

Liza, Shirin still lead

SPORTS REPORTER
WIM Shamima Akter Liza and Sharmin Sultana Shirin shared the lead at the close of ninth round of Sultana Kamal 33rd National Women's Chess Championship at the Bangladesh Chess Federation Hall Room yesterday.
Both of them secured 7.5 points from nine matches as Liza beat WFM Zakia Sultana and Shirin beat Protiva Talukder in yesterday's matches.
In the day's other matches, WIM Rani Hamid beat Tanzina Akter Tani while Samiha Sharmin Shimmi beat Hamida Khan.

Ctg DC Gold Cup

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Comilla Jilla Krira Sangstha defeated Brahmanbaria 4-3 in tie-breaker in the Chittagong Divisional Commissioner Gold Cup Football Tournament held at the Bhasha Shaheed Salam Stadium in Feni yesterday. The regulation time had ended goalless.

Metropolis TT

SPORTS REPORTER
Armanitola JS notched up their sixth win in the Dhaka Metropolis Table Tennis League at the Shaheed Tajuddin Indoor Stadium yesterday. Armanitola defeated Destiny TT Club in straight 3-0 sets. In the other matches, Palalik Biman and Ajax defeated Wari, Molar TT and Mariner Sporting by the same margin while Sheikh Russel KC defeated Cicerone TT in 3-1 sets.

Div I cricket

FROM PAGE 16
overs (Sadaf Sarkar 29; Hasibur Hossain 2-13, Shipon 2-16, Rashid 2-18, Mohaiminul Khan 2-24)
Result: City Club won by 93 runs.

BANGLADESH BOYS CLUB: 260-4 in 50 overs (Moklesur Rahman 76, Saiful Islam 59, Azad Khan 33, Fazle Nayeem 32; Rawshan Mahmud 2-44).

DHANMONDI PROGOTI SANGHA: 263-8 in 49.4 overs (Nayem Mohammad Asif 99, Shamim Hossain 43, R Zaman Rakib 35; Shahidur Rahman 3-29, Azad Khan 1-12)
Result: Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha won by 2 wickets.

INDIRA ROAD KRIRA CHAKRA: 280-7 in 50 overs (Nasum Ahmed 89, Shamim Parvez 50, Papai Sikder 44, Firoz Hossain 3-48; Abdul Gaffar 2-52)
Result: Indira Road Krira Chakra won by 45 runs.

Ticket prices

FROM PAGE 16
the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).
In the inaugural edition the ticket prices were a talking point as the matches initially failed to attract substantial spectators. That resulted in the prices being changed a couple of times last year. The 30 per cent discount for students and Airtel users is a new introduction for the second edition.
The initial cost, last year, for a ticket in the gallery was Tk 500. However, empty stands during the initial stages compelled administrators to bring it down to Tk 200. This was again raised to Tk 300 for the semi-finals and the finals.



Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland runs for the ball to hit a return against Kimiko Date-Krumm of Japan during their Sydney International encounter yesterday.

Radwanska on a roll

Tennis

AFP, Sydney

Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska stretched her winning streak to six matches with a straight sets victory over Japanese veteran Kimiko Date-Krumm in brutal heat at the Sydney International on Tuesday.

As temperatures soared above 41 degrees Celsius, the tournament pot seed overcame an early break before wearing down 42-year-old Date-Krumm, winning 6-4, 6-3 in 70 minutes.

Radwanska, 23, went into the Sydney event immediately off the back of a win in Auckland without dropping a set, and is in great form heading into next week's Australian Open in Melbourne.

Radwanska played in her first Grand Slam final last year at Wimbledon where she lost to Serena Williams in three sets. At one stage last year she reached world number two before slipping to her current four.

German second seed Angelique Kerber overcame Kazakh qualifier Galina Voskoboeva 6-2, 7-5 and said playing in the heat was going to help her in Melbourne next week.

Former world number one Caroline Wozniacki went down in a titanic duel with former French and US Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-6 (7/4), 1-6, 6-2.

China's fourth seed Li Na, who won in Sydney two years ago, breezed past

Japanese qualifier Ayumi Morita, 6-1, 6-0, while Italian third seed Sara Errani downed Russian Maria Kirilenko, 6-1, 6-1.

Chinese Zheng Jie bowed out to American qualifier Madison Keys 6-0, 6-4, while Serbia's former world number one Jelena Jankovic went out to Vinci in three sets.

In the men's event, Bernard Tomic won the all-Australian night match with the country's number one ranked player Marinko Matosevic, 6-3, 6-4.

Tomic continued his impressive unbeaten start to the southern summer season, including the prized scalp of world number one Novak Djokovic at last week's Hopman Cup mixed teams event in Perth.

Spaniard Feliciano Lopez recovered from losing the opening set tiebreaker to knock out French seventh seed Jeremy Chardy, 6-7 (2/7), 7-5, 6-3, while Australian wild card John Millman surprised Spaniard Tommy Robredo 6-3, 6-4.

Czech sixth seed Radek Stepanek accounted for Spanish qualifier Guillermo Garcia-Lopez in straight sets and Finland's defending champion Jarkko Nieminen eased past German qualifier Bjorn Phau for the loss of one game.

Italy's Fabio Fognini eliminated Grigor Dimitrov in straight sets, with the Bulgarian coming off losing to Andy Murray in last weekend's Brisbane International final.

Harris retires end of season

CRICINFO, Cape Town

Paul Harris, the South African spinner, is to retire at the end of the season, bringing to an end a 14-year first-class career.

Harris played 37 Tests for South Africa with his slow-left arm but nearly turned his back on international cricket after a stint as a Kolpak with Warwickshire in 2006. The retirement of Nicky Boje prompted Harris' eventual call-up and he went on to take 103 wickets at 37.87.

His last Test was in Cape Town against India in January 2011 after which he was dropped for leg-spinner Imran Tahir. As recently as the start of this season he indicated his intention to compete for a Test place once again.

Philander out of 2nd Test

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

South African fast bowler Vernon Philander has been ruled out of the second Test against New Zealand starting at St George's Park on Friday as he is suffering from a hamstring strain.

The recurrence of the injury which almost sidelined him from the first Test in Cape Town -- in which he earned his fourth man of the match award -- means he will not play in the second and final match of the Test series.

Fast & Scary

Cricket

SHAFEEEN MAJID

Neil Adcock, the former South African fast bowler who died earlier this week at the age of 81, is not overly well known among young cricket fans. He only played a total of 26 Test matches in the 50s and early 60s and did not maintain a high profile in world cricket after that. Nonetheless, it is no exaggeration to call him a genuinely great cricketer -- and what is more, one whose influence on the game is both substantial and underrated.

The emphasis on short-pitched, intimidation-based fast bowling that ruled world cricket for 20 years before laws had to be changed to curtail such tactics had their roots in Adcock's aggressive approach. His more celebrated contemporary pacemen -- Ray Lindwall, Keith Miller, Fred Trueman, Brian Statham and Wes Hall among them -- were not averse to tickling the batsman's ribs, but for the most part, they concentrated on the classic off-stump line and sideways movement to get the batsmen out.

Adcock was categorically different in that his emphasis was based on intimidation. In his debut series in 1953, he cracked New Zealand opener Bert Sutcliffe on the head with a bouncer, and New Zealand's finest batsman was said to never be the same player afterwards. In his final tour in 1960, Adcock's steep bounce left England opener Geoff Pullar with a broken wrist.

Adcock aimed to get the batsman

firmly rooted on the back foot and thus his typical length was shorter than that of most bowlers of the time. Furthermore, his bowling naturally tended to nip back into the batsman. These factors, combined with Adcock's height, high arm action, ability to get the ball to lift and genuine pace made him the most frightening bowler of his time.

Adcock's staple of short of a length deliveries and bouncers kept the batsman firmly rooted to the crease. From that position, the occasional fuller delivery that tended to jag back towards off-stump became more potent than if the batsmen felt more free in coming forward to meet the ball.

This method came to dominate cricket a decade and half after Adcock's retirement. John Snow utilised it, and it was the backbone of the successes of such greats as Thomson, Lillee, Willis, Roberts, Holding, Garner, Croft and

Marshall, among others. Adcock, more than anyone else, was the method's pioneer.

Adcock's figures reveal his class. In 26 Tests, he took 104 wickets at an average of 21.1 -- a better figure than that of Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Glenn McGrath and Allan Donald among others. At the first-class level, Adcock claimed 405 wickets at the miserly cost of 17.25 each.

Neil Adcock did not play much, but when he did he was phenomenal. What is more he led the way for fast bowling to become something more than it used to be. If batsmen of the 80s thought more about not breaking a rib than their 50s counterparts had, Neil Adcock's deeds on the field were probably at the root of the reason why.



NEIL ADCOCK (1931-2013)

Warne sorry for Samuels bust-up

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Australian bowling great Shane Warne apologised Tuesday for the foul-mouthed Twenty20 confrontation that earned him a ban and a fine, and said he hoped he had not tarnished his legacy in the sport.

Warne admitted he had gone too far in his on-field row with West Indian batsman Marlon Samuels in Australia's Big Bash League but defended his right to show "emotion and passion".

"I'm very passionate when I play the game. I overstepped the line and hence I'm missing a game," Warne, 43, told Australian broadcaster Fox Sports.

"I thought it was a pretty harsh penalty but I was more disappointed in my own actions, especially as a captain.

"It was emotion and passion. We sometimes like to see that in sportsmen and not robots.

"I apologise to the fans and I apologise to everyone. Sitting and doing detention, it's not easy to watch the boys."

Melbourne Stars captain Warne, furious after Samuels impeded batsman David Hussey, later confronted the West Indian with an obscenity and in the following over, hurled the ball at his chest.

Samuels, playing for city rivals the Melbourne Renegades, reacted by tossing his bat towards Australia's record Test wicket-taker and the two squared up before being separated by the umpires.

Warne was banned for one match and fined 4,500 Australian dollars over the row. But he expressed hope that "one little incident" wouldn't besmirch his reputation among cricket fans.

"I'd like to think of the 25 years I've been playing first-class cricket rather than just one game," he said.

"I'd like to think there's a lot of positive and good things I've done for Australian cricket and all that sort of stuff over the years.

"One little incident here or there [doesn't matter]. I do apologise for my behaviour and I'm disappointed in my own reaction."

Warne claimed 708 Test wickets in a celebrated career but he has also courted controversy, notably when he was fined for accepting money from a bookmaker and when he was sent home from the 2003 World Cup for taking a banned diuretic.

The colourful Warne's woes continued on Tuesday when a Scottish court fined him 500 pounds in absentia for driving at more than 100 miles per hour on a road with a 70 mph limit.

Strings attached!

FROM PAGE 16

said Anwarul Haque Helal, member of National Teams Committee.

Meanwhile, Kruif and Koster are supposed to watch today's Bangladesh Premier League fixture between Abahani and Team BJMC at the Bangabandhu National Stadium and will visit the BFF Academy in Sylhet on Friday.

Kruif is supposed to put pen to paper as the head coach of Bangladesh national football team while Rene Koster will be his deputy as well as the head coach of BFF Academy in Sylhet, if things go according to plan.

After their arrival here, Kruif mentioned about three Nigerian footballers, who played under his guidance in the Nigerian outfit Heartland who are playing in the ongoing Bangladesh Premier League.

Udch Damian is one of those who plays for Mohammedan and the Nigerian booter provided an idea about his former coach.

"I played one season under him (Kruif) and he helped us win the FA Cup in Nigeria in 2011," Damian said. "He likes attacking football. He always thinks of winning and takes everything professionally."

Damian said that he personally benefited from Kruif in a time when he was going through a bad patch.

"One thing I liked most about Kruif is that he talked to each of the players during their bad time and tried to find out the problems and provided tips to overcome them. I took a lot of tips from him and he taught me how to play tough football," said Damian.

Tokyo quashes

FROM PAGE 16

of the future."

The jewel in Tokyo's glossy 2020 brochure was a space-age makeover of National Stadium, the main venue for the 1964 Games which symbolised Japan's recovery from its war-time defeat.

The 80,000-capacity venue, which resembles a flying saucer, will feature a retractable roof -- a first for a main Olympic stadium -- and moveable seats.

"We will use the stadium from 1964 and improve it for 2020," said Takeda. "It will be there for another 50 years which would be around 100 years. That legacy is an important point."

New Tokyo governor Naoki Inose underlined the city's credentials, pointing to the full backing of the government of Shinzo Abe, who returned as Prime Minister last month.

Abe himself was appointed as the Tokyo 2020 bid's supreme advisor on Tuesday.

"Tokyo has a budget of 136.78 billion dollars," said Inose, referring to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's financial base. "That's quite big."

Inose added: "Tokyo has a superb transport system, its railway network can handle 25 million passengers daily without a second's delay."

A day of recoveries

FROM PAGE 16

who scored 73 off 138 balls with eight boundaries, as North Zone fell nine runs short after being dismissed for 291.

Sajedul hit 76 off 75 balls with the help of nine fours and four sixes. Earlier there was some resistance came

from captain Mushfiqur Rahim who made 36 off 91 balls.

Abdur Razzak and Shohag Gazi claimed two wickets each.

South Zone scored five runs without loss before stumps were drawn for the day.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Scrooge's cry
 - 4 Astronaut
 - 7 Indiana politico
 - 11 Egg
 - 13 Fire
 - 14 Predicate
 - 15 Thin tie
 - 16 Shelter, at sea
 - 17 Corp.
 - 18 Honey
 - 20 Rhett's
 - 22 Fresh
 - 24 Short-
 - 28 Custodian
 - 32 Broad-
 - 33 PC
 - 34 Set of
 - 36 Singer
- DOWN**
- 1 Goes up
 - 2 Acknowl-
 - 3 Hawaiian
 - 4 Guy's
 - 5 Second-
 - 6 Bundle of
 - 7 1990s
 - 8 Annoy
 - 9 Exist
 - 10 Peacock
 - 12 Trumpet-
 - 19 Encoun-
 - 21 Cow's call
 - 23 Stir-
 - 25 Hay
 - 26 False-
 - 27 Sea
 - 28 Triangu-
 - 29 Land
 - 30 Black
 - 31 Tear
 - 35 Male cat
 - 38 Caribbean,
 - 40 Express
 - 42 Tusk
 - 45 Liniment
 - 47 Stallion,
 - 48 Vagrant
 - 49 Salver
 - 50 Gorilla
 - 51 Chic, in
 - 52 Coffee
 - 54 AAA job

Solution time: 24 mins.



1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9	10	
11			12		13				14			
15					16				17			
18				19		20		21				
			22		23		24		25	26	27	
28	29	30			31		32					
33					34		35		36			
37				38		39		40				
41					42		43					
				44			45		46	47	48	49
50	51	52			53		54		55			
56					57				58			
59					60					61		

CRYPTOQUIP

T X F H I L C B Z D G I Q A L T F D
F R Z Q S F R V D Z N V G R H V Y V G
R V N V H F B V Y L S X X V F D S X
R V C V P L S A : " Z P S V F L A L C B . "

Saturday's Cryptoquip: A STORE IN A CITY NEAR DALLAS THAT SELLS UPRIGHTS AND BABY GRANDS COULD BE CALLED PLANO PLANO.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals O