

## Badminton for the Deaf from tomorrow

**Sports Reporter**  
The 7th National Deaf Badminton Championship, under the aegis of the Bangladesh Deaf Sports Federation, will begin at the federation's Bijoy Nagar complex from tomorrow.  
Thirty-two shuttlers from seven organisations for the deaf will take part in the four-day meet, which will conclude on December 15.

## Kostadinova divorces husband

**SOFIA, Dec 10:** Bulgaria's Olympic high jump champion Stefka Kostadinova divorced her husband and coach Nikolai Petrov here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

The 33-year-old, who recently retired after garnering two world outdoor championships and five indoor world crowns, had been married to Petrov for nine years, with whom she had a son also called Nikolai.

## Mia disheartens Indonesians

**BANGKOK, Dec 10:** Teenager Mia Audina, whose boyfriend was thrown out of Indonesia's training camp for disturbing team morale, committed a flurry of errors during her defeat by South Korea's Kim Ji-Hyun in the Asian Games women's team semifinal on Thursday, reports AFP.

The 19-year-old Mia, twice the heroine of her country's Uber Cup women's team victories over China, had been expected to give Indonesia a 1-0 lead but the squad crumbled after her loss and went down 3-1 to their fierce rivals.

Mia, hit several smashes long in her 11-6, 11-5 loss.

## Buchwald plans to wave his final goodbye

**BONN, Dec 10 (Reuters/Internet):** Former German international Guido Buchwald is considering retirement.  
"I have to think about it all quietly during the winter break and see if it makes sense to carry on," the 37-year-old Buchwald, currently with second division Karlsruhe-SC, said.

Buchwald, who won 76 caps for Germany and was a member of the 1990 World Cup-winning team, has come under fire after a string of poor performances in his new club role.

Originally a defensive midfielder, Buchwald returned to the Bundesliga last January by joining Karlsruhe SC after four seasons in Japan's J-League with Urawa Red Diamonds.

# Asian Games roundup

**BANGKOK, Dec 10:** China won a diving gold Thursday that it considered not enough, and South Korea had to give up an Asian Games bowling medal — because it had too many, reports AP.

The Chinese had three gold medals from three diving events after Zhou Yilin came from behind on his last dive to beat compatriot Yu Zhuocheng by less than four points on the 3-metre springboard.

But like the other major teams at these Games, China are looking ahead to the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

China won three gold medals in diving at the 1996 Olympics but missed out altogether at the world championships in Perth this year.

South Korean bowlers swept the top three places in women's singles Wednesday night, but Malaysia, which had the fourth-place finisher, objected to giving the Koreans gold, silver and bronze.

Under Games rules, only two competitors in an event are allowed to win medals and their names must be registered before the start of competition.

Overall, China was dominating these Games. Early on the fourth day, it had 27, golds — and more certain to come in gymnastics — far ahead of Japan's 16 and South Korea's

15. Aside from Zhou's diving victory, it had a gold from Zhang Haijun, who beat teammate Ma Huizhen by 36.46 seconds for gold in the women's 25-kilometre time trial cycling race. Zhao won in 35 minutes, 17.55 seconds, averaging 42.50 kph (26.56 mph).

## MEDALS TABLE

BANGKOK, Dec 10 (BSS): Medals table at the end of the fourth day of the 13th Asian Games on Wednesday.				
Country	G	S	B	T
China	25	21	18	64
Japan	16	19	16	51
Korea	15	7	10	32
Kazakhstan	6	6	9	21
Chinese Taipei	4	3	9	16
Thailand	3	8	11	22
North Korea	2	4	2	8
Mongolia	2	0	2	4
Vietnam	1	2	2	5
Uzbekistan	1	1	4	6
Kuwait	1	1	3	5
Pakistan	1	0	0	1
Turkmenistan	1	0	0	1
Malaysia	0	2	2	4
Jordan	0	2	1	3
Indonesia	0	1	3	4
Myanmar	0	1	1	2
Kyrgyzstan	0	1	0	1
Philippines	0	0	4	4
Hong Kong	0	0	2	2
Nepal	0	0	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>261</b>

Iran's Ghader Mizbani Iranagh cycled down a Thai highway at an average 47 kph (29 mph) for his gold in the men's 50-kilometre race, holding off Kazakhstan's Dmitriy Fofanov and Pavel Nevdaikh.

Host Thailand gained its fourth gold of the Games when its air rifle team won its event with 1,769 points to 1,768 for South Korea and 1,762 for Japan.

After a Jordanian weightlifter was expelled from the Games early Thursday for testing positive for a banned diuretic, Asia's top Olympic official accused weightlifting's governing body of not doing enough to combat doping.

Ayed Khawaldah, 25, admitted the offense at a meeting between Olympic Council of Asia officials and the Jordanian team, the OCA said in a statement. He was the first athlete at these games to test positive for banned drugs. He had placed seventh in the 56-kilogram division Monday.

But Jordan's team doctor, Mohammed Abu-Ain, said he hoped Khawaldah would escape with a caution. He said Khawaldah had not known that the drug, which he took in Turkey while preparing for the games, was banned and he was not trying to cheat.

## Sir Don's baggy green cap recovered

**ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec 10:** A worldwide search for an original Australian baggy green cap of Sir Donald Bradman has ended, reports AFP.

The cap, which Bradman wore throughout the 1948 'Invincibles' cricket tour of England and was to be presented to current Australian captain Mark Taylor by his English counterpart Alec Stewart today in Adelaide.

It will then be loaned to the South Australian State Library for its Bradman collection.

The 1948 tour was Bradman's last before he retired.

## Asiad soccer Iran back on track

**BANGKOK, Dec 10:** Favorites Iran resurrected their hopes of a quarterfinal place in the Asian Games soccer tournament today with a crushing 5-0 win over Tajikistan, reports Reuters.

Iran, stunned in their opening second round group match by a 4-2 defeat at the hands of tiny Oman despite bringing their World Cup squad to Bangkok, went for goals from the start against Tajikistan and were 3-0 up after only 17 minutes.

The first came from Bayern Munich striker Ali Daei in only the 4th minute as he nodded in a cross from the impressive Mehdi Mahdavi, a player sought by clubs in China and Europe.

Eight minutes later, Karim Bagheri, who plays for Arminia Bielefeld in the German second Division, added a second with a spectacular flying header from a cross by Sayed Mousavi, who beat two Tajik defenders to get it in.

The Iranians went close several times before fullback Mohammad Khakpur let fly with a speculative low shot from 30 yards and grinned in delight as Tajik goalkeeper Zafar Karimov let the ball slip through his arms.

In a Group 4 match, Kazakhstan downed Qatar 2-0. Kazakhstan have a win and a draw while Qatar have a win and a loss.

In their group, Iran now have a victory and a loss, with Tajikistan eliminated from contention for a quarterfinal berth with two losses.

China's march towards the gold medal continued unabated with a powerful 6-1 win over Oman.

Bobby Houghton's side tore the Omanis apart in the first half to take a four goal lead and virtually assure themselves of a place in the quarterfinals of the tournament.

The win was China's fourth in a row in the competition and it takes their unbeaten run to 12 matches.

# No hiccups for the giants

**LONDON, Dec 10 (Reuters/AP):** There were 36 goals but few real dramatic twists and turns as the European Champions' League reached the end of its qualifying phase on Wednesday.

The real dramas were off field as a teenage fan died in Athens after falling 50 metres onto concrete from the top of a stand during the second half of Arsenal's 3-1 win over Panathinaikos at the Olympic Stadium.

Earlier in the day a Real Sociedad fan died in Madrid after being stabbed by Atletico Madrid fans before the teams' UEFA Cup match clash on Tuesday night.

Supporters of Real Madrid showed their respect for the victim, 28-year-old Altor Zabala, with a short silence before their 2-1 home win over Spartak Moscow.

Goals from Raul after 33 minutes and Savio Bortolini (65) gave the defending champions the win that secured their place in the last eight as one of the two best runners-up.

But unlike some recent D-days in European competition, there were few surprises on the field.

All eight teams who were in qualifying berths at half-time, held on to reach the last eight at the end of their respective

matches.  
The only club to gain an unlikely spot were Juventus — who progressed after winning for the first time in Group B — 2-0 at home against Norwegian Rosenborg Trondheim.

It was the second successive season that Juventus — who have appeared in the last three European Cup finals — have left it late to make the last eight. A year ago this week they survived after results went their way elsewhere with goals in the last five minutes of the last group matches.

Their survival on Wednesday left the coach of Galatasaray, who were edged out of the last eight despite having the same number of points as Juve — almost speechless.

Fatih Terim, who saw his side lose 1-0 at Athletic Bilbao, said: "I am still stunned that Juventus are going through to the quarter-finals with five draws."

Juve's fickle fans appeared not to be too bothered either way — only 10,000 braved a cold night at the Stadio Delle Alpi to watch them play.

While Juventus somehow won Group B, Olympiakos emerged victorious from Group A after drawing 1-1 with Croatia Zagreb. It was the first time the Greek champions had reached the quarter-finals of the European Cup.

Ajax Amsterdam, winners



China's Sun Wen (L) and Bei Jung-su chase the ball during their Asiad fixture in Bangkok on December 9. The Chinese won 3-0.

four seasons ago and runners up a year later, went out after losing 3-0 at FC Porto.

Inter Milan clinched top spot in Group C with their 2-0 win at Sturm Graz with Javier Zanetti (64) and Roberto Baggio (80) scoring for Inter in the second half.

Ronaldo, Inter's Brazilian superstar, was making a comeback after an injury, missed a great chance in the 3rd minute after faking Austrian defenders. With an open goal before him, Ronaldo's shot sailed over the net.

Ronaldo was taken out on the hour, apparently still not fully fit for 90 minutes after his injury.

Only four minutes later, Zanetti scored Inter's goal, burying a thunderous shot from the right side.

Baggio, a substitute, sealed the victory with a neat placement 10 minutes from time.

A crowd of 14,000 at the Arnold Schwarzenegger stadium saw Graz lose their fifth of six games in the group.

Sturm, with only one point from the previous five games, missed several starters, including Austria's Player of the Year, Ivica Vastic, who fell ill before the match.

Manchester United and Bayern Munich drew 1-1 at Old Trafford in Group D which meant they both qualified — Bayern as group winners with 11 points and United as runners-up with 10.

United skipper Roy Keane opened the scoring with a fierce drive after 43 minutes and Hasan Salihamidzic scrambled the equaliser 13 minutes later.

In the other Group D match, a dead rubber in Copenhagen, Barcelona beat Brondby 2-0 despite having skipper Josep Guardiola sent off after 41 minutes.

Dynamo Kiev clinched top spot in Group E with a 3-1 win over fellow hopefuls Lens in France, giving them 11 points to Lens' eight.

Lens were up against it after skipper Frederic Dehu was sent off for a professional foul after only six minutes.

Arsenal ended their unsuccessful campaign in Group E with a 3-1 win over Panathinaikos.

Kaiserslautern, the German champions who had already won Group F, beat bottom-placed HJK Helsinki 5-2 thanks to a hat-trick from Uwe Rossler, Eintracht Frankfurt drew 2-2 in the other match and both were eliminated.

Five European Cup winners — Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, Manchester United, Inter Milan and Juventus — have made it into the quarter-finals with the draw to take place in Geneva next Wednesday, December 16.

The draws for the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup will take place at the same time.

# Corinthians, Cruzeiro prevail in violent semis

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec 10:** Santos striker Viola, top scorer in the Brazilian Championship with 21 goals, was led off the field by police after being shown the red card as his team lost their semifinal tie on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

The other tie was held up for seven minutes when Cruzeiro goalkeeper Dida was struck on the head by a stone thrown from the crowd at Portuguesa.

Viola, who had put his side in front in a 1-1 draw with Corinthians, lost his head after being sent off for dissent ten minutes from the end.

The former Valencia striker and Brazil international followed referee Sidrack Marinho around the field arguing vehemently and had to be restrained by team-mates.

After around two minutes of discussions, three riot police came onto the field. They initially watched the goings-on before the referee shouted at them

to remove the angry player.

Viola then escaped the attention of police, slipped back onto the pitch and resumed his persecution of the referee before the officers caught up with him again. "This is a joke," he fumed as he left the field.

Santos, bitterly criticised for their aggressive approach in a previous match on Sunday, had been relatively well behaved until the incident.

But the final match of the three-leg tie was still a fiercely contested and bad tempered affair with more than 60 fouls, split almost evenly between the two sides.

Corinthians went through on having the better goal aggregate after Santos won the first leg 2-1 and Corinthians won the second 2-0 on Sunday.

Viola had scored just before halftime from close range but a spectacular equaliser by Edilson won the tie for Corinthians in a rare bright moment.

Corinthians' opponents in the final will be Cruzeiro, who beat Portuguesa 1-0 away in their third leg on Wednesday.

Djair scoring the winner in the second minute.

Cruzeiro won the tie by six points to three, having also won the first leg 3-1 and lost the second 2-1. Portuguesa could face disciplinary action after Dida was struck by the stone as the

teams came onto the field for the second half.

The goalkeeper appeared shocked but unhurt in the incident.

Ties in the knockout stage of the championship are played over three legs as decided at points, then goal aggregate and finally first stage records.

## 13th Asiad's first doper

**BANGKOK, Dec 10:** A Jordanian weightlifter was revealed late Wednesday as the first doper of the Bangkok Asian Games, reports AFP.

Ayed Khawaldah Jassar was immediately disqualified and expelled from the Games village by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), which held an emergency meeting to discuss the case Wednesday night.

Jassar, 25, who finished 14th in the men's 56kg class on Monday, was found to have taken the diuretic triamterene.

He was caught in a random test after his event, which was won by Lan Shizhang of China.

At the 1994 Asian Games in Hiroshima, 11 Chinese athletes, including seven swimmers, failed drug tests for steroids, making doping a very sensitive issue for the OCA.

# The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

## Friday 11th December

(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.)

## BTV

### Morning Session

9:00 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme summary 9:10 Khabar 9:15 Aalor Disharee 9:35 Sports programme 10:00 News in English 10:05 Film show: End Byron Adventure Series 10:35 Talk show: Mithskhria 10:45 Stage Theatre 12:30 Closed down

### Evening Session

9:00 Opening announcement, Al Quran, 3:12 Khabar, 3:20 Bengali Feature Film 4:00 Khabar 6:00 Health programme 6:30 Khabar 6:40 Programmes from Chittagong Centre 7:05 Malancha 7:25 Aamra Tomadar Bhulbula 8:00 News in Bangla 8:35 The New Adventure of Sandbadth 9:00 Maga-

## World Living: The Inter-Net

5:00 BBC World Today 6:30 World Focus: Wild World - Pygmy Chimpanzee 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC World Today - Asia & Pacific 8:30 World Living: Earth Report: Indigenous People 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hardtalk 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Living: Question Time (India) (Presenter: Pranay Roy) 11:00 World News 11:30 World Living: Top Gear 12:00 BBC World Today 1:30 Hard Talk 2:30 Correspondent 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 World Living: Future Fantastic Immortals 4:15 Europe Direct 5:00 BBC News in World Business Report/24 Hours

## CHANNEL [V]

7:00 Turn On TV [V] 8:30 Rewind [V] 9:30 Zabarast: Hits 12:00 House Arrest 12:30 Zabarast: Hits 2:30 First Day First Show 3:00 Videocon Flashback 4:00 Turn On TV 4:30 Volume Double - Guest

## Wintrev Show: Tyanila

12:00 Santa Barbara 1:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 1:30 Today's Gourmet 2:00 Snowy River McGreggor Saga 3:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 Brittas Empire 4:30 World News 5:00 Asia News Update 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman 7:00 Heartbeats 8:00 Peak Practice 9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 9:30 Home Improvement 10:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman 11:00 Heartbeats 12:00 Peak Practice 1:00 Home Improvement 1:30 Newhart 2:00 Brittas Empire 2:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 3:00 The Wonder Years 3:30 Mr Belvedere 4:00 Nanny & the Professor 4:30 World News 5:00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea

## STAR MOVIES

7:30 Action: Planet of the Apes 15 9:30 Comedy: Pirates 15 11:30 Action: Death Hunt 15 1:30 Drama: A Gathering Of Old Men 15 3:30 Drama: Color

## Aur Sukoon 5:25 Biology for 10th

5:55 Uffag (Serial) 6:25 AIOU COURSE 7:20 Full House 7:45 ENGLISH NEWS 8:10 Fun Time Popper Show 8:45 Pail De Paal (Serial) 9:00 Break for Headlines News 10:00 Khabarnaama & Commercial News 10:35 Hollywood Top Ten Countdown Film Music 11:35 Pajma 12:00 FRIDAY NIGHT CLASSIC CINEMA & KHAS Khabar-Rain /CLOSE DOWN

## ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 Zee News Hindi 8:00 Help Line 8:30 Zee News Hindi 9:00 Centre Stage 9:30 Zee News: Eng 10:00 Mystery Unfolds 10:30 Naye Nagmen 11:00 Hum Zamane 11:30 Zee News Update 11:50 Zee Business News 12:00 Haseenai Quiz Contest 12:30 Haseenai 1:00 Zee Countdown 1:30 Zee News Hindi Bulletin 2:00 Ad Mad Show 2:30 Money Game 3:00 Teer Kaman 3:30 News Line 4:00 Aashiana 4:30 Hum Honge Kamyab 5:00 Naye Nagme 5:30 Zed it Pro 6:00 Purnushetra 7:00 Haseenai Pal (Trailer Show) 7:30 Zee Sports Show 8:00 Zee News: English 8:30 Zee Face To Face 9:00 The News 9:30 Zee News: Hindi 10:00 Disha Samvad 10:30 Zee News Hindi 10:50 Zee Business News Hindi 11:00 Session with Seshan 11:30 Zee News Roundup 12:00 Zee Countdown 12:30 The Dream Merchant 1:00 Vision Beyond-50 1:30 BOC 2:00 Zee News: Hindi 2:20 Zee Face To Face 2:30 Hum Zamane 3:00 Zee News: Hindi 3:30 Beech Shabar 4:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W)



## Heartbeat on Star World

Bad Apple at 7 tonight  
In Bad Apple, romance is in the air as Jo accepts Nick's proposal of marriage and they become engaged, but agree to keep their news until Nick has asked Mr Weston for his daughter's hand in marriage. However, when Jo's mother is told, a furious family row erupts.

## MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Hanging Out VJ Rahul/Sonia 9:00 Classic MTV VJ Sarah/Rahul 10:00 Non-Stop Hits 10:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nidhi 11:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/Nikhil 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Houseful VJ Nafisa 1:30 MTV In Control: Cricket 2:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 3:30 Thums-Up Non-Stop Hits 4:00 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 Pepsi Dance Connection Special: TV MTV 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nidhi 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/Nikhil 7:30 MTV & Kenwood India Hit List VJ Rahul 8:00 MTV & Smirnoff Mega Mix VJ Nafisa 8:30 Non-Stop Hits 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:30 Non-Stop Hits Continue

## MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B & W Gems 8:30 All Time Hits 9:00 Old Tavnern: Sizzlers 9:30 Aalaap 10:00 All Time Hits 10:30 Popper: Bharkhah 11:00 Di Ki Nazar Se 11:30 Bajaj Music Box 12:00 Coca-Cola: World Premiere 12:30 Old Tavnern: Sizzlers 1:00 Bajaj Music Box (Trailer Show) 1:30 Sham-e-Gajal 10:00 Pop Busters 10:30 Bajaj Music Box 11:00 Hindi Film 1:30 Bharkhah

Kanakanjali 2:30 Daily Sopa: Oga Priyatama 3:00 Serial: Maha Prabhu 3:30 Serial: Mohini 4:00 Serial: Bhangagarar Khel 4:20 Serial: Pama 4:50 Serial: Nepali Prg 5:30 News 5:35

## DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of The Day 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 For The University 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Short Film 8:45 The News 8:50 This Morning's Business 9:00 Serial: Arakhyana 10:30 Serial: Tarang 11:30 Serial: Yogi 12:30 Serial: Aurat 1:00 Serial: Aparajita 1:30 Serial: Ithbas 2:00 Serial: Waqi Ki Raftar 2:30 News in Hindi 2:40 News in English 2:50 Serial: Roop Suhane 3:00 Serial: Aap Ki Shanti 3:30 Serial: Ujala 4:00 Tea Time Monoranjani 4:30 Aladdin Aur Jadu Ka Chirag 5:00 Qawwali 5:45 Raso Se 6:00 Sath Sath 6:30 Janjani Darpan 7:00 Special: 7:50 Tap Tap Topi 8:20 Chitrahaar 9:00 Samachar 9:30 News / 10:00 Hindi Feature Film

## SONY TV

7:30 Jeevan Mulya 8:00 Risprasad 8:30 Yaadon Ki Baraat 9:00 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 9:30 Cine Clips 10:00 Star Year Kalakar 11:00 Just Mohabbat 11:30 Pop Point 12:00 Bhanwar 12:30 Yeh Sadi Nahi Ho Sakti 1:00 Chamatkari 1:30 Cine Clips 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh

## DD TV

6:00 Yaadon Ki Pal-B/W Songs 6:30 Zee News 6:50 Jhalak-Dhar 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Jr Horicks-Choti Choti Bate 8:30 Liberty 10:10 To Pop 9:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:00 Ek Nazar 10:30 TVS Saragama - Classic 11:30 Guldudee 12:00 Daraz #201 12:30 Khana Khazana (Cooking Tips) 1:00 Naye Nazrane 1:30 Daily Sopa: Shanti 2:00 Daily Sopa: Hum Paanch (Rpt) 2:30 Public Demand VJ Roshan, Kanakashmi 3:00 BQC 3:30 Rm Super 7 Mukabala 4:30 Sunive Zee 5:00

## STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:3