

Sport

Unlucky shooters miss gold

COLOMBO, Dec 29: Bangladesh missed the gold due to sheer bad luck in the men's air rifle 60-shots team event even after scoring equal number of 1681 points with main rivals India, reports BSS.

got the silver in the individual 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.

3X20 standard rifle competition. 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.

Spikers beat hosts for bronze

COLOMBO, Dec 29: Bangladesh men clinched the bronze medal in the 5th SAF Games volleyball thrashing hosts Sri Lanka by straight 3-0 sets in a third place deciding match this morning here at the Sugathadasa indoor stadium, reports UNB.

They never allowed the 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 second set and only 17.10 minutes in the third set to beat their fancied rivals.

India and Pakistan play for the gold tomorrow. The Bangladesh team which trained under Swedish coach Mats Leonardsson for about one and half years, snatched their credible victory to the cheers of many Bangladeshis present here.

Indian spiker electrocuted

HYDERABAD, Dec 29: In 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, reports PTI.

Samaranch made a Spanish Marquis

MADRID, Dec 29: The International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch has been made a marquis by King Juan Carlos of Spain, the monarch's private office announced Saturday, reports AFP.

Nat'l duplicate bridge dates

The twelfth national duplicate bridge championship '91 for teams will begin on January 16, next at the Officers' Club. Entries may be sent together with an entry fee of Tk.200 per team to the general secretary AYM Kallimullah, convener-tournament committee, MA Qudus, chief tournament director, Kazi Abdul Halim or at the Dhaka Club reception by January 12, 1992.

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.

Men's doubles gold for India

COLOMBO, Dec 29: Asif Ismail and E Phiperno of India won the gold in the men's doubles of the tennis competition in the fifth SAF Games when they beat Pakistan's Rashid Malik and Hamdul Huq 6-3, 6-4 in the final at the National Tennis Complex here today, reports BSS.

Radio commentary

Radio Bangladesh has arranged running commentary of the closing ceremony of the SAF Games and the final football match from Sri Lanka on December 31, reports UNB.

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 on January 14 to January 16, 1992, reports PTI.

MEDALS TABLE

Table with 4 columns: Country, Gold (G), Silver (S), Bronze (B). Rows: India (60, 55, 35), Sri Lanka (41, 30, 40), Pakistan (28, 31, 22), Nepal (02, 08, 29), Bangladesh (02, 08, 27), Maldives (00, 01, 00), Bhutan (00, 00, 00).

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.

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 PTI.

Netrakona beat Comilla in Suhrawardy Cup

Netrakona DSA beat Comilla DSA in the second match of the final round of the eighth national 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 1-1 draw yesterday at Naogaon Stadium.

Women's doubles gold for India

Lanka's L Weerasuriya and A Fernando earned the gold getting walk-over against their compatriots V Premaratne and Umesh Walloppillai.



Bronze medalist Aliza Akhter of Muktioddha 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.

Nat'l karate begins

The ninth national karate competition began yesterday at the National Coaching Centre gymnasium under the auspices of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation.

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Women's chess qualifiers

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TODAY'S MATCH

Chittagong vs Tangail

TOMORROW'S MATCH

Feni vs Khulna

Lineker spurs Tottenham

LONDON, Dec 29: 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.

MSC keep Army from final

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club yesterday piped Bangladesh Army at the post 1-0 in the second semifinal of the 1991 Victory Day Sports Cup tournament at the Hockey Stadium to assure themselves a showdown with arch-rival Abahani Krishna Chakra in the final on Dec 31.

No cricket

The Navana Premier Division cricket league will now resume from Tuesday, December 31. Brothers Union will face Rupali Bank in the much-postponed match at the Dhaka Stadium.

BAF, BDR post handball wins

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

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