

## Zia's second draw

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman lost half a point in the Professor Abdur Razzak 28<sup>th</sup> National Chess Championship when International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib held him to a draw in the eighth round on Thursday.

In a keenly contested match which continued for more than five hours, Zia played with whites against the Slav Defence of Rakib and tasted his second draw of the meet after 57 moves.

Zia, however, kept his top slot intact having raised his tally to seven points out of a possible eight. Rakib remained half a point behind in second position.

Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib is in the third with six points.

In the eighth round, Rajib, playing with blacks, beat Saifuddin Lovelu after 34 moves.

Rajib needs another two points from the remaining three games to earn his final IM norm.

In the other matches, Grand Master Niaz Murshed beat Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed beat Syed Ejaj Hossain, while Abu Sufian Shakil and Tayebur Rahman Sumon shared points.

IM Reefat-bin-Sattar earned a walkover against Shawkat Hossain Pallab.

**Points table:** 7 pointsZia; 6.5 pointsRajib; 6 pointsRajib; 5.5 pointsNiaz; 5 pointsNasir, Shakil; 4.5 pointsReefat; 2.5 pointsShiplu; 2 pointsSumon, Lovlu; 1.5 pointsEjajand 5pointsPallab.

**Today's matches:** Rakib v Ejaj, Shakil v Zia, Rajib v Sumon, Pallab v Lovlu, Shiplu v Reefat and Nasir v Niaz.

## Cullinan faces GCB hearing

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Daryll Cullinan will meet with officials of the Gauteng Cricket Board (GCB) on Saturday to discuss the procedure of an inquiry into his refusal to play for South Africa.

Cullinan, 35, was recalled to the South Africa team for the second Test against Australia at Newlands starting on Friday, but withdrew from the squad over contractual disputes with the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa.

"We will decide on Saturday what the process in this matter shall be," Mohammed Jajbhay, GCB vice-president told Reuters.

"We are looking at setting-up a commission of inquiry into his conduct as a result of his refusal to play for South Africa.

"We need to hear from the player and also look at all the facts and keep an open mind before we decide exactly how to proceed.



Grand Master Ziaur Rahman (L) and International Master Abdullah-Al-Rakib concentrate during their eighth round encounter on Thursday.

## A lot at stake for SA



REUTERS, Cape Town

A new-look South Africa side go into the second Test against Australia at Newlands aiming to restore lost pride after four consecutive defeats.

All-rounder Andrew Hall, fast bowler Dewald Pretorius and left-handed batsman Graeme Smith all win their first caps in Cape Town after captain Shaun Pollock was forced to pull out on Tuesday with a side strain.

"Pride is a good starting point for us," Smith said. "We have lost our last four Test matches and the guys all want to rectify that. We don't have anything to lose."

Mark Boucher will again captain the team in Pollock's absence but Daryll Cullinan misses the match after withdrawing over a contractual dispute with the South African cricket board.

Putting three debutants on the side could leave South Africa seriously exposed to a fearsome Australian side.

After winning the first Test in Johannesburg by a massive and 360 runs, the Australians are looking to force home their advantage and claim the series to secure their status at the top of the world Test rankings in what will be leg-spinner Shane Warne's 100th Test.

But South Africa's new blood are determined to put up a strong showing.

"It's a very proud moment in my career," said Hall, whose 18-match one-day international career includes a famous night under the Colonial Stadium roof in Melbourne in 2000 when he batted, bowled and donned the wicket-keeping gloves in the same game.

## Spanish Cup Deportivo do the partying



AFP, Madrid

Deportivo La Coruna upset the form book to beat Real Madrid 2-1 and lift the Spanish Cup for just the second time in their history on Wednesday.

First half goals from Spanish internationals Sergio Gonzalez and Diego Tristan put the visitors 2-0 ahead at the break in Real's own Santiago Bernabeu stadium and they hung onto their lead, despite a goal from Raul Gonzalez early in the second half.

Into the bargain, Deportivo ended Real's unbeaten home record this season and put an end to Real's centennial dreams - the eight-times European champions celebrated their 100th birthday on Wednesday - of nothing up an unprecedented treble of the Spanish league and Cup double, as well as the European Champions' League crown.

"Congratulations to Real on their centenary, I'm sorry we spoil their celebrations," commented Deportivo coach Javier Irureta.

"Perhaps now people should start to talk about us doing the treble, and we are certainly going to fight for it despite the difficulties of pulling it off," added Irureta, who has never hidden his distaste for the Spanish media's obsession with the giants of Real Madrid and Barcelona.

Sergio stunned the home supporters into silence by putting the Galicians into the lead after just five minutes.

The Deportivo midfielder picked up the ball on the edge of the area and, while Real's club captain Fernando Hierro was left almost motionless, darted into the box and slotted the ball with his right foot through Cesar Sanchez's legs.

Real nearly equalised five minutes later when Zinedine Zidane saw his header evade the outstretched fingertips of Deportivo goalkeeper Francisco Molina, only to bounce off the cross bar.

However, Deportivo kept up the pressure on the home side, rattling them with some ferocious tackling which lead to Mauro Silva and Victor Sanchez being shown first half yellow cards.

Deportivo's aggressive counter-attacking tactics paid off further after 37 minutes.

Former Spanish international defender Cesar Martin found World Cup-bound Juan Carlos Valeron on the right side of the box.

The Real Madrid defenders clearly believed Valeron was offside and were raising their arms in protest but Valeron had timed his run to perfection and sent the ball across the face of the goal for Diego Tristan - his likely room mate in Korea - to stab home.

Raul put Real back into the game 12 minutes after the break, finishing off a move instigated by Zidane and going via Santiago Solari - who came on at half time to add bite to the attack - and Fernando Morientes for his sixth goal in the Cup this season.

## Zia Smriti rout Sreepur Rising

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Zia Smriti Sangsad outplayed Sreepur Rizia Star Club by a massive 112 runs in the Econo Cricket League held at the Magura Stadium on Thursday.

Electing to bat first, Zia Smriti Sangsad scored 223 before being all out in 34.1 overs.

In reply, Rising Star were bundled out for 111 in 23.5 overs.

## Marauding Marillier

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David lbw b G Flower 23  
Kaif not out 39  
Bangar c Friend b Streak 0  
Ratra run out 6  
Agarkar not out 40  
Extras: (lb-1, nb-2, w-6) 9  
Total: (For 6 wkcs in 50 overs) 274  
Fall of wickets: 1-46, 2-123, 3-171, 4-193, 5-193, 6-211  
Did not bat: H Singh, A Kumble, Z Khan

**Bowler** O M R W  
Streak 10 0 53 2  
Friend 10 0 68 0  
Brent 10 0 68 0  
Marillier 10 0 53 1  
G Flower 10 0 31 1

**ZIMBABWE**  
Campbell lbw b Zaheer 84  
Wishart b Zaheer 7  
Friend b Zaheer 71  
A Flower b Kumble 23  
Carlisle c Ratra b Zaheer 10  
Ebrahim c Ganguly b Bangar 2  
G Flower c and b Harbhajan 1  
Streak c Ganguly b Harbhajan 8  
Taibu c Ratra b Bangar 56  
Marillier not out 56  
Brent not out 1  
Extras: (lb-5, nb-6, w-2) 13  
Total: (For 9 wkts in 49.4 overs) 277  
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-21, 3-132, 4-186, 5-193, 6-198, 7-200, 8-210, 9-252

**Bowler** O M R W  
Zaheer 10 2 47 4  
Agarkar 8 0 45 0  
Bangar 9 0 42 2  
Harbhajan 10 1 48 2  
Kumble 9.4 0 70 1  
Ganguly 3 0 20 0

**Result: Zimbabwe won by one wicket.**

**Man-of-the-match: Douglas Marillier.**

**Next match: March 10, Guwahati.**

## Premiership MU simply too hot



AFP, London

Manchester United stormed to the top of the English Premiership with a convincing four goal drubbing of Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford late on Wednesday.

Elsewhere, Liverpool thrashed fellow title contenders Newcastle 3-0 after a 30 minute delay because of floodlight failure and Chelsea beat London rivals Fulham 3-2.

Leeds restored their fortunes with a 2-0 victory over Ipswich, West Ham edged Everton closer to danger with a 1-0 win while Southampton and Middlesbrough fought a dour mid-table 1-1 draw.

United boss Alex Ferguson was delighted with a victory against a Tottenham team down to 10 men following Argentine defender Mauricio Taricco's sending-off.

United were just 1-0 up when Dutch ace Ruud van Nistelrooy fired in his 20th league goal of the season from the resulting penalty in the 43rd minute.

There was praise too for England captain David Beckham, who also scored twice, Ferguson describing the midfielder's performance as "superb".

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	37 Showy	DOWN	24 Pinnacle
1 Spiked flower club	40 Circle dance	1 Female horse	25 Juror, e.g.
5 Cut off	41 Gil of baseball	2 Tiny particle	26 Iowa city
8 Surgery souvenir	45 Failure	3 Arrive	27 Claim on property
12 On	47 Moo —	4 Orna- mental stand	28 Rodgers & Hammer-stein classic
13 Stick figure?	48 Act like a model	5 Green shade	32 Perfect example
14 Act like a model	49 Not pre-recorded	6 Raw rock	33 "Happy Gilmore" star
15 Spanish Steps locale	50 Freeway access	7 Versatile	35 32nd president
16 —	51 Old, as a wd. style	8 Glasses	36 Greet the villain
17 Nevada city	52 Bumpless	9 House	38 Opium provider
18 Come out	53 Vacation- ing	10 Request	39 Spirit
20 Mexican	54 Type of pick?	11 Old	42 Be
22 Crisp cookie	55 What- ever's left over	19 Horse- drawn carriage	43 12/24 and 12/31
26 In accom- paniment		21 Branch	44 Mailed
29 Arries		23 Ms. Garbo	45 —
30 Lemieux milieu			46 "The Practice" practice
31 Karaoke need			48 Kobe cummer-bund
32 Nord- pack item			
33 Unaltered			
34 Grown-up elver			
35 Adipose			
38 Hay machine			

Solution time: 24 mins.



CRYPTOQUIP

Q E Y O N Q M K H O S Q N P K Q

G H R M Y B G X D C E S H P M C

O M K S H B H K K H O H B E O B

Q K Q O J Y O D O S H R E X M Y O J  
Yesterday's Cryptogram: AFTER YEARS OF DIGGING IN THE SOIL, THE GARDENER FINALLY THREW IN THE TROWEL.

Today's Cryptogram Clue: O equals A

The Cryptogram 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.

## TV GUIDE

<b>BTV</b>		<b>ATN</b>		5:30 World Business Report/Asia Today		<b>TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS</b>		<b>PICK OF THE DAY</b>		6:30 [V] Hit Machine		8:00 Music Mantra Indian Holi		9:00 Animals A-Z	
<b>Morning session</b>		5:30 Islamic Prog		<b>STAR GOLD</b>						6:30 [V] Back to Back		10:30 Hum Sab Ek		11:00 Fit for the Wild	
9:10 Sangbad Shironam		7:00 Special prog. on World Women Day : Nare Debose Taroka		7:30amJheel Me Us Paar (Dharmendra, Mumtaz)		EKUSHEY : 9:00 p.m. <i>Raat Pohabar Aunek Deri.</i> An anonymous letter threatens a young man, living in a wild area, saying he has to yield to injustice. He declines to do so. While out at night, he happens to meet a young girl frightened with fear of death. She tells him tale of her danger. Consequently both the youths become close to each other. She calls him to go to the town but the young man insists to stay on in the wilderness.				6:30 [V] Hit Machine		10:30 Choodiya		12:30 Wild Rescues	
9:15 Aalor Pathay		7:35 Reporting prog. : Preksha Pot		10:30 Bollywood News				<b>STAR WORLD: 7:00 &amp; 9:30p.m. <i>Nash Bridges.</i></b> The average San Francisco citizen has no idea how much they owe Nash Bridges. As the boss of the elite Special Investigators Unit, Nash and his partners Joe and Harvey pull out all the stops to make sure the streets on their beat are safe. In tonight's episode Nash's sister, Stacy, is robbed, forcing her to come out of the closet as a lesbian.		6:30 [V] Zabadast Hits		11:30 Dil Hai Ki Manta Nahin		12:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals	
9:35 Cartoon		8:00 ATN Bangla News		11:00 Geet Bahar						6:30 Saaya		12:30 Pehchaa		1:00 All Bird TV	
10:00 The news		8:25 Bengali feature film : Palabi Kothai		11:30 Aurat (Rajesh Khanna, Feroz Khan, Padmini)						1:00 [V] FDFS		1:00 Kkusum		1:30 Extreme Contact	
10:05 Krira Jagat		11:30 Islamic Prog		3:00 Bollywood News						1:30 [V] Hit Machine		2:00 Kanyadaa		2:00 Monkey Business	
10:30 Moner Mukurey		12:00 ATN Bangla News		4:00 Seema (Nutan, Balraj Shani)						2:00 What Women Want		2:00 Lajja		3:00 In The Wild Wolves	
11:00 Sangbad Shironam		3:30 Special prog. on World Women Day : Ame Nare		7:00 Geet Bahar						3:00 [V] Zabadast Hits		2:30 Milan		4:00 Vets in Practice	
11:30 Moner katha		6:07 A Documentary prog.: Unnayon Shohojugeta		7:30 Shaandaar						4:00 [V] Hit Machine		3:00 Hum Pardes Gaye		4:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure	
11:55 Pratin		6:45 Special prog. on World Women Day : Bishwa Nare Debos, Amader Bhabna		6:00amHappy Days						4:30 [V] Hotline		3:30 Thoda Hai... Thod Zarurat Hai		5:00 Shark Gordon	
<b>Evening session</b>		7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News		6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun						5:30 Very [V]		4:00 Choti Si Asha		5:30 Weird N Wonderful Friday	
3:10 Sangbad Shironam		7:35 Musical Prog.		7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show						6:30 Ctrl [V]		4:30 Spash		7:00 Barking Mad	
3:15 Desher Gaan		8:45 Magazine Prog: Tasmerly Ke Chokhon		12:00 Hit Get						7:00 [V] Back to Back		5:00 Jaane Kahan Mera Jigar Gaya jee		7:30 Battersea Dogs Home	
3:20 Bangla Movie		9:20 Business prog: Areak Sokal		10:30 Kya Film Kya Geet						7:30 [V] Hit Machine		5:30 C.A. T.S		8:00 Animal Planet Safari	
4:00 Khabar		10:00 ATN Bangla News		1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful						8:00 [V] Zabadast Hits		6:00 Just Mohabbat		9:00 Natural World	
5:00 Sangbad Shironam		7:35 Musical Prog.		2:30 Baywatch						9:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox		6:30 Disney Hour		10:00 Vets in Practice	
6:00 Khabar		8:45 Magazine Prog: Tasmerly Ke Chokhon		4:00 The Simpsons						10:00 [V] FDFS		7:30 Charbusters		10:30 o'Shea's Big Adventure	
6:10 Cartoon		9:20 Business prog: Areak Sokal		5:00 Star News Asia						10:30 Club [V]		8:00 Music Mantra		11:00 Shark Gordon	
6:35 programme from Chittagong station		10:00 ATN Bangla News		6:00 Worlds Wildest Police Videos						11:30 [V] Hit Machine		8:30 Boogie Woogie		11:30 Weird N Wonderful Friday	
7:00 Sangbad Shironam		7:00 Nash Bridges		6:55 Star News Asia						12:00 [V] Back To Back		9:00 Di Se Do			
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7:30 International Woman's Day		8:00 Bugs		7:30 Friends						6:30 Man With One Red Shoe		10:00 Heena		6:00 Norman Rockwell's Breaking Home Ties	
8:00 Bangla Bulletin		9:00 Friends		8:00 Worlds Wildest Police Videos						8:30 This is My Life		10:30 CID		8:00 The Return of the Native	
8:30 Drama serial		9:30 Worlds Wildest Police Videos		8:30 Kashmakash						10:15 Choke		11:00 Aahat		10:00 The Young Riders	
9:00 Sangbad Shironam		10:00 Whose Line is it Anyway		4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli						12:00 Felons		11:30 Bhanwar		1:00 Mary & Tim	
9:05 Magazine programme		10:30 Nash Bridges		4:30 Kalash						1:45 Working Girl		12:00 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya		2:00 Sliders	
10:00 News in English		11:30 Bugs		5:00 Meri Saheli						3:30 Fantasticks, The				2:00 Sesame Street	
10:25 Believe It Or Not		12:00 Correspondent		5:30 Hit Filmcin Hit Sangeet						3:30 Anywhere But Here				3:00 Scholastic Clifford	
11:20 World Music Album		5:00 BBC News		6:00 Small Wonder						7:30 Robin Hood Prince of Thieves				3:30 Caillou	
11:30 Khabar/The news		6:30 World Business Report		6:30 Fox Kids						9:15 Wet Hot American Summer				4:00 The Young Riders	
11:45 Closing		7:00 World Business Report		7:10 Aaj Ki Baat						10:00 This is My Life				5:00 Star Trek: Voyager	
<b>EKUSHEY</b>		7:30 World Business Report		7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet						12:30 Broadcast News				6:00 Sliders	
2:00pm Ekushey Headlines		7:55 Film Toppers		8:00 Gharwali Uparwali						<b>HBO</b>				7:00 Drive Time Murders	
2:05 Potriyak Weekend		8:30 Gharwali Uparwali		8:30 Marumagal						6:30 Little Women				9:00 Star Trek: Voyager	
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2:35 Classic Cartoons		9:30 Gharwali Uparwali								11:15 Grace of My Heart				12:00 Broken Vows	
3:00 Ekushey Headlines		10:00 Gharwali Uparwali								1:30 Eye for an Eye				<b>DISCOVERY</b>	
3:05 Bangla Film: Poka		10:30 Question Time								3:30 Double Jeopardy				7:00 Let's Dance & Eat	
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5:30 Gillette Sports		11:30 The Car's The Star ex Top Gear								8:00 Scrooged				8:30 Lonely Planet V	
6:00 Ekushey Headlines		12:00pm BBC News								10:00 Babe				9:30 Ultimate Guide	
6:05 WWF Smackdown		12:30 World Business Report								12:00 Death Warrant				10:00 Terra X	
6:55 Ekushey Headlines		1:00 BBC News								1:45 Wild Geese II				11:30 In The Wild	
7:00 Mukto Khobor		1:30 Hardtalk								4:15 Rudy				12:00 Science Mysteries	
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad		2:00 BBC News								<b>SONY</b>				1:30 Discovery Civilsatioin	
8:00 Ekushey News		2:30 Rough Science								6:00 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya				2:30 Wild Discovery	
8:05 Special Programme of Bisho Nare Dibos		3:00 BBC News								6:30 amMusic Mantra				3:30 Bom Winners	
8:30 Murchona		3:30 World Business Report								7:00 Chartbusters				4:00 Let's Dance & Eat	
9:00 Shukrobarer Natok: Raat Pohabar Onek Deri		4:00 BBC News								7:30 Amrit Varsha				4:30 Adventure Crazy	
10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV		4:30 Correspondent								8:00 Sant Asaram Vani				5:30 Lonely Planet V	
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News		5:00 BBC News								8:30 Chartbusters				6:30 In the Wild	
11:30 Ei Shoptaho										9:00 Good Morning Disney Friday				7:00 Wild Discovery	
12:00 Ekushey Headlines														8:30 Living Pulse	
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														10:30 Daring Capers	