

## Nat'l wrestling concludes today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansars and Bangladesh Rifles matmen dominated the second day's proceedings of the 17th national senior wrestling championships by qualifying for most of the final of the ten events at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.

The finals of the all ten events will be held today, the concluding day of the three day competition.

Abdur Rahim of Rifles will meet Mustafizur Rahman of Ansars in the light fly-weight (under-48 kg) final. Ahsanullah of Ansars took the bronze medal by winning the clash of the losing semifinalists.

In the fly-weight (under-52 kg), Md Dulal Mian of Ansars will clash with his teammate Anisur Rahman.

Uair Ali of Ansars will take on MA Bashir of Rifles to decide the bantam-weight (under-57 kg) champion. The bronze of this event went to Zakir Hossain of Bangladesh Police.

Zahid Sikder of Rifles will grapple with Kamal Uddin of police in the feather-weight (under-62 kg) final. The bronze went to Harun-ur-Rashid of Ansars.

Md Jahangir Alam of Ansars and Md Jamaluddin of Rifles have qualified for the light-weight (under-68 kg) final. Delwar Hossain of Police got the bronze.

In the welter-weight (under-74 kg) final, Abdul Aziz of Ansars will take on Rabulul Awar of Rifles. Giasuddin of Rifles took the bronze.

Brendra Nath of Police will clash with Zamirul Huq of Rifles in the middle weight (under-82 kg) final.

Md Shahabuddin of Rifles moved into the final of the light heavy weight (under-90 kg) event by beating Sheikh Zilani of Dhaka District Sports Association (DDSA). He will now take on Khan Mizan of police.

Md Ashraf Ali of Rifles will play Abul Hossain of Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) in the heavy-weight (under-100 kg) final while Masud Reza of Rifles will clash with Md Dilar Ali of Police in the super heavy-weight (above-100kg) final.

Organised by the Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling Federation, 50 grapplers representing six teams are taking part.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will witness today's proceedings as the chief guest and give away the trophies among the winners.

## Div II b'ball

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Kurmitola Apollo Club beat Flame Boys Club while Bakshi Bazar Club outplayed Rising Stars Club in yesterday's Second Division basketball league fixtures at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium.

In the first match of the day, Kurmitola Apollo Club led the first half 27-25.

Manoj and Khokan scored 10 points each for the winners.

However, Saeed of Flame Boys Club was the top-scorer of the match with 17 points.

In the other match, Bakshi Bazar Club led the first half 22-14.

Sayem topped the tally with nine points followed by Mujib and Sameer with seven and six points respectively.

For the losers Robin scored eight points.

## Dhaka, Gaibandha win team titles

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Dhaka District Sports Association annexed the boys' team title of the Green Delta Schools table tennis competition.

Yesterday at the National Sports Council gymnasium, DDSA put the tin hat on Narail DSA with an exciting 3-2 sets

21-13 victory against Milton of Narail.

Mahbub's futile brilliance was repeated by another player from Narail, this time a girl, in the girls' team champions ship.

Gaibandha DSA lifted the girls' team title with a 3-2 victory over Narail.

Lita of Narail raised the

and Sharmila of Gaibandha advanced to the final from group B.

The semifinals and the final of the girls' single event will be played today.

Earlier, in the semifinals of the boys' team event yesterday, Narail made short work of Govt Laboratory School of Dhaka with three to one set victory



The Dhaka DSA boys who won the team title of the Green Delta table tennis tournament at the National Coaching Centre yesterday. —Star photo

victory. Mahbub of Narail beat Sagar of Dhaka 21-13, 21-13 in the first singles.

Mona of Dhaka restored parity with a 21-5, 21-14 victory over Gautam of Narail.

In the doubles, Sagar of Dhaka paired with Rubel to ward off the combined challenge of Narail's Gautam and Milton 21-16 and 21-12.

Mahbub of Narail proved that his team needed a few more like him to tilt the balance in favour of the outstation team when he won an exciting 21-18, 21-19 match against Mona of Dhaka in the first reverse single.

Rubel of Dhaka sealed the fate in favour of DDSA when he chalked up an effortless 21-11,

hopes of making amends for the loss suffered by the Narail boys by beating Gamie of Gaibandha 21-18, 19-21 and 21-19.

Shumi of Gaibandha avenged the defeat of her teammate with a facile 21-8, 21-5 victory over Fuljan of Narail in the doubles 21-17, 21-8.

Lita of Narail then recorded a 21-11, 21-11 win over Shumi of Gaibandha.

Gemie of Gaibandha won the last of the reverse singles to ensure the title for Gaibandha with a 21-8, 21-2 victory over Fuljan.

In the girls' singles category, Lita of Narail and Gemie of Mohammadpur Preparatory girls school moved into the final of Group A while Shazia

against the latter in the first semifinal.

In the second semifinal DDSA got the better of Saint Gregory's High School in a more competitive sort of contest.

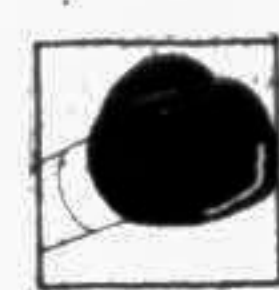
The Dhaka school team bowed out with two to three set loss.

In the first semifinal of the girls' team event, Narail defeated Patuakhali by three sets to one while Gaibandha blanked Mohammadpur Preparatory Girls School 3-0 in the second semifinal.

The final of the boys' and girls' singles events will be played today at the National Coaching Centre gym.

State Minister for Establishment Nurul Huda will give away prizes as the chief guest.

## Tyson's victim sues for damages



INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, June 24: The beauty queen Mike Tyson was convicted of raping sued the former boxing champion on Monday, demanding an unspecified amount of money for what she said were serious and lasting physical and emotional problems, reports Reuter.

Desiree Washington, 19, of Coventry, Rhode Island, filed suit against Tyson in US District Court asking both reimbursement for medical and other expenses as well as punitive monetary damages for assault, battery, false imprisonment and emotional distress.

"Mr Tyson has begun to repay his debt to society for the crime he committed," Washington's attorney, Deval Patrick, said. "This suit is about his obligation to Ms Washington."

The 25-year-old former heavyweight champion has been in jail since March 26, serving a six year sentence. He was convicted of raping Washington in his Indianapolis hotel room in July 1991 during a Miss Black America contest in

which she competed. Tyson was convicted on February 10 of rape and sexual deviate conduct.

Washington's suit, for which no trial date was immediately set, said she has suffered at least \$50,000 dollars in medical



MIKE TYSON

and other costs associated with the incident.

In addition the suit alleges she suffered "serious and lasting physical harm, emotional stress and psychological problems" for which she is seeking punitive damages.

Tyson's lawyers said they were unaware of the suit and had not yet received a copy of it.

Tyson's lawyers, led by Harvard professor Alan Derowitz, are appealing his conviction and have asked that he be released on bond pending that appeal. In late April the Indiana Supreme Court refused to grant bail, making it likely that Tyson will remain in jail at least until the appeals court makes a ruling on his conviction.

Tyson earned millions in the ring during his career but the extent of his remaining fortune is not known.

## Death anniversary

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A milad mahfil and a discussion meeting will be held at the Bangladesh Football Referees' Association club tent to commemorate the death anniversary of late Masudur Rahman, Bangladesh's first FIFA referee and a prominent sports organiser.

All the referees and sports organisers staying in Dhaka have been requested to attend the milad and the discussion meeting.

## Bangladesh bt Spain

### Georgian women win chess gold

MANILA, June 24: Georgia won the women's title in the 30th World Chess Olympiad in Manila today by defeating Czechoslovakia 2-1 in the 14th and final round of the tournament, reports Reuter.

China was second. An earlier report said: China were held to a vital 2-1 result by Russia and lost the leadership to Georgia in the penultimate round of the 30th Chess Olympiad women's division.

Xie Jun, the world champion, was the culprit as she lost to Julia Demina while the Georgians, led by Xie's predecessor as champion Maia Chiburdanidze, white-washed Azerbaijan 3-0 in Monday's 13th round.

China now trail Georgia's 28.5 points by a full point.

In the men's division, China dumped Italy 3-1 to draw level with India, the most consistent Asian competitor so far in this 102-nation, 14-round Swiss system tournament.

India, which lost 1.5-2.5 against Germany and China have 30 points each. The teams take a rest day Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday's final round. Russia have already won the men's gold by posting an unbeatable 37 points following Monday's 2-2 draw with Israel.

The other significant Asian results:

**MEN:** Indonesia 2, Belgium 2, Philippines A 3.5, Chile 0.5, Singapore 3.5, United Arab Emirates 0.5

**WOMEN:** Philippines B 3.5, Wales 0.5, New Zealand 3, Sri Lanka 1.

Hungary 2.5, Indonesia 0.5, India 2, Latvia 1.

Lithuania 2, Mongolia 1, Bangladesh 3, Spain 1.

Vietnam 2, Sri Lanka 1, Ireland 2.5, Philippines B 0.5.

Singapore 1.5, Nigeria 1.5, Philippines A 2, United Arab Emirates 1.

## Russian men top

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MANILA, June 24: Russia drew with England on Wednesday to win the men's title in the 30th Chess Olympiad. Georgia claimed the women's championship, reports AP.

Russia's world champion Garry Kasparov opted not to play in final round.

Russian Alexander Khalifman drew with England's Nigel Short in 19 moves of a French defense. Sergei Dolmatov drew with Jonathan Spielmann, and Vladimir Kramnik won against John Munn.

England equalized when Michael Adams beat Alexei Dreiev on board three.

Russia ended with 39 points, 4.5 ahead of second place Armenia. The United States, which played Germany on Wednesday, was in third with 34 points.

## Yunus leaves for USA today

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FIDE Master Yunus Hasan will leave Dhaka today for the USA to take part in the World Open chess championship starting from June 25 in Philadelphia.

The former Bangladeshi champion, currently rated 2290, will take part in the nine-round Swiss league tournament scheduled to begin on June 28. The tournament concludes on July 7.

## Barnes takes cue from Reynolds



CHARLESTON, W Va, June 24: Suspended world record holder Randy Barnes said he will travel to New Orleans to prepare for the US Olympic shot put trials.

He still doesn't know whether he'll be able to compete when the trials begin on Friday.

Barnes, 25, the 1988 Olympic silver medalist, is under a two year suspension for testing positive for steroids following a meet in Malmö, Sweden in August 1990, three months after setting the record of 23.12 meters (75 feet, 10 1/4 inches).

On Monday, a West Virginia judge issued an order saying Barnes can compete in the trials. Kanawha County Circuit Judge Paul Zakaib Jr also forbade track and field's governing bodies from punishing athletes who compete against Barnes.

The Athletics Congress, the US governing body, denied the court's jurisdiction in the matter and said it will bar Barnes.

"We have our order and Randy's going to bring that down to New Orleans with him," said his lawyer, Anne Shaffer.

Barnes said Tuesday he planned to drive to New Orleans on Wednesday from College Station, Texas, where he has been training.

Even if he makes it into the trials, Barnes said he's not assuming he'll make the team. "The throwers are stronger this year. It'll definitely be a situation where it's not going to be handed to me on a silver platter," Barnes said. "I'm not throwing as far as I did when I set the record, but I'm throwing over 70 (feet) (21.34 meters) consistently."

Shaffer said Tuesday she spoke with TAC lawyer Jim Colman but did not know what

steps TAC planned to keep Barnes out of the trials.

"They didn't get real specific about what they're going to do," Shaffer said. "It's their position it's a meritless lawsuit. They said they're going to fight it."

Neither Colman nor TAC President Frank Greenberg returned telephone messages left for them in New Orleans.



RANDY BARNES ... ex-world record holder

on Tuesday. Shaffer said TAC could appeal Zakaib's order to the West Virginia Supreme Court and then the United States Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court already has opened the way for 400-meter world record-holder

Butch Reynolds to run in the trials. Reynolds also was suspended by the International Amateur Athletic Federation after testing positive for steroids. Like Barnes, he denied using them and contended that sloppy IAAF handling of his urine sample led to the positive test.

Should TAC appeal the Barnes ruling, Shaffer said, she

## Queen's party for best of Britain

LONDON, June 24: It could be the fittest guest list in history.

More than 1,500 top British athletes, past and present, will join Britain's Queen Elizabeth for tea and scones on the lawns of Buckingham Palace July 9 at a special garden party, reports AP.

Organised by the Central Council of Physical Recreation to mark the 40th year of the Queen's reign, the party is "an opportunity for the Queen to meet her sporting greats."

"We wanted to have every British world champion, so we asked the sporting organisations to compile a list," Council spokeswoman Anne Doubleday said. "We've got 1,500 already and keep discovering more."

The guest list includes all living members of England's Ashes winning 1953 cricket squad, all but one of England's 1966 soccer World Cup champion team, and Sir Roger Bannister — the first man to run a sub-4 minute mile.

Lord Hunt, who led the 1953 expedition which first climbed Mt Everest, and former Olympic track gold medalist turned parliamentarian Sebastian Coe join jockeys, showjumpers, field hockey players, and representatives from traditional British sports like snooker and dart players on the list.

is confident it will stand. "I think the US Supreme Court's made a pretty strong statement in not allowing the Reynolds decision to be overturned," Shaffer said.

Barnes, meanwhile, blasted TAC and the IAAF, saying they are more interested in their images than the truth when it comes to drug testing.

"There is absolutely no due process and it's extremely unfair," Barnes said.

Barnes contends testing of official Jan Hokenf of Sweden did not record the seal numbers from his urine samples and stored the samples overnight in an unlocked, refrigerator.

Barnes alleges someone other than Hokenf later added the numbers to his test form, which Barnes called a "break in the chain of security."

Hokenf told the IAAF he recorded the numbers himself, but gave conflicting statements three times as to when he recorded them, Barnes said.

"This entire system relies on the integrity of the sampling officer," Barnes said. "If you have a situation like mine, where the sampling officer lied, then you've got a big problem."

## Princess Anne to attend Olympics

LONDON, June 24: Princess Anne will attend the Barcelona Olympic Games between July 20 and August 9, Buckingham Palace announced Wednesday, reports AP.

The princess, president of the British Olympic Association and a member of the International Olympic Committee, also will attend the 99th session of the committee there.

## BARCELONA BRIEFS

BARCELONA, Spain, June 24: Thirteen new sports arenas. Thousands of new offices and hotel rooms. A renovated airport and \$2 billion of road work.

The Summer Olympics have meant an explosion of construction in the Barcelona area. And that translates into a lot of trash, reports AP.

Barcelona officials calculate that the amount of garbage produced in the city went up by 35 percent between 1985 and 1990. Most of the Olympic-related construction began during that period.

The city survey gives other indications of how the Olympics have transformed Barcelona.

It shows the number of international passengers at Barcelona's airport increased by 90 percent during those five years, and the number of international telephone calls made from Barcelona in that period went up by 169 percent.

**PRAYING TOGETHER:** The Abraham Center, which will provide Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Buddhist and Islamic services for athletes during the Summer Games, has been inaugurated in the Olympic village.

The ecumenical center will include a worship area with a capacity of about 250 people, as well as offices and meeting rooms.

The center is named after Abraham, the biblical patriarch recognized as a central figure in Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

Resembling the shape of a fish, the center's design is intended to be of an ecumenical nature that appeals to people of various religions. It does not have transept, dome or columns, but does have a belfry.

After the Olympics, it will become a parish church.

**SPREADING THE WEALTH:** Though most of the economic benefits of the Olympics will be in Barcelona, surrounding communities also are using the Games to spur investment.

Officials in Sitges, a beach town about 40 kilometers (25 miles) south of Barcelona, said private investors have pumped more than \$100 million into hotel construction and renovation there in the last five years.

Badalona, a northern suburb of Barcelona, has a new \$126 million arena that will host the men's basketball competition during the Games. Badalona also will host the Olympic boxing tournament, as well as a 900-apartment Olympic village.

The media village is next to a shopping mall and is connected to Barcelona by a new highway. The entire area was empty until the Olympic development.

"Two years ago this part of town was called the Badalona desert," said Enric Mayolas, director of the media village. "There was nothing here."

Even the ancient Greco-Roman port of Empuries, 120 kms (75 miles) north of Barcelona, is using the Olympics as an excuse for sprucing up.

Empuries, where the Olympic torch arrived June 13 from Greece to begin its 43-day relay around Spain, has invested \$8 million in tourist improvements at the archaeological site.

## US TRIALS: INSIDE TRACK

NEW ORLEANS, June 24: Track star Butch Reynolds isn't the only one at the Olympic trials looking for help from the courts.

A group of British track writers attending the Olympic trials handed out a press release Tuesday saying they plan to apply to the Supreme Court in an attempt to overturn the results of the Battle of New Orleans, which took place Jan 8, 1814, reports AP.

"We believe that a number of soldiers in Andrew Jackson's army were not eligible to represent the US in competition under Rule 53," said spokesman Cliff Temple of the London Sunday Times. The original result of the contest had been a victory for the Americans.

"But under the contamination rule we suspect that not only were US soldiers theoretically ineligible, but also the Mississippi at the time may have been highly suspect. As there was no drug testing afterwards — another serious lapse — we cannot be sure."

The journalists, member of the British Athletics Writers Association, have threatened to leave New Orleans on Thursday if the officials result is not amended by the court.

**TOUGH WEEK:** Not only has Washington State coach John Chaplin, chairman of TAC's International Competition Committee, been in the middle of the Butch Reynolds controversy this week. He found out Monday that his team has been placed on NCAA probation for violating scholarship limits. The Cougars are ineligible for the Pacific 10 Conference and NCAA meets next year and must make do with three scholarships fewer than the NCAA limit for the next three years.

**DOCTOR, DOCTOR:** Getting medical help at the trials isn't difficult. There are six chiropractors, eight to 10 doctors, 10 to 12 nurses, 15 physical therapists, 20 athletic trainers and 25 massage therapists in the medical center at the trials. Through three days of competition, eight athletes were treated for heat related problems and only one required overnight hospitalization. None of the affected athletes was told not to compete.

"We've done a good job of keeping the athletes hydrated," said Bob Goodwin, medical facilities coordinator and head trainer at Southeastern Louisiana University.

## Thompson gets her priority right



FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., June 24: Jenny Thompson is a dream come true as she prepares for Olympic glory, after causing her coach many sleepless nights, reports Reuter.

"It was a coach's nightmare," admitted Thompson, a daredevil by nature who heads what is being touted as the best women's swimming team in US history.

Thompson is now ready to settle down to the business of earning gold in Barcelona, but her out of pool hobbies, which include sky diving and rock and mountain climbing, have given her coaches fits.

Thompson has scaled 14,000 foot (4,267 metre) mountain peaks in Colorado, and dived into shallow pools from high rock quarries, she goes roller-blading, surfing and rides motorcycles.

But she has put these activities and her desire to try bungee-jumping on hold to concentrate on the Olympic and to let her coach sleep at night.

Thompson has already made history as the first American woman swimmer in 61 years to hold the world record in the 100-metre freestyle.

At the US Olympic Trials in March, the college freshman from California set a 100 me-

tres freestyle world record of 54.48 seconds, breaking the mark of 54.73 set in 1986 by former East German and five-time Olympic champion Kristin Otto.

Thompson also swam the second fastest 50 metres in history, setting an American record of 25.20.

Relentless, powerful strokes are her hallmark, and they helped her to qualify in five events for the Barcelona Games — the 50 metre, 100 metre and 200 metre freestyle and two relays, the 400 freestyle and 400 medley.

"I couldn't stop crying after the 100," Thompson said of her record-setting performance at the Trials.

"Being part of the United States Olympic team is more important than a world record."

## MOST PATRIOTIC

Thompson is probably the most patriotic swimmer on the team. Her college room at Stanford and bedroom at home in Dover, New Hampshire, is covered in red, white and blue.

She even tried to hang an oversized American flag on the ceiling of her dormitory room so she could fall asleep dreaming of standing on the medals podium at the Olympics.

"If you don't believe in your country, what do you have?" she said.

Thompson's swimming career began in a 25 yard

(metre) pool built in a converted municipal garage.

She had to turn twice as often and work twice as hard as her competition training in state-of-the-art 50 metre(yard) Olympic-sized pools.

Still, she says she wouldn't have changed any part of her path to Barcelona.

"It makes you realise how far you can go and how to appreciate everything you work for," she said.

The 5 foot 10 inch (1.78 metre), 155 pound (70.3 kg) Thompson had been on the verge of stardom before.

In 1988 she was slowed by flu and viral infections and missed making the Olympic team for the Seoul Games in the 50 metre freestyle by eight hundredths of a second.