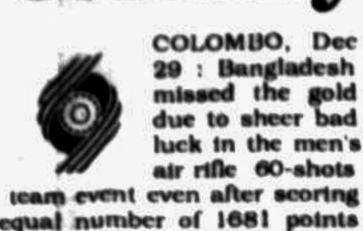
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# Unlucky shooters miss gold



India were awarded the gold in the event because of a better score by their last participant Raj Kumar, who collected 555 points.

with main rivals India, reports

The Bangladesh trio of Fazle Elahi Rabbi, Saiful Alam Rinki and GM Haider got the silver. Sri Lanka won the bronze with 1671 points.

Fagle Elahi Rabbi, however,

rashing hosts Sri Lanka by

straight 3-0 sets in a third

place deciding match this

morning here at the Suga-

thadasa indoor stadium.

minutes to subdue the Lankans

by 15-12, 15-6 and 15-6

that Bangladesh has beaten Sri

Lanka in the SAF Games his-

tory since volleyball was intro-

Calcutta, Bangladesh won the

bronze in a tie- breaker de

spite going down to Sri Lankan

by 1-3 sets. Bangladesh also

lost to Sri Lanka 2-3 sets in

the fourth SAF Games in

Islamabad in 1989 and was

earlier played a dull and docile

game against the Sri Lankans

in the group match and suf-

Indian spiker

electrocuted

the untimely death of volleyball

player Abdul Basith, who died

of an electric shock at his

home here late last night, a

promising sportsman has been

tragically snatched away from

the nation's sports arena, re-

ball, who began his career in

the big league as a counter-at-

tacker and matured into a su-

perb all-rounder, wore India

colours with distinction in

three Asian Games, five Asian

Championships and a host of

capped Basitff's resplendent

career, spanning 17 years from

1974, when he picked up the

rudiments of the game on the

volleyball court opposite his

tivate the six-foot three-inch

spiker, more than anything

else, into extending his playing

career. He was training as hard

as ever to match his own stan-

nationals at Kozhikode.

lay in store for him.

dards of play in the coming

team in the national," he told a

PTI correspondent last week,

unaware of the crucl fate that

"You just watch me and my

The honour seemed to mo-

Mallepally home.

The Arjuna Award this year

other international events.

The 33-year-old ace volley-

HYDERABAD, Dec 29: In

The Bangladesh boys, who

In the third SAF Games at

duced at Calcutta in 1987.

Bangladesh took only 69

This is for the first time

reports UNB.

placed fourth.

ports PTI.

points.

COLOMBO, Dec

29: Bangladesh

men clinched the

bronze medal in

the 5th SAF Ga-

mes volleyball th-

event with a score of 567 points. The gold went to Sri Lanka's HGL Tanjith who scored 570 points while India's Palangappa took the bronze with 564 points.

got the silver in the individual

Bad luck also struck Bangladesh's Satful Alam Rinki as he also failed to pocket the bronze despite scoring 564 points. The Indian was declared the winner for a better score in the last round. The other Bangladesh shooter, GM Haider, scored 550 points.

Fazle Elahi Rabbi is the son of Khaleda Mansoor who, along with Kazi Shahana and Kazi Ferdoust, won the silver in the team event of the women's

Spikers beat hosts for bronze

fered a shocking 0-3 sets de-

feat, took a sweet revenge to-

day putting up an excellent

Lankans to take the lead in any

of the three sets. Bangladesh

took 31.23 minutes in the first

set, 20.28 minutes in the sec-

ond set and only 17.10 min-

utes in the third set to beat

the semifinals group runners

up beating the Maldives 3-0

lost to India 03 to fight for the

the gold tomorrow.

present here.

India and Pakistan play for

The Bangladesh team which

trained under Swedish coach

Mats Leonardssan for about

one and half years, snatched

their credible victory to the

BSS adds: Bangladesh team

cheers of many Bangladeshis

manager Monirul Hoq. who

was a former national player,

said Bangladesh lost to Sri

Lanka in the group match due

to lack of concentration. But

they recovered gradually and

gave a good account of them-

Samaranch made

a Spanish Marquis

International Olympic Commi-

ttee President Juan Antonio

Samaranch has been made a

marquis by King Juan Carlos of

Spain, the monarch's private

office announced Saturday.

ranch for his "dedication to

the sporting world and

friendship between peoples,

and next year's Summer

Olympic Games are to be held

Men's doubles

gold for India

Ismail and E Piperno of India

won the gold in the men's

doubles of the tennis competi-

tion in the fifth SAF Games

when they beat Pakistan's

Rashid Malik and Hamidul Hug

6-3, 6-4 in the final at the

National Tennis Complex here

Pakistan got the silver in

In the mixed doubles, Sri

Lanka's L Weerasuriya and A

Fernando earned the gold get-

ting walk-over against their

compatriots V Premaratne and

today, reports BSS.

Umcsh Wallooppillai.

the event.

COLOMBO, Dec 29 : Asif

The king praised Sama-

Samaranch is a Spaniard

reports AFP.

the office said.

in Barcelona.

MADRID, Dec 29: The

Bangladesh who reached

They never allowed the

performance.

3X20 standard rifle competi-

In the women's sports pistol, an event in which Bangladesh didn't compete, India and Sri Lanka won the gold and silver respectively in the team event scoring 1635 and 1547 points. No bronze was awarded in the event.

In the individual event, India's Sheila Kanungo and Abha Dhillan snatched the gold and silver with 555 and 554 points respectively while S Wijesuriya won the bronze with 543 points.

Bangladesh got one gold, three silvers and four bronzes in the shooting of the Games.

selves against India in the

said last month's Pakistan tour

helped the team members im-

TEAMS

volleyball team also got the

petition earlier. India, Bangladesh and hosts

Sri Lanka participated in the

competition, with the hosts

winning the gold beating India

ssain, Zakir Hossain, Sohrab

Hossain, Kabir Hossain, Faruq

Hossain and Hafizuddin. (Abul

Kalam, Ali Farhad, Tokbir

Hossain, Bazlur Rahman, Abdus

Salam and Akramuzzaman did

SRI LANKA : Channa Jay-

asekera, kalika Wasanthapriya

Pallitha Napagoda, Lal

Arunashantha, TDRP Nisha-

ntha, Rohitha De Silva, MTM

Shaffi, Priyantha Balasuriya,

Samansiri Seneviratna, HA

Wickremaratna, JA Ravindra

Kumar and Neil Oscar

Nat'l duplicate

bridge dates

cate bridge championship '91

for teams will begin on January

16, next at the Officers' Club.

The twelfth national dupli-

Entries may be sent to-

gether with an entry fee of

Tk.200. per team to the gen-

eral secretary AYM Kalimullah,

convener-tournament commit-

tee, MA Quddus, chief tourna-

ment director, Kazi Abdul

Halim or at the Dhaka Club re-

The teams championship

will be followed by the two-day

national pairs championship

for the Khandaker Fazle

Radio commentary

Radio Bangladesh has ar-

ranged running commentary

of the closing ceremony of the

SAF Games and the final foot-

ball match from Sri Lanka on

and Tuesday, will be put across

through the 100 KW transmit-

ter and can heard be on the

MW on 366.30 metres, from

5.30 pm to 9.30 pm,

The broadcasts, on Monday

December 31, reports UNB.

Sobhan memorial trophy.

ception by January 12, 1992.

BANGLADESH: Afzal Ho-

bronze in three-nations com-

The Bangladesh women's

The team's Swedish coach

group tie, he added.

prove their play a lost

3-1 sets on Saturday.

not play).

Fernando.

#### Bangladesh got two golds, eight silver and 26 bronzes. Sri Lanka Pakistan 29 Nepal Bangladesh 27

MEDALS TABLE

kept the lead in the over-all

medal tally with 60 golds, 55

silvers and 35 bronzes fol

lowed by Sri Lanka with 41

gold, 30 silvers and 40

bronzes, reports BSS.

Maldives

Bhutan

COLOMBO, Dec 29 : India

#### Pak booters retain SAF gold

COLOMBO, Dec 29 : Pakistan retained the football gold medal in the SAF Games when they beat the Maldives 2-0 in the final at the Sugathadasa Stadium here this evening, reports BSS.

Ashfaq and Nauman scored one goal each for the winners. The Maldives won the silver for the first time in football and thereby enrolled their name in the Games medals

Earlier, Bangladesh got the bronze defeating Nepal 2-0 in the third-place play-off yester-

### Bagan denied

BOKARO, Dec 29: BSF, Jullunder retained the 17th all-India Bokaro Steel Cup football trophy beating Mohun Bagan by a solitary suicidal goal in the final here today, reports

Mohun Bagan's fate was sealed in the very second minute of the matchas a back pass by defender, Prasanta Saha went past the custodian, Atanu Bhattacharjee.

With the play mostly confined to the mid-field, BSF wasted a chance to increase the tally in the tenth minute when Kulbir shot wide. Again in the 15th minute, Jasbinder Singh's header off a corner shot by captain Narendra Gurung narrowly missed the

five corners and Mohun Bagan

Cagers beware!

SPRINGFIELD, Massac-

husetts, Dec 29: Basketball

players caught using

marijuana now face a ban of

upto two years, reports AFP.

A second offence will

lead to them being kicked

out of the International

Basketball Federation

(FIBA), the sport's ruling

body decided at a meeting

against the spread of AIDS.

the FIBA has recommended

that referees order off any

player who is injured and

Earvin "Magic" Johnson re-

tired last month after an-

nouncing he had contracted

the HIV virus which causes

the deadly Acquired Immu-

ne Deficiency Syndrome.

American basketball hero

And in a safety measure

# In the first half, BSF carned

DSA in the second match of the final round of the eight na tional youth under-19 football championship for the Suhrawardy Cup by three goals to nil in the tie-breaker after the regulation period ended in a 1-I draw yesterday at Naogaon Stadtum.

Liton had given Comilla the lead in the very third minute

of the first half. Biplab equalised for Netrakona in the 14th minute of the second half.

Bronze medallist Aliza Akhter of Muktijoddha lands a kick on the face of gold medal winner Shamima Ibrahim of Ansars on the opening day of the three-day ninth national karate championships at the National Coaching Centre yesterday. -Star photo

### Netrakona beat Comilla in Suhrawardy Cup

Sports Reporter

Netrakona DSA beat Comilla

The winners were down by a goal in the first half.

Selim (Sr), Biplab and Selim (Jr) scored for the winners in the tie-breaker. None of the Comilla shooters could convert his spot kick.

Winners Netrakona will now meet hosts Naogaon on January 2 next.

TODAY'S MATCH Chittagong vs Tangail TOMORROW'S MATCH Feni vs Khulna

### Nat'l karate begins Sports Reporter

competition begin yesterday at the National Coaching Centre gymnasium under the auspices of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation.

30 sports organisations are taking part in 11 weight cate-

In the male kata section, Sheikh Sarwar of Jahan-

Kazi Kayes of Muktijoddha and S M Rahmatullah of Dhaka University got the silver and

the bronge respectively. In the female kata, Rubina Akhtar Sweety of Village

Shamima Akhtar Tuli of Bangladesh Ansars settled for

the silver. Moriya Rahman of Muktijoddha bagged the bronze.

In the 45 kg male section, Md Shahabuddin of Bogra district clinched the gold. Syed Mohammed Arif Chted the silver while Md Zakir Shamira Ibrahim of the

VDP's Rubina Akhtar Sweety picked up her second medal by taking the silver of this

bronze medal. Minister for Home Affairs

Abdul Matin Chowdhury inaugurated the tournament at four in the afternoon. The second day's proceed-

ing of the tournament will begin from eight this morning.

MEDAL TABLE

Medal tally at the end of the

	G	S	I
B Ansars	1	1	(
VDP	1	1	(
Jhangirnagar U	1	0	(
Bogra DSA	1	0	(
Muktijoddha	0	-1.	2
Chittagong DSA	0	1	(
Dhaka University	0	0	

#### No cricket

Sports Reporter

The Navana Premier Division cricket league will now resume from Tuesday, December 31. Brothers Union will face Rupalt Bank in the muchpostponed match at the Dhaka

It was the second time in a row when the match had to be put off.

Scheduled to start yesterday after a lapse of four days because of unscasonal torrential rain, the conditions at the Dhaka Stadium were again deemed unplayable and the ground was allowed two more days to convalence.

Meanwhile, the Milnars First Division cricket league engagement between Bangladesh Railway Club and Ajax Sports Club will be played on the same day at the Mirpur Pallabi grounds ,said a Bangladesh Cricket Control Board press release yesterday.

#### BAF, BDR post handball wins

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Air Force and Bangladesh Rifles won their respective matches in the 1991 Federation Cup handball tournament yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

The tourney remained suspended from December 25 to 28 because of the inclement weather of the past few days.

In yesterday's first match Bangladesh Air Force outplayed Bangladesh Police by 31 goals to 22 The winners led 15-8 at the

breather Mujib and Ferdous scored

10 and eight goals respectively for the winners while Salam and Nazrul netted six goals each for the losers. In the second match of the

afternoon, defending champions and firm favourites Bangladesh Rifles trounced Bangladesh Ansars 30-16. The winners led the first half 12-6.

Jahangir and Nizam scored five goals each for the winners while Badshah of Ansars netted seven goals.

TODAY'S MATCHES Brothers Union vs Air Force

(2:15 pm) Surjodoy Boys Club vs Bangladesh Police (3:30 pm)

#### Women's chess qualifiers

Sports Reporter

The matches of the qualifying round for the 13th national women's chess championship will begin from January 8 next. said a Bangladesh Chess Federation press release yes-

All interested female chess players have been advised to enroll their names by January 5 with the Chess Federation, Purana Paltan, Dhaka.

# MSC keep Army from final

## Another Kenyan runner makes his mark



BEAMISH, England, Dec 29: Kenya discovered another cross country star here on Saturday when

James Kariuki Kamau won the International Amateur Athletics Federation challenge race, reports AFP. The 19-year-old spoiled

hopes of a British double by surging away from national champion Richard Nerurkar in the final stages of the 8.2 kilometre race. Nerurkar found himself in a

head-to-head with his unheraland challenger over the second half of the race. Kamau picked his moment to deliver an unstoppable kick. Nerurkar had to settle for

the runners-up spot, a distant nine seconds behind, with fast-finishing British international Paul Davies-half grabbing third place. Earlier, there was an

equally unexpected British success over a Kenyan runner when Darren Spawforth pipped the experienced Joseph Chestre on the very last stride of the 3,000 metres.

With 500 metres to go, Spawforth was some 20 metres down on the Kenyan and with 200 metres left, he was still 10 metres adrift. But he then found unexpected reserves of energy on the run-in to outsprint the tiring African.

#### McColgan's triumph

In the women's race world 10,000 metres champion Liz McColgan put the seal on her momentous sporting year with a crushing victory over a topclass field.

She left Olympic 10,000 metres gold medallist Olga

Bondarenko, European 10,000 metres champion Yelena Romanova and Kenyan Susan Sirma trailing in her wake as she strolled home by 50 me-

Not even the exertions of a hectic Christmas Day, which had seen the Scottish "Supermum" prepare dinner for 11, look after baby Eilish and fit in two training sessions, could blunt McColgan's sharpness in her first competitive outing since winning the New York marathon nearly two months ago.

she saw off First Bondarenko and then Sirma over the tough, undulating 5,000 metres Parkland course to win by 15 seconds from

#### Beach volleyball catches on in India

CALCUTTA, Dec 29: Beach volleyball, a craze all over the world, will make its debut in India with the first ever nationals to be held at the Marina Beach in Madras from January 14 to January 16, 1992, reports PTI.

Giving this information, the president of the Volleyball Federation of India, Dilip Bhattacharya, told PTI that the beach volleyball nationals was earlier scheduled for early December in Karnataka but was postponed owing to some problems there.

Bhattacharya said that at least 20 state teams were expected to participate in the finals which is only for males.

Dhaka Moham-

bleeds.

Club yesterday pipped Bangladesh Army at the post 1-0 in the second semifinal of the 1991 Victory Day Shah Sports Cup

tournament at the Hockey Stadium to assure themselves a showdown with arch-rival Abahani Krira Chakra in the final on Dec 31. Left-flank Zayed sounded

the board in the 42nd minute from a penalty corner to scal the fate of the match. The game never picked up the desired pace and panache of a semi-final contest on

ground grown heavy from two ' days of torrential rain. The Mazhino-minded policy adopted by the two sides was also responsible for the lacklustre show and the famished score-board.

However, the black and

Sports Reporter whites, unlike their earlier medan Sporting . display against Usha Krira Chakra, had the better of the exchanges and, in the final analysis, earned the right to play in tomorrow's final as the

> deserving winners. Mohammedan's tenacious hold over the Services side can be well imagined from the five corners and six penalty corners they forced during the hole proceedings.

Former national champions Army pulled up the socks after Zayed had put Mohammedan ahead in the seventh minute of the second half and forced three corners and as many penalty corners.

However, their scoring prospects, were seriously plagued by poor marksman ship by their forwards. Thankfully, the match per-

haps in keeping with the cold,

damp weather, did not pro-

duce any undestrable heat on

the field on the stands and the clash between these two sides which sparked off many ugly scenes on previous occasions ended uneventfully with only Mohammedans defender Nixon receiving a green card. The final will be played on

Tuesday starting at 2.45 pm. -Abahani, the other finalists, beat Ajax Sports Club 3-2 in Saturday's first semifinal.

Finance Minister Saifur

Rahman will attend the final as chief guest and distribute the prizes among the contestants distribute after the game. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka

will also be present as a special guest. Nineteen teams, split into four groups, took part in the knockout tourney organised by the Bangladesh Hockey Fede-

ration. The meet had begun on



Mohammedan Sporting's Zayed scores in yesterday's semifinal of the Victory Day tournament against Bangladesh Army at the Hockey Stadium. MSC won 1-0. -Star photo

#### owdhury of Chittagong pocke-The ninth national karate

Two hundred and one male and 16 female karatekas from

On the opening day gold in four events were decided.

girnagar University won the

Defence Party (VDP) got the

Hossain of No Trumps had to be contented with the bronze. Ansars won the gold in the women's 43-kg section.

Aliza Akhtar of Muktijoddha finished third with the

Ten players — six from the qualifying round, last year's champion and runners-up and two with international ratings - will play in the final round the dates for which are yet to be finalised.

## Lineker spurs Tottenham

No Trumps



Liverpool and Everton shared the spoils in the Merseyside derby but Tottenham's

Gary Lineker made the headlines in the English soccer league on Saturday, reports Reuter. With leaders Manchester United playing at second-

placed Leeds today, the derby

at Goodison Park was billed as

match of the day but it ended in a disappointing 1-1 draw. Acontested close-range goal against the run of play by defender Nicky Tanner gave Liverpool a 41st minute lead but Everton equalised in the

61st through Mo Johnston. Sheffield Wednesday drew 1-1 at Queens Park Rangers but stayed third, level on points with Manchester City, who overcame champions Aresenal 1-0 with a 71st goal by David White.

England captain Lineker

made himself the toast of

Tottenham after his 21st goal

of the season helped Spurs to a 3-D home win against Norwich that ended the Inndoners' nightmare run. Tottenham had previously won just three home league matches this season but Paul Allen in the 32nd minute, Lineker in the 66th and Nayim

in the 88th made sure of the fourth. Luton continued their resurgence with a third consecutive league win, beating a 10-man Chelsea 2-0 at home. In Scotland, Hearts stayed

two points clear at the top

after threshing struggling St Johnstone 5-0 away. The Merseyside derby opened promisingly with England international Peter Beardsley, sold across town by Liverpool in the close season,

moving up front alongside

Both men had scores to settle, Beardsley to prove his continued worth and Johnston

Johnston.



GARY LINEKER

to rile Liverpool manager Graeme Souness, who signed him while at Glasgow Rangers. The home team could have gone ahead on the half hour

Grobbelaar was left stranded. Everton's Polish striker Robert Warzycha eastly rounded Grobbelaar and crossed, only for England defender Mark Wright to clear the ball from under the crossbar.

when goalkeeper Bruce

Liverpool then took the lead with Tanner scoring with a low shot that looked to have been cleared off the line. Johnston equalised with a tap-in at fullstretch. Tottenham, who play

ter-final in two weeks' time. needed their morale-boosting Lineker played an important part in two of the goals,

Norwich in a league Cup quar-

sending Allen clear on goal with a delicate return ball. The England captain thought he had made it 2-0 when he lobbed goalkeeper

Bryan Gunn in the first half but

the linesman ruled offside and

he had to wait until after the

cise finish from a pass by Vinny Samways while Nayim scored from a 20-metre free Ironically, Lineker prevented a fourth goal when he

His goal was a typically pre-

Gary Mabbutt on the line. Queen's Park Rangers' home match against high-flying Sheffield Wednesday was billed as the revenge of Trevor Francis — the manager sacked

blocked a header by teammate

by QPR nearly two years ago. In the end, it nearly turned out to be the triumph of Ray Wilkins, the last player signed by Francis at QPR before he left amid ill feeling and then found his way to Wednesday.

Wilkins put Rangers ahead in the seventh minute and it took an 89th minute strike from David Hirst to make it 1-

It was Hirst's 13th goal of

the season but Wednesday barely deserved the point in a match dominated by Wilkins. Arsenal, beaten by Luton 1-0 on Thursday, recalled transfer-listed Paul Davis but to little avail. They ended the

match at Manchester City with

10 men after substitute Andy

Linighan was sent off in injury time for a professional foul. It was the first time City had beaten Arsenal since 1987 and the defeat left the Londoners 15 points behind Manchester United with their hopes of retaining the title in

Chelsea, watched by Prime Minister John Major at Luton, had Tommy Boyd sent off after the interval for a professional foul but Mick Harford missed the resulting penalty. John Dreyer had earlier

Tatters.

converted a 41st minute penalty while Richard Harvey opened the scoring in the The win lifted the relega-

tion-favourites off the bottom of the division, ahead of Southampton and West Ham.