WAQAR YOUNIS

Devon Malcolm heading the

victory charge with four for 84.

brated his 20th birthday on

Wednesday with a season's best

eight for 53, claimed two more

victims on Thursday to post

Bradman's cottage

for auction

SYDNEY Aug 9: The 111

year old timber cottage in

whose garden a boy named

Don Bradman developed his

legendary skills with a

cricket bat is expected to

be sold this weekend to a

buyer with a sense of

The timber cottage with

corrugated iron roof in the

scenic country town of

Bowral, 100 kilometres (60

miles) south of here, was

passed in at auction today

for 250,000 dollars

But real estate agent lan

Cameron said he was

negotiating with the bidder

and "one or two others" and

expected to sell it for

between 250,000 and

300,000 dollars (234,000

"The person who is most

interested is very conscious

of the history of the place

and prepared to pay a little

"It's hard to put a price on

that sentiment, but maybe

it's worth 10,000 (7,800

US) dollars more than it

would have been without

The boy who later became

the world's greatest

batsman, now 82-year-old

Sir Donald, lived in the

house from the age of two

until his family moved on

The four-bedroomed cot-

tage is carefully preserved

in its original condition

apart from its modernised

Also carefully preserved is

the old water tank stand

against which Bradman

used to bat a golf ball with a

cricket stump, honing the

skills that so demoralised

bowlers of the 1930s and

kitchen and bathroom.

when he was 15 in 1924.

the history.'

extra for it." Ameron said.

US) this weekend.

history, reports AFP.

(195,000 US).

Dominic Cork, who cele-



LONDON, Aug 9: Pakistani pace prodigy Wagar Younis boosted Surrey's hopes of winning

English county championship on Thursday with another devastating burst of fast bowling, reports AFP. He grabbed four for 50 to

steer his county to a 67-run victory over leaders Warwickshire at Edgbaston and lift Surrey into second

The Middlanders were set 235 in 56 overs after Surrey declared on 195 for five. Darren Bicknell topscoring with an unbeaten 75.

But Andy Lloyd's side lost wickets regularly and although Neil Smith resisted solidly with an unbeaten 40, Wagar claimed three of the final four wickets to register match figures of nine for 97.

Surrey are still 50 points adrift of Wawickshire, but climbed ahead Nottinghamshire because they have won one more match.

Nottinghamshire's title chances were dented when Sussex, following on at Eastbourne, held out in their second innings for a draw.

They were indebted to a fourth-wicket partnership of 102 between Alan Wells (73) and Martin Speight, who stood firm after left-arm spinner Andy Afford had claimed three wickets.

Somerset were also thwarted at Weston-supermare, finishing one wicket short of victory against Worcestershire.

The visitors got off to a great start in their pursuit of 265 through Tim Curtis (55) and Paul Bent (65), who added 110 for the first wicket.

However, off-spinner Harvey Trump turned the match with six for 48 and Worcestershire were lift clinging on for a draw on 232 for

Another spinner in form was Northamptonshire legbreak bowler Andy Roberts, who claimed a career-best six for 72 to send Lancashire crashing to a 53-run defeat at Lytham St Annes.

The 20-year-old grabbed the final four wickets as Lancashire, set 351, threatened briefly to reach their target as Graham Lloyd (79) and Dexter Fitoon (60) hit form.

But Roberts, with just eight championship games behind him, had too much guile for Lancashire, who were without Mike Watkinson, Pakistan allrounder Wasim Akram and David Hughes because of a

Derbyshire also cruised home, thrashing fourth-placed Essex by 199 runs to leapfrog over Lancashire into fifth spot.

Set 375 in 95 overs, Essex were tumbled out for just 175 with England pace reject



first championship win of the season at Leicester. After giving the Tykes a target of 313. Leicester looked on course when David Mills grabbed the first six Yorkshire wickets with just 53 on the

prived Leicestershire of their

board. But Byas stood firm and with Phil Carrick (61) the 27year-old helped add 155 for the seventh wicket before the visitors closed on 234 for

Hampshire, chasing 253 in a minimum of 60 overs to beat Kent at Canterbury, finished well short on 196 for seven.

Aussie u-19 go 2-up

NOTTINGHAM. England Aug 9: Australia's under -19 side sealed a 2-0 victory in their one-day series with England under-19s at Trent Bridge here on Thursday by coasting to a five-wicket win with nine overs to spare.

The tourists made light work of their modest 184-run target thanks to impressive batting from skipper Damien Martyan and wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist.

Martyn provided the backbone of the Australian innings with a 47-ball 43 before lefthander Gilchrist applied the finishing touch with some sparkling strokeplay, hitting eight boundaries in an unbeaten 48.

England never recovered from the loss of early wickets. despite a gallant performance from all-rounder Graeme Welch, who struck a stylish 55 off-89 balls, including a six and seven fours, after his side had slumped to 97 for six.

Summary, England, under-19 183 (G Welch 55). Australia under-19 184-5. Australia under-19 won by five wicket.

Czech Open tennis

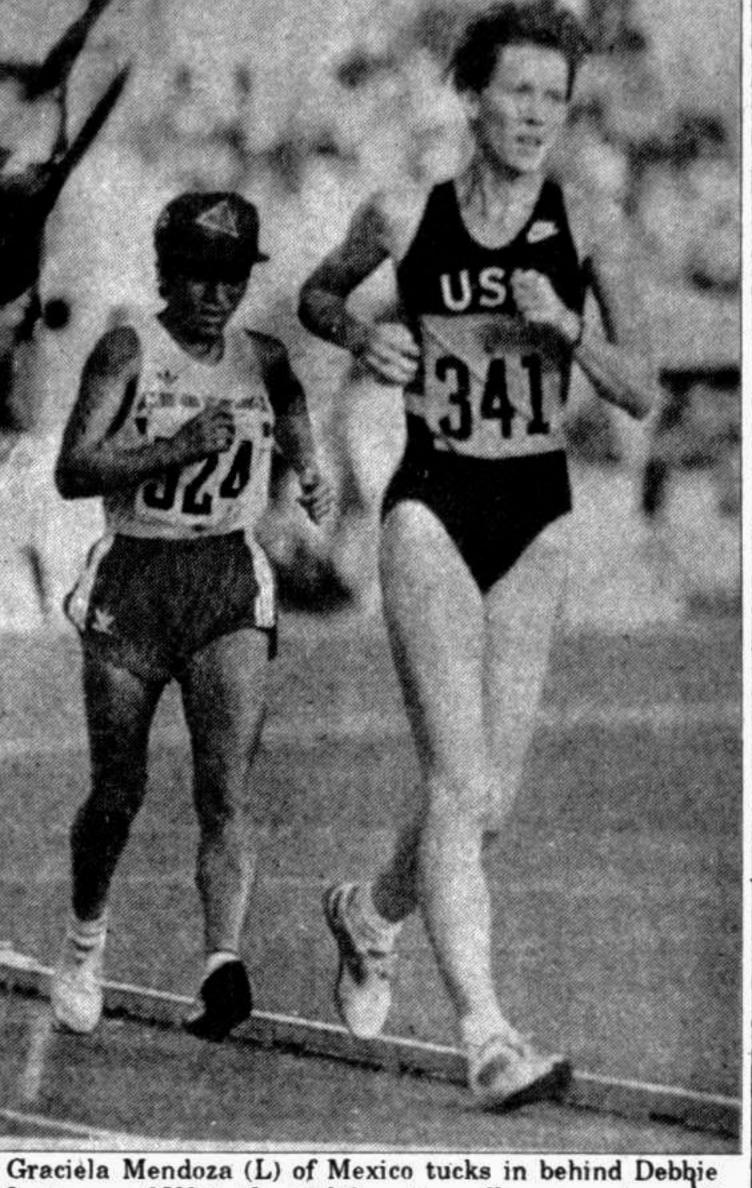
PRAGUE, Aug 9: Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden defeated Carlos Costa of Spain 6-4, 6-1 in their second round match at the dlr 350,000 Czechoslovak Open on Thursday, reports AP.

Gustafsson, 24, is ranked 10th in the world and first at the tournament. He will play Arnaud Boetsch of France in the quarterfinals. Karel Novacek

Czechoslovakia defeated Renzo Furlan of Italy 4-6,6-4,7-6(7-5) and will meet Argentina's Horacio De la Pena in the quarterfinals.

Novacek, ranked second at the tournament and 11th on the ATP, needed 2 hours 45 minutes to defeat Furlan. In other second-round

matches Thursday. Horst Skoff of Austria beat Dimitri Polyakov of the Soviet Union, 6-4, 6-1



Lawrence of US in the 10-kilometre walk race on August 8 in Havana Pan-Am Games. Lawrence led the race most of the way till Mendoza overtook her to finish first. -AFP photo

Flying

Maleeva Sisters

would be a great

name for a circus

act if the three

some wasn't tumbling around

the women's tennis tour.

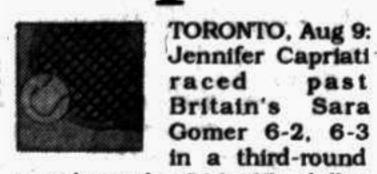
Maleevas and you'll still be sure

to see something different:

But buy a ticket to see the

report AP.

Capriati rushes past Gomer



raced past Britain's Sara Gomer 6-2, 6-3 in a third-round match at the 500,000 -dollar Canadian Open women's tennis

championship on Thursday. reports Reuter. "I play fast," said the thirdseeded Capriati after the 50 minute victory, "It's better

than having to go three sets." Gomer was annoyed at letting the American star dictate play so easily.

"The big thing I was disappointed with is that I allowed her to rush me an dominate the pace," said Gomer, a nineyear tour pro ranked Number 123 in the world.

Capriati, 15, barely took time to bounce the ball before

each serve as she ploughed along. Gomer showed a brief glimmer of hope when she broke for a 3-2 lead in the second set, but Capriati broke back in the next game and then again to go up 5-3. Capriati wrapped up the match with a love service game.

Capriati meets ninthseeded Natalia Zvereva, of the Soviet Union, in the quarterfinals.

Zvereva overeame a first-set challenge from American qualifier Jolene Watanabe before scoring a 7-6 (7-2), 6-0

The Maleeva sisters, second-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragniera and younger sister. fourth-seeded Katerina Maleeva, scored easy victories to march one match closer to a semifinal clash.

Maleeva-Fragniere eliminated No. 16 seed Regina Rajchrtova of Czechoslovakia 6-1. 6-2. With matching ease, Katerina Maleeva, of Bulgaria. beat No. 12 seed Naoko

Sawamatsu of Japan 6-1, 6-3. Maleeva-Fragniere will face American Amy Frazier, the No. 8 seed, in today's quarter-finals. Frazier outlasted compatriot Debbie Graham 6-3,1-6,

6-1 to advance. Katerina Maleeva will take on tenth seeded Laura Gildemeister, of Peru, who defeated fifth-seeded Nathalie Tauziat, of France, 6-3, 4-6, 6-

Top seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina and sixth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia, who both had the day off, will meet in the other quarter-final.

Rostagno despatches Lendl

Lendl, a three-time US Open



CININNATI. Ohio, Aug 9: Fourteenth- see-Derrick ded Rostagno knocked out third-

seeded Lavan Lendl 7-6 (7-5). 3-6, 6-3 in the third round of the 1.3 million-dollar ATP Championships on Thursday, reports Reuter. Despite his early ouster,

Lendl is not yet concerned about being ready for the US Open which starts on August

"I still have to weeks" said

Sibling rivalry — the Maleevas style unique shots born from ner-The only way you can know is

and play against your sister." The reluctant winner, however, took incentive from the victory to do even better in the

if you play tennis on the circuit

"If I win this tournament, it will mean more to me now, because in a way it will give me a chance not to feel guilty. It might justify beating my sister," she said.

It was just as hard for Magdalena on the court. The nerves showed in an errant overhead drop shot which surrendered a point in the second set. But she showed no remorse afterwards. "Katerina's my best friend

and it's difficult to play against someone you're so close to, said Magdalena. "We were both pretty nervous and sometimes I try not good things. "I know we both feel bad when we hit a winner. Your

think, 'She's going to be mad at me now.' We try to avoid playing the same tournaments as much as possible, but sometimes it's just bad luck." Katerina has now beaten

Magdalena in all three meetings, while eldest sister Manuela, 24, has beaten the baby of the family in their only

Manuela, the tournament's second seed, has not lost to Katerina, all seven matches being straight-set decisions. If the tournament goes to form, they could meet in the semis in Toronto.

champion. "I'm hitting the ball well. I just have to start taking advantage of a winning posi-Lendl played spotty tennis

throughout the three sets against the American. He had problems with his first serve. which only registered at 45 per cent, and his return of serves were ineffective.

"I'm still missing quite a few shots" admitted the fourth-ranked Lendl. "I didn't return his serves I pushed them or missed them. It's hard to win that way."

However, another group of top US Open contenders including top-seeded Boris Becker of Germany, secondseeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden, fourth-seeded American JIM Courier, sixthseeded Guy Forget of France and reigning US Open champion seventh-seeded American Pete Sampras had no problems

in containing their tune-ups

for the year's a final Grand Slam tournament with third round victories.

Rain postponed the third round match between American fifth-seeded Andre Agassi and compatriot 12th seeded Brad Gilbert after two

Rostagno followed a very basic strategy in scoring the

"I realise you really have to watch the ball," said Rostagno. "My parents told me I never listened to tennis coaches about that. Sometimes, I don't even know what I'm watching out there." Lendl went up in the final

set with an opening game service break. But, Lendl gave back the advantage in the next game by losing his service. Lendl dropped his serve in

the sixth game when he floated a formerhand wide. hacking Rostagno the necessary bread for victory.

Sabatini learns to relax TORONTO, Aug 9: If

Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini breezes through the player's Canadian Open women's tennis tournament as early as she is threatening to do, it will be because her mind is elsewhere, reports AP. Sabatini, the tournament's

top seed and a fan favourite. feels the improvement in her game over the last year can be attributed to her decision to not let tennis dominate her thinking.

The world's third-ranked women's player has learned to relax and spend more time with other activities, like photograpy.

On the court, however, the picture is clear.

"In the past I was thinking too much about tennis and was putting myself under too much pressure," Sabatini said. These days, when I'm not



playing tennis, I try to do other things sightseeing, tak ing photos.

now realize there are other things to enjoy besides

Sabatini has also made

physical changes to her game.

Cubans draw first blood



The long-anticipated first brawl between the United States and Cuba in the boxing competition at the Pan

Thursday with the US boxer on the seat of his trunks, reports Reuter. At least symbolically, that's where the United States has

American Games ended on

been for most of the Games which end on Aug 18. Facing possibly losing its title as top medals winner, boxing is one of the key areas

where the US may still be able to make up the difference in a medals shortfall which on the sixth day of the Games leaves them 20 golds behind Cuba. The US-Cuba matchup the second of eight fights on the night -was a light fly-

weight contest between

Rogelio Marcelo of Cuba and Bradley Martinez. Martinez, hit by four unanswered lefts in the opening seconds of the bout, looked baffled by fighting a southpaw.

He tried to pick off the left-

handed punches but Marcelo —

always swarming over his opponent - landed them almost at will and dropped Martinez, 21. with a short left hook to the head with about 45 seconds left in the first round.

Referee David Sandoval of Mexico immediately stopped the fight and ran over to take Martinze's mouthpiece out.

The 3500 crowd, many waving cardboard hand fans in the sweltering heat, greeted the introduction of their fighter with a roar. When the referee stopped the fight, the crowd exploded, waving Cuban flags while the national festive beat of a rhumba blared through the arena.

"I hit him with a short left." Marcelo, 26, said. "He had his defence. It wasn't as easy as it looked, but I had him on the

Kenny Leher, the head coach of the U S boxing team, said "The Cubans are the best in the world, but (Martinez) couldn't get going. He let the guy take over from the start. Martinez was surprised and shocked. He's never been knocked down before (in 130

was "intimidating" here, but added later that it would be no different for the Cubans if they were to come to fight in the United States.

three rounds, in a middleweight brawl.

ing to duck his way through the harder punches.

Demoss, who was relatively inactive in the final round, said "My vision was blurred after he caught me with a punch to the top of my eye. I had to slow down to regain my vision.

Maleeva were present with their mother. Left to right: Manuela Maleeva Fragniere, mother Yulia Berbarian (Nine times Bulgarian champion), Magdelena Maleeva and Katerina Maleeva. gized, while 16-year-old would have said sorry if she'd

The Maleeva family lives for tennis - during a recent

European tournament in Geneva, the three sisters

Magdalena smiled. Obviously neither has a firm grasp on the concept of sibling rivalry. "I said sorry after the

match," Katerina said. 'She

vousness, frowns and apologies

over victories and smiles at

Player's Ltd. Challenge when

the two younger Maleevas-

sheepishly played in the sec-

6-3, 6-3 and promptly apolo-

Fourth-seeded Katerina won

Katerina and Magdalena-

ond round.

So it was Wednesday at the

"I would prefer not to play her. . . . I don't like the idea of either of us losing. It's too hard for me to explain how I feel.

US grappler out for revenge back from a five-year retire-

ment last year after recovering

from injuries and establishing

a law career. "I always thought I was the best in the world and I should be an Olympic champion, so there was something left Moscow because of said Campbell, who missed the 1980 Olympics in Moscow because of the US boycott and the 1984 games because of an

Smith, who turns 26 on Friday, said the loss to Reinoso "scared me as much as it did

hurt me." "I walked outside after that loss and was retired at that time. I had just set in my mind that I was finished because of my attitude, my approach on the mat. I knew that if you don't have that desire and hunger in a sport like this, it's

time to quit. He flew home to Oklahoma and did some soul-searching. He realized he couldn't take anyone for granted, the way he had Reinoso, whom he considered no better than seventh in the world. He also knew he couldn't skip on any parts of training, such as the morning 5-mile run, as he had.

Smith had excuses-not sleeping well in Cuba for two nights before the match: judges who leaned to the hometown here - but refused to make them. The answer, he

change or I was going to retire," he said. "I realized a guy like that shouldn't be the one who takes me out of the sport. I knew I couldn't leave without wrestling at least one more time."

Smith pushed himself harder than ever last year, and when he faced Retnoso again in Pittsburgh in December. Smith wori 13-2. Rather than pay back Reinoso in full by cel ebrating over him, Smith shook his hand.

"I don't need to taunt him,"

PAN-AM PORTFOLIO

Lara brothers' double-gold theme AVANA, Aug 9: Cuban weightlifting brothers Pablo and Emilio Lara have pulled off a rare double at the Pan American Games in Cuba by each winning a gold medal and setting new Games' records, reports Reuter.

lifted 150.5 kilos in the snatch and went on to press 190.5 kilos in the jerk, breaking standing records by 0.5 kilos in His light heavyweight brother Emilio equalled the Pan American snatch record of 150 kilos set by fellow Cuban Pedro

In Wednesday night's competition middleweight Pablo Lara

Rodriguez at the last Games in Indianapolis in 1987 and then matched the best jerk of 192.5 kilos. Lara then broke both records by 0.5 kilos in second

attempts. By the fifth day of competition, Cuba had bagged 17 of the 18 golds and was looking to win a total of 21 out of 24. Cuba has dominated Pan American weight-lifting since the

1975 Games in Mexico. Divers prove saving grace for US

LI AVANA, Aug 9: Another gold and silver in diving Wednesday helped to remedy US blues at the Games, reports AP. Jill Schlabach, a body builder and surgical intensive care nurse at the University of Michigan Medical Center, won the

took second place. While the Unites States has struggled in other sports, Schlabach's victory made the diving team 4-for 4 with two

women's 1-meter springboard, and teammate Alison Maisch

events to go-the men's and women's platform this weekend. "It's so neat to see the flag and hear our national anthem. That brings shivers" said Schlabach, 25, after the biggest international competition of her career.

American divers also have collected two silver medals. The diving squad is one of the few US teams in Havana made up of the United States' best. The Pan Am Games are the biggest international event left on the US diving team's

calendar, unlike in other sports. Go-ahead for women's weightlifting

H AVANA, Aug 9: First there were women body-builders.
Now get ready for women weightlifters.

The Pan-American Weightlifting Confederation has given weightlifting event sin the next Pan-American Games in Argentina in 1995. Meeting on Wednesday night in Santiago de Cuba, where the

weightlifting events of the August 2-18. Games are being held. the regional confederation reached the decision with only a single dissenting vote, from Mexico. Murray Levin of the US, outgoing president of the Pan-

American Confederation, said he was sure women had a great future in the sport. The decision needs to be ratified by the Pan-American Sport Association, the regional sports governing body, a step

considered a mere formality by delegates in Santiago de Cuba. Hungarian Tamas Ajan, secretary general of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF), which has also asked the International Olympic Committee for women to be allowed to take part in the sport, told the Santiago meeting that women weightlifters would not be competing next year's Barcelona Olympics or in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

But he was sure they would make their weightlifiting debut in the Olympics held in the year 2000.

Kuwaitis beat Oman HYDERABAD. from two matches. They were held 1-1 by India, Aug 9: hosts India in Wednesday's Kuwait opened

pre-Olympic football tournament with a graceful 1-0 win over depleted Oman here Wednesday, reports AFP.

their campaign in

the Asian Group B

Linkman Fawwaz Al-Ahmed sourced the only goal in the seventh minute of a keenlycontested match under floodlights at Lal Bahadur Shastri stadium.

Kuwait, playing their first international tournament since the Gulf war, fought off a determined Omanese attack in the second session to earn two crucial points.

Oman, reduced to ten men after defender Raraj Freish was sent off by referee Ibrahim Abdullah for a rough tackle two minutes before the break. were left with a solitary point

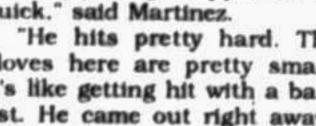
bebanon and tournament favourites Syria are the other teams in the five-side round robin tournament, whose winner moves to the final qualifying round for next year's

Barcelona Olympics. The Kuwaitis trooped into the filed wearing the legend "Kuwait is free" on their tracksuits, and an initial attack bore

immediate results. Fawwaz scooped on a loose ball near the top of the Omanese box in the seventh minute and, after dodging two defenders, fired a left-foot grounder past diving goal-

Oman pressed hard for the equaliser in the second half but were beaten back by a determined Kuwaiti defence following two spectacular saves by goalkeeper Falai Al-Maidi.

keeper Suletman Khamis.



He didn't waste any time." Martinez said the crowd

beat Mexico's Horacio Riviera on a close decision after the

Demoss, who appeared thoroughly exhausted after the fight, was the more skilful fighter but Riviera was more aggressive and showed tremendous heart, battling through a bloody nose and try-

"Everything happened so quick," said Martinez.

"He hits pretty hard. The gloves here are pretty small. It's like getting hit with a bare fist. He came out right away.

The other U S fighter on the card, Michel Demoss, 23,

HAVANA, Aug 9: The hu miliation, the memory of Lazro Reinoso standing over him on the mat, dancing, taunting, still burns in John Smith's mind as he plots his revenge in the Pan American Games.

reports AP. Victory won't be enough. Smith wants to wipe out the Cuban wrestler. Not necessartly break his collarbone, as Smith once did to a Soviet foe, but beat him so badly that he knows the embarrassment Smith felt here a year and a half ago, when he lost a con-

troversial 4-3 decision. "It's something that's been burning inside of me since." said Smith, the 1988 Olympic champion at 136 pounds, four time world champion and 1990 Sullivan Award winner as the top US amateur athlete. "I visualized that while I was training. That was his mistake. By no means am I going to lose here. I plan on dominating."

Bangladesh Biman paddlers who retained the men's team title of the 16th national TT cham-

pionships beating BTMC in Thursday's final at the National Coaching Centre. - Star photo

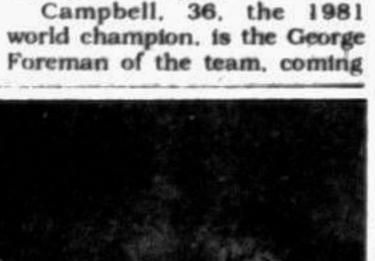
The US freestyle wrestling team is one of the strongest American squads at the Pan Am Games, where many other US teams have been taking a beating.

"I think it was a mistake for any federation not to send its best here," US wrestling coach Bobby Douglas said.

Besides Smith, the most accomplished US wrestler in history, the team that gets into action Saturday has 1988 Olympic champion Kenny Monday (163 pounds). 1984 Olympic champion and 1988 Olympic silver medalist Bruce Baumgartner (286), and 1990 world silver medalist Chris

Campbell (1980) "American wrestling in the 21st century will be the dominant force in the world," boasted Douglas, who expects to sweep the golds there at the

Olympics next year.



knew, lay within himself.
"I knew that I was going to

he said with a tone of disdain.

GABRIELA SABATINI