Javed inches forward

SPORTS REPORTER

FM Mohammad Javed drew his tenth round board with Indian IM Rathnakaran in the 2nd SCS International Open Grandmaster Chess Tournament in Bhubaneswar yesterday.

The draw improved Javed's tally to 6.5 points.

GM Enamul Hossain Rajib, FM Abu Sufian Shakil, FM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar, FM Mehdi Hasan Parag and Debaraj Chatterjee bagged six points each while Abdullah Al Saif and Hafizul Islam Chapal earned 5.5 points each after the tenth round.

In the other tenth round games, Shakil lost against GM Hurutjuyyan Goverg of Armenai, Rajib drew with Sagar, Parag beat Nayak Biswajit of India, Debaraj beat Roop Saurav of India, Chapal beat Pradip Kumar Bisoyi of India, Saif beat Arunima Kalra of India, Toffee beat Satarudha Das of India, Mokaddes beat Ankit Basak of India, Rizvi beat Somil Randhelia of India and Eti lost against FM Mitrava Guha of India.

Serena pulls

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Petrova had already squandered three match points, but in a final set that contained 11 service breaks, the two-time semifinalist held her nerve and will tackle second seed Venus Williams for a place in the quarterfinals.

The 2hr 48min encounter featured 46 unforced errors by Rezai and 40 off the Russian's side with the French girl carving out 23 break points to Petrova's 15.

Australia's Slovakian-born Jarmila Groth defeated Russian-born compatriot Anastasia Rodionova 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 to reach the last 16 of a Grand Slam for the first time.

The 23-year-old wildcard, who was granted Australian citizenship in November 2009, will face either Russian 28th seed Alisa Kleybanova or Yaroslava Shvedova for a quarterfinal place.

Later on Saturday, four-time champion Justine Henin takes on fellow former world number one Maria Sharapova in a marquee match-up.

The pair have met nine times, with the Belgian leading their series 6-3, including a straight sets victory over the Russian in the quarterfinals

here in 2005. Sharapova won their last meeting at the Australian Open quarterfinals in 2008.

Serbian fourth seed Jelena Jankovic, a semifinalist in 2007 and 2008, plays Ukraine's Alona Bondarenko, while Australian seventh seed Samantha Stosur, a semifinalist in 2009, tackles Russian qualifier Anastasia Pivovarova.

Danone

FROM PAGE 17 Bagerhat and Sirajganj.

Twenty-eight zonal

matches will be held today at six venues while the zonal matches of Gazipur and Brahmanbaria will take place tomorrow. After the first phase, eight

zonal champions will play in the grand finals that will start in Dhaka from June 7.

Two teams - this year's Bangladesh champion team along with last year's champions Khulna - will represent Bangladesh in the 45-nation world finals of the Danone Nations Cup in Johannesburg from September 29 to October 4 this year.

Khulna, 2009 champions of the competition, has been given the opportunity to represent Bangladesh this time, as they did not take part in last year's world finals in Brazil due to swine flu.

The Danone Nations Cup, to be known as Kids World Cup, also gives an opportunity to the participating children to interact with legendary footballer

Zinedine Zidane. Of the total tournament budget of Tk 20 lakh, sponsor Grameen Danone Foods Ltd

gave Tk 12 lakh while the remaining Tk 8 lakh will be provided by CityCell. BFF officials disclosed the details of the tournament at a

press conference at the BFF Bhaban yesterday.



Bangladesh League Muktijoddha v Farashganj Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium, Dhaka



Andy Roddick vents his frustration during his match against Russia's Teimuraz Gabashvili in the French Open at Roland Garros yesterday. Roddick lost the match 4-6, 4-6, 2-6.

Roddick removed

AFP, Paris



Andy Roddick quickly turned his attention to the grasscourt season after an upset defeat to Russian qualifier Teimuraz Gabashvili at the French Open

The sixth-seeded American lost 6-4, 6-4, 6-2, having skipped the entire pre-tournament claycourt season for personal reasons, and

extended his record of having never gone beyond the fourth round at Roland Garros. He is a different prospect on grass, however, and played his part in a classic Wimbledon final

last summer before going down to old nemesis Roger Federer in an unforgettable five-setter. The 2003 US Open champion, who also lost to the great Swiss in the Wimbledon final in 2004

and 2005, says his game is much better suited to the quicker courts synonymous with the grass game. "Here [Roland Garros] there's a lot of thought, a lot of adjustments that have to be made. I have to compensate in certain areas for weaknesses

that I have on this surface," he said after his third-round defeat to Gabashvili, the world number 114. "On grass, I don't feel like there's that many holes. I feel like my game automatically trans-

lates well to that surface. "My chip stays down. My backhand goes leave it at that."

feeling and with that comes a greater sense of confidence." The 27-year-old captured the hearts of the Wimbledon crowd with his gutsy showing in

through the court a little bit. Obviously my serve

gets a little bit better. It's just a more comfortable

defeat to Federer last summer but he insists he will not approach this year's tournament any differently. "I'm always anxious going into Wimbledon, I

don't think that's going to change," he said.

"Last year is last year. I don't go in with any sense of entitlement. I'm excited to get onto a surface where I actually feel I can impose my game a little bit more." Roddick travels to London next week and he

will discover a city gripped by football fever as England gears up for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. England begin their campaign against the

United States in Rustenburg on June 12, but Roddick refused to be drawn into a prediction. "I've got the British crowd on my side right now," he said when asked by an American

match. "I've built up a lot of good will over the last couple of years that I don't want to ruin by

reporter for his thoughts on the outcome of the

answering this question. "I'm not going to give you anything. I'm going

to enjoy my sudden popularity in London and

SA take winning lead

Cricket

AFP, Roseau

Morne Morkel and Charl Langeveldt shared seven wickets to bowl South Africa to a 67run victory over West Indies in the third one-day international on Friday.

Morkel captured an ODI career-best four wickets for 21 runs from seven overs, and Langeveldt took three for 30 from the same number of overs, as the South Africans successfully defended a victory target of 225 to win the match at Windsor Park with 72 balls to spare.

Morkel formalised the result, when Ravi Rampaul essayed an indescribable offside stroke, and skied the ball to deep extra cover, where Johan Botha held a fine catch running

backwards. The victory gave the Proteas an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the five-match series, following a 66-run victory, under the Duckworth-Lewis Method, in the rain-marred opening match last Saturday at the

Vivian Richards Cricket

Ground in Antigua, where they

also won the second ODI by 17 runs last Monday.

"It is fantastic to have won the first three games of the series, since series wins are always important," said South Africa captain Graeme Smith.

"We needed to bounce back [following the Twenty20 World Cup], and we did.

"We knew the pitch had a bit in it, although it was a little twopaced. We felt if our bowlers hit the deck hard, we could get somelife out of it.'

A resolute 70 from AB de Villiers anchored the South Africans to a respectable 224 all out in 47.2 of their 50 overs, after they won the toss, and elected to bat on another belter

of a pitch. De Villiers struck just two fours and one six from 80 balls, as the Proteas' batting stumbled for the first time in the

South Africa's bowlers then made sure their limp batting performance did not lead to a terminal meltdown, and diligently worked their way through the brittle West Indies batting.

SCORES IN BRIEF SOUTH AFRICA: 224 all out in

47.2 overs (De Villiers 70, Amla 34, Kallis 31, Smith 29; Pollard 3-27, Bravo 2-40, Benn 2-43) WEST INDIES: 157 all out in 38 overs (Richards 28 Chanderpaul 24; Morkel 4-21, Langeveldt3-30)

Result: South Africa won by 67

Man-of-the-match: AB de

Senior Div football

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohakhali XI blanked Badda Jagarani Sangsad 2-0 in the day's lone match of the Metropolis Senior Division Football League at the Bir Shrestha Sepoy Mohammad Mostafa Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Mohakhali took the lead through a 25th minute strike from Golap before Milon doubled the margin after four minutes.

Jatrabari KC take on Dhaka Wanderers Club in today's match at 4.00pm.

BKSP rule the roost

marquee 100m sprint event, finishing the race in 11.4s ahead of Kazi Imran of Bangladesh Postal Department who took 11.5s while bronze medallist Rajatkanti Chakrabarty finished in 11.6s. Mezbah also won in the boys triple jump with a 14.41m jump while Khulna's Arman Gazi and Al-Amin Hossain of Sherpur coming in second and third in

the event respectively. Mezbah, the BKSP class 9 student, however lost to

event, thanks to Imran, Sabbir, 400m sprint), Popy Akhtar Friday's hero Mezbah won the Mosharraf and Monirul who (girls 400m sprint), Farzana ensured the gold.

Abdullah Al Mehdi gave Narail the only gold in the competition with a first-placed finish in the 100m sprint, finishing at 11.7 seconds while the girls gold in the same distance race went to BKSP's Shirin Akhtar.

But BKSP had a good end to the meet, winning as many as 17 gold, 15 silver and three bronze medals to finish on top of the medals tally. Kishoreganj came in second with three gold while Mymensingh was third

The other winners of the day were Milon Mia (boys

Mujib (400m sprint), Morsalina Akhter (girls shot put), Feroz Hossain (400m sprint), Imran Musalli (boys javeline throw), Shirin Akhter (100m sprint), Mehedi Hasan (shot put), Imran, Sabbir, Mosharraf and Monirul (boys 4x100m relay) and Asma Haq (long jump).

Bangladesh Athletics Federation president ASM Ali Kabir was the chief guest at the closing function and declared the closure of the two-day meet. BAF general secretary M Shah Alam was present as well.

Rebirth of Shahadat

Cricket

AFP, London

SPÖRT

Bangladesh fast bowler Shahadat Hossain took five wickets against England at Lord's on Friday and then revealed he feared he might never play Test cricket after a desperate debut here five years ago.

As an 18-year-old, Shahadat had figures of no wickets for 101 runs in just 12 overs as England won by a crushing innings and 261 run margin inside three days at Lord's in 2005. But it was a different story on Friday

Bangladesh bowler to take five wickets in a Test innings against England, with a return of five for 98 in 28 overs. "My debut here in 2005, I was very

with Shahadat becoming the first

nervous," Shahadat told reporters.

"This time I try my best, just bowl line length. It's the first time Bangladesh has got a name in the book [on the Lord's honours board] that's very important.

"I just tried to be accurate, bowl quick with swing, line and length and nothing

Thinking back to his first Test at Lord's, Shahadat added: "I had a nightmare debut. I never felt I would get a second chance to

"I played for the 'A' team and came to England where I became the highest

Replays suggested the ball

The collapse continued

was going down the leg-side

and over the top of the stumps.

when Anderson produced a

superb delivery that moved

late and induced an edge from

out as exemplified when

Bangladesh captain Shakib Al

Hasan fell for 25, chasing a

wide delivery from Anderson.

Prior dropped the easy catch,

despite getting both gloves to

the ball, but the rebound fell

kindly for England captain

Scoreboard at close of play on the

third day of the first Test between

England and Bangladesh a

ENGLAND: First innings 505 al

out in 125 overs (Trott 226,

Strauss 83, Morgan 44, Bresnan

25, Swann 22, extras 31;

BANGLADESH: First innings

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Jahurul c Prior b Anderson 20

Total: (For 7 wkts in 81.5 overs) 237

Fall of wickets: 1-88, 2-134, 3-

179, 4-185, 5-191, 6-221, 7-234

Higuain, while leaving

Champions League hero

Diego Milito, Carlos Tevez and

son-in-law Sergio Aguero on

the bench, though Maradona

did suggest after the mauling

of Canada that he could

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Andrew Strauss at first slip.

SCOREBOARD

Lord's on Saturday:

(overnight 172-2)

Kayes c Strauss b Finn

Junaid c Prior b Finn

Ashraful lbw b Finn

Mushfigur b Finn

Shahadat not out

Anderson 25.5

Diego

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Bresnan

Finn

Trott

Swann

Shakib c Strauss b Anderson

Mahmudullah not out

Extras: (lb-2, w-3, nb-1)

To bat: Robiul, Rubel

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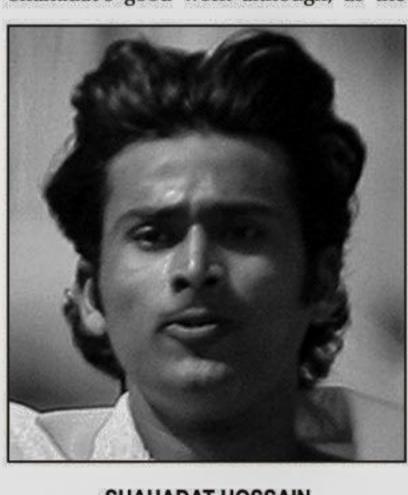
Tigers in

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wicket-taker. I thought if I get another

chance at Lord's I must make amends." He certainly did, with a burst of three wickets for 12 runs in 21 balls, Trott, wrapping up the England innings shortly after lunch.

Bangladesh's batsmen then backed up Shahadat's good work although, as the



SHAHADAT HOSSAIN

paceman pointed out, they were facing a far less threatening pace attack than the 2005 class of Stephen Harmison, Simon Jones and Andrew Flintoff who went on that season to help England regain the Ashes from Australia.

Harmison, Jones and Flintoff. The bowling was very fast," Shahadat said.

Turning back to Friday's play, he continued: "The batting was very good, Tamim and Imrul gave us a good start and Junaed

carried it on." England's bowlers struggled for both penetration and accuracy on a good batting pitch, the exception being 21-year-old Steven Finn who, making his home Test debut on his Middlesex home ground having first featured at this level during a 2-0 series win in Bangladesh in March.

Finn removed Kayes with a welldirected short ball the batsman could only glove to England captain Andrew Strauss, a county colleague of the bowler, at first slip. "It was a fantastic feeling to get my first

(Test) wicket at Lord's in front of that crowd, and the atmosphere," Finn said. Looking ahead, the 6ft 7in paceman added: "At the moment it looks like a battle of

ary options and being clever with fieldsetting and able to attack at the right time. "We're still 300 odd runs ahead, so if we can get a couple of quick wickets that's going to be in the back of their minds they could potentially be following on within a

attrition, us again trying to limit their bound-

"They have players who are dangerous, and it's important we don't take them lightly," Finn insisted.

"We're not just going to be able to blast

them away; we have to build pressure, "It was the best bowling attack with which will in turn get us wickets."

Ban on Malik lifted Mohammad Ashraful Ibw for four with a good length delivery. Cricket

AFP, Lahore

Former captain Shoaib Malik will be available for Pakistan in next month's Asia Cup and tour of England after a judge Saturday recommended lifting his ban for disciplinary offences.

(PCB) banned Malik from the national squad for one year and fined him two million rupees (23,270 US dollars) for breaches of discipline while on tour. The PCB also punished six other players who

took part in the tours of the United Arab Emirates, New Zealand and Australia, particularly after Pakistan lost all three Tests and five one-day games in Australia in December-The punishments were referred to a retired

findings. PCB lawyer Talib Rizvi told AFP Saturday

telling a parliamentary committee last week

that his board would accept any of the judge's

Earlier this year the Pakistan Cricket Board

judge for review, with PCB chairman Ijaz Butt

that "the arbitrator Justice Irfan Qadir has lifted the one-year ban on Malik and has also halved the fine on Malik to one million rupees."

Along with Malik, all-rounder Navedul Hasan was also banned for one year and fined two million rupees. Former captains Younus Khan and Mohammad Yousuf were banned for indefinite periods, while Kamran Akmal, Shahid Afridi and Umar Akmal were fined heavily.

Younus's appeal was also heard on Saturday but after arguments between the tribunal and Younus's lawyer Ahmed Malik Qayyum, the hearing was adjourned until June 5, Rizvi said. Appeals by Afridi and the Akmal brothers --

Kamran and Umar -- were also adjourned until June 5, Rizvi said. Malik said he was delighted about the ban

being lifted. "I am very happy on getting this news," Malik told AFP from Dubai.

"It's a sort of new lease of life for me and I desperately want to play for my country again," said Malik, who was sacked as captain after Pakistan's one-day series defeat at home against Sri Lanka in January last year.

Goal for

Penalties of fame

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history, it went to penalties and the Germans won. Brave England, who had improved steadily all through the tournament, finished fourth after losing to Italy in the third-place play-off.

The final, perhaps uniquely, saw West Germany as the peoples' favourites to win. Argentina had alienated most neutrals with their foul play, theatrical diving and constant hounding of the referee. Maradona was a leading culprit and the footballing demi-god of 1986 had been replaced by a moaning, complaining prima donna dwarf.

In the worst final yet, the Germans triumphed when, in an apt fashion, Andreas Brehme converted an 85th- both captain and coach a minute penalty after a foul World Cup-winning side.

on Rudi Völler. Argentina had been looking to play for penalties once again having had Pedro Monzón sent-off for a foul on Klinsmann, earning infamy as the first ever player to be dismissed in a final.

The game collapsed into farce as the Argentinian players surrounded the referee. Gustavo Dezotti followed Monzón down the tunnel in the dying seconds and the Germans had their revenge for Mexico. Maradona's tears of joy from four years earlier were replaced by tears of self-pity. The crowning achieve-

ments, though, had been

those of Matthäus, who

lifted the trophy, and coach

Franz Beckenbauer, who

became the first player to

(BFF), GrameenPhone, BTV and different private television channels, NGOs, women, cultural and youth groups will act as partner organisations for implementation of the cam-

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BFF vice-president Manzoor Hossain Malu and GP head of corporate communications Syed Tahmeed Azizul Huq, among others, were present at the press conference.

Bangladesh Football Federation

LOCAL SNIPPETS

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First Division Cricket League at the Shaheed Miraz-Tapan Stadium here yesterday. Batting first, DPMS were all

out for 188 runs in 39.1 overs

with Shohag making 62 runs from 60 balls. Tanzu picked up four wickets. Friends XI reached 194-6 in

36.5 overs. Jamil made 53 off 52 balls while Tanzu scored 33

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