vesterday set a new Ruhima Kha' ... Yelkoli of BTMC ... mark in the 50m freestyle event for 10-year-olds coming out of the pool at the National Women's Complex, Dhanmondi She clocked 37.51 seconds, well inside the previous record of 39.61 set by Sumana Akhter last year. Star photo

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. PT Usha, known as the sprint queen of Asia and India's Golden Girl is reportedly locked in a grim struggle with her employers for her living.

Watching Rahima Khatoon Kakoli, an eight year old Class Four student scuttle across a watery distance of 50 metres with nimble movement of her limbs gave one rambler a feeling that how ungrateful could human memory be.

The bashful, puny swimmer yesterday included at least one more person in the short list of those who know Uzir Ali School of Narayangani as a proud contributor in the hat trick of national records recorded on the opening day of the four-day national women's swimming championships that got underway yes terday at the Dhanmondi

Women's Sports Complex. Forsaking the pitiless attitude of time and people towards these exponents of sports with best wishes for today's swimmers one has to tronically, indulge in more mundane obligations like the number of events that were decided on the opening day. Eight out of 37 events were settled on the opening day with reigning champions Ansars and last year's runners? up Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation sharing three gold medals each.

On a murky day with intermittent drizzle serving as the herald of the approaching winter Prime Minister Khaleda Zia officially inaugurated the meet with six events already having been completed in the earlier part of the day. The honourable chief guest, accompanied by State Minister for Sports and Youth Sadeq Hossain witnessed the last two events and gave away the medals to the miners of the last two events of the day.

Rahima Khatoon Kakoli sct a new national record in the under-10. 50m freestyle by clocking 37.51 seconds.

The BTMC swimmer erased the previous record of 39.61 seconds by Sumana Akhtar of Ansars. Marufa Khatun of Pabna DSA took the silver while Mala Akhtar of Ansars bagged the

Sumana made up for the mortification of watching her feat go to pieces by creating a new record in the 100-metre backstroke. She took one minute 31.64 seconds, eclipsing last year's one minute 34.97 seconds, in the 11-12 age group. Lipi Akhter. Sumana's Ansars mate clinched the silver while Chand Sultana of BTMC won

the bronze. Earlier, Mita Rani Some of Rajbari district was the new record holder in 100-metre butterfly for 13 to 14 year olds. She clocked one minute 31.25 seconds, better than last year's mark of one minute 33.45 sec.

Sultana Parveen of Ansars

took the silver medal while Elefa Akhtar settled for the Mahmuda Sharif, one of the

stalwarts in women's swim-

up the gold in the 100m breaststroke with a timing of one minute 34.39 seconds. Her teammate Hosna Akhtar of Ansars took the silver while Shab-e-Noor Lalama of BTMC pocketed the bronze medal.

In the 50m freestyle competition with participants ranging from 15 to 17 years of age, Mahfuza Rahman of BTMC snatched the gold ahead of China Akhtar of Ansars. Mahfuza took 34.64 seconds. Dilruba Akhtar of Ansars finished

Monira Rahman, another known name in the local natant circuit, earned one of the three golds that were deposited in the BTMC account on the opening day. She took the gold in the 200m freestyle by clocking two minutes 57 49

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 25.43 seconds.



V stands for victory ... Sumana Akhter 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.

- Star photo

Sultana Parveen of Ansars and Aleya Khatoon of Rajbari settled for the second and third slots respectively.

Ansars were richer for another gold when their Putul Ghosh stole the show in the 100m butter-fly of the 15-17 years age category with a timing of one minute 35.49 sec-

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 comprising 81 participants are taking part in the four day meet with a maximum of 29 competitors from holders

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. Thankfully so, because if it were true, it would have been most unfair for such strong teams like Ansars and BTMC who have, over the years, done so much for women's swimming in this country.

S Bank soccer

Head Office team emerged as the champions of the 1992 Sonali Bank interregional Dhaka Narayanganj) soccer competition by beating BSF team 10-9 in the tie-breaker at the Notre Dame College ground yesterday.



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

Div II super league from today Sports Reporter



eight-team super league of the Sonalt Bank Second Division football champtonship 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

Two matches will be held today. Bangladesh Boys Club

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

Except for the inaugural day, matches will be played in the evening - the first at 6pm and the second at 7:30pm.

Teams which have qualified for the super league from the 16-team first round are Bangladesh Boys Club, Shanti nagar Club, Muslim Institute,

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

The super league is scheduled to be completed on October 17 with the top two teams moving up to the First Division league next year. Sixteen teams in two

groups participated in the final round which concluded on September 25. The teams which could not make the super league were Lalbagh Sporting Club, Azad Sporting Club, Rayerbazar Athletta Club, Abhijatrik Malibagh, BG Press, Mahakhali XI.

The two teams which have been relegated from the Secend 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 bottomfinishers of Group B, collected three points also from seven

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. The second finishers Muslim Institute got 11 goals and conceded eight. City Club, who finished third in the group, netted seven and conceded five goals while the fourth finishers Prantik Krira Chakra

scored six goals and conceded

Bangladesh Boys Club and Jurain Janata Club, who collected nine points each, finished as the Group B champions and runners-up respectively on goal difference. Bangladesh Boys scored 11 goals and conceded five while Jurain Janata got nine and conceded six goals.

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'.

Observers fear this tendency of arranged matches may continue in the super league if the organisers of the league Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA) does not take strong measures against the person responsible for this malpractice.

POINTS TABLE

Following is the points table of the Second Division league after the completion of the first round on September 25: Group A

Shantinagar

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M W D L G/F G/A Pts

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Prantik KC Lalbagh SC 7 1 3 3 6 9 5 Rayer Bazar AC 7 1 3 3 3 5 8 Chalantika RC 7 1 0 6 7 14 2 Group B 7 3 2 2 8 5 8 7 3 1 3 7 9 7 Abhttatrik 7 2 2 3 9 10 6 **BG Press** Mahakhali XI 7 0 6 1 9 11 6 7 1 1 5 5 123 East Bengal SC

Athletes likely to get paid by IAAF at next World Championships

"We estimate at between

pay athletes, Tom

seven and eight million dollars

the amount the IAAF will have

Jennings, president of the

newly formed International

Association of Athletics

Representatives told L'Equipe

lawyer for Carl Lewis' Santa

Monica Track Club, this week

The package, which in-

cludes bigger advertising logos

on athletes' strip, will be put to

other agents when they meet

Grand Prix meeting organisers

Athletic Federation, which

opened the gates to profes-

sionalism in 1981 by allowing

trust funds to be set up, will

face demands for prize money

at its calendar meeting at

proached Primo Nebiolo. He

knows our attitude towards the

Stuttgart World Champion-

ships although he does not yet

know the amounts we shall ask

said in Havana at the World

Cup meeting last week he sup

ported the principle of ath-

letes being rewarded but de-

Jennings helped profes-

sionalism into the sport when

he formed Athletics West 15

years ago to bring top

American Runners like Mary

Decker and Mike Scot over to

worked out but Jennings said

prize money for the eight final-

Exact figures have yet to be

clined to go into details.

Nebiolo, IAAF president,

"We have already ap-

Prague on October 22.

for, said Jennings.

Europe.

The International Amateur

He meets David Greiffinger,

Sports daily on Tuesday.

to draft their proposals.

on Oct 12.



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

PARIS, Sept 29:

Niaz runner-up in i Doha chess

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

He shared the trophy along with Russian Grandmaster lygoni Vasukov securing seven and half points from eleven Russian International

Master Alexi Kuzmin clinched the title with nine points. Bangladesh national champion Rifat bin Sattar was placed fourth along with three other players obtaining six and half points. Another two Bangladesh

former national champions FIDE master Ziaur Rahman and Syed Tahmidur Rahman, also participated in the competi-

Thirty-five players including three Grandmasters and 15 International Masters from 13 countries took part in the eleven round competition.

Kasparov is unimpressed

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

There are at least 50 grandmasters today who can beat Bobby Fischer," Kasparov said, interviewed in Barcelona by the Belgrade newspaper Borba.

"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."

Fischer and Spassky resume play in Belgrade on Wednesday in a repeat of their epic encounter in Reykjavík in 1972, which Fischer won.

The US former champion, now 49, came out of a 20-year retirement for the match and leaders Spassky 5-2. The first player to record 10 wins takes the 3.5 million dollar first

But Kasparov said the match was of no significance.

ists should range from 100,000 dollars for the gold medalist to 5,000 dollars for the eighth. The IAAF will have to respond positively. We can act quickly and with force .We

tration to hold us back, " he National junior gymnastics begins today

have no slowmoving adminis-

Sports Reporter The two-day long 9th national junior gymnastics competition sponsored by the Partex Group Ltd, begins today in Dinajpur, says a Bangladesh **Gymnastics Federation press**

Begum Khurshida Jahan, MP will inaugurate the meet as chief guest.

Eighty gymnasts of 10 teams will take part in the tournament which concludes

tomorrow. State Minister for Establishment Nurul Huda, who is also the president of the Bangladesh Gymnastics Federation, will give away prizes among the competitors after the meet

Div III soccer Sports Reporter

Badda Jagaroni Sangsad edged past Purbachal Parishad 1-0 in the Pragati Insurance Third Division super league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Zahidul Islam scored the all-important goal in the 31st minute of the second half.

N'ganj soccer Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 29: The quarterfinals of the Poura Gold Cup soccer tournament will begin tomorrow with the match between Rahmatganj MFS and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha - two Dhaka First Divisioners - at 3-30 pm at the local Osmani Stadium.

Dhaka Wanderers Club became the second Dhaka Senior Division team to have failed to make the last eight. Yesterday, the Dhaka leaguers did not show up, thus giving their opponents BSEC (Dockyard) a walk-over.

Earlier, Victoria Sporting Club were ousted by local Nitaigani Krira Chakra in the prequarterfinals.

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

Fourteen teams entered the meet which began on September 24. The competition ends on

October 9.

Volleyball camp ends today

Sports Reporter

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, says a press re-

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

B'ball results Sports Reporter

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 at the hands of Josephites Club yesterday at the Outer Stadium woodenfloor gymnastum.

With only one match left in the five-team tussle, and with out 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. In the second match of the

right on target as they trailed just a point behind-23-24 at the recess. But in the second half, however, they ran short of ideas as well as stamina, let-

day Tuesday, they fought hard

in the first half and seemed

ting the Josephites cagers go on a rampage and score 37 The final score read 61-48. Backstroke Boys Club ccr tainly felt relieved despite going down to Eagles Club 57 93, in their last match of the

game would threaten their position. Eagles Club, who finished their relegation play-off engagements with three wins against one loss, led the first half 43-27.

play-offs as only a win for

Wanderers in their remaining

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

Josephites meet Hornets at

Platini's new job



French soccer great Michel Platini was named Tuesday as copresident of the

1998 World Cup organising committee along with Fernand Sastre, an ex-president of the national soccer federation, reports AP.

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 organisaing 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 The Prench team went

through the preliminaries round of this year's European competition undefeated but failed to win a game in the final round. It was eliminated before the semifinals in Denmark.



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 Albertiville. Olympic organisers lost dire 57 million, according to official figures released last July.

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

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.



switched to the freestyle and won a gold in the 50m event of the 15-17 years age group Star photo yesterday.



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