

Record participants in 5th Bangladesh Games

Quadrennial gala from today

Sports Reporter



The eight-day long fifth Bangladesh Games begins at 18 different venues around the city with the official inauguration taking place at the Dhaka Stadium at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) has announced awards for the best male and female athlete of the Games.

Speaking at a press briefing yesterday, president of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) Gias Kamal Chowdhury said 3214 sportsmen and women from different organisations and districts will take part in 21 disciplines of the Games — the biggest ever occasion.

The BOA president said the sporting events would be held at 18 different city venues.

The events and their venues are as follows: Athletics — Army Stadium; kabaddi — Outer Stadium; baddi ground; rowing — on the Buriganga, at Sadarghat; judo — Dhanmondi gymnasium; gymnastics — National Coaching Centre; tennis — Ramna Tennis Complex; table tennis

Fifth Bangladesh Games — '92:

TODAY'S EVENTS

Opening ceremony : 3:00 pm : Dhaka Stadium
Cycling : 6:15 am : Banani Rail-Gate: Dhaka Stadium
Badminton : AM-PM : Woden-floor gym
Tennis : Ramna Tennis Complex
Hockey : M-PM : Hockey Stadium
Football : 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm : Mirpur Stadium
Volleyball : M-PM : Outer Stadium

Note: AM-PM indicates competition will be held both in the morning and afternoon sessions.

sporting meet in Bangladesh. Besides, 889 officials — 513 team officials, 190 technical officials and 186 federation officials — will be involved in the Games.

IOA Secretary General Bashir Ahmed and vice-president Capt (Retd) Siddique Ahmed, BN, also spoke on the

women's complex gymnasium, Dhanmondi; football — Mirpur Stadium; boxing — Muhammad Ali Boxing Stadium; badminton — wooden-floor gymnasium; basketball — wooden-floor gymnasium; wrestling — National Coaching Centre; volleyball — Outer Stadium volleyball courts; wet-

gymnastics — National Coaching Centre; body-building — Boxing Stadium; shooting — Gulshan Range; hockey — Hockey Stadium; handball — Outer Stadium handball ground and Dhaka Stadium; swimming — Navy pool at Banani and women's complex, Dhanmondi; cycling — Dhaka Stadium; and squash — Dhaka Club.

The opening and closing ceremonies will be held at the Dhaka Stadium.

Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation will field the biggest team of 500 athletes, followed by the rowing teams totalling 480 members.

Six sporting disciplines — football, hockey, volleyball, tennis, badminton and cycling — will begin on the opening day.

Thirteen sub-committees have worked for more than a month to complete all preparations for the Games.

Fifteen doctors, including two female doctors, will be deputed at the major venues and the medical centre. Arrangements have been made to accommodate 1,050 sportsmen at the NSC hostel, Mirpur Stadium, Mirpur Krira Palli, Gulshan Shooting Complex and Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex while the rest will be accommodated by their respective federations.

Courier, Seles world champs

LONDON, Dec 17: American Jim Courier and Yugoslav Monica Seles were named as "Tennis World Champions for 1992 by the game's governing body here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Courier won the International Tennis Federation's vote for the first time after his two Grand Slam victories in the Australian and French Opens, three other ATP tour titles and his part in the United States Davis Cup success against Switzerland earlier this month.

Seles takes the women's crown for the second successive year for her three Grand Slam triumphs in the Australian, French and US Opens, and seven further titles on the Women's tour.

Malaysia pull out of Indira Memorial Cup hockey

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 17: Malaysia have withdrawn from the Indira Gandhi Memorial Cup field hockey tournament in Bombay next month, the second team to do so because of riots connected with the destruction of Muslim mosque, reports AP.

One of six nations invited for the Jan. 7-15 tournament, Malaysian Hockey Federation secretary S. Satgunam told the National News Agency Bernama on Wednesday that it was uncertain about security for the players.

The Indian Hockey Federation had written to the Malaysian federation to say there was no cause for alarm and that the situation had returned to normal but the MHF could not be sure of events there, Satgunam said.

Olympic silver medalist Australia also withdrew, and the Netherlands and England also have expressed uncertainty about going to Bombay.

"We have written to the International Hockey Federation about our withdrawal and also notified India," Satgunam said.

Gullit marks his recall with a goal

ISTANBUL, Dec 17: Ruud Gullit marked his return to international football with a half-volley goal that helped Holland to a 3-1 win over Turkey in a World Cup qualifier here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

The AC Milan star, a former captain of the Dutch national side struck on the hour to put his side in control two minutes after Peter van Vossen had opened the scoring with the first of his two goals.

Turkey hit back within a minute through second half substitute Ucar Feyazz and it wasn't until three minutes from the time that Van Vossen made sure of the points for the highly rated Dutch side.

The two goals brought the Anderlecht striker's tally to four in the competition after a double in the 2-2 draw with Poland in October.

Gullit announced in September he was giving up international football for personal reasons but weekly phone calls from coach Dick Advocaat convinced him to reverse the decision earlier this month, opening the door to an immediate recall.

But even with the inspirational former European player of the year back, the Dutch still badly missed star strikers Marco van Basten and Dennis Bergkamp.

WA win in style

SYDNEY, Dec 15: Champions Western Australia lashed a record 392 for seven on the last day to beat South Australia with four balls to spare in their Sheffield Shield cricket match on Monday, reports Reuters.

Western Australia, set a target of 390 off 76 overs in Perth, triumphed by making their highest fourth innings total to win a Shield match.

With eight runs needed off the last over, fast bowler Brendon Julian smashed the first ball from all rounder Joe Scuderi over mid off for six. He hit the second delivery to midwicket for four to clinch the three wicket win.

Test batsman Geoff Marsh (138) and Justin Langer (110) put the West Australians on course with a second wicket partnership of 203.

Langer, who made 96 in the first innings, hammered 17 fours as he made his runs off 129 deliveries, while Marsh played the anchor role. Tom Moody weighed in with 71, off 81 balls.

New South Wales batsmen Brad McNamara and Phil Emery shared an unbeaten seventh wicket stand of 93 to deny Queensland victory on the last day in Sydney.

The home side forced a draw by finishing on 247 for six in the face of a target of 322 from a minimum 55 overs. McNamara scored 55 not out while Emery was unbeaten on 36, the pair checking a slump in which six wickets tumbled for 64.

Simmons sinks Pakistanis



SYDNEY, Dec 17: Phil Simmons assumed the mantle of greatness as a bowler in shattering Pakistan to set up an avalanche 133-run win for the West Indies in the World Series Cup cricket one-day here Thursday night, reports AFP.

The Trinidadian giant tore the world champions to shreds, obtaining record economical limited over figures of 10 wickets for three runs off 10 overs with eight maidens.

The Pakistanis could make only 81 in reply to the West Indies 214 for 9 off their 50 overs.

The West Indies romp to victory moved them a decisive three points clear of Pakistan into second place behind WSC leaders Australia.

It was Pakistan's second lowest completed innings in one-day cricket, next to their 74 against England off 40.2 overs in Adelaide last summer.

Simmons was the unanimous choice as man-of-the-match, after he surpassed Indian spinner Bishen Bedi's performance of 12-8-6-1 set against East Africa in the 1975 World Cup at Headingley.

The 29-year-old medium pacer extracted so much life from the pitch that only two scoring shots were prised off his 60-ball effort — Inzamam-ul Haq striking two in his fourth over and Wasim Akram a single in the eighth.

Officials were sent scrambling for the record books in the sixth over as Pakistan crashed to nine for four and then 14 for five in the 12th over.

Only Bangladesh had made a worse start, crashing to eight for four against Sri Lanka at home in 1988-89. However, Pakistan can claim second rung on the ladder alongside Zimbabwe, who also capitulated to nine for four against England in 1983.

But Pakistan avoided the ignominy of making the lowest score ever in the history of WSC. That claim to fame is still India's, who crashed to 63 against Australia in 1980-81.

The only batsman to dominate the bowler in the day-night encounter was veteran West Indies opener Desmond Haynes, who scored a slow 96 before falling in the dying overs. Windies captain Richie Richardson was the next best scorer with 33.

With the score on four, Simmons bowled Asif Mujtaba, but it was his third over which torpedooed the Pakistan chase.

The medium pacer, who has proved such a success with the new ball in this year's series, had Aamir (6) caught by Benjamin and then Hooper took a simple catch to dismiss

Salim Malik for a duck. At the end of his third over Simmons boasted the incredible figures of 3-0.

Simmons claimed his fourth wicket in the 12th over, the scalp of Pakistan captain Javed Miandad caught behind by Junior Murray for two, and with his departure went any hopes of miraculous Pakistan victory.



P SIMMONS ... 3 for 4

"Javed's (wicket) was the best", said Simmons, who brought team-mate Ian Bishop to his knees in worship.

Bishop, left out of the side injured, saluted Simmons with the gesture upon handing him a back-brace at the end of his bowling spell.

"Javed was the one who could still work the ball about and bring the game back into their favour," said Simmons.

Wasim Akram and Inzamam-ul Haq put on a laboured 21 run stand before Wasim, widely regarded as one of the best allrounders in the world, fell to a brilliant catch by Richie Richardson off Benjamin for seven.

With his next ball Benjamin set up a hatrick when Carl Hooper took a simple catch at second slip to dismiss Inzamam (the batsmen crossed) for 17.

Waqaar Younis fended off the next ball to cover to survive the hatrick but after equalling Inzamam's top score of 17 was trapped lbw by Hooper.

Spinner Jimmy Adams and Patterson cleaned up the tail. Richardson remained tight-lipped about his side's team meeting Thursday morning but the West Indian captain had obviously handed down an ultimatum to some of his players after the side's dramatic four run loss to Australia on Tuesday.

"We talked about what happened the night before, about what we had to do to win, but what I like to tell the team I like to keep personal," said Richardson. "It was a difficult wicket to

bat, I just think our bowlers bowled well."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the World Series Cup one-day cricket match between Pakistan and the West Indies here today:

WEST INDIES: B. C. Lara run out 3, D. L. Haynes b Akram 96, P. V. Simmons c Malik b Aamir 10, R. B. Richardson c Akram 10, b Mushaq 33, C. L. Hooper run out 17, A. L. Logie b Waqaar 0, J. C. Adams lbw b Waqaar 17, K. R. Benjamin not out 9, J. R. Murray run out 0, C. E. Ambrose b Waqaar 0, H. P. Patterson not out 0, Extras: (b 4, lb 9, w 12, nb 4) 29, Total: (9 wkts, in 50 overs) 214

Fall of wickets: 1-10: 2-40; 3-107; 4-151; 5-156; 6-195; 7-209; 8-210; 9-213.

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Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-4; 3-9; 4-9; 5-14; 6-35; 7-35; 8-54; 9-78

Table with columns: Bowling, O, M, R, W. Includes names like Ambrose, Simmons, Patterson, Benjamin, Hooper, Adams.

Result: West Indies won by 133 runs

Man-of-the-match: Phil Simmons (West Indies).

STANDINGS

Standings in the World Series Cup one-day cricket competition after today's match (tabulate under played, won, lost, tie or no result, points, net run rate): Australia 5 3 1 1 7-0.11, West Indies 6 3 3 0 6-0.60, Pakistan 5 1 3 1 3-0.59. (Note: Net run rate is team's run rate per over less opponents' run rate per over).

Badshah too hot to handle

Sports Reporter



Bowlers reigned supreme on the second day of the first ever Shahid Jewel-Mushaq memorial cricket tournament when Victoria Sporting Club picked up an easy eight-wicket win against Public Works Department (PWD) yesterday.

Veteran Jahangir Shah Badshah poured phial of wrath against his former team at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium with a telling spell of medium pace bowling as PWD put in to bat first, were skittled out for 72, in 25.1 overs.

In fact, all three Victoria seamers of the four bowlers used by skipper Roqibul Hassan met with success. Towhid and Monu were the only PWD batsmen to reach the double figures with 10 and 12 respectively as extras (17) stood out as the single highest contributor in the PWD innings.

Badshah, who sought a late release from PWD in favour of Victoria this season, showed that batsmen would still do well to play him with caution. He took four wickets for 11 runs from 5.1 overs.

Iqbal, who opened with Bangladesh pacesman Golam Nower Prince, was no less menacing than Badshah bagging three wickets for 18 runs.

Left-arm pacesman Prince took two wickets for 30 runs.

Victoria lost two wickets on their way to their paltry target of 73 for a victory. They rattled off 74 in 23.4 overs with national player Selim Shahed top scoring with 32. Embellished with five fours.

On Wednesday, December 16, opening day of the over-limit tournament Surja Tarun Club began their campaign on a winning note beating Gulshan Youth by 20 runs.

Asked to bat first by Gulshan skipper Tarun got off to a jerky start losing two wickets for 18 runs but a series of useful knocks helped them total 189 for five wickets in 41 overs.

Subir scored a well-peaced 54 off 52 balls. Priyalal Rodrigo hit an unbeaten 45. Shoeb and Golla were the other notable scorers with 34 and 25 respectively.

Shabbir, Joydev, Jewel and Asif claimed one wicket each. Gulshan opener Liton started fairly well stroking freely. Shabbir gave the opener good support after two wickets had gone quickly, but an inscrutable collapse saw them end up at 169 for nine wickets at the end of 41 overs.

Left arm spinner Gem took two wickets for 22 runs. Golla also took two wickets for 28 runs. Shoeb and Titu took one

wicket each and three other Gulshan batsmen were run out.

TODAY'S MATCH

Kalabagan vs Udiity Club (DCA)

MILNARS CRICKET

Wari Club aided by effective bowling by their medium pacers outplayed Railway by seven wickets in the only match of Milnars First Division cricket league, which resumed after a break because of the SAARC cricket at the Mirpur Pallabi cricket ground yesterday.

Timir, Wari's new ball bowler set the day's tune with a fine spell that earned him figures of nine over three maidens, 12 runs and two wickets as Railway, sent in to bat first, were reduced to 23 for two in the 13th over.

Azfar defied the Wari onslaught, later, stepped by the introduction of Ashim, with 40 inclusive of six boundaries. Ashim took four wickets in the rush overs to finish with the most flattering analysis among the Wari bowlers.

Wari opener Biddyt (jr) ensured a big victory for his side with 51 with seven hits to the fence. Ripon remained unbeaten on 30 as Wari posted 129 for three wickets in 28.3 overs.

TODAY'S MATCH

Eskaton SS vs Dhanmondi Club (Mirpur Pallabi ground)

Hudson hits maiden one-day hundred

S Africans clinch series

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Dec 17: Andrew Hudson's 108 saw South Africa to a decisive victory in the one-day series against India here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

South Africa won by a thumping eight wickets to take a decisive 4-1 lead in the seven-match one-day series.

Kepler Wessels' team, semi-finalists at the World Cup, confirmed their superiority over the listless Indians with another polished display at Springbok Park.

Some 15,000 home fans at the day-night encounter watched a familiar tale as South Africa stopped India at 207 for four in 50 overs after making them bat on an easy-paced wicket.

Hudson's maiden one-day century came in a 125-run opening stand with Wessels as South Africa raced to an easy win with 16 balls to spare. Hudson's score was also South Africa's highest in one-day cricket, surpassing Peter Kirsten's 90 against New Zealand at the World Cup.

India paid the penalty for poor planning. Their batsmen failed to force the pace despite having wickets in hand in a match they had to win to keep their hopes alive.

Skipper Mohammad Azharuddin played a lone hand slamming an unbeaten 86 off 101 balls, his 17th half-century in 143 internationals.

Azharuddin, who broke a lean spell in Sunday's match in Johannesburg by making 49, hit five boundaries and a six, but found little support.

The match was interrupted for 20 minutes when the lights dimmed due to a power breakdown with South Africa on 35 for no loss in the 11th over.

Match referee Clive Lloyd first ordered the game to go on, but the players trooped off the field when the lights

dimmed further after three balls from Kapil Dev's sixth over had been bowled.

As in the previous matches, the Indian bowlers found South African opener Hudson and Wessels tough nuts to crack.

Earlier, the athletic Brian McMillan gave the home team a flying start by taking two good catches in the slips to remove openers Woorkeri Raman (16) and Ajay Jajodia (nine) with the Indian score at 47.

McMillan dived to his right to hold Jajodia off Allan Donald and then plucked Raman's edge off Craig Matthews — his sixth catch in the five one-day matches so far.

All-rounder Manoj Prabhakar, promoted to number three, made 36 before falling victim to the electronic eye that judged him run-out when Dave Callaghan broke the striker's wicket with a direct throw from mid-off.

The Indians found runs hard to come by against the steady South African attack, making 97 for three by the 30th over and then moving to 136 without further loss before the last 10 overs began.

Azharuddin reached his half century in the 43rd over, lofting Matthews over the covers for his second boundary and celebrated the landmark with another four to mid-on in the same over.

Sachin Tendulkar, who made 32, helped his captain add 68 for the fourth wicket before playing on to Fanie de Villiers in an attempt to force the pace.

Ravi Shastri made 21 not out during and unbroken 51-run stand for the fifth wicket in the last six overs.

With South Africa's easy win here, the two remaining matches in Durban on Thursday and East London on Saturday are devoid of any competitive interest.

The pair continued the good form which gave their team fine starts of 56, 92 and 47 in three of their previous four games. Twenty-six year-old Hudson now aggregates 255 in five matches. Wessels, 35, is narrowly behind with a total of 207. Leg spinner Anil Kumble broke the stand in the 33rd over by accepting an easy re-



A HUDSON ... 108

Bowe won't fight, Lewis won't let go



WASHINGTON, Dec 17: Riddick Bowe will never seek the World Boxing Council crown again, his manager Rock Newman said here Wednesday, after the champion was stripped of his title, reports AFP.

The move came as the new WBC champion, Britain's Lennox Lewis, said that he will chase Bowe around the globe until the International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Association king agrees to unify the title.



LENNOX LEWIS

Bowe was stripped of the title for refusing to fight number one contender Lewis. The Americans threw his WBC belt in a trash can on Monday and

Glue gliff

ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA, England, Dec 17: Table tennis players are to face immediate disqualification and a three-month ban if they use certain types of rubber glue to repair their bats during major events, reports AFP.

From January 1 the International Table Tennis Federation are to outlaw the use of aromatic and chlorinated solvents from tournaments under their control because they believe the glues are a health hazard.

The ITTF have also asked continental and national federations, and organisers of international competitions to enforce a similar ban.

Newman made it clear on Wednesday that there would be no going back. "We will never, never recognise the WBC belt, never again," he said, adding that he is putting together two fights for Bowe, and would confirm them this week.

Fight promoter Dan Duva said he believed American Alex Garcia was first in line for a fight with Bowe to be aired on Home Box Office television, probably in February.

Newman, in Washington to announce the fight plans of number one ranked lightweight Sharmba Mitchell, said he would not be surprised if Bowe's dispute with WBC prompted the organisation to blackball his other fighters.

"They (the WBC) are vindictive enough, he said. "I think that they are corrupt enough, that they lack any moral or ethical leadership, but it is not something that we are worried about."

He said none of his fighters had complained. "I've gotten overwhelming support that they are glad that someone has stood up to the dictatorial style of the WBC."

"This is the same organisation that when Buster Douglas knocked out Mike Tyson, the president of the WBC went in a hotel room and came out an hour later and proclaimed that Tyson was still the champion even though he had been knocked out. Need I say more?"

Lewis, speaking from Jamaica, said he was determined to get in the ring with Bowe at the earliest opportunity.

"I'll be at ringside. I'll be right behind him and embarrass him into fighting me," said Britain's first world heavyweight champion this century.

"My mission is not over until I'm undisputed champion ... he's got no class. He showed that by putting the belt in the garbage."

"I'm going to fight him for the IBF and WBA belts when he slows down. He's just a big baby."

Lewis' initial plan is a voluntary defence against London-born Jamaican Alex Stewart in March followed by a mandatory one with top WBC contender

Tony Tucker and then a fight against British rival Frank Bruno.

However, Lewis could be pitched straight into a clash with Tucker, as WBC president Jose Sulaiman is now saying that the American must take precedence.

Frank Maloney, Lewis' manager, did not raise too much objection to that prospect. "We will fight Tucker if we have to," he said.

"It's all a big political game. We'll be doing our utmost to fight Tucker in London, when-



RIDDICK BOWE

ever we have to, although the rewards are higher for fighting in America.

"I haven't spoke to Sultaiman, but I've written assurances from the WBC lawyers that we're being allowed a voluntary defence first. We'll have to cross that one when we come to it."

Cycling result

Sports reporter

Md Zahid Chowdhury Summan of Bangladesh Rifles Public School emerged as champion in the 40-km Victory Day open junior cycling competition held under the aegis of the Bangladesh Cycling Federation on December 16, says a press release.

Suman took 55 minutes to cover the distance. Md Aslam of Lions Memorial School and Tarek Saeed of Rosanne Centre finished as second and third respectively.

Nat'l badminton

Sports Reporter

The men's doubles event of the 17th national badminton championships has reached the quarterfinal stage.

The remaining matches of the men's doubles along with other events will be held as part of the fifth Bangladesh Games from today, December 18 to 24 at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium.

In yesterday's men's doubles pre-quarter finals, Mahub and Sarwar of Bangladesh Biman, Gopal and Hial of Bogra, Suman and Anis of Bangladesh Ansars, Shakil and Khurshid of Biman, Hashem and Rana of Ansars, Hamin and Niru of Ansars, Bhulu and Nasir of Biman and Rathindranath and Alok of Khulna won their respective matches.

SABC's guide for third umpire

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Dec 17: Test-playing nations wanting to follow South Africa's example of helping umpires with television replays will shortly get an idea of what it is all about, report AFP.

The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) is putting together clips of all decisions that were referred to the electronic eye during the current series against India, and will send them to all the nine Test-playing countries.

All Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) said on Tuesday the experiment was "an unqualified success."

"It's worked superbly and is here to stay," Bacher said referring to the unprecedented decision to add umpires for run out, stumpings and hit-w