

Telegraph int'l chess Seven players off to Kolkata

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Seven players left Dhaka yesterday to take part in the Telegraph International School Chess Championship to be held in Kolkata from August 27.

The players are: Sub-junior champion Imran Ali Elin, Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar, Shuvro Gosh, Arifa Khatun Moni, Mimi Arjumand, Farzana Hossain Anny and Abdullah Saif.

Meanwhile, the Destiny-2000 FIDE Rating Chess Competition will begin on August 27 at the federation hall room.

Interested non-rated players have been asked to enter their names by August 25 while the rated players will enjoy an extra day to make entry for the 9-round Swiss League tournament.



John Godina

(American shot putter)
"I'm thankful I live in an era when I have got to compete with clothes."

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MSC Dhaka vs Unmochan
Club Bagerhat (4:00 pm)
Venue: M A Aziz Stadium, Chittagong

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3. Who won the Wimbledon men's title?	Agassi	Federer	Henman
4. Who lifted the Wimbledon women's crown?	Serena	Sharapova	Venus
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21 Hopkins' role

24 Verifiable

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26 Crafty

28 Man of many parts?

31 Crumbly deposit of earth

33 "Of course"

35 Longest wholly Spanish river

36 Ex-larvae group

40 standstill

41 Has a bug

43 Beaver State

45 The untold story?

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48 First X?

49 Gnawing ant

54 Onassis, familiarly

55 Gives it a go

56 Infinitesimal

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58 Hybrid womens-wear

59 Ancient

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England eye whitewash



REUTERS, London

England will complete a second successive series sweep and equal the best run in their history if they beat West Indies in the final Test at the Oval starting on Thursday.

A seven-wicket victory in the third Test at Old Trafford gave the hosts a 3-0 series lead to follow a 3-0 rout of New Zealand.

Another win in London would be England's seventh in a row, eclipsing the six successive victories of Peter May's side in 1957-58 and equalling the record set in 1928-29.

It would also be their 10th victory in 11 Tests, improving the nine wins out of 10 recorded by Mike Brearley's 1978-79 team.

They could have been looking at 11 out of 11 but for Brian Lara's record 400 not out in the last drawn Test in Antigua in April, which prevented England crushing the Caribbean side 4-0.

The side for the Oval will almost certainly have one enforced change, with uncapped Warwickshire batsman

Ian Bell poised to replace Graham Thorpe, who broke a finger during his first-innings century at Old Trafford.

West Indies actually performed far better than in the first two Tests, however, and can take positives to the Oval.

"I think we played really well in the first innings and for the tail-end to get us to 395 was a tremendous effort," captain Lara said.

Promising 20-year-old all rounder Dwayne Bravo hit 77 and took six wickets to dismiss England for 330 and give the touring side a first-innings lead.

However, England strike bowler Steve Harmison came to the fore again after struggling in the first two Tests, taking four for 44 as West Indies were dismissed for 165 in their second innings.

England chased down 231 to win, with Robert Key making 93 not out to prove his 221 in the first Test at Lord's was no fluke.

England's batting looks impressive with the injured Mark Butcher still waiting in the wings and the 22-year-old Bell deserving his chance after averaging over 80 this season in county cricket.

Captain Michael Vaughan has honest enough to admit his team were

not at their best at Old Trafford.

"To be honest we didn't play that well but in the last few days we showed a lot of fighting spirit," he said.

That spirit should lift England to another victory over Lara's men before Vaughan turns to tougher challenge ahead, notably the tour of South Africa starting in December.

SQUADS

ENGLAND (from): Marcus Trescothick, Andrew Strauss, Robert Key, Michael Vaughan (captain), Ian Bell, Andrew Flintoff, Geraint Jones, Ashley Giles, Matthew Hoggard, Steve Harmison, James Anderson, Simon Jones, Graham Thorpe.

WEST INDIES (from): Chris Gayle, Sylvester Joseph, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Brian Lara (captain), Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Dwayne Bravo, Carlton Baugh, Dave Mohammed, Corey Collymore, Pedro Collins, Fidel Edwards, Devon Smith, Dwayne Smith, Ridley Jacobs, Omari Banks, Jermaine Lawson.

U-19 Test No play on Day Two

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The second day's play of the third and final Test match between touring Bangladesh Under-19 team and England Under-19s in Cardiff was washed out yesterday without a ball being bowled due to rain.

Rain stopped the match after tea on the first day when Bangladesh were 58-2 in reply to England's 185 all out in the first innings.

Opener Nafees Iqbal was batting on 39 and Shamsur Rahman remained not out on four.

Odumbe banned for five years

AFP, Nairobi

Kenyan cricketer Maurice Odumbe, has been found guilty of taking bribes from an Indian bookmaker and banned for five years, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on Tuesday.

The suspension follows last month's hearing into the affair by the ICC's anti-corruption and security unit conducted by former Zimbabwean Supreme Court judge Ahmed Ebrahim.

In his report part of which was published by the ICC Tuesday Judge Ebrahim said of the former Kenya captain: "Mr Odumbe has shown himself to be dishonest and devious in his behaviour in relation to the game of cricket.

"He has been callous and greedy in the way he has conducted himself.

"There is no suggestion that he was in desperate straits and in dire need of money because of some serious difficulty which may have befallen him. The evidence, if anything, shows him living a lifestyle of pleasure and irresponsibility."

"The ban starts with immediate effect," Kenya Cricket Association (KCA) chairman Sharad Ghai confirmed at a press conference in Nairobi.

Odumbe, who said he was "shocked and surprised" by the ruling, plans to appeal against the ruling.

At the same press conference, his lawyer Ishan Kapila insisted: "We shall fight this, we shall fight it to the end...and if there is any justice, we will win."

Sheikh Kamal

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the bizarre episode. Munna, a former captain, was completely taken aback for a while and then flatly refused to give any interview to BTV.

"Sheikh Kamal is the founder of our club and I have every right to show respect to him. Is it a crime?" asked a fuming Munna.

When asked about the incident, the physician-cum-commentator admitted it but said that he was instructed earlier to do so by his producer Manoj Sen Gupta.

"My producer Manoj gave me the instruction and I just conveyed the message to Munna," the tall commentator told the journalists in front of the pressbox.

But Manoj dismissed his involvement.

"What he (Anupam) did is his own responsibility," said Manoj over telephone.

Sheikh Kamal, who was a die-hard sport fan, was the eldest son of country's first prime minister and undisputed leader of the War of Liberation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Kamal was brutally killed along with his father and other family members in a military coup on August 15, 1975.

Flag curse

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"I have been playing non-stop. It's going to catch up with me and unfortunately it's during the Olympics," said Federer.

At least Paradorn and Federer managed to get some action in Athens.

Iran's world judo champion Arash Miresmaeili carried his flag at the glittering opening ceremony and then found himself at the centre of a political storm when he refused to take on an Israeli opponent in a gesture of support for the Palestinian cause.

But Dwyer, the 25-year-old Queenslander who scored a hat-trick against New Zealand, saved the Kookaburras the blushes with his second equaliser of the match.

Open TT

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The first Sharp Blade Open table tennis tournament will be held from September 4-6 in Dhaka.

There will be eight events in the three-day competition: Men's team and singles, women's team and singles, boys' team and singles and unseeded singles for men and women.

Interested teams and individuals have been requested to enter their names at the Table Tennis Federation by September 1.

Phelps has another chance

AFP, Athens



Michael Phelps may not be able to match the seven gold medals won by Mark Spitz at one Olympics but he can still emulate his US idol when he bids for his final individual Games gold in the men's 100m butterfly, which gets underway on Thursday.

If 19-year-old Phelps adds the 100m fly title to the 200m fly gold he won earlier in the week he would become just the third man to hold both titles, including Spitz who achieved the double in 1972.

Russian Denis Pankratov last achieved the feat in 1996 in Atlanta.

American Ian Crocker, tipped as one of the few swimmers with a chance to stop the Phelps goldrush here, has struggled so far in the Games, failing to make it out of the 100m freestyle heats on Tuesday.

Crocker finished tied for 17th in the 100m free heats, two days after a

dismal outing in leading off America's bronze medal-winning 4x100m freestyle relay.

But the 21-year-old from Maine insists his performance in the freestyle was no indicator of how he would fare in his preferred event, in which he has the multi-talented Phelps breathing down his neck.

Phelps, the 200m butterfly world record holder, traded 100m world records with Crocker at the World Championships in Barcelona last year. Crocker emerged with the title and the world record, a triumph he repeated at the US trials last month as he lowered his own world mark.

"I'm getting better. My freestyle has no bearing on my butterfly," Crocker insisted. "I'm trying to put it all behind me and focus on my other races."

US men's coach Eddie Reese said after watching the relay performance that Crocker had been ill, and they had not wanted to give him antibiotics as they were afraid that it would effect his overall performance.

"In warm-up he looks good," said Reese.

While Phelps's shot at matching

Spitz's 1972 record of seven Olympic swimming titles ended with bronze in the 4x100m free relay and the 200m free, the American could still fall just short with six.

So far he has achieved three gold -- the 400m individual medley in world record time, the 200m fly, and 4x200 freestyle relay.

He could also be favourite for the 200m individual medley and gold in the 4x100m medley relay which the United States have never lost at Olympics.

Phelps enters the fly with the second fastest time of 51.10, with Russian Igor Marchenko, the third fastest time, behind Crocker's world record 50.76.

Germany's Thomas Rupprath and Andriy Serdinov of the Ukraine are also expected to challenge for the podium.

Thursday's action also sees qualifiers and semifinals in the men's 50m freestyle, and the women's 800m freestyle and 200m backstroke and finals the women's 200m breaststroke and 100m freestyle and the men's 200m backstroke and 200m individual medley.

A Greek embarrassment

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On the busiest day of the Games so far, where 21 golds were to be decided, Greece was transfixed by the fate awaiting the two runners.

Games organisers will be looking to Thorpe and world record holder Van den Hoogenband to put on a classic confrontation in the 100m freestyle final with the Australian seeking to pull off an unprecedented 100m, 200m and 400m Olympic treble.

One thing is for sure -- there will no

American winner with the US team failing to qualify a man fore the finals of the blue riband event for the first time in history.

Also in the pool, Japan's Kosuke Kitajima is one of the favourites for the men's 200m breaststroke while America's Kaitlin Sandeno is a tip for the women's 200m butterfly title.

After a poor start, the Americans are now second in the medals table with six golds behind China's ten and will be

looking to add to their collection in the historic setting of Olympia where the Games were first held 1,619 years ago.

The first two golds of the day went to Slovakia's Elena Kaliska and France's Tony Estanguet on the opening day of the Canoe-Kayak competition at the man-made Schinias site north of Athens.

Kimberly Rhode of the United States then won gold medal in the women's double trap shooting event before cyclist Leontien Zijlaard-Van Moorsel of the Netherlands clinched victory in the women's individual time-trial to add to her three golds from Sydney.

In an inspired piece of marketing, the men's and women's shot put competition has been shifted from the spanking new Olympic Stadium in the centre of Athens to Olympia in the south.

Germany's 1996 Olympic gold medalist, and three times world champion Astrid Kumbernuss, was probably wishing it had not switched as she failed to make it out of the qualifying round.

Later Wednesday, Australia's Michael Rogers will be hoping to make the most of David Millar's absence from the men's time trial.

The Briton was hit with a two-year ban for taking the banned performance enhancer EPO.

Rogers' main rivals will be defending Olympic champion Viatcheslav Ekimov of Russia, Sydney Olympic runner-up Jan Ullrich of Germany, Spaniard Jose Ivan Gutierrez and American Tyler Hamilton.

The remaining quarterfinal places in the men's football tournament will also be decided with Japan playing Ghana, Costa Rica meeting Portugal, Italy facing Paraguay while Iraq, already assured of qualification, taking on Morocco.



PHOTO: AFP

Greek sprinter and drug suspect Kostadin Kenteris (C) leaves the Hilton Hotel in Athens yesterday after attending an International Olympic Committee inquiry.

Woolmer sees tough contest



AFP, Karachi

Pakistan's cricket coach Bob Woolmer said Wednesday that he foresaw a tough contest in the upcoming encounters with India and Australia in the Netherlands.

A 14-man Pakistan side left for the Netherlands early Wednesday to play Australia and India in a tri-series between August 21 and 28 and then take part in the ICC (International Cricket Council) Trophy next month.

The Netherlands, although a cricket-playing nation, is merely hosting the tri-series.

"Both the events will be very testing, more than the Asia Cup, because the Australian and Indian

teams are powerful and conditions are different," said Woolmer, 56, who played 19 Tests for England but coached South Africa from 1994 to 1998.

Since his induction as Pakistan's 12th coach in six years in June, Woolmer guided the revitalised side to four wins out of five matches in last month's Asia Cup in Sri Lanka.

Pakistan's failure in not winning a bonus point in an otherwise comprehensive 59-run win and failure against Sri Lanka cost them a place in Asia Cup final.

He urged his team to learn to perform consistently and show improvement.

"We are working in the way where the team must learn consistently and show improvement, and both things are important for any team to grow," Woolmer told AFP.

Abahani, Muktis

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from the goalmouth after meeting overlapping fullback Siraji's nice lob from the right flank

Muktijodha came close to scoring nine minutes after break but Saifur Rahman Moni, who had netted four times in their 7-1 drubbing of Panchagarh Brothers Union in the last leg in Khulna, saw his powerful shot miss the mark.

Abahani's Cameroonian recruit Endem made an impressive debut. The attacking midfielder was adjudged man of the match but he also wasted three good chances in the second half.

Abahani manager Monem Munna pointed fingers at his forwards.

"Our strikers failed to deliver the goods. They had plenty of opportuni-

ties and three of them were sitters," the former national captain said.

D h a k a h e a v y w e i g h t s Mohammedan Sporting Club will meet Unmochon Club of Bagerhat at 4 pm today at the same venue.

Yellow Cards: Ghansha, Munna, Moni (Muktijodha) and Joy (Abahani).

TEAMS

Muktijodha: Aminul, Hassan Al Mamun, Pradip, Papel, Ghansha, Belal (Biddyt), Saif, Munna, Moni, Kabua and Kanchan (Tipu).

Abahani: Nizam, Siraji, Hassan, Shawkat, Masud Rana, Ujjal (Pranotosh), Parvez (Rakib), Joy, Endem, Coly and Khokon.

Referee: Mansoor Azad.

Bashar's reports

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"There is still pain in my finger and swelling also. I hope to recover from the injury before the Champions Trophy. Things will be clearer when I have further check-up after one week and receive the expert opinion from Australia," he added.

Bashar was injured during batting in the nets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday.

The right-handed batsman was present during yesterday's training at the Maulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium but did not join his colleagues in the physical workouts.

All-rounder Manzurul Islam Rana, who earlier complained of back pains, also did not practice.

Street talk

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quarterfinals on Saturday, IJF spokesman Michel Brousseau said.

"We cannot tolerate such an attitude," he said.

The IJF has instructed the Korean Judo Federation to take action against Suh, he said.

OLYMPICS 'CASUALTY'

The Olympic Games equestrian tournament was stunned on Wednesday when a horse belonging to the Belgian team was put down after falling in the cross-country on Tuesday.

Over and Over, ridden by Joris Vanspringel, suffered a broken left femur after the accident and was put to sleep.

"It's a terrible blow for the team and for the rider but we will continue," said Ingrid Devos, the head of the Belgian mission.

With temperatures in the low 30s, organisers have had to organise huge water fans to keep the animals cool during the gruelling competition.

"Misting fans helped a lot in keeping the horses cool and there are also large shades and ice."