

Sport

India, Pakistan to send big contingents

India will send a 305-member contingent while Pakistan will send a 167 strong squad to the sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games to be held in the city from December 20-27 this year, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain said at a press briefing at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday, report agencies.

The State Minister, who is also chairman of the steering committee of the SAF Games, revealed that the Indian team includes 235 athletes and 70 officials. They would take part in all the 11 disciplines in the Games being held in Dhaka for the second time around.

On the other hand, the Pakistani squad will consist of 126 athletes and 41 officials. They will take part in ten disciplines. Pakistan will have no competitor in judo.

Earlier, the Shri Lankan Olympic Association informed the SAF Games Organising Committee that they would send a 150-member team to the Games.

Secretary General of the Bangladesh Olympic Association and member-secretary of the steering committee Bashir Ahmed and secretary of the facilities and operation sub-committee Squadron Leader Mohiuddin Ahmed also spoke on the occasion.

Shri Lanka and Bhutan will send their entries later this month while other two SAARC countries — Nepal and Maldives — are yet to confirm their participation in the prestigious meet.

Kabaddi league

Sports Reporter

Jurain Janata Club and Maniknagar Unnayan Samity won their respective Metropolis Kabaddi league matches at the Outer Stadium court yesterday.

Jurain Janata Club, who led the first half by a huge margin of 28-3, overwhelmed Bangladesh Boys 56-7, with a collection of five bonus points.

In the other match of the day, the Maniknagar outfit also had an easy ride against Sreejony Sangad but won by a less comfortable margin of 40-15. The visitors who earned three bonus points, had a not-so-impressive lead of 19-10.

ROK spikers win Asian meet

BANGKOK, Sept 19: South Korea downed newcomer Kazakhstan 15-11, 15-5, 15-13 Sunday and captured the Asian men's volleyball championship, reports AP.

Defending champion Japan defeated a strong Chinese team 15-11, 7-15, 11-15, 15-10, 15-10 for third place in the 16-nation tournament in the provincial capital of Korat.

Fifth in the final placings was Iran, followed by Australia, Thailand, Pakistan, India, Taiwan, New Zealand, Qatar, Shri Lanka, Kuwait, the Philippines and Bangladesh.

Marseille beat Bordeaux 3-1

PARIS, Sept 19: Marseille cast aside their troubles and romped to a 3-1 win over weakened pace-setters Bordeaux to take a share of the lead in the French First Division on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Marseille, banned from defending their European cup crown following a match-fixing scandal, went behind to a second-minute goal by Bordeaux striker Stephane Paille.

But they bounced back with three goals in the second half after their opponents had been reduced to 10 men when midfielder Zinedine Zidane was sent off.

Defender Eric di Meco delighted a 40,000-strong home crowd when he equalised with a powerful shot from 35 metres two minutes into the second half.

Midfielder Daniel Dutuel made it 2-1 with a fine volley in the 74th minute and William Prunier put the issue beyond doubt with goal in the 86th seconds.

Bordeaux stayed top on goal difference ahead of Paris St Germain, Marseille and Cannes. All have 12 points from nine games.

Monaco, who took Marseille's place in the European Cup, were beaten 2-0 at Sochaux and badly missed the skills of injured German striker Juergen Klinsmann and Belgian midfielder Enzo Scifo.

Dutch striker Hendrikus Vos opened the scoring two minutes after the kick-off and young midfielder Olivier Baudry netted a second in the 73rd minute.

Paris St Germain beat Lyon 3-1, with Liberian striker George Wesh and French internationals David Ginola and Vincent Guerin scoring a goal apiece.

MSC regain league title



Sports Reporter

After wandering in the wilderness for the last two seasons, country's traditional super power Mohomedan Sporting Club retained the Senior Division football league title when they beat

Roman, Kaiser, Jewel Rana, Barun, Tito (Roxy), Arman, Murat, Shabbir, Aslam and Jivotsk (Nakib).

PWD SC: Humayun, Kakon, Montu, Mansur, Shamim Sr, Joy (Faiz Babu), Shamim Jr, Biplob, Mushtaq, Babu and Salam Khan.

However, one fact should be stipulated and that is the vic-



Oleg Jivotsk, Mohomedan Sporting's spry Russian striker, heads the ball way ahead of a Public Works Department defender during his side's penultimate Star Premier Division league engagement at the Dhaka Stadium last night. Jivotsk scored once and Mohomedans won by two goals to one to ensure league championship with a game in hand.

— Star photo

tors were less than their usual best in yesterday's match.

Jivotsk, who tops the individual scorers' tally with 12 goals so far ahead of teammate Nakib, scored the first Mohomedan goal eight minutes into the game when the spry Russian jumped high up in the air to nod home a perfect floater from his skipper Rummon bin Walt Shabbir (1-0).

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In the other Premier Division match, Muktijoddha Sangsad drew goalless with Arambagh KS in the afternoon.

Kent's West Indies Test player Carl Hooper scored a career-best 236 not out.

Kent surprisingly decided not to ask Glamorgan to follow on 380 behind and rattled up 95 for two before making their second declaration.

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