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GM Rakib unbeaten champion

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Grand Master Abdullah Al Rakib became unbeaten champion in the Walton International Rating Chess Tournament after playing out a draw against FM Mahfuzur Rahman Emon in the last round at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall room yesterday.

Rakib, who confirmed the title with one round left, secured 8.5 points from nine games.

FM Mehdi Hasan Pagar finished runner-up with eight points. Abdullah Al Saif became third after a tie-breaker as he finished tied on seven points with Anisuzzaman Jewel (fourth) and SM Sharon (fifth).

Goals galore in U-15 C'ship

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Rashedul Islam slotted five goals to power Sherpur to an emphatic 9-0 win over Netrokona in the Sailor-BFFF National U-15 Football Championship at the Tangail District Stadium yesterday.

Apart from Rashedul's feat, Shahin struck twice while Nazim Hasan and Rejwan Kabir netted one goal apiece in the one-sided affair.

The goal galore was also followed at the Thakurgaon District Stadium and Chuadanga District Stadium as Rangpur overwhelmed Gaibandha 7-0 in Thakurgaon, thanks to five goals from Mohammad Rocky. Sezan Rahman struck remaining two goals for Rangpur. A treble from Khalil helped Pabna thrash Meherpur 7-0 in Chuadanga. Apart from Khalil's hattrick, Ridoy Ridoy struck a brace while Shipon and Akash netted one goal each for Pabna.

In the day's other matches, Brahmanbaria defeated Chandpur 4-2 in Moulvibazar, Munsiganj beat Pirozpur 2-1 in tie-breaker in Gopalganj, Chuadanga defeated Manikganj 2-0 in Jessore, Rangamati beat Bandarban 1-0 in Chittagong and Natore beat Chapainawabganj 4-3 in tiebreaker after the regulation time ended in 2-2 draw in Rajshahi.



Tigers' champion batsman Mushfiqur Rahim receives his cheque from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Gonobhaban yesterday. The sports-savvy PM handed over cheques amounting 8.2 crore as incentive bonus to the members of the Bangladesh cricket team for their outstanding performances in the World Cup and the series against Pakistan.



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Jankovic stun Kvitova

AFP, London



Defending champion and second seed Petra Kvitova crashed out of Wimbeldon on Saturday leaving just four of the top 10 women left in the tournament.

The Czech, who was also champion in 2011, lost 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 to veteran campaigner Jelena Jankovic who goes on to play 2012 runner-up Agnieszka Radwanska for a spot in the quarter-finals.

Kvitova's earliest loss at the All England Club since 2009 leaves just Serena Williams, Maria Sharapova, Caroline Wozniacki and Lucie Safarova as the last remaining top 10 seeds going into the second week.

Andy Murray survived a shoulder

injury scare to make the Wimbledon last 16 with a 6-2, 6-2, 1-6, 6-1 win over Italy's Andreas Seppi.

Murray, the 2013 champion, required a medical time-out for treatment on his right shoulder after dropping the first game of the fourth set.

But the third seed then reeled off six games in succession to set up a clash against Croatian giant Ivo Karlovic for a place in the quarter-finals.

Seven-time champion Roger Federer defeated big-serving Australian Sam Groth to reach the last 16.

Second seed Federer clinched a 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 6-2 victory over world number 69 Groth who fired a 147mph ace in the third game -- the second fastest serve in tournament history behind Taylor Dent's 148mph in 2010.

Federer will next face Spanish 20th

seed Roberto Bautista Agut for a place in the quarter-finals.

Croatia's Ivo Karlovic became the oldest man in 39 years to reach the last-16 when he beat French 13th seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

The 36-year-old giant fired 41 aces in a 7-6 (7/3), 4-6, 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (11/9) win. Karlovic is the oldest man to make the fourth round at the All England Club since compatriot Niki Pilic in 1976.

The 23rd seed is also the oldest to reach the last-16 of any of the four Grand Slams since 39-year-old Jimmy Connors at the 1991 US Open.

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Serbia's Jelena Jankovic celebrates her victory over defending champion Petra Kvitova of Czech Republic during their women's singles third round match in Wimbledon yesterday.

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City, PSG ready to spend after UEFA lifts sanctions

AFP, Paris

UEFA lifted sanctions against both Manchester City and Paris Saint Germain on Friday and both sides now freed of their financial shackles will launch into the transfer market.

But while PSG president Nasser al-Khelaifi said there was not an "unlimited" budget and new purchases would be carefully chosen, City look set to spend bigtime.

Belgian star Kevin de Bruyne, presently at German Bundesliga runners-up VfL Wolfsburg, Juventus' French midfielder Paul Pogba and Liverpool's English international striker Raheem Sterling are their main targets.

That trio could cost City -- who failed to put up a strong defence of their league title and ended up trophyless last season -- an estimated £150 million (\$233 million, 210million euros).

Paris Saint Germain, owned by a Qatar government company, and City were among the first major targets of UEFA president Michel Platini's Financial Fair Play (FFP) rules aiming

to punish clubs run at a loss.

Their heavily subsidised spending and Champions League squads were limited under UEFA sanctions, which al-Khelaifi confirmed have been lifted.

"We are very pleased with this constructive and fair decision," the president said in a statement on the club's website.

"This decision will allow the club to resume its development. We are now able to really act on the transfer market that opened on June 9," he added.

"In the past two years, we have achieved excellent financial results in all areas of the club, especially in sponsorship, revenue related to the stadium and merchandising.

"All these measures taken by the club led to a positive financial result in 2014-15 and with no debt.

"We still have room to progress with the Parc des Princes renovation project. We are working on an expansion of our stadium to increase capacity to 60,000 seats. Ultimately, this transformation of the arena will increase our revenues."

Al-Khelaifi insisted though that the Parisian giants, who have been linked with a number of big signings, cannot

spurge wildly on new players.

Under the deal with UEFA that ended the sanctions, the club will "have to submit financial results including balanced financial results" for 2015-16, the president said.

"So we will spend our money on well targeted players as we have always done to help the club grow. We will not have an unlimited budget," added the Parisian president.

Under the sanctions placed on the Ligue 1 champions last year, the club were not allowed to spend more than 60 million euros on transfers and could only register 21 players for last season's Champions League campaign, in which they lost in the quarter-finals to eventual winners Barcelona.

Now freed from the constraints, last season's domestic quadruple winners will have even loftier ambitions.

"Our goals are clear and you can be certain that Paris now, more than ever, has the will to fight to achieve a place at the summit of European football," assured Al-Khelaifi.

Laurent Blanc guided Paris to the French title, French Cup, Super Cup and League Cup as they swept all before them in France last season.

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A youthful Mohammedan SC came from behind to beat Team BJMC 2-1 in their Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

After the barren first half, Nigerian striker Eleta Kingsley put a spirited BJMC ahead with a calm placing shot before Guinean Ismael Bangoura levelled the margin with a header in the 80th minute and teenage winger Jewel Rana wrapped up their eighth victory with another header three minutes from time to take the Black and Whites close to Sheikh Jamal DC with 26 points, just one point behind the league leaders.

Mohammedan came into the game on the back of a morale-boosting 3-1 win over Chittagong Abahani but they failed to keep their momentum in the match and struggled throughout the game, barring the last 15 minutes where they luckily struck two goals in the span of seven minutes to avoid an embarrassment.

BJMC, who held mighty Brothers Union to a 2-2 draw in the previous game, displayed beautiful football to keep Mohammedan under pressure from the outset and cre-

MOHAMMEDAN 2-1 TEAM BJMC

ated at least three scoring chances in the first half but failed to cash in on any of them, thanks to a brave performance by Mohammedan's second choice goalkeeper Ashraful Haque Rana.

Rana intercepted a Faisal Ahmed cross and it fell to Nigerian midfielder Samson Ilias, whose goal-bound shot was cleared by defender Yonta Michael in the 17th minute before Rana, who got a call up to the national team, saved a Saiful Islam free-kick and then blocked a Jakir Hossain goal-bound shot in the 33rd minute.

Eleta Kingsley found Mohammedan goalkeeper Rana alone but the Nigerian struck straight at the keeper on the stroke of the break but the former Muktijoddha Sangsads striker made amends by putting BJMC ahead in the 60th minute, when he was played in by Samson and the striker raced into the box to place his left-footed shot into the far post.

Jewel Rana ran down the left to whip a well-judged cross for Bangoura, whose header kissed the back of the net hitting the inside of the crossbar while the teenage winger ensured Mohammedan victory, heading a Belinga Amabara corner home in the 87th minute to send Mohammedan fans into rapture.

COPA AMERICA Peru clinch third place

AFP, Concepcion

Paolo Guerrero fired Peru to a third place play-off victory over Paraguay here Friday to stay in the hunt for Copa America tournament top-scorer honours.

The Flamengo striker, top-scorer at the 2011 Copa America, bagged his fourth goal of this year's tournament with a late strike as Peru completed a 2-0 victory.

The goal saw Guerrero join Chile's Eduardo Vargas as joint top-scorer.

The 31-year-old's 25th international goal has also edged him closer to overtaking Peru legend Teofilo Cubillas's national record of 26 goals.

Peru's other goal came from Andre Carrillo in the 48th minute.

A dangerous corner by Peru's highly rated midfielder Christian Cueva was headed into the path of Carrillo by Paraguay's Raul Bobadilla.

The 24-year-old met the clearance with a sweetly struck volley which flew into the bottom corner past the dive of Paraguay goalkeeper Justo Villar.

Paraguay, thrashed 6-1 by Argentina in the semifinals, raised their game fleetingly and almost snatched an equaliser on 68 minutes only for striker Edgar Benitez to be denied by a superb block from Peru midfielder Carlos Ascues.

Peru's win saw them repeat their third place finish from the 2011 Copa America.

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