

Sub-junior chess from today

SPORTS REPORTER

Azimuddin Bhuiyan Trust National Sub-Junior Chess Championship gets underway today with a record number of 60 players expected to take part in the 32nd edition of the meet at the hall-room of Bangladesh Chess Federation.

Organisers of the Bangladesh Chess Federation disclosed it at a press conference at the NSC conference room yesterday.

"Already some 50 players have enrolled their names for the championship and we are expecting 10 more players because the registration is open till 12:00pm tomorrow (Tuesday)," said acting BCF general secretary Morsalin Ahmed. Last edition of the championship featured only 27 players including five district champions but this time more than 10 district champions were taking part, added Morsalin.

He also informed that the federation would arrange a special training for some selected players from the championship in an effort to produce some quality players in next three years.

Trustee of Azimuddin Bhuiyan Trust Mohammad Hanif Bhuiyan said that they would try to stick to chess in future and provide an additional Tk 50,000 for prize money apart from Tk 100,000 as sponsorship money.



India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni (L) shakes hands with prolific batsman Virat Kohli (R) after the two forged an unbeaten sixth wicket partnership of 96 runs to guide the hosts home to a 5-wicket victory over New Zealand at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore yesterday. The win in the second Test also ensured a 2-0 series victory for the hosts.

India take series 2-0



AFP, Bangalore

India survived a mini collapse to sweep the series against a fighting New Zealand with a five-wicket victory on the penultimate day of the second and final Test in Bangalore on Monday.

The hosts slipped from 152-2 to 166-5 before achieving their 261-run target in the final session, thanks to a 96-run stand between man-of-the-match Virat Kohli (51 not out) and skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni (48 not out) under pressure.

India won the opening Test by an innings and 115 runs in Hyderabad.

New Zealand fought well as they twice neutralised India's advantage to storm back into the match on a good pitch before Dhoni and Kohli steered their team home, much to the delight of the nearly 15,000 spectators.

The Indian captain finished the match with a six over mid-wicket off off-spinner Jeetan Patel, who took three wickets. Dhoni hit two sixes and three fours, while Kohli cracked nine fours.

India were 77 without loss after brisk knocks from Virender Sehwag (38) and Gautam Gambhir (34) and then 152-2 following a 69-

run stand between Cheteshwar Pujara (48) and Sachin Tendulkar (27) before New Zealand struck back.

The tourists came back strongly after tea, which was taken early due to rain, as they dismissed well-set Pujara, Tendulkar and Suresh Raina (0) in the space of 14 runs.

The 39-year-old Tendulkar was bowled for a third successive innings in the series, this time by fast bowler Tim Southee, after hitting five fours in his 34-ball knock.

The world's leading scorer in both Test and one-day cricket with an unprecedented 100 international centuries, Tendulkar finished the series without a half-century in three innings.

Patel had Pujara caught by Daniel Flynn, who ran backwards from forward short-leg to take a superb diving catch, and then bowled Raina.

Tendulkar and Pujara steadied the innings after Sehwag and Gambhir had fallen in the morning in the space of six runs.

Pujara, who scored a solid 159 in the first Test, was on 37 when he survived a stumping chance off Patel as wicket-keeper Brendon McCullum failed to collect the ball.

McCullum kept wicket in place of Kruger van Wyk, who was injured after being struck

on the arm by a delivery from paceman Umesh Yadav while batting on Sunday.

New Zealand skipper Ross Taylor pressed Patel into the attack in the 12th over after pacemen Trent Boult, Southee and Doug Bracewell had failed to provide the breakthrough in overcast conditions.

Sehwag lofted Patel over long-off, the first six of the innings, and then cut him for a four before falling in the same over. He stepped out to try another big shot, but missed the line and was bowled.

He smashed one six and seven fours in his 33-ball knock.

Gambhir went for his shots early in the innings, hitting Boult and Bracewell each for two successive fours before falling to a loose shot.

He was caught by Taylor at first slip off Boult after hitting seven fours in his 58-ball knock.

New Zealand were earlier bowled out for 248 in their second innings, adding 16 runs to their overnight total of 232-9.

Patel (22), the last man out, looked unhappy with the decision when given caught behind off left-arm paceman Zaheer Khan, as the TV replays suggested he had missed the ball.

Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin finished with 5-69, his third five-wicket haul in four innings against New Zealand. He was named man-of-the-

SCOREBOARD				
NEW ZEALAND: First innings 365 (Taylor 113, Van Wyk 71, Guptill 53; Ojha 5-99)				
INDIA: First innings 353 (Kohli 103, Dhoni 62, Raina 55; Southee 7-64)				
NEW ZEALAND: Second innings (overnight 232-9)				
McCullum c Dhoni b Yadav	23			
Guptill b Yadav	7			
Williamson c Sehwag b Ashwin	13			
Taylor lbw b Ojha	35			
Flynn c Sehwag b Ashwin	31			
Franklin st Dhoni b Ashwin	41			
Van Wyk lbw b Ashwin	31			
Bracewell lbw b Ojha	22			
Southee b Ashwin	2			
Patel c Dhoni b Zaheer	22			
Boult not out	4			
Extras: (b-4, lb-12, w-1)	17			
Total: (All out in 73.2 overs)	248			
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-31, 3-69, 4-111, 5-140, 6-195, 7-216, 8-222, 9-222				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer	14.2	2	46	1
Yadav	15	0	68	2
Ojha	21	6	49	2
Ashwin	22	1	69	5
Raina	1	1	0	0
INDIA: Second innings				
Gambhir c Taylor b Boult	34			
Sehwag b Patel	38			
Pujara c Flynn b Patel	48			
Tendulkar b Southee	27			
Kohli not out	51			
Raina b Patel	0			
Dhoni not out	48			
Extras: (b-4, lb-6, nb-1, w-5)	16			
Total: (For 5 wks in 63.2 overs)	262			
Did not bat: Ashwin, Zaheer, Ojha, Yadav				
Fall of wickets: 1-77, 2-83, 3-152, 4-158, 5-166				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Boult	16	4	64	1
Southee	18	3	68	1
Bracewell	14	3	52	0
Patel	15.2	3	68	3
Result: India won by five wickets and clinched two-Test series 2-0.				

Eng won't lose ODIs



AFP, London

Ian Bell made 88 as England beat South Africa by six wickets in the fourth one-day international at Lord's on Sunday to go 2-1 up with one match to play in the series.

Man-of-the-match Bell's innings was the cornerstone of England's 224 for four as they won with 20 balls to spare after good work by their bowlers restricted South Africa to 220 for eight.

Together with Warwickshire colleague Jonathan Trott (48), Bell shared a second-wicket stand of 141 after England lost captain Alastair Cook in the first over of their innings when he was lbw to a superb late inswinger from fast bowler Dale Steyn.

However, the Proteas -- without rested paceman Morne Morkel -- couldn't make further early inroads despite Steyn hitting Trott, a former South Africa youth international, on the finger.

As the floodlights took full effect on a gloomy day where the overcast conditions had prompted Cook to field first, Bell cover-drove left-arm seamer Wayne Parnell for four and advanced down the pitch to flat bat him over cover-point for another boundary.

Bell later drove left-arm spinner Robin Peterson high over long-off for six.

He was relieved though on 65 when dropped by Peterson at mid-on off Lonwabo Tsotsobe. Next ball Bell pulled the left-arm seamer for four.

"I've been working at Warwickshire

at hitting over the top, that's what you need to do opening the batting in one-day internationals," explained Bell.

Trott's patient innings ended when he was lbw on the sweep to slow left-armer Dean Elgar after South Africa reviewed Australian umpire Simon Taufel's original not out decision.

After Ravi Bopara fell cheaply following a brief rain break, Bell tried to slap a short ball from Steyn on the offside and was caught behind one-handed by leaping South Africa captain and wicket-keeper AB de Villiers to end a 137-ball innings featuring a six and eight fours.

England still needed a further 35 runs for victory but the innings ended in a blizzard of boundaries, with left-hander Eoin Morgan a run-a-ball 36 not out and Craig Kieswetter, who ended the match with a superb off-driven six off Steyn, unbeaten on 21.

Earlier, James Tredwell atoned for dropping two catches with three wickets as England restricted South Africa to 220 for eight.

The off-spinner took three for 35 in eight overs, with all his wickets stumpings completed by Kieswetter -- the first England wicket-keeper to have three stumpings in a one-day international.

"We've got a lot to look at now; our middle order failed again," said a disappointed de Villiers.

"We keep getting in and fail to go on to big runs. We just didn't have enough runs on the board today."

Cook added: "We made the most of the early conditions. Finny (Steven Finn) and Jimmy (Anderson) up front

asked plenty of questions."

But the new-ball duo were denied an early wicket.

Tredwell, who took two for 49 in England's four-wicket series-levelling win across London at The Oval on Friday, got his chance this campaign when England rested number one spinner Graeme Swann because of a longstanding elbow injury.

And it seemed England might miss Swann as much for his slip catching as his bowling on Sunday when Tredwell dropped openers Hashim Amla, on four, and Graeme Smith, on 26, both off fast bowler Finn.

Dropped catches had helped Amla become the first South African to a Test triple century, at The Oval last month, and make 150 in an 80-run win in the second one-day in Southampton. As it was, missing Amla on Sunday 'only' cost England 41 runs when he was bowled by medium-pacer Bopara for an innings top score of 45.

Amla's exit was the start of a South Africa collapse from 100 for one to 115 for four with JP Duminy stumped off a well-flicked Tredwell delivery.

De Villiers (29) and Parnell (five) were also both stumped by Kieswetter as Tredwell took two wickets for no runs in five balls.

The series concludes at Nottingham's Trent Bridge ground on Wednesday.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SOUTH AFRICA: 220 for 8 (Smith 29, Amla 45, De Villiers 39, Elgar 35, Peterson 31 not out; Bopara 2-34, Tredwell 3-35)
ENGLAND: 224 for 4 (Bell 88, Trott 48, Morgan 36 not out; Steyn 2-47)
Result: England won by six wickets

CHESS OLYMPIAD

Women's team bounce back

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Bangladesh women's chess team bounced back from a string of poor results with a clean sweep of Uganda in the sixth round of the 40th Chess Olympiad in Istanbul yesterday.

The women's team, who lost their previous round by 1-3 points against Indonesia, defeated the Ugandan team by 4-0 points yesterday. WIM Rani Hamid beat Amoko Ivy Claire, WFM Zakia Sultana defeated Gorette Angolikin, Nazrana Khan Eva defeated Phiona Mutesi and Mahmuda Hoque Chowdhury beat Rita Nsubuga.

The men's team meanwhile had a tougher opposition in Turkmenistan and the only match completed by the time this report was filed, was a draw between GM Reefat bin sattar and his opposite number IM Yusup Atabayev.



AFP, London

Alastair Cook was in an upbeat mood after England topped a memorable few days for their captain with a six-wicket win in the fourth one-day international against South Africa at Lord's on Sunday.

A week that saw England fall 1-0 behind in this five-match series following an 80-run thrashing in Southampton on Tuesday ended with them 2-1 in front after a four-wicket victory across London at The Oval on Friday was followed by Sunday's success at Lord's.

In between going 1-0 down and levelling at 1-1, Cook, the one-day skipper for more than a year, was appointed England's Test captain after his longstanding opening partner Andrew Strauss retired from all cricket on Wednesday.

England, who had been knocked off top spot in all three international formats by South Africa this season are now set to regain their place at the summit of the 50-over world rankings even if the Proteas square a series, which started with a no-result in Cardiff, at 2-2 by winning Wednesday's finale in Nottingham.

Cook's bowlers backed him up after he won the toss in overcast conditions at Lord's by restricting South Africa to 220 for eight.

Then, after Cook himself fell early to Dale Steyn, a stand of 141 between the Warwickshire duo of man-of-the-match Ian Bell (88) and Jonathan Trott (48) saw England chase down the bulk of their target as they won with 20 balls to spare.

New-ball duo Steven Finn, on his Middlesex home ground, and James Anderson both proved difficult to get away.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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BCB reviewing

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legal action against Nimbus to realize the outstanding amount. A staggering \$56.88 million deal was made in October 2006 but BCB is yet to realize a significant portion of that sum from Nimbus due to some loopholes in the long-term agreement.

That bitter experience has made the Board err on the side of caution this time around but as things stand, the BCB is desperate to make the TV deal as soon as possible as the home series against West Indies is scheduled for November.

BFF talent

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officer, and an upazila nirbahi officer or education officer.

The district phase is expected to be held from September 20 to 30 with 640 booters while divisional phase with 120 booters will be completed by October, informed BFF development committee member

Hasanuzzaman Khan Bablu.

Oscar apologises

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"That was Alan's moment and I would like to put on record the respect I have for him.

"I am a proud Paralympian and believe in the fairness of sport. I am happy to work with the IPC who obviously share these aims."

IPC communications director Craig Spence said: "We've agreed we will meet again with our science and medical director, Peter van de Vliet, for Oscar to share his concerns with the IPC.

"That meeting will be set up in due course. Oscar shared his concerns with us. We will meet to discuss what he's got to say."

Any changes made by Pistorius to his blades would be subject to intense scrutiny.

The South African took the International Association of Athletics

Federations (IAAF) to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in 2008, challenging their assertion his blades caused an unfair advantage over able-bodied athletes.

Following the CAS verdict, Pistorius was free to run in the London 2012 Olympics.

Spence told BBC radio: "There are rules in place with IPC athletics whereby we measure the length of the blade prior to competition, check they're in proportion with the body and all of the athletes last night passed the test, so yes, he [Oliveira] was a legitimate winner.

"The IAAF, who govern able-bodied athletics, they ruled on the Oscar Pistorius case a number of years' ago. Therefore they're the best people to answer [whether Oliveira would be permitted to compete in Olympic competition]."

Longer wait for Nadal

AFP, Madrid

Rafael Nadal has extended his long injury layoff by another two months and will miss his country's Davis Cup semifinal against the United States.

"Nadal will not play in the next two months and will stop to rest and recover his knee," said an official statement from his home town of Manacor in Majorca, Spain.

"Among other things he won't be able to be at the disposal of the Spanish Davis Cup captain for the semi-finals tie against the USA," it said.

The French Open champion has been on the injury sidelines since his shock Wimbledon second round exit at the hands of unheralded Lukas Rosol in late June.

That meant he missed the London Olympics, the Masters series events at Toronto and Cincinnati as well as the US Open which is currently underway in New York and where he reached the final last year.

CRYPTOQUIP

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