

# Bangladesh in 12th Asiad: Day 9

Bangladesh performance in different disciplines on the ninth day of the 12th Asian Games at a glance:

**Track and Fields:**  
Long Jump: Bani Amin — 7.19 metres (failed to qualify for the final)  
Shooting:  
Free pistol (prone) — 60 shots (best possible score 600)  
Faridul Yusuf — 580 (finished 30th among 44 competitors)  
GM Haider — 579 (finished 31st among 44 competitors)  
Nasiruddin — 578 (finished 33rd among 44 competitors)  
**Soft Tennis:** Bangladesh 0 Philippines 3

## ASIAN GAMES MEDALS TABLE

HIROSHIMA, Oct 11: Following is the ninth day medals tally at the 12th Asian Games here on Tuesday (tabulated under gold, silver, bronze and total):	
<b>G S B T</b>	
China	100 64 24188
Japan	36 46 54136
South Korea	35 28 43106
Kazakhstan	16 14 20 50
Iran	8 7 5 20
Taiwan	6 7 13 26
Uzbekistan	3 7 12 22
Syria	3 3 0 6
Malaysia	3 1 10 14
Kuwait	3 1 4 8
Indonesia	1 1 4 16
Turkmenistan	1 3 1 5
Mongolia	1 2 1 4
Vietnam	1 2 0 3
Vietnam	1 2 0 3
India	1 1 6 8
Saudi Arabia	1 1 4 6
Singapore	1 1 2 4
Qatar	1 0 2 3
Thailand	0 5 5 10
Hong Kong	0 4 4 8
Kyrgyzstan	0 2 5 7
Philippines	0 2 3 5
Jordan	0 2 2 4
United Arab Emirates	0 1 3 4
Pakistan	0 1 2 3
Sri Lanka	0 1 1 2
Brunei	0 0 2 2
Nepal	0 0 2 2
Burma	0 0 1 1
Macao	0 0 1 1
Tajikistan	0 0 1 1

# President Cup snooker final today

**Sports Reporter**  
Lloyd Gonsalves of Catholic Club along with A B Chowdhury of Engineers Club and Rashedul Ameen and R Iman of the hosts Dhaka Club moved into the semifinals of the President Cup snooker championship at the Dhaka Club billiard room yesterday.

The four day meet, sponsored by Karim Pipe Mills Limited, ends today.

# Now you see 'em, now you don't

HIROSHIMA, Oct 11: Nine Asian Games athletes — from Sri Lanka, Nepal and Pakistan — have disappeared, and police are searching for them. Athletes Village officials said Tuesday, reports AP.

Organisers were so concerned by the problem that they called a meeting of all delegation chiefs at the Athletes Village to discuss how to prevent further disappearances.

Officials refused to speculate on reasons for the nine men disappearing, but many Asians sneak into Japan or overstay their visas to seek higher-paying jobs than those available at home.

Before the Games began, 55 Filipinos posing as athletes in an effort to enter and find work were found to be carrying bogus identification cards and were sent home.

An Iranian was believed missing, but his delegation had not reported the matter, the officials said.

They declined to name those missing, but said they included an 800-metre runner and three cyclists from Sri Lanka, two soccer players and a karate entry from Nepal, and two canoe racers from Pakistan.

Their delegations have asked Japanese authorities to search for them, Elji Korekata, head of the Athletes Village management office, said at a news conference.

The four Sri Lankans — two policemen and two soldiers — had failed to return to the Village after going out. Japanese Games organisers said in a statement. They were reported missing on Sunday.

The three Nepalese were reported missing on Monday after leaving for Osaka airport, officials added.

The two Pakistanis, both public officials left for the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park with their cameras on Sunday and did not return to the Village, officials added.

Village officials said those missing were believed not carrying their passports, since athletes' passports usually are kept by their delegation chiefs during the Games.



Chinese Taipei's Wang Hui Chen (L) lunges for the line ahead of Sri Lanka's Susanthika Jayasinghe (R) to take the gold in the women's 200 metres at the Asian Games yesterday. Wang finished in a Games' record time of 23.34 seconds. — AFP photo

# Mansoor creates history

HIROSHIMA, Oct 11: Sprint king Talal Mansoor raced into Asian Games history here on Tuesday — then furiously accused officials of plotting to wreck the greatest moment of his life, reports AFP.

The Qatari star had to survive a controversial five false starts to achieve his dream of three Games titles in a row before lashing out: "They wanted me out."

But under-fire Chinese coach Ma Junren was left smiling after his first real success here, when Zhang Linli braved the pain to take 3,000m gold.

It was a triumph Ma needed desperately to restore his reputation — and help him win a power battle with his Chinese athletics overlords.

Mansoor, who clocked a new Games record of 10.18 seconds for gold, looked up to the heavens in thanks when receiving his gold medal to go with his Seoul and Beijing successes.

He said: "There were no false starts — it was crazy. The Japanese were targeting me — they wanted me out of there."

They got rid of my teammate Saad Muftah al-Kuwari in the heats yesterday when he was disqualified. They thought it was me. They made a mistake so they tried again. But my God was with me."

And Qatar Amateur Athletics Federation vice-president Jibar al Rumailhi pushed off a policeman trying to usher him away to add: "I have never seen anything like it in my life."

They got rid of one of my athletes on Monday for two false starts.

"I argued with the appeal jury for four hours that there was something wrong with the electronic starting system but they argued the judge is always right."

"I told them to dismiss the gunman for believing the false starts but they would not listen — I was right and now it has happened again."

Officials, who admitted no runner was flagged for the last three false breaks, later conceded it was possible there was a fault with the starting system but that concession could not save Mansoor's blighted day.

The real loser, however, was Anvar Kouchmouradov of Uzbekistan, disqualified from the final after the first two failures to get the race away.

He was later to say: "Maybe I could have won but now I will never know. It was unbelievable."

By the fourth recall gun, Mansoor was waving his arms about in anger while his rivals held their heads in disbelief.

His supreme performance after the controversy — which also came on top of a brush with race officials for keeping his heat hanging around in the rain on Monday — will forever be overshadowed by the row.

But the record books will at least reflect his fine achievement, which beat his own Games record and was only

# English enigma

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Oct 11: There are no world records being broken at the Asian Games in the spelling bee, reports Reuters.

Japanese organisers battling with the difficulties of the English language, official tongue of the Games, have dropped several howlers leaving native speakers scratching their heads.

The most prominent mistake is displayed each day in huge flashing letters at the 'Big Arch' athletics stadium each time an Asian record is broken — on the first day this was in every single event.



South Korean Kim Tae Hyun lifts a massive 230kg during the clean and jerk to win the gold medal in the over 108kg category at the 12th Asiad on Oct 10. Kim matched the Games record with a total snatch and jerk of 415kg. — AFP photo

# Triangular series S Africans turn to Miandad

LAHORE, Oct 11: Former Pakistan captain Javed Miandad is to advise South Africa's cricketers on the state of the pitches in the triangular limited overs series starting here on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

South Africa play Australia in the opening 50-overs game at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium where a fire pitch, which is expected to produce a glut of runs, has been prepared.

"We will be having a friendly chat with Miandad to inquire about the condition of the pitches for the tournament," South Africa's new coach Bob Woolmer told reporters as his team went through a strenuous three hours practice.

Former England all rounder Woolmer, on his first assignment since replacing Mike Procter as coach, said taking part in the tournament would help the South Africans gain experience of the 1996 World Cup being stage on the sub-continent.

This trip has dual purposes. It will provide us with a chance to look at the players and also know about the local conditions," he said.

Pakistan have dropped number three batsman Zahid Fazal for the 14-strong squad for their game in the competition, against Australia in Multan on Friday.

His place has gone to another promising batsman Arafat Rauf, who last week cracked a double century during a domestic first-class match.

Rauf went on Pakistan's tour of New Zealand earlier this year but failed to retain his place on the subsequent trips to Sharjah and Sri Lanka.

# PAKISTAN SQUAD

Aamir Sohail, Saeed Anwar, Arafat Rauf, Aamir Malik, Salim Malik (captain), Inzamamul Haq, Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Akram Raza, Mushtaq Ahmed, Mohsin Kamal, Asif Mujtaba and Kabir Khan.

# Sri Lanka 157 for one

HARARE, Oct 11: Sri Lanka were 157 for one in their first innings at the end of the opening day of the first cricket Test against Zimbabwe today, reports Reuters.

# SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the first cricket Test between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka today.				
<b>SRI LANKA: First innings</b>				
Mahanama c James b Jarvis	8			
Gurusinha not out	67			
S Ranatunga not out	65			
Extras: (lb-15, nb-1, w-1)	17			
Total (for one wicket)	157			
Fall of wicket: 1-28				
To bat: A de Silva, A. Ranatunga, H Tillakaratne, P Dassanayake, M Muralidharan, P Wickremasinghe, R Pushpakumara, C Vaas.				
<b>Bowling:</b>				
Brain	5	2	9	0
Streak	21	7	36	0
Jarvis	24	12	33	1
Whittall	10	3	16	0
Peal	25	7	36	0
G Flower	5	2	12	0
<b>ZIMBABWE:</b> G Flower, M Dekker, A Campbell, D Houghton, A Flower, W James, G Whittall, H Streak, D Brain, S Peall, M Jarvis.				

# From a superb sprinter to devoted father

HIROSHIMA, Oct 11: After sprinting to his third straight 100-metre victory in the Asian Games Tuesday, Qatar's Talal Mansoor — dubbed "Asia's fastest human" — said he was retiring to take care of his son.

Mansoor, 30, won the gold in 10.18 seconds, breaking his own 4-year-old Games record and nearly rewriting his Asian mark of 10.14. After his win, the tall, lanky runner picked up a Qatari flag and jogged in victory around the track.

The race was somewhat marred by five false starts and the disqualification of one runner, Anvar Kouchmouradov of Uzbekistan.

Mansoor blamed the false starts on faulty computers, saying he did not think anyone left the starting blocks early. He said that by the sixth start, which went smoothly, he felt "very, very bad, very nervous and I couldn't concentrate on the race."

"I am sorry that this happened in Japan. I know Japanese technology and it is not like this, he said."

Mansoor, who first took gold in the 100 metres in Seoul in 1986, said he would retire after the Hiroshima Asiad, which ends Sunday, so he can fulfill his duties as a father.

"My child has grown bigger now, he goes to school and he needs me," he said.

But he added, the first thing he plans on returning to Qatar is "a big, big party in my village."

# China slows down a little

HIROSHIMA, Oct 11: Qatar's Talal Mansoor defended his title as Asia's fastest human and a 14-year-old Malaysian won a yachting gold medal Tuesday as China's gold-medal pace slowed somewhat, reports AP.

While the Chinese were expected to win the major share of women's track and field events, Syria's Sheaa Ghada claimed the title of best all-round athlete by winning the seven-event heptathlon.

China took only one of the day's four women's track events, and one of the three men's.

In another test of all-round skills, South Korea's Kim Myung-Gun won the modern pentathlon, which combines competition in fencing, running, swimming, shooting and riding.

Singapore captured its first gold of the Games, in yachting. Mansoor's gold also was Qatar's first here, although it marked the third time he has won the

tion to two in track and field. That boosted its total to 100 — the total it had predicted before the Games — another five days of competition remain. It won the last Games in Beijing in 1990 with 183 golds.



Japan, with golds in yachting and one each in track and bowling, edged ahead of archrival South Korea in the tight battle for second place. Japan had 36 to 35 for the Koreans, who won gold Tuesday in bowling as well as

Taiwan 26. Kazakhstan scored victories Tuesday in the team modern pentathlon competition, track and shooting.

Taiwan also was among those that cut into China's haul on the track. Wang Hui-chen, won the women's 200 metres in a Games record 23.34 seconds, followed by Sri Lankans Susanthika Jayasinghe and Darsha K Damayanthi.

Ryan Han Wui Tan, the Asian champion, was Malaysia's 14-year-old champion in Optimist Class yachting. Officials could not confirm whether he was the youngest gold medalist of these Games. Except for a seventh-place finish in the last of seven races, he finished no lower than third. The worst race does not count in a competitor's total score.

Mansoor and his rivals went through five false starts before completing their 100-metre sprint. He won in 10.18 seconds, beating the 4-year-old Games mark of 10.30 and finishing comfortably ahead of Kazakhstan's Vitaly Savin, who took silver in 10.29.

Japan's Shunji Karube beat teammate Yoshihiko Saito in a photo finish in the men's 400-metre hurdles. Both were timed in 49.13, beating the 8-year-old Games record of 49.31.

China's only men's victory came in the long jump, and Huang Geng's winning 8.34 metres didn't count as a Games record because it was wind-aided. Instead, teammate Huang Baoting got the record with his silver medal effort of 8.12. The old mark was 8.07.

As expected, China's powerful contingent of distance runners won the women's 3,000 metres. Zhang Linli's time of 8 minutes, 52.97 seconds broke the Games record of 8:57.12. Harumi Hiroyama of Japan failed in a home-stretch effort to catch Zhang and took the silver in 8:53.74.

But Olga Chichigina of Kazakhstan edged China's Zhou Hongyang and Zhang Yu in the 100-metre hurdles. The times were 12.80, 12.87 and 12.90.

In the heptathlon, Syria's Ghada piled up 6,360 points, beating the Games record of 6,231. China's Zhang Xiaohui was second with 5,800.

In the modern pentathlon, Kim scored 5,329 to 5,227 for Kazakhstan's Alexandre Parygin, but Kazakhstan took the team title with 15,493 to the Koreans' 15,288.

Two grand masters were decided in bowling — Lee Ji-Yeon of South Korea in the women's competition and Hiroshi Yamamoto of Japan in the men's. The golds were decided after a 15-game battle among the top 16 scorers in singles, doubles, trios and five-member team competition. The top three from those 15 games advanced to elimination finals.

Lee defeated teammate Kim Sook-Yung 389 to 321 in the women's final, with Irene Garcia of the Philippines taking the bronze after being eliminated 235 to 188 by Lee.

Yamamoto beat Taiwan's Tsai Chun-Lin 412-406 in the men's final, after eliminating bronze medalist Saad Hadi Al-Hajiri 252-172.

Of the day's four shooting golds, China lost only the men's prone free rifle event. Sergei Beljaev of Kazakhstan shot 702.1, tying the Asian record, and China's Li Wenjie took silver with 698.6.



Syria's Ghada Sheaa leaps into the sandpit during the long jump event of the women's heptathlon in the 12th Asian Games at the Big Arch Stadium in Hiroshima yesterday. She won the gold with a Games' record 6.360 metres. — AFP photo

Asian Games 100. He lowered the Games record time again in doing it.

China seized eight golds for the day, with three each in yachting and shooting in addition to two in track and field.

That was in the past. This is a new start," skipper Shahbaz Ahmed said. "May be it is difficult to forget that defeat, but we are not spending sleepless nights worrying about it."

The South Koreans are opponents we respect, but do not fear. I will be surprised if we do not win tomorrow," he said.

Shahbaz wants his team to take the lead from arch-rivals India, who upset the Koreans 3-1 on Monday to top Group B and set up a clash with hosts Japan in the second semifinal.

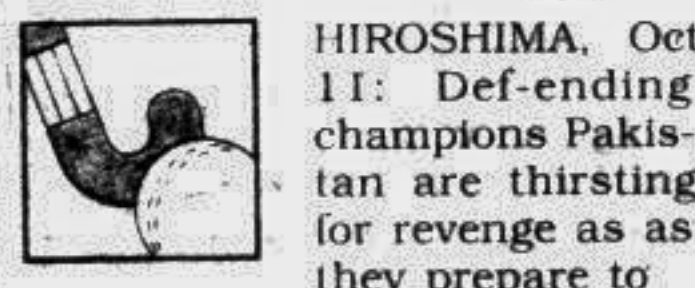
"I liked the way the Indians slowed down the game to rattle the fast-moving Koreans. They played tactical hockey, something we should also do," he said.

The Pakistanis, chasing an eighth Asiad hockey title, have looked unbeatable so far in the tournament. They ended the league with an all-win record, scoring 19 goals in four matches and conceding just two.

Pakistan's fortunes rest on their star forwards Kamran Ashraf and Tahir Zaman, the tournament's leading scorers so far with six and five goals respectively.

South Korean coach Kimsang Ryal concedes Pakistan will be tough to beat but believes it can be done. "They are obviously the best team here and in very good form. But surprises are part of modern hockey. One can never predict a winner," he said.

# Revenge on Pakistan's mind



HIROSHIMA, Oct 11: Defending champions Pakistan are thirsting for revenge as they prepare to take on South Korea in the Asian Games men's hockey semifinal here tomorrow, reports AFP.

The Pakistanis are not worried at the prospect of facing the same rivals who handed them their worst defeat in recent years — a 4-0 rout.

**Div II hockey Sports Reporter**  
Victoria Sporting Club stormed into the Green Delta Insurance Second Division super league as Group D champions with a 3-0 win over Agran Bank in one of the two matches billed for the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Danesh put the Motijheel outfit ahead in the 22nd minute with a nice field goal while Matur doubled the margin from a short-corner eight minutes later.

Chandan added another after the breather also from a penalty corner in the 65th minute to ensure his side's convincing third successive win and a place in the round of last eight.

The super league is expected to begin from October 17.

In the other match of the day, PWD recorded an insignificant 2-0 win over East End Green Club.

Imran notched both the goals for PWD.

India was just the tonic his team needed for the sterner tests ahead. "It was a good kick up the backside... it woke us up. We cannot afford to take anyone lightly."

Indian coach Zafar Iqbal is not taking Japan for granted either, despite facing the least fancied of the four semifinalists.

"The victory against the Koreans was a good morale-booster, but our job is not over yet. Japan did well to overtake Malaysia and Kazakhstan and make the semifinal. They are capable of a tough fight," he said.

"But this is our big chance. We will not let go of it easily."

**Kazak spikers keep it up**  
HIROSHIMA, Oct 11: Kazakhstan, which did not drop a set in six games in the preliminary rounds, maintained its unbeaten record but finally dropped a set as it defeated Iran 12-15, 15-9, 15-7, 15-5 Tuesday in the men's volleyball competition at the Asian Games, reports AP.

Kazakhstan is paired with Iran and South Korea, which was inactive Tuesday, in Group A of the second round.

In Group B, China and Japan both scored quickfire wins.

Japan trounced Pakistan 15-2, 15-3, 15-4, while China was equally in control against Mongolia, triumphing 15-1, 15-2, 15-5.