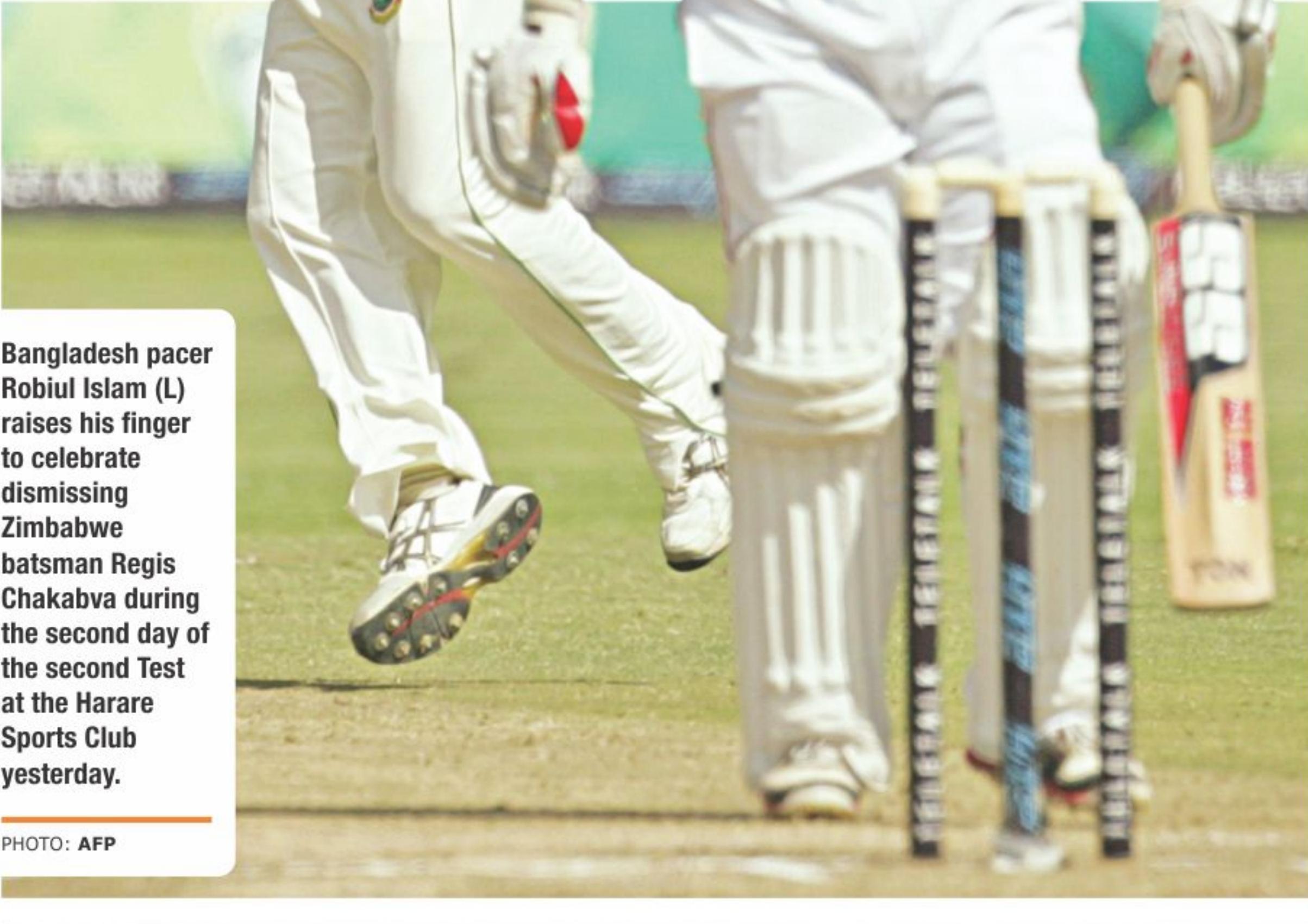


# Star Sport



**Bangladesh pacer Robiul Islam (L) raises his finger to celebrate dismissing Zimbabwe batsman Regis Chakabva during the second day of the second Test at the Harare Sports Club yesterday.**

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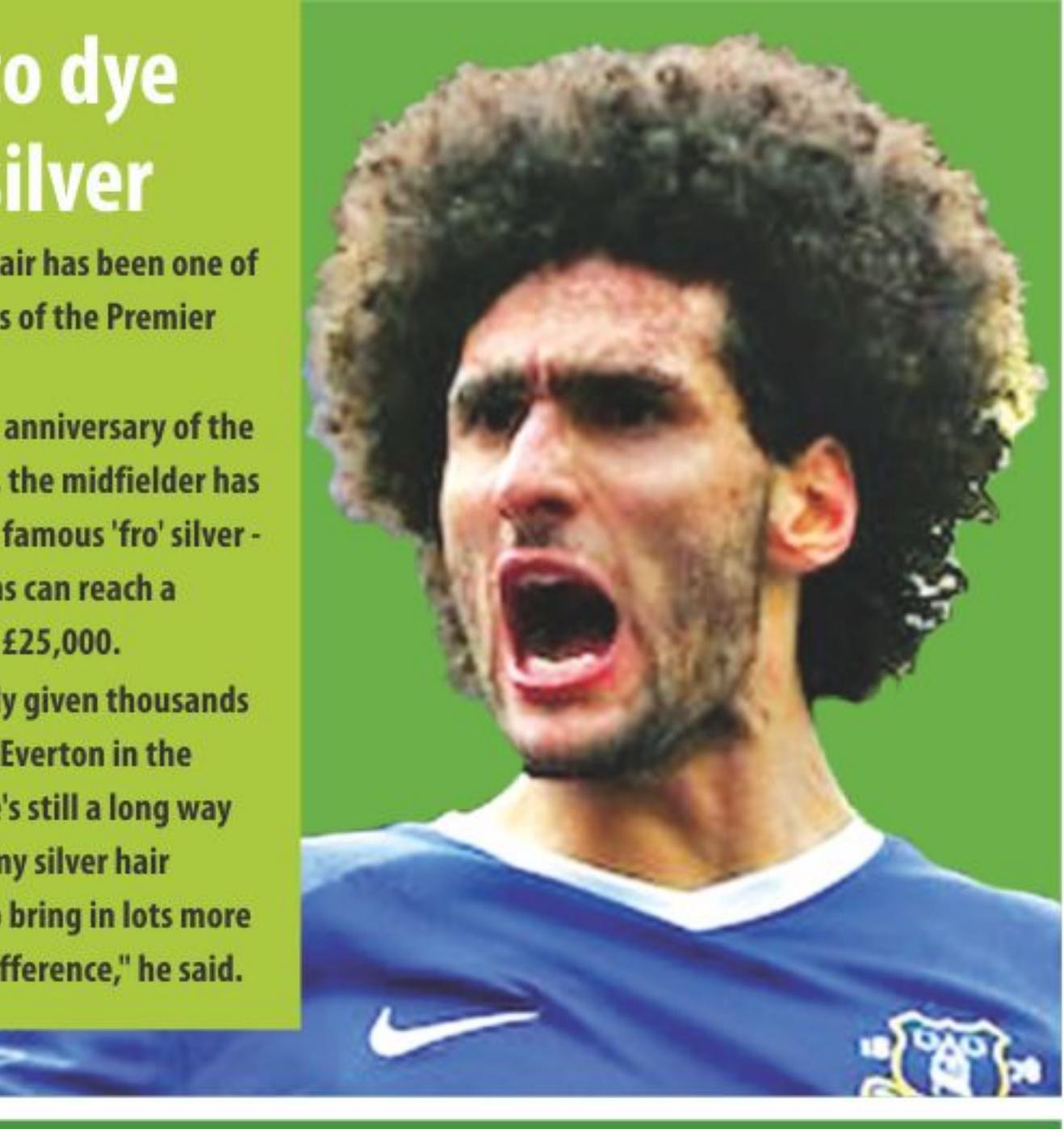
**Multi Expert Moment of the day**

## Fellaini to dye his hair silver

Marouane Fellaini's hair has been one of the enduring wonders of the Premier League for years.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Blues' official charity, the midfielder has committed to dye his famous 'fro' silver - but only if Evertonians can reach a fundraising target of £25,000.

"Our fans have already given thousands of pounds to support Everton in the Community but there's still a long way to go, so I hope that my silver hair challenge will help to bring in lots more money and make a difference," he said.



## Tigers edge Day 2

### Cricket

SAKEB SUBHAN from Harare

On the sixth day of cricket on their tour of Zimbabwe, Bangladesh finally started to translate their superiority on paper into deeds on the field. After scoring a substantial 391 in the first innings courtesy of gutsy batting in the morning by Nasir Hossain and the tailenders, Bangladesh took the all-important wicket of Brendan Taylor as Zimbabwe reached a shaky 158 for four at close on the second day of the second and deciding Test at the Harare Sports Club yesterday.

After Taylor's dismissal an hour after tea Elton Chigumbura, in the company of Malcolm Waller, started hitting out to redress the balance to finish the day not out on a 44-ball 45, while Waller was batting on 30 off 112 balls. The stand was worth 61 runs.

Speaking at the end of the day however Shakib Al Hasan, who took the crucial wicket of Hamilton Masakadza, did not seem too worried about the late surge. "It (the batsmen hitting out) is encouraging for us. I think we are in a good position. Maybe one more wicket would have been

much better, but we will take it. The first session tomorrow is very important, if we can take some wickets they will be under a lot of pressure," the all-rounder said, adding that the bowlers have to be patient and bowl well to take wickets on what is a better batting track than the one in the first Test.

Early in Zimbabwe's chase of 391, Robiul Islam proved his superiority over every other bowler on either side as he bowled a deadly spell to prise two wickets in the session from lunch to tea. Robiul soon dismissed Regis Chakabva and Vusi Sibanda in successive overs. Both were caught behind to identical deliveries, Robiul's stock delivery that lands on off and leaves the right-hander.

"He has been doing really well for the last two matches. He has improved a lot since the last time he came here. We are hoping that he will take some more wickets and win the game for Bangladesh," said Shakib when asked to comment on Robiul's rise.

Masakadza looked good while he lasted, but in the 23rd over, Shakib celebrated his return to full bowling fitness by setting Masakadza up for a classic in his

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## Hard work pays off for Robiul

### Cricket

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Two days before the second Test began, Bangladesh coach Shane Jurgensen, speaking at the team hotel in Harare, talked in depth about the bowling in the first Test which the Tigers lost by 335 runs. In his appraisal he gushed about Robiul Islam, who had taken nine for 155 amidst the embarrassment.

He had seen the hard work Robiul had put in at the National Cricket Academy in the months before the tour of Sri Lanka. He talked about the fitness regimes, and how hard it was for the Sathkhira lad to slog day in and day out on his fitness and bowling. One quote lingers in the ear: "That's how good players are created. It is not just the skill and talent, but long periods of hard work on those assets that produce result."

On this tour, and especially yesterday, the results showed. On a pitch that has played much better than the strip used in the first Test, Robiul was lethal. His line

was immaculate and he seemed a slower version of Dayle Steyn as like the South African pace supremo, his stock delivery was the one that was most dangerous -- darting into the stumps before moving away in the air and off the seam at the last moment. The hard work that he put in was evident in the amazing level of fitness he showed in bowling a marathon opening spell of 11 overs.

Robiul beat the bat with his lethal stock delivery on a regular basis and was finally rewarded with the wicket of Chakabva in the 11th over, caught behind by skipper Mashfiqur Rahim, who had dropped a difficult chance in Robiul's previous over. The same formula was repeated in his next over, the away-moving ball kissing the edge of Sibanda's bat on its way to Mashfiqur's glove.

But the battle of the day was between the bowler of the series and the batsman of the series. His approach to Brendan Taylor was different from the first Test. Keeping true to their coach's words before the Test, Robiul and co. attacked the opposition skipper

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## Munna springs a surprise

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**Teenage shooter Rabbi Hasan Munna caused a massive surprise at the National Shooting Complex in Gulshan yesterday clinching gold in the most vaunted event - 10m Air Rifle - beating defending champion Abdullah Baki to second place.**

Rabbi from Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP), who qualified for the eight-member final as the last man, pulled off the surprise result under the new rules to defeat his idol Baki after scoring 204.1 out of 209 in his first competition at the senior level. Mahmudul Hasan Sajid bagged bronze with a score of 182.1.

"I did not imagine defeating shooters like Baki Bhai in the shoot-off. All I wanted to do was to shoot the way I practiced and I managed it. However, I will say that luck favoured me," said a smiling Rabbi, who got admitted to shooting at BKSP in 2009



**Teenage shooter Rabbi Hasan Munna clinched gold in the 10m air rifle event at the National Shooting Complex in Gulshan yesterday.**

after initially trying out and failing in his dream of becoming a well-recognized cricketer.

The introduction of the new rules also saw Syeda Sadia Sultana emerged

new champion in women's 10m Air Rifles beating her illustrious partners Sharmin Akter Ratna, Sharmin Akter and Sabrina Sultana.

Baki, who became first in qualification with a score of 594, had led the way till the 16th shot before he slipped in the last four to finish behind Rabbi with a score of 203.6 points.

Though Rabbi from Tangail pulled off the surprise result in the shoot-off, his qualification score (582) is not good enough to move into the finals at any international, or even sometimes national tournament.

"It will take another two to three years to improve his qualification scores," believed BKSP coach Asbab Ali Foyez.

On the other hand, SA Games and South Asian Shooting Championship gold medalist Asif had no dissatisfaction despite being eliminated from qualification in his pet event for the first time at the national level competition. He finished tenth with a score of 576.

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**Bangladesh Army's Hamidul Islam sets new national records in weightlifting at the National Sports Council Gymnasium yesterday.**

## GAMES CORNER

### RUGBY

Narail DSA emerged champions after beating Munshiganj 31-21 in the final at the Mohammadpur Physical Educational College ground yesterday.

Khulna won the bronze medal with a 28-14 win over Sirajganj in the place-deciding match at the same venue.

### CYCLING

Eight gold medals were decided on the second day with Border Guard Bangladesh creating a new national record in men's 1200m Olympic Sprint at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

BGB comprising Ripon Kumar, Monwar Hossain and Sirajul Islam took 1:43.26 minutes to erase the previous record of 1:43.28 minutes.

Tariqul Islam, who skipped the 40km mass start on opening day in fear of being arrested, returned to the track and won his first gold in elimination race after beating Alamgir Hossain of BJMC.

The feat of Tariqul helped Bangladesh Ansar win five gold on the second day followed by BJMC's two and BGB's one gold.

### WRESTLING

The Bangladesh Police ruled the first day after winning three gold out of seven decided yesterday at the National Handball Stadium as Rafiqul Islam, Lovely Akter and Hasina grabbed gold in their respective categories.

Border Guard Bangladesh and Bangladesh Ansar grabbed two gold each while Narail DSA won the rest of the gold of the day.

### BASKETBALL

Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Navy moved into the final beating their respective rivals at the Dhanmondi

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