

Sport

# Ansars girls rule pool



Mita Rani Some of Rajbari outdid her own feat on the third and penultimate day of the women's national swimming championships at the Women's Complex at Dhanmondi yesterday as the day's eleven events produced just one new record.

With three records shattered on the first day and twice that number following suit on the second, the law of averages was expected to bring back some semblance of sanity in the order of things and it cast a rather undramatic hue on the day's proceedings.

However, that did not deter champions Bangladesh Ansars from sustaining their medal proliferation trend as six more golds went their way with stalwarts like Mahmuda Sharif, Rehana Zaman, Dibruba Akhter winning their events with perceptible ease.

Mahmuda Sharif won the women's 200m breast stroke gold for Ansars. She needed three minutes 25.55 seconds with her nearest rival languishing far behind, a fact which points at a poignant reality—the dearth of talented young swimmers to elbow out the old guards. Mahmuda's teammate Hosne Akhter, despite her poor timing was still good enough to take home the silver, leaving the bronze to Shab-i-Noor Lalala of Bangladesh Textiles Mills Corporation (BTMC).

Rina Akhter of Ansars was the gold winner in the girls' (13-14 yrs) 100-metre freestyle clocking one minute

21.66 seconds. Mita Some, the day's solitary record breaker from Rajbari, came second while Sulfa Khatoun of Ansars took the bronze.

The 100-metre freestyle for girls between 15 and 17 years had the gold winner in the shape of Mahfuza Rahman Tania of BTMC. She took one minute 17.82 seconds. Li Chin of Ansars was the silver-snatcher.

Sumana Akhter of Ansars bagged the gold in the 100m butterfly for girls aged between eleven and twelve. Chand Sultana of BTMC had to settle for the silver while Rokeya Akhter of Munshiganj picked up the bronze.

In the 50m backstroke for girls under ten Manasi Chatterjee gave Rajbari another gold by cleaving across the watery surface in 45.17 seconds.



Mita Rani Some of Rajbari set a new national record—the only one on the third day—in the 200m individual medley for girls between 13-14 years. —Star photo

She was followed by Mala Akhter of BTMC who won the third. Rina Akhter of Ansars

Sports Reporter

silver and her teammate and bronze winner Jayanti Saha.

Monira Rahman, BTMC's seasoned campaigner, took the gold in the women's 100m butterfly. Zarina Akhter of Ansars got the silver while Shamsun Nahar of BTMC managed the bronze.

Mita Some broke her own previous feat in the 200m individual medley. The young Rajbari swimmer took three minutes 16.18 seconds in the event for girls between 13 and 14 erasing her timing of three minutes 17.04 seconds recorded last year.

Dibruba Akhter of Ansars won the gold in the 100m breast stroke event for girls between 15 and 17. She required one minute 37.10 seconds.

Mili Akhter came second while Nasreen Siddika of Munshiganj collected the

picked up her second gold medal of the day when she won the gold in the 200m freestyle for girls ranging from 13 to 14. Nibedita Das of Rajbari took home the silver while Kalpana Akhter finished third.

Ting Ting Mae of Bandarban, who won a gold on the second day, added another one to her collection when she snatched the glittering medal in the 100m breast stroke for girls aged between 11 and 12. She clocked one minute 41.48 seconds. Sumi Akhter of Ansars took the silver and her peer Hasina Akhter the bronze.

Rehana Zaman of Ansars ran away with the gold in the 50m freestyle for women's with a timing of 34.34 seconds.

She was followed by teammate Zarina Akhter and Shamsun Nahar of BTMC in the second and third positions.

The four-day meet concludes today. Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, deputy leader of the House, will give away the prizes among the winners as chief guest at 4 pm.

Sadeq Hossain Khoka, State Minister for Sports and Youth, will also be present as a special guest.

### MEDAL TABLE

Medal table at the end of the third day Thursday:

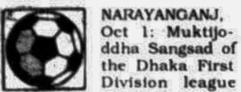
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Ansars	14	18	10
BTMC	7	6	10
Rajbari	4	2	0
Bandarban	2	0	0
Patna	0	1	0
Munshiganj	0	0	4



Mahmuda Sharif of Bangladesh Ansars reads for the women's 200m breaststroke which she won easily, at the National Women's Complex yesterday. —Star photo

## Muktijoddha in Poura Cup semis

Our Correspondent



NARAYANGANJ, Oct 1: Muktijoddha Sangsad of the Dhaka First Division league made it through to the semifinals of the Poura Gold Cup football tournament, thanks to a controversial goal from Rana which gave them the edge over local hopes Shuktara Juba Sangsad.

In today's quarterfinal match at the local Osman Stadium, the Muktijoddha booters got stiff resistance from the local side. Cheered on by the home crowd, the local boys gave their hearts out to ensure the presence of at least one local team in the last four.

### MSC plans big fund-raising bash with Bombay stars

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club are reportedly trying to arrange a variety show comprising leading film stars as well as singers from India to raise funds for next year's football season.

According to a source close to the club, some imaginative well-wishers and officials of the club have contacted Dilip Kumar, Jayaprada and Govinda. Bappi Lahiri, the noted melodist, has also been approached.

Dilip Kumar, the doyen of the Indian silver screen, is busy with his new film Kalinga and is unlikely to make the trip by the end of this year but the others have reportedly expressed interest in the proposed 'show'—a kind of stop-gap arrangement to meet the huge yearly expenses for the football, cricket and hockey teams of the leading club of the country.

If everything goes right then the show will be held some time at the end of the year or early next year.

### Sports seminar in Japan from Oct 21

Sports Reporter

An eight-day seminar titled 'Sports for All' will be held from October 21 to 28 in Tokyo, Japan, a highly-placed government source told The Daily Star yesterday.

The countries affiliated with Asia Pacific and Oceania Sports Assembly (APOS) will take part in the programme organised by the Japan Amateur Sports Association.

The course is aimed at the development of sports in this region of the world.

The National Sports Council secretary ASM Ali Kabir is likely to represent Bangladesh in the seminar.

### Doper banned for life

MOSCOW, Oct 1: Natalia Artemova, who tried to trick drugs testing officials by concealing a rubber pouch of clean urine in her underwear, was banned for life on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Russian athletics federation president Valentin Balakhnichev said on Wednesday her original ban of four years for a positive test was increased to life after the cheating incident was exposed.

## Damal Summer cricket

Sports Reporter

The grouping for the 1992 Damal Summer cricket competition, which will begin from October 9 in the city, was finalised at a meeting of the tournament committee at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board yesterday.

Nineteen teams in six groups will play in the first round.

Following are the groups: Group A: Abahani Krira Chakra, City Club and Evergreen Club.

Group B: Mohammedan Sporting Club, Surja Tarun Club and Dhanmondi Club.

Group C: Gulshan Youth, Victoria Club and Sadharan Bina.

Group D: Greater Myemensingh Cricket Club, Udity Club, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha and Warf Club.

Group E: Brothers Union, Kalabagan Krira Chakra and Agrani Bank.

Group F: Bangladesh Biman, Public Works Department (PWD) and Lalmitia Club.

The group A, C and E champions will be placed in pool 1 while the group B, D and F champions will be included in pool 2, in the second leg of the tournament.

The top two teams from each pool will play in the semifinals.

The tournament committee is likely to finalise the fixtures tomorrow.

However, sources say, defending champions Abahani will play either City Club or Evergreen Club in the inaugural match on October 9 at the Dhaka Stadium.

### Qualifying round for Pakistan Open from Nov 26

KARACHI, Oct 1: The qualifying round for the Pakistan Open squash officials said here Wednesday, reports AFP.

World champion Jansher Khan will be one of the main attractions, although Jahangir Khan, who retired in Johannesburg during the World Open due to injury, is still in doubt.

Jahangir returns home early next week and it will then be decided if he can play in the Pakistan Open which starts December 1.

## Sharma, Kumble recalled



NEW DELHI, Oct 1: India's cricket selectors Thursday recalled leg spinner Anil Kumble and seamer Chetan Sharma for the historic twin tour of Zimbabwe and South Africa starting later this month, reports AFP.

The bespectacled Kumble, 22, who toured England in 1990 but was overlooked afterwards, forced his way into the 16-member team after picking up 13 wickets in a trial match that ended here Wednesday.

Sharma, 26, returns to the side as part of a five-member pace attack after having last played for India in the Nehru Cup limited-overs tournament in 1989.

The only newcomer in an otherwise predictable squad of 26-year-old Vijay Yadav, a hard-hitting batsman and the number two wicket-keeper behind the experienced Kiran More.

The small-built Yadav has been a consistent performer in Indian domestic cricket for his state team, Haryana, and was widely tipped to replace Chandrakant Pandit, who toured Australia earlier this year.

Among the other casualties from the 4-0 rout in the Test series against Australia are Dilip Vengsarkar, who has retired from the game, opens

### BHF picks 16 for nat'l squad

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) yesterday selected 16 players for the national squad to take part in the All India Surjit Singh memorial hockey tournament to be held Jalandhar, Punjab from November 3 to 13.

Selected players have been asked to report to the BHF office by 3 pm on October 5 with their kits.

The 16 players are: Rahmat Ali Asir, Jahangir Alam, Rabiuddin Ahmed, Khwaja Irteza Qader Guddu, Mamunur Rashid, Zahurul Islam Mitul, Khurshid Alam, Mahfuzul Alam Nixon, Abu Zafar Tapan, Mahbub Harun, Haider Alam, Md Sadek, Alamgir Alam, Akhtar Hossain, Zahid Biswas and Abdur Rashid.

## Lamba, Sharma up the ante

Sports Reporter

Raman Lamba, the Indian Test discard who played for Abahani Krira Chakra last year, is coming to Dhaka along with his Delhi teammate, all-rounder Ajay Sharma soon.

Lamba, who scored heavily for runners-up Abahani last season but won a bad name for his overtly professional and selfish attitude, is reportedly keen for a switch to any other quarter with a better offer.

Lamba, Sharma and Sri Lankan all-rounder Ashoka de Silva, another familiar foreign face in local cricket, are three 'first choices' of Abahani to fill in the quota of foreign cricketers. Mohammedan Sporting Club, the reigning champions, are likely to have a go at Ajay Sharma, a dashing right-hand batsman, left-arm spinner and a good fielder.

With both the big clubs going after the Indian stars, it looks like the duo will play on the nerves of the club officials.

The two players, according to a reliable source, are demanding 15,000 dollars each as fees.

### ACC to chalk out details of World Cup bid

Sports Reporter

KARACHI, Oct 1: The Asian Cricket Conference (ACC) will meet in the Pakistani city of Lahore on October 23 to finalise details of the Asia Cup and bids for the 1995 World Cup, an official said here yesterday, reports AFP.

ACC members Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka are all bidding for the World Cup along with Britain and South Africa.

The secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan Shahid Rafiq said the bid would be higher than the 3.5 million pounds sterling (5.9 million US dollars) offered by South Africa.

The meeting would also sort out details of the Asia Cup in which India had earlier declined to participate.

The presence of Madhav Rao Scindia, the president of the Indian Cricket Board, at the meeting would also provide an opportunity for Pakistan and India to finalise arrangements for an exchange series slated for next year, he said.

Fischer is now ahead 5-3. The victor will be the first player to win 10 games. Draws are not counted.



Swimmers about to plunge into the pool to compete in the 100m breaststroke for girls between 15-17 age at the National Women's Complex yesterday. —Star photo

## FIFA bans Yugoslavia



ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct 1: World soccer's governing body on Thursday banned Yugoslavia from the 1994 World Cup competition, reports AP.

FIFA said in a statement it made the decision in view of continuing UN sanctions on Yugoslavia, now consisting of Serbia and Montenegro.

The announcement dashed hopes in Yugoslavia that an exception would be made to allow their team to compete in the competition which climaxes at the World Cup, hosted by the United States in 1994.

Following the imposition of UN sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro in May, the Yugoslav team was banned from taking part in June's European Championship finals in Sweden.

In June, FIFA said it would have to expel the team from the World Cup championships if the UN did not lift sanctions by the end of August.

Last month, Yugoslav Prime Minister Milan Pantic pleaded for extra time while he asked the UN not to include sports and culture in the boycott.

FIFA agreed to delay its decision until September 30.

The decision means that there are now only five teams left in European Group 5. Yugoslavia were a favourite in the

### Adios Wanderers

Sports Reporter

It was 'adios' for the once formidable force of the Dhaka First Division basketball arena Dhaka Wanderers Club from the Senior Division league.

Yesterday Wanderers lost their last play-off match to Hornets SC, which was also the last fixture of the classification round of the Partex First Division league.

Led by the three-pronged attack of Mithun (16), Amal (15) and Tapan (15) the winners led the first half 36-20.

But Wanderers made a last ditch effort in the second session capping 33 points against the winners' 28 but the 16-point first half deficit proved to be the deciding factor.

Probab scored 15 and Dipu notched up 14.

The result means that Eagles Club, Josephites, Hornets and Backstroke Boys Club—the four other teams who featured in the relegation play-off league along with Wanderers—have succeeded in extending their tenure in the top division for at least another year.

The six-team super begins on October 8.

### Jahangir to skip two more tourneys

CARDIFF, Wales, Oct 1: Squash legend Jahangir Khan, who is set to retire after a back injury forced him out of the World Open last week, has withdrawn from the next two major tournaments, reports AFP.

Jahangir conceded his second round match in Johannesburg against England's Peter Marshall, and then said he planned to retire—but would talk to his father about it first.

The Pakistani hero has now pulled out of the Dutch Open in Amsterdam on October 21-27 and the European Open in Kiel, Germany from November 3-8.

## Seles, Graf and Capriati qualify for Virginia Slims

NEW YORK, Oct 1: Monica Seles, who won the Australian, French and U.S. Opens this year, has qualified for the Virginia Slims Championships along with Wimbledon winner Steffi Graf and Olympic gold medalist Jennifer Capriati, reports AP.

The top 16 singles players and the top eight doubles teams, based on year-long rankings, qualify for the season-ending event at Madison Square Garden from Nov 16-22.

The remaining eight competitors have yet to be determined.

Seles, who's won six of the last seven Grand Slam events she has entered, is the leading qualifier. She has held the No 1 ranking since Sept 1991 and just last month won her second straight U.S. Open title without losing a set.

In last year's championships, Seles defeated Martina Navratilova in four sets.

Graf ended Seles' Grand Slam streak by beating her at Wimbledon in July, the fourth time in five years the German has won the title.

Capriati made the Virginia Slims for the third straight year, boosted by her victory over Graf in the Olympic singles final at Barcelona.

Also qualifying for the elite field were Gabriela Sabatini, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Mary Joe Fernandez, seven-time champion Navratilova and Conchita Martinez.

The tournament features a purse of \$1 million with another \$2 million available from the Virginia Slims bonus pool.

## Varsity soccer

Sports Reporter

Hiru scored thrice to lead hosts Jahangirnagar University to a overwhelming 6-1 win over Rajshahi in the inaugural match of the inter-university soccer competition at the Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall play ground in Savar yesterday.

The first half of the game ended with both the team scoring once each.

But in the second session the hosts cut loose slamming home as many as four goals.

Babu netted twice while Shamim found the target once for the winners to add to Hiru's three.

Shamim scored the lone goal for Rajshahi.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor of the University inaugurated the meet.