# Solitary silver for Bangladesh



3: Bangladesh experienced disappointing day today, the second day of the fifth SAF Games, as

the Bangladesh swimmers had

Mukhlesur Rahman Bangladesh's lone gold medal list - in the 100m breast host Sri Lanka's Inthikab Sikkander. The ace Lankan swimmer clinched the gold with a time of the minute 10.25 secs.

Mukhlesur Rahman had to remain satisfied with the silver clocking one minute 10.45 secs, .40 seconds outside his SAF record established in Islamabad.

Games, Bazlur Rahman, was took one minute 11.47 sec

one minute 11.55 secs.

Bangladesh got its first medal in the Games when Shamsul Islam placed third in

time of four minutes 16.56 record of four minutes 19.91 in 1987.

India collected the remaining two and established the see-

## **GAMES TABLE**

Medals table on the first day of competition in the sevennation South Asian Federation Games in Colombo yesterday (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze) :

Pakistan Bangladesh Bhutan Nepal

COLOMBO, Dec 23 Bangladesh got a bronze in the men's tennis competition of the fifth SAF Games as the losing semifinalists when they here today, reports BSS.

Piperno 2-6, 0-6 in the singles while Hira Lal and Mahtabur Rahman Maruf were beaten by G Natekar and A Lamba 4-6, 4 6 in the doubles.

bronze as the semifinalists

Lankan Arjun Fernando defeated Pakistan's number one Rashid Malik 6-3, 6-4 and U Wallooppillai bcat Hamidul Huq 2-6, 6-4 and 6-1 in the singles while in the doubles the Lankan pair of De Silva and Wijesekera eliminated Mushaf Zia and Mohammad Khaliq 7-6 and 6-0.

will play tomorrow for the

## Indian paddlers win comfortably

men and women paddlers collected four vital points cach from the first two matches on the first day of the table tennis round-robin team competitions in the fifth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games here today, reports I'll.

The Indian men trounced Nepal 3-0 and later Bangladesh by an identical margin.

In the women's section, India descated the Maldives and Bhutan in straight sets in the team competition.

Shankar Gautam of Nepal 21-9, 21-7 while Indian national champion Kamlesh Mehta conceded 15 and 9 points to Dharma Bhadracharya before he won the second match.

Ghorpade paired with Chetan Baboor to overwhelm Bhadracharya and Subba Ranjan 21-14, 21-13.

in the match against Bangladesh, with Baboor losing to Mosaddegul Haq Rochi 22-24. But Baboor came back strongly, thrashing Rochi 21-15, 21-7 in the next two sets.

Kamlesh Mehta scored a comfortable 21-15, 21-7 victory over N Bassan while Baboor and Ghorpade wrapped up the tie with a 21-14, 21-13 win over Nasimul Hasan Kochi and S II Sadi.

### Tennis title

MIAMI BEACH, Florida, Dec 23: Marcelo Charpentier of Argentina won the Orange Bowl Junior tennis championship here Sunday, upsetting top-seeded Karim Alami of Morocco 6-4, 6-3, reports AFP.



JULIAN BOLLING

gold and record



MUKHLESUR RAHMAN...



**BULA CHOWDHURY...** India's first gold

events. Dipika Chanaugam bagged her first gold in the 100m backstroke with one minute 11.07 secs while India's Ashima Shetty got the silver and Sri Lanka's Purnima

Sunderesan the bronze. Dipika Chanaugam got her second gold in the 400m individual medlay clocking five minutes 20.06 sees. The silver and bronze medals were won by India and Sri Lanka respec-

India carned her first gold in the women's 100m freestyle. India's popular swimmer Bula Chowdhury took the honour with a time of one

minute 04.46 seconds. The silver and bronze went to Sri Lanka and India respec-

Bangladesh's Dalia and Laila Noor Milu swam the distance in one minute 11.22 sees and one minute 13.90 secs respec-

India established a record in the 4x100m relay clocking three minutes 43.83 sees. The Indian relay members were Sanyal Kumar, Sanjib Chakrabarty, Joseph Chavara and Sebastian Xavier.

Pakistan and Bangladesh got the silver and bronze respectively.

In the 4x100 metres relay. Bangladesh finished last among the four participating teams but fortunately won the bronze medal as the Sri Lankans, who finished third, were later disqualified.

India and Pakistan won the gold and silver respectively in the event.

Bangladesh's women swimmers, participating in 100 metres back-stroke and 100 metres freestyle, finished last in both events.

### **STANDINGS**

The medals table of the swimming competition of the SAF Games at the close of the day : (tabulate as country, gold, silver and bronzel

Sri Lanka India Pakistan Bangladesh

opening day athletics competi-

tions snatching four out of five

The Lankan women grabbed

three golds - in the javelin,

the 400m hurdles and 800m.

Amarosekara bagged the

women's javelin gold throwing

49 metres. India's Razia

Sheikh and Susama got the sil-

ver and bronze. Yamuna Yapa

and Dhammika Menike col-

lected the golds in the

women's 400m hurdles and

(21.57) and Shahanuddin

Chowdhury (21.66) have quali-

fied for the 200m finals to be

Firoza Khatun also qualified for

the finals, which will take

In the women's 200 sprint,

Bangladesh's Golam Ambia

800 metres respectively.

held tomorrow.

Sri Lanka

Pakistan

India

golds at stake.

Two new records Sri Lanka dominated the

this time either.

Nepal did want them.

MP, chef de mission of the Bangladesh contingent and Zakaria Pintoo represented Bangladesh in today's meeting. Nepal's Rana Sagar has been made the new president of the

STOCKHOLM, Dec 23: Former world No 1 Wilander, who had knee surgery in July, will not play in the Australian Open Jan 13-26 and may retire from tennis, reports AP.

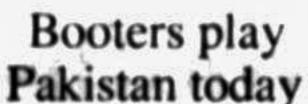
last couple of weeks. starts in the spring.

decision. If I play again in the spring, I'll enter a small tournament.

# concludes

Sports Reporter

badminton competition Economics Department and Ocography Department became the champions and runners-up respectively while in the girls' group of the same event Geography and History finished as champions and runners-up.



COLOMBO, Dec 23 Bangladesh will play their first and most vital match in the football competition of the South Asian Federation (SAF) Games against Pakistan at the Sugathadasa Studium here tomorrow at 4.30 local time, reports BSS.

win any gold medal in football so far, is optimistic of winning the gold in the fifth Games. team officials said here. Coach Shahiduddin Ahmed

Selim said all the players are physically fit and are determined to beat the Pakistanis who drew goalless with India in the first group match yes-Syed Rumman-Bin-Wali

Shabbir, who was injured during the Asian Club Cup football championships in Doha, Qatar a few days back, is now completely fit, said team doctor Omar Faruq.

first eleven for tomorrows match." Bangladesh got the silver in

Pakistan in the final.

## Indo-Bangla soccer

telecast the fifth SAF Games football match between Bangladesh and India live from the Sugathadasa Stadium, Colombo on Thursday, December 26.

The Telegraph, a soon to be published daily of the Ingilab group, will be the sponsor, says a press release.

the evening Bangladesh time. Nepal host for '93

COLOMBO, Dec 23: Nepal the host of the first South Asian Federation (SAF) Games in 1984, will again host their 6th SAF Games, in 1993, reports UNB.

executive committee meeting of the South Asian Sports Federation (SASF) held at a local hotel here this evening.

The meeting also decided to make the men's marathon an open event for any member of participating team. Previously, a maximum of two athletes from each country were cligible to participate in the event.

Bhutan and the Maldives. where the Games have never been held, were not interested

Bangladesh was keen to stage the next Games provided

South Asian Sports Federation.

# Wilander hints

" I haven't trained in the Wilander said in a Swedish radio interview Sunday. "I don't think I'll play again until the European clay court season

The 28-year-old Swede, who was injured at Queen's club before Wimbledon, completed three legs of the Grand Slam in 1988, outlasting Ivan Lendl in the US Open and was briefly ranked No 1 in the world.

out of the top 100 on the ATI' Tour computer rankings, was tied with Lendl for most Grand Slam singles titles (seven) in the 1980s. He won the French Open and Australian Open three times. His last tournament victory came in Itaparica, Brazil, a year ago.

# JU indoor meet

tion of Jahangirnagar University concluded yesterday. In the boys' meet of the

became champions and runners-up respectively in the boys' table tennis while Economics and Zoology finished the girls' meet as champions and runners-up respec-



Action from yesterday's Federation Cup handball tournament match between Bangladesh Ansars and Bangladesh Air

Force at the Outer Stadium.Air Force won 27-19.

Alsahant Krira Cha-

routine victories

Premier Division

the

cricket league engagement

when they beat Gulshan Youth

Club by six wickets at the

Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

Gulshan, with their limited

resources, were never fancted

to offer any stiff challenge to a

well tuned Abahant and the

writing was on the wall from

Golam Nowsher Prince, now

bowling consistently well,

prised out two Gulshan bats-

Gulshan's miscries did not

abate when Prince was taken

off because when their bats-

men tried to make amends for

their earlier inactivity there

were other bowlers to cash in

on - and one of them was

He, with his gentle medium

Gulshan would have been in

dire straits if Ishtjaque had not

played a fine unbeaten innings

His innings helped Gulshan

to cross the three-figure mark

and ultimately post 149 for

eight wickets from their stipu-

pace, dismissed two batsmen

as they chanced their arms.

Khaled Mahmood Sujon.

the very beginning.

men in no time

of 53.

yesterday.

completed

of their

Navana

# Abahanicanter past Gulshan

Sports Reporter

with fwo for 13. Ashoka De Silva, the former Sri Lankan Test leg-spinner. also held a tight leash over the batsman with figures of two for 25 from nine overs. Sujon picked two for 21.

Abahani Krira Chakra, with their in-form openers were supposed to have run away with the scant target of 150. However, perhaps the levity

of the occasion did not cause the adrenalin to flow in either Raman Lamba or Zahid Razzak Masum. Both were out cheaply. Lamba scoring 29 with four powerful hits to the fence, and Masum for 12.

Skipper Farooque Ahmed departed for 15 and the task was left to the burly Akram Khan who did that without fuss, scoring an unbeaten 52.

Sujon with 15 not out helped Abahani achieve the target for the loss of four wickets only. Rupam was Gulshan's best

bowler with two for 31. Opening bowler Shamin bowled well to capture one for

It was Abahani's second successive win, having beaten Lalmatia Club in their opening league encounter.

### SCOREBOARD **GULSHAN YOUTH**

Iftekhar e Farooque b Sujon 19 Prince hardly gave away any Arif c Pappu b Prince runs in his eight overs to finish Mamun c Lamba b Prince

### Dun PWD keep winning

lated 45 overs.

Newly-promoted PWD Sports Club continued their winning spree when they outplayed Surja Tarun Club by five wickets in

yesterday's Navana Premier Division cricket league match at the Dhaka Stadium. Batting first. Surja Tarun found the going tough against

some good, accurate bowling by the PWD bowlers. Sri Lankan Aruna Di Silva was the only batsman to bat with any degree of comfort to

top score with 43 that contained three hits to the fence. Tarun finally managed 135 for the loss of eight wickets, skipper Rodrigo being run out

for 11. Shabbir bowled well for PWD, taking two for 24. Experienced Jahangir Shah Badshah ably supported him

with figures of two for 27. PWD's victory chase was boosted by an excellent opening partnership, between Rownakul Islam Tutul and Sri

Lankan Romesh Kalluwirthana. Tutul scored 42, inclusive of three fours and wicketkeeper Romesh with an ag-

gressive 29, paved the path for a facile PWD victory. Although Shaheen fell for a blob, yet Ehsan with 18 and

Sports Reporter Hamin with an unbeaten 11 took PWD home.

SCOREBOARD Suna Tarun Niaz lbw Joydev

Shoeb b Badshah Arif run out Rabi Ibw Shabbir Suppi not out Khokon not out Extras Total ( for 8 wickets) Bowling: Shabbir Joydev Ehsan Badshah Shaheen

Babu c Hamin b Shabbir

Aruna b Shaheen

Rodrigo run out

PWD

Tutul c & b Babu

Romesh b Saikat

Golla c Romesh b Badshah

Shabbir lbw Rodrigo Ehsan c Golla b Babu Hamin not out Partha not out Extras: Total (for 5 wkts) Bowling: M Khokon Saikat

Shaheen c Golla b Saikat

Rodrigo Bibu Aruna Shocb

### Bowling Prince Morshed Masum 21 Sujon De Silva

Rupam c Pappu b Sujon

Ashique c Pappu b De Silva

Shamin c Prince b De Silva

Babul c De Silva b Effee

Total (for 8 in 45 overs)

Rajkumar run out

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Manju not out

Extras

### ABAHANI KC

Masum c Ashique b Shamin 12 Raman Lamba c Ishtiaque b Ripon Farooque b Rupam Akram not out Salim c Ishtiaque b Rupam Sujon not out Extras Total (for 4 wkts) Bowling: Shamin 21 32 Rajkumar 12 abul Ripon 31 Rupam Mamun 22

### TODAY'S MATCHES Brothers Union vs Rupali

Bank (DCS) Biman vs Kalabagan KC (Dhaka Stadium)

## Victoria win a thrilling 'tie'

Sports Reporter

Tied results are rare occurences in cricket, a game known for its glorious uncer-

Yet, by queer coincidence, such results seem to be happening more frequently than before in this year's Milnars First Division league.

After last week's tied cliff-

Sadharan Bima made the first use of the wicket to pile up 211 for seven from their 45 overs with Ripon hitting a stroke-filled 87, studded with

Skipper Rizvi chipped in with a useful 38 with four

from the run-riot with respectable figures of two for

wickets, which was enough to give them the 'win'. Didar led Victoria's chase

with 81 with six hits to the Jewel, who did well with

the leather, went one better to score 44 with the willow. Bima paceman Nakib did well to return with figures of three for 40.

B Railway vs Ajax SC (Mirpur)

Kulfa Gold Cup MANIKGANJ, Dec 23: Dhaka Arambagh Krira Chakra out-

the Kulfa Gold Cup football tournament held at the Manikgani Stadium today, reports UNB. The first half ended 1-1. Tutul scored first for Wari in

played Dhaka Wari Club 4-1 in

half while Harun of Arambagh equalished the 38th minute. Harun scored another goal just after the start of the sec-

Jahangir extended the mar-

# BAF, BU post handball wins

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Air Force and Brothers Union won their respective matches in the third Federation Cup handball league yesterday at the Outer Stadium

handball court. Air Force beat Bangladesh Ansars by 27 to 19 goals. The winners led the first

half 13-11. Mujib and Ferdous scored nine and eight goals respectively for the winners while Jewel and Badshah netted eight and five goals respectively for the losers. in the other match of the

Bangladesh Police, the runners-up of the second Federation Cup handball, by 25 goals to 18. The winners led the first half 12-9.

day, Brothers Union outplayed

Helal netted eight goals and Boby six for the Gopibagh side while Nazrul netted nine goals for Police. Meanwhile, in the inaugural match played on Sunday last,

Bangladesh Rifles, the reigning champions, beat Surjodoy Boys Club 30-15. The winners led the first half 17-8. Rafiqui and Jahangir scored

seven goals each for the winners while Kamal, Babu and Topu scored three each for the osers. A T M Ahmedul Haq Chowdhury, chairman of the

third Federation Cup tournament and the Deputy Commissioner of Police (South), inaugurated the competition on Sunday. Organised by the Bangla-

desh Handball Federation, six teams are contesting in this year's tourney.

TODAY'S MATCHES Surjodoy Boys Club vs

Bangladesh Ansars (2:15 pm). Bangladesh Rifles vs Brothers Union (3:30 pm). Indonesians

# come a cropper

JAKARTA, Dec 23 : Indonesia failed to clinch any title in a five-day championship after shuttlers lost in the men's singles, mixed doubles and men's doubles of the Cathay Pacific Asian Cup here

the men's singles to take the title against Indonesia's new hope, Bambang Suprianto, 15-12 and 15-10. The Sidek-Suprianto match was highlighted by drop shots and smashes in a 56-minute

game. Sidek's display forced

the tiring Suprianto to take

more risks, which proved costly, especially when he ended the second set with several long rallies. Sidek said he won the game by playing without putting pressure on himself. "From the beginning I did not mind los-

Barcelona Olympics. " South Korean players Shon Jin Ilwan and Gil Young Ah needed three sets to beat Indonesia's Aryone Miranat

and Eliza in Mixed double, 15-5, 8-15 and 15-7. Malaysia's Cheah Soon Kit and Soo Beng Kiang finished off Indonesia's last hope of a title by beating Ricky Subagia

sets, 17-16 and 15-5, to win the men's doubles. Tang Jiugong of China overcame South Korea's Bang Soo Hyum to win the women's sin-

11-7, 6-11 and 11-4.

A South Korean pair, Hwang liye Young and Chung Soon Young, easily won the women's doubles by beating Japan's Kimiko Jinai and Hisako Mori 15-13 and 15-1.

VALLET, Dec 23: Soccer minows Malta picked up only

their second point as they held Greece 1-1 at home in their final European Championship Group Six qualifier on Sunday, reports Reuter.

### Khaosai Galaxi to the head to receive an eight retained his title against nucount in the 11th round but mber three contender Armado the Mexican proved too tough Castro here Sunday in his to be knocked out. farewell match, reports AFP. Khaosai becomes the first Khaosai, 32, beat the 28-

year-old Mexican challenger. 117-111, 117-109, 117-109 in his 19th title defence. The That fighter improved his record to 37 wins (33 knockout. knockouts) in 37 bouts in the

in 1989 and 1990. Castro's right uppercut late with a 6th round knocked out in the second round sent Khaosai down for an eight

> November 21, 1984 call it a day and has said he

Castro with a powerful combi-

Asian fight to win a record 19 consecutive world title defence successes. He is the only

fighter to win the WBA "boxerof-the-year" title in two consecutive year, taking the title He first won the WBA title

After the victorious 19th will not defend his crown.

# Arif

taintics.

hanger between Young Pegasus and Dhaka Wanderers, another tied match took place vesterday, this time at the Mirpur Pallabi ericket ground where Victoria Sporting Club edged past Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha by virtue of having lost fewer wickets in a highscoring drama with each side rattling up 211.

ten fours.

Victoria's lqbal emerged 32. Jewel took two for 39. In reply, Victoria managed 211 from the allotted 45

overs, but for the loss of six

TODAY'S MATCH

the second minute of the first

ond half for Arambagh. gin by netting the ball twice, in the 18th and 38th minutes of

### a very poor performance at the indoor stadium swimming pool here, reports BSS. stroke — in the last SAF Games in 1989, was dethroned by the

Bangladesh's captain for the disqualified in the event. He

The bronze went to India's Sebastian Xavier for a time of

the 400m freestyle. Sri Lanka's ace Julian Bolling set up a new SAF record winning the gold with a secs, bettering his previous

sees set in the Calcutta Games Sri Lanka dominated the opening day of the competition earning four golds out of six.

Sri Lanka India

Maldives Tennis bronze for Bangladesh men

lost to India 0-3 in the semifinals at the tennis complex Shoven Jamaly lost to India's Asif Ismail 1-6, 2-6 and Faisal Habib Rahman lost to E

Pakistan also carned a when Sri Lanka beat Pakistan

# Hosts Sri Lanka and India

COLOMBO. Dec 23: Indian

Sujoy Chorpade beat

India began on a shaky note





COLOMBO, Dec 23: Two new Games record were set up in athletics on the

opening day of

the competition

15.72 metres. He broke the previous record of 15.60m set by his compatriot Haider Ali in Calcutta in 1987. Banaras Khan had got the fourth position in

in the fifth SAF Games at the

Sugathadasa Stadium here

Banaras Khan of Pakistan

established a new record in

the men's triple jump covering

teday, reports BSS.

Mohammad Nizamuddin and Sainam Singh, both from India, won the silver and bronze medals in the event. The other record was established by K Karunathana of Sri Lanka in the 10,000m, clocking 30 minutes 13.04 secs. He broke Indian Tara Singh's record by 5.24 secs, set up in

Pakistanis — Manak Khan and

Naheed Raza - got the silver

and bronze respectively.

Spikers in semis COLOMBO, Dec 23: Bangladesh qualified for the semifinal in the

Games beating underdogs Maldives 3-0 in the group match at the Sugathadasa Stadium here today, reports The Bangladesh boys who had played some exhibition matches in Pakistan and Nepal during the training period for the SAF Games took only 75

The Maldives are now out of the competition, having lost to the hosts Sri Lanka in the

# GIRLS HUMILIATED

The Bangladesh girls lost 0-3 to hosts Sri Lanka in the opening tie of the women's competition at the same venue this morning. The experienced Sri

rienced Bangladesh girls. making their international debut, 15-1, 15-1, 15-4. Bangladesh play their last match against India on December 27 in the three-

virtue of being one of the three competition of the fifth SAF participants, Monday suffered a humiliating 15-1, 15-1, 15-4 defeat against Sri Lanka. The Bangladeshi girls, ner-

minutes to overwhelm the comparatively shorten Maldivians 15-4, 15-3 and 15the Sugathadasa indoor stadium here today, reports BSS.

opening tie yesterday. Bangladesh will take on Sri Lanka in the last group match on December 26 to decide the group position. The Lankans are already assured a semifinal

Lankan girls took only 50 min-

utes to dispose of the inexpe-

team competition. The gold deciding match

place tomorrow. MEDALS TABLE The medals table (tabulate under gold, silver and bronze)." the Dhaka Games in 1985. Two

> between India and Sri Lanka will be held on December 28. UNB adds: The Bangladesh women's volleyball team. men's volleyball which confirmed a bronze by

> > vous throughout the match. proved poor both in serving and receiving. INDIANS BEAT NEPAL Meanwhile, the Indian volleyballers started their campaign on a bright note, battering Nepal in straight sets at

rout of their exhausted rivals who arrived here only late last India won the match 15-1, 15-7, 15-8 to assure themselves a semifinal berth from the three-team Group "A".

Indian next take on

India, the 1987 SAF Games

champions, needed less than

40 minutes to complete the

Bangladesh on December 26. There was some drama before the match started. The organisers first announced a walk-over in favour of India since Nepal didn't have the proper jerseys on. But later the Nepalis were allowed to take the court. Cager gets bail

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin

Dec 23: Charles Barkley, an all

Philadelphia 76ers, was

arrested early on Sunday

morning reports Reuter.

Star

forward for the

### ond and last record of the day. The Lankan swimmers won two golds in the women's

Bangladesh, who could not

Coach Selim said "Shabbir is likely to be included in the

the Islamabad SAF Games in 1989 when they lost to BTV to telecast

Bangladesh Television will

The telecast begins at six in

second international meet, the The decision was taken in a

Nepal was selected as the host for the next Games as

Major (Rtd) Kamrul Islam,

at retirement

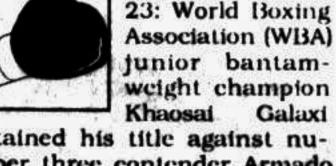
"But I haven't made a final

Wilander, who has dropped

The indoor sports competi-

**Economics and Geography** 

### Khaosai bids farewell BANGKOK, Dec Castro's cycbrow in the eighth



115 lbs. limit in nine years. Castro fight record became 34 wins (30 knockouts), 12 losses (4 knockouts) and 2 draws.

count just before the bell.

But the champion dominated the rest of the fight with his greater experience. With a series of sharp left hooks, he opened a small cut over

Khaosai knocked down nation of right-left-right hooks

boxer in world history to win 16 of 19 title defences by He is also the first Asian

over Eusebio Espinal of the Dominican Republic in a fight for the vacant crown on defence. Khaosai decided to

the second half (4-1).

## Sunday, reports AFP. \* Malaysian star Rashid Sidek did not have to work hard in

ing the game," he said. "After all, my target is next year's

and Rexy Mainaky in straight gles title in long rubber sets by

Malta hold Greece