

## Rajib, Rakib share lead

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International Masters Abdullah Al Rakib and Enamul Hossain Rajib shared the lead in the Destiny International Rating Chess Tournament after the second round at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall-room yesterday.

Rakib beat FM Mehdi Hasan Parag and Rajib beat Abdul Maleq to secure maximum two points while Grand Master Ziaur Rahman, FM Sheikh Nasir Hossain, Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar, Debaraj Chatterjee, Enayet Hossain and Delwar Hossain followed them with 1.5 points each in the premier division.

On the other hand, thirty players shared the lead with two points in the primary group.

## Bangladeshis to train at Tata again

UNB, Dhaka

A nine-member Bangladesh team with five athletes and four boxers are expected to leave Dhaka for India within a week to take higher training at Tata Sports Academy at Jamshedpur.

The two-month camp will be a follow up training programme for local athletes after a three-month training of another Bangladeshi team at Tata Academy in last year.

The athletics team include two coaches the boxing team have one coach.

Tata Sports Academy will provide food and accommodation during their stay in India while the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) will bear the travel cost and pocket money.

The team: (Athletes) Masudul Karim (Bangladesh Army), Mohon Khan (BKSP), Al Amin (Bangladesh Navy), Golam Ambia (coach-Bangladesh Army) and Rafiqul Islam (coach-Bangladesh Navy) and (boxers) Mohammad Ali Mithu (Bangladesh Rifles), Nazim Hossain (Bangladesh Army), Mashuir Rahman Kajal (Bangladesh Ansar), Kazi Shahadat Hossain (coach).

## Borowski hints

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to speak out. "It's a difficult situation if Miro isn't happy to stay here and wants to leave," said Borowski in Kicker after it emerged on Sunday Bayern have made Bremen an offer for the vastly experienced striker.

"He can't just be given away, but if the Bayern offer is right, he should be allowed to leave."

Bayern have splashed out this summer for French midfielder Franck Ribery and Italian striker Luca Toni, but have failed to qualify for the Champions League next season and Borowski says a switch to Bayern would make no sense for Klose.

"From a football point of view, a switch to Bayern doesn't make much sense because he'll miss out on playing in the Champions League," said Borowski, with Bremen qualifying for the Champions League after finishing third in the Bundesliga.

Bayern have tabled a multi-million euro bid for Klose, who is also being chased by French side Lyon, and his sale would be good business for the north German club who will make nothing if he leaves when his contract expires next June.

But Bremen manager Klaus Allofs insisted on Monday, Klose is still part of their plans for next season.

## Ford's no

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member panel, headed by BCCI president Sharad Pawar and which included three former captains in Sunil Gavaskar, Srinivas Venkatraghavan and Ravi Shastri.

India could turn to former England spinner John Emburey, who was also interviewed for one of the most high-profile jobs in cricket.

But that would inevitably leave them open to accusations of having settled for a 'second choice' candidate.

The panel had earlier rejected former Sri Lanka and Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore despite media reports suggesting that he was almost certain to get the job.

"The board jumped the gun," said Wadekar. "Now they are left with nothing."

"The good thing is Indian cricket cannot fail any longer. Hopefully, good times are ahead -- if we can find a good coach."

India are looking for a successor to former Australia captain Chappell, who quit after India crashed out in the first round of the recent World Cup in the Caribbean.

Ford, who was South Africa's coach from 1999-2001 when the Proteas won nine of their 11 Test series, had not been recommended by India's captain Rahul Dravid, a former Kent player.



PHOTO: AFP

San Lorenzo's Ezequiel Lavezzi celebrates after scoring a goal against Arsenal during Argentina's first division match at the Nuevo Gasometro Stadium in Buenos Aires on Saturday. San Lorenzo won the match 4-2 and were crowned champions.

# Harmison's perception

## Cricket

AFP, Manchester

England quick Steve Harmison said he bore the ultimate responsibility for sorting out his own game after returning to some sort of form in the ongoing third Test against West Indies.

Harmison, who three years ago was ranked the number one bowler in world cricket, had a poor tour of Australia during England's recent 5-0 Ashes series thrashing and for much of this campaign has been embarrassingly wayward.

During this series England announced the appointment of former South Africa spearhead Allan Donald as a bowling consultant, on a five-week trial basis.

The match here at Old Trafford is the first time he has had a chance to work with England's quicks and Harmison, 28, was noticeably more accurate Sunday on his way to figures of two for 70 in 22 overs.

However, Harmison's fellow Durham pace bowler Liam Plunkett still appeared to be struggling for line and length as West Indies, set what would be a Test record fourth innings victory total of 455, put themselves in sight of rewriting the record books.

The tourists, 1-0 down in the four-match series, closed on 301 for five

and now need 154 more runs to win on Monday's final day.

"You're your own best coach and if you can't see it, you can't let it go, can't feel it, well anybody can say it to me, but I'm not going to believe it if I can't see it," said Harmison.

Nevertheless, he said he had gained some useful advice from working with Donald. "He's more of a talker than a computer man. We've talked about a number of things but he's not here just to work with me."

Reflecting on his performance Sunday, Harmison said he's been particularly happy with a fine opening spell that saw him take one wicket for 12 runs in eight, hostile and accurate, overs.

"I felt comfortable. Before, the harder I tried, the more I was chasing things, the more they went horribly wrong. That's life."

He added: "Liam's battling as well -- the one thing you'll see from all of us, is that we're giving everything we've got."

"There are so many people giving you so much advice, so many people saying you've got to relax and it'll come easy and think natural."

"But you think it's easy for you to say, it's not you that's got to bowl that ball."

"I've got experience to fall back on," said Harmison, now in his 53rd Test. "I was in that position on Friday, and I was battling with myself as

much as anybody. You've got to somehow get through it and come back stronger."

"Liam's a fine bowler -- he will come back stronger. Hopefully he'll do it tomorrow (Sunday)."

Plunkett almost got a wicket that would have done wonders for his morale when all-rounder Dwayne Bravo, who went on to make 49, edged the seamer to the bowler's Durham colleague Paul Collingwood at gully.

Collingwood claimed the catch but Bravo stood his ground and on-field umpires Billy Bowden and Aleem Dar, after consulting one another, ruled the ball hadn't carried.

Harmison said the decision should have been handed over to the third umpire although, in this case, replays suggested the on-field officials had made the correct call.

"Colly was adamant he caught it," said Harmison. "And if the best fielder in the world says he's caught it, I tend to believe my best mate. If the fielder says he's caught it, we have to look to the third umpire."

"We've got the technology, so why not use it?"

Unsurprisingly, West Indies coach David Moore took a different view. "It was not out. It was the correct decision, no issue."

# Panesar bowls England

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Taylor, on 11, fending a lifting delivery to Alastair Cook at short leg for the Durham quick's 200th Test wicket.

And new batsman Fidel Edwards went for a three ball nought when, a rising ball came off the face of the bat and went to Bell in the gully.

West Indies resumed Monday on 301 for five, needing 154 more runs in a minimum of 90 overs to reach their record-breaking target.

Chanderpaul was 81 not out and wicketkeeper Denesh Ramdin 26 not out.

Back in May 2003, Chanderpaul made 104 when West Indies scored a Test record fourth innings winning total of 418 for seven against Australia in Antigua.

Ramdin started confidently, cutting the first ball from Panesar for four. But the 15th ball of the morning, saw a Panesar delivery which turned and bounced take the shoulder of Ramdin's bat on its way to Paul Collingwood at slip, West Indies 311 for six.

The keeper, dropped by opposing gloveman Matthew Prior on four, was out for a batting 32 made in an hour-and-a-half, having put on 62 with Chanderpaul.

Experienced left-hander Chanderpaul, who missed West Indies record innings and 283 run defeat in the second Test at Headingley with a knee injury, now needed someone to stay with him.

Debutant all-rounder Darren Sammy, whose seven for 66 with his medium-pacers had restricted

England to a second innings total of 313 and so given his side a glimmer of hope, got off the mark with a square-cut four off Harmison.

Sammy, on 20, pulled up and received on-field treatment for what appeared to be a right hamstring injury.

He continued and late cut Panesar past Collingwood at first slip for four.

But next ball Panesar got rid of Sammy on 25 when he held a two-handed return catch off the batsman's drive, the bowler claiming his fifth haul of five wickets or more in a Test match innings which include five for 72 against Pakistan at Old Trafford last year.

Panesar, 25, almost dismissed Chanderpaul, in his 103rd Test, when a delivery turned sharply and just cleared the batsman's off-stump as he played no shot.

Chanderpaul's single off Harmison saw him to a 233-ball century after more than six hours at the crease with 12 fours.

It was the 32-year-old's third Test hundred against England and first against anyone since making 127 against South Africa in Antigua in May 2005.

**SCOREBOARD**

Final scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the third Test between England and West Indies at Old Trafford on Monday:

**ENGLAND:** First innings 370 (Bell 97, Cook 60; Collimore 3-60, Edwards 3-94)

**WEST INDIES:** First innings 229 (Chanderpaul 50; Panesar 4-50,

Sidebottom 3-48)

**ENGLAND:** Second innings 313 (Cook 106, Pietersen 68; Sammy 7-66)

**WEST INDIES:** Second innings (overnight 301-5)

Gayle c Collingwood b Harmison 16

Ganga lbw b Harmison 0

Smith c Cook b Panesar 42

Morton lbw b Panesar 54

Chanderpaul not out 116

Bravo c Cook b Panesar 49

Ramdin c Collingwood b Panesar 34

Sammy c and b Panesar 25

Taylor c Cook b Harmison 11

Edwards c Bell b Harmison 0

Collimore c Bell b Panesar 0

Extras: (b-14, lb-21, w-8, nb-3) 47

Total: (All out in 132.5 overs) 394

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-35, 3-88, 4-161, 5-249, 6-311, 7-348, 8-385, 9-385, 10-394.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sidebottom	27	8	53	0
Harmison	33	8	95	4
Panesar	51.5	13	137	6
Plunkett	16	2	57	0
Pietersen	5	2	17	0

**Result: England won by 60 runs and lead**

**four-match series 2-0.**

**Man-of-the-match: Monty Panesar.**

**Toss: England**

**Remaining Fixture**

**Jun 15-19: Fourth Test, Riverside**

## Hockey team to play in Asia Cup

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will take part in the 7th Asia Cup Hockey tournament to be held in Chennai, India from September 1-9.

Bangladesh Hockey Federation joint secretary Khwaja Rahmatullah told yesterday that they would begin the preliminary camp with the players who represented Bangladesh in the last Asian Games in addition of selections from the ensuing National Championship that begins on June 20.

He said the camp is likely to begin this month.

Bangladesh finished seventh in the last Asia Cup in Malaysia.

Rahmatullah added that the federation is trying to bring a foreign coach before the Asia Cup.

"The federation president Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal Shah Mohammad Ziaur Rahman has already approached the South Korean Ambassador regarding this matter and he (Ambassador) assured our president to find a solution," he said.

Former national players Abdullah Piru and Mahbub Harun are likely to guide the national team if no foreign coach is available.

## New EC of BJSWC

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Nasimul Hasan Dodul was nominated president and Masudur Rahman general secretary of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists and Writers Community (BSJWC) at its annual general meeting on Sunday.

Outgoing president Monwar Haque, who ran the organisation for ten years, presided over the AGM.

The other members of the executive committee for 2007-09 are: Saifur Rahman Chowdhury, Main Uddin Tareque (vice-presidents), Asif Iqbal (joint secretary), Sumon Baki (office secretary), Shafiqul Islam Shamim (publicity secretary) and Mahmudul Hasan (member).

## Time to stand

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"People are talking too much about my form because I raised their expectation with my performance. I am little bothered with my position in the national team because I am only 21. It is too early to be scared about my future. Experience is a factor in Test cricket and one can only mature at of 27 or above. Actually this lean patch gave me a chance to reassess my position and I am enjoying it," said Nafees who does not think that he is under pressure.

He also dismissed the whisperings that some disturbance in his personal life has hampered his performance.

"It's not true. Honestly speaking I am now leading a sound and stable life. Interestingly I performed well when I was in trouble."

Nafees, however, can take inspiration from his captain Mohammad Ashraf, who believes it is a matter of time that the left-hander would get back among runs.

"I don't think there is a big problem in his batting. Its just a matter of time to see Nafees return to form," said Ashraf, who was excited as the team managed to get some batting practice yesterday in the centre wicket at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium despite heavy overnight rain and overcast conditions.

## Nadal a satisfied

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the best preparation. But if I don't succeed I will still go home happy for trying to do what I could."

Nadal admitted that the first set of Sunday's final, which he won after Federer failed to convert any of his 10 break points, was crucial.

"It was important to win the first set. I knew that Roger would have to win three more and in a long match I would have had more of an advantage," said Nadal.

Despite his third successive title, the 21-year-old Spaniard said he had the utmost respect for Federer.

## Real want

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Beckham's spokesman, however, insisted the player had "no intention" of turning his back on Los Angeles Galaxy.

Beckham is on the verge of picking up his first trophy since he joined Real in the summer of 2003.

Real, who have only lost one of their last 17 league games, are on top of La Liga and only need to beat Real Mallorca at home next Sunday in the final game of the season to secure their 30th Spanish championship.

Beckham's return to form over the second half of the season, despite also missing six weeks through injury, has been instrumental in their revival.

# Asia keep it clean

## Cricket

AFP, Chennai

Mahendra Dhoni and Mahela Jayawardene hammered centuries in a record stand to set up Asia XI's 13-run win over Africa in the third and final match of the Afro-Asia one-day series here on Sunday.

Dhoni (139 not out) and Jayawardene (107) put on 218 for the sixth wicket, as Asia posted a challenging 331-8 before restricting Africa XI to 318-7 in an exciting day-night match to complete a 3-0 sweep.

The previous best for the sixth wicket in one-day internationals was 165.

Skipper Justin Kemp posed the main threat to Asia's total with a blazing 76-ball 86 with seven sixes, but his team's hopes virtually ended when he was bowled by left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique (4-65) in the 46th over.

Africa were struggling at 159-5 before Kemp added 122 for the sixth wicket with Shaun Pollock, who remained unbeaten with 58 off 49 balls.

Africa began the chase on an impressive note as AB de Villiers and Vusi Sibanda added 117 for the opening wicket before faltering against Asian spinners Rafique and Harbhajan Singh (3-48).

South African De Villiers hit three sixes and seven fours in his 63-ball 70 before becoming Bangladeshi Rafique's first victim and Boeta Dippenaar lasted just one ball before falling in the same over.

Africa slipped to 138-3 when the well-set Zimbabwean Sibanda (45)

was stumped by Dhoni while attempting a big shot off Rafique.

Man-of-the-match Dhoni brought off two more stumpings to account for Steve Tikolo and Mark Boucher, this time off Indian off-spinner Harbhajan before Kemp and Pollock gave a big scare to Asia with their big-hitting.

Asia were earlier reeling at 72-5 following Kenyan Peter Ongondo's triple strike, but Sri Lankan Jayawardene and Indian Dhoni came to their team's rescue with robust knocks in hot and humid conditions.

Jayawardene hammered two sixes and nine fours in a 106-ball knock for his 10th century in one-day internationals before falling in the closing overs.

Dhoni gave a superb exhibition of power hitting as he struck five sixes and 15 fours in a 97-ball innings for his third hundred in one-dayers.

Asia were in trouble in the initial overs against disciplined African bowling and fielding before Jayawardene and Dhoni altered the course of the innings.

Seamers Ongondo (3-35) and Morne Morkel (3-50) were brilliantly backed by their fielders, with Kemp and De Villiers taking spectacular catches to keep pressure on the Asian side.

Kemp took a diving one-handed catch at second slip to account for India's opener Virender Sehwag, while De Villiers dived to his left at point to dismiss Sri Lanka's Upul Tharanga.

But Dhoni and Jayawardene put paid to Africa's hopes of restricting Asia to a modest total with their exciting strokeplay during their 178-

ball partnership. They helped their side plunder 108 in the closing 10 overs.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the third and final one-day international between Asia and Africa in the Afro-Asia Cup series on Sunday:

**ASIA:** 331 for eight 50 overs (Jayawardene 107, Dhoni 139 not out; M Morkel 3-50, Ongondo 3-35)

**AFRICA**

De Villiers c Mortaza b Rafique	70
Sibanda st Dhoni b Rafique	45
Dippenaar c Yuvraj b Rafique	0
Tikolo st Dhoni b Harbhajan	11
Kemp b Rafique	86
Boucher st Dhoni b Harbhajan	7
Pollock not out	58
Chigumbura b Harbhajan	4
Botha not out	18
Extras: (lb-9, nb-1, w-9)	19
Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs)	318
Fall of wickets: 1-117, 2-117, 3-138, 4-149, 5-159, 6-281, 7-290.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Asif	10	1	62	0
Mortaza	9	1	51	0
Rafique	10	0	65	4
Jayasuriya	10	0	73	0
Harbhajan	10	0	48	3
Yuvraj	1	0	10	0

**Result: Asia won by 13 runs and clinched three-match series 3-0.**

**Man-of-the-match: Mahendra Dhoni (Asia)**

**Man-of-the-series: Mahela Jayawardene (Asia)**

**Toss: Asia**

**Umpires:** Tony Hill (NZL) and Peter Parker (AUS)

**TV umpire:** Amiesh Saheba (IND)

**Match referee:** Chris Broad (ENG)

# Moore cheers C'paul on

## Cricket

AFP, Manchester

Shivnarine Chanderpaul may be "underestimated and underrated" according to West Indies coach David Moore but there is no one the Australian would rather have at the crease as his side look to make Test match history.

West Indies will start Monday's final day of the third Test against England here at Old Trafford on 301 for five, needing a further 154 runs in a minimum of 90 overs -- a run-rate of under two an over -- to reach what would be a new record fourth innings victory target of 455.

Chanderpaul, who in May 2003 made 104 when West Indies scored the current fourth innings Test record of 418 for seven against Australia in Antigua, will resume on 81 not out, nearing what would be a 15th century in his 103rd Test.

Although sometimes overshadowed by more eye-catching players when it comes to a discussion of the world's leading batsmen, Moore was in no doubt about the worth of the 32-year-old Guyanese left-hander.

"Chanderpaul is underestimated and under-rated. He's a world-class cricketer," Moore told reporters after Sunday's close as West Indies contemplated a win that would level the four-match series at 1-1.

"You look at his average of 44 and where he's batted for a living and compare it to some other guys who play on roads (batsmen-friendly pitches) every year they play Test cricket and I don't think you can get away from a man who has those sorts of numbers while playing on the wickets he plays on."

"Teams underestimate Chanderpaul at their own peril because he's a tremendous cricketer."

Well though Chanderpaul batted, he was given a huge let-off when dropped on 18 by Monty Panesar at mid-on off fast bowler Stephen Harmison.

Chanderpaul, who returned after a knee injury meant he missed West Indies record-breaking innings and 283 run defeat in the second Test at Headingley with 50 in the first innings of this match, made England pay.

He has now been batting for more than four hours, having faced 176 balls with 12 fours, having received good support from Runako Morton (54), all-rounder Dwayne Bravo (49) and wicketkeeper Denesh Ramdin, 26 not out.

England fast bowler Stephen Harmison, whose side are looking to go an unbeatable 2-0 up, said the hosts were well aware of the obstacle Chanderpaul presented to their ambitions.

# Napoli shooting for the stars

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returned to Serie A after a six-year wait.

"This was not at all an expected success," assured De Laurentiis.

"I must thank coach Edy Reja and director general Pierpaolo Marino, who were central to this project. We are only at the beginning and from now on I will battle for a different type of football."

De Laurentiis' philosophy is somewhat different to the Maradona-inspired team that won two scudetti in the late 1980s. Not surprisingly for a film producer known for his science fiction projects, he has deliberately pointed the club towards the future instead of living in the past.

Throwing tradition to the wind, the club decided to restore the number 10 shirt, worn by Maradona, which

had been withdrawn in tribute to the Argentinian legend.

Moreover, they have invested in youth and also kept the backbone of the side together that won the third division, only acquiring defensive trio Paolo Cannavaro, Maurizio Domizis and Giorgy Gariks during the last close-season.

Reja has proved capable of making good decisions, putting his faith in striker Emmanuele Calais, who has stolen the limelight and attracted admiring glances from several big clubs.

And having secured their status back in the big time, De Laurentiis now has high expectations for the Vesubian club.

That's all in the future, the 'World of Tomorrow', and for the time being De Laurentiis is simply revelling in the

celebrations. As is a fellow icon of the film world.

Legendary actress Sophia Loren is a die-hard Napoli fan and recently promised to perform a strip tease for the team if they won promotion.

The Italian, now 72, became famous for her beautiful body and appeared topless in several of her early films including 'Two Nights with Cleopatra'.

She modelled for this year's Pirelli Calendar and was so keen to see Napoli achieve their goal that she offered them an incentive.

Time for De Laurentiis and his players to sit back and enjoy the show.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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