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175\*

Balls 66

6s 17

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## New rules, new victors

SPORTS REPORTER

The introduction of the new rules helped a promising Syeda Sadia Sultana grab her first gold at the senior level when the 20-year-old shooter from Chittagong won the 10m Air Rifles event of the Bangladesh Games at the National Shooting Complex in Gulshan yesterday.

Sadia had previously won international gold medals in SA Games and Commonwealth Shooting Championship in team events pairing with Sharmin Akter Ratna, but this time she beat her

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### MEDAL TABLE

TEAMS	G	S	B
Army	20	13	13
Navy	19	16	8
Ansar	18	19	18
BJMC	12	16	11
BKSP	10	5	14
BGB	3	3	5
Engineers RC	2	0	0
Chittagong	1	3	8
Rajshahi	1	2	6
Air Force	1	1	2
Dhaka RC	1	1	1
Gulshan SA	1	1	0
Police	1	0	0
Chittagong RC	1	0	0
BD Jail	1	0	0

## Kabaddi's hall of shame

SPORTS REPORTER

The National Kabaddi Stadium next to the Bangladesh Olympic Bhavan turned into a scene of mayhem yesterday afternoon during women's kabaddi final between BJMC and Bangladesh Ansar in the 8th Bangladesh Games. The match officials and a number of players from both sides got injured as the Ansar's players, their male teammates from the gallery and some of their officials plunged on the scene and assaulted the match officials and players, protesting the refereeing, and turning the scene bloody.

And it all took place in front of the dignitaries of the games which included Bangladesh Olympic Association secretary general Syed Shahed Reza, Games' steering committee chairman Harunur Rashid and Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation's general secretary Nazrul Islam among others.

Tension was brewing throughout the match but the clash broke out right after the final whistle as BJMC won by 19-16 points.

According to the BJMC captain Shahin Ara Brishty, one of the Ansar players bit a BJMC player as the referee blew the final whistle which started the clash. The Ansar members from the gallery, along with the female players, attacked them and the referees violently while they tried to save themselves, said the BJMC captain.

But the Ansar skipper Shahnaz Parvin

claimed the clash broke out because the umpires (Rafiqul Islam and Amjad Hossain) and referee Ajgar Ali deprived them of valid points. "They awarded a point to BJMC instead of us, which would have seen us level. We protested that but the referee didn't hear instead he blew the final whistle with a few minutes left. When we protested this, the BJMC players attacked us," claimed Shahnaz.

Umpire Rafiqul Islam, who received head injuries during the clash, said they had officiated the match fairly and the Ansar members attacked them out of frustration of losing.

However, according to Shahnaz and people close to this sport, this was a reaction to plenty of indignation from the Ansar players. The federation has always been partial towards the teams with more clout and refereeing has always been shameful in this sport where the more influential teams always get the rub of the green, they claimed.

"The referees are in collusion with the federation officials. The federation's general secretary (Nazrul Islam) had lured three Ansar players to BJMC saying demeaning things about our organisation. The federation officials treat us badly. The general secretary was in a conspiracy to award this gold to BJMC," blamed Shahnaz as she was leaving the scene of the mayhem along with her teammates protesting.

Nazrul however felt that refereeing was

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The fury of Bangladesh Ansar players and officials against hapless match referees is in full force after the women's kabaddi final of Bangladesh Games yesterday and the consequences are quite evident on the face of umpire Rafiqul Islam (inset).

PHOTOS: FIROZ AHMED

## Shumita keeps crown

### Josna's long reign ended

SPORTS REPORTER

Shumita Rani retained the women's 100m hurdles crown while some of the other events saw new winners on the second day of the Athletics events at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The Bangladesh Jail's veteran athlete Shumita, champion since 2003 barring 2009, proved her experience as she beat a younger competitor, Jesmin Akter of Ansar, by 0.07 second to the finish line.

Shumita finished the run in 15.26 seconds while Jesmin timed 15.33 seconds and Mukta Khatun finished a further 0.10 second behind for the third place.

However, the defending champion in the men's 110m hurdles Asadul Islam (14.88sec) of BGB was beaten to the sec-

ond place by Masud Khan (14.76sec) of BJMC. With a timing of 15.15 seconds, Mujibur Rahman of Bangladesh Army took the bronze.

Crowns shifted to newcomers in other events as well. Zakia Islam Subarna of BKSP, who surprised everyone on Monday by winning the women's 200m sprint, grabbed her second gold of the Games by winning the 400m in 59.26 seconds, beating her more experienced opponent Rawshan Ara Putul (1:01.88) while Shushmita Ghosh of BJMC took the bronze.

Josna Akter of BJMC lost her longstanding reign -- a staggering 23 national championship titles in 25 years -- in the women's discus throw event to Jafrin Akter of BKSP. BJMC's Shahin Azad, another veteran, finished third in the event. Bangladesh Army's

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SHUMITA... 100m hurdles gold

## Mashrafe out, not fully fit

SPORTS REPORTER

Premier pacer Mashrafe Bin Mortaza has been ruled out of next month's one-day international series against Zimbabwe. The bowler, who suffered a heel injury during the Bangladesh Premier League, has yet to recover completely.

"We received his medical reports today [Tuesday], and based on that we decided to keep him out of the series," said Akram Khan, Bangladesh Cricket Board's chief selector. "We have not yet decided as to who will be replacing him, we however, plan to send two to three more players for the series," he added.

## Beaten, not defeated

Cricket

SAKEB SUBHAN from Harare

Although on the injury front the fast bowlers are the main concern, from a purely cricketing point of view the deep worry leading into the second Test at Harare starting tomorrow will be that even with a near full-strength batting line-up Bangladesh could only muster 134 and 147 in the first Test.

A change in batting technique, which saw the Tigers struggling against the seaming ball, may be hard to achieve between Tests but an improvement in application and attitude is what Shane Jurgensen and Bangladesh will be looking for.

"Yesterday [Monday] we had some discussions with the boys about the batting, and they were very honest about what they thought about their own performances and they were spot on. We did not play with any patience. Now we just have to bat for longer," said Jurgensen while talking to reporters at the team hotel before practice yesterday. "Over the next two days we are going to work on the technique and refine that a little more. When the game starts we have to be very disciplined in our approach to every ball, and

do our basics well. We didn't get our basics right on this surface which is a little bit foreign to us. I don't think the bounce really worried us, but it was the seam movement that we didn't cope with."

A talking point surrounding the team for the second Test is whether vice-captain Mahmudullah Riyad, who scored just 34 runs in his last six innings, will retain his place. While Jurgensen was not prepared to comment on selection matters, he seemed to think that Riyad was beginning to turn it around. "Any player who is a little out of form like he is at the moment, I think you look to different options to try and overcome that. I think in the second innings he looked a bit like Riyad, unfortunately it was a shame that he got out. He probably put a little pressure on himself. But in the second innings he was looking positive, and played like the Riyad we know. His footwork was positive."

It is popularly thought that a seaming wicket like in the first Test warranted the selection of three seamers. But Jurgensen thought that more than the personnel, it was a lack of consistency in the bowling too, that was critical.

"Looking at the history of the pitch we thought that the pitch would play better

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Under pressure Bangladesh vice-captain Mahmudullah (C) and second Test hopeful Mominul Haque are in conversation during the Tigers' training session at the Harare Sports Club yesterday.

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## Taylor-made?

Exactly the same would be great. The same coverage of grass, it might be slower and spin a little bit more. We want, keep the grass on and back our technique, is Brendan Taylor's demand for the second Test starting tomorrow.

## Shane not happy with facilities

SPORTS REPORTER from Harare

Bangladesh coach Shane Jurgensen is not happy with the facilities provided by hosts Zimbabwe on the current tour. While speaking to reporters yesterday at the team hotel, the coach appeared displeased with issues ranging from the practice times to the provision of local bowlers during the Tigers' net sessions.

"We have not been able to practise once in the mornings, with all our practice sessions taking place in the afternoons," said the coach before the team left for yesterday's session. "It is not ideal because you want the players to get started early into their practice. It happens that on tours you do not often get your way, but on this tour nothing has come our way."

"For net bowlers, we wanted eight but there have been days when that

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