

World chess finals from May 10

SPORTS DESK The final countdown to the World Chess Championship match has begun. On May 10, holder Viswanathan Anand, aged 42, will begin his title defence against 43 year old veteran Boris Gelfand in a 12-game finale.

Gelfand, ranked 22nd in the world, earned his place in the title match by winning the 2011 Candidates tournament, defeating Alexander Grischuk in the final.

Nasir in Asia XI

SPORTS REPORTER Bangladesh all-rounder Nasir Hossain will play a T20 exhibition match between Asia XI and Rest of the World XI to be held in Toronto on May 12.

Richie never liked helmet

ANI, Barbados Former West Indies batsman Richie Richardson has said he was never comfortable batting with a helmet, and he modified his maroon hat to make it more easy to wear.

England

Table with columns: FROM PAGE 16, Bowler, O, M, R, W. Lists players like Strauss, Dilshan, Cook, etc.



Teammates converge to congratulate England spinner Graeme Swann (R), who has just dismissed Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene, during the final day of the second and final Test at the P Sara Oval in Colombo yesterday.

Strauss feels upbeat

Cricket REUTERS/AFP, Colombo Captain Andrew Strauss felt Saturday's eight-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the second and final Test had given his team the boost needed to perform well in England in the summer.

middle which is always easier said than done. "I saw a kind of steely determination on everyone's part to make sure we finished the winter on a high and it was fantastic we were able to do that."

Ashraf undaunted by pay delay

FROM PAGE 16 soon. ECB [England and Wales Cricket Board] is concerned about the issue, so we informed them all the details.

ain turned BCB director was also hopeful that the tri-party agreement will be signed within the next two weeks.

Five-star Scholastica girls

FROM PAGE 16 the sport to a height and this fact itself is very commendable. "Our team's success is because of the enthusiasm of the players.

Nat'l Junior TT ends

SPORTS REPORTER Palash of Bagerhat and Rahima of Rangpur emerged champions in the AB Bank 1st National Junior Table Tennis Competition that concluded in Dinajpur yesterday.

Different ways to progress

SPORTS REPORTER Five district teams moved into the second round of the 32nd inter-district cricket championship yesterday, though two of those completely banked on luck to progress.

RCB's winning start

PTI, Bangalore AB de Villiers and Muttiah Muralidaran starred with the bat and ball respectively as Royal Challengers Bangalore posted a 20-run victory over Delhi Daredevils to start their campaign in the fifth edition of Indian Premier League on a winning note on Saturday.

There was a lull after that as Zaheer and Vinay pulled things back with some tight bowling, which saw Bangalore concede no more than eight runs.

Chennai win big

PTI, Visakhapatnam Ravindra Jadeja produced a fine all-round performance to help defending champions Chennai Super Kings register their first win in the tournament, defeating Deccan Chargers by 74 runs in their Indian Premier League (IPL) match here on Saturday.

LOCAL snippets SPORTS REPORTER Wari Club were held to a goalless draw by Beanibazar Sporting Club in the Premier Bank Bangladesh Championship League at the Cox's Bazar Stadium yesterday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with letters and numbers.

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