The President Gold Cup football tournaments scheduled to begin from June 5 next, has been postponed for the time being due to the adverse situation prevailing in the country following the recent devastating cyclone in the coastal region.

The Bangladesh Football Federation, at an emergency meeting yesterday, decided on the postponement.

Fresh dates for the tournament will be finalised in its next meeting.

Teams from India, South Korea and Austria had report edly confirmed their participation in the prestigious President Cup. Besides, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, The United m Arab Emirates and Kuwait had reportedly agreed verbally participation in the tourney.

Soccer result

The national under-23 Olympic football team trounced the BKSP football team 5-0 in an exhibition match at the BKSP ground at Zirani, Savar yesterday, reports

Naquib scored a brilliant hattrick while Ata and Reaz

Earlier, the national selection beat BKSP 4-0 in another exhibition match Sunday.

The members of the national under-23 team, camped at BKSP, are receiving training there under the supervision of a German coach.

BD ref for Japan

Sheikh Badruddin, a FIFA referee of Bangladesh, will leave here for Japan on May 23 to conduct the matches of the "eighth Asian Women's Cup football tournament", reports The tournament, with par-

ticipation of nine Asian countries, will be held in the Japanese city of Fukuoka between May 26 to June 8.

Badruddin also represented Bangladesh in the last Asian Games in Beijing.

Sampdoria closer to the title

ROME, May 6 : Sampdoria won an angry and exciting match at rivals Inter Milan 2-0 on Sunday to take a step closer to their first Italian championship win, reports AFP.

Both teams had a player sent off, but the Genoa side secured victory with second half goals from Giuseppe Dossena and Gianluca Vialli.

Inter piled on the pressure throughout winning 12 corners to their opponents one during the game; West German World Cup captain Lothar Matthaus had a penalty blocked by Sampdoria goal keeper Gianluca Pagliuca.

Four players were booked and Inter's Giuseppe Bergomi and Sampdoria centre forward Roberto Mancini were sent off for fighting.

Vialli was the most impressive player on the field though and he set up Dossena's 61st minute goal before scoring his one 15 minutes later.

Sampdoria (47 points) are now four points ahead of AC Milan who took second place from Inter by inflicting a 3-0 humiliation at Juventus.

Sampdoria need only three points from their final three games to make sure of victory. AC Milan went two up in the first 10 minutes through Marco Simone's second minute goal and another by Paolo Maldini soon after. Alberigo Evant sealed the victory with the third goal in the second half.

Juventus have now been overtaken by their city neighbours Torino who went fourth with a 0-0 draw at Parma.

JU indoor meet

SAVAR, May 6: The four-day annual inter-hall indoor sports competition of the Jahangirnagar University concluded at the university gymnasium here yesterday, reports

Sports organiser and MP Sadek Hossain Khoka attended the prize-giving ceremony as the chief guest and distributed

the trophies among the winners. Vice Chancellor of the university Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed was present as a special guest.

A large number of students took part in the competition from six halls.

Obituary Sports Reporter

The father of renowned sportsmen and organiser Dulu Affends and badminton player Lucky Affendi, Moulyi Syed Sagir Ahmed Affendt died at his home in Narayangani yes-

He was 85. He leaves behind two sons and daughters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn

his death. His Qui Khwani will be held on Thursday. May 9, at his daughter's residence at Uttarkhan, Narayanganj.

Charity meet from today

A charity football tournament organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation to

raise funds for the victims of the April 29 cyclonic disaster, begins at the Dhaka Stadium today.

The three leading teams of the city, nay the country. namely Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani Krira Chakra and Brothers Union will be playing in the meet along with the Bangladesh under-23 Olympic squad which has been undergoing training for the past several weeks in preparation for the pre-Olympic qualifiers next month.

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting will take on the Olympic squad in the meet opener starting at 6:00 this evening.

Today's match will be the swansong for former FIFAbadge holding referee Abdur Rashid who has finally decided to put his whistle away for

ln keeping with the pur-pose of the meet, there will be no complimentary passes and the BFF officials themselves will buy their own tickets. Tickets for the VIP enclosure will be on sale at the BFF office starting at ten this morning.

Meanwhile, Kaiser Hamid. Rupu, Iqbal -- captains of the Mohammedans, Abahani and Brothers Union respectively. and the members of the under-23 Olympic squad have appealed to the soccer aficionados to turn up in large numbers to make the charity drive a real success.

Following is the remaining May 9, Thursday, Brothers Union versus Mohammedans; May 11, Saturday, Abahani

versus Under-23 selection; May 13, Monday, Abahani versus Brothers Union; May 15. Wednesday.

Mohammedans versus Abahani. Tickets of the galleries will cost Taka 10, VIP Gate No. 1 Taka 50, Gate No.2 Taka 30, and Gates 3A and 3B Taka 20

Tahmid's first defeat

Sports Reporter

The title hopes of Bangla-desh national champion Syed Tahmidur Rahman took a beating yesterday when he suffered his first defeat in the United Insurance

International Masters' chess meet at the NSC chess room. Leading the table with eight

points from nine previous games, the hitherto unbeaten

International Masters Mahmud Ahmed Lodhi of Pakistan and India's Niraj Kumar Misra are tied in third position with six and a half points each after ten games.

Tahmid, who went without defeat in his first nine games, needs another one and a half points from his three remaining matches to earn his International Master's norm.

Parameswaran. playing

Rahman.

FIDE Master Younus Hassan drew with his Bangladeshi compatriot FM Maruf Ahmed, while former national champions Rezaul Haq and Jamilur Rahman also played to a draw.

Niaz off to Cuba Meanwhile, Grandmaster Niaz Murshed, who is also the General Secretary of the Bangladesh Chess Federation. left yesterday for London en



Indian IM T.N.Parameswaran Li handed out Bangladeshi front number Sved Tahmidur Rahman his first defeat in the United Insurance chess yesterday. -Star photo

Tahmid was handed his first defeat in his tenth game of the 13-round Swiss league by India's IM T.N. Parameswaran.

The win brightened Parameswaran's own champi onship prospects by taking him to the second spot on the table, just one point behind Tahmid with seven points from nine games. He has a game in hand, having arrived a day late for the meet.

white, made an English opening and forced Tahmid to resign in the 34th move.

in other matches yesterday. Lodhi drew with Bangladesh IM Zillur Rahman Champak while N.K. Misra drew with his fellow-Indian Bipin Shenoy, Another Indian, Vishal Sareen beat the bottom-placed Ashraí Hossain Nannoo of Bangladesh while V. Koshi of India beat another Bangladeshi Almasur

route to Havana for the Capablanca memorial interna-

tional chess tournament in the Cuban capital.

The category 9 tournament which includes former world champion Bobby Fischer of the US and Vassily Smisnov of the USSR among the participants, is scheduled to begin tomorrow. May 8 and run till May 26. The National Sports Council

is paying Niaz's expenses.

70,0 norean soccer politics



SEOUL, May 6: A 70-member North Korean football squad arrived here Monday for a

match to select players for a unified Korean team, and quickly brought up politics by issuing a statement on a South Korean student's death, reports AFP.

Spokesman Kim Jong-Shik issued a statement expressing condolences 'along with the entire nation' for the death of student Kang Kyong-Dae from a police beating during a demonstration, which has unleashed daily protests in South Korea for the past 10

The North Korean foot ballers took a train from Pyongyang to the border city of Keasong, crossed the military demarcation line at the truce village of Panmunjom and took buses to Seoul.

They are to play a selection match Wednesday for the North-South unified team to compete in the world youth championship in Portugal in

The North Koreans said they wanted to burn incense by Mr. Kang's body, which has lain zealously guarded by student radicals at the morgue of Yonsei University hospital here since his death on April 26.

"We strongly wish that we should be allowed to offer our condolences to the deceased patriot," the statement was quoted as saying by the national news agency Yonhap.

There was no immediately reaction from the Seoul government, which was not expected to accept the request.

Mr. Kang's death had al ready threatened to scrap the plans for the selection match. North Korea said last week it would not send its squad to Seoul because of the tensions.

A spokesman for the North Korea Football Association said before leaving Pyongyang that team members, "feel pains in their hearts at this unhappy situation and say they are reluctant to go the Seoul," the Korean Central News Agency (KNCA) said in a dispatch monitored in Tokyo.

but later changed its mind.

"llowever, we decided to go to Seoul... since the formation of a North-South unified soccer team is the first happy event of the nation in more than 40 years of the national division and it had been already promised to all fellow countrymen," the spokesman

The first round selection match is set to take place on Wednesday at Seoul's Olympic Stadium ground.

The South Korean squad will go to Pyongyang for a second match on May 12.

Lewis leaps for his coach



as. May pion Carl Lewis, his hair dyed red and sporting a

new moustache, leaped a wind-aided 27 feet 10 inches US-ROK to play

soccer friendly

CHIBA, Japan, May 6: The US Football Association has proposed holding a friendly football match with North Korea in Pyongyang this year Jiji press reported today quoting a top North Korean sports official. reports AFP.

The proposal was made by officials of the US Football Association in their meeting today with Chot Yong-Hac. Chairman of the North Korean Football Association, in Makuhari in Chiba prefecture, east of Tokyo, where the World table tennis championships are being held

"It's a good thing," Mr Choi was quoted as saying If the plan is materialised, it will pave the way for sports interchanges between the United States and North Korea, the report said.

A scheduled long jump showdown between Lewis and fellow American Leroy Burrell failed to materialise when Lewis pulled out of the Houston invitational at the last minute because of travel delays returning home from a meeting in Guadaloupe.

Burrell entered the meeting, but Lewis, who has not jumped competitively since last Summer's Goodwill Games, agreed only to jump outside the competition in an exhibition as a favour to his coach, Tom Tellez.

After four disappointing jumps in which Lewis had been overshadowed by unheralded 18-year-old Caymen Islander Kareem Streete-Thompson, the 1984 and 1988 Olympic gold medallist attempted one more jump and satled nine inches (22.86 cm) farther than his previous best of the day. "It's about time." Lewis

"I didn't get it right until that last jump," said the newly red-haired Lewis, adding that he planned to go for the world

tions, said he decided to pull out of the meeting after he and Burrell suffered through flight delays and a gruelling 14-hour trip from the French Caribbean

We were flat in Guadaloupe and considering what it took to get back. I'm pretty happy Lewis said of Sunday's effort.

Cramp forces Becker out

LAUSANNE. Switzerland. May 6: Severe cramp in the legs forced Boris Becker to give up half way through the final of the Ebel men's tennis tournament against German compatriot Patrick Kuhnen at Vidy on Sunday, reports AFP. Kuhnen won the first set 6-

second when Becker decided he could take no more . The world number two men's player had a tough time beating world number one Stefan Edberg of Sweden in Saturday's semi final 6-7 (6/8). 6-4. 7-6 17/41.

2 and was leading 3-0 in the

Nat'l jr athletics postponed

Sports Reporter

The 10th national junior athletics championships. scheduled from May 9, has been postponed due to the recent devastating cyclone, according to a press release issued yesterday by the Bangladesh Amatuer Athletics Federation.

A fresh date will be announced later.

S Africa's chances look good CHIBA, Japan, May 6: South

Africa could return to Olympic competition next year though

in time for the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch said today, reports Reuter. South Africa, barred from

competing in Olympics since 1964 because of its apartheid policies, could participate in the Barcelona Olympics next summer, Samaranch told reporters. "Maybe Albertville is too

soon ... maybe we can see a South African team in Barcelona," he said.

The Winter Olympics are scheduled for next February in Albertville.

Last month, the IOC sent a nine-member delegation to Pretoria where it discussed South Africa's Olympic recall with political and sports lead-

"There laws supporting apartheid must be abolished as President F W de Klerk promised during next June," Samaranch said.

"Sports in South Africa must be unified one by one."

The IOC executive board has called for the scrapping of apartheid laws and unification of the country's sports structure before invitations to the Barcelona Games are issued on July 25.

Referring to a unified Korean team for the next Olympic Games, Samaranch said: "We hope it may be possible to see a united Olympic Korean team in Barcelona.

Pak, Nigeria may face possible action

BRONDBY, Denmark, May 6 Pakistan and Nigeria are facing possible disciplinary, action from badminton's governing body here this week after failing to turn up for the Sudirman Cup and World Championships, reports AFP.

"I'm sure the matter will be discussed by the appropriate committees," said Ronni Rowan, general secretary of the International Badminton Federation (IBF), who hold their annual meeting here to-

"I don't know whether any action will be taken against them but the same two countries have done this before." In fact, Pakistan entered,

but did not play in the first Sudirman Cup in Jakarta two years ago. "They've been in touch to say sorry for any inconve-

nience, but gave no reason for not coming," added Rowan. Nigeria have not even done that, but Rowan is expecting a delegate from the African country to attend some of the IBF meetings here in the next

Fine start by Korean shuttlers

BRONDBY, Denmark, May 6: South Korea's Danish success story continued here on Monday when the seventh world badminton championships opened, reports AFP.

Kim Hak-Kyun and Bang Soo-Hyun built on the Koreans Sudirman Cup triumph by reaching the first round proper of the men's and women's singles respectively.

Bang displayed no after-effects of her 11-2, 6-11, 6-11 defeat by world Grand Prix leader Susi Susanti in the Cup final 19 hours earlier, finding another Indonesian, Yuliani Santoso, a much easier proposition as her 11-5, 11-5 victory showed

Meanwhile, Kim omitted from the Koreans final squad in favour of Lee Kwang-Jin, responded with a 15-2, 15-6 win over Poland's Piotr Mazur.

Indonesian Bambang Suprianto, no relation to joint ninth seed Joko, also reached the first round proper on Monday with a 15-12, 15-3 beating off Iceland's Arni Thor Hallgrimsson. North Korea did not enjoy

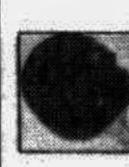
women's singles, Kim Song-Ok being one of the numerous withdrawals. That gave Tang Jiuhong, the joint third seed from China. the first of two consecutive walkovers as Nigerian Dayo Oyewusi, her scheduled sec-

ond-round opponent, is not

such a promising start in the

coming to the championships. The 22-year-old Asian Games gold medallist will now not see competitive action unthe third round on Wednesday.

Persson new champ



CHIBA, May 6: Jorgen Persson. Sweden's number three, toppled compatriot and defending cham-

pion Jan-Ove Waldner in three games to win the men's singles title at the world table tennis championships here Monday. reports AFP.

Waldner, appearing in his third consecutive men's singles final, got off to a terrible start and the 5-year-old top Swede never recovered as Persson powered to a 21-19, 21-18, 21-18 win in 31 min-

It was sweet revenge for Persson, 25 who lost to Waldner in five games in an epic 1989 final in Dortmund, Germany. Waldner, the number one

seed, also played in the 1987 final, losing to China's Jiang Jialinag. The win secured a clean sweep in men's competition

here for Sweden, who took the team title and the men's dou-Persson, the sixth seed from Malmo. kissed the

in a final that fell far short of expectations. Both players have been competing against each other since they were promising 11year-old and were wise to all

ground after securing victory

the moves. An uncharacteristically tense Waldner went 1-5 down in the opening game, hitting long and flashing his celebrated whiplash backhand into the net.

18-18 but smashed twice into the net then hit long to had the game to Persson in nine minutes. Persson clinched the second game on his third game

point and pulled ahead in the

He came back heroically to

decider with Waldner clearly unhappy with his normally lethal looping forehand. Persson, the 1986 European champion playing in his fourth World championships, smashed Waldner's hopes of recovery with his

second match point of the

third game.

Earlier Monday China collected their third title when Gao Jun and Chen Zihe defeated defending champions Qiao Hong and Deng Yaping in an All-China women's doubles

Gao and Chen, seeded

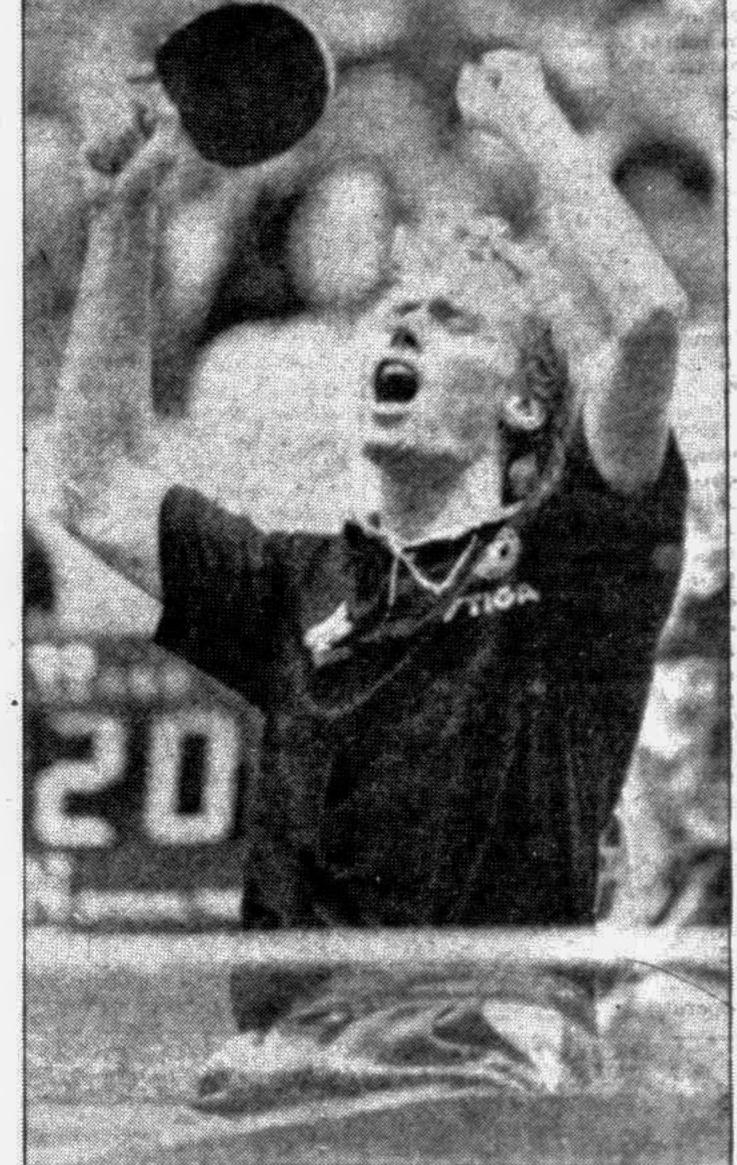
sixth, pulled off a shock 22-20. 20-22, 21- 18, 21-17 against China's top-ranked pairing who took the title in straight games in another All-China final at the last World championships. With the victory, the Chinese women have won the

mixed doubles. Waldner and Persson, old friends as well as keen rivals.

Sunday. China also claimed the

doubles and the singles,

which Deng. 18, secured



Jorgen Persson exults after dethroning fellow-Swede Jan-Ove Waldner as the world table tennis men's singles champion in Chiba, Japan yesterday. - AFP photo

had lunch before the match. "We just talked the usual rubbish and tried to take our minds off the final," said Persson.

Waldner, who Persson powered the Swedes to the men's team title last week, said:" I started badly and was unhappy in the first game. When you are playing well the gods go with you . But

Persson, who beat Korea's 20-year-old champion Kim Tack-soo from Scoul 21-12. 24-22, 21-18 in the semi-finals, was the underdog after losing all of his last six games against Waldner. But the defeat in the 1989

I was out of luck today."

Dortmund final was the most bitter. "I wasn't out for revenge. was very relaxed. But when I lost in Dortmund I thought would never get another chance. But I did and

couldn't feel better," he said. Waldner came through a tougher semi-final against Chinese number one Ma Wange 21-18, 18-21, 12-7, 21-15 and was given a severe examination in the quarter-finals by French champion Jean Philipe Gatien. "I've had a good run so far this year but Jorgen played

better than me and I'm happy for him," he said. The match was only the

players have played in consecutive men's singles finals. China's Zhuang Zedong beat compatriot Li Furong in three finals, in 1961, 1963 and 1965.

second time in World champi-

onship history that the same

The women's singles title was snatched by 18-year-old Deng, who demolished Li Bun-Hui of Korea. Deng, who two years ago

helped China to the women's team and doubles world title. beat fourth seeded Li 21-13. 21-18, 21-14 in a rapid-fire 31 minutes.

The win wiped out the memory of her fourth round singles defeat to Li in the Dortmund World championships. Li went on to lose that final too, against Chinese number one Qioa Hong, the top seed she eliminated in the semi-finals here earlier

Sunday. Li. North Korea's humber one, was hoping to hand the unified Korean team an individual title to add to the women's team title she helped them collect last week.

ROK lift Sudirman Cup

Erma Sulistyaningsih in the

level when World Grand Prix

leader Ardy Wiranata massa-

cred Lee Kwang Jin 15-1, 15-5

in only 27 minutes in the

men's singles in the Korean

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expected to humiliate Bang

Susi Susanti, head of the

However, the Koreans

equalised by claiming the

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But the Indonesians drew

opening match.



Denmark, May 6: South Korea announced themselves as a major badminton force

captured the second Sudirman Cup. reports AFP. Their 3-2 defeat of Indonesia in a lacklustre final earned the doubles experts their first world team title and broke the domination enjoyed in such events by the holders

and China over the past seven

here on Sunday when they

Kim Hak Suk, chairman of the South Korean Badminton Association, was delighted that his side avenged their 3-2 loss to Indonesia in the first Sudirman Cup final in Jakarta two years agó.

"I'm very, very pleased", he said. "I knew we would win the mixed doubles, but I wasn't sure about the men's and

women's doubles. Park Joo Bong and Chung Myung Hee, undisputably the world's best mixed doubles pairing, did not disappoint Kim, handing out a 15-3, 15-7 beating to Rudy Gunawan and

Soo Hyun, but she gave the graceful Indonésian an almighty scare before losing 11-2, 6-11, 6-11, after saving three match-points.

women's doubles with consummate ease. Chung So Young and Hwang Hye Young completing a miserable afternoon for Sulistyaningsth overcoming her and Rosiana Tendean 15-6.15-9. The world number one

men's doubles partnership of Park Joo Bong and Kim Mon Soo then captured trophy with a 15-3, 15-5 rout of Gunawan and Eddy Hartono.

Indonesians assistant

manager and father of Ardy was not surprised by his side's loss. We expected this scoreline, he reasoned. They're the better team. We have one two doubles

men and women, but they will take some time to reach the Wiranata now hopes his squad can end Indonesia's eight-year wait for a world

championship gold medal in a

week's time.

partnerships coming up in the

"We must take home at least one to compensate for today". he added. "It's too early to say which, but both Ardy and Susi have a chance." Kim, meanwhile, preferred to look forward to further team

glory in next year's Thomas and Uber Cup finals. "They will be difficult, he admitted." If South Korea play China in the finals, we're not sure to win because China are very strong in men's and women's double's, but if we

play Indonesia, we should win. That comment should serve to spark Indonesia into a concerted bid for world champi-

onship medals.

Reneberg's first pro-title

on the run, producing back-



TAMPA. Florida. May 6 : American Richey Reneberg captured his first career fessional title on Sunday when he beat Czechoslovak Peter Korda 4-6,

reports Reuter. It was the second career final for both players and each was seeking his first title. But the top-seeded Reneberg made the most of his opportunities while Korda squandered

Korda, seeded fourth, was

6-4, 6-2 in the final of the

250,000-dollar clay courts of

Tampa tennis tournament

in control and dictating the pace through most of the first two sets. in the first set, the 8th-

numerous chances.

ranked Korda kept Reneberg

hand winners and successful passing shots seemingly at will. He broke the American in the third game and protected that advantage for the remainder of At 4-4 of the second set

however, Repeberg saved a break point and held for 5-4. The top seed then appeared to come to life as he broke Korda to level the match. "Before I won the second

set, I didn't fell like I was in the match, said the 27thranked Reneberg. "I was a step slow and he was dictating everything. I just had to hang in there and wait for my

chances. Reneberg's key chance came early in the final set when he broke Korda for a 3-1

Reneberg, who considers clay his weakest surface, was obviously delighted with the tournaments' outcome. "The feels great, said

will really help me. I feel like,

Agassi wins title Another AP reports from Rasewell, Georgia: Top-seed Andre Agassi defeated David Wheaton 7-6 (7-3), 6-1 to win

Agassi earned 100,000 dollars, while Wheaton, the sixth seed, took home 50,000 dollars after the three-day roundrobin event at Horseshoe Bend

Reneberg, who earned 32, 400 dollars for his victory. "I think this tournament

I've really improved on this surface this week."

his third straight AT-and-T Challenge tennis tournament on Sunday

Country Club.

(8.48 metres) in an exhibition record later this year. at a Houston athletics meeting Lewis, who had won 64 Olympic cham on Sunday, reports Reuter. successive long jump competi