

Ateeq's 2nd gold

Sports Reporter

Commonwealth and South Asian Federation (SAF) Games gold medal winner Ateequr Rahman of Chittagong Metropolitan Shooting Club won another gold in the fifth Bangladesh Games shooting championship at the Gulshan Range yesterday.

Ateeq scored 566 out of a possible 600 in the .177 air pistol event.

Asif Hossain of Gulshan Shooting Club with 556 got the silver while the bronze went to Nurul Karim Straji of Chittagong Metropolitan Shooting Club who scored 549.

In the free rifle English match, Nasiruddin of Chittagong Rifle Club clinched the gold with a score of 579 out of a possible 600 points.

Habibur Rahman Babu of Chittagong Shooting Club with 574 points took the silver while Kamrul Islam Tito of Rajdhani Shooting Club with 571 points bagged the bronze.

Roufa Islam of the Bangladesh Ansars and VDP Shooting Club finished first in the women's standard rifle prone position scoring 569 points out of a possible 600.

Razia Maushad of Gulshan Shooting Club with 567 and Sabrina Sultana of Chittagong Metropolitan Shooting Club with 565 points got the silver and bronze respectively.

Waterpolo, diving golds for Army

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Army, one of the strong favourites to top the fifth Bangladesh Games medal tally, added a few more golden prizes to their collection at the Navy swimming pool, Banani yesterday.

The started by securing the Games waterpolo gold medal defeating a strong Bangladesh Navy 4-1 in the keenly contested final yesterday.

Earlier in the day, Bangladesh Air Force claimed the bronze medal outplaying Jessore DSA 13-0 in a mismatched third-place play-off.

Armymen scored a few more successes at this venue yesterday. In the 3-metre springboard diving competition, Rezaul Islam bagged the gold with a score of 379.15. Fellow-soldier Shahidul Islam settled for the silver with a score of 269.60 while the bronze went to another Shahid—Shahidul Islam Tushar of Jessore, whose score was an appallingly low 40, a reflection on the level of competition in the event.

Rezaul and Shahidul scored another one-two in the five-metre fixed board event, collecting 291.85 and 215.80 points for gold and silver respectively while the bronze went to another Jessore diver-Shankar Mondal who managed a dismal 39.70 points.

Ansars gymnasts to the fore

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Bangladesh Ansars gymnasts came on strongly on the second day of competition in the fifth Bangladesh Games when they claimed all four gold medals at stake at the NSC gym yesterday, shutting out all their rivals.

AKM Saiful Islam, who gave Ansars their first gold of the meet on the Roman rings Saturday yesterday led a clean sweep of the parallel bars medals. While Saif bagged his second gold of the meet, his teammate Delwar Hossain earned his second silver and another Ansars gymnast Akhtaruzzaman claimed the bronze.

However, Akhtaruzzaman who along with Saiful and BTMC's Aslam won two gold medals each in the invitational meet held only last week, had cause for celebration yesterday when he outscored the rest of the field to clinch the pommel horse gold medal. Teammate Saiful settled for the silver while Kamruzzaman of Munshiganj DSA earned the bronze.

The Ansars girls also shone on the day, bagging both gold medals, at stake.

Jannatul Ferdous won the uneven bars gold with BTMC's Sharif Marzina Hossain and Rumana Yasmeen Luna taking the silver and bronze respectively.

Suratya Rahman of Ansars, who managed only the silver on the balance beam behind Sharif Marzina Hossain on Saturday, maintained Ansars' stronghold on the medal chase yesterday by winning the floor exercise. Her teammate Marzina Chowdhury picked up the silver while the bronze went to BTMC's Sharmin Sultana Shumi.

Competition continues today.

Games h'ball

Bangladesh Ansars, Bangladesh Rifles, and Bangladesh Police won their respective matches in the fifth Bangladesh Games handball at the handball ground here today, reports BSS.

National champions Bangladesh Rifles crushed Rajshahi; Bangladesh Ansars beat Dinaipur and Bangladesh Police outplayed Jessore.

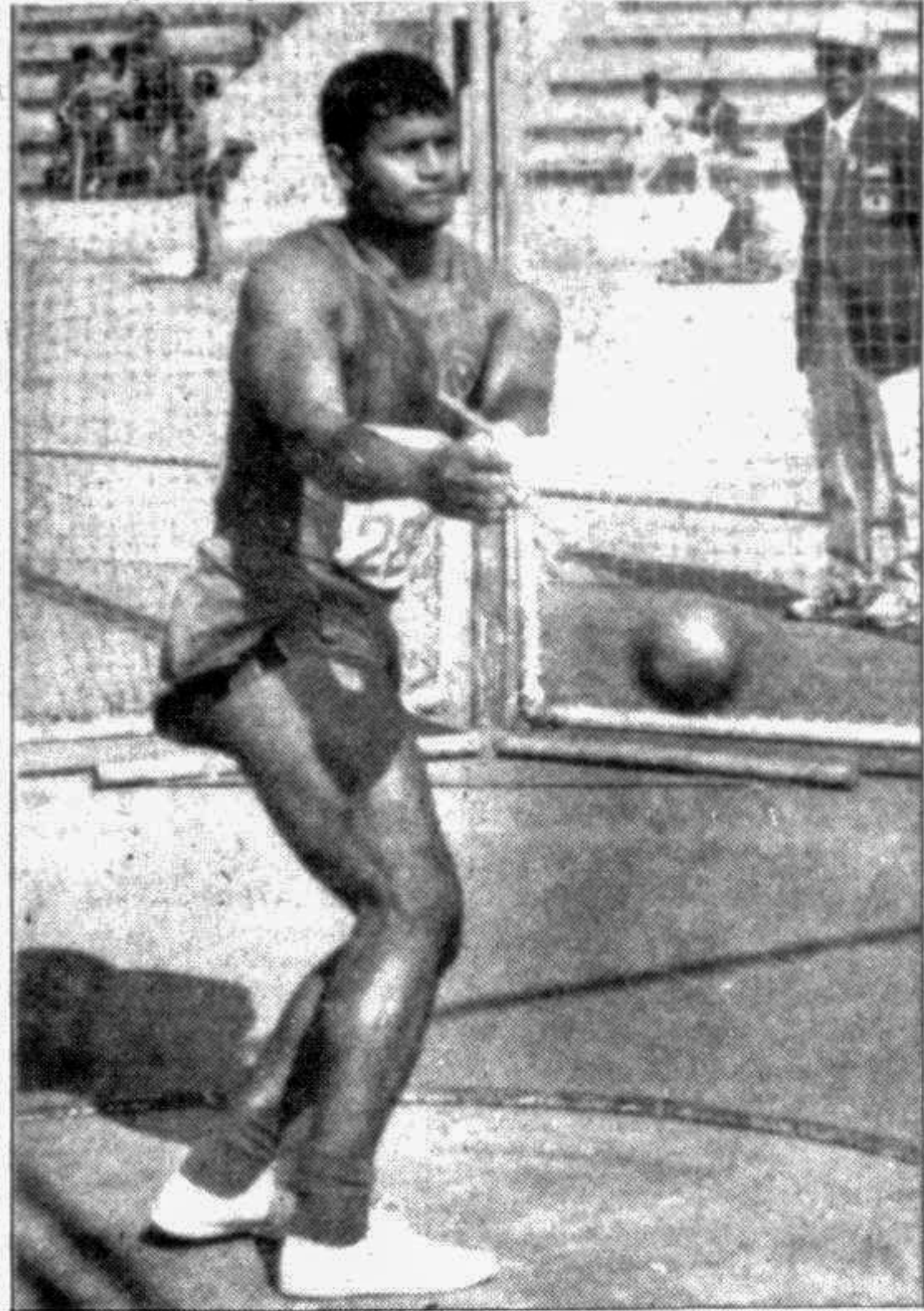
Three records go down

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Three records went to pieces in stark contrast with the first day's solitary one, on the second day of the athletics competition of the fifth Bangladesh Games at the Army Stadium yesterday.

same team captured the silver medal taking 1:39:09 sec to cross the distance while Nk Qazi Mahbub Alam, another soldier, secured the third slot and the bronze medal for his hell-and-toe effort in 1:39:93 secs.

Army's hammer thrower Nk Md Monimul Huq surpassed



Munimul Huq of Bangladesh Army bettered the national mark in the men's hammer throw of the fifth Bangladesh Games yesterday at the Army Stadium. His throw of 56.54 metres is almost a metre more than the previous mark.

At the end of Day Two, Bangladesh Army led the track and field medals table with eight golds, eight silvers and three bronzes. BTMC were in second position with four golds, one silver and five bronzes followed by Bangladesh Navy with three golds and one bronze while BTMC collected one gold, two silvers and three bronzes.

Lnk Md Yunus Ali of Army set a new record yesterday in the men's 20km walk. He took 1hr 37:26 sec. His feat erased the previous timing of 1:38:27 seconds.

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Lineker quit too soon: Taylor

LONDON, Dec 20: England manager Graham Taylor has reopened his war of words with former captain Gary Lineker on Friday by accusing him of quitting international football too soon, reports AFP.

The one-time Tottenham striker, who joins Japanese club Grampus Eight next year, retired from the England scene after this year's European Championship finals in Sweden.

"I find it difficult to understand how any player can retire from international football," Taylor said. "I respect them and their decision, but I do find it a little strange."

"Who would want to retire, because in football it will all be over too soon anyway? I just hope that younger players don't see it as an example that international football is something you retire from early."

Taylor, whose feud with Lineker became public with the recent biography on the one-time Barcelona goal-getter, claimed that his former captain was looking to quit as soon as he became England manager.

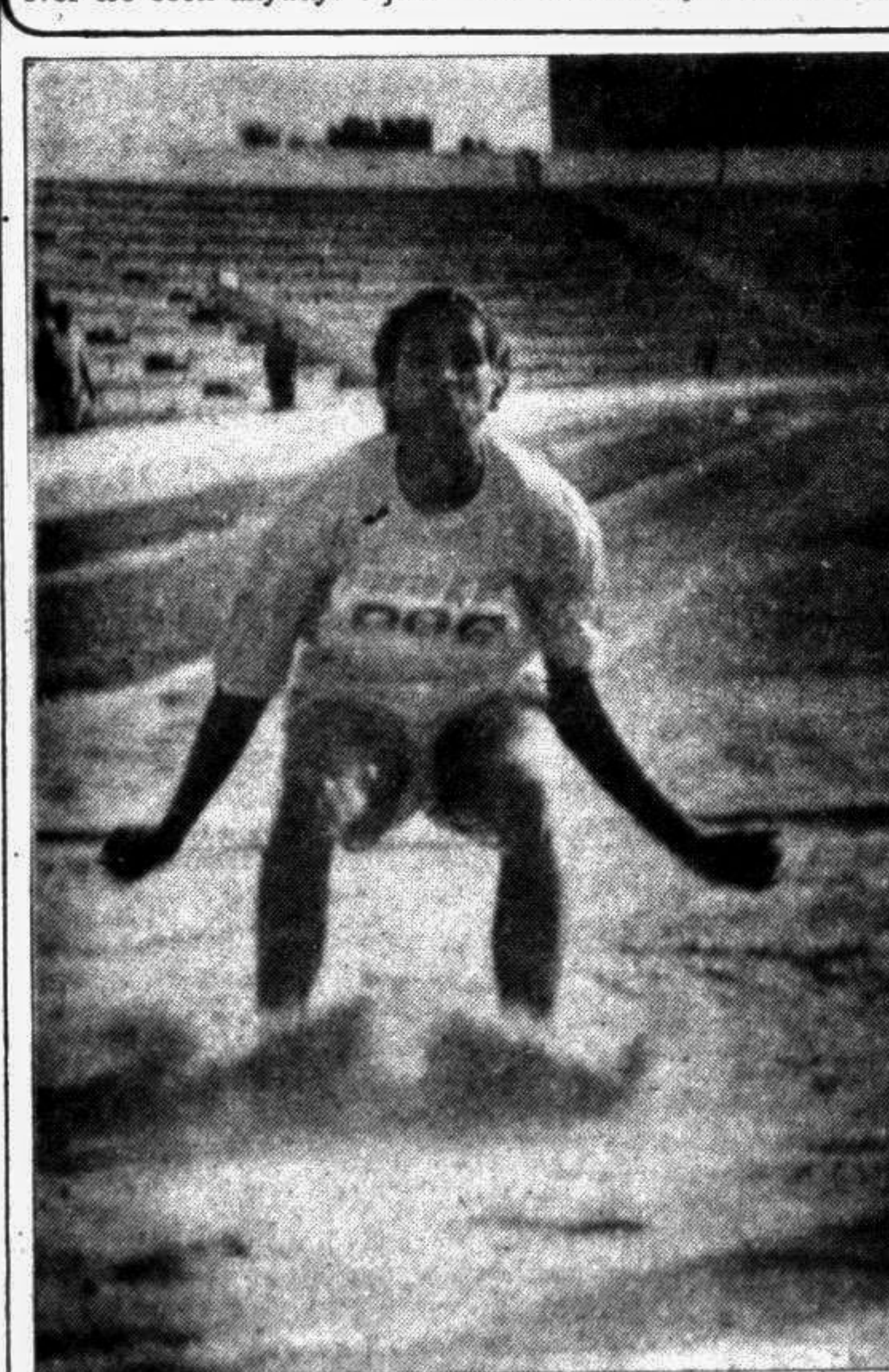
"I felt that as soon as I took over, Gary had it in his mind that he wasn't looking to play for England beyond the two years which took him to the European Championships," said Taylor.

However, he insisted that his relationship with Lineker, who finished one goal short of the England scoring record, had always been satisfactory.

Taylor again stressed that his substitution of Lineker in the European Championship match against Sweden—the striker's last international—was a professional decision.

He said: "People have made out that my decision to substitute him against Sweden was personal. I cannot stop people thinking that, but I honestly swear I never saw it that way."

"I had in my mind in that match that he had got into a rut. Things were not happening for him, even on the training pitch. All I could see in that final game was that the ball was not sticking up front."



TOUCH DOWN: Nilufar Yasmeen of BJMC lands after her 5.39-metre flight in the women's long jump of the fifth Bangladesh Games at the Army Stadium. She won the gold.

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BJMC	4	1	5	10
Navy	3	0	1	4
BTMC	1	2	3	6
RU	1	0	0	1
Customs	0	3	2	5
Ansars	0	1	1	2
Air Force	0	1	1	2

Navy cagers in semifinals

Sports Reporter

Last year's runners-up Dhaka University trounced Bangladesh Police by 120 points to 61 in the BOIC 16th national basketball championship now being held as part of the fifth quadrennial Games, at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Title-aspirants Dhaka University led the first session 54-37.

Imen caged 34 points while Baby notched up 26 points for the students. However, Khair of Police with 36 points was the highest scorer of the match.

Bangladesh Air Force outplayed Khulna DSA by 73 points to 32 in another match.

Air Force led 44-11 at half time.

Sharif with 32 points did most of scoring for the Services team while Azam got 13 points for Khulna.

Rajshahi DSA got a walk-over against Bakerganj in the day's first fixture in the morning.

The other match of the day between Bangladesh Rifles and Chandpur was in progress when reports last came in.

HC STAYS SUSPENSION

Meanwhile, the vacation bench of the High Court Division of the Bangladesh Supreme Court yesterday passed an order staying operation of the suspension of Syed Shafat Kabir Junaid, a cager of the 1992 First Division league champions Azad Boys Club.

Junaid, a national team player, was suspended by the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BAAF) for his alleged misbehaviour with the referee in a match of the now-postponed 1992 Victory Day tournament last week.

The president of the federation has been notified about the court ruling.

The reaction of the federation could not be known last night.

Games tennis

Sports Reporter

The fifth Bangladesh Games tennis men's doubles competition reached the quarter-final stage yesterday at the Ramna Tennis Complex.

Mahtabur Rahman Maruf and Hiralal, Tazazzal and Upal, Sarwar and Awal, Dilip and Arjun, Shibulal and Jhulan, Sukumar and Jiban, Sarwar and Naeem and Faisal and Newaz clinched their places in today's quarterfinals by winning their respective encounters yesterday.

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Monira pool's golden girl

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Magnificent Monira Rahman masterminded BTMC's emergence in the medals table as the top gold getting outfit of the women's swimming championships of the fifth Bangladesh Games at the

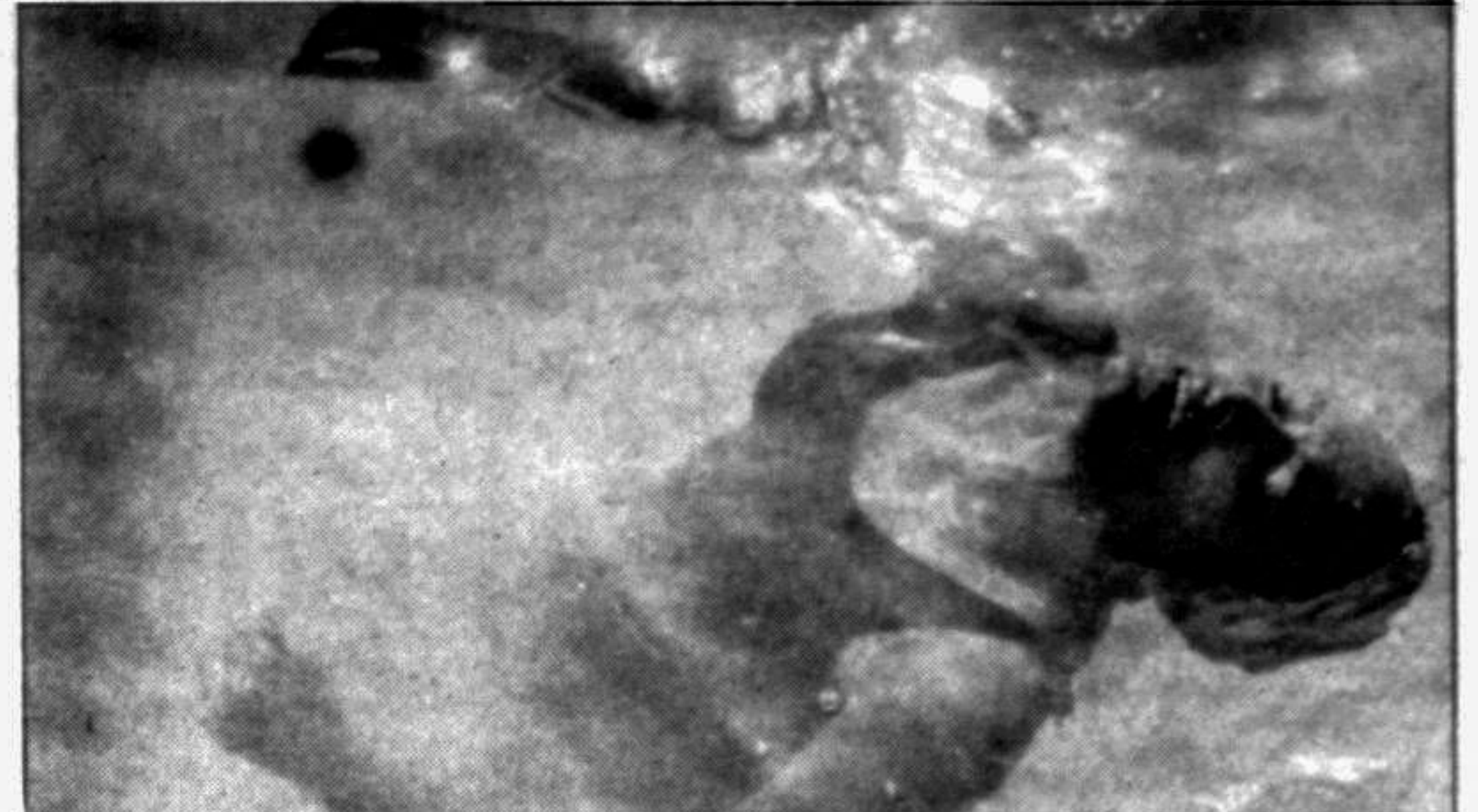
1:31.03 sec. She bettered the existing feat of 1:31.15 by Rehana Zaman of Ansars last year.

Mita Rani Some of Rajbari stood second, having taken 1:38.69 sec to cross the watery distance. Putul Rani Ghosh of Ansars was left with the bronze for her third position with a

time of 1:40.11 sec.

Fittingly enough, Monira Rahman completed BTMC's gold hunt for the day by snatching the gold in 100m free-style. She took 1:14.79 seconds.

Zarina Akhtar of Ansars timed 1:21.43 sec that gave her the silver going. Lipi Akhtar



Monira Rahman Dahlia of BJMC relaxing after winning the women's 100m butterfly gold with a record breaking effort of 1 min 31.03 seconds, 0.12 seconds inside the old mark. Dahlia, the 16-year-old from Tangail, won six golds with five new national records in the bargain in the women's swimming of the fifth Bangladesh Games.

Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

At the end of the second and concluding day Monira, who had earlier achieved a treble of national records on the opening day Saturday, established two more new national records to take her tally of gold medals to six.

The second day of the competition featured seven events, four of which saw new national records, with Rehana Zaman of first day's leaders Ansars sounding the death-knell of an old record. She took 12:35.24 seconds in the 800m freestyle, that promptly eclipsed Sitara Begum's feat of 14:49.20 achieved way back in 1981 for BTMC.

Rehana's teammate China Akhtar took 13:28.18 to claim the silver while Shamsun Nahar of Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) picked up the bronze for her effort 13:55.26 secs.

BTMC, who bagged four golds along with Ansars on the opening day, started from where they had left off the previous day.

In the 100m butterfly Monira Rahman snatched the gold with a record timing of

timing of 1:41.95 sec.

Mahfuza Rahman of BTMC again sent the officials into scribbling when competing in the 200m backstroke. The 16-year-old took 3:09.75 sec—another new record—that abolished the previous feat of 3:10.87 created by Rehana Zaman of Ansars earlier this year.

Sumana Akhtar of Ansars came second with a timing of 3:24.15 while Nibedita Das of Rajbari DSA managed the bronze requiring 3:40.45 seconds.

Monira Rahman claimed her second gold of the day when she took 3:06.40 in the 200m individual medley.

Rehana Zaman of Ansars required 3:08.98 sec, a time that pushed her to the second position for the silver. Her peer Zarina Akhtar finished third clocking 3:28.94 sec.

Jobeda Khanam Ili took the gold in the 100m breaststroke. The Ansars mermaid needed 1:33.37 sec.

Veteran Mahmuda Sharif of the same team secured the silver needing 1:33.85 sec. Dilruba Akhtar Nipu of Jessore collected the bronze for her

of Jessore settled for the bronze in 1:23.78 sec.

In the 4x100m medley relay, the day's last event, the Ansars quartet of Sumana, Mahmuda Sharif, Rehana and China Akhtar set a new national record clocking 5:58.75 sec, shattering the previous mark held also by the Ansars team comprising Sitara, Mahmuda, Sulekha and Rehana way back in 1987.

The BTMC team consisting of Mahmuda Rahman, Noor-i-Afroz, Monira and Shamsun Nahar claimed the silver requiring 6:07.00 sec.

Jessore comprising Lipi, Dilruba, Lichin and Elufa bagged the bronze. They clocked 6:44.38 sec.

MEDALS TABLE

Following is the final medal table:				
	G	S	B	T
BTMC	8	2	2	12
Ansars	7	12	2	21
Rajbari	0	1	3	4
Jessore	0	0	5	5
Narayanganj	0	0	2	2
Munshiganj	0	0	1	1

Biman, Ansars team champs

Sports Reporter

Ankhi of BTMC set the Biman lead at nought with a shock victory against left-handed national champion Musaddiqui Huq Rochi of Biman. The scoreline there, was 21-19, 18-21 and 21-18 in Ankhi's favour.

Veteran Saidul Huq Saadi came from behind to beat another former national number one, Kishu. Saadi won 17-21, 21-12 and 21-14.

Smarting from the loss to Ankhi Rochi, then beat Akhlaq in straight sets to ensure a Biman victory.

ANSARS TOO GOOD

With the country's best women paddlers turning out for Ansars in this meet, victory for the services team was a foregone conclusion. Yesterday they romped home three-nil against unfancied Gaibandha.

Zobera Rahman Linu put the tin hat on it's ambitions with a 21-10, 21-9 victory.

National champion Zulekha Akhtar clinically finished off Neela, also in straight sets.

Linu and Zulekha then completed the formality by routing Ili and Neela 21-12, 21-8.

Meanwhile, Dhaka DSA got the bronze in men's team event beating Ansars 3-2 in a thrilling encounter to decide the third position.

In six doubles semifinal matches yesterday, Zulekha and Linu advanced to the final beating Gaibandha's Ili and Neela.

They will meet Shamima and Rinu of BTMC, who eliminated Trishna and Jyotsna of Narail, also in straight sets, in the final.

The mixed doubles finals will be played between the Shamima-Akhlaq pair of BTMC and the Zulekha-Munna pair of Ansars.

Shamima and Akhlaq beat Linu and Mustafa in the semifinal while Zulekha and Munna fought off Rinu and Ankhi of BTMC in the other semifinal.

Two Biman pairs would vie for the doubles title. Yesterday Saadi and Kochi beat Happy and Munna in one semifinal while Rochi and Sohail got past Kishu and Akhlaq of BTMC in the other semi.

The finals of the doubles events will be held today.

Former national champion Akbar Aziz and Kazi Moinuzzaman Pila gave away the prizes as the chief guests yesterday.



Favourite Lubna Mahmud gave BJMC yet another gold when she won the women's 400m event of the fifth Bangladesh Games athletics competition at the Army Stadium yesterday. Lubna clocked 58.1 seconds.