and Chittagong at the Comilla Stadium yesterday:

DHAKA METROPOLIS: First innings 217 all out in 60.1 overs (Naimur 99, Mukul 26, Enamul 7/74).

CHITTAGONG: First innings 300 all out in 98 overs (Azam 76, Enamul 66, Mortaza 33, Naimur 53, Mukul 2/27, Naimur 2/53, K. Mahmud 2/53).

DHAKA METROPOLIS: Second innings (Overnight 91 for 4 in 34 overs)

Result: Chittagong won by seven wickets.

the second innings

Khulna however had an inspiring start with the left-right combination of Nahidul Huq and Sajjad putting on 101 runs for the opening stand.

Left-handed Nahidul, a member of the Bangladesh team in the Youth World Cup in Sri Lanka last year, returned to form with a dazzling 61. Sajjad scored a gritty 40.

But once Manzoor separated the pair, they suffered a stunning collapse. Khulna lost four wickets with the addition of five runs to the total.

One-down Salahuddin who hammered 96 in the first innings, and Asadullah Khan returned to the dressing room without troubling the scorers.

Manzoor, who took two wickets in the first innings, finished with day with four for 56 runs in his 19 overs.

Wicketkeeper Raju Parvez (24) and off-spinner Rana (15) were fighting for the visitors when stumps were drawn.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the four-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Biman and Khulna at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday:

KHULNA: First innings 229 all out in 85 overs (Safuddin 96, Jamaaluddin 41, Sajjad 33, Sharif 5/71, Shariful 2/32, Manzoor 2/80).

BIMAN: Second innings

Nahidul e Sanwar b Manzoor 21

Faruque run out 21

Basbar e Raju b Monjurul 38

Monjurul e Faruque b Manzoor 0

Ziaur b Sajjad 47

Manzoor e Jamaaluddin b Sajjad 131

Sanwar e Jamaaluddin b Al-Amin 74

Hasanuzzaman e Tushar b Jamaaluddin 36

Mukhtar b Monjurul b Jamaaluddin 20

Sharif b Sajjad 21

Shariful not out 4

Extras: (lb-11, lb-5, nb-3) 19

Total: (For 11 wkt in 138 overs) 416

Fall of wickets: 1/17, 2/33,

3/61, 4/75, 5/170, 6/322,

7/343, 8/389, 9/402

Bowler O M R W

Monjurul 24 4 64 2

Al-Amin 17 2 49 0

Jamaaluddin 41 3 88 2

Rana 14 2 49 0

Sajjad 32 6 102 3

Safuddin 6 2 16 0

Tushar 4 0 19 0

KHULNA: Second innings

Nahidul e Sanwar b Manzoor 61

Sajjad e Javed b Manzoor 40

Salahuddin e Faruque b Manzoor 0

Raju not out 24

Asadullah b Manzoor 0

Ranjan not out 15

Extras: (lb-1, lb-2) 3

Total: (For 4 wkt in 58 overs) 143

Fall of wickets: 1/101, 2/101,

3/106, 4/106

Bowler O M R W

Sharif 12 3 29 0

Ziaur 8 1 17 0

Manzoor 19 9 56 4

Shariful 14 3 30 0

Sanwar 5 1 8 0

Bowler O M R W

Monjurul 24 4 62 2

Raju 22 1 4 76 2

Fahim 24 8 62 2

Mosaddeq 12 1 30 0

Mushfiq 8 1 32 2

Hassan 9 1 35 1

President's XI: Second

innings

Rajshri c K Masood b Fahim 49

Williams c Aminul b Fahim 27

Stanton c Mushtaq b Hassan 46

S Marsh c K Masood b Mushtaq 95

Kent c Shahriar b Mushtaq 53

MacDonald c Shahriar b Aminul jr 21