

Sport

3 nat'l marks go by the board

Sports Reporter

Only the other day a news jolted people who are decently informed of an ace sprinter from a neighbouring country...

The BTMC swimmer erased the previous record of 39.61 seconds by Sumana Akhtar of Ansars...

Earlier, Mita Rani Some of Rajbari district was the new record holder in 100-metre butterfly for 13 to 14 year olds...

Mahmuda Sharif, one of the stalwarts in women's swimming who won four golds in last year's competition, picked up the gold in the 100m breaststroke...

Sumana made up for the mortification of watching her feat go to pieces by creating a new record in the 100-metre backstroke...

Reshma Parveen of Ansars took the silver medal while Sulekha Parveen of the same team managed the bronze...

In the 200m backstroke for girls between 13-14 years Nibedita Das of Rajbari DSA romped home with the gold medal taking three minutes 25.43 seconds...

Monira Rahman, another known name in the local natant circuit, earned one of the three golds that were deposited in the BTMC account...

Li Chin of Ansars came second and Nasrin Siddika of Munshiganj took the bronze...

Eleven teams— Ansars, BTMC, Rajbari, Bandarban, Pabna, Munshiganj, Kishoreganj, Barisal, Tangail, Chandpur and Jessore Dolphin Club...

The Bangladesh Women's Sports Federation press release on the eve of the meet Monday was wrong in stating that this year only district teams were competing...

The eight-team super league of the Sonali Bank Second Division football championship will begin today at the Mirpur Stadium...

Additional Secretary in charge of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Nazrul Islam will inaugurate the meet as chief guest...



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia inaugurated the national women's swimming competition at the National Women's Sports Complex, Dhanmondi yesterday.



Ruhima Khatun Kakoli of BTMC yesterday set a new mark in the 50m freestyle event for 10-year-olds coming out of the pool at the National Women's Complex, Dhanmondi.



Sumana Akhtar of Bangladesh Ansars, who won the 100m backstroke event of the 11-12 years age group in the women's nationals, celebrates after the event yesterday.

S Bank soccer

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will play Prantik Krira Chakra in the first match at 4pm while Shantinnagar Club will take on Dhaka WASA in the second game at 5:30pm.

Jurain Janata Club, City Club, East End Club, Dhaka WASA and Prantik Krira Chakra.

Athletes likely to get paid by IAAF at next World Championships

PARIS, Sept 29: Gold medal winners at next year's World Championships could be paid 100,000 dollars if the athletes get their way, reports AFP.

Niaz runner-up in Doha chess

Grandmaster Niaz Morshed of Bangladesh finished joint runners-up in the just concluded International Chess festival in Doha, reports UNB.

Russian International Master Alexi Kuzmin clinched the title with nine points.

Another two Bangladesh former national champions FIDE master Ziaur Rahman and Syed Tahmidur Rahman, also participated in the competition.

Kasparov is unimpressed

BELGRADE, Sept 29: World chess champion Garry Kasparov is unimpressed by the 5 million dollar rematch between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky, and says he is certain he would beat the American former titleholder if he played him, reports Reuter.

Fischer is a player of the past. To prove the contrary he must come to the strongest tournaments like Linares, or play matches with the strongest players of today.

But Kasparov said the match was of no significance.

N'ganj soccer

Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 29: The quarterfinals of the Pura Gold Cup soccer tournament will begin tomorrow with the match between Rahmatganj MFS and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha...

Four other teams who have made it to the quarterfinals are Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Arambagh Krira Sangsad, Mohsin Club and Shuktara Jubo Sangsad.

The final score read 61-48. Backstroke Boys Club certainly felt relieved despite going down to Eagles Club 57-93, in their last match of the play-offs...

The concluding ceremony of the volleyball coaching programme for men under 20 years of age, which began last month, will be held today at 5 pm at the Outer Stadium volleyball court...

Volleyball camp ends today

Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman BU PSC, the president of the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, the organisers of the course, will distribute the certificates among the participants.

B'ball results

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Dhaka Wanderers Club once a formidable basketball force have now possibly started wondering how it would be like playing in the Second Division league when they suffered their third successive defeat in the relegation round of the Partex First Division league...

With only one match left in the five-team tussle, and without a win so far Dhaka Wanderers are bound to hit the bottom of the classification play-off and thus be relegated to next year's Second Division.

But in the second half, however, they ran short of ideas as well as stamina, letting the Josephites cagers go on a rampage and score 37 points.

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The classification or relegation play-offs, which determine who goes down to the Second Division league, ends on October 1.

Josephites meet Hornets at 4 pm in today's lone match.

Platini's new job

PARIS, Sept 29: French soccer great Michel Platini was named Tuesday as co-president of the 1998 World Cup organising committee along with Fernand Sastre...

France was picked as host of the 1998 event by the international soccer federation in July, beating out Morocco in the final vote after other countries dropped out of the bidding.

France's sports minister, Frederique Bredin, announced the choice of the two co-presidents and said work would begin on structuring the organisational committee.

Sastre was the president of the French soccer federation from 1973 until 1984. He oversaw the 1984 European competition, which was held in France, and was a vice president of the French Olympic Committee.

Platini starred for the French national team for almost 10 years and led them to two semifinals in the World Cup and the 1984 European Nations championship.

He was the national coach from 1988 until last summer, improving France's fortunes after some years of poor results, following his retirement as a player.

Platini quit as the national

coach soon afterwards, facing criticism that his team played too conservatively in the final round.



MICHEL PLATINI

Speculation mounted that he was ready to head the World Cup organisation.

Another French superstar, skier Jean-Claude Killy, served as co-president of the organising committee for the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville.

Japanese team scales Mt Kangaru

KATHMANDU, Sept 29: A Japanese expedition has conquered the 6,981-metre (23,037-foot) Mount Kangaru without using oxygen, the Tourism Ministry said Monday, while announcing other successful climbs by Spanish and South Korean teams, reports AFP.

The five Japanese climbers included expedition leader Takashi Arai, 42, of Asahi Kawa, Hokkaido. They reached the peak September 22 via the west ridge, the ministry said.

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The two teams which have been relegated from the Second Division to the Third Division league were Chalantika Krira Chakra and East Bengal Sporting Club.

Former First Division team Chalantika with only two points from seven matches finished last in Group A while East Bengal Club, the bottom-finishers of Group B, collected three points also from seven outings.

All the four super league qualifiers from Group A earned nine points from seven matches each but were placed from first to fourth positions on the basis of goal differences.

Shantinagar Club, who finished first in Group A, scored 13 goals and conceded nine.

East End Club and Dhaka WASA — who finished third and fourth respectively in Group B — collected eight points each.

Poor performances by the footballers coupled with too many put up matches marred the importance of the first round of the Second Division league. It is alleged that 40 of the 56 matches were 'fixed'.

POINTS TABLE

Table with 5 columns: Group, M, W, D, L, GF, GA, Pts. Lists points for Group A and Group B teams.



Mahfuza Rahman of BTMC, who last year won the 100m backstroke event, successfully switched to the freestyle and won a gold in the 50m event of the 15-17 years age group yesterday.



Mita Rani Some of Rajbari district won the 100m butterfly event of the 13-14 years age group yesterday.