



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, who gave away the prizes as chief guest on the concluding day of the two-day national air-rifle meet at the Gulshan range yesterday, seen here learning the finer points of the sport from the experts. —Star photo by Enamul Haque

Mustafiz new BCCB chief

Sports Reporter

The government yesterday appointed Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman as the new president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), replacing Qazi Bahauddin Ahmed who was appointed last February.

The new BCCB chief will soon announce the names of the other members of the reconstituted ad-hoc body.

According to widespread speculation, Mr Aminul Haq Mondal, a former joint secretary, is likely to be made the general secretary while a former general secretary Raisuddin Ahmed is likely to be one of the vice presidents.

Yet another former GS, Reza-e-Karim, is tipped to become the new treasurer.

Mustafizur Rahman follows in the footsteps of another former Foreign Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud who was the chief of BCCB until the downfall of the Ershad regime.

Judo camp

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Judo and Kasate Federation will organise a training camp very soon to select a national team which will participate in Malaysian Judo Championships in October and also in Asian Judo Championships scheduled to begin in Japan in the month of November.

All the medal winners in the last national championships have been requested to send their names to the Judo Federation office by September 6.

Women's handball from Sept 9

Sports Reporter

The four-day long Karnaphuli Insurance women's handball championship, organised by the Bangladesh Sports Women's Federation, will begin from September 9 at the Women's Sports Complex at Dhanmondi.

Nine divisional handball teams are taking part in the championship sponsored by Karnaphuli Insurance Company Limited.

Crawley ensures England victory

CHELMSFORD, England, Aug 31: John Crawley played a captain's innings to help England to a magnificent four-wickets victory over Australia in the second under-19 Test here on Friday, reports AFP.

Crawley plundered 130 as England, set a target of 401 after the tourists had declared overnight, secured their triumph with just three deliveries to spare.

He struck 17 fours in his four-hour stay and seldom played a false stroke.

Ronnie, Irani, Crawley, Lancashire Second XI colleague, was the other key figure as England squared the three-match series 1-1.

He punished the Aussie attack for 13 boundaries before he was run out for 73 and shared in a fifth-wicket stand of 134 with his captain.

That partnership ended when Crawley became an LBW victim of Michael Kasprovic with 16 overs remaining and 80 runs required.

Irani kept the tempo going before he was run out going for an ambitious second run and it was left to Graeme Welch (46 not out) and Robert Rollins (12 not out) to complete a memorable win.

The final match in the series begins at Old Trafford on September 9.

Shoma, Joy shoot golds

Sports Reporter

The national 177-bore air-rifle competition organised by the National Shooting Federation, Bangladesh concluded yesterday at the national shooting complex, Gulshan yesterday.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia gave away the prizes among the winners at the concluding ceremony of the two-day meet in the morning.

Farzana Huq Shoma of Narayanganj Rifles Club won the gold medal in the girls' under-18 group. Nusrat Jahan of Chittagong Rifle Club placed second while Afroza of Pabna Rifle Club finished third.

In the boys' under-20 group, Hassan Sharif Joy of Rajdhani Shooting Club earned the top spot while Firoz Hossain of Pabna RC and Nasir

Ahmed Chowdhury of Chittagong RC finished second and third respectively.

M. Alamgir of Chittagong RC won the contest among the veterans with Helal of Pabna and Snannaz Parveen Shima of Bangladesh Ansars & VDP placing second and third.

Two hundred and 47 shooters representing 52 shooting clubs of the country competed in the meet.

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said her government would extend all possible help for the promotion of sports in the country.

Begum Zia said the objective of the democratic government was to attain success in every sphere of national life including games and sports. She said, "Despite resource

constraints, we cannot ignore sports."

The Prime Minister called upon the affluent section of the society to donate generously for the uplift of sports in the country.

She expressed her confidence that Bangladeshi players would bring laurels from abroad as they did in the last Commonwealth Games.

The function as addressed, among others, by Sadeq Hossain Khoka, State Minister for Youth and Sports, Major General Mahbubur Rahman, Chairman of the National Sports Council and Brigadier (ret'd) A S M Hannan Shah, president, National Shooting Federation, Bangladesh.

Begum Zia was presented with a crest of the federation by its president.

Warwicks regain lead

LONDON, Aug 31: Warwickshire completed a four-wicket win over Worcestershire on Friday to regain the leadership of the English county cricket championship as the season enters its closing stages, reports Reuter.

The Midlands country now have a 13-point lead over second placed Essex who are not currently playing. Warwickshire have two games left while Essex have three more fixtures.

Warwickshire, 108 for two overnight, suffered two early setbacks as they sought the 103 more runs required for victory. Opener Andy Moles was out for 56 to the first ball he faced yesterday and Worcestershire medium pacer Phil Newport quickly dismissed Andy Lloyd to leave Warwickshire 127 for four.

But Dominic Ostler and Dermot Reeve put on 70—the highest partnership of a low-scoring game played on a difficult pitch.

Ostler (41) and Reeve (29) both persisted with victory in sight but Warwickshire coasted home with more than a day and a half to spare.

Surrey maintained their championship hopes by crushing Sussex by an innings and 128 runs.

Seam bowler Martin Bicknell took seven for 52-his best championship figures—as Sussex were hustled out for just 142 in their second innings.

Australian Tony Dodemaide, who made 48, was the only Sussex batsman to offer any real resistance.

Surrey trail Warwickshire by 44 points with a game in hand.

Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin cracked a double century to keep third-placed Derbyshire on course for victory over Leicestershire.

Azharuddin hammered 212 off just 230 balls as Derbyshire rattled up a second innings total of 447 for nine declared.

to leave Leicestershire the daunting prospect of making 487 to win.

By the close they had slumped to 51 for two.

Somerset's South African batsman Jimmy Cook equalled Australian Bill Alley's record of 10 first class hundreds for the country in a season with his second century of the match against Hampshire.

Cook, who made 197 in the first innings, was undefeated on 115 at the close on Friday and has now scored more than 2,500 runs in first class cricket this season.

Manjrekar hits ton for World XI

SCARBOROUGH, England, Aug 31: India's Sanjay Manjrekar hit a rapid, unbeaten 154 for World XI against a depleted West Indies attack as their three-day cricket match ended in a draw on the final day of Friday, reports Reuter.

Manjrekar, who opened the innings as the World XI pursued an improbable victory target of 411 in less than two sessions, reached three figures from 122 balls. He faced 160 deliveries altogether and struck three sixes and 22 fours.

A draw was always likely after West Indian captain Gordon Greenidge had delayed his second innings declaration until after lunch, with the touring team 362 for seven.

Injuries to fast bowlers Malcolm Marshall and Ian Bishop and off-spinner Roger Harper forced Greenidge into his cautious tactics, the World XI finishing on 255 for five.

listlessly, making uncharacteristic mistakes and allowed Brett, the world's sixth ranked player, to dominate play in the early stages.

The Pakistani, who had earlier matches in the previous rounds, briefly took the lead at 11-9 but Brett made two tight shots which Jansher failed to retrieve for a 13-12 lead.

Both played a close game and levelled at 14-all and in the ensuing three-points battle, the Australian had an upperhand, taking a 16-15 lead. But Jansher made a comeback to win the first set at 17-16 after 21 minutes in court.

Brett stormed back and took a 7-1 lead in the second set but Jansher, who had only lost once in several meetings to the Australian, levelled at 10-all and 12-all but the Pakistani was penalised twice consecutively allowing Brett to win it 15-12.

Jansher, dubbed the fittest

player in the international circuit, found his form to make a tired Brett scurry around the court to retrieve the shots. Several times, Jansher sent Brett the wrong way to pile up points.

The Pakistani, who is heading for the Hong Kong Open, needed only 16 minutes to wrap up the third and fourth games at 15-5, 15-6 for 6,300 US dollars in prize money. The Australian collected 4,200 US dollars.

"I am playing well but Brett played better in the first two games. But he became tired and could not last the pace," Jansher said, adding that he might be back to defend his title next year.

In the women's final, Michelle Martin, who finished second here in 1988, played a fast game to rattle her English opponent, Cassandra Jackman and wrap up the first two sets at 15-8 and 15-6 in 14 minutes.

NSC approves deficit budget

Sports Reporter

The National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday announced a Taka 7 crore 90 lakh 80 thousand budget for fiscal 1990-91.

The executive meeting of the NSC, which was also attended by the heads of several national sports federations at the conference room yesterday evening under the chairmanship of Maj General Mahbubur Rahman, approved the budget which shows a deficit of Taka 1 crore 48 lakh 38 thousand.

The projected earnings of the NSC have been shown at Taka 6,42,52,000 of which government grants account for Tk 3,25,00,000. A sum of Taka one crore out of the government grant will go towards financing Bangladesh's participation in the fifth SAF Games to be held in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo next December.

Government grants account for 50.58 per cent of the proposed budget.

Taka 4,33,00,000 will go towards meeting recurring expenditure.

The government has earmarked a sum of Tk 5,77,90,000 in its annual development plan for the construction and development of sporting facilities like the national indoor stadium and swimming pool at Mirpur, the Chittagong Divisional Stadium and other select projects at the district and upazilla levels.

Despite the reduction in its expected earnings, the NSC budget provides for a ten per cent increase in the allocations for 26 national federations, six professional sports associations, the four divisional sports associations, 64 district sports associations and 460 upazilla sports associations.

Boulmerka first Algerian to win world crown

TOKYO, Aug 31: Hassiba Boulmerka of Algeria timed her kick to perfection when she won the women's 1,500 metre title at the World Championships here Saturday, reports AFP.

Boulmerka, who had run the second fastest time of the year, went to the front coming out of the final bend and was never pressed.

The 23-year-old's victory in 4 mins 02.21 secs made her the first Algerian athlete to take a world title.

Tatyana Dorovskikh of the Soviet Union took the silver in 4:02.58 and her teammate Lyudmila Rogachova the bronze in 4:02.72, a personal best.

The African champion bided her time as Rogachova went to the front, reaching the 800m mark in 2:12.27.

Kenya's Susan Sirma made her move and took the pack to the 1,200m mark in 3:17.37 but then Boulmerka and the two Soviets made their move, leaving Sirma trailing to finish in seventh.



HEIKE HENKEL—leaps to gold.

Henkel's golden leap

TOKYO, Aug 31: Going into the World Championships' high jump final Saturday, Germany's Heike Henkel knew that whoever cleared two metres first would win, reports AP.

She was right, and she was the one.

With the rest of the competitors unable to make two metres, Henkel cleared 2.00, 2.02, and 2.05 — the best jump of the year — on her first attempts.

Her winning jump, 24 centimetres over her head, was one centimetre higher than her own German national record, set earlier this month. She failed to clear the bar at 2.07.

"I was trying to limit my jumps to a minimum because I wanted to conserve my energy for jumps over two metres," she said. "I knew whoever cleared two metres first would be the world champion."

Henkel, whose husband, Rainer, is a former world champion swimmer, cleared 1.87 and 1.93 and then passed

the bar was raised to 1.98, with only three other jumpers remaining.

Finishing in second and third places were Soviet jumpers Yelena Yelovina, who cleared 1.98, and Inga Babakova, with 1.96.

"I did my very best, and I'm satisfied," said Yelovina, the Goodwill Games champion. Yelovina's personal best is 2.02.

"I expected to clear at least two metres," said Babakova, who won her first medal at a major meet. Babakova in June cleared 2.01, making her the second-highest jumper after Henkel this year.

Defending world champion Stefka Kostadinova of Bulgaria, who holds the world record of 2.09, and the Soviet Union's Tamara Bykova, the 1983 world champion, cleared only 1.93.

"I'm not disappointed," Kostadinova said of her sixth place finish. "But I'm afraid to think about my record. I think Heike might be able to go that high."

But Henkel, last year's European champion, said that she is not yet setting her sights on Kostadinova's mark.

linked arms to score, a double victory for the Soviet Union in the men's 50-km walk in the World Athletics

Championships today, reports Reuter.

The Soviet pair, both aged 29, matched each other stride for stride for almost four hours as typhoon Harry dumped heavy rain on competitors and bystanders.

After pounding the streets of Tokyo in perfect step as if they were leading some kind of Red Army route march, Potashov and Perlov made no attempt to outpace each other at the finish at the National Stadium.

They waved to the crowd, put their arms around each others' shoulders and crossed the line together in three hours 53 minutes nine seconds. Judges later gave the gold to Potashov and the silver to Perlov.

Defending champion Harwig Gauder of Germany took the bronze, finishing more than two minutes behind and preventing a Soviet sweep as Vitaly Popovich placed fourth a further five minutes later.

The Soviet Trio, Gauder and Olympic silver medalist Ronald Weigel of Germany got away from the rest of the field shortly after the 15-km mark but Weigel was disqualified a few kms later for running.

Just after 30 kms, Popovich and then Gauder were dropped and the two leaders continued to extend the gap.

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Yakov Tolstikov from the Soviet Union in turmoil could produce a surprise as he did in April when he won the World Cup at London in 2:09.17.

Wakihuri, who made his marathon debut in 1985 when he finished fifth at the Biwako Marathon in Japan, has carried the torch for this country gripped with marathon madness.

After his victorious debut at the Worlds in 1987, he won at London in 1989, the Commonwealth Games and New York last year. But he only finished sixth at Boston this year.

Bordin, 32, said earlier he would be running against 'Four Japanese' here including Wakihuri.

"I think the race will be resolved around 30-35 kilometers. You need to concentrate for that point," he said.

Mirpur JS Dhaka kabaddi champs

Sports Reporter

Mirpur Jubo Sangha announced the Dhaka kabaddi league championship contest (knockout) final at the Mirpur JS Dhaka kabaddi court yesterday afternoon.

The Mirpur men did well to make a fine second half rally after having trailed by as solitary point at the breather.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka gave away the trophies as the chief guest.

Eighteen teams, split into four groups, took part in the meet which began on August 9 under the auspices of the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation.

Asad Sporting Club finished third, beating Maniknagar Unnayan Samity in the play-off between the losing semifinalists earlier last week.

Farooq, Riaz score hattricks

Sports Reporter

Two brilliant hattricks by Farooq and Riaz enabled Sherol Sporting Club to blank Tiger Sporting Club 7-0 in the Coca Cola Rajshahi First Division Football super league match at the Rajshahi Stadium.

Mustakim scored the other goal.

Abahani Krira Chakra will take on Dighantha Prashari Club in today's encounter.

Khristova's throw lands a gold

TOKYO, Aug 31: Tsvetanka Khristova brushed aside questions about her age to win the women's discus with a throw of 71.02 metres here Saturday for Bulgaria's first gold of the World Athletic Championships, reports AFP.

Khristova, 29, who won the bronze at the 1987 Championships and the 1988 Olympics, came from behind at 66.96m to win on her sixth throw.

It bettered 69-12m registered earlier by Germany's European champion like Wyludza, 22, who had been undefeated since the start of 1989.

Larisa Mikhailchenko of the Soviet Union, who had the year's best throw of 69.20m in June, took the bronze by losing 68.26m.

"During the last three seasons, my results were rather mediocre around 66 metres," she said. "Frankly speaking, I tried to win. Wyludza must be surprised because she couldn't find a word."

The tall moustached Potashov, who just missed a medal at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul where he came fourth, looked the stronger through the bearded Perlov, who has the world's best time over the distance, stayed resolutely with him to the end.

The race started in strong winds and heavy rain but conditions improved before the end as typhoon Harry moved away to the north.

Officials rescheduled the only other event of the morning programme, the women's javelin qualifiers, putting them back to the afternoon session.

They said no other changes were expected and the weather was likely to be better for the afternoon and evening programme when seven more gold medals will be decided.

The main events are the 3,000 metres steeplechase and women's 1,500 metres finals.

Japan in Asian handball final

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Aug 31: Hosts Japan outgunned China here Friday to secure a berth in the men's final showdown against top-favourites South Korea at the Asian handball championships, reports AFP.

The Japanese scored a 26-18 (15-9), 11-9 win.

Jansher lifts Malaysian Open

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 31: World number one Jansher Khan of Pakistan dropped a set before overcoming

Australia's Brett Martin to clinch the men's title in the Sharp Malaysian Open Squash championships here Saturday, reports AFP.

The 22-year-old Pakistani won 17-16, 12-15, 15-5, 15-6 to add to the Singapore Open title won last week.

Brett's sister, Michelle Martin also dropped a set before winning over world junior champion Cassandra Jackman of England to win the first Australian to win the women's event.

The women's championships were dominated by Singapore and Japan till 1986 when Lisa Opie of Great Britain continued her dominance till last year.

Jansher started off

ROK cagers in Asian final

KOBE, Japan, Aug 31: South Korea narrowly survived an extension 9-8 to beat Taiwan here today and gain a final berth against top-favourites China in the men's basketball championships, reports AFP.

South Korea, runners up on three consecutive occasions in the event, overcame a nine point deficit in the first-half for a draw at the end of regulation time before going on to win 93-92 (40-49, 44-35, 9-8) at the Port Island Hall, western Japan.

Bridge results

The metropolis bridge league now being played at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises has entered the super league stage, states a press release of Dhaka Metropolis Bridge Association.

Wakihuri skips Boston run

TOKYO, Aug 31: The last-minute pullout of Kenya's defending marathon champion Douglas Wakihuri and 1991 Boston laureate Ibrahim Hussein deprives Sunday's showpiece duel of its competitive appeal and disappoints his "hometown" fans here, reports AFP.

Wakihuri, 27, groomed here under the Japanese coaching system since age 18, was still limping with a foot that was injured when he ran in a 30-kilometer race in New Zealand where he had trained in the past few months.

Kenyan team manager Ernest Kaitany said.

Hussein, 33, who bolted out of nowhere with his victory in the 1987 New York Marathon, had been "just not well" and could not come to Tokyo, Kaitany said.

Now 1988 Olympic champion Gellindo Bordin of Italy looms as the man to beat in a

field which has been already lessened by the withdrawal of Tanzania's Juma Ikangaa with injuries he suffered in Boston. Ikangaa has run a record six times under 2 hr 09 min in his 10-year career.

The bearded Bordin, who swept Wakihuri into second spot in Seoul for Italy's first Olympic marathon gold, shone last year when he won at Boston in his personal best time of 2:08.19 and took the European title for the second straight year. But he dropped out of London this year with a hamstring injury.

The 42.195-kilometer race through the streets of Tokyo in high humidity also features Steve Monaghan, who ran to his first-ever victory at Berlin a year earlier, and two Japanese Koichi Morishita and Takeyuki Nakayama who clocked the world's best times for this year at Beppu, Japan, in February.

Morishita won in 2:08.53,

followed by the Lanky Nakayama in 2:09.12.

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