

Mohta, Nonita Lall win 9th BAGC titles

Sports Reporter

The ninth Bangladesh amateur golf championships concluded yesterday at the Kurmitola Golf Club course with Indian players clinching both the men's and women's titles in the four-day meet played over 72 holes.

Rajeev Mohta claimed the men's title with a gross of 26 over par 314 while his compatriot Nonita Lall grossed 296 for the women's championship.

Sanjeev Mehra and Simi Mehra, also from India, finished runner-up in the men's and women's sections grossing 327 and 309 respectively.

A field of 107 golfers including 22 players from abroad took part in the championships. The overseas

including many expatriates from the diplomatic community.

Rajeev Mohta, a winner of this event on more than one occasion, played rather indifferent golf yet went on to clinch the championship mainly due to the lack of better opposition. The non-participation of players from China and Pakistan had reduced the competition to mediocrity with Karma Tenzin of Bhutan producing a few flashes of brilliance. The Bhutanese played his handicap for a best net of 301.

On the other hand, the competition in the women's section was a lot keener with Nonita Lall, fresh from her triumph in the recent East India championships, breaking the ladies' course record by shooting a two-under-par 70

But Simi Mehra and her partner Sanjeev Mehra won the international team event played over 36 holes with Simi grossing 169 and Sanjeev 156 for a total of 325.

Vice Admiral B R Chowdhury won the special handicap to tournament grossing 156 over 36 holes.

Others who won prizes included the men's second runner-up Richard Chiarantona who grossed 338 and third runner-up Sanjan Dhody whose score was 341. B Y Kim managed the second best net among the handicapped with 303 and Dashi U Dorje of Bhutan the third best net with 306.

Among the ladies Ms. G Slater and best net with 304 followed by Mrs S Ispahani with 309.



Mrs. S. Ispahani receives her prize for the second best net score of 309 from Chief of Army Staff Lt. General M. Nuruddin Khan yesterday evening. — Star photo

entants included 14 men and four ladies from India and three men and a lady from Bhutan.

The local field was made up of 12 ladies and 73 men.

on the second day of the competition last Thursday.

Miss Lall finished on an eight over par 296, 13 strokes ahead of runner-up Simi Mehra who grossed 309.

Chief of Army Staff Lt. General M Nuruddin Khan later gave away the trophies at the prize-giving ceremony held at the Kurmitola Golf Club pavilion in the evening.

Six-a-side cricket quarter-finals today

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union, Bangladesh Biman, Dhaka Mohammedans Sporting Club, Abahani Krira Chakra, Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club, Young Pegasus, Uditay Club and Victoria Sporting Club moved into the Cup quarter-finals of the second R V six-a-side cricket tournament held yesterday simultaneously at the Dhaka Stadium and Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Sixteen teams are taking part in three-day journey organised by the Dhaka Cricket Players' Association.

The teams are divided into four groups.

The top two teams from each group will play in the R V Cup while the bottom two will play for the R V Plate.

Bangladesh Biman topped the Group A with Young Pegasus finishing as runners-up. Ajax SC and Wari Club finished third and fourth respectively and will take part in the Plate event.

Uditay Club became Group B champions in grand style when they won all three of their matches very convincingly.

Abahani K C, Dhaka Wanderers and Surja Tarun each won one match out of three outings, but Abahani took the second spot on a better run rate.

Brothers Union emerged at the top of Group C with three straight victories while GMCC had to settle for the runners-up spot.

Dhaka Mohammedans shrugged off their Damal Summer final defeat with three wins in as many encounters to clinch the pole position in Group 'D' while Lalmatia Club had to be satisfied with the runners-up spot.

The quarter-final matches of both the R V Cup and R V Plate events will be held today.

The teams are represented by six players each with the innings being limited to five overs a side.

Teams must have five bowlers with each sending down an over.

There are no lbw on hit-wicket dismissals while every wide ball counts for four extra runs to the batting side.

Today's quarter-finals

Uditay vs Victoria Biman vs GMCC

Mohammedans vs Abahani Brothers vs Young Pegasus.

Mithu-Ainul cricket Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Nov 30: Baikali Sangha defeated Combined Eleven by sixteen runs in the fifth Mithu-Ainul cricket tournament held at the local cricket ground today.

Baikali scored 133 runs losing seven wickets in their stipulated 25 overs with Shamim scoring the highest 39.

On the other hand, combined managed only 117 runs for the loss of nine wickets in their 25 overs. Rubel was the highest scorer for the Combined Eleven with 30 runs.

Raja took three wickets for Baikali Sangha, while Shafiq took for the Combined boys.

Shamim of the Baikali Sangha was adjudged the man-of-the-match.

JU cricket

English Department yesterday defeated Philosophy Department by three wickets in the opening match of the inter-department cricket tournament of the Jahangirnagar University at the Mir Mosharruf Hossain hall ground, says a press release.

Batting first, Philosophy Department scored 53 runs losing all their wickets.

Chasing a target of 54, the English Department had a disastrous start losing three batsmen cheaply before reaching the target losing seven wickets.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. Kazi Saleh Ahmed inaugurated the tournament.

Hockey results

Sports Reporter

Mukta Bihanga came from behind to score a hard-earned 2-1 victory over Farashganj Sporting Club in the Green Delta Second Division hockey super league match yesterday at the Hockey Stadium.

Farashganj S.C. led 1-0 at the breather.

Enayet scored the goal for Farashganj in the 27th minute.

Mukta Bihanga pressed hard for the equaliser. Wahab slammed the ball home for Mukta Bihanga in the 53rd minute while Mohammed Hossain slotted the winner two minutes later.

Mukta Bihanga and Farashganj have earned six and two points respectively from five matches each.

Barnak Samaj and Uditay Club fought to a 1-1 draw in the other encounter of the day.

Munir scored for Barnak in the sixth minute of play while Uditay levelled the score with a fine goal.

TODAY'S MATCHES

PWD vs Shishu Kishore (2:00 pm)

Young Star vs Cantonian S.C. (3:15 pm)

Harun to attend AFC seminar

The fifth seminar for the general secretaries of national football federations under the Asian Football Confederation will be held at the AFC headquarters Kuala Lumpur from January 21-24, reports BSS.

Harunur Rashid, General Secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation, has been nominated to attend the four-day seminar.

Army athletics on

The annual athletic meet of the Bangladesh Army got underway at the Bangladesh Army Stadium in Dhaka yesterday afternoon, an ISPR release said.

L. Nk. Md. Mujibur Rahman of the Rangpur Area team bagged the first gold of the meet setting a new Army record in 1500 metres run.

He clocked 3 minutes 56.44 seconds as against the previous record of 3 minutes 57 seconds. Nk Zakir Hossain of the Dhaka Engineers team who took 3 minutes 56.44 seconds also improve the previous record.

Another gold at stake on the opening day was taken by Nk. Saleh Ahmed of the Chittagong Area team who finished first in the shot put, clearing a distance of 12.76 metres.

Three heats of the 200 metres sprint were also held on the inaugural day.

Shibu, Matin win titles in Singapore

National junior tennis champion Shibu Lal won the under-18 title in the Code 10 Palmolive junior age-group international championships held in Singapore Nov 23-26, says a Bangladesh Tennis Federation press release issued yesterday.

Another Bangladeshi, Abdullah Jamil Matin won the under-10 title in the meet, participated by 180 players from eleven countries, namely Germany, the United States, Australia, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Guam, Mauritius, Malaysia and hosts Singapore. Bangladesh was represented by seven players, one in each of the seven age-group competitions.

Shibu Lal beat Afzal Othman of Malaysia 6-3, 6-2. Zamakshari of Hong Kong and Archieval Retulla of Indonesia

6-0, 6-2 to clinch the title.

Abdullah Jamil Matin disposed of Vanak C of Sri Lanka 9-0, Jeremy Yap of Indonesia 9-1 and Wayne Yang of Hong Kong 9-5 to win the title for boys under ten years of age.

Another Bangladeshi, Omar Faraz Rahman became the runner-up in the 11-year age group.

Two other Bangladeshi teenagers, Shahabuddin Ahmed Faiyaz finished third in the under-14 group losing two matches while Sheikh Moineddin Jhelum placed second in the 16-year group.

Faiyaz had the consolation of having beaten the eventual winner of his group.

AKM Saifullah (12 years) placed eighth, Shamcem Ahsan Ronnie (16-years) who placed seventh in his group.

There were sixteen boys competing in each age-group.

N' ganj soccer

Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 30: Sher-e-Bangla Club were forced to a relegation play off after finishing last in the Group B points table following a 4-0 drubbing defeat in yesterday's Muldhara First Division football league match at the hands of Eastern Club of the local Osmani Stadium.

Tipu of the Eastern Club scored the second hat-trick of the season by netting the first three goals for his side.

The fourth was a suicidal goal by Sher-e-Bangla's Maruf.

Protest against Bardot's campaign

COPENHAGEN, Nov 30: The Danish team to the Winter Olympics in France will be kitted out with seal fur in protest at Brigitte Bardot's campaign to ban seal hunting, reports AFP.

An Olympic committee official here said the decision was not intended to upset anyone during the Albertville Games which start in February.

A spokesman for the Great Greenland company, which makes the 240-dollar a piece seal fur, said it was "not a provocation but a reminder that the hunting of adult seals is part of nature and the daily life of Greenlanders who live off it."

"Greenlanders have suffered from the anti-hunting campaigns of ecologist organisations led by Brigitte Bardot," he said.

The former film star presents her own television programme in France called SOS animals.

Rajshahi handball

Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Nov 30: Cosmos Sports Club defeated Monday Boxing Club 7-4 in the Rajshahi district handball tournament here today.

In the another match, Morning Star defeated Five Stars 6-5.



Syed Ashraf Haq, Joint Secretary of the Asian Cricket Conference, being introduced to the players before the start of the six-a-side RV cricket competition organised by the Dhaka Cricket Players' association at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Roquibul Hassan, chief of the association, is on extreme right.



From left: M.Y. Hwang, Mrs. Ispahani and Michaela Spaeth of the German embassy — three of the participants in the 9th Bangladesh amateur golf championships — pose for The Daily Star at the Kurmitola Golf Course yesterday.

Indonesians consolidate lead

MANILA, Nov 30: Indonesian athletes widened their lead on Friday at the 16th South-East Asian Games in Manila as Thailand and the Philippines faltered in their attempts to close in on the leader, reports Reuter.

The Indonesian squad swept up eight gold medals, five of them in a blitz on the last day of competitions in swimming, to bring their total to 50, leaving Thailand and the Philippines behind in the race for the overall title.

The Philippines, with three gold medals in the traditional martial arts of Wushu, grabbed back second place from Thailand with 37 gold medals against Thailand's 34.

But the two nations floundered in the wake of the Indonesian charge.

Malaysia, second placers in the 15th Games in Kuala Lumpur, came active with six gold medals, three of them in the centrepiece event of track and field, to finish with 11-golds for the day.

Elifra Nasution of Indonesia and Eric Buhain of host the Philippines took top honours with a Games total of five gold medals each in swimming.

"I feel good", Nasution, a 21-year-old interior design student at California State University, told reporters after winning two individual gold medals for the day.

"I was just glad I was swimming good times. That was what I was concentration on."

Bhutan, who lost a gold medal when the Philippines were disqualified in the 400 metre free-style relay on Thursday, waved six fingers in the pool after winning his fifth gold in the 100 metres butterfly.

"It's a matter of opinion. I won six golds," he told reporters.

Indonesia won the unofficial overall swimming title with 10 gold medals, followed closely by the Philippines with nine and Thailand with eight.

"We've emerged as the leader in shooting, but by only one gold over the Philippines," said Thailand's Noparat Ghoutoll, who won the individual gold medal in the men's air pistol event and also led his squad to victory in the team event.

Ghoutoll scored 573 points to defeat Tran Van Phien of Vietnam who came in second with 570 points.

Malaysia won three of the five gold medal in track and field to consolidate their hold on fourth place behind the leaders with nine gold medals.

Wong Tee Koi, Nohd Zaki Sadri and Ramu Tangavulu ruled the men's hammer throw, triple jump and 1,500 metres to bolster a faltering Malaysian effort in the Games in a sharp fall from their second place finish in the 15th SEA Games in Kuala Lumpur in 1989.

Wong hurled the hammer to a new SEA Games record of

55.54 metres to break the old mark of 52.08 metres set by Indonesian's Budi Darma in the 1987 Games in Jakarta.

Tun Tin and Khin Khin Hwe won the 20 km walk and women's 1,500 meters as Burmese athletes started making their mark in the centrepiece event of the Games.

Tin sliced three seconds from the Games record in the 20km walk by finishing in one hour, 35 minutes and 30 seconds established by Malaysia's Khao Chong Beng in 1977.

MEDALS TABLE

Medals standings on the fifth day of competition in the nine-nation South East Asian Games in Manila on Friday (tabulate under gold, silver and bronze):

	G	S	R
Indonesia	50	30	25
Philippines	37	25	34
Thailand	34	43	39
Malaysia	12	13	20
Singapore	5	17	26
Burma	4	9	9
Vietnam	4	7	3
Brunei	0	0	0
Laos	0	0	0

Soviets keep title hopes alive

TOKYO, Nov 30: European champions the Soviet Union kept their title hopes alive when they pulled off a straight-sets win over defending champions Cuba in the 12 team World Cup men's volleyball tournament here Saturday, reports AFP.

The Soviet spikers crashed the Cuban defence with Oleg Shatunov's aces on the back line and Dmitry Formin's jump serves for a successful 3-0 (15-10, 15-13, 16-9) victory at the Yoyogi National Stadium.

Konstantin Ushakov played the strategy I wished, with the right moves at the right moments, Soviet coach Platonov of his young 21-year-old setter.

"When I started two years ago with the team, the weakest point was a lack of confidence it's changing."

Meanwhile, Cuban coach Orlando Samuels said his team was under a lot of pressure. "Our combinations were not good. We had weak serves and blocks..... And the Soviet Union got many good players," he moaned.

Both teams now have an identical three wins and one loss in the six team medal round. The Soviets have suffered a major setback when they lost to the United States earlier in the tournament.

The United States, two-consecutive time Olympic gold medalists, continued their winning streak when they out-gunned Brazil 3-2 (11-15, 15-7, 15-12, 12-15, 15-13) for a 4-0 record, leaving the South American champions with 1-3.

"I focused the attention on

the Brazil team, forgetting the Soviets performance against Cuba," said the US coach Fred Sturm. Brazil served toughly did good side-out attacks and is a good team.

On the final day Sunday, the United States will play Cuba, while the Soviet Union will take on South Korea, who came back from two sets down

Under-16 soccer from today

Sports Reporter

A talent-hunt under-16 football tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), begins today at the Mirpur National Stadium.

President of the Bangladesh Football Federation M Siddiqur Rahman will formally inaugurate the meet a seven in the morning.

Eight teams, divided in two groups, will participate in the five-day tournament aimed at developing a national squad of junior booters for the upcoming SAARC tournament, as well as for the Asian under-16 tournament, to be held early next year.

The tournament committee will choose 30 junior footballers from the competition and will groom them under a long-term coaching programme.

The BFF is also trying to arrange for the services of a foreign coach for the junior players.

The teams participating in different groups of the tournament are: Group A: Dhaka Division, Chittagong Division, Rajshahi Division and Khulna Division.

Group B: Bangladesh Krira Shikkhya Protisthan (BKSP), Mahanagar Eleven, National Sports Council (NSC) Eleven and May Eleven of the BFF.

Four matches will be played daily on the first three days, two in the morning at 7.00 and 9.15 am and two in the afternoon at 2.00 and 3.30 pm respectively.

Both the semifinals will be held on December 4 at 2 pm and 3.30 pm respectively while the final is scheduled for December 5 at 3 pm.

On the opening day, Dhaka Division will take on Rajshahi Division at 7 am and Khulna Division will meet Chittagong Division at 9.15 am.

In the afternoon, Mahanagar Eleven will take on May Eleven at 2 pm and BKSP will face NSC Eleven at 3.30 pm.

The Bangladesh Football Federation also plans to organise a country-wide under-14 tournament by February next year.

Spurs stand by Lineker

LONDON, Nov 30: Tottenham manager Peter Shreeves pledged the club's support for Gary Lineker as the England star waited for news on his seriously ill baby son on Friday, reports AFP.

Lineker has dropped out of the North London derby against Arsenal on Sunday because his five-month-old, eight week old George, is ill in Great Ormond Street Hospital in London.

Shreeves said: "The club's policy is clear. This is an horrendous thing for him to deal with and he needs time to be with his wife."

"Everybody is devastated and stunned by the news about the baby although we still do not fully know the extent of the illness."

"Gary knows everybody here is behind him and that our thoughts will be with him especially over the next few days."

"Every football game, even one against Arsenal, is just one — only a game. This kind of thing puts it into perspective and brings it home."

Biman extend chess lead

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Bangladesh Biman continued their winning spree with another flawless performance when they crushed Mahakhali Prodip Sangha by 4-0 points in their eleventh round encounter of the First Division chess league yesterday at the National Sports Council chess room.

The reigning league champions Biman now lead the points table with a comfortable 34.5 points. Biman's star-studded team — national champion Riffat-bin-Sattar, former national champions Zillur Rahman Champak, Ziaur Rahman and Syed Tahmidur Rahman — yesterday defeated their respective opponents Shamsul Kabir Chowdhury, Altaf, Subrata and Moinul of Mahakhali Prodip Sangha.

Last year's runners-up Bangladesh Ansars won their yesterday's encounter against BTMC by 2.5-1.5 points. Ansars are now lying in second position with 30.5 points. Brothers Union remained at third place with twenty-six and a half

points. In yesterday's encounter, Brothers defeated Genius Chess Club by 2.5-1.5 points.

BTMC are in fourth place with twenty-six points after eleven rounds.

In the other matches of the day, Chalanika Krira Chakra, defeated Free Birds International by 2.5-1.5 points while Tilak Chess Club won their match against Farashganj Sporting Club by a similar margin.

Swedish girls finish third

GUANGZHOU, China, Nov 30: A controlled display of attacking football saw Sweden humble a much-fancied German side 4-0 to win their third place playoff in the inaugural women's World Cup finals here Friday, reports AFP.

Sweden dominated from the start, scoring two early goals, the second a brave diving header after 12 minutes by 31-year-old Pia Sundhage in her 109th international.