Goodricke chess Zia wins, Rakib loses

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Ziaur Rahman won his fifth round game in the Goodricke Open International Chess Tournament against Argyhadip Dasin in Calcutta vesterday.

Zia's second successive victory raised his tally to three-and-a-half points. The country's highest rated player defeated Deep Sengupta of India in the previous round.

Abdullah al Rakib, the other Bangladesh IM competing in the event, however lost to Grand Master Igor Rausis to remain satisfied with his previous collection of 2.5 points.

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Surjomukhi Club defeated Babul Smriti Sangha by 43 runs in the second match of the Continental Courier cricket tournament at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Surjomukhi batted first and collected 204 runs for all out in the

stipulated 30 overs. In reply, Babul Smrit: managed 161 losing all wickets in 26 overs.

School & Madrassah sports from today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

A five-day 30th National School and Madrassah Winter Sports competition will begin at M A Aziz Stadium today.

A total of four-hundred and eighty students including one hundred and fifty-two females from four regions will take part in the competition.

Satkhira cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Rasulpur Juba Chakra and PK Union Club won their respective matches of the Acme First Division Cricket League yesterday.

At Satkhira Stadium, Rasulpur Juba recorded an emphatic sevenwicket victory over Rasulpur Krira Sangstha.

Sent in to bat Rasulpur Krira Sangstha scored 263 losing seven wickets in 50 overs.

In reply, Rasulpur Juba Chakra made 266 losing three wickets in

36.2 overs. At Satkhira Government College ground, PK Union registered an impressing 203-run victory Captaincy talk not now

over Juba Ganamukhi. Winning the toss, PK Union

made 306 for nine in 50 overs. In reply, Juba Ganamukhi were all out for 103 in 29.3 overs.

Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Alide Club recorded a six-wicket victory over Diganta Proshery Sangha in a match of the Rajshahi Premier Division Cricket League at the local district stadium on Saturday.

Winning the toss, Diganta Proshery decided to bat first and collected 80 runs for all in 32.4 overs.

In reply, Alide reached the tarbest-of-three tri-series limitedget of 81 runs losing four wickets over finals 2-0 Friday after also in 19 overs. whipping the tourists in all four preliminary hitouts.

'It's all about performance'

AFP, London

England's chairman of selectors David Graveney has reassured county cricketers that the Test squad will not be picked solely from First Division players.

Graveney admits he heard "alarm bells ringing" when Mark Ramprakash, who this week left Second Division Middlesex to join champions Surrey, claimed playing in the top flight would boost his chances of a recall to the international arena.

Ramprakash's former Middlesex teammate, Phil Tufnell, was adamant Graveney had told him England's selectors did not take into account the status of a player's club.

Middlesex captain and former England seamer Angus Fraser warned there could be "chaos" if a preference emerged for those plying their trade in the First Divi-

Gupta, who?

FROM PAGE 13 details of the meeting with Waugh, saying it was only part of an overall investigation into the case.

Gupta's evidence in India has already been crucial in ending the careers of South African captain Hansie Cronje and Indian skipper Mohammad Azharuddin.

Both were found guilty of match-fixing after accusations against them by Gupta were proven to be correct.

However, Gupta refused to cooperate with investigators when they flew to India to interview him recently over accusations against other overseas players including Waugh.



International Cricket Council chairman Malcolm Gray (L) and it's chief executive David Richards during an executive board meeting with the ICC Anti-Corruption Unit in Melbourne yesterday.

WC probe in Pakistan soon

Brian won't be spared

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

West-Indian master batsman Brian Lara will be questioned by International Cricket Council's (ICC) Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) investigators, the inquiry head Sir Paul-Condon said here on Satur-

And Pakistani cricket is headed for more turmoil after ICC president Malcolm Gray revealed a second judicial inquiry would begin there shortly, this time looking at allegations Pakistan threw two matches in the 1999 World Cup in England.

That inquiry will probe Pakistan's performances in defeats against India and tournament minnows Bangladesh.

While Australian batsman Mark Waugh Saturday appeared before the Australian Cricket Board's investigator Greg Melick to defend allegations made against Mukesh Gupta. Lara has yet to being banned for life. face any probe despite also having been named in an Indian police deliberately lost both matches.

Embattled West Indies captain

Jimmy Adams refused to speculate

on his future after the side's mis-

came to a merciful close here on

one of the poorest teams to tour

here, ended their campaign with-

out beating Australia in 11

matches - five Tests and six one-

The home side clinched the

Their tri-series debacle came

on top of the first 5-0 whitewash in

a Test series against Australia

making Adams the least successful

Adams is under pressure to

Caribbean captain on an Austra-

hold on to the leadership for the

West Indies' home series against

the captaincy position when asked

after Friday's 39-run loss at the

that one," he said. "We'll just have

Australian skipper Steve

South Africa next month.

Melbourne Cricket Ground.

to see what happens."

lian tour.

dayers throughout the summer.

The West Indies, described as

erable cricket tour of Australia* really good fellow.

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

charge he again denied Saturday, England Test match. Lara was accused of underperforming in two one-day matches in India in 1993-94.

However, the West Indies Cricket Board has so far refused to take any action on the matter, despite all other boards having launched inquiries into the allegations against their players.

But Condon, speaking here Saturday after briefing the ICC executive into his progress at curing cricket's ills, said an inquiry in the West Indies was imminent. "Watch this space over the next

few days," he said. Meanwhile, Gray said the new inquiry in Pakistan was expected

to be completed soon. "That will be in a matter of weeks - it should not be a long clean up cricket last July, said the exercise," he said.

That inquiry will deal with allegations made by South African cricket supremo Ali Bacher during the King Commission, which led him by illegal Indian bookmaker to former captain Hansie Cronje

Bacher alleged that Pakistan the sport.

The inquiry will also look into While Waugh was accused of Bacher's allegation that Pakistani accepting 20,000 American dollars umpire Javed Akhtar deliberately from Gupta for supplying weather, gave bad decisions to influence credibility was restored.

mestic summer in charge of an

unbeaten side, said he was sym-

tough at the moment," Waugh

said. "I feel sorry for him, he's a

West Indies and cop a bit of stick."

JIMMY ADAMS

tainly he wore the look of a beaten

feeling he replied: "At the minute

tour I've ever been on.'

However, he refused to discuss sack remains to be seen but cer-

if he expected to remain in the job man at the end of a draining tour.

"I'm going to shy away from I'm just so tired."

Whether he also receives the

When asked his overriding

"It's been the mentally hardest with five balls to spare,

However, Adams said at least judged man-of-the-match.

"He's going to go back to the

pathetic towards for Adams.

team and pitch information, a the result of a South Africa-

Meanwhile, Condon said he is aiming to complete his own report into cricket's bribery scandal by the end of April.

However, his report will not deal with specific cases such as those allegations levelled against Waugh and Lara.

They will be dealt with in individual reports by separate investigators, such as Melick, but with the full backing and assistance of

"When it started, how it started, where it started, how it developed, why it wasn't picked up earlier and what we are doing about it now and what we should be doing about it in the future."

whole bribery saga was "a very unpleasant but necessary diversion that must be cleared up." He said it was vital to have it

Condon, who was appointed to

done as quickly as possible for the players against whom allegations were made and for the integrity of

Condon said while the saga opened up a legal minefield for all Test playing cricket boards, it had to be tackled to ensure the sport's

reply to Australia's 338 for six, an

effort which was in stark contrast

to most of their insipid perform-

ask, chasing 330 odd," he said.

their level of output."

March-May tour.

UNB, Agariala

match here yesterday.

hitting five boundaries.

of the players, I was happy with

"It was always going to be a big

"But I couldn't fault the efforts

The tourists had a leisurely

weekend planned in Australia

before leaving for the Caribbean

on Monday night. Back home,

they face about two months of

domestic cricket before the arrival

of the South Africans for the

Friendly cricket

Touring Bangladesh Sports Jour-

nalists Association (BSJA) earned

an exciting four-wicket victory

over Tripura Sport Journalists

Club(TSJC) in a friendly cricket

203 for all in 29.3 overs with one

down Debabrata Chakrabortt

made highest 43 runs off 64 balls

target of 204 runs for six wickets

Sent into bat first, TSJC scored

In reply. BSJA reached their

Hasan Bablee of BSJA was ad-

Waugh, who became his country's his team went down with a fight

first leader to go through a do- on Friday, after making 299 in

"Jimmy would be doing it ances throughout a lop-sided

Gough burst sends Lanka reeling

REUTERS, Colombo

Darren Gough seized three quick second innings wickets to fire England towards victory over the Sri Lankan President's XI on Sat-

Gough's triple strike left the President's side, who need 326 to win, reeling on 20 for three at the close of the third day of the fourday match.

The Yorkshire paceman took two wickets in his first over, trapping opener Jehan Mubarak in front for one off his first ball before bowling Michael Vandort for four off the fifth delivery, making the Sri Lankans six for two.

Gough struck again in the sixth over, removing the other opener Chaminda Mendis for two, and finished the day with three for 15 off five overs.

Earlier, England were led by a typically aggressive 75 from Graeme Hick as they built on their first innings lead of 64 by making 261 for nine declared in their second innings.

Hick came in after the Sri Lankan bowlers had taken three for 17 to leave the touring side on 112 for four.

However, Hick and Craig White, who scored 63 in the first innings, steadied their side with a stand of 63.

White eventually departed for 39, caught by Sanjeewa de Silva off the bowling of Thilan Samaraweera.

Hick then shared a stand of 75 with Ashely Giles, who scored 16 before he was leg before playing back to a ball that kept low from left-arm spinner Dinuka Hettiarachchi.

Hick followed in Hettiarachchi's next over, caught in the covers by Mendis while trying to loft the ball over mid-on. He hit 10 fours and a six in his 112-ball stay.

Sri Lanka's spinners did most of the damage, Hettiarachchi taking five for 84 off 30 overs, while Samaraweera ended with three for 91 off 25.3 overs.

Lara booed

AFP, Melbourne

A chorus of boos erupted inside the Melbourne Cricket Ground when West Indian batsman Brian Lara was announced as the surprise winner of coveted the playerof-the-tri-series one-day cricket award on Friday night.

He was announced as the winner despite Australia clinching the series without losing a game.

While Lara amassed 372 runs at 46.5 for the series, two Australian batsmen had superior figures with Mark Waugh scoring 542 at 108.5 and Ricky Ponting 393 at

Waugh looked the obvious choice to win the award, even though his figures were inflated by Friday's Australian record score of 173. But this score did not count in the voting, which was based only on the preliminary matches.

However Waugh did not bat in three of those matches, due to Australia's policy of resting players and rotating its batting order to give everyone a hit, while Lara in contrast played all of the Windies' games. Under the voting system; in

which an Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio commentator, a Channel Nine television commentator and a member of the print media gave two votes and one vote per match, Lara polled 11 votes to Waugh's nine and Ponting's eight.

Lara sheepishly admitted in his acceptance speech at the ground that he did not deserve the award

England A on top

AP, Castries

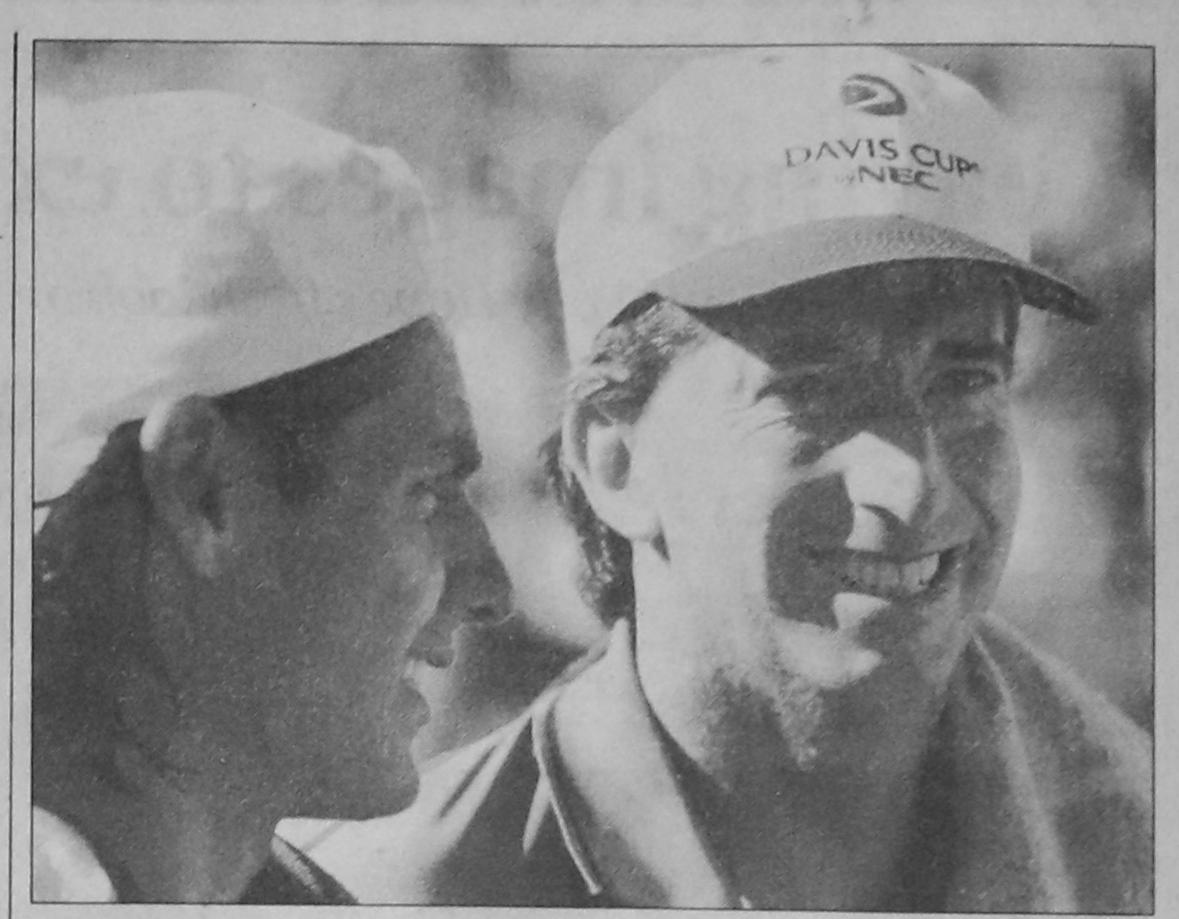
England "A" took firm control of their sixth-round Busta Cup cricket match against Windward Islands at the Mindoo Philip Park here Friday.

At close of play on a rainshortened opening day, the Windward Islands, who are still to register a point in the competition, were at 124 for seven wickets after being put in to bat by the Englishmen.

Rain prevented any play in the pre-lunch session but once play began the Windwards were soon in trouble losing four of their frontline batsmen for a paltry 42. These included former West

Indies wicketkeeper-batsman Junior Murray, bowled around his legs by medium pacer Ryan Sidebottom for one, and John Eugene who dollied a catch to mid-on and was out for seven. Opener Devon Smith (30) and

Greg Wilson (13) added 29 for the fifth wicket but once they were parted, the Windwards were in trouble again, and had to rely on I an unbroken eighth wicket stand that has produced 35 runs so far to take the score past the century mark. The not-out batsmen were Alonzo Jackson on 18 and Deighton Buttler on 17.



Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador (L) and team captain Raul Viver are all smiles after winning the Davis Cup doubles match against Australia in Perth yesterday.

Davis Cup

Ecuador stage fightback

Tennis

AFP, Perth

Ecuador's Lapentti brothers, Nicolas and Giovanni, teamed up to score their greatest victory as a doubles combination in a Davis Cup first round tie with Australia here Saturday.

Surviving three match points in the ninth game of the deciding fifth set, they won an epic rubber over almost four hours, beating Australians Todd Woodbridge and Wayne Arthurs 6-2, 2-6, 1-6, 7-6 (7/1), 12-10.

The win by Nicolas, 24, and 18year-old Giovanni in blazing sunshine on the grass of Royal Kings Park leaves Australia with a 2-1 lead after they won both singles clashes Friday. The result of the tie will now be

decided by Sunday's reverse singles, in which Australia's Llevton Hewitt meets Nicolas Lapentti and Patrick Rafter comes up against Giovanni Lapentti. "That was the best result -- the

most important one -- we have achieved together in doubles." said Nicolas Lapentti. tage, because I am going to be but they snatched the match out

(because of the demands of the

doubles, and will now try to get a to give credit to the brothers." good rest and recover for tomor-

"We should remember we have the defeat it was that they had two just won one match and we have to win three to take the tie."

Referring to the courageous running around in the heat for so performance by his teenage brother -- ranked 927th in the world in singles -- Nicolas Lapentti said: "He has a great future." Ecuador's non-playing captain

Raul Viver said: "We are certainly

still alive, but I would not put our

chances now as high as 50-50. though I believe Nicolas and Giovanni will both play better Sunday than they did Friday." Giovanni said if Nicolas beats Hewitt in the reverse singles, and his clash with Rafter became the

"I will be ready -- I will be waiting," he said.

tie decider, he would not be con-

The Australians were stunned by the never-say-die spirit shown by the Lapenttis. "They had a lot of courage,"

said Australian non-playing captain John Fitzgerald. "They just hung in there. Young Giovanni handled the pres-

sure especially well. At times it level at 5-5. "Australia still have an advan- looked as though they were gone, only 80 to 90 per cent Sunday of the bag.

Australia had a golden opportunity to wrap up victory when they led 5-3 in the fifth set and had three match points on their own service in the ninth game.

push the match into a fifth set.

Fitzgerald said if there was one

positive Australia could take out of

quality players resting on the side-

lines while the Lapenttis were

long -- hardly an ideal preparation

doubles player, said: "It was very

frustrating. It was just one of those

tralian pair in the opening set

before the home combination

settled to take the next two sets

comfortably and appeared to be

vellous composure as they out-

witted their more experienced

opponents in the fourth set tie-

breaker which they won 7-1 to

But the Lapenttis showed mar-

The brothers shocked the Aus-

Woodbridge, the world's top

for the reverse singles.

matches that happens."

on the road to victory.

But the brothers clawed their way back to take the game, then Play then went with service

until the 21st game when Ecuador broke the Australians before "It was one that got away from holding serve in the 22nd game to us. Right to the end I thought we win an enthralling set lasting al-"I am happy to get through the were going to win it, but you have most one and a half hours.

Amelie in last four at Anna's cost

Tennis

AFP, Paris

Anna Kournikova's latest bid for a first ever tournament win ended in defeat Friday as the Russian glamour girl threw away a big lead to crash out of the Paris Indoor Open to Amelie Mauresmo.

Second-seeded Kournikova had looked to be on course for a place in the semifinals of the 565,000-dollar event after grabbing the first set 6-2 and racing into a 3-0 lead in the second against her French opponent.

But Mauresmo battled back bravely to take the second set on a tie-break before 19-year-old Kournikova wilted in the third, eighth seed Mauresmo finally winning 2-6, 7-6, 6-1.

Kournikova, the world number

eight, sought court-side assistance don't have the results I have. I've during the match for a recurring beaten five number ones in the left abdominal strain which she past few years and I'll be working the Australian Open, where she Kournikova. reached the quarter-finals.

"I went into the match not 100 per cent," said the Russian. "It just got worse and worse during the match. I couldn't really serve and with Amelie you have to serve

"I knew I had to close out the

match in the second set otherwise

it would be difficult for me. But my

stomach got worse and worse. She had nothing to lose and started going for it," added Kournikova. She was on the defensive when asked about her failure to win a

title despite competing in her 87th

big deal. Players my age and older seventh-seed Frazier.

FGKJ

also complained of in Tokyo and hard and the wins will come," said World number 19 Mauresmo

said: "Mentally it's great what I did. She had a point for 4-0. I came back from a state where I was discouraged and found this match was within me. "I'm only sorry I didn't find this

inner strength earlier." Mauresmo, defeated in the

1999 final here by Switzerland's Martina Hingis, next meets 33year-old defending champion and compatriot Nathalie Tauziat, after the veteran downed American

Amy Frazier 6-0, 6-2. Tauziat, seeded number three. earlier raced into the last four with "It's you guys who make the a 48-minute demolition job of

Winners of the Square golf tournament pose along with chief of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Golf Club Lt General M Harun-Ar-Rashid at the KGC course on Friday.

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OMGHIS

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CAN THE ELECTRIFYING STORY ABOUT A MAD MUSICIAN BE DESCRIBED AS A CLEF-HANGER? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals P

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and enor.