

Women shoot team bronze

COLOMBO, Dec 28 : Bangladesh got one more bronze when the women shooters finished third in the team event of the air rifle-40 shots event at the Panagoda shooting range here today, reports BSS.

The Bangladesh shooters — Kazi Shahana Parveen, Kazi Ferdousi Parveen and Khaleda Mansoor — scored 1109, six points less than the silver medal winners Nepal.

Sri Lanka got the gold with 1120 points.

Nepal's Anita Shrestha bagged the gold in the individual event of the competition scoring 380 points. Sri Lanka's P. P. Ramanayake, who also scored 380, was given the silver through the reverse counting system while another Lankan girl Wickremasinghe got the bronze with 375 points.

Bangladesh's gold-medal winner in the 3X20 standard rifle event Shahana Parveen finished fourth with 371 and her younger sister Kazi Ferdousi Parveen was one point behind to place fifth. Khaleda Mansoor scored 368 to finish seventh.

Two favourite events for Bangladesh — the air rifle and air pistol — will commence tomorrow (Dec 29) and the day after (Dec 30) respectively.

India won two gold medals in the men's standard pistols, both in the team and individual events. Bangladesh didn't participate in this event.

The Indians won the team title scoring 1672 points, Pakistan got the silver with 1602 points while Sri Lanka won the bronze with 1541 points.

Harun bags 50m free-style gold

India's Xavier fastest swimmer

COLOMBO, Dec 28 : Bangladesh's Harunur Rashid bagged a bronze in the men's 50m freestyle clocking 25.37 seconds in the swimming competition of the fifth SAF Games which concluded here today, reports BSS.

India's Sebastian Xavier became the fastest swimmer of South Asia winning the 50m freestyle gold clocking 23.95 seconds bettering his previous record of 24.89 seconds established in Islamabad in 1989.

Another Indian, Joseph Chavra, collected the silver with 25.31 seconds.

Bangladesh's Takbir Hossain finished fifth with 25.59 seconds.

Xavier grabbed another gold in the 200m individual medley with a time of two minutes 15.03 seconds.

Sri Lanka's star swimmer Julian Bolling fetched the silver clocking two minutes 18.82 seconds while his compatriot Ghefarai Dulapandian got the bronze with a time of two minutes 24.67 seconds.

Bolling, who was trained by an Australian coach here, had five golds, two silvers and one bronze to his credit in the swimming competition of the Game and was adjudged the best sportsman of the Games.

Xavier was the fastest swimmer in a slow four minutes 17.02 seconds. India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka collected the gold, silver and bronze medals respectively with times of four minutes 08.47 seconds, four minutes 15.90 seconds and four minutes 15.90 seconds.

Sri Lanka's pride Dipika Chammugam, who snatched seven golds and two silvers in the Games, was declared the best sportswoman of the Games by the BS-WA. President of the Sri Lankan Olympic Association Roy De Silva gave away the Association's crest to Dipika.

In the men's 4x100m medley relay, Bangladesh placed fourth, covering the distance

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Dipika Chammugam established a new record in the event bettering the previous record of India's Lorraine Ghephe (three minutes 05.70 seconds) set up in Nepal in the first SAF Games in 1984.

India's Bala Chowdhury also created a new SAF record in the women's 100m butterfly with a time of one minute 07.09 seconds against her previous mark of one minute 08.18 seconds, established in the first SAF Games in Nepal.

India led the medals tally in the swimming competition of the Games with 16 golds, 13 silvers and nine bronzes.

Sri Lanka were placed in the second position with 14 golds, 12 silvers and 11 bronzes followed by Bangladesh with one gold, one silver and eight bronzes.

SWIMMING TABLE

The final medals tally (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze, total)

MEDALS TABLE

COLOMBO, Dec 28 : India remained at the top of the medal table of the 5th SAF Games followed by host Sri Lanka, reports BSS.

India bagged a total of 125 medals while Sri Lanka collected 103 at the end of day today.

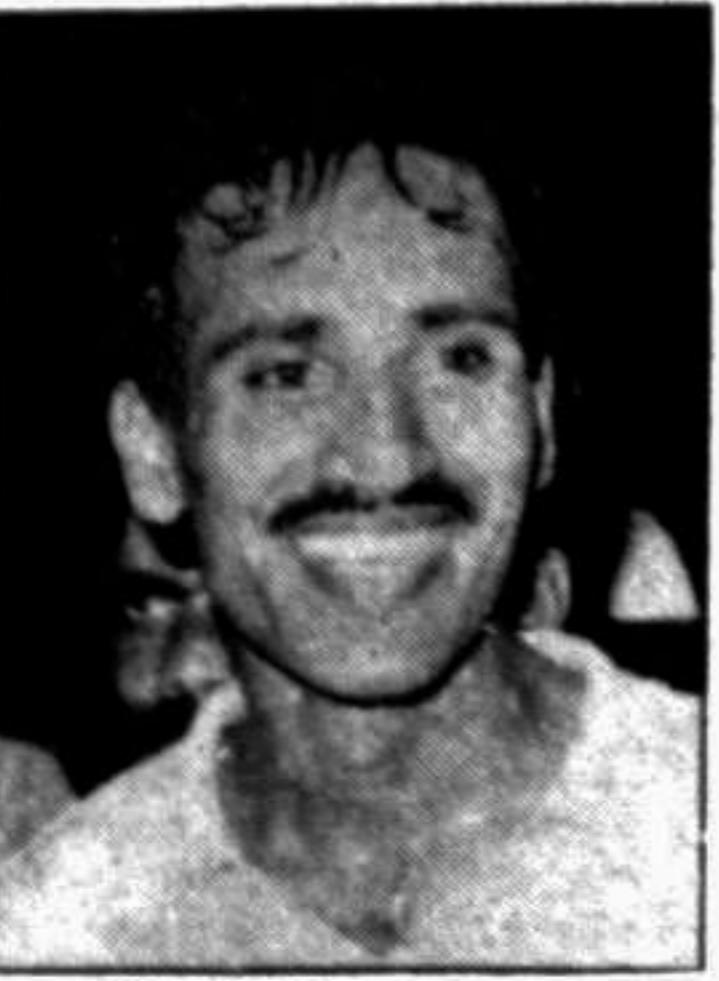
All events of the swimming and athletics competitions have now ended.

	G	S	B
India	50	48	27
Sri Lanka	38	28	37
Pakistan	23	28	16
Bangladesh	02	06	25
Nepal	02	05	25
Maldives			
Thailand			

against the Nepalese but succeeded in netting the ball only twice.

One minute before the breather, Mamun Joardar opened the Bangladeshi account with a beautiful placing shot (1-0). Mamun received the ball from a Shabbir pass near the box.

The second Bangladeshi goal came in the 68th minute when striker Aslam, receiving a lob



SHEIKH ASLAM



MAMUN JOARDAR

from defender Pijush, beat the Nepalese custodian with a perfect header (2-0).

THE TEAMS

BANGLADESH — Mohsin, Pijush, Ata, Rehan, Kaiser, Jewel Rana, Tito, Shabbir, Mamun Joardar (Naqib), Rumi and Aslam.

NEPAL — Upendar Man Singh, Raju, Dev Narayan, Rajesh Manandar, Rajesh Thapa, Birat Shah, Rajesh, Jitwan, S. M. Shrestha (Dinesh), Basmat and Mani Shah.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec 28 : Disgraced football star Diego Maradona said he would be leaving Argentina next March to live in another country, in a television interview on Friday, reports AFP.

The former national team captain, banned from football for doping and found guilty in Italy of drug trafficking, would not say where he is going though. He criticised the Argentinian government as being politically worn out.

Maradona, 31, also said he would be touring with a five-a-side football team, in the next few months, to Australia, South Africa and Brazil.

Clubs in the United States and Japan have been trying to tempt Maradona to play for them after his FIFA ban ends in July 1992.

He remains under contract with Napoli in Italy till the end of the 1992-93 season.

set a SAF record in the event with 14 minutes 23.76 seconds in the 200m sprint earlier in the meet. Shahruddin Chowdhury claimed the bronze in the 100m sprint.

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Sri Lanka and India won the gold and bronze in the event with times of 40.82 and 41.61 seconds respectively.

Bangladesh also got two bronzes on the day — in the men's and women's 4X400m relays.

Bangladesh's Abdur Rahim Nayeem, Mehdi Ilasam, Muzhar Hossain and Giasuddin took three minutes 12.74 seconds to complete the men's four-lap relay.

Pakistan and India bagged the gold and silver respectively clocking three minutes 09.15 seconds and three minutes 09.41 seconds respectively.

In the women's 4X400m relay, the Bangladesh team led by Firoza, Sumita Goswami, Nilufar Yasmin and Nazma Haider Rafeza got the bronze with a time of four minutes 00.07 seconds.

The Indians set up a new SAF record in the event clocking three minutes 38.39 seconds, bettering their timing in the Calcutta SAF Games in 1987 by 3.26 seconds.

Sri Lanka bagged the silver in a time of three minutes 43.59 seconds.

Bangladesh's Abdur Rahim Nayeem earned the silver in

seconds.

BAHADUR PRASAD...gold

onds. Sri Lanka won the gold in 45.71 seconds followed by India and Pakistan who claimed the silver and bronze medals respectively clocking 45.76 and 46.30 seconds.

India won the gold and silver in the men's 5,000m run.

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