

Another day of whitewashes

Sports Reporter

Azimpur Young Star, Swamibagh TTS, Young Pegasus and BTMC won their respective matches in the AB Bank metropolis table tennis league at the National Coaching Centre gym yesterday.

For Young Star, Swamibagh TTS and BTMC it was their third consecutive win in the league so far while for Young Pegasus it was their second victory in three group league outings.

Azimpur Young Star won their Group B match against newcomers Pallima Sangsad in straight sets 3-0, handing Pallima their second successive defeat.

Sagar gave Young Star the lead by defeating Pallima's Kamrul 21-17, 21-16 in the opening singles while Manash made it 2-0 for the winners by taking the second singles 21-

9, 21-12 against Shohag. Then Sagar and Shaon got a walkover when the Pallima players failed to turn up for the deciding doubles.

Swamibagh TTS, the senior team from the area which has another participant in the league in Swamibagh Boys, maintained their winning spree by posting their third win in a row. Yesterday they outplayed league debutantes Kashaitully 3-0 to take their points to six.

Gerries of Swamibagh had a fight on his hands against Kashaitully's Saifur, struggling to win the opening singles from being a set down 19-21, 21-10, 21-6. But Joyinal found Abid an easier opponent to put Swamibagh 2-0 up by winning the second singles 21-7, 21-17. Gerries and Ismail then put the issue beyond doubt by clinching the doubles 21-5, 21-18 against Kashaitully's Saifur and Nabi.

Swamibagh TTS now share the top spot in the Group B table along with Bangladesh Biman and Azimpur Young Star.

Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) took the lead in Group C with six points from three games following their 3-0 sets win over Dhaka Medical College, another of the nine new teams in this year's league.

Jhinu gave BTMC the lead by getting the better of DMC's Tapan 21-9, 21-16 while Akhlaq doubled the lead with a 21-13, 21-11 victory over Zahid.

Akhlaq and Anki then totally outplayed DMC's Tapan and Rumi 21-9, 21-6 in the doubles.

In another Group C engagement yesterday, Young Pegasus overcame bottom of the table Combined Sporting by 3-1 sets to collect four points from their three

matches so far. Combined Sporting are yet to open their account, having lost all three matches.

Hasnu of Pegasus beat Shamim of Combined 21-8, 21-11 while Rubel made it 2-0 beating Tushar 21-12, 21-14. Combined pulled a set back by winning the doubles through Tushar and Kamal who beat Hasnu and Kamrul 21-12, 14-21 and 21-18. But Rubel, who has shown fine form in the previous matches, continued in his usual aggressive vein and thrashed Combined's Shamim 21-7, 21-6 to earn his team's victory.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Armanitola Junior vs Victoria Sporting Club (4.00 pm)
Bangladesh Ansars vs Lalmeta Club (4.00 pm)
Wari Club vs NMS (4.00 pm)
Brothers Union vs Cynthia Sporting Club (4.00 pm)



Ecstatic fans lift Brothers Union goalkeeper Ponir on their shoulders after the penalty shootout in yesterday's final of the 11th Federation Cup football tournament which they won 4-2 against last year's champions Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Mirpur Stadium. Report on Page 12. — Star photo

Jan 20 seen as possible date of Tyson bout

LAS VEGAS, Oct 20: Mike Tyson may fight for the heavyweight title a week before he begins a fight for his freedom, reports AP.

Promoters eyed a possible Jan. 20 date on Saturday as they scrambled to reschedule Tyson's fight with heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, which was put on hold a day earlier because of a rib injury to Tyson.

Tyson is scheduled to go on trial on rape charges on January 27 in Indianapolis, where he faces a possible 63 years in prison if convicted. A judge on Friday rejected a request by Tyson's attorneys to delay the trial date.

"Mike will fight before that court date comes up," Tyson's promoter Don King vowed at a news conference at Caesars Palace.

Promoter Dan Duva, who is putting on the fight, called the January 20 date "a possibility," but said it would probably be Monday before details would be worked out on a new date.

"It will definitely be rescheduled," Duva said. "There are a lot of questions that have to be answered before we go forward. We're trying to get some answers."

Tyson's doctor said the fighter needed six to eight weeks to allow "time for the injury to heal for comfort."

Tyson said he would need another four weeks of sparring after that to be ready for the bout.

"I just want to fight," Tyson said. "I'm confident I'll be able to box. It just won't be on Nov. 8."

Holyfield, meanwhile, said he also wanted to fight, and said he would like to keep the Nov. 8 date with a bout against another heavyweight contender.

"I'm in shape and I don't want to just say, 'forget this camp,'" Holyfield said in Houston, where he has been training.

"Hopefully they'll find someone in the top 10 for me to fight in November. I'll fight anybody."

Duva refused to rule out another fight for Holyfield, but

the champion would be risking a potential \$35 million payday against Tyson by taking another bout.

King said, though, that he

Gerald Higgins at the news conference, said he had felt some discomfort in his lower left rib a few days before he apparently tore the cartilage

excruciating pain and I just went down.

Tyson and his camp kept the injury hushed up, although there were rumors he had been injured and a local television station shot videotape of him leaving Higgins' office.

"We wanted to save the promotion," King said. "Mike wanted to fight and he thought that he would feel better. But it didn't get better."

Duva said he had heard the rumors about Tyson being injured, but was not told about it until King called him at home Friday night.

"I was a little annoyed by that," Duva said. "There was a lot of expense we went through. I can understand they were trying to salvage the fight but I would have appreciated knowing about it."

Higgins said he examined Tyson on three occasions, and told the said he examined Tyson on three occasions, and told the former heavyweight champion that the injury was too serious to allow him to fight.

"I told him I thought it was foolish to endanger himself," Higgins said. "I could let this kid play college football with a flak jacket, but it would be a fraud to let this kid come in and get hurt. All he has to do is get hit there and he's fried."

Higgins said the injury was actually caused by a blow to the ribs by a sparring partner a few days before Tyson felt the pop while doing situps.

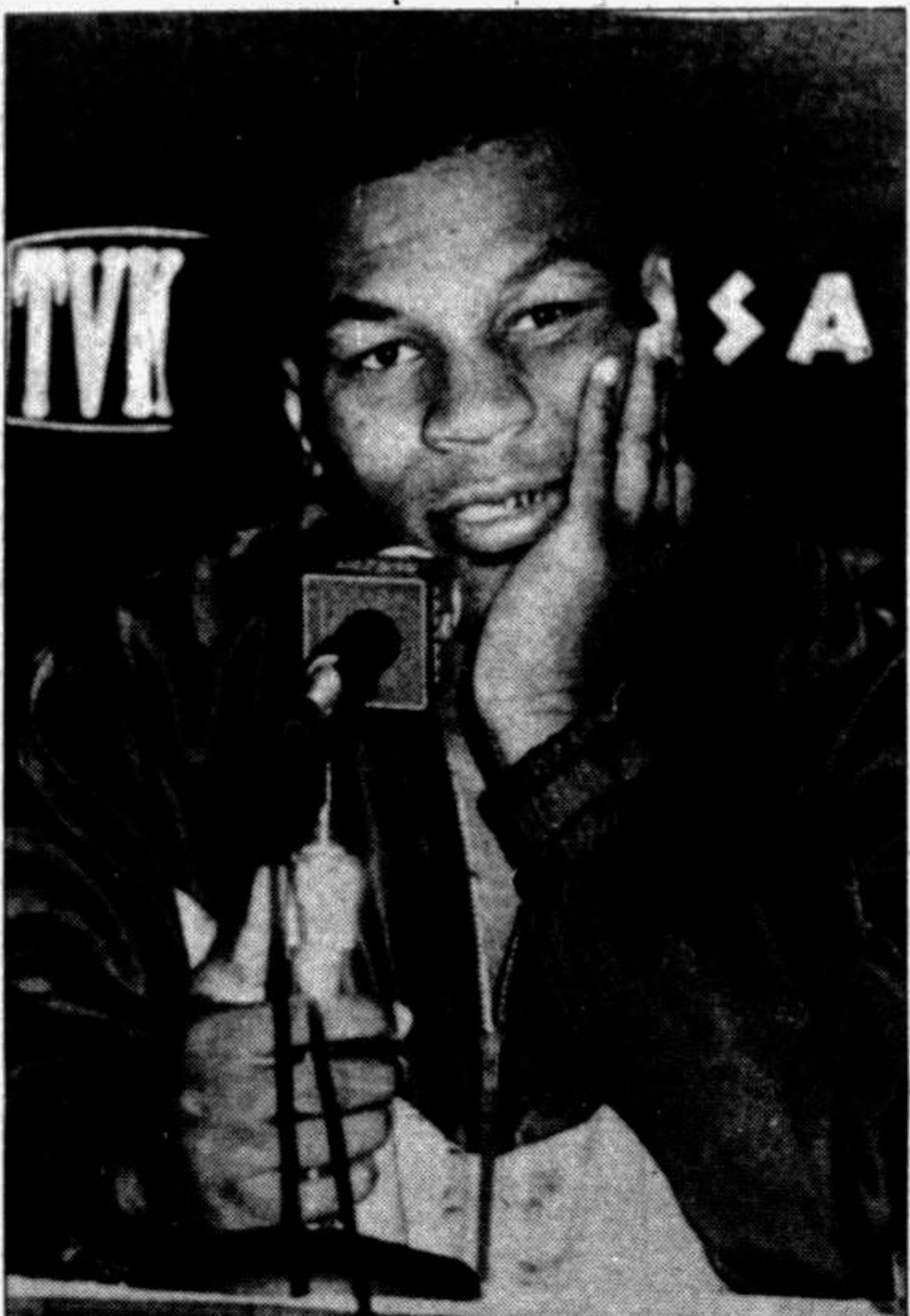
He said if Tyson allows the injury to heal properly, he would likely have no more problems with it, either in training or in the fight against Holyfield.

"They heal rather nicely," Higgins said. "It's just like breaking ribs. They heal."

Higgins said Tyson kept insisting to him he had to fight, but finally realized that the injury would keep him from doing so. He said Tyson feels pain when he raises his arms, breathes deeply or makes a quick move.

Caesars president Dan Reichartz said people with tickets for the fight should keep them, saying the resort was confident the fight would be held at another date.

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Heavyweight boxer Mike Tyson discusses his injury that forced him to postpone his November 8 title fight with champion Evander Holyfield. Tyson reportedly tore cartilage on his rib cage forcing the postponement of what is expected to be the richest fight in boxing history, with an estimated purse of 100 million \$US gross in Las Vegas on Oct 19.

and Duva were in agreement that there would be no other fights.

"People don't want to see Holyfield fight anyone else," King said. "They want to come to Caesars Palace and see Tyson fight Holyfield."

Tyson, who appeared with King and orthopedic surgeon

away from a rib while doing situps during training at a Las Vegas gym.

He went to see Higgins the same day and hasn't trained since.

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Yates leads the pack at 5th Avenue

NEW YORK, Oct 20: Mathew Yates of Britain and Alisa Hill of the United States ran slow times ahead of diluted competition in winning their respective portions of the Fifth Avenue Mile road races on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Yates won the men's race in three minutes, 56.75 seconds, holding off a tightly bunched trailing pack of four in the final 50 meters.

Hill ran away from the women's pack in the final

quarter mile to cross the line in 4:31.57.

Both runners defeated thin fields weakened by a lack of appearance money in what had been one of the world's premier road races.

Without sponsorship, the race offered a top prize of 5,000 dollars, not enough to draw the elite fields of year's past.

Yates, the 22-year-old forecast by many to be among the world's top milers one day, passed Jama Aden of Somalia to take the lead for the first time in the race with 400 me-

ters to go.

As Aden faded, Ireland's Frank O'Mara and Marcus O'Sullivan both strong attempts to pass Yates on his right side while Mogens Guldberg of Denmark stayed near his left shoulder.

But Yates outspurred the group down the final hill of the rolling course. O'Mara was second in 3:57.21.

Han Kulker of the Netherlands was third in 3:57.32. O'Sullivan was fourth and Guldberg fifth.

"I thought I might go a bit earlier," said Yates, who placed

sixth here last year. "But I was following Jama and I wanted to wait for his push. When he didn't I just had to go."

"This was not a good race really because of the budget, but it is still the world's best road mile and it's still New York."

Hill, the Pan-American Games champion at 1,500 metres, had an easier time shooting past Laimute Baikauskaitė of Lithuania who was second in the women's competition at 4:36.25.

Baikauskaitė, competing for the Soviet Union, won the 1988 Olympic silver medal at 1,500 metres.

Ely Van Hulst of Holland was third in 3:36.30.

"The pace was pretty slow and I came up very easy," Hill said. "On the road though you can't hear footsteps, and I was afraid to look behind me. So I floored it."

to finish the opening swim, but made a quick transition and was the third to start the bicycle ride.

Throughout the bike ride, Allen and several others Dittich who led throughout the bicycle phase.

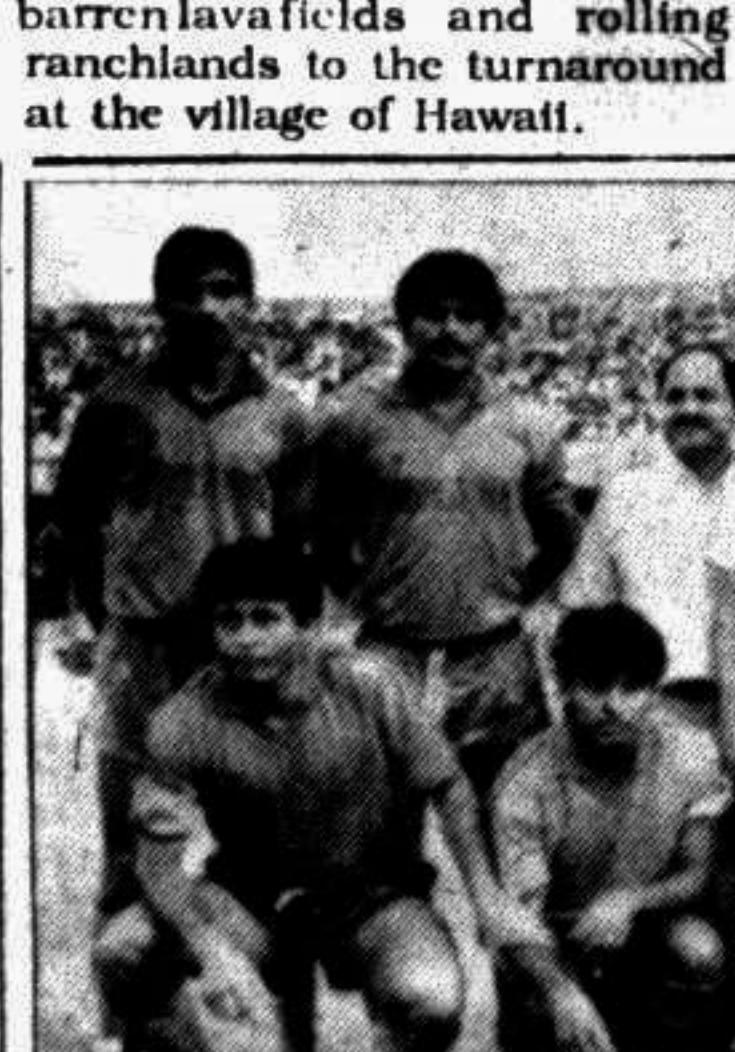
Dittich fell back around the 6-mile (10-kilometer) mark of the marathon, and Allen and Welch ran together until Welch cramped at the 12.5-mile (21-kilometer) mark and Allen pulled ahead.

Dittich was the second to finish the 2.4-mile (3.86-kilometer) swim in 48:02, 2 seconds behind Rob Mackle of Bloomington, Ind., who dropped out of the race less than 25 miles (40 kilometers) into the bicycle ride.

Race officials earlier had listed Mackle and Dittich each with a record 47-minute swim finish. However, Jeff Hinshaw's 1986 record of 47:39 still stands.

Following the swim from

the pier the approximately 1,400 competitors embarked on a 112-mile ride through barren lavafields and rolling ranchlands to the turnaround at the village of Hawaii.



THE CHAMPIONS: New Federation Cup champions Brothers Union pose before the start of yesterday's final.

Weightlifting course on

A two-week Olympic solidarity course on weightlifting began in Dhaka yesterday, reports ISS.

As many as 30 coaches from different organisations are taking part in the camp organised by the Bangladesh Olympic Association in cooperation with the International Olympic Committee.

Boris Endovitsky, a Soviet weightlifting expert, who arrived here yesterday, will conduct the training.

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 20: Chinese discus thrower Yu Wenge broke the meet record by more than five meters. Sunday as his nation took five of the day's nine gold medals in the ninth Asian Track and Field Championships, reports AP.

Japan and South Korea each won two golds on the second day of the five-day meet. China also had one gold from Saturday, giving it six in all as it sought to finish atop the biennial meet's medal standings for the fifth consecutive time.

In the men's discus, Yu won with a throw of 62.20 meters, breaking the meet record of 57.12 set by compatriot Zhang Jintong in New Delhi in 1989. His throw also was better than Zhang's 1990 Asian Games record of 61.72.

The 25-year-old sports teacher said, "This is not my best. My unofficial best is 63.32 earlier this year at a local meet in China."

Silver medalist Shakti Singh of India threw 53.26 meters.

Meet records also were bettered in the semifinals of the men's and women's 100-meter dash.

China's Tian Yumel finished in 11.32 seconds in the women's 100, beating the 11.39 set by P.T. Usha of India in 1985 in Jakarta.

Talal Mansoor of Qatar was fastest in the men's semifinals

Philippines to host '93 ATF

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 20: The Philippines will stage the next Asian Track and Field Championships in 1993, 20 years after hosting the inaugural event, it was announced here Friday, reports AFP.

At its ninth congress held here Friday, the Asian Amateur Athletic Association (AAAA) awarded the 10th Championships to the Philippines, which was the sole bidder.

The Philippines hosted the inaugural event of the biannual championships in 1973.

Malaysia is the host of this year's Championships, which begins today with more than 750 competitors from 28 countries.

FED CUP ROLL OF HONOUR

Years	Champions	Runners-up
1980	Mohammedan SC (0)	Brothers Union (0) (Joint Champions)
1981	Mohammedan SC (2)	Abahani KC (0)
1982	Mohammedan SC (0)	Abahani KC (0) (Joint Champions)
1983	Mohammedan SC (0)	Abahani KC (0)
1984	Mohammedan SC (1)	Abahani KC (1) (Abandoned)
1985	Abahani KC (1)	Brothers Union (0)
1986	Abahani KC (2)	Brothers Union (1)
1987	Mohammedan SC (1)	Wanderers Club (0)
1988-89	Abahani KC (1)	Mohammedan SC (0)
1989-90	Mohammedan SC (2)	Abahani KC (1)
1991	Brothers Union (0) (4)	Mohammedan SC (0) (2)

Talal, Tian dazzle in 100 m heats

meter races, Monday's program includes the men's hammer throw, high jump and 110-meter hurdles and the women's 10,000-meter walk, shot put, 100-meter hurdles, long jump and 3,000 meters.

The finals in both races were scheduled for Monday.

China's other gold medalists Sunday were Bu Lingtang in the men's 20-kilometer walk, Huang Yanhong in the women's 400-meter hurdles, Qu Yunxia in the women's 800 meters, and Xu Demei in the women's javelin.

Huang edged Reawadee Srithao of Thailand by 0.06 seconds in the hurdles, and Qu was 0.53 seconds ahead of India's Shiny Wilson in the 800.

South Korea's Lee Jil-il edged Pakistan's Nadir Khan in the men's 800, finishing in 1 minute, 51.42 seconds to Khan's 1:51.68. South Korean Hwang Young-jo won the men's 10,000 meters.

Japan's winners were Hideyuki Takeda in the pole vault and Yoshihiko Saito, who beat Pakistan's Gulam Abbas, 50.46 seconds to 50.77, in the men's 400-meter hurdles.

A field of 384 men and 159 women is competing in 40 events. China collected 22 golds in the last meet in New Delhi.

Aside from the two 100-

Results Sunday, second day of the championships:

Men's 20-Kilometer Walk — 1. Bu Lingtang, China, 1 hour, 31 minutes and 36 seconds.

Women's 400-meter Hurdles 1. Huang Yanhong, China, 57.29 seconds.

Men's 400-meter Hurdles — 1. Yoshihiko Saito, Japan, 50.46 seconds. 2. Gulam Abbas, Pakistan, 50.77. 3. Z. Abov Hamed, Syria, 51.15.

Men's Discus — 1. Yu Wenge, China, 62.20 meters (meet record; old record 57.12, Zhang Jintong, China, New Delhi, 1989). 2. Shakti Singh, India, 53.26. 3. Yuji Yamasaki, Japan, 51.76.

Men's 800 Meters — 1. Lee Jin-il, South Korea, 1 minute, 51.42 seconds. 2. Nadir Khan, Pakistan, 1:51.68. 3. Ismail Yousscf, Qatar, 1:51.70.

Women's 800 Meters — 1. Qu Yunxia, China, 2 minutes, 4.65 seconds. 2. Shiny Wilson, India, 2:05.18. 3. Yumiko Tokuda, Japan, 2:05.48.

Pole Vault — 1. Hideyuki Takeda, Japan, 5.25 meters. 2. Ge Yun, China, 5.10. 3. Guu Jin-shoet, Taiwan, 5.10 (Second place based on fewer misses).

Men's 10,000 Meters — 1. Hwang Young-jo, South Korea, 29 minutes, 50.37 seconds. 2. Wang Helin, China, 29:57.26. 3. Kim Jae-ryong, South Korea, 30:05.48.

Women's javelin — 1. Xu Demei, China, 59.84 meters. 2. Lee Young-sun, South Korea, 55.06. 3. V. P. Amarasekara, Sri Lanka, 50.90.

ATF standings

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 20: Medal standings after Sunday's events in the 9th Asian Track and Field Championships, reports AP.

Teams	Gold	Silver	Bronze
China	6	3	0
Japan	2	1	3
South Korea	2	1	1
Iran	1	0	0
India	0	2	1
Pakistan	0	2	0
Thailand	0	1	0
Burma	0	1	0
Syria	0	0	2
Taiwan	0	0	2
Qatar	0	0	1
Sri Lanka	0	0	1

Iranian surprises favourites

Gao Shubhat took the silver in 8:34.32.

Another outsider, Alloein Habib of Syria, took the bronze medal in 8:34.66, while favourite Aikyo Shigeyuki, Japan's strong hope of a gold medal here, finished fourth in a disappointing 8:35.10.

Two other favourites, Payare Lal and Narinder Singh, both from India, finished sixth and seventh.

China's Min Hungeng destroyed her five competitors in the women's discus, winning with a throw of 61.74m, with Burma's Aye Aye Hwe only

managing 48.48m to leave her a distant second.

Ju Hsu-Chen of Chinese Taipei took the bronze with a 43.80m throw.

With only two finals on the opening day, five countries managed to get on the medals tally board with defending champions China at the top with one gold and one silver followed by Iran with one gold.

Some 750 competitors from 27 countries are taking part in the meet which ends Wednesday.

NZ girls make Olympics

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Oct 20: The New Zealand women's hockey team secured a place at the Barcelona Olympics by beating 1988 Olympic finalists South Korea today, reports AP.

The victory over the 1988 Olympic silver medalists enabled New Zealand to finish on top on Pool A at the conclusion of the round-robin matches.

The Kiwis leapfrogged Germany, which lost 3-0 to Japan but already had clinched its spot in the Olympic tournament.

Mary Clinton and Sue Duggan scored New Zealand's other goals, while Sook Oye-jim netted twice for the South Koreans, who now will play off with Japan, China and Argentina for the fifth and final spot in the women's tournament in Barcelona.

Britain and Canada qualified from Pool B, in which round-

robin play finished Saturday. Akiko Monta, Mina Hayashi and Akemi Kato scored for Japan in its surprise victory over the Germans, while France and the United States played to a 2-2 draw in a contest between two teams now

out of contention.

Elizabeth Tohou and Tracey Fuchs scored for the Americans, who picked up their first point, while Sophie Liobet and Helene Essus were on target for the French.

All three matches played Sunday in men's Pool A ended in draws.

Canada and New Zealand play Monday, while the Soviet Union plays Ireland and Japan faces Italy. In the final round of Pool B men's matches, already qualified Malaysia plays Belgium, India faces the United States and Switzerland faces France.

The top two teams in each Pool of both tournaments advance to the Olympic Games. The team that finishes fifth in the women's tournament also qualifies.

Matches will be played through Oct. 27 to decide seeding for the Olympics and overall positions in the qualifying tournament.

Chiburdanidze needs a time out

MANILA, Oct 20: Soviet holder Maya Chiburdanidze, trading Chinese rival Xie Jun in their World Women's Chess Championship match, asked for a postponement of the 12th game today organisers said, reports Reuter.

Chiburdanidze, who was to play white, asked for time out a few hours before play was to begin because she wanted to prepare better for the crucial game, a Soviet delegation spokesman said.

The 12th game has been rescheduled for Monday.