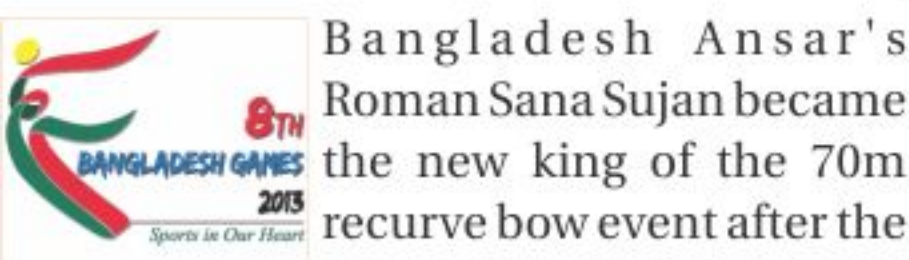


# 70M RECURVE BOW

## Sujan the new king

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh Ansar's Roman Sana Sujan became the new king of the 70m recurve bow event after the class XII student beat national champion Sheikh Mohammad Sajib in the finals, at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Sujan, who had to be content with a silver medal last year after losing to Sajib in the the national championships, outplayed his BKSP opponent 7 to 1. Meanwhile, youth Olympic gold medalist, Emdadul Haque Milon, won bronze.

17-year-old Sujan, who was out of the sport for nearly a year due to study purposes and in the process missed the 2010 South Asian Games in Dhaka, represented Bangladesh in the Asian Archery Championship in Iran and Grand Prix Championship in Thailand after his return. The victory was his first gold medal in a short four-year career.

"Honestly, I never thought of beating

Sajib by such a huge margin, as I prepared lesser than him," said an ecstatic Sujan. "I get to practise only two to three months ahead of any championship or tournament as there are no facilities in Khulna, a city where I either study or mostly sit idle."

On the women's front of the event, Sujan's teammate Beauty Roy won the gold medal by beating Latika Chakma of Mariners. Mathue Pru Marma of Bangladesh Ansar won bronze.

The final day of the event saw a minor scare for archery judge Nurul Islam, who lost consciousness after being hit by lightning. He was taken to hospital but returned soon after to judge the remaining events.

Bangladesh Army Archery Association finished on top of the medals tally with seven gold, one silver and three bronze medals. Bangladesh Ansar came second with six gold, four silver and four bronze medals while Dhaka Archery Club became third with a gold, bronze and silver each.

MEDAL TABLE			
TEAMS	G	S	B
Ansar	87	63	54
Army	52	33	30
BJMC	33	44	25
Navy	27	20	14
BKSP	25	27	32
BGB	13	13	19
Police	5	6	8
Dhaka RC	3	4	2
Narayanganj	3	3	7
Rajshahi	2	7	23
Narail	2	2	5
National TC	2	2	0
Rajshahi Div	2	0	2
Railway	2	0	1
Engineers RC	2	0	0
Chittagong	1	4	12
Dhaka	1	2	6
Patuakhali	1	2	2
Ctg Metro	1	2	1
Munshiganj	1	2	1
Air Force	1	1	2
Gulshan SA	1	1	0
BD Jail	1	0	2
Chittagong RC	1	0	1
Muscle FC	1	0	1
Ctg Univ	1	0	0
Adonis Gym	1	0	0
Muscle FG	1	0	0

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

## Afridi may be axed

ANI, Karachi

Pakistan all-rounder Shahid Afridi may not be included in the national squad for the ICC Champions Trophy, according to sources.

According to sources, Afridi has not been short-listed for the final squad as he has not taken any wickets in his last few one day internationals for which the selectors feel that he is not doing justice to his role as a bowler, the Nation reports.

The report further said that Afridi, a veteran of 354 ODIs, had also struggled with his bowling in the recent national one-day championship.

Meanwhile, the sources also said that senior players like Kamran Akmal and Shoaib Malik have also been told to prove their worth to the team or face boot-out.

The sources further said that the selectors have also omitted Wahab Riaz, who had played in the disastrous South Africa tour, from the squad for the Champions Trophy.

## Advantage

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As lunch approached however, Robiul struck. First Mutumbami was plumb in front but a no-ball denied Robiul his third wicket. Four overs later, the young wicketkeeper shouldered arms thinking it was an away swinger, but was caught on the pads by one that came in, and Robiul had redeemed himself. There was more reward as the hugely impressive seamer clean bowled the settled Chigumbura with a full delivery to signal the lunch break.

After lunch skipper Mushfiqur Rahim caught Keegan Meth well down the leg side off Gazi, before Robiul enjoyed a bit of fortune in having Shinghi Masakadza caught behind. Kyle Jarvis, a genuine number eleven, did not last long, losing his timber in the next over to Gazi.

## Rubel down

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recovers, which is expected to be six to seven days, he will most likely travel back."

If Rubel does depart the seamers remaining will be Robiul Islam, Ziaur Rahman, Sajidul Islam and Shafiul Islam. Rubel had earlier been rested for the second Test because of a shoulder niggle.

Meanwhile, Test players Shahriar Nafees and Enamul Haque Jr left Harare for Dhaka yesterday evening to make way for Abdur Razzak and Shamsur Rahman Shuvo, who were expected to join the squad yesterday.



BKSP players run for joy after winning the Bangladesh Games' football gold defeating Barisal 2-1 in the final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

# Ruling needed on ump



Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER from Harare

Bangladesh stumbled to 18 for three after securing a 109-run lead on Saturday. That may sound like a familiar story of the Tigers wasting an advantage, but on the third day of the second Test against Zimbabwe, the cause was not irresponsible batting, but umpiring error.

Umpiring is a tough task on the best of days -- the men in white coats are expected to correctly make split-second decisions that the rest of us become certain of after watching slow-motion replays, and sometimes not even then. That is why men of stern character make it to the International Cricket Council's (ICC's) elite panel. Yesterday, however, it was this aspect that seemed to be found wanting in Ian Gould and Tony Hill, as more than making the decision they seemed to be responding to the appeals.

Tamim Iqbal was beaten by a snorter from Shingi Masakadza, and his bat hit pad as he went forward to defend. After a loud, convincing

appeal from all Zimbabweans on the field Hill's finger shot up. Tamim was later fined 10 per cent of his match fee for showing dissent while trudging back to the dressing room. Mohammad Ashraful was hard done by in the next over, the seventh of the innings. An inswinger had struck Ashraful on the outside of his left pad and the ball had dribbled away to the leg side. A long appeal from Kyle Jarvis, the bowler, led to Gould ruling the batsman out.

This dismissal in particular was a clear instance of an umpire buckling under pressure. When the ball struck pad, the off stump was visible, and if any other clue be needed the ball ricocheted to the onside, betraying its original path down the leg stump. If these signs can be read by casual observers, then it is only expected they can be read by elite level umpires.

The errors or pressure responses were not limited to decisions against Bangladesh batsmen, Zimbabwe suffered too. Robiul Islam's fifth wicket, that of Shingi Masakadza, also seemed to be a result of the appeal and not the event that preceded it as the ball seemed not to

have touched bat on its way to the wicketkeeper. Of course, there is a difference between a tail-ender being erroneously dismissed and two top batsmen suffering the same fate at a crucial juncture of the match. Moreover, when players know that an umpire can be gotten to through excessive appealing, it leads to unappetising scenes and a general deterioration of behaviour, a very real danger as this match winds down to a tense conclusion.

This series has not seen the best of umpiring in general, an unfortunate reality because a series between two bottom-ranked sides needs good officiating if the standard of play is to be as high as can be. In the first Test Jahurul Islam and Mushfiqur Rahim had reasons to complain about their dismissals; then the officials were Hill and Billy Bowden. The best umpire in the world and recipient of multiple ICC umpire of the year awards, Aleem Dar of Pakistan, has officiated in only eight Test matches involving Bangladesh, the last being in 2005, and two involving Zimbabwe, the last being also in 2005, out of a career total of 80 Tests.

## Golden Shabbir

SPORTS REPORTER

An unbeaten half-century by Sabbir Rahman led Rajshahi to win the gold in the inaugural T20 cricket competition of the Bangladesh Games yesterday. They overcame a total of 150, set by Rangpur, with an over and five wickets in hand at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra.

After electing to bat first, Rangpur slumped to 78 for 6 in 14 overs. A late blitz from Alauddin Babu (38 off 21) led the team to finish on a respectable 150 for seven. Rajshahi's Delwar Hossain and Muktar Ali led the wickets column with three scalps each.

In reply, Rajshahi, got off to a nervous start as they lost both their openers with just 20 runs on the board. Sabbir eventually guided the team home with an unbeaten 46-ball 64. He hit five sixes and three fours.

## Willing to bowl

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86, he stood mid-pitch and glared at the batsman seemingly miffed that he and his team had allowed a number seven to score so many.

"The way he was batting, luck favoured him a lot. There were a lot of times when the ball passed his edge, so I was very happy when I could bowl him," said Robiul.

Bangladesh are in a position of relative strength in the match, leading by 272 with five wickets in hand on a pitch which Robiul thought would deteriorate over the next two days. "I think the ball may keep low on occasion. Usually on the fourth and fifth days that happens, and there will be help for the spinners as today a lot of deliveries from (Shohag) Gazi and Shakib (Al Hasan) turned quite a bit."

Spin may be Bangladesh's traditional strength, but there is no doubt who the team and its fans will look to when Bangladesh start their push to level the series at some stage today.

## Visitors

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Mosaddek Hossain (47). Ramesh Mendis continued his good form in the series and with figures of 5 for 40.

The Sri Lankans began their chase on a highly aggressive note. Sandun Weerakkody was particularly harsh, as he smacked two sixes and six fours in his 16-ball 42. He was ably supported by Chamika Karunaratna (49) and captain Kusal Mendis (45). The visitors finished on 200 for 4 in 22.1 overs. The deciding match will be played tomorrow.

# Mumbai handcuff Bangalore

## Royals ride on Watson

AGENCIES, Mumbai



In five overs of high-quality fast bowling, easily the best cricket seen in this IPL, Mitchell Johnson and Lasith Malinga pushed Chris Gayle and Tillakaratne Dilshan into a corner with accurate, fast and hostile short-pitched bowling. They had been severely restricted, and Dhawan Kulkarni and Harbhajan Singh then came on to pin them and consign Royal Challengers Bangalore, the table leaders, to a 58-run defeat at the Wankhede Stadium yesterday.

Gayle had scored a record 175 in the previous match but could make only 18 yesterday. The match as a contest was all but over when the visitors lost half of their wickets for 67 runs in reply to a huge Mumbai total of 194 built around by a fine Dwayne Smith 36-ball 50 and a 16-ball 36 from Kieron Pollard.

Earlier, Australian all-rounder Shane Watson missed out on his second hundred by two runs but his blazing unbeaten half-century powered Rajasthan Royals to a thumping eight-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in their IPL match.

Chasing a modest 145-run target, the hosts romped home with 2.1 overs to spare as Watson scored a 53-ball 98, laced with 13 fours and four sixes.

Hyderabad had overcome a disastrous start to post 144 for nine after Darren Sammy played a heroic 60-run knock and shared a crucial 58-run stand with Amit Mishra (21) for the seventh-wicket.

Rajasthan left-arm paceman James Faulkner (5 for 20) stood out with a five-for after Hyderabad elected to bat.

It was a Watson show after that. Rajasthan needed 64 runs after Dravid's dismissal and Watson scored 56 of them.

The burly Australian hammered paceman Ishant Sharma for three fours and then closed the 15th over with a massive six over long-on, collecting 20 runs for his side. The onslaught continued and the next victim of Watson's fury was Perera, who was hit for three boundaries, including a six. These two overs turned the tide in the favour of the hosts as Hyderabad seemed to have made a fight out of it.

Dale Steyn contributed a quick-fire eight-ball 18 towards the end after Sammy was the ninth and last Sunrisers batsman out in the 19th over.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**SUNRISERS HYDERABAD:** 144 for 9 in 20 overs (Sammy 60, Mishra 21; Faulkner 5-20)

**RAJASTHAN ROYALS:** 146 for 2 in 17.5 overs (Watson 98, Dravid 36; Steyn 1-15)

**Result:** Royals won by eight wickets.

**Player-of-the-match:** James Faulkner.

**Mumbai Indians:** 194 for 7 (Smith 50, Karthik 43)

**Royal Challengers Bangalore:** 136 for 7 (Gayle 18, Tiwary 21, Vinay 26 not out; Kulkarni 3-19)

**Result:** Mumbai won by 58 runs

**Player-of-the-match:** Smith

# Sharapova sweats



AFP, Stuttgart

Defending champion Maria Sharapova on Saturday booked her place in the final of the Stuttgart WTA tournament after seeing off Germany's Angelique Kerber with a 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 victory in yet another three-set tussle.

The 26-year-old Russian has also been taken to three sets in both her previous matches, when she saw off Lucie Safarova, then Ana Ivanovic in Friday's semi, and showed some grit to see off Kerber, who was cheered on by the crowd.

French Open champion Sharapova has played seven-and-a-half hours in her three matches here on clay, but comfortably took the first set with two breaks, before Kerber returned the compliment in the second.

The third-set was a battle royal as the pair shared five breaks and third-seed Kerber refused to yield until the final phase of the 2hrs, 16mins match.

The German played some great line shots to frustrate the Russian and level at 5-5 before Sharapova held her serve, then used her third and final break to take the match. "All credit to Angelique, she played a great match," said Sharapova, who won last year's tournament here on her Stuttgart debut before going on to win the fourth Grand Slam title of her career at Roland Garros.

In Sunday's final, Sharapova will face either second-seed Li Na of China or qualifier Bethanie Mattek-Sands of the USA.

# Games Corner

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from the outset and dominated the game till the last minute with two creditable 'lona'. It was the first-ever crown for Bangladesh Army since they started playing kabaddi in 1999.

Following two unsavoury incidents, enough security measure was taken yesterday and only approved personnel were allowed inside the stadium, which ensured the final ended in peaceful manner.

### CYCLING

Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) dominated the third day of cycling, winning three gold medals at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

BJMC won gold in the men's 4000m team pursuit, 20km team time trial and 1500m scratch race while Bangladesh Ansar won gold in women's 4000m scratch race and 2000m team pursuit.

Bangladesh Ansar led the overall table with 10 gold, four silver and seven bronze followed by BJMC who claimed six gold, 12 silver and five bronze medals. The last two

events are scheduled to take place today.

### SHOOTING

The shooting events ended yesterday with SM Sabbir Hossain of Patuakhali Rifles Club winning the gold medal in skeet event at the Savar Shooting Range.

Iqbal Islam of Gulshan Rifles Club won the silver while Nuruddin of Chittagong Rifles Club bagged the bronze.

Bangladesh Army Shooting Association topped the medal's tally with five gold, three silver and six bronze followed by Dhaka Rifles Club, who grabbed three gold, five silver and two bronze. BKSP became third with one gold and two silver medals.

### BASKETBALL

Bangladesh Navy clinched gold medal after defeating Bangladesh Army by 66-59 points in an exciting final at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium.

Navy led the first-half 33-30.

Khulna became third with a nerve-wrecking 66-65 point win over Board Guard Bangladesh.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

### ACROSS

1 Gaucho's weapon

5 Big Apple abbr.

8 Silenced "Hey!"

12 "Once — a Mattress"

13 Debtor's letters

14 Duel tool

15 Delphinium

17 Rotate

18 Dismal

19 Snow White's pals

21 Put on the line

24 Everything

25 Pop flavor

28 Frogs' hangout

30 Make up your mind

33 Kinsman, for short

34 Drops from the payroll

35 Letter after 31-Down

36 Moment

37 From the start

### 38 Read

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39 Barbie's companion

41 Teensy bit

43 Go directly downhill

46 Pacific porch

50 Desirous look

51 Rash

54 Sandwich treat

55 Sphere

56 Reclined

57 Marries

58 Bill

59 Pronto, in the ER

DOWN

1 Socket insert

23 "M\*A\*S\*H" locale

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Friday's answer 3-20

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stone

3 Tradition-al tales

4 Turkey's capital

5 Pinch

6 Second person

7 Cottage cheese label word

8 Corolla component

9 Morgan of "Super Size Me"

10 Lowly laborer

11 Sawbucks

16 Half a Vail pair

20 Bankrolls

22 Rotate

23 "M\*A\*S\*H" locale

25 Letter-man's network

26 Raw rock

27 Big name in U.S. aircraft

29 Mr. Gingrich

31 Letter before 35-Across

32 Allen or Conway

34 Enthusiasts

38 T-shirt sizes

40 Continental money

42 Time-worn

43 Decelerate

44 Wrap in a waxy cloth

45 Attempt

47 Tidy

48 One side of the Urals

49 "— It Romantic?"

52 Historic period

53 Recede

## Nadal strolls

AFP, Barcelona

Rafael Nadal kept alive his hopes of an eighth title at the Barcelona Open on Saturday as he waited out a rain delay before hammering Canadian Milos Raonic 6-4, 6-0 in their semi-final.

The second seed will face Spanish compatriot Nicolas Almagro on Sunday after the fourth seed beat German Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-2, 6-1 in well under an hour.

The semis were played simultaneously at the Real Club de Tennis after rain delayed the start for nearly five hours.

Friday's Cryptoquip: I'M SUCH A HUGE FAN

OF INDY CARS. IT'S REALLY NO WONDER MY THOUGHTS ARE ALWAYS RACING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals E