

Five more records on final day

# Ansars retain championship

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansars retained their supremacy of the pool by bagging 19 golds by the final day of the women's national swimming championships at the Dhanmandi Women's Complex at Dhanmondi yesterday.

## Mirpur pool to cost Tk 14 cr

An estimated amount of Taka 14 crore will be needed for the completion of the now under-construction swimming pool at Mirpur.

This was disclosed at the meeting of the executive committee of the National Sports Council yesterday evening with NSC Chairman and State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain in the chair.

A minimum of Taka 9.4 crore will be required to make the pool functional in time for the sixth SAF Games scheduled for December, 1993.

However, this amount will not cover the expenditure for the proposed electronic scoreboard and besides a section of the spectators' gallery will remain incomplete.

Taka 8.4 crore was sanctioned by the planning commission way back in 1988 when construction began.

## Mohsin Club in Poura Cup semis

Our Correspondent

**NARAYANGANJ, Oct 1:** Local favourites Mohsin Club lived up to their fans' expectations when they edged past Nitaiganj Krira Chakra by a solitary goal to set a date with Dhaka First Divisioners Rahmatganj MPS in the first semifinal of the Poura Gold Cup soccer tournament scheduled for October 4.

In today's quarterfinal match at the local Osman Stadium, the first half remained goalless.

Mohsin Club got the winning edge through a goal from Gaus from a well planned offensive.

The match was marked by rough play with two players of Mohsin Club and one from Nitaiganj being booked.

The game was marred by an untoward incident in the last minute of play when the losers refused to carry on with the game on grounds of insufficient light.

But referee Rafiqul Islam waited for sometime before blowing the final whistle.

**BSEC (Dockyard) another Narayanganj side, play against Arambagh KS in the last quarterfinals of the tournament tomorrow, Saturday. The winners will play their semifinal against Muktiyoddha KS, a Dhaka league team which beat Shuktara Jubo sangshad in the quarterfinal.**

## Div II soccer

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Bangladesh Boys Club edged past Dhaka Wasa 1-0 in the only match of the Sonali Bank Second Division football super league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Sheikh Byazid scored the decider in the very second minute of play.

Bangladesh Boys, who shared points with Prantik Krira Chakra in a goalless draw in the inaugural match of the eight-team super league on Wednesday, now have three points while Dhaka Wasa have two points from two matches.

Two matches will be held today. Shantinagar Club will play East End Club at 6 pm and Muslim Institute will take on City Club at 7:30 pm.

## Jr cycling

The preliminary races of the Schools Junior and Open Junior cycling competition was held yesterday on the streets surrounding the Suhrawardy Uddyan in the capital under the auspices of the Bangladesh Cycling Federation.

In the 20 km (12.42 mile) race of the schools junior competition, Tareq Sayeed of Roseanne Centre clocked 37 min to clinch the first place. Md Aslam of Nalla Memorial School and Syed Asaduzzaman of National Bangla High School finished second and third respectively.

Md Shah Alam Tushar of Adamjee Cantonment College finished first in the Open Junior competition, covering the 30 km (18.68 mile) course in 55 minutes.

Md Zahid Chowdhury Sumon of Bangladesh Rifles School was second, followed by Golam Kader Dipu of Tejagan College.

Vice president of Bangladesh Cycling Federation, Kazi Abdul Alim distributed prizes among the winners, says a press release.

The four-day long meet which featured 37 events followed last year's patterns as Bangladesh Textiles Mills Corporation (BTMC) finished runners-up for the second consecutive year with Rahima Khatoon Kakoli, the young yobbo mermaid from Narayanganj providing the silver lining for the former champions.

Kakoli, the Class Four student who announced her arrival in the tenebrous atmosphere of the first day of the competition Tuesday by setting a new national record in the 50-metre freestyle, repeated the feat once again in the suffused glory of the setting sun of the last day by creating another national record, this time in the 50-metre breaststroke for girls under-ten years of age.

Rahima Khatoon Kakoli got three golds on her debut at the national level while the trio of Mahfuza Rahman Tania, Rehana Zaman and Putul Rani Ghosh finished with four golds each. Rahima Khatoon Kakoli was adjudged the best swimmer of the meet.

On another productive day, Ansars collected five of the ten gold medals that were at stake yesterday. Putul Rani Ghosh of Ansars was in the thick of the action seizing two gold medals and a silver to help her side improve upon their last year's tally of 14 golds.

Four records were shattered on the concluding day that got underway with Mahfuza Rahman Tania of BTMC winning the gold in the 200m free-style for swimmers

She needed three minutes 16.51 seconds for her feat as her teammate Shahre Banu



KAKOLI...the best and Munshiganj's Nasrin Siddika bagged the silver and the bronze respectively.

Nibedita Das of Rajbari district won the gold in the girls' (13-14) 50 metre freestyle. She took 35.73 seconds.

Mita Rani Some, another Rajbari swimmer who made her mark in this competition, finished second to take the silver. Jobeda Khatoon of Ansars defied a complete Rajbari rout by clinching the bronze.

In the women's 100m freestyle Monira Rahman, a seasoned campaigner of BTMC, took the gold with a timing of one minute 15.73 seconds.

Zarina Akhtar and Reshma Parveen of Ansars took the silver and the bronze respec-

tively. Putul Ghosh claimed her second gold medal of the day and the fourth of this meet when she finished first in the 100m backstroke for girls aged between 15 and 17. She required one minute 31.83 seconds. Her Ansars teammate again Shahre Banu came second while Arzu Tamanna of Tangail managed the bronze.

Lipi Akhtar of Ansars rewrote the record books by claiming the girls' (11-12) 50m freestyle gold in 38.48 seconds.

Her feat erased the old timing of 37.84 seconds. Ting Ting Mya of Bandarban took the silver while Hasina Akhtar of Ansars got the bronze.

Rahima Khatoon Kakoli of BTMC finished her campaign in this year's meet on a high by creating a new record in the 50m breaststroke for girls under ten.

She clocked 46.88 seconds to rub out last year's mark of 47.06 seconds.

Salma of Ansars was the silver snatcher while Marufa Khatoon of Pabna bagged the bronze.

In the 100m backstroke for girls aged between 13 and 14, Nibedita Das of Rajbari won the gold setting a new national record. She took one minute 30.33 seconds, more than two seconds less than the previous mark of one minute 32.60 seconds.

Shima Rani Dutta of Rajbari and Sultana Parveen of Ansars were the silver and bronze medal winners.

Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad Prof AQM Badruddoza



Ace BTMC swimmer Mahfuza Rahman Tania on way to her 4th gold medal of the national women's championships at the Dhanmandi Women's Complex pool yesterday. Tania clocked 2:52.73 secs for the 15-17 years age group 200m freestyle gold. — Star photo

## THE HIGHLIGHTS

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansars finished as the top team in this year's women's national swimming championship bagging 19 gold medals, 24 silvers and 14 bronzes.

Champions for two consecutive years, Ansars added five more golds to their haul of 14 golds last year.

Veteran Ansars swimmer Mahmuda Sharif who won four golds last year managed just two this time as two of her teammates Putul Rani Ghosh and Rehana Zaman claimed four golds each, along with Mahfuza Rahman Tania of BTMC completing the trio of top individual performers.

BTMC's young swimmer Rahima Khatoon Kakoli won the award of the best swimmer of the meet.

BTMC remained in second spot with ten golds while Rajbari came third in the 11-team meet.

As many as 15 new national records were created in this year's championships.

Chowdhury gave away the prizes as the chief guest.

Eleven teams comprising 81 swimmers took part in this year's competition that included 37 events.

## FINAL MEDAL TALLY

Team	G	S	B
Ansars	19	24	14
BTMC	10	7	12
Rajbari	6	4	4
Bandarban	2	1	0
Pabna	0	1	1
Munshiganj	0	0	5
Tangail	0	0	1

## Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Maghbazar Kishalay Sangha drew goalless with Badda Jagarani Sangha in the only match of the Pragati Insurance Third Division super league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Ratan and Swapan of Maghbazar Kishalay and Mahfuzul Huq, Rumen and Babar of Badda Jagarani received yellow cards for rough play.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

Bashabo TS vs Kadamtala (2.30 pm)  
Purbachal vs Lalmatia (4 pm)



Putul Rani Ghosh of Bangladesh Ansars furrowing through the pool on her way to the 100m individual medley gold for girls between 15-17 years at the Dhanmandi Women's Complex pool yesterday. — Star photo

## DU dump Islamic University

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Dhaka University showed why they are the overwhelming favourites to retain the inter-university football championship when they dumped Islamic University by the huge margin of 13 goals one in yesterday's second match at the Mtr Mosharrif Hossain Hall playground in Savar.

The star-studded Dhaka University squad, boasting several national players in their ranks, started the match at a pace the losers found impossible to cope with. Their forwards steamrolled the opposing defence with astonishing ease.

Mosharrif, Raqib and Amin, each scored hat-tricks for the champions while Shahabuddin, Joarder and Zahed drove home one goal each.

For the harried Islamic University Anwar pulled one back to provide some consolation.

In the other match of the day, held earlier in the afternoon, Chittagong University dominated throughout to register a comfortable six-nil victory over Bangladesh Agricultural University.

The winners led the first half 2-0 with goals from Ghyas and Jahangir. Sakawat scored twice while Faisal and Mamun netted once each to make it a neat half dozen.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Rajshahi vs BUET (1-30 pm)  
Agricultural University vs Islamic University (3-30 pm)

## Army volleyball

RANGPUR, Oct 2: The annual volleyball championship of the Bangladesh Army will start at Rangpur Cantonment tomorrow, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

Eleven teams drawn from different formations of the Army will take part in the robin league matches in two groups.

The hosts Rangpur Area team will meet Log Area team in the opening match.

The Rangpur Area Commander Major General AMSA Amin will declare the meet open.

## Sampras outguns Chang

IRVINE, Calif, Oct 2: Pete Sampras used his powerful serve to defeat Michael Chang 6-4, 6-2 in the Disneyland Tennis Challenge on Thursday night, reports AP.

Sampras, coming off the United States Davis Cup semifinal victory over Sweden, broke Chang's service in the third game of the first set and served out the rest of the way. He clinched the set with an ace.

"I surprised myself serving and playing as well as I did," said Sampras, ranked No 3 in the world. "I don't think he was on. He was a little bit off today."

Chang led 2-1 in the second set when Sampras broke loose, using powerful ground strokes and his booming serve to win the final five games. Chang double faulted twice in the fifth game and once more in the seventh.

"Anyone that serves that well is tough to beat," said Chang, who has a No 4 ranking. "It's tough to play him. He has great rhythm and great ground strokes and he's coming to the net all the time."

Sampras said he was eager to play Switzerland in the Davis Cup final in Frot Worth, Texas.

"I'm very excited about it and I like our chances," he said.

In doubles play, Tracy Austin and Lie Nastase defeated Floie Casals and Peter Fleming 8-6 in an eight-game pro set.

## BFF announces fixture for nat'l's

Sports Reporter

The fixtures of the ten zonal qualifying rounds of the 17th national football championship for the Sher-e-Bangla Cup were announced yesterday.

The matches at Bangladesh, Sunamganj under Chittagong Division and at the Navy Stadium, Banani for the Services and offices teams, will begin from October 18 while the matches at the other seven venues across the country will start between October 19 to 21.

All the 64 district sports associations of the country along with five university teams and as many Services and office teams will take part in the country.

However, defending champions Bangladesh Army and hosts of the final round Mymensingh DSA will play in the finals along with the ten zonal champions, which will begin from November 4.

At Bandarban, Feni will take on Cox's Bazar on October 18. Other DSAs which will participate in the Bandarban zonal qualifiers are Chittagong, Rangamati, Khagrachari, Noakhali, Laxmipur and hosts Bandarban. The zonal final will be held on October 25.

At Sunamganj, Habiganj will play hosts Sunamganj in the inaugural match on October 18. Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Comilla, Brahmanbaria and Chandpur will vie for the Sunamganj zonal championship to be decided on October 24.

Bangladesh Navy will clash with Bangladesh Ansars in the inaugural match of the services zone at the Navy Stadium, Bangladesh Air Force and

Bangladesh Police are the other participating teams in the Services zone, the final of which will be held on October 21.

The matches at Khulna and Jessore under Khulna Division will begin on October 19.

Hosts Khulna will take on Bhola at the Khulna Stadium while Jessore will play Narail at the Jessore Stadium in the inaugural day.

Both the Khulna and Jessore zonal finals will be held on October 26.

The matches at Joypurhat and Nilphamar under Rajshahi Division will start from October 20.

At Joypurhat, hosts will clash with Bogra in the inaugural match. The other participating DSAs are Rajshahi, Naogaon, Nawabganj, Natore, Sirajganj and Pabna.

Hosts Nilphamar will take on Panchagar in the inaugural match at the Nilphamar Stadium. Rangpur, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, Dinajpur and Thakurgaon are the other participating DSAs.

The finals of the Joypurhat and Nilphamar zones have been scheduled for October 27.

The matches of the University zone (the venue of which is yet to be decided) will also begin on October 20. With last year's runners-up Dhaka University clashing with Chittagong University, Jahangirnagar University, Rajshahi University and the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) are the other participating teams. The university zonal final will be held on October 23.

The matches at Madaripur and Netrokona under Dhaka Division will start from October 21.

## Chinese cagers lift Asian jr crown

BEIJING, Oct 2: China held back strong challenges from South Korea to beat the rivals 93-80 at the finals of the 12th Asian junior men's basketball championship here on Friday, reports Xinhua.

The Chinese five broke ice after a one minute no goal deadlock and led the Koreans 14-7 three minutes later.

South Korea came back fiercely with fast breaks and three-point shots to level the score at 21-21 at the eight minute and 28-all at the 10th.

Facing a tight zone defence from their taller opponents, the Korean junior hoosters failed to keep their momentum and scored only seven

points before the halftime break. Instead, the Chinese unleashed gusts of fast attacks to extend their leading margin to 13 points.

After the interval, the Koreans kept pace and launched quick offense to narrow the gap to four points with seven minutes left.

But the hosts dominated the rest of the medal game with two Korean marksmen fouled out.

"We owed the victory to our well organized defense," said Yang Jiazun, head coach of the Chinese squad. "South Korea lost the game mainly due to their poor inside play, but I was impressed by their distant

shots." The Korean head coach Kim Jin Soo had a different explanation for the loss.

"Five against seven, it's unfair," Kim said. "We lost the game to two referees (who were) partial to the Chinese team."

The Chinese center Wang Sheng turned out a hero of the game, scoring 26 points for the home side.

In the day's play off for third place, the Philippines crushed Japan 103-74.

The Philippine side dominated the game with better teamwork and individual skills and walked off the court with a convincing 51-35 halftime lead.

The Filipinos turned the second half to a showcase of their cute passes, blocking and dunks and wrapped up the match with a 29-point differential.

## World GP next Jan

LONDON, Oct 2: World champion Jansher Khan could add another large paycheck to his swelling bank account if he can win squash's first World Grand Prix final, details of which were announced here on Thursday, reports AFP.

Jansher, with burgeoning sponsorships after having become British Open champion and world number one earlier this year, will be favourite for the new 100,000-dollar event which will take place in Zurich from January 16-19.

To be called the Super Series Final, it will conclude a points' table built up over 11 tournaments on the International Squash Players' Association (ISPA) circuit.

This is the culmination for a search for a suitable sponsorship and venue that has lasted for many years, as the ISPA has sought to climax its shop-window tournaments with a big-money final.

Jansher is currently top of the Super Series points' table with five events to go: the Dutch Open in Amsterdam, the European Open in Kiel, the

Pakistan Open in Kapachi, the Kong Hong Open and the Qatar International.

The Pakistani would take 25,000 dollars if he won the final, though he will have seven other qualifiers challenging him for the top prize.

At the moment, the players occupying these seven qualifying positions are: Chris Dittmar, the World Open finalist from Australia, Rodney Martin, last year's World Open champion from Australia, two other Australians — Brett Martin and Tristan Nancarrow, Austin Adarraga of Spain, Sami Elopuro of Finland and Peter Marshall of England.

Notable omissions include Australian Chris Robertson, the world number three who has had injury problems, Ross Norman, the former world champion from New Zealand, and Jahangir Khan, the legendary Pakistani who said last week he was retiring.

Adarraga, ranked only 33 in the world, enjoys his current high Super Series' position of sixth, partly thanks to reaching the semi-finals of the World Open as a qualifier last week in Johannesburg.

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## Kabaddi result

The national Schools Kabaddi team—a selection of the best school-level talents—proved too superior in skills when they trounced the Manik Nagar School team 38-19 with two losses in an exhibition match held at the Manik Nagar playground yesterday afternoon.

Officials of the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation and parents of the students were among the sizeable crowd which came to witness the match.

Earlier, the national Schools Kabaddi selection defeated Dhaka Schools kabaddi champions Bangladesh Rifles School and runners-up Segun Bagicha School in two previous exhibition matches.

The national selection will take part in a fourth exhibition match against the Rifles Public School and College team at the latter's playground in Pilkhana on 16th October, says a press release.



Monira Rahman of BTMC won her third gold of the National women's swimming competition yesterday in the women's 100m freestyle. — Star photo