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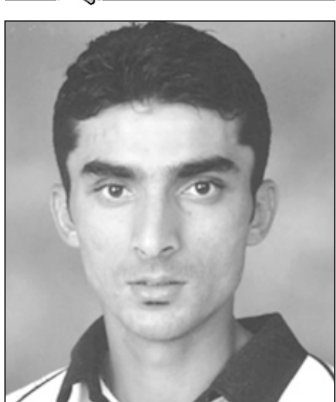
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Nipa 36th

SPORTS REPORTER

FIDE Master Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa secured the 36th position with 2.5 points in the Asian Women's Chess Championship that ended at Calicut in India yesterday.

Local Grand Master Koneru Hampy clinched the title with 7 points in the nine-round tournament.

Nipa, the national women's champion, won her final round game against Sri Lankan Vineetha Wijesuriya to raise her collection to 2.5 points.

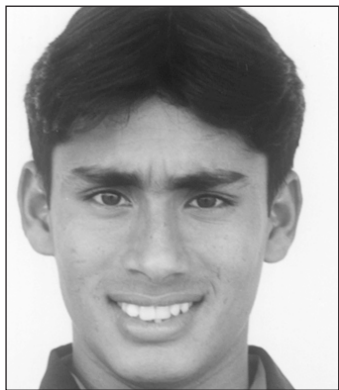
Ashraful, Monjurul likely



HASAN MASOOD from Peshawar

Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore said that he might make one or two changes for the second Test that starts here on Wednesday.

"I think there is every chance of a change. It might be one or two but still there's a day left so it's difficult to



MOHAMMAD ASHRAFUL

make a prediction," he said during the team's first practice session at the Arbab Niaz Stadium yesterday.



MONJURUL ISLAM

the youngest batsman in Test history to have scored a century on debut. He made 114 against Sri

Lanka in Colombo in September 2001.

"He definitely has the potential because a Test hundred is a Test hundred. But again he has to work hard because it does not happen every time.

"He must have seen how hard Rajin (Saleh) had to work in Karachi to get a fifty. He has to work hard if he wants to have a long career," said Whatmore adding that the 19-year-old batsman was technically sound.

"He has plenty of time when he plays his shots. But it really doesn't matter unless you are tough enough in the middle," he observed.

Whatmore also suggested that he might go for a left-right combination in the pace bowling by including left-arm Monjurul Islam instead of Tapas Baisya.

When asked whether the pitch, which had a good covering of grass, would assist the spinners like it did when Muttiah Muralitharan bagged ten wickets here three years ago, the famed coach believed that a world-class performer like Muralitharan could exploit any surface.

"Although there is a lot of grass on the pitch but it will be rolled over before the match starts. And it might stay the same as the wicket in

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A file photo showing two local fans standing inside the grilled fencing of the Arbab Niaz Stadium in Peshwar where the second Super Asia Test between Bangladesh and Pakistan will be held.

Tigers in batting paradise



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Bangladesh arrived in the ancient city of Peshawar early Sunday morning to play the second Test at the Arbab Niaz Stadium.

Although Peshawar is as old as 2,500 years, the Arbab Niaz Stadium will however be holding its sixth Test when Khaled Mahmud and Rashid Latif lead their respective sides into battle on Wednesday.

Traditionally conditions at the venue have helped both batsmen and spinners since its inception in September 1995 when Sri Lanka played here.

And just like Karachi, where the bowlers had to really work for their wickets, the flat track in Pakistan's North West Province promises to offer hardly any assistance for the fast bowlers.

Bangladesh can take heart from their seven-wicket defeat in Karachi to carry on their good work on a benign pitch.

The highest innings in this ground is 599 for six declared by Australia in October 1998. Pakistan also scored their highest total of 580 for nine declared in the same match.

The ground is also famous for Mark Taylor's gesture. The former Australian captain scored 334 but resisted the temptation of going past Sir Donald Bradman in that run-filled Test. Australian left-handed opener Justin Langer also scored 116.

For Pakistan Ijaz Ahmed and Saeed Anwar scored 155 and 126 respectively while Inzamamul Haq was dismissed on 90.

In fact the ground has in the past proved rather unlucky for the big man from Multan, who was out in the nervous nineties thrice.

Apart from missing a hundred against Australia, Inzamam scored

95 against Sri Lanka in 1995 and made 92 against West Indies in 1997.

Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan has enjoyed the best bowling figures when he took six for 71 in the second innings in March 2000. Earlier he also took four wickets for 77 to finish with figures of 10-148 and helped the Lankans to a 59-run win over Pakistan.

It was Sri Lanka's finest moment in their Test history. At that time their mentor was none other than Dav Whatmore.

He has returned three years later to the site of that famous victory. His mission now is to pull off another surprise with a new team.

The Australian has done wonders with Bangladesh since taking over in June, which has seen the Tigers earn respect in Australia. Besides, his players managed to play five days of Test cricket in Karachi.

Mahmud takes heart at Karachi performance



AFP, Peshawar

Embattled Bangladesh cricket captain Khaled Mahmud said Monday his team was defeated but not disgraced after their seven-wicket defeat in the first Test against Pakistan.

Bangladesh lost to Pakistan in the southern port city Karachi on Sunday after five days of a Test that marked international cricket's return to the terror-hit country after a 15-month drought.

"Bangladesh was defeated but not disgraced and I am happy the way the team has performed," said Mahmud, who took over as captain following Bangladesh's win-less World Cup campaign in March.

"Our boys worked hard but we couldn't stay at the wicket as long as required."

The second match of the three-Test series starts in this northwest border town on Wednesday.

"What is important for us is to keep the improvement intact. The improvement graph must go up and

improvement.

Though they lost both Tests against world champions Australia by an innings last month they brushed off claims of a humiliation, and enjoyed some good sessions in a series dubbed the "biggest mismatch" in Test history beforehand.

"I am not happy with my own performance and have said before the tour that if I don't perform well I will leave the captaincy," said Mahmud, whose performance is under scrutiny.

As a medium-pacer Mahmud conceded most runs, including 406 for a single wicket on his team's tour of Australia. As a lower-order batsman he averages less than 12 per innings.

Victorious Pakistani captain Rashid Latif praised the Bangladeshis' fighting spirit.

"I give full credit to Bangladesh, they took the Test to the fifth day and it goes to their advantage and help them further improve," said Latif.

Pakistan are likely to play the same eleven for the second Test after retaining the 15-man squad announced for the Karachi Test.



KHALED MAHMUD



PHOTO: ENAMUL HAQUE

BHASHANI NEEDS PROTECTION: A Bangladesh Air Force provost on guard with his gun in front of the Maulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium yesterday. Air Force personnel were deployed at the Stadium for security reasons following an act of vandalism by some supporters of Mohammedan Sporting during a Green Delta Premier Division hockey league Super Five encounter between Abahani and Usha Krira Chakra on Friday.

College b'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

Mastermind College moved into the final of the Europa First College Basketball Championship beating Saint Joseph College 79-62 at the Dhanmondi gymnasium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 34-33.

Nabil was the top scorer for the winners with 43 while Ayon scored 14 and Osman 8. Munna caged 33 for the losers.

Mastermind will play in the final against the winner of the second semifinal played between Notre Dame College and Khulna College yesterday.

The final will take place tomorrow at the same venue at 4pm.

Mohammedan make solid start



SPORTS REPORTER

Title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club got their "Super Five" phase of Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League off to a flying start as they recorded a comfortable 3-0 victory over Sonali Bank at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday.

With the win over the impressive-so-far bankers, the popular black and whites not only extended their tally to 26 points from ten matches but also got back on track after they shared

points in previous two matches.

The bankers, who have collected 16 points, looked to be in good touch in the first half although they trailed 0-1. But they totally out of sorts after the break.

Mohammedan had to fight hard to take the lead as Mazharul Islam found the board in the 23rd minute with a fine hit from a Musa Miah cross.

Striker Ariful Haq Prince doubled the margin in the 59th minute hitting on a rebounder while Pakistani Selim Amir sealed the fate of the match three minutes later.

TODAY'S MATCH

Ajax SC v Usha KC (4pm)

Drab start to Super Six

SPORTS REPORTER



Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

This season's surprise package Wanderers came into the match as clear favourites but it was the Chittagong outfit who left the field shaking their heads for not getting full points.

Second half substitute Ashqar

Babu was the main culprit for Mohammedan as he missed two absolute sitters in the dying minutes of the game.

The striker, who plays in the Dhaka Premier Division, first failed to connect his head to a superb minus from Mehedi Hasan Tapu with five minutes to go from point blank range. Seconds later, Babu found Wanderers goalkeeper Mohammad Ali at his mercy but his feeble shot was duly gathered by Ali.

Luck also didn't favour Mohammedan when a brilliant angular grounder from the impressive Tapu, kissed the second-bar and went out.

Wanderers largely frustrated the ten-thousand odd spectators at the

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PHOTO: STAR

Chittagong Mohammedan's Israfil (R) and a Moulvibazar Wanderers booter locked in a tussle at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Kallis routs England

Proteas secure Test series



AFP, Leeds

Jacques Kallis took a Test-best six for 54 as South Africa beat England by 191 runs on the fifth and final day

of the fourth Test here Monday.

The result gave the Proteas an unbeatable 2-1 lead in the five-match series ahead of next month's final Test at The Oval.

England lasted just 70 balls Monday, adding just 44 runs.

England started the day on 165



PHOTO: AFP

South Africa's star all-rounder Jacques Kallis leads his applauding teammates off the field after destroying England with career-best figures of six for 54 at Headingley yesterday.

for five needing a further 236 runs to reach their victory target of 401 which would have been the fourth highest total to win a Test that they achieved it.

Their hopes rested on the shoulders of Mark Butcher (57 not out) and Andrew Flintoff (45 not out), who had put on 70 on Saturday, with just the tail behind them.

Butcher clipped the first ball of the morning, from Kallis, over mid-wicket for four.

But next ball the Surrey left-hander was out when he edged pace bowling all-rounder Kallis' lifting delivery through to first slip Andrew Hall.

Butcher's 61 had come off 133 balls including six fours but at 169 for six South Africa were on their way.

All-rounder Flintoff reached his 61-ball fifty with a back-foot force over cover off Kallis, his eighth four.

But next ball aiming leg-side, he was squared up by Kallis and gave Hall another slip catch, leaving England 182 for seven.

Paceman Martin Bicknell, recalled 10 years after his last Test,

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