

## Doping costs Indonesia dear

MANILA, Dec 3: The Philippines regained the overall medals lead in the 16th South East Asian Games in Manila today, in a day of competition marred by a positive drugs test on one athlete, reports Reuter.

Organisers refused to release the person's name, nationality or sport until further tests were completed.

The athlete, a medalist, was the only one with a positive result out of 175 competitors tested so far, Games doctors said.

Filipino boxers won seven golds on Tuesday to give the hosts a total of 87 against Indonesia's 62 with 23 events to be completed in the nine-day competition ending on Thursday.

Thailand won seven events on Tuesday and kept third

place with 68 golds.

"This is the best Christmas gift I can give to myself after winning the gold medal fighting with a sprained hand," Filipino lightweight boxer Ronald Chavez told reporters after he outpointed Thailand's Aran Nuckles.

The seven boxing victories were among 13 gold medals the host country won on the ninth day of competitions, following victories earlier in the day in windsurfing, tennis, karate and taekwondo.

The Indonesians captured six events on Tuesday, including two in boxing, two in diving, the men's 5,000 metres and men's volleyball.

It was the tightest battle between the two countries for the overall crown in the Games 18-year history.

The athlete who tested

positive for drugs will be stripped of the medal and face possible suspension from international competitions if results of further tests confirmed the initial findings, officials said.

They said five athletes tested positive for drugs during the 15th Games in Kuala Lumpur in 1989 and were stripped of their medals.

Last weekend, officials disqualified Thai welterweight Arkhos Chenglai from the boxing finals after his coach refused to allow him to take a drugs test after his semifinal win over a Filipino.

Indonesian light-midweight boxer Hendrik Simangusong, who captured the gold medal in his class, summed up his country's general dismay at losing the overall lead to the Philippines.

Keachan won in 50.94 seconds to post an easy victory over Burmese rival Htay Win while Srihoto upset Philippine favourite Elma Muros in a time of 56.78 seconds.

"It thought I could run below 51 seconds. I'll try my best to hit 49.9 seconds in the near future," Keachan told reporters.

Timotius Sukai Indiken, a 26-year-old elementary school teacher in Indonesia, clinched the decathlon with 6,799 points but said he was disappointed not to break the Games record of 7,001 points held by countryman Yulius Uwe, could have done better if not for a hamstring injury in my left leg. With the injury, I had to be careful," he said.

A row broke out in the men's tennis singles final after Filipino Felix Barrientos beat Benny Wijaya of Indonesia 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

The officiating was very bad. How can I get 20 foot faults and Felix got none?" a bitter Wijaya told reporters.

"How can you have bad calls when there's a neutral umpire who can always overrule the calls of the linesmen any time he wants?" Barrientos retorted.

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## Hosts accused of cheating

MANILA, Dec 3: Hosts Philippines are being deluged with protests over "hometown" decisions as they arrive on the last stretch of their most successful campaign in the South East Asian Games so far, reports AFP.

First to point the accusing fingers were Thailand, who had a boxer disqualified from the finals scheduled late today after his coach refused to have him undergo a doping test, claiming the doctors were picking on the Thais.

Thais are the Philippines' main rivals for boxing supremacy.

Vietnam's delegation chief Doan Thao later wrote to the 16th South East Asian Games coordinators here questioning the "credibility and impartiality of the referee and jury" after woman Taekwondo fighter Tran Thi Thu lost out

to a Filipina for in a final match on Saturday.

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## Bayern's crisis deepens

LONDON, Dec 3: Bayern Munich, Germany's richest and most prestigious club, have slipped deeper into crisis after a 4-3 home defeat by Werder Bremen, their fifth loss at home this season, reports Reuter.

Bayern, who have won the title a record 12 times, slipped to 12th place and look like being reduced to onlookers in the title race. Werder were surprised by the ease with which they secured their first win in Bavaria for 23 years.

Werder had opened a 3-0 lead by the 52nd minute and Uli Borowka, who hit the fourth, said: "I've never had it so easy scoring a goal."

Bayern's poor form also came as a shock to new Dutch signing Jan Wouters. "I didn't imagine it to be like this at Bayern," he said.

Last week the four times European champions, trying to revive their crumbling season, brought back former players Franz Beckenbauer and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge as vice-presidents with responsibility for improving the playing staff.

Eintacht Frankfurt re-

mained top of the league despite a surprise 1-1 draw at home with Fortuna Dusseldorf.

They lead on goal differences from second-placed VFB Stuttgart and Borussia Dortmund.

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In Spain, Real Madrid, Euphoric after slammimg Espanol 5-1 on Sunday, are already talking of winning the title and setting more records in the process.

Trainer Radomir Antic is confident Real can claim back the league title lost to Barcelona last season and smash their 1989-90 record of 107 goals. They have 31 from 12 matches so far.

Real, still unbeaten, have notched up 23 points in the best start to a season by a Spanish side and Antic believes they are unstoppable.

Real Madrid showed their champion qualities," he said. "We would have smashed any team. We were totally superior."

Atletico Madrid also won 5-1, against Real Valladolid, to remain in second place four points behind Real.

AC Milan coach Fabio

Capello was left rueing his side's failure to turn their initial superiority against Internazionale in to goals in the Italian league's top match.

The league leaders, who had captain Franco Baresi sent off, went ahead with a goal from Dutchman Marco van Basten in the 19th minute but missed several more goalscoring chances before Inter equalised to snatch a 1-1 draw.

The IOC executive board, which learnt on Monday how East Germany's swimming success from 1970-90 was built on doping, is expected to decide this week when to bring in the new tests.

Prince Alexandre said accredited laboratories were ready to start blood testing immediately.

A statement signed by 20

former East German swimming coaches said: "We confirm that anabolic steroids were used in former East German Swimming. Not all of us were involved in doping the extent varied."

East German women, who

shook the sport at the first

world championships at Vienna in 1973, where they

won eight out of 12 golds.

They won eight out of nine

events and one of the two re-

lays at the 1976 Montreal

Olympic Games.

Kornelia Ender, a double

gold medallist at Vienna, won

both freestyle sprints in

Montreal where Petra Thumer

was a double gold medallist at

the long distance races and

Ulrike Richter won both back-

stroke events.

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