



Winners of the American Cup Golf Tournament pose with Chief of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Golf Club Lt. General Moeen U Ahmed during a prize giving ceremony at Radison Hotel in the city on Friday. American community in Bangladesh sponsored the two-day meet.

Scyllars capture U-19 handball title

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Valkyries Scyllars, a team from Scholastica, clinched the title of the Beximco Pharma Under-19 Girls Handball Tournament with a thumping 17-4 win over Viquarunnissa Noon School & College in the final at Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

Valkyries Skyliners, also from Scholastica, finished third beating Sunnydale by 9-8 goals in thrilling third-place decider at the same venue.

Anuse Mahmud of Valkyries Scyllars was adjudged player of the tournament after finishing as the highest scorer.

Cultural and Education secretary of the German Embassy Katrin Weiss was the chief guest on the occasion and distributed the prizes amongst the winners.

Earlier, on way to the final, Valkyries Scyllars crushed Valkyries Skyliners by 21-2 goals in the first semifinal while Viquarunnissa Noon School & College outplayed Sunnydale by 17-5 goals in the second semis.

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Minister for Youth, Sports and Transport of West Bengal Subhas Chakraborty, president of Indian Olympic Association Suresh Kalmidhi, secretary general of Bangladesh Olympic Association Kutubuddin Ahmed and general secretary of Bengal Olympic Association Kamlesh Chaterjee were also present at the gala event.

The opening ceremony comprised cultural programmes, callisthenics, fireworks, speeches of distinguished guests and marchpast of the participating teams.

Mahfuzur Rahman Mithu, who won gold in 110-metre hurdles in the 10th South Asian Games last year, carried the Bangladesh flag in the march past.

Chef-de-mission Mizanur Rahman Manu led the Bangladesh contingent in the marchpast.

The Indo-Bangla Games got the go-ahead with an agreement signed between Bangladesh Olympic Association and Bengal Olympic Association of India on December 16 last year in Dhaka.

As per the agreement, the Games will be held every alternate year in West Bengal and Bangladesh with a view to fostering brotherhood and friendship among the people of the two neighbouring countries.

The main competition starts today.

The 228-member Bangladesh contingent arrived here on Friday.

Bangladesh play

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Rajin and Rasel are not playing. Mashrafe (Mortaza) and Rajib (Shahadat Hossain) have slight niggles, one in the foot and the other in his toes but they are not serious and both had trained yesterday. Still, we'll see them in today's practice before selecting the team. Rasel had fever yesterday and did not train," said Bashar.

Bangladesh take on Bermuda at the Antigua Recreation Ground, famous for Brian Lara's record-breaking 400 not out and 375.

"We trained at the Recreation Ground for the first time yesterday," said Bashar.

The match against Bangladesh will be Bermuda's first-ever official ODI against a Test team. The Caribbean Island nation have already played a practice match against Antigua at the Recreation Ground and lost by 24 runs chasing 140 for victory. The pitch there reportedly favours spinners.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

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The annual sports competition of Shaheed Police Smriti College was held with much festivity at the Mirpur Police Complex yesterday.

Inspector general Nur Mohammad witnessed the events along with a cultural programme that took place after the prize-giving ceremony.

NATIONAL JUNIOR JUDO

Marufa Khatun of Rajshahi was adjudged the best judoka as her division became champions of the AB Bank 2nd National junior Judo competition at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium.

Language Martyr Abdul Jabbar Ansar-VDP High School became runner-up in the meet.

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

Nurul Amin and Ishrat became champions in the Mohammadpur Preparatory School Annual Sports competition at the school premises.

Teachers, parents and other students were present during the colourful programme.

MOBIL CUP GOLF

The two-day Mobil Cup Golf tournament concluded at the Bogra Golf Club yesterday.

A total of 75 golfers from all over the country participated in the tournament. A good number of lady

and junior golfers also participated in the meet.

Brigadier General Mohammed Shamim Chowdhury, nwc psc inaugurated the tournament as the Chief Guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

GAIBANDHA SCHOOL CRICKET

South Kamarjani High School beat Piyarpura High School by 78 runs in the School Cricket competition at the Gaibandha Stadium yesterday.

Having scored 148 in 22.2 overs, Kamarjani bowled out Piyarpura for only 70 in 20.1 overs.

28TH NATIONAL WOMEN CHESS

Sharmi Sultana took solo lead after defeating Evana in the second round of the Basic Bank 28th National Women Chess competition at the federation hallroom.

She now has two points while Farzana Hossain, Mimi Arjuman and Mehnaz Ahmed are at second position with 1.5 points.

SURJO SENA HALL SPORTS

Political Science student Mohammad Habibur Rahman was crowned champion in the Dhaka University Surjo Sena Hall annual sports competition at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

300 students took part in twenty events of the competition.

KOLKATA OPEN CHESS

Grand Masters Ziaur Rahman and Niaz Mursheed will take part in the Kolkata Open chess tournament at Gorkey Sadan at Kolkata which begins today.

International masters Enamul Hossain, Abdullah Al Rakib are also participating in the competition.

NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Palolit 28th National Table Tennis Championship will begin at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium today.

As many as 39 teams are taking part in the seven-day meet when ten events will take place.

SHAHEED SMRITI HOCKEY

Crystal Co-operative Alliance beat Mukto Bihango 2-1 in the Holybless Energy Bulb Shaheed Smriti Hockey tournament at the Moulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Samad put Crystal Co-operative ahead converting a penalty corner in the 34th minute (1-0) while Ashiq increased the winners' margin after converting another penalty corner in the 40th minute.

All-rounder James made the difference with an unbeaten 94 to lead Surjo Toru to an 18-run win over Kathalbagan at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Batting first, Surjo Toru scored 241-7 in 50 overs but Kathalbagan made a game of it before being bowled out in the final over for 223 runs.

All-rounder James batted patiently but then accelerated in the latter overs. He finished with 94 off 108 balls with four boundaries and three big sixes. James built little partnerships, one of which was with opener Shakil Haider (56), who struck his second half-century in as many matches. Mahmud and Kabir took two wickets while Rashed and Jahid took one each.

Kathalbagan replied solidly with Monjur Morshed scoring 77 off 115 balls. But his fall in the 40th over to left-arm spinner Al Amin (4-50), sparked a collapse. Jahid stroked a run-a-ball 47.

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Loudon (71 off 126 balls) plumb lbw with a full-length delivery to complete the job.

Retired banker Bruce Aanensen is

to become the new chief executive officer of the West Indies Cricket Board after Roland Toppin withdrew from the post.

Toppin was announced as the successor to Roger Brathwaite in November, and due to start earlier this year.

But he tried to move his office from Antigua to his native Bahamas, a request which was refused by the WICB.

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