Biman keep cruising

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Biman was in a cruisecontrol at the end of the 11th round of the Mercantile Bank First Division Chess League on Tuesday.

The national airline outfit stormed past Bangsal Progoti Samai Kalvan Sangha 4-0 at the Bangladesh Chess Federation Auditorium. With this win, Biman held on to their eightpoint lead from their nearest challenger and defending champions

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman, International Master Abdullah Al Rakib, FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Raiib and Rezaul Hague won their boards for the title contenders. Titas Club also trounced Leonine Chess Club by the same margin to raise their tally to 32 points. GM Niaz Murshed led the way for the holders.

Bangladesh Ansars were a point behind in third place. They also recorded a 4-0 whitewash over Anu Memorial Club

In other results, Nakhalpara Jubo Kalyan Sangha thrashed Dhaka University Chess Club 3-1, Farashganj Sporting Club also won against Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan and Krira Sangha by 3-1, Anirban Chess School edged past Mohakhali Prodip Sangha 2.5-1.5 points and Crescent Club defeated Dhaka Daba Ghar 3-1. The only drawn encounter of the day was between Sonali Bank and Narayanganj District Chess Players Association.

SELECTION CHESS Meanwhile, the Metropolis Chess

Selection tournament will start on December 2 at Bangladesh Chess Federation Auditorium. Interested players are asked to

Young Boys Club defeated Shaheb

Bazar Sporting Club by 60 runs in

the Seventh Bir Shrestha Captain

Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti Gold Cup

Electing to bat, Young Boys made

187 in 25 overs. Shaheb Bazar were

Allied Club and Mohammedan

Sporting Club drew their First Divi-

sion matches goalless against Krira

Sangskriti Sangha and Diganta

Prosari Sangha respectively on

History defeated Management 3-0

in the Rajshahi University inter-

department football tournament at

the university playground yesterday.

Sunny netted the other for the histo-

understand the position of the ICC

and where the ruling is coming

"The fact that it is the ICC and

BCCI given

Konok struck two goals while

Cricket Tournament on Tuesday.

bowled for 127 in 21.4 overs.

DIVISOCCER

Tuesday

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enlist their names by December 1 for Spinners Richard Dawson and Ashley Giles shared three wickets the nine-round Swiss League meet. as the tourists succeeded in solving Sixteen players will qualify for in their bowling problems before the the Preliminary Phase of 28th

National Chess Championship Kale and Test hopeful Gagan Khoda, however, steadied the Rajshahi sports innings with a 114-run stand for the fifth wicket to help the hosts cross OUR CORRESPONDENT, Raishahi the 200-mark against the tight

to the pacemen.

Cricket

game here on Tuesday.

December 3.

Somerset paceman Richard

Johnson staked his Test claims on

the Indian tour with a three-wicket

burst on the opening day of a tour

The uncapped 26-year-old,

making his first appearance on the

tour, struck thrice in his first two

overs against India A to alert the

selectors ahead of the first Test

against India at Mohali from

the hosts to 8-4 before middle-order

batsman Abhiiit Kale rallied his team

to 233-9 declared with an impres-

by stumps, with Mark Butcher on 32

and Marcus Trescothick on five.

sion for the three-day match.

sive 122 under pressure.

Johnson's triple strike reduced

The tourists were 37 for no loss

Johnson, regarded as the third

seamer in the touring party behind

Matthew Hoggard and James

Ormond, was a last-minute inclu-

By the end of the day, he had

Johnson had opener Vinayak

forced the tour selectors to look at

him seriously for the three back-to-

Mane caught behind with the third

ball of the day and then bowled Yere

Goud with the fifth on a green top

that offered bounce and movement

Gautam Gambhir leg-before for five.

Andrew Flintoff, who claimed 3-47 a

few days after joining the tourists as

a back-up for the injury-prone Craig

In his next over, Johnson trapped

Johnson was well supported by

Johnson from nowhere

English bowling. Flintoff broke the stand when he bowled Khoda for 64 and then

accounted for Reetinder Sodhi for two in his second spell. Kale was the most impressive

batsman of the day, smashing one six and 10 fours in his 220-ball knock before being caught by Mark Ramprakash at short-leg off Dawson

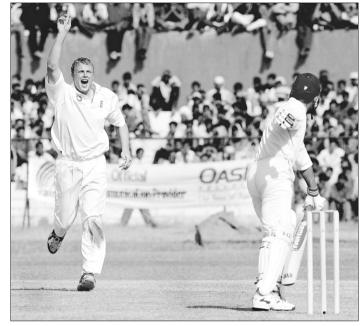
SCOREBOARD

First day's scoreboard in the threeday tour match between England and India A at the Sawai Man Singh Stadium on Tuesday

Mane c Foster b Johnson Gambhir Ibw b Johnson Goud b Johnson Khoda b Flintoff Parida c Foster b Flintoff Kale c Ramprakash b Dawson 122 Sodhi c Foster b Flintoff

Ratra c Foster b G	iles		:	26
Joshi Ibw b Dawso	on			0
Ganesh not out				0
Extras: (b-3, lb-2,	nb-9)			14
Total: (For 9 wkts decl	in 77 o	ers)	23	33
Fall of wickets	: 1-0, 2	2-0, 3	3-7,	4-8,
5-122, 6-134, 7-23	33, 8-2	233, 9	9-23	3
Bowler	0	M	R	W

15 3 56 **Johnson** 47 14 32 Butcher 3 48 Giles 38 Dawson Trescothick **ENGLAND** Butcher not out Trescothick not out Total: (For no loss in 11 overs) 37 Bowler 2 19 Ganesh



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England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff celebrates the dismissal of India A's Reetinder Sodhi on the opening day of the three-day tour match in Jaipur

SAFF Championship 26 booters

called up SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday called up 26 booters for the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship camp, beginning at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishthan (BKSP) from November 30.

The seven-nation SAF Championship will be held in Dhaka from January 26 to February 5 next

Before moving to BKSP, a meeting will be held between the players and coach George Kottan at the BFF office on November 29 at 4:30 pm. **CALLEDUP BOOTERS**

Pavel, Monwar Hossain, Alfaz Ahmed, Arif Khan Joy, Faisal (Mohammedan SC), Saiful, Liton (Arambagh KS), Aminul, Rajani, Matiur Munna, Prodeep, Nayan, hasan Al-Mamun (Muktijoddha Sangsad KC), Saiful Islam Moni, Masud Khan Johny (Rahmatgan) MFS), Biplab Bhattachariya (Farashganj SC), Tito, Sujon, Asad Ritu, Kanchan, Hasan, Nazul Arman (Abahani), Mintu (Badda Jagarani) and Parvez Babu (Broth

Srinath to miss first Eng Test

AFP. New Delhi

India on Tuesday were left counting the cost of playing an unofficial Test in South Africa after pace spearhead Javagal Srinath was ruled out of action with a broken finger.

Srinath, hit by a rising ball from South African fast bowler Mortantau Hayward, will miss the first Test against England starting at Mohali on December 3, media reports said.

'He is out for at least 10 days, Indian manager Mahendra Bhargava told reporters in Centurion, near Pretoria, where the unofficial Test is being played.

"There is no way he can play the first Test against England and we will have to see if he can take part in the

Pabna soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Al-Helal Club defeated Madhpur 2-1 in the Randhuni Second Division Football League at the local stadium on Tuesday.

Khokon and Bimal scored once each for Al-Helal while Salim reduced the margin for the losers.

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misjudged an angled delivery from Makhaya Ntini, bowling from wide of the stumps, and was bowled without playing a shot. Four overs later, Laxman cut a

short, wide ball from Ntini straight to Herschelle Gibbs at backward point and was out for 23. Kumble was no match for

Pollock when the South African captain came on to bowl his first over of the day 40 minutes before Kumble edged the first ball short

of wicketkeeper Mark Boucher, then edged two boundaries before being caught at first slip by Nicky Boje off the last ball of the over.

Harbhajan Singh went on the attack against fellow left-arm spinner Boje, hitting four fours in Boje's first over. Harbhajan was dropped on 21 when he edged occasional leg-spinner Jacques Rudolph to Pollock at slip but the new ball proved his undoing when he hooked at a short delivery.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fifth day of the unofficial Test match between India and South Africa at the Supersport Park in Centurion on Monday

INDIA: First innings 232 (S Das 46. D Dasgupta 36. Harbhaian S 29: M Hayward 4-74, J Kallis 2-15)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 566 for 8 declared in 157.1 overs (S Pollock 113 not out, J Kallis 110, G Kirsten 90, H Gibbs 59; J Srinath 2-

94, A Nehra 2-123) INDIA: Second innings (overnight 118-2)

Das b Pollock Williams c Kallis b Klusener Dravid b Hayward Tendulkar b Ntini Laxman c Gibbs b Ntini Dasgupta Ibw b Kallis Kumble c Boje b Pollock Harbhajan c Boucher b Hayward30 Nehra not out Prasad absent injured Srinath absent injured Extras: (b-2, lb-11, nb-7) Total: (For 8 wkts in 84.1 overs)261

Fall of wickets: 1-92, 2-116, 3-130, 4-188, 5-197, 6-221, 7-259, 8-

201				
Bowler	0	М	R	W
Pollock	14	2	40	2
Hayward	17	3	61	2
Ntini	18	6	27	2
Kallis	14.1	4	45	1
Klusener	12	6	30	1
Boje	7	2	34	0
Rudolph	2	0	11	0

Result: South Africa won by an innings and 73 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Shaun Pollock Man-of-the-series: Herschelle Gibbs.

Dave Orchard (both South Africans). Match Referee: Denis Lindsay (South Africa).



Davis Cup French fully armed

Tennis

AFP, Melbourne

Nicolas Escude believes Australia had better watch out if he fails to make the French team for the Davis Cup final starting Friday.

Escude, who beat Australia's world No 1 Lleyton Hewitt in this year's Wimbledon, is favoured to get the second singles slot alongside Sebastien Grosjean

But he said that Tuesday he would be happy if his "mate" Arnaud Clement got the nod ahead of him.

"I'm happy with the idea of competing with Arnaud for a place in the side and I won't be upset if I can't play because that means he is playing better than me and that's good news for France," Escude

"The same goes for me," said Clement who came from two sets down to beat Grosiean here in January before losing to Andre Agassi in the final of the first Grand Slam tournament of the year

6 in the world rankings after reaching the Masters Cup final in Sydney the portable grass court the Australians have installed at the Rod Laver Arena would give them

Grosjean, who progressed to No

first grass court tournament at Nottingham last year

widely regarded as a clay court

Pioline is a past Wimbledon finalist, like Rafter who has won just once from five starts in the past 10 weeks

French captain Guy Forget was not as enthusiastic as the Australians about the surface their coach Wally masur described as "spectacular

"It can't be compared with Wimbledon centre court, nor Queens," he said. "It's good without being exceptional."

Hewitt, who became the world's youngest No 1 by winning the Masters Cup on Rebound Ace in Sydney two weeks ago, won 15 matches on grass this year, including the Queen's Club title in London before losing to Escude at Wimbledon

Australia have lost only one tie in 13 Davis Cup rounds played on grass since 1990, and that was to Byron Black and his brother Wayne on a dusty patch in Zimbabwe in

Forget has until Thursday's draw to make up his mind whether to play Escude or Clement but Escude, yet to lose in six Davis Cup matches, is favourite to fill the second singles slot alongside Grosjean.

France and Australia have faced each other 13 times in Davis Cup clashes with Australia holding a 10-3 win-loss record.

Woody upbeat

Tennis

AFP, Melbourne

doubles pairing but Todd who would be best against France in

Woodbridge, a winner of 11 Grand Slam doubles titles alongside the now retired Mark Woodforde. paired with Wayne Arthurs to steer the Aussies into a 2-1 lead against Swedish duo Jonas Biorkman and Magnus Larsson in their September

teamed with Bjorkman as the world's top-ranked team this year. believes Saturday's doubles against France's Cedric Pioline, the former Wimbledon and US Open finalist, and Fabrice Santoro could be crucial.

Wavne and I is that I'm very consistent and make a lot of balls off my side," Woodbridge said Tuesday.

"Wayne has got the ability to be flashy, hit winners, be a little bit unpredictable which is tough going for the other team.

"I think he puts a lot of uncertainty into the opponent's minds." makes him the perfect foil to

on the first day in Friday's singles. Both Fitzgerald and French

captain Guy Forget will reveal their



Australian Davis Cup players (L-R) Pat Rafter, Lleyton Hewitt, Todd

Woodbridge and Wayne Arthurs share a light moment with the reporters during a press conference in Melbourne yesterday. Woodbridge's subtler play.

"I serve very well and he generally takes the net and does all the rest." Arthurs said.

World No 1 Lleyton Hewitt and Wimbledon finalist Pat Rafter will attempt to give Australia a 2-0 lead

Australia are playing their third successive Davis Cup final, having beaten France in Nice in 1999 and lost to Spain in Barcelona last year. Australia will be hosting their first Davis Cup final since beating Sweden 3-2 on grass at

Melbourne's Kooyong stadium in

World Adventure ends

MEDIA RELEASE, Istanbul The final leg of 'The World

Adventure 2001' has been completed in Istanbul. It is the latest in a succession of voyages representing genuine maritime endeavour, which has taken the Gold Leaf to all the corners of the world. Last year alone, the boat navigated three of the world's oceans covering in excess of 34,000 nautical miles. 'The Mediterranean Experience' may be shorter in mileage but the

experiences that it has already presented prove that the dream is far from over

The 'World Adventure 2001' was in part inspired by the historical elements of sailing inherent to this most unique of seas. The fundamentals of sailing which had remained unchanged for centuries was the focus as the Gold Leaf traversed the Mediterranean, calling at several cryptical destinations. The journey was devised to test the character and resolve of captain and crew of the 'John Player

Gold Leaf Maxi yacht by placing obstacles in their path for them to overcome. In order for them to achieve their goals, they worked as a team and trusted their instincts. Having experienced the trials

and tribulations of the worlds oceans in previous years, the boat and the crew was forced to go back to basics as part of the 'World Adventure 2001: Mediterranean Experience'. It was a series of fascinating challenges throughout the Mediterranean, which tested the guile, and resolve of captain and crew during their voyage.

The 'Gold Leaf and her crew had began their exciting journey by setting sail from the historical maritime city of Barcelona, Spain, in early July on the first leg of their thrilling 'World Adventure'. From there they called at different Mediterranean destinations: Malta, Athens, and Istanbul, The destinations were determined each time, by the assignments set in each port. Upon completion of the challenge the crew was given a country flag to hoist which marked not only their success but also their willingness to accept the next assignment.

Their latest challenge differed in practice from those previously set since leaving Barcelona in June. The earlier challenges demanded that the crew apply ancient nautical practices, the Boshporous leg was a test of precise navigational ability and the performance of the captain

the executive board -- which they are members of -- and Jagmohan Dalmiya was at our last meeting should count for something. "I just hope that they will make

the best of things and see that the issue is rather silly," Gray said. "It's bad enough that the Test series in South Africa has been

affected by this without the series against England being affected as well and we hope they will see the consequences of their actions." "As far as the players are concerned I should be apologising to

them, they are getting on with their

job and we are trying to get on with

ours, hopefully outside the public gaze," Grav said "It's not a question of what action can or cannot be taken (against India). I hope it's just a temporary

blip and we can get on with life."

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REUTERS, New Delhi

Cricket

India chiefs and the International Cricket Council (ICC) should settle their differences in a row over batsman Virender Sehwag which could jeopardise England's tour of India, former players said on Tuesday.

Jagmohan Dalmiya, president of the Biord of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said on Monday that Sehwag was available for the first England Test despite being given a one-match ban.

But the ICC said Sehwag

remained ineligible for selection and England officials indicated they would support any decision by cricket's ruling body. "The matter should and will be sorted out. I think it's been blown out

former Test spinner turned commentator, told this news agency. "Sensible people are sitting at the heads of the ICC and Board of

of proportion," Maninder Singh, a

sion and sort it out," he added. The first India-England Test is scheduled to start in the northern

Ex-Indians for a finish

city of Mohali on December 3.

tampering. Denness be removed for the third

Dalmiya says the match, still underway in Centurion, South Africa, is official and therefore Sehwag, who is not playing, has served his ban.

down a little and resolve the issue.' said Aiit Wadekar, a former Test captain and manager.

ever." he added Sehwag was one of five Indian players penalised by match referee

Mike Denness in South Africa last week for appealing excessively. Batsman Sachin Tendulkar was given a suspended ban for ball-An enraged India demanded

they should make a sensible deci-

and final Test, and when this request was turned down, agreed with South Africa to play what the ICC labelled as an unofficial match with a differ-

"I think people will have to sten

"The ICC has shown a stubborn

But Wadekar said the England series should not come under threat. "A solution has to be worked out in this staring match. There are still five days to go, the parties should discuss the issue and reach a con-

> Cricket commentators, however, have not ruled out a split in the ICC. "Given the tough posturing of Dalmiya, it is likely that India is sure of a majority backing in the ICC on

their stand." said an article in New Delhi's leading English daily, The Hindustan Times "If that is not the case, India may get isolated and its consequences could be dangerous for international

cricket." it added, while calling for an

emergency meeting of the ICC's

request of keeping Denness's

decisions in abeyance and I believe

it was time to show them we can't

take their discriminatory attitude for

clusion that is suitable to both par-

executive board. The 15-member board is scheduled to meet in March.

Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), attitude by not heeding India's Harper goes at umpires

Cricket

West Indies coach Roger Harper launched an astonishing attack on umpires and Sri Lankan cricketers Tuesday, saying both cost his team

the Test series here. Harper said the controversial dismissal of star batsman Brian Lara on the final day of the second Test at Kandy on Sunday was the reason for his team's defeat.

Sri Lanka won the match by 131 runs to take a decisive 2-0 lead in

the three-match series. "Lara's dismissal was the most nivotal moment of the game, Harper was quoted as saving in the state-run Daily News newspaper.

think all the Sri Lankans involved in the game contributed towards it. outcome could have been totally different if Brian was there

short-leg by Hashan Tillakaratne

"I just have no explanation for it. I

"The mood in the camp naturally was of disappointment. Not only in losing, but the manner in which we

thought the game was taken away

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I WONDER IF A FEW SNOOZING CATTLE COULD BE THOUGHT OF AS

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals S

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 error.

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Sri Lankan umpire Gamini Silva adjudged an in-form Lara caught at

after the batting superstar had made Television replays, however, showed the ball hit the ground before being held by the fielder off left-arm spinner Niroshan

Bandaratilleke in the first over after The West Indies' hopes of salvaging a draw receded with Lara's dismissal as they were shot out for



Lara is the only West Indies batsman who is able to face ace spinner Muttiah Muralitharan suc-

"By that statement, Harper may have been referring to Sri Lankan Umpire Gamini Silva, who gave

190 in the penultimate over of the

ROGER HARPER

cessfully. Lara is averaging 84.25

Cricket Council, which prohibits players and team officials from

from innings in the series.

Harper's comments could come speaking against umpiring deci-

Lara out." Sri Lanka's best known cricket commentator Sa'adi Thawfeeq wrote in the Daily News. under scrutiny by the International

Umpires: Rudi Koertzen and

the success of their latest challenge.

The crew of the Gold Leaf hold the World Adventure Flag in Istanbul to mak

two weeks ago. was not convinced the advantage. "We play so rarely on grass on the ATP circuit everyone has to adapt," said Grosjean, who won his

Doubles expert Fabrice Santoro,

specialist, proved his versatility at the Halle grass court tournament in Germany five months ago when he beat Pat Rafter on his way to the And his doubles partner Cedric

and is now ready to retire after this

Australia's Davis Cup captain John Fitzgerald has yet to name his Woodbridge has no doubts about

semi-final. And Woodbridge, who has

"I think one of the strengths for