

Sport

Khulna move into nat'l

Soccer qtrs

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb 18: Khulna became the latest team to reach the quarter-finals of the 18th Sher-e-Bangla Cup national soccer championship. They blanked Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) 6-0 at the local stadium here today.

The winners were allowed to completely dictate the tempo of the game right from the start and by the end of the first half they led 3-0.

They added three more goals in the second period to complete the goal rush.

Dhaka University take on Bagerhat in tomorrow's match.

Barisal, Pabna in zonal finals

Sports Reporter

Barisal and Pabna moved into the zonal finals of the 14th national Beximco youth cricket championship with emphatic victories in their respective ties held at different venues across the country yesterday.

Manju's 80 formed the core of Barisal's 146-run win against neighbours Jhalakathi in a Zone A semifinal played at Chandpur.

Batting first the winners rattled up 221 for eight wickets from the stipulated quota of 45 overs. With the bulk of the runs coming from Manju's bat Barisal were held in good stead by a string of useful scores including 29 extras.

Siddiq followed Manju with 42 while Tanmoy remained unconquered on 20. Arun and Nahid scored 16 each to add to the expansion of Barisal innings.

Himel toiled honestly among the Jhalakathi bowlers to capture three Barisal wickets for 45 runs.

Babu was the other bowler to take more than one wicket finishing with figures of two for 40.

The fact that Jhalakathi were no match for Barisal transpired as soon they went out to take up the heavy gauntlet in the form of a victory target of 222 runs in 45 overs. They were all out for 75 in just 29.4 overs with the combative Himel who had earlier taken three wickets emerging as the top scorer with 14 in an innings that saw just two double-digit scores barring 26 extras.

Rabi led onslaughts of the Barisal bowlers with a bag of three wickets for 31 runs followed by Ibrahim and Sohel who claimed two apiece at a very nominal cost.

Pabna subdued Tangail by a handsome margin of 50 runs in a Group C semifinal played at Satkhira.

The winners raised an impressive total of 219 for nine from 45 overs with four batsmen — Shakil, Jahangir, Jewel and Zahid weighing in notably. Shakil topped the list with 42 followed by Jewel who made 34. Jahangir and Zahid compiled 33 and 31 respectively.

Ripon and Islam of Tangail took two wickets each for 34 and 33 runs respectively.

Motinuzzaman of Tangail became the topscorer of the match with 47 but had to reconcile with the galling fate of ending up on the losing side as his side was bowled out for 169 in 39.5 overs.

He was trailed by Saikat and Russell who too ploughed in the 'sands with scores of 32 and 18 respectively.

Tareq and Rashed of Pabna were the main tormentors of Tangail sharing six wickets between themselves. Tareq had the more impressive analysis of three for 22 while Rashed's three scalps cost him 45 runs. Nadim completed Tangail's cup of woe with another two wickets for 23 runs.

All-German final

STUTGART, Germany, Feb 18: Boris Becker and Michael Stich reached the showdown all-German want to see when they won their second-round matches at the 2.25 million dollar ATP tournament here on Thursday, reports AFP.

Stich, hero of his country's Davis Cup triumph in December and currently ranked number-two in the world, put out Russian Andrei Cherkasov with clinical precision — dropping only three games in the process.

Becker, returning after his extended end-of-season break from tennis and breezing confidence since his win at Milan last weekend, powered his way past Cherkasov's compatriot Alexander Volkov 7-5, 7-5.

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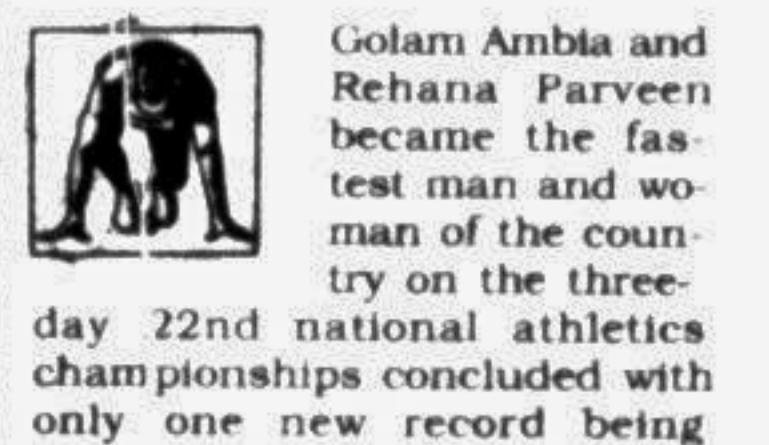
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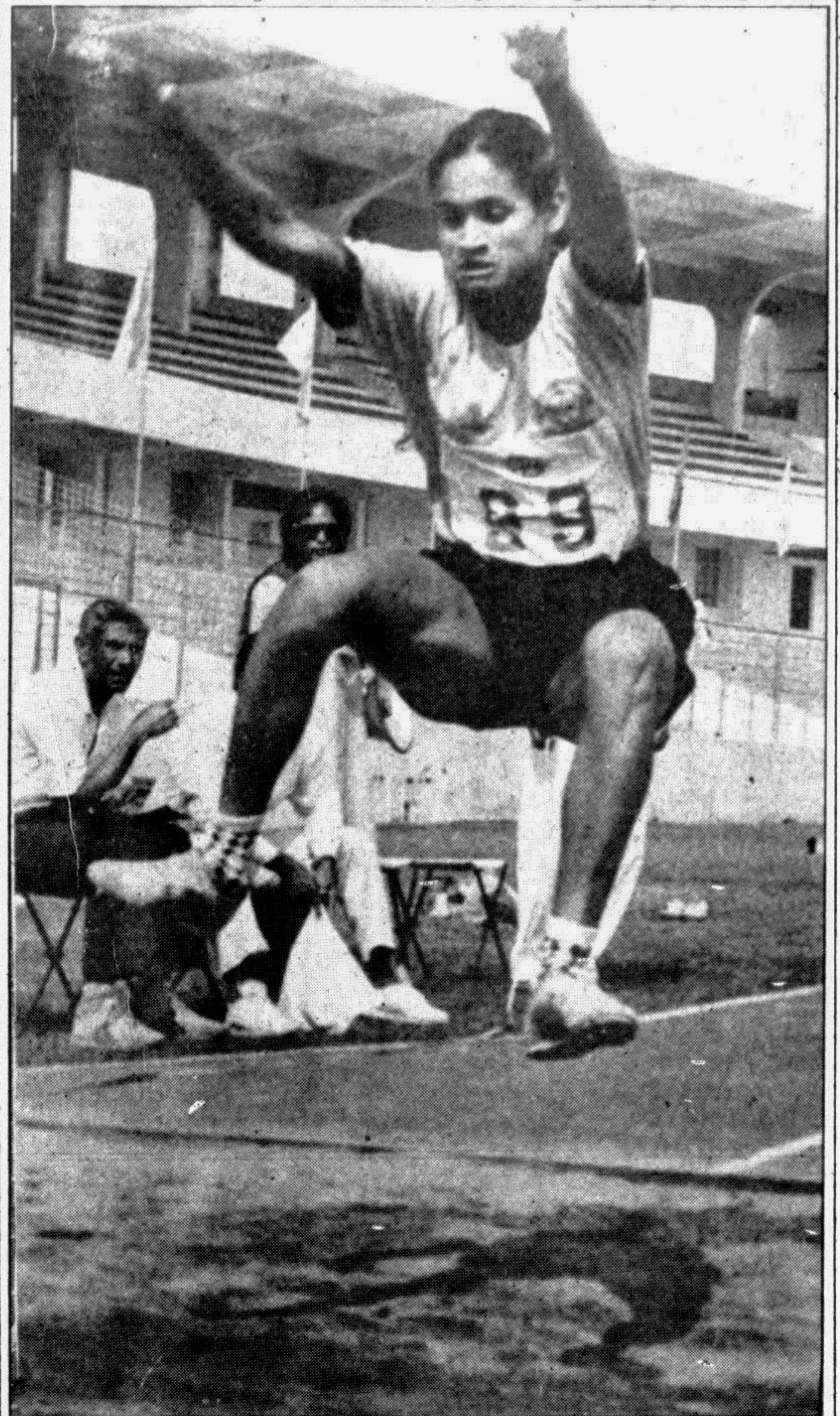
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Army maintains supremacy**Sports Reporter**

Golam Ambia and Rehana Parveen became the fastest man and woman of the country on the three-day 22nd national athletics championships concluded with only one new record being

brought the gold for BJMC clocking 2 min 41.0 seconds. Munira of Ansar and Mullika Kaur Dola of Noakhali managed the silver and bronze respectively.

In women's discuss throw Jyotsna Afroz of BJMC captured the gold putting a dis-



STAR OF THE MEET: Nilufar Yasmin of BJMC sails across a record breaking distance in the women's long jump of the national athletics championship at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Apart from setting the only new national record of the meet Nilufar finished as the most successful individual athlete with a haul of three gold medals. — Star photo by Enamul Haq

created at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Golam Ambia, the veteran sprint ace of the country, revelled in the absence of his injured but celebrated young rival Bimal Chandra Tarafdar to win the gold in his favourite 100m. Unluckily he had a bad start. But experienced Ambia made up his initial difficulties by his steady endeavour amidst the small but cheerful crowd.

Habider Golam Ambia, who was at the time struggling for his second gold in three, clocked 10.77 seconds. Emadul Hoque Ranju of Customs and Touhidur Rahman of Rajshahi University finished second and third to secure the silver and bronze respectively.

In men's 4x400m relay Army, Navy and Air Force took the gold, silver and bronze respectively. Army clocked three minutes and 18.2 seconds. Along with this gold Ambia upped his gold haul to three.

In women's 4x400m relay BJMC with a timing of 4 min 16.09 sec managed to get the gold while Ansar and Mymensingh took the silver and bronze respectively.

In men's shotput petty officer Rafiqul Alam of Navy took the gold. Nasir Saleh Ahmad of Army and Abdul Quader of Police claimed the silver and bronze respectively.

In women's 100m, Customs' Rehana Parveen took the gold.

The 18-year-old girl from Rajshahi also had a bad start. But she edged past Feroza Khatun on the final lap to be crowned as the fastest woman of the country. She clocked 12.5 seconds. Feroza Khatun of BTMC, who led right from the beginning had to be satisfied with the silver. Nilufar Yasmin of BJMC got the bronze.

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