

Sport



Ace shooter Atiqur Rahman (L) in action during the 10-metre air pistol competition at the Gulshan Shooting Range yesterday.

— Star photo

Atiq's first gold

Sports Reporter

Countries ace shooter Atiqur Rahman made a successful return to the domestic meet by winning the air pistol gold of the sixth Bangladesh Games at the Gulshan Shooting Complex yesterday.

The Commonwealth gold winner in 1989 who did not take part in the last national championship, however, appearing in his favourite event scored highest 561 points, 10 short of his Commonwealth score, to claim the first medal for his team Metropolis Shooting Club.

Nazrul Islam, who scored 558 points, captured the silver while Tawfiqur Rahman took the bronze with an aggregate of 555 points.

Meanwhile, on the distaff side, Shefali Chowdhury, won the 40 shot air pistol event which, for the first time has been included in women's section.

The 32-year-old rookie from Narayanganj, appearing in her first competitive meet, scored 345 points to win the gold ahead of her Narayanganj Club mate Rekha, who won the silver scoring 342 points.

Sabina Ilyas of Gulshan Shooting Club captured the bronze securing 328 points.

Abahani ride on Golla

Lalmatia grounds Biman

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Title chasers Abahani Krira Chakra extended their impressive all-win record to five, defeating Wari Club by 17 runs while Bangladesh Biman suffered a stunning three-wicket defeat at the hands of a lowly Lalmatia in the two Premier cricket league matches held at different city venues yesterday.

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BRIEF SCORES

ABAHANI KRIRA CHAKRA: 200 for nine in 50 overs (Javed Omar Belim 88, Akram Khan 41; Sohel Ahmed 4/26, Montu 3/22).

WARI CLUB: 183 all out in 48.2 overs (Tarique Mehboob 78, Mehrab Hossain 31; Zahir 3/20, Durjoy 2/27).

BANGLADESH BIMAN: 136 all out in 47.1 overs (Ziaur Rashid Rupom 21, Nasir Khan 21; Jamaluddin 3/7, Amiruddin 2/17, Montu 3/21).

LALMATIA CLUB: 139 for seven in 42.2 overs (Ziauddin Shovon 51 n.o.; Nasir Shawkat 3/30, Athar Ali 3/20).

Lalmatia: bubbling with the presence of some new kids, skittled out the national airline outfit for a paltry 136 in 47.1. Later Lalmatia skipper Shovon with a captain's knock of an unbeaten 51 guided the elite group promoted to a sensational victory with more than seven overs to spare in the 50-over-a-side match.

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