Rouse rewrites

backstroke mark

26: US swimmer Jeff Rouse set a world record on Sunday in the 100 metre backstroke at

the Pan Pacific Championships

in Canada with a time of 53.93

seconds was set by Rouse's

current US tea:nmate David

Berkoff in Seoul, South Korea,

in September 1988 during the

while competing in the men's

4x100 metre medley relay.

The US went on to win the

gold medal in the relay event

won the gold medal in the 100

metre backstroke final at the

Pan Pacific with a time of

Perkins sets new

800 m record

26 : Australian swimmer

Kieren Perkins broke the five-

year old 800-metre freestyle

world record during his gold-

medal-winning effort in the

1,500-metre freestyle on

Sunday at the Pan-Pacific

Championships in Canada, re-

metres of the 1,500-metre

freestyle in seven minutes

47.85 seconds, which shaved

three seconds off Soviet

swimmer Vladimir Salnikov's

1986 time of seven minutes

that record earlier in the week

when he clocked seven min-

utes 50.08 seconds in the 800-

metre freestyle, just four one-

hundredths of a second under

But Pan-Pacific officials

recognised the first 800 me-

tres of the 1,500-metre

freestyle as and official record

time of 14 minutes 59.79 sec-

onds to win gold in the 1,500-

metre freestyle. The world

record in that event is 14

medal of the Pan-Pacific meet.

compete in an international

meet before the (1992)

Olympics, so I really wanted to

see what I could do," Perkins

Pakistan beat

It was Perkins's third gold

This was my last chance to

minutes 50.36 seconds.

Perkins posted an overall

for the 800-metre freestyle.

Perkins had been denied

Perkins swam the first 800

EDMONTON, Alberta, Aug

Earlier in the week, Rouse

with a time of 3:37.15.

Rouse set the new record

The old record of 54.51

seconds, reports Reuter:

Olympic Games.

54.67 seconds.

ports Reuter.

50.64 seconds.

Salníkov's mark.

EDMONTON, Alberta, Aug

# Egerszegi's second world record in four days



Olympic champion Krisztina Egerszegi broke her second world record in four

days when she shattered the 200 metres backstroke mark on the final day of the European Swimming Championships on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The 17-year-old Hungarian

June 1986.

Double backstroke champion at last January's World Championships in Perth, Egerszegi finished five seconds and about 10 metres ahead of second-placed compatriot Tunde Szabo, with defending champion Dagmar Hase of Germany third.

She claimed her first world World Championships.

in 1:34.79.

ual medley, 100 and 200

backstroke, Egerszegi turned to gold the three silvers she collected at the last European Championships in Bonn in

Szabo, second in the 100 event behind Egerszegi in both Perth and Athens, pocketed her second European backstroke silver in 2:11.42 and Hase the bronze in 2:12.21.

The Soviet Union, far and away the most prolific titlewinners of the nine-day championships, took their golden tally to 16, while Denmark and Germany collected two titles apiece in the final session at

But Egerszegi, Olympic champion at only 14, turned everything else into a sideshow with her scintillating swim.

"By 150 metres I realised what was going to happen because I managed to see the clock briefly," she said. "I saw 1:34 and at that point in the morning I saw 1:36 so I knew I was well on the way to the

record".
"I'm very happy and I'm going to discuss with Tunde how we're going to celebrate the world record tonight. I don't know how long the record will stand but I know I'm going to be better".

Mette Jacobsen raced to her third gold with a bold win in the women's 200 butterfly and Lars Sorensen overhauled the whole men's 200 individual medley field to hoist Denmark's title haul to four. Denmark had not won a

this time they won as many swimming titles as vaunted united Germany. The Germans, who reaped

European gold since 1950 but

just two diving golds in the

first seven days followed up Saturday's double from Nils Rudolph and Daniela Hunger with two more wins in the shortest race for women and the longest race for men.

Simone Osygus dethroned Catherine Plewinski in the 50 metres freestyle, edging out the French pocket dynamo by 0.04 of a second in 25.80. Plewinski still plundered rich pickings from Athens with golds in the 100 freestyle and 100 butterfly and silvers in the 200 freestyle and 50 freestyle.

World champion Joerg Hoffmann successfully defended his European 1,500 metres freestyle crown against the fighting challenge of Britain's lan Wilson.

### MEDAL TABLE

Medals table after the ninth and final day of the European Swimming Championships on Sunday:

Tabulate under Gold, Bronze.

37	G	S	В
Soviet Union	16	7	2
Germany	6	12	11
Hungary	5	4	1 /
Denmark	4	0 5	2
France	3	5	3
Spain	2	2	1
Norway	2	0	0
Italy	1		10
Netherlands	1	2 2 2	5
Britain	1	2	2 '
Poland	1	2	1
Yugoslavia	1	0	0
Romania	0	4	1
Sweden	0	1	2
Greece	0	1	0
Bulgaria	0	0	2.

Note: Two silvers and no bronzes awarded in men's 200 metres backstroke, two bronzes in men's 50 metres freestyle.

#### turned the opposition into an Lankans face uphill task irrelevance, winning by five seconds in two minutes 6.62 seconds three days after set-

Sports Reporter

The England skipper's knock, made in 328 minutes off 252 deliveries, included 19 boundaries.

unbeaten 113 in the first innings scored 43 while Robin



GOOCH ... 7000 Test runs Smith and wicketkeeper Jack Russell remained not out on

63 and 12 respectively.

English wickets at a personal cost of 103 runs.

at which score both fell in quick succession. Kuruppu was trapped leg before by Chris Lewis for 21 while Hathurusinghe was caught by Hugh Morris off Phil Tufnell for 25.

seven not out, and Asankha

to overhaul this daunting tar-

ing 200. World champion Rozsa gave the swimming programme an explosive start with a 100 breaststroke world record in the opening session of heats.

runs with only eight wickets in

Hungarians make biggest splash ing solely on next year's Barcelona Olympics, doubtless deprived Hungary of more

during the 20th European Swimming Championships in Athens on August 25.

ATHENS, Aug 26:

Three world rec-

ords from Kriszt-

ina Egerszegi and

Rozsa ensured

Norbert Norbert

Hungary, made the biggest

splash at the European Sw-

imming Championships, rep-

nine - day meeting with a phe-

nomenal swim in Sunday's final

session which carved virtually

two ' seconds from the

women's world 200 metres

ting after setting a 100 back-

stroke world mark of 1: 00.31.

pion, who began an Athens

golden treble in the 400 indi-

vidual medley, opened up new

horizons as she expunged

American Betsy Mitchell's 2:

08.60 of 1986 and East

German Ina Kleber's 1:00.59 of

"I don't know how long this

1984 from the record books.

world record will stand but I

know I'm going to be better,'

Egerszegi. Olympic champion

The absence of world and

at 14, said after her astonish-

The double world cham-

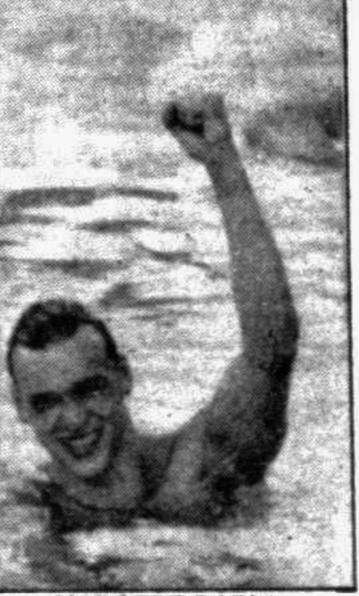
The slender 17- year- old

backwstorke record.

Egerszegi crowned the

orts Reuter.

"We are on the way to becoming the world's major swimming force," proclaimed Georg Zemplenyi, the flamboyant entrepreneur whose



NORBERT ROZSA wealth funds the small clite

Rozsa, Zemplenyi's fosterson, sliced 0.16 second from the 100 breaststroke mark he shared with Soviet Vasily Ivanov, clocking 1: 01,29 in heats, and won the final in 1:01,49, a time posted five times in all by himself and exworld record holder Adrian

Olympic champion Moorho-

behind Rozsa, as he did in last January's Perth World Championships, but British team mate Nick Gillingham showed the awesome 19-yearold Hungarian could be beaten.

use had to settle for silver

Hungarian swimmer Krisztina Egerszegi on her way to a new 200m backstroke world record of 2 minutes 6.62 seconds

Gillingham, defeated Rozsa in a tactical bettle in the 200 breaststroke, thwarting the Hungarian's last-lenght charge by 0.03 seconds to retain the title he won in Bonn in 1989.

Germany, who bagged 14 of the 16 women's titles in Bonn. the Soviet Union emerged as the strongest all-round power in the pool with 16 titles nine in swimming, four our of a possible six in diving and all three in synchronized swim-Teenage trio Alexander

With the demise of East

Popov, Evgeny Sadovy and Elena Rudkovskaya, representatives of a new generation of Soviet swimmers, revelled in a gold- medal rampage at their first big senior international championships. Popov, 19, a leisurely style

belying his sprinting power, set a European record in the 100 freestyle (49. 18), shared another in the 4x100 freestyle relay (3:17,11) and claimed a third gold in the closing 4x100 medley relay. Sadovy, 18, upstaged de-

fending champion Artur Wojdat by 0.07 seconds in the 400 freestyle after the pole had himself deposed Itlay's Giorgio Lamberti in the 200 by

Rudkovskaya, 18, won the

100 and 200 breaststroke and a medley relay gold and the performances of all three indicated a classy Soviet challenge in the 1992 Olympics. The United German team,

proving less of a force than they were in the years of division, collected only four swimming titles — he same as Hungary and unsung Denmark, who had not won a European gold since 1950. Olympic champion Daniela

Hunger claimed the first in the 200 individual medley on the penultimate day and Nils Rudolph followed with a European record 22.23 in the 50 freestyle. World champion Joerg

Hoffmann, a third former East German, retained his 1,500 freestyle crown and Simone Osygus won the women's 50m freestyle. Denmark's Mette Jacobsen

amassed three golds in the women's 4x200 freestyle relay, 200 freestyle and 200 butter-

French dynamo Catherine Plewinski, who won the two golds which eluded East German women in Bonn, Grabbed two golds (100 freestyle and 100 butterfly) and two silvers (50 and 200 freestyle).

Irene Dalby clinched Norway's first -ever European titles in the women's 400 and 800 freestyle and Spain's Martin, Lopez Zubero also achieved a double in the men's 100 and 200 backstroke.

didn't matter to me in Perth

or before, or now, where I fin-

first European title and a dou-

ble World champion at 18, said

there were "so many fantastic

races" but no single outstand-

'l can remember state

ing memory.

Gross, 17, when he won his

# Britain 3-0

GLASGOW, Scotland, Aug 26: Pakistan beat Great Britain 3-0 to take a winning 2-0 lead in their three-match series after the visitors' 2-1 success here a week ago, reports AFP.

Captain Shahbaz Ahmed opened the scoring after a brilliant 18th minute run, then Britain held out until the 50th minute before Tahir Zaman converted a penalty stroke after he was obstructed by Rob Hill.

Three minutes from the hooter Pakistan, boosted by a 5-1 thrashing of Scotland on Saturday, scored again when Mussadiq Hussain was on target after being put through by Wasim Feroze.

Britain, who rested Olympic gold medallist Sean Kerly after his poor display in the first meeting, who seven short corners against Pakistan's five, but failed to profit from any of them, thanks to good goalkeeping for Pakistan by Shahid

Ali Khan. The third Test is in Cardiff

next weekend. **BRITAIN:** (England unless stated): D Luckes, D Faulkner, P Bolland, J Potter (Capt), D Hacker (Wales), R Hill, S Batchelor (C Mayer 53), J Laslett (J Shaw 53), R Thompson, R Clift, D Williams

(N Thompson 48). PAKISTAN: Shahid Ali Khan, Rana Mujahid, Khalid Bashir, Anjum Saced, Mohammed Khalid, Khawaja Junaid, Qamar Ibrahim, Tahir Zaman, Mussadiq Hussain, Shahbaz Ahmed (Capt), Wastm

Olympic gold medalists and

ROK girls beat northern cousins HIROSHIMA, Aug 26: Scoul

**Asian Games champions South** Korea downed North Korea 36-19 (17-11,19-8) in the Asian women's handball championships here Sunday, reports AFP. It was the South Koreans'

second straight victory, while the North Koreans dropped two matches in a row in the five-nation round-robin tour-

outplayed Taiwan 38-18 [15-7, 23-11) for a 1-1 record. Taiwan suffered its second

loss without a win. In the men's second round first match, Qatar beat Kuwait

10) and South Korea out-

classed United Arab Emirates 38-14 (16-6, 22-8). Both men's and women's

Barcelona Olympics.

### Gross happier out of water (Olympics)," Gross said. hurrah in Perth in January faster, that's swimming - new generations swim faster. It



26: Michael Gross. content to consign his illustrious swimming career to the pa-

st, says he now feels happier out of the water than in it, reports Reuter.

The towering German -Olympic and world champion turned television commentator



MICHAEL GROSS . . . then

and newspaper journalist has spent the past week observing the European Championships where once he

trounced all-comers in the wa-Gross quit the sport after

one last World Championship

to conclude a decade at the

He swims everyday at the Olympic Centre but the hectic championship schedule has left less time for fitness than at home where he swims, runs, cycles and lifts weights.

"I have no fun anymore in training. To be here and watch the competitions is okay but I feel better now out of the water than in the water," he said He dismisses the idea of

head-to-head clash with Mark Spitz, hero of the 1972 Olympics attempting a come-"It think it is really ridicu-

petition because there really is "He's had no good results so

compete with the younger

"Many are not concentrating like for World Championships or, maybe, next year

Experienced and influential swimmers were missing and the German team had undertaken a heavy World Cup schedule since Perth. "They were travelling so

much, they didn't train. All the others - the Russians and the Hungarians — take a few weeks' rest to train for the summer. That was a mistake (by the Germans) in my opin-Gross won three Olympic,

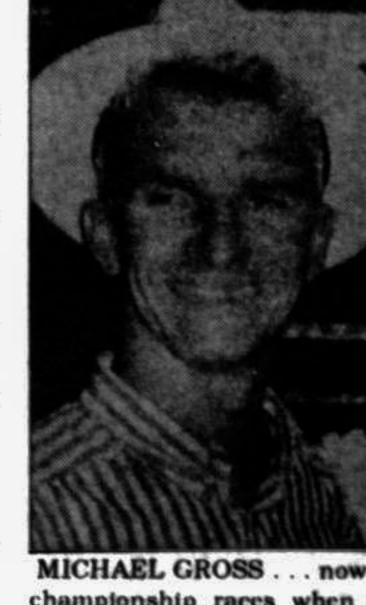
five World and 13 European

gold medals and set 12 world records in his remarkable career but, in Perth, swimming close to his best times of five years earlier mattered more than the results. By then a veteran of 26, he

lost his world 200 metres butterfly title and with it his last world record but was just 0.52 of a second outside that 1986 time of 1:56.24. Mel Stewart, his American

conqueror, said Gross had "An amazing amount of guts" to come back and race such a tough event "God knows, he scared me," he said after their To see if I could reach my

personal limits was so important for me. I know I achieved everything in my career. More important than the medals, I know I swam the fastest times could do". Gross said, looking back satisfied with potential "If someone younger swims



MICHAEL GROSS . . . now championship races when was younger more than Olympic races. I really don't remember the victory ceremony in Los Angeles - I remember the race - but 1 remember victory ceremonies when I was 12 years old."

# Lendl beats Edberg for title Edberg, who committed 15 Lendl, who received 32,400



York, Aug 26 : Ivan Lendl, strug-

gling to depose Germany's Boris Becker and again become the top-ranked tennis player, took another step on

Sunday by trouncing secondranked Stefan Edberg of Sweden 6-3, 6-2 in the finals of the 250,000 dollar Hamlet Challenge Cup, reports Reuter. The hard-serving Czech, who fell from the top in a

Year's time, went into the

match ranked fifth worldwide

and will be back to number

four when the new rankings are announced today. "It was nice to win and im-

portant for me to win," said Lendl after he reached a 4-1 double service-break lead in the first set and 5-0 in the "Winning breeds winning but I must be careful going into

the US Open. One match doesn't mean my game is all the way back now, I mustn't get overconfident." Lendl had not won a tournament since February and

underwent hand surgery in

Hamlet for the lifth time, will play his US Open first rounder this week against Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands.

Edberg said the loss has not shaken his confidence going into the Open, where he will

"My serve and volley didn't

dollars after winning the volley errors. "I started pounding his backhand in that eighth game of the first set until he hft one

> command of the match. He broke Lendi's service and held at 15 to get within a game of 4-4 in the opening set.

He was within two points of the tie but Lendl won the next 13 points to start a sevengame string that brought him to 5-0 in the second set.

# In another match, China

21-13 (10-5, 11-8) and Japan whipped Bahrain 25-21 (13-9, 12-12) in Group Onc. In Group Two, China defeated Taiwan 40-9 [19-9, 21-

winners will qualify for the

#### left her rivals far behind in a swim of fluent perfection to slice nearly two seconds from the mark held by American Betsy Mitchell for over five years and complete a superb the Olympic Centre. golden championship treble.

Egerszegi finished in two minutes 6.62 seconds to take the record into new realms beyond the 2:08.60 clocked by Mitchell in Orlando, Florida, in

record by winning the 100 backstroke on Thursday and signalled her relish for more when she clocked 2:08.74 in the morning's 200 heats, slicing 0.41 of a second from the European mark she set in the

The world record was clearly on as the slender Hungarian reeled off appreciably faster splits in the evening's finals, through 50 in 30.55, 100 in 1:02.34 and 150

By winning the 400 individ-

magnificent 174 by skipper Graham Gooch left England excellently poised

BBC monitored in Dhaka last

an hour before tea. England, enjoying a first in-Lankan attack and thanks to a brilliant and punishing innings by their captain Gooch, reached 364 for the loss of only three wickets when

## to beat Sri Lanka in their one-off cricket Test match at Lord's, according to

close of play on the fourth day yesterday, the Lankans were reduced to 79 for the loss of both their openers after being set a near-impossible target of 423 to win when England declared at a mammoth 364 for three half

nings lead of 58 runs, resumed their overnight second innings at 101 for one after Sunday's rest day. They batted with confidence against the limited Sri Gooch decided to end the Lankan misery.

**JOHANNESBURG** 

African cricket

chief Ali Bacher

on Sunday ruled

out a visit by a

World XI this year and said his

country would decide only in

mid-September whether to

apply to compete in next year's

thing to hamper or prejudice

our favourable future in inter-

national competition", said

Bacher, Managing Director of

the new non-racial United

Cricket Board of South Africa

He was reacting to British

newspaper reports last week

that a World XI was being

assembled to play a one-one-off

"Test" in South Africa in

that there will be no participa-

tion by South Africa at interna-

tional level in 1991. I unequiv-

ocally reject those reports,"

Bacher said in a telephone in-

England batsmen Derek Randall and Chris Broad re-

moved any fear of disappoint-

ment with an opening partner-

ship of 134 as they chased a

the deep by Ole Mortensen off

Dominic Cork for 67 but

Broad, who ended unbeaten on

73, and captain Tim Robinson

saw Notts home with 13 balls

Mohammad Azharuddin top-

scored for Derbyshire, hitting

two sixes and three fours in

Lancashire defeated Essex by

Closest challengers

Indian Test batsman

Randall was finally caught in

target of 177.

to spare.

his 53.

can categorically state

October or November.

(UCBSA).

"We don't want to do any-

World Cup, reports Reuter.

Aug 26: South

Sri Lanka began confidently

in their second innings, openers Brendon Kuruppu and Alec Stewart who made an Chandika Hathurusinghe adding 56 for the first wicket

> Skipper Aravinda de Silva, Gurusinha, 16 not out, then

Sri Lanka start the last day

hand, a tall order by all indications. Yet, should they manage get they will be creating cricketing history, for that would be the highest-ever fourth innings total in Test

batted out until the draw of Tuesday needing another 344

Olympic champion Tamas Damyi, invincible in individual medley since 1985 but focus-

Left-arm spinner Don Anurasiri claimed all three Springboks in no hurry Speculation about a resumption of international contact has risen since South Africa

was readmitted in July to the

sport's world ruling body, the



**ALI BACHER** Bacher denied another British newspaper report that

### **Notts Sunday champs** five wickets to claim second LONDON, Aug 26

place for the second succes-Nottinghamshire clinched the Sunday League in style with a England all-rounder Derek crushing nine-wicket victory Pringle made an unbeaten half over outgoing champions century as Essex totalled 169 Derbyshire, reports Reuter. for six but Lancashire won with Notts needed a win to be balls to spare, Neil sure of the title and former Fairbrother cracking 52 not

> Australian Tom Moody of Worcestershire set a new Sunday League record of 917 runs in a season when he made an unbeaten 128 against Middlesex. helped Moody

Worcestershire to a 103-run

victory and fourth place in the

Northamptonshire, who beat Warwickshire by just eight runs, finished their. The top four play a knock-

out tournament with the semifinals on September 1 and the final on September 15.

said the UCBSA would announce on Sunday its intention to apply to compete in the world Cup in Australia and

New Zealand. He said the UCBSA execu tive committee would meet in mid-September to discuss all the ramifications of recent developments - the reaction in South Africa and abroad and with the Test playing countries - and only then take a

decision on the World Cup. "The important thing is we don't want to do anything short-term that hampers or prejudices our medium to long term future, which looks in-

credibly good," he said.

"I"m not saying we won't apply to playing the World Cup, but we can decide only after considering all the angles." South Africa must apply to the ICC by September 30 for permission to compete in the World Cup. Organisers have said South African participation, even at such a late date.

was administratively possible

and would be supported sub-

ject to broad approval from

South African sporting authorities. South Africa's Sunday Times newspaper reported that African National Congress (ANC) sports chief Steve Tshwete, an architect on nonracial reform in cricket, said he would not oppose South

Africa's participation in the

World Cup.

"We have no problem with the World Cup," he was reported as saying. "The UCBSA has complied with all the previously stipulated requirements. Their development programme is one of the most effective in any sport and is being further consolidated by

### Navy basketball CHITTAGONG, Aug 26: The

annual basketball championship of the Bangladesh Navy begins at BNS Issa Khan here tomorrow, reports BSS.

when he won a long-coveted relay gold - "my last big dream," he said at the time and two butterfly silver medals

returning for a once-projected back in his 40s.

> lous speaking about this comno sense in it," Gross said. refuse to compete against

"I watched him training last year and told him he was going to be fast for his age but can't

The post-Gross German team have had difficulties of their own in Athens and had to wait for the penultimate day of championships to clinch their first two swimming titles.

> Krajicek defeated Edberg in the Volvo International last week but had to guit in his next match with a sore knee.

start off against American Bryan Shelton.

work and I needed them to play someone like Lendl," said

into the net," Lendl said. Edberg made two serious errors to threaten Lendl's