Nat'l invitational symnastics on

Sports Reporter

The two-day first-ever national invitational gymnastics championships under the aegis of the Bangladesh Cymnastics Parishad began at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.

Thirty-four gymnasts in-12 girls are cluding participating in ten different events.

The girls' events include the side horse, uneven bars, balanced beam and floor exercises while the six men's events are the long horse, pommelled horse, horizontal bars, parallel bars, Roman rings and floor exersises.

On the opening day, two girls' and as many men's events were held.

In the girls' side horse, Jannatul Ferdous Munni with a score of 7.50 points finished as champion. Gawhar Sultana Daisy and Gawhar Farzana Fauzi finished second and third with scores of 7:00 and 6.35 points respectively.

In the balance beam, Marzina Chowdhury Ruby despite a poor 5.45 score clinched the gold medal. Suratya Rahman Sheema with 4.35 and Taslima Khatoon Keya with 4.20 got the silver and bronze respectively in an event in which the general standard of performance was rather

A K M Akhtaruzzaman Shaheen with a score of 5.95 clinched the men's parallel bars gold while Md Nazrul Islam scored 5.40 for the silver and Md Delwar Hossain Pintu 4.95 for bronze.

In the long horse A K M Saiful Islam carned a score of 7.95 to finish first. Md Sagar Chowdhury with 7.55 received the silver while the bronze went to Md Rafigul Alam Jewel who scored 7.15.

The remaining six events

Additional Secretary of the Finance Ministry Md Molazzal Karim inaugurated the meet as chief guest.

will be held today

The prize-giving ceremony will be held this afternoon with the State Minister for Youth and Sports giving away the prizes as chief guest.

Booters picked for Dhaka team Sports Reporter

The Dhaka Divisional Sports Association has picked 25 players to form the football squad for the fifth Bangladesh Games to be held in the city from December, 18 to 25.

Following are the players: Bijoy (Arambagh KS), Tota (Sadharan Bima), Amir, Salahuddin (Farashganj SC). Harun (Arambagh KS), Selim (Rahmatgarij MFS), Kabir, Sudhir (Wari), Shyamol (Eskaton SS). Akhter (Farashganj). Munir (Narayanganj DSA) Shoeb (Wart), Dilu (Farashganj). Ujjal (BRTC), Ali Monsur (Wanderers), Azmat (Arambagh), Javed (Rahmatgani), Yousuf Sr (Victoria), Chandan (Agrani Bank), Litu (Farashganj), Jewel (Mymensingh DSA), Maruf (Adamjee), Nazimuddin (Rahmatganj), Zakir (Mohammedans) and Rouf Babu of Brothers Union.

Selected players have been asked to report to the association secretary Nazrul Islam today at 2.30 pm.

S Asian disabled sports planned in city next yr

An organising committee has been formed for holding in Dhaka the first Sports for the Disabled in South Asia (SPODSA), coinciding with the SAF Games scheduled to be held in Bangladesh next year, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a preparatory meeting held at the residence of Shri Lankan High Commissioner to Dhaka Alfred K David on Friday, said a press release from the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP).

Representatives of Shri Lanka, the Ministry of Sports, and Bangladeshi professionals in physiotherapy, sports medicine, disabled activities and sports attended the meeting.

Members of the organising committee of the SPODSA are Jayantha Dassanayake, Dr J J Mendis and Bramwell Smith from Shri Lanka, Dr Mirza Putkonen (Pakistan) and Valerie Taylor, Prof Rashiduddin Ahmed, Nazma Rashid Nipa, Major (rtd) Iqbal and Selim

Samad from Bangladesh. Members from India, Nepal, the Maldives and representatives from the Bangladesh ministries of Sports and Social Welfare will be co-opted soon.

The secretariat for organising the first SPODSA will be at the CRP, at Savar.

Swimming mark

SHEFFIELD, Dec 12: British swimmer Mark Foster broke his own Commonwealth shortcourse 50 metres freesytle record when he won the event in 21.87 seconds at the British national winter championships yesterday, reports Reuter.



Struck by lightning: South African fast bowler Allan Donald appears to have his epithet white lightning' applied on him as Indian opening batsman Woorkeri Raman despatches him for another four. The South Indian southpaw hit a superb 113 to help his side record a four-wicket victory against South Africa at the Centurion Park, Pretoria on Friday. - Star TV photo

W Bengal tour uncertain

The proposed West Bengal tour of the Bangladesh national cricket team, scheduled to start from December 23, is

in jeopardy. With barely ten days to go before the planned visit to the eastern province of neighbouring India. The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) has not reportedly received any itinerary of the tour from

the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), the hosts yet. Any rapid improvement of the situation in the next few days is highly unlikely because of the tense atmosphere in Calcutta, the state capital, following the demolition of the Babri Mosque in Ayodhya Dec

The BCCB, however, yesterday had some good news for the local cricket lovers. They finally determined who play whom in the Victory Day ericket tournament starting from December 19 at the Dhaka Stadium.

Damal Summer champions Abahani Krira Chakra, who are also the reigning V-Day champions, will meet the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club in the opening match of the tournament.

Reigning Navana Premier eague champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Damal runners-up Sports Reporter

Brothers Union in the second match

The winners of the two matches will play the final of the meet arranged straightaway from the semifinal stage. The date of the final has not yet been fixed but it is expected to be held immediately after the Bangladesh Games scheduled from December 18 to 25.

The matches of this tournament, commemorating the Dec 16 Victory Day, will be played over two days with each team playing a maximum of 80

NEW TOURNEY

Meanwhile, the BCCB also announced the fixture of the first-ever Shaheed Mushtag-Jewel over limit cricket tournament, to be held at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Surja Tarun Club will play Gulshan Youth Club in the inaugural match on December

The final of this 45 overs-aside contest will be an exception with each team playing a maximum of 80 overs in a match played over two days. Seven teams - Bangladesh Biman, Victoria Sporting Club, PWD, Kalabagan KC, Udity Club, Gulshan Youth and Surja Tarun - will take part in this eight-day long tournament. Until last year this commemorative cricket competition was limited to an exhibition game

between two teams selected by the BCCB and named after the two cricket loving martyrs of the Independence War Mushtag and Jewel.

MILNARS FROM DEC 17

The suspended Milnars First Division cricket league will resume from December 17 with "Wari Club" facing Bangladesh Railway at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka Cricket Players' Association has condemned the decision of staging the forthcoming President Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium.

In a press release yesterday, the cricket players' welfare association expressed its concern that the staging of the soccer tournament will spoil the ground and adversely affect the ongoing cricket engagements. It urged the authorities to shift the venue from Dhaka Stadium to Mirpur Stadium, built for the express purpose of staging football matches.

DIV TWO MEETING

A meeting of the Second Division league committee has been called at 6 pm on December 15 at the BCCB office. Members of the committee and the representatives of the participating clubs have been asked to be present, said a BCCB press release.

Raman anchors India's victory



VERWOERDBUR G. South Africa, Dec 12: A maiden international century by Woorkeri Raman steered India to a four-wicket win over South Africa in their third one day clash on Friday, reports

Reuter. Raman scored 113 as India passed South Africa's 50-over total of 214 for five with five balls to spare, their first triumph in the seven-match se-

Ravi Shastri, recalled to the side and batting seven, made a stunning return by hitting 27 off 16 balls as India revived

their faltering tour in style. Andrew Hudson made 87 for South Africa, his best score

in limited-over internationals. It was the first time India had put the hosts under pressure and their normally immaculate fielding showed signs of cracking with two catches going down in the last six

Raman anchored the innings, batting for 149 balls before falling in the 47th over to an excellent catch from Brian McMillan.

overs, including Shastri behind

the stumps when on one.

"It was brilliant knock," said his captain Mohammad Azharuddin, who professed himself "relieved" at gaining a win.

Raman and Ajay Jadeja (20) opened with a stand of 56 in 19 overs then Azharuddin (18) and Sachin Tendulkar (22) gave useful support.

The last five overs arrived with 34 needed and five wick-

ets gone. Shastri promptly upped the rate and, after Donald was hit for 13 in the penultimate over, the match was effectively over.

Shastri must have been a revelation to South Africans who remember him more for his 90 scareless minutes in the second Test earlier this month.

South Africa's innings had also begun well with Hudson and Kepler Wessels (34) putting on 92 in less than 24

But hopes of a 250-plus score failed to materialise when Anil Kumble applied the

Only a late 32 in 26 balls from Dave Callaghan ensured the score would pass 200 -

enough on previous Indian

The match, watched by a 20,000 capacity crowd, contained none of the animosity of



W RAMAN113 Wednesday's game in Port

Elizabeth. That occasion was marked by unproven allegations that Kepler Wessels had hit Kapil Dev with his bat and Peter Kirsten was fined 1,000 rand (330 dollar) for dissent.

The only hint of controversy came when Tendulkar halted his departure after being caught behind off a bottom edge.

But there were no apparent provocative words or gestures from either side before he eventually left having been assured the catch was good.

SCOREBOARD Scores from the third one day international between South Africa and India here on

Friday: **SOUTH AFRICA** K C Wessels b Kumble A C Hudson run out . P N Kirsten b Shastri J N Rhodes run out D J Callaghan not out

W J Cronje b Kumble B M McMillan net out Extras: (lb-7, w-1, nb-6) Total: (five wickets, 50 overs)

3-163, 4-180, 5-181,

Bowling:

Kapil Prabhakar Srinath 16 Tendulkar Jadeja Kumble 36 Shastri

Fall of wickets: 1-92, 2-124,

Did not bats D J Richardson, C R Matthews, A A Donald, P S de Villiers.

INDIA: A D Jadeja c Richardson b Matthews W V Raman c McMillan b Donald P K Amre c Donald b Cronje M A Azharuddin b Matthews S R Tendulkar c Richardson b Matthews Kapil Dev b De Villiers R J Shastri not out K S More not out

Extras; (lb-1, w-4, nb-3) : (Six wickets, 49.1 Total overs) Fall of wickets: 1-56, 2-72, 3-123, 4-168, 5-171, 6-194 Bowling: 10

Donald De Villiers Matthews McMillan Callaghan Cronje Did not bat: M Prabhakar, J

Srinath, A R Kumble.

India won by four wickets. Daighahi cricket Kajsham chicket

Sports Reporter

United Sports Club registered an emphatic five-wicket victory over Raninagar Club in the 1992 Siraj memorial cricket tournament at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday, according to a message received in Dhaka.

Batting first Raninagar were all out for 142 in 35 overs. United Club cruised past their opponents' total by making 143 with five wickets to

Earlier on Friday, Town Club beat Friends Sporting Club by 101 runs in the inaugural match.

Eighteen teams are participating in the knockout tournament.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 12 The fourth one-day international cricket match between India and South Africa was postponed from Saturday to Sunday due to rain, officials said, reports AP.

Rain the spoiler

in Johannesburg

An earlier AFP report said Bad weather delayed the start of the fourth day-night limitedovers international between India and South Africa at the Wanderers Stadtum. Light showers earlier in the

day turned into a heavy downpour in the afternoon, prevent ing the ground staff from removing the covers.

A minimum of 25 overs a side are required to get a result, but more rain is forecast for the evening.

South Africa lead the sevenmatch series on India's first ever visit by 2-1 margin. India won the third match on Friday, overcoming South Africa's score of 214 in 50 overs with five balls to spare.

The first two official Tests between the countries ended in draws due to rain. South Africa returned to in-

ternational cricket last year after being banned for two decades because of apartheid.

Captains to carry the can in case of ball-doctoring

LONDON, Dec 12: Captains will be ordered to take the blame for ball-tampering if cricket's law-makers have their way, reports AFP.

The Marylebone Cricket Club have recommended to the International Cricket Council that the buck must stop at the

Numerous suggestions have been made since allegations of ball-doctoring became a burning issue during Pakistan's tour of England last summer.

But MCC suggest that the current penalty of changing the ball is adequate provided captains carry the can for any cheating by their teams. MCC cricket committee

secretary John Jameson, the former England opener, said: We're talking about something that is a highly sophisticated professional poul. It's not a problem at club level.

"We've made certain recommendations to ICC, but in essence we think the current law is adequate. The MCC believe any re-

wording of law 42.5 should stress the captain's responsibility for his team's behaviour and leave the question of further punishment to those who appoint the captain.

The ICC and individua countries could adopt any number of measures, such as giving umpires the authority to banish bowlers from the attack or allowing batting sides to chose whether an illegally roughed-up ball is replaced with one of newer, older or similar condition.

O'Brien plans to take decathlon to a new level

SAN DIEGO, California, Dec 12: Dan O'Brien, the US decathlete who missed Barcelona after bombing in the Olympic trials, hopes to take the event to a new level by the time the 1996 Games roll around, re-

ports AFP. The 24-year-old, who set the world record of 8,891 points in September, thinks he can hit 9,000 points next

"I hope to extend it once every year until '96," he said. "9,250 optimum I won't get out until I score that.

Bruce Jenner, the 1976 Olympic decathlon champion, said such a goal is possible for O'Brien.

"I think he is sort of still just in his infancy," Jenner said recently at the Gold Medal Athlete Decathlon Programme, which brings together decathletes, trainers and coaches specialising in the 10 discipline event.

"He definitely has the potential to score over 9,000 points. There is just no reason in the world why, by the time he gets out of this sport, he does not bring it to an entire new level.

O'Brien, who was knocked out of the US team for Barcelona when he failed in the pole vault at the trials, sees room for improvement in several areas.

Ambia Khatoon judo, karate

Sports Reporter

The three-day Ambia Khatoon memorial judo and karate championship begins today at the Dhanmondi gymnasium adjacent to the Abahani Krira Chakra club, says a press release. Ninety judokas including 40

women representing eight clubs will participate in judo while the karate competition will feature 400 participants including 150 girls from 32 clubs of Dhaka.

Dramatic win for Windies

indiscretions.



day to snatch a four-run win over Pakistan. whose innings collapsed in their World Series one-day cricket match, reports Reuter.

The West Indians overcame a rain-interrupted innings and some slipshod fielding to pull off the victory after Pakistan appeared to have two points in Pakistan needed 178 runs

from the reduced 42 overs and looked certain to achieve the target as they cruised to 148 for three in the 36th over with captain Javed Miandad and the dashing Inzamamul Haq at the But after Javed sent a catch

to Phil Simmons at deep midwicket off Carl Hooper's bowling for 11, West Indies seized command. They snatched the world champions' final seven wickets

overs with four of those dismissals run outs. The game was reduced to 42-overs each after rain and bad light forced the players to leave the field at the start of the 35th over and 86 minutes

for 25 runs in the space of six

playing time was lost. West Indies captain Richie Richardson, who scored 76. paid tribute to his players after the game for hanging on in a

contest which was vital to both . "We knew it was a very valuable match and we wanted to win really badly. Some funny things happened out there to day but I'm happy we came

away with two points," he said. Pakistan needed eight runs off the final over with the last pair at the crease, but Mushtaq was run out from the penultimate ball looking for a run that was not there.

made life hard for themselves and unbearable for their bowlers when they dropped five chances early in the Pakistan innings. And Richardson was forced to watch the mishaps from the

dressing room where he was

receiving treatment for his in-

The West Indies fielders

jured back. The lapses were sure to

as some of his players' batting

R RICHARDSON ... 76 n.o.

Both Phil Simmons and Gus Logic threw their wickets away before they had reached double figures, with vice-captain Logie's dismissal — an at tempted pull over mid-wicket particularly rash.

After the West Indies toporder batsmen failed against paceman Wasim Akram and spinner Aamir Sohail, Richardson blazed an unbeaten 76 from 112 balls to carry his team to their total of 177 for Richardson then single-

with a combination of power and delightful timing which yielded him his 38th one-day international half century. Richardson batted for two hours and clubbed six fours and a six. He received solid

handedly rescued the innings

Bishop (17 from 14 balls). Aamir Sohail set Pakistan off to a good start with 41 off just 49 balls, including four boundaries.

support late in the innings

from Carl Hooper (24) and lan

He and Rameez (52 not out) shared an opening stand of 63 in only 59 minutes to put Pakistan on target - but the rest of the Pakistan team could not follow in the openers'

footsteps. Hooper was named man-ofthe match after taking three wtckets and playing a key role in two run outs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in Saturday's rain-interrupted World Series limited-overs cricket match between Pakistan and the West Indies at Adelaide Oval: WEST INDIES:

Desmond Haynes b Akram Brian Lara b Aagib Phil Simmons c Aamir b Akram Richte Richardson not out 76 Gus Logie e Rameez b Aamir Ketth Arthurton c Inzamam b Aamtr Carl Hooper c Rashid b Akram

24 ' lan Bishop c Mujtaba b Mushtag Anderson Cummins not out Extras: (1b 131b 4nb 8w) 26 Total: 177 for seven wickets Fall of wickets: 16, 27, 56,

61, 81, 133, 172 Wasim Akram Wagar Young 5 2 30

Aamir Sohail Angib Javed Mushtaq Ahmed 8 1 Astf Mujtaba / 2 0 PAKISTAN: Aamir Sohail c Bishop b Simmons Ramcez Raja run out Salim Malik c Simmons

b Ambrose Javed Miandad c Simmons b Hooper Inzamam-ul-Hag run out Asif Mujtaba run out Wasim Akram b Hooper Rashid Latif run out Waqar Younis b Hooper Mushtaq Ahmed run out Aagib Javed not out Extras : (31b 4nb 4w) Fall of wickets: 63, 116, 128, 148, 148, 151, 163, 162,

162, 173. Bowfing lan Bishop Curtly Ambrose Anderson Cummins Carl Hooper 7.5 0 31 3

Man of the Match: Carl Hooper (West Indies).

Mahanama again NZ's scourge

COLOMBO, Dec 12: Roshan Maha-

nama hit a sparkling undefeated 84 to guide Shri lanka to an emphatic eightwicket win over New Zealand in their second one-day international on Saturday, reports

Shri Lanka, chasing a moderate New Zealand total of 190 in 50 overs, won with more

than a dozen overs to spare. Mahanama has been the scourge of New Zealand bowlers in the series, scoring two consecutive Test hundreds before Saturday's innings.

But it was Aravinda de Silva

Pringle for two fours and a six to end the match with a flour-De Silva compiled a robust

who slammed fast bowler Chris

43 off only 30 balls New Zealand batted first and, apart from a maiden halfcentury from opening bat Blair Hartland, who made 54 off 108 balls, and an unbeaten 40 from Dion Nash, they failed to tame a Shri Lankan attack backed by

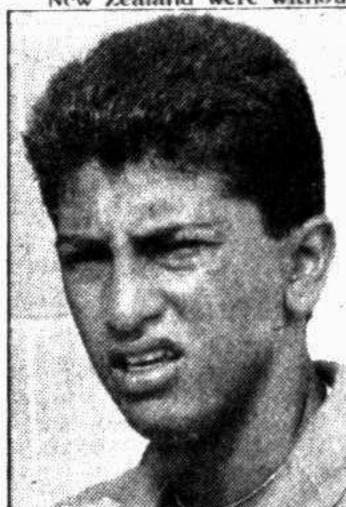
sharp fielding. The visitors did well to recover after a middle order batting debacle during which they lost four wickets for 12 runs after a splendid 79-run stand for the second wicket between Hartland and Andre Jones.

It was left for all-rounder Dion Nash to give the score some respectability and he did it in fine style finishing unbeaten on 40, inclusive of two sixes and a solitary boundary that came off 46 balls.

Hartland, playing his second one-day international, scored his maiden half century in limited-over cricket and was one of the four to fall during the middle order breakSanath Jayasuriya bowled intelligently picking up six of the seven wickets that fell. The bowlers were helped by some keen fielding in the outfield with Mahanama hanging onto three catches. Par-time left-arm spinner Sanath Jayasuriya, who was drafted into the side in place

of injured paceman Champaka Ramanayake, made the most of

the opportunities by taking three wickets for 33 runs his best return in one-day matches. New Zealand were without



R MAHANAMA 84 n.o. captain Martin Crowe, who was sidelined by a hamstring injury. They were led by vice-

captain Andrew Jones.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the second one-day international between New Zealand and Shri Lanka at the P Sara Stadium here Saturday.

West Indies won by 4 runs. NEW ZEALAND Shri Lankan off spinner B R Hartland st Wickra-Ruwan Kalpage and left arm masinghe b Jayasuriya spinner Don Anurasiri and J G Wright run out A H Jones c Kalpage b Anurasiri K R Rutherford c Mahanama b Kalpage C Z Harris c Mahanama b Kalpage A C Parore c Gurusinha DJ Nash not out Vaughan c Hathurusinghe b Jayasuriay G E Bradburn not out Extras: (b-4: lb-9, nb-1)

Total: (7 wks in 50 overs) 190 Fall of wickets: 1-17; 2-96; 3-100; 4-100; 5-108; 6-134; 7-150 Bowling: P Wickram asinghe

Gurusinha Hathurusinghe Anurasiri 20 Ranatunga 34 Kalpage 33 Jayasuriya

SHRI LANKA: R S Mahanama not out U C Hathurusinghe Rutherford b Su'a A P Gurusinha c Nash b Harris P A de Silva not out Extras: (b-5, lb-3, nb-2, w-4)14 Total: (2 wkts in 37.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-46; 2-120 Bowling: 45 Pringle Nash 26 Vaughan

Mahanama (Shri Lanka) Result; Shri Lanka won by 8 wickets

Man-of-the-match: Roshan

Toss won by Shri Lanka

34

0 36

IAAF buckles down under pressure



ruling body, under pressure to provide prize money for its competitions, is planning to make "special financial grants" of 5 million dollars to its member

LONDON, Dec 12:

Athletics world

federations, reports Reuter. The four-year investment would be "for the preparation and organisation" of their teams competing in the World Championships, World Indoor Championships and World Cup.

An International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) statement on Friday said a working group had proposed the four-year investment of 5 million dollar in addition to the "travel and accommodation subsidies the IAAF provides for all its member federations competing in the three competitions.

The working group also wants the IAAF to give its

members the option to accept cash grants rather than travel and accommodation subsidies, giving more freedom to federations to use the cash "for their own purposes. The proposal will be dis-

cussed by the IAAF council when it meets in Jakarta in January. At an IAAF gala in

Stockholm last month top American coach John Smith said athletes might boycott next year's World Champtonships unless the IAAF offered prizes money. And last week the US gov-

erning body for athletics approved a resolution asking that the IAAF divide World Championship revenues equally between member federations, the host organisation and IAAF administration.

IAAF president Primo Nebiolo, who chaired the working group, said at the Stockholm gala that the IAAF

did not have unlimited reserves to pay out prizes. Friday's statement reiterated the point. The working

group said there was a public

misconception of the revenue

earned by the IAAF and how

the income was utilised, which

The statement added:

Harris

Bradburn

may have led to some unrealistic demands.

"Large percentages of revenue are made available for a worldwide development programme and anti-doping campaign." NBA fines Jordan

NEW YORK, Dee 12: The fined Michael Jordan 5,000

National Basketball Association

dollars here yesterday for his criticism of the officiating after Chicago lost 123-114 to Atlanta on Tuesday, reports AFP. Jordan's Chicago Bulls teammate Cottie Pippen was

fined 3,000 dollars for similar remarks.