



Russian world champion Vladimir Kramnik (R) contemplates a move as Mathias Fiest, programmer of the Deep Fritz chess supercomputer, looks on during the seventh match of the 'Brains in Bahrain' contest in Manama on October 17.

# Man, machine final's conflict

## Series decider today



AFP, Manama

World champion Vladimir Kramnik of Russia and Deep Fritz, billed as the most powerful chess computer, drew here Thursday to set the stage for a decider in Saturday's final of their million-dollar challenge.

"A few years ago, if I had been playing a chess programme, I would have had a really big advantage, but not today, not now," Kramnik said after the two-and-a-half-hour game.

The score in the Brains in Bahrain, Man v Machine contest, now stands at three-and-a-half points each.

Kramnik, who ended Garry Kasparov's 12-year reign as world champion in November 2000, admitted that Deep Fritz would have the advantage going into the final in Manama, capital of the Gulf kingdom of Bahrain.

"To be honest, the result will, to a large extent, be based on luck. It depends on so many factors, even the way that I sleep," he said.

"The computer doesn't feel any pressure at all, and therefore has a real psychological advantage -- I need to think really deeply about what I will do in the final game."

But he would not be distracted by the one-million-dollar purse. "Even if I am playing for free, it is the same, I want to win. I want to play good games. Winning is the most important thing to me," said Kramnik.

Analysts said earlier that the world champion may have conceded defeat in the sixth game on Tuesday when he was still in position to force a draw.

Having re-examined the play, experts in Bahrain could not find a forced win for Deep Fritz.

Though there might have been a theoretical win for the computer in the final position, Fritz never would have won this position had Kramnik found the best moves.

A member of the Kramnik team said Thursday, "After studying the computer's game for over a year, it is almost as if we are being brainwashed by this programme."

"It is as if Kramnik has begun to think that the computer can see and calculate the merits of every possible move and Kramnik did not, therefore, believe that he could achieve a draw from this position."

Kramnik was unshaken by his mistake.

"If I had found out about this error earlier, my comments would proba-

White: Deep Fritz  
 Black: Vladimir Kramnik  
 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Bb7  
 5. Bg2 Be7 6. O-O O-O 7. Nc3 Ne4  
 8. Qc2 Nxc3  
 9. Qxc3 c5 10. Rd1 d6 11. b3 Bf6 12. Bb2 Qe7  
 13. Qc2 Nc6 14. e4 e5 15. d5 Nd4  
 16. Bxd4 cxd4  
 17. Bh3 g6 18. a4 a5 19. Rab1 Ba6  
 20. Re1 Kh8  
 21. Kg2 Bg7 22. Qd3 Rae8 23. Nd2  
 Bh6 24. f4 Qc7  
 25. Rf1 Kg8 26. Rbe1 Qd8 27. Kg1  
 Bb7 28. Re2 Ba6.

By have been 'unprintable', but now I have forgotten about that game ... I see each new game as the first and only game," he said.

Deep Fritz creators have been quick to play down their chances in the final showdown. Mathias Feist, one of the Fritz team, said: "Humans will always have more attacking opportunities."

Kramnik stands to win one million dollars from Bahrain's King Hamad if he beats the machine and 700,000 dollars if he draws.

Here are the moves of the seventh game:

# WC chess

## Anand, Xu draw

XINHUA, New Delhi

Defending champion Viswanathan Anand and Koeneru Humpy of India settled for draws while Woman Grand Master Stefenova Antoneta of Bulgaria defeated Svetlana Matveeva of Russia for the only victory in the first round semifinal matches of the World Cup Chess Tournament in Hyderabad in south India Thursday.

Draws seemed to be the order of the day and but for Stefenova, who won in 40 moves, the rest of the boards saw players playing it safe.

Anand forced a draw against Alexey Dreev of Russia with relative ease while Humpy survived some anxious moments before splitting the point against reigning champion Xu Yuhua of China.

Alexander Beliavsky of Slovenia and Rustam Kasimdzhanov of Uzbekistan too played safe in the first round and agreed to split the point after 50 moves to breathe life and interest into Friday's second round matches, which may move into tiebreak games.

Playing black against Xu Yuhua, Grand Master Humpy adopted the Petroff Defence and was troubled often by the Chinese champion.

However, Humpy fought back with grit and determination and unleashed a strong counterplay.

The game resulted in opposite colour bishops and the two players agreed for a draw after 45 moves.

Stefenova opted for the Slav defence against Svetlana. Showing her mastery in counter-attack, Stefenova earned a piece to pull off a superb victory in 40 moves.

In the other men's semi-final match, Rustam put up a brave fight against Belisky in a Queen's Gambit variation but they agreed to sort out the issue Friday though Rustam had two extra pawns against his opponent's bishop.

Anand had applied the same strategy of Drawing the first round match of the quarterfinals against Russian Grand Master Vladimir Malakhov with black but went all out in the second game with whites.

**RESULTS**  
**Men:** Viswanathan Anand (Ind) 0.5 drew with Alexey Dreev (Russia) 0.5 Alexander Beliavsky (Slovenia) 0.5 drew with Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) 0.5.  
**Women:** Xu Yuhua (China) 0.5 drew with Koeneru Humpy (Ind) 0.5 Stefenova Antoneta (Bulgaria) 1 beat Svetlana Matveeva (Russia) 0.

# Daniela wins teen tussle

## No luck for Dokic



AFP, Zurich

Daniela Hantuchova held off four match points and emerged from a two-hour 53-minute battle against Russia's Elena Dementieva with a 3-6, 7-6, 7-6 victory to reach the quarterfinals of the Swisscom Challenge tournament on Thursday.

But there was defeat for fifth-seeded Yugoslav Jelena Dokic, who was beaten 7-6, 4-6, 7-5 by in-form American Alexandra Stevenson.

Seventh-seeded Hantuchova had lost three of her previous four meetings with Dementieva, and appeared to be on the way to another defeat when Dementieva broke her to lead 5-3 in the second set.

But although the Russian held four match points in the next game, she double-faulted on two of them and also let the remaining two slip from her grasp.

Another double fault, her 14th of 20 in the match, left Hantuchova serving for the second set at 5-4 in the tiebreaker, but although Hantuchova levelled at one set all the match continued to hang in the balance right to the end.

Hantuchova held off a break

point with an ace at 5-5 in the deciding set, and then let three match points go by in the tiebreak before clinching victory at her fourth attempt.

"It was a very close match and I don't think it has ever happened to me before, to win a match after



DANIELA HANTUCHOVA

being four match points down, said Hantuchova.

"It took a lot out of me because we had a lot of long rallies at the end of the match, but winning matches this close means a lot to me and gives me a lot of confidence," Dementieva, bewilderingly,

believed she had served well, claiming she had performed better than in her first round match during which she hit another 12 double-faults.

"This time was much better than at Filderstadt last week (when Hantuchova claimed her only victory over Dementieva), and today it was good compared to my first match here when I couldn't do anything with it," she said.

"I'm just trying to be positive and not think about the double-faults."

Dokic has complained of feeling weary after a long season, but she fought for two hours 13-minutes before conceding to Stevenson on the third match point. Stevenson's serve and forehand created a challenge for Dokic, but both players had opportunities to take the lead in the final set.

The American took the first set after saving a set point at 6-5 with a second serve ace, but Dokic claimed the only break of serve in the second to lead 4-3.

In the decider, Stevenson held two points to lead 3-1 and four to lead 4-2, and then held off two break points for Dokic to lead 5-4.

There were no such problems for sixth seed Kim Clijsters of Belgium, who swept past South Africa's Amanda Coetzer 6-1, 6-1.

# Hingis says no more

AFP Zurich

Martina Hingis on Thursday confirmed that she will miss the remainder of the season, including the WTA Championships in Los Angeles, in order to further rehabilitate her left ankle.

Hingis underwent surgery on the ankle in May to repair one torn and three loose ligaments. The injury forced her to miss the German, Italian and French Opens, in addition to Wimbledon, San Diego and Los Angeles.

She returned to action at the Canadian Open in mid-August, but has failed to make any impression and last week she slumped to a 6-3, 6-1 second round defeat by Elena Dementieva, and then withdrew from this week's WTA tournament in her home city of Zurich.

She claimed then that she was not playing at the level she would like and had perhaps returned from surgery too soon.

Hingis has not so far set any date for her return.

"I will not play anymore tournaments for the rest of the year," she said in Zurich. "I am not playing at the level I would like to play and I don't want to play in front of my fans like this."

"Maybe I came back too early after my surgery."

"I'll take two or three weeks completely off and then talk to my Mum, Mario (Widmer) and get advice from my doctor."

"I have not decided on a definite comeback at the Australian Open. That remains to be seen as I have set myself no dates at this point."

Hingis is the youngest ever player to hold the number one ranking - a position she held for a total of 209 career weeks on and off between March 1997 and October 2001.



Spain's Feliciano Lopez in action against Andre Agassi in their Madrid Masters match on October 17.

# Agassi disarms lethal Lopez



REUTERS, Madrid

Andre Agassi won a late night battle of wills to see off Spanish wildcard Feliciano Lopez 7-6, 6-7, 7-5 at the Madrid Masters on Thursday and set up a quarterfinal meeting with Juan Carlos Ferrero.

Agassi needed every ounce of his resolve to beat Lopez, a tricky left-hander with a gigantic serve who was roared on by a packed crowd at the Madrid Rockdrome.

Lopez saved a match point on his own serve in the second-set tiebreak before finally giving Agassi a chance in game 11 of the third, double-faulting on the first of three break points.

The American second seed, serving with a 6-5 lead, missed his second match point but eventually clinched victory in two hours 23 minutes with a punched forehand beyond Lopez's reach.

Agassi will go on to face Ferrero in a rematch of the French Open quarterfinal won by the Spaniard.

Ferrero, seeded fifth, was also taken to three sets by Alex Corretja but his 3-6, 6-0, 6-1 victory was easy by comparison.

Corretja took advantage of some sloppy mistakes from his fellow Spaniard to win the first set but Ferrero finished up playing near-perfect tennis from deep behind the baseline.

Sebastian Grosjean, seeded seventh, moved smoothly through to the last eight with a 7-6, 6-1 success against Mikhail Youzhny of Russia.

The Frenchman goes on to meet Agustin Calleri, the Argentine qualifier who overcame 15th seed Thomas Johansson of Sweden 6-4, 6-4.

That was a blow to Johansson's hopes of making the Tennis Masters Cup in Shanghai at the end of the season.

Johansson, the Australian

Open champion, needs to move up from 14th at the start of the week to overtake Albert Costa, who was in eighth place, to take the last berth open to a grand slam winner ranked between eight and 20.

Also putting his Shanghai place in jeopardy was Carlos Moya, who missed a match point before going down 6-7, 6-4, 7-5 to the dangerous Jiri Novak.

After two evenly matched sets Spaniard Moya, the number eight seed, served for the match at 5-3 only for his nerve to fail him.

Moya then missed a simple backhand for the match with Novak serving at 4-5 and paid the price as the number 11 seed roared back to break in the next and serve out for the win in two hours 17 minutes.

The Czech was in 11th place going into Madrid but he is now closing in on one of the top seven places in the ATP Entry System and a spot in Shanghai.

Roger Federer, who was clinging on to that seventh place, should find his position strengthened at the end of the week after he beat Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador 6-3 6-4 in the final match on centre court on Thursday.

# Kapil against

International Cricket Council's meeting in London, declined to accept the 10-year Test calendar till the governing body persuaded India to end its cricketing boycott of Pakistan.

India earlier this year had said it had no objection to India playing against Pakistan at multi-nation events like the World Cup, but ruled out Tests and one-day matches.

India are scheduled to play a league match against Pakistan in the World Cup in February-March next year.

India and Pakistan played each other in the 1999 World Cup in England even when the Kargil conflict was at its height in Kashmir.

# Being underdog is good

FROM PAGE 13  
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"It is always nice to have genuine fast bowlers," he said.

"It is an exciting time for Harmison and Jones. Both are right up there for pace, especially Jones -- he is up there with the quickest in the world."

"He bowled certain spells back in England last season when he was getting up to 90 miles per hour plus (145 kph). It is going to be very exciting for everyone to see."

England captain Nasser Hussain was scheduled to talk to the media at a formal arrival conference Saturday.

# Captain Cup golf Siraj's

SPORTS REPORTER

Sirajuddin Ahmed lifted the Prime Bank Captain Cup Golf title yesterday. The two-day curtain-raiser began at the Kurmitola Golf Club on Thursday.

The ladies' champion was Ok Kyung Oh.

The tournament was teed-off by Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury on Thursday morning. About 259 golfers took part.

**OTHER RESULTS**  
**Senior Winner:** Maj Gen Mustafa Kamaluddin, **Junior Winner:** Min Gu, **Runner-up:** Syed Mohammad Ali, **Ladies' Runner-up:** Ayesha Farid, **Senior Runner-up:** Abu S Alam, **Second Runner-up:** Pervez Rasheed, **Third Runner-up:** Sadiq Qudus, **Front Nine Winner:** Faruque Ahmed, **Back Nine Winner:** KJ Yoon, **Longest Drive:** Alok Azeem, **Nearest to pin:** Gulam Sarwar Khan, **Winner (9 hole):** Brig Gen Anwar Farid, **Runner-up (9 hole):** Brig Gen Faruque Ashfaq.

# BAF hockey

UNB, Dhaka

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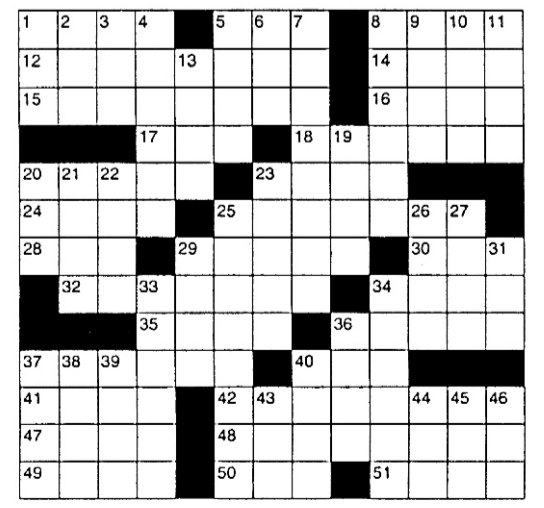
# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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 5 Jazz enthusiast  
 8 Appellation  
 12 One of a biblical trio  
 14 Wrongdoing  
 15 Perfect phrasing, s'il vous plait  
 16 Swindle  
 17 Tribute in verse  
 18 Chopin creations  
 20 Flick  
 23 Prison  
 24 Ball-ringer's company?  
 25 Heater  
 28 Shot  
 29 Long openings  
 30 Peculiar  
 32 Cohort of  
 12-Across  
 34 Ashcroft's predecessor  
 35 Metropolis  
 36 Fragrant wood

**DOWN**  
 1 Doctrine  
 2 Discoverer's cry  
 3 Crochet title  
 4 Neighborly  
 5 Wine-shop purchase  
 6 Deed  
 7 3rd rock from the sun  
 8 Interstellar  
 9 Beyond eager  
 10 Marathon fraction  
 11 Benevolent  
 13 Discourteous  
 19 Supermarket stack  
 20 Chart  
 21 Egg  
 22 November responsibility  
 23 Like fruit  
 25 Variety of calfish  
 26 Dorm dweller  
 27 Author Ferber  
 29 Armada member  
 31 Rimsky-Korsakov's "Le Coq" --  
 33 Offspring  
 34 Jog one's memory  
 36 Cheese ingredient  
 37 "The Georgia Peach"  
 38 Soothing agent  
 39 Photog's choice  
 40 Appear  
 43 CEO's degree  
 44 Afternoon gathering  
 45 "That's yucky!"  
 46 Impresario

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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**Saturday's Cryptiquip:** WHEN BASEBALL PLAYER BABE LEFT THE FIELD, DO YOU SUPPOSE IT WAS RUTHLESS?  
 Today's Cryptiquip Clue: G equals R

The Cryptiquip 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.

# Marauding

FROM PAGE 13  
 Gibbs continued the superb form which he showed in scoring three successive limited overs international centuries this season, including one against Bangladesh. He looked in no trouble as he hit six boundaries and a six off Bangladesh's medium-paced opening bowlers.

But Gibbs was caught by Tushar Imran when Baisya pitched short and he tried to force the ball off the back foot.

South Africa included a new cap in batsman Martin van Jaarsveld, 28.

With Shaun Pollock resting because of a strained left knee ligament, wicketkeeper Mark Boucher captained South Africa for the fourth time.

The match is the first in a two-Test series.

**SCOREBOARD**  
 Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the first Test between Bangladesh and South Africa at Buffalo Park on Friday:  
**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings  
 Smith not out 127  
 Gibbs c Imran b Baisya 41  
 Kirsten not out 70  
 Extras: (lb-1, nb-4, w-1) 6  
 Total: (For 1 wkt in 59 overs) 244  
 Fall of wicket: 1-87

To bat: J Kallis, A Prince, M van Jaarsveld, C Henderson, M Hayward, M Ntini, D Terbrugge

**Bowler**  

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	13	2	41	0
Baisya	15	2	70	1
Jubair	12	3	58	0
Rafique	13	1	53	0
Kapali	6	1	21	0

**BANGLADESH:** Khaled Mashud (captain), Al Shahriar, Javed Omar, Habibur Bashar, Sanwar Hossain, Tushar Imran, Alok Kapali, Mohammad Rafique, Tapash Baisya, Monjurul Islam, Talha Jubair.  
**Umpires:** Daryl Harper (Australia) and Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe).

# WI fightback

FROM PAGE 13  
 Dravid with the one that cut in sharply off the pitch for his maiden Test wicket.

Dravid, looking for his fifth hundred in successive innings to equal West Indian Everton Weekes's world record, contributed only 11.

The 150-minute afternoon session belonged to Sehraw, who had scored a career-best 147 in the opening Test at Bombay.

Sehraw did not curb strokes despite getting two 'lives' and hoisted Breese over wide long-on for two sixes in one over, completing his half-century with the second shot. His third six also came off Breese in the same direction.

The West Indies, however, did not have to pay dearly for their shoddy catching as left-arm fast bowler Pedro Collins bowled Sehraw off-stump.

Sehraw's quickfire knock helped India add 103 to their overnight total of 31 for no loss in the afternoon session. The next session produced only 56.

**SCOREBOARD**  
 Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second cricket Test between India and the West Indies at the Chidambaram Stadium on Friday:  
**WEST INDIES:** First innings 167 (C Hooper 35; A Kumble 5-30, H Singh 3-56)  
**INDIA:** First innings (overnight 31-0)  
 Bangar c Hooper b Dillon 40  
 Sehraw b Collins 61  
 Dravid b Lawson 11  
 Tendulkar b Lawson 43  
 Ganguly lbw b Dillon 0  
 Laxman not out 18  
 Patel not out 1  
 Extras: (b-4, lb-6, nb-5, w-1) 16  
 Total: (For 5 wkts in 70 overs) 190  
 Fall of wickets: 1-93, 2-109, 3-155, 4-155, 5-180

To bat: Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Javagal Srinath, Zaheer Khan

**Bowler**  

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Dillon	16	8	17	2
Collins	13	3	32	1
Lawson	14	4	37	2
Breese	16	2	66	0
Hooper	6	2	19	0
RHinds	5	1	9	0

**Umpires:** David Shepherd (England) and Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka).

**England bank**  
 FROM PAGE 13  
 Durham's Harmison captured five wickets on debut for England in the recent draw second Test against India in Nottingham.

The pace duo will be vying for a spot in the first Test line-up alongside Andrew Caddick, Mathew Hoggard and Flintoff.

Hussain wants all his bowlers firing.

"Gough, Harmison, Jones, Caddick, Hoggard -- they're a good combination of bowlers but we've got to get them fit really," said Hussain.

On the issue of sledging, Hussain said he had read about the verbal stoush between Australian opener Matt Hayden and Pakistan express bowler Shoaib Akhtar in the recent first Test in Colombo.

"I just think that's part of world cricket at the moment. But if you give it, make sure you can take it as well," he said.

"That's the problem when you're a batter. You're always one ball away from getting out and getting a final verbal."

# Shoaib blow

FROM PAGE 13  
 Test and are determined to fight it out," Waqar said.

**TEAMS**  
**AUSTRALIA** (from): Steve Waugh (captain), Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Ricky Ponting, Mark Waugh, Damien Martyn, Darren Lehmann, Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne, Brett Lee, Glenn McGrath, Andrew Bichel, Nathan Hauritz.  
**PAKISTAN** (from): Waqar Younis (captain), Taufiq Umar, Imran Nazir, Misbahul Haq, Hasan Raza, Faisal Iqbal, Shahid Afridi, Rashid Latif, Shoaib Akhtar, Saqlain Mushtaq, Danish Kaneria, Mohammad Sami, Mohammad Zahid.  
**Umpires:** Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Srinivas Venkataraghavan (India).



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