

Nat'l chess qualifiers Feb 11

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The preliminary phase of the 31st National Chess Championship will begin from February 11.

Nat'l Jr chess resumes

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The BASIC Bank 26th National-Sub-Junior (Under-20) Chess Championship resumed yesterday at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall-room.

A total of 24 players including Parag, Robin, Ali Shahi, Mostafa, Nazir, Liza, Nahid, Saimon, Shibli and Saif secured maximum two points at the end of the second round.

PCB for changes

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decision had been made at Monday's meeting of the ACC.

Second ODI

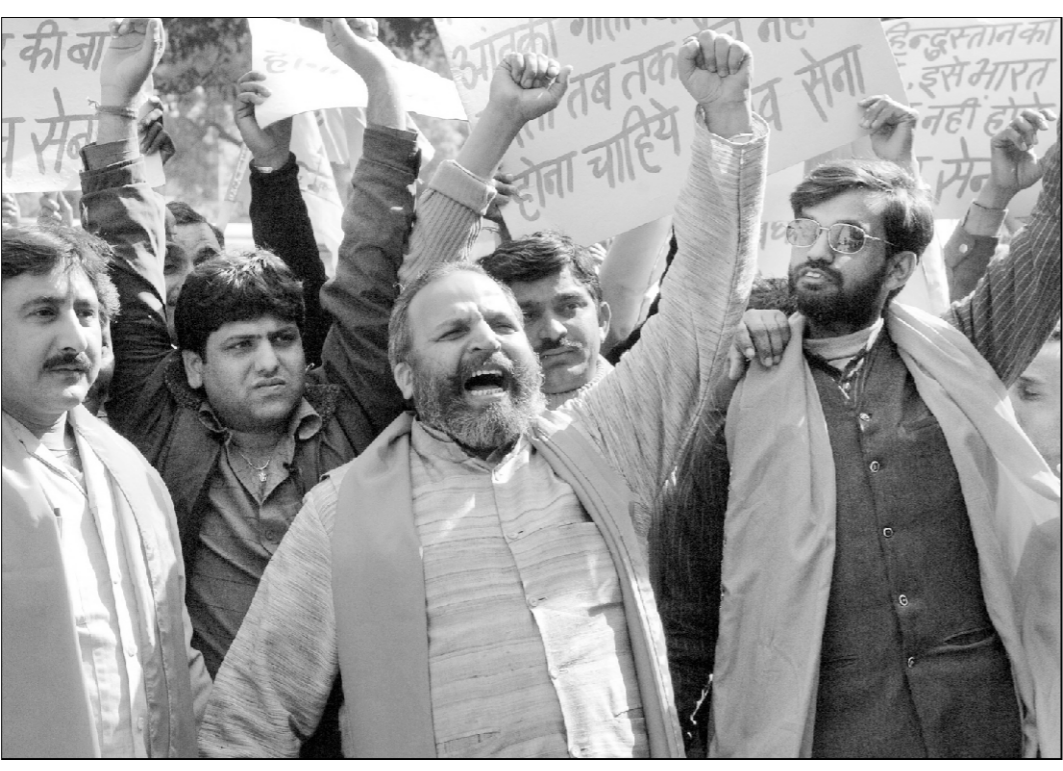
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Langeveldt also missed the rain-affected first one-day international in Johannesburg on Sunday which England won by 26 runs according to a Duckworth-Lewis calculation.

TEAMS
SOUTH AFRICA (from): Graeme Smith (captain), Adam Bacher, Nicky Boje, Mark Boucher, AB de Villiers, Herschelle Gibbs, Andrew Hall, Jacques Kallis, Justin Kemp, Andre Nel, Makhaya Ntini, Ashwell Prince, Shaun Pollock, Jacques Rudolph.

Aftab, Manzarul
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out in the decisive fifth match. The young Chittagong right-hander totalled 179 runs at an average of 44.75.

Only Barney Rogers, the Zimbabwean left-handed opener who had a dream run and was adjudged man-of-the-series, scored more runs (251) and finished with a better average (50.20).

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Shiv Sena activists shout slogans during a protest against the proposed visit of the Pakistan cricket team to India in New Delhi yesterday.

Gough bowls for Harmison

Cricket
BBC ONLINE, undated
England pace veteran Darren Gough has issued some words of encouragement to out-of-form spearhead Steve Harmison.

For the third match in Port Elizabeth on Friday.
But after England's attack performed so well in Sunday's win in Johannesburg, the Durham pacer-man knows he will not be an automatic selection.

own form after returning 2-27 in the first match of the series in another solid new-ball display.
"I always have a point to prove, but not in a nasty way; hopefully it's with a bit of humour," he said.

Clarke ready for a dip

Cricket
AFP, Melbourne
Rising young Australian cricketer Michael Clarke said Tuesday he was prepared for his golden run to end after winning the Allan Border Medal.

Clarke has been the sensation of Australian cricket in the last year with his continued strong one-day form and centuries on Test debut home and away.

and I know that's going to happen.
" So I will continue enjoying the moment and keep working as hard as I possibly can.

Pakistan pip Windies

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run-out chances in the 17th and 20th overs which could have seen top-scorer Yusuf Youhana dismissed for either seven or 15.

said Pakistan could go on to win the finals. "I don't think it's going to be one-sided," he said.

Scoreboard of the triangular VB Series one-day international between Pakistan and the West Indies at the Western Australian Cricket Association Ground on Tuesday:

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES, YOU MIGHT TRY AND GET YOURSELF ALL SPRUCED UP.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals S

WI announce SA, Pak tours dates

REUTERS, St. John's
The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) on Monday announced the following itineraries for the 2005 tours by South Africa and Pakistan:

Murali may still play Kiwi Tests

REUTERS, Sydney
The Australian surgeon who operated on Muttiah Muralitharan's shoulder said the Sri Lankan spinner's injury is not as bad as initially feared and he may still play in the Test series with New Zealand in April.

Van Nistelrooy's secret!

Football
AFP, London



Manchester United striker Ruud Van Nistelrooy, like many Dutch players, has a dark side.
Van Nistelrooy, who misses Tuesday's Premier League clash at Highbury with an Achilles injury, was banned for three matches for a crude tackle on Arsenal left back Ashley Cole in United's controversial 2-0 win in the reverse fixture in October.

crucial in determining which club can best chase runaway leaders Chelsea in the remaining weeks of the season.
He is pleased Van Nistelrooy will not be playing because of the threat he poses in the box rather than the threat of causing more ugly scenes.

Celtic get Bellamy on loan

Football
AFP, Glasgow

on a full-time basis at the end of the season.
Earlier in the day Bellamy rejected a six-million-pound permanent move to Birmingham.
Celtic manager Martin O'Neill appears to have successfully exploited the reluctance of Newcastle chairman Freddy Shepherd and manager Graeme Souness to sanction a loan move to another English Premiership side.

Rivaldo having second thoughts

Football
AFP, Athens

Brazil World Cup star Rivaldo is weighing up whether to stay at Olympiakos Piraeus beyond the end of the season.
" When the championship finishes, I'll think about my future," Rivaldo told the Kathimerini daily.
" I'll stay until the summer to win titles, and then we'll see."



'No 1 not for now'

Tennis
REUTERS, Tokyo

squandered match point in a 2-6, 7-5, 8-6 loss to Williams in last week's Australian Open semifinals, leaving them tied at two apiece in their head-to-head record.
Maria Sharapova will give top priority to the defence of her Wimbledon title this year after insisting the world number one ranking can wait.
" Being number one is not for this year, I don't think," Sharapova said in an interview on Tuesday.
" For this year, I would love to defend Wimbledon. It's what drives me."



AFC Cup

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to prepare the ground for the final stage of the Federation Cup and AFC Cup matches.
The local season's curtain raiser Federation Cup is scheduled to start on February 17 at the Kamapur Stadium.
" We had a verbal agreement with the BCB that they would leave the BNS after the Bangladesh-Zimbabwe series so that we could prepare the ground in time. It will take at least two weeks to get the middle of the ground ready," said the BFF general secretary Anwarul Hoque Helal.
However, the BCB was looking forward to staging National Cricket League matches till the end of this month at the Big Bowl.
" If that happens, it would be impossible for us to stage the AFC Cup match on March 9 and also, we have to delay the start of the Federation Cup," added Helal.

Selectors' focus

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which will leave Dhaka on February 20.
The BCB selection will play their first match against East Zone on February 25 and their next game is against Central Zone on March 1.