

Chess League
from today

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The Dutch-Bangla Bank First Division Chess League will begin today at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall-room.

A total of 16 teams will take part in the round-robin league. The participating clubs are holders Leonine, runners-up Mukti Joddha, Biman, Destiny 2000, Narayanganj CCC, Titas, BJMC, Farashganj, Mahakali PS, Sonali Bank, Dhaka University, Friends CP, Anushilon and Dolphin Chess Club. Bangladesh's national chess team coach Edvins Kenigs, the Latvian Grand Master, will play for Mukti Joddha along with Lithuanian GM Alyzas Kveins.

Leonine will be boosted by GM Niaz Morshed and Indian GM RB Ramesh while GM Ziaur Rahman and Reefat Bin Sattar play for Biman.

Lara poised

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the third and final Test between Australia and the West Indies at Adelaide Oval on Friday:

WEST INDIES: First innings

Hinds	O	M	R	W
Hayden b Lee	22	2	80	10
Devon Smith b Hayden b Lee	20	1	96	3
Sarwan c Symonds b Lee	16	5	44	1
Lara not out	202	1	73	0
Chanderpaul c Gilchrist b Symonds	25			
Bravo c Ponting b MacGill	34			
Dwayne Smith c Symonds b MacGill	14			
Ramdin lbw b McGrath	27			
Powell not out	7			
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-1, nb-5)	10			
Total: (For 7 wkts in 90 overs)	352			
Fall of wkt: 1-16, 2-19, 3-53, 4-121, 5-237, 6-263, 7-333.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	22	2	80	10
Lee	20	1	96	3
Symonds	16	5	44	1
Warne	17	1	73	0
MacGill	15	2	55	2
Toss: West Indies				

AUSTRALIA: Justin Langer, Matthew Hayden, Ricky Ponting (captain), Brad Hodge, Mike Hussey, Andrew Symonds, Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne, Brett Lee, Stuart MacGill, Glenn McGrath, Nathan Bracken (12th man).

HP dominate

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boundaries in his 77-ball innings, while opener Golam Rahman was the other notable scorer with a 49-ball 44 and Raqibul Islam made 41 from 83 balls.

Earlier left-arm spinner Mosharrif Hossain picked up four wickets for 34, as the England Under-19s were restricted to 219, with O'Shea making the team's highest score of 58 and Hamilton ending on 57.

The visitors will now play a triangular series involving the Sri Lanka Under-19s as well as the hosts.

SCORES IN BRIEF

England Under-19s: 219-9 in 48 overs (Chopra 23, O'Shea 58, Hamilton 57, Wright 31, Thompson 17, extras 19; Mosharrif 4-34, Rezaul 2-45, Riyad 1-40, Nadif 1-510)

HP Squad: 224-4 in 45.1 overs (Golam Rahman 44, Nazimuddin 28, Raqibul 41, Farhad 56 not out, Sonnet 18, Mazhar 15 not out, extras 20; Ali 2-48). **Result:** HP Squad won by six wickets.



Did U Know?

Matthew Hayden became the first batsman in the world to have aggregated 1000 runs or more in five successive calendar years - 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2005 - a feat which virtually went unnoticed.



TALK TURKEY

He played 37 games for Northern Ireland, the last in 1977, but never appeared at a World Cup final.

By the time Best retired, his marriage to model Angela Macdonald-James had collapsed. He was declared bankrupt and admitted that he was an alcoholic.

He twice had pellets implanted in his stomach as aversion therapy but, still a lover of the good life, he struggled to shake off his dependence on alcohol.

In 1984 he was imprisoned for eight weeks for drink-driving and assaulting a police officer. In February 2004 he was found guilty of drink-driving and banned from driving for



PHOTO: AFP

AS Roma's Christian Panucci (L) and Daniele De Rossi jump to get the ball with Strasbourg's defenders and goalkeeper Nicolas Puydebois during their UEFA Cup match in Rome's Olympic Stadium on Thursday.

French pair through



AFP, PARIS

English Premiership side Middlesbrough, as well as French pair Marseille and Strasbourg, all booked their places in the UEFA Cup knockout round on Thursday.

Middlesbrough made certain of their place after a battling 0-0 draw against AZ Alkmaar in the Netherlands. Marseille defeated another Dutch side Heerenveen 1-0 while Strasbourg drew 1-1 with Romain Italy.

Steve McLaren's Middlesbrough were in debt to goalkeeper Brad Jones who pulled off five saves from Kenneth Perez, Shota Arveladze and Danny Koevermans in their Group D clash.

The result was sweet satisfaction for Boro striker Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink who was shown the door by the Dutch side 12 years ago after failing to make an impression.

It also lifted some of the gloom after Boro had seen defender Abel Xavier banned for 18 months for a doping

offence.

Victory over Bulgarians Litex Lovech next month could see Boro top the group and earn an easier route through the latter stages of the competition.

Marseille secured entry to the last 32 when Taye Taiwo stepped up to beat goalkeeper Brian Vandenbussche from the penalty spot in the 88th minute at their Stade Velodrome home after Andres Mendoza had dramatically fallen in the penalty area under the slightest of touches from the Dutch keeper.

The result means Marseille are through to the next stage having played only two of the four games in Group F. Jean Fernandez's side beat CSKA Moscow in Russia 2-1 and still have matches to play against Levski Sofia and Dynamo Bucharest.

Heerenveen coach Gertje Verbeek was angry with the penalty decision.

"I regret that the referee was influenced by the crowd and gave the penalty," he said. "But that's football."

In Rome, Strasbourg went ahead when Habib Bilelai scored in the 52nd minute but Antonio Cassano levelled the Group E clash in the 73rd minute.

The result means victory against Spanish side Sevilla in their final Group H game on December 14 will guarantee Boro's place in the next round.

In Group G, 10-man Stuttgart beat PAOK Salonika 2-1 to ease the pressure on coach Giovanni Trapattoni and stay on course for the next round.

Danijel Ljuboja scored twice in the last five minutes to cancel out Hristos Karipidis' 48th-minute opener for the Greeks.

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