

Carl Lewis(2nd L) and Santa Monica Track Club teammates (LtoR) Leroy Burrell, Floyd Heard and Mike Marsh celebrate after equalling the world 4x100m relay record of 37.79secs-held by France-at the Monaco GP on Aug 3. -AFP photo

Botham is back but Hick. Lamb, others get the axe

lan Botham returns for his 98th Test match but newcomer Gra-Hick and veteran Allan Lamb are dropped as England reshapes its batting lineup for the series-ending cricket match against the West Indies,

reports AP. Announcing the team Sunday, the selectors also have left out wicket-keeper Jack Russell and left-arm spinner Richard Illingworth, promoting Alec Stewart and Phil Tufnell as replacements.

Reuter adds: Botham's return was widely forecast, but those of Surrey batsman Alec Stewart, son of England manager Micky, and Middlesex spinner Phil Tufnell were not.

The scale of the shake-up will surprise most people and chairman of the selectors Ted Dexter admitted: "It is a high risk strategy."

The most controversial move is to replace Russell, arguably the world's best wicketkeeper, with Stewart, who has only kept in one-day games for Surrey this season. England tried exactly the same switch in Australia last

LONDON, Aug 4 : Middlesex

left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell

captured a career-best seven

for 116 on Saturday to press

his Test claims before England

cricket manager Micky

Lord's as Tufnell, overlooked

since England's 1990-91

Ashes tour of Australia, bowled

42 overs in two spells as

Hampshire were dismissed for

in their second innings at the

Middlesex were 71 for one

Stewart was watching at

Stewart, reports Reuter.

291 — a lead of 32.

close of the second



IAN BOTHAM winter, only for it to backfire with Stewart contributing just 29 runs in four innings.

"I would like to make it clear this is no reflection on Jack as a wicketkeeper, but Alec has been keeping well in one-day matches and has shown fine form with the bat recently," said Dexter.

The decision to drop Hick just four Tests into a longawaited international career was inevitable after his struggles against the West Indian pacemen and the vastly-expe-

day of the three-day county

With England's squad for

the fifth and final Test against

west Indies at the Oval being

announced on Sunday,

Tufnell's performance and the

stroke lay of Robin Smith and

David, Gower provided the

thunderous 55 to prove his fit-

ness after missing the fourth

Test through injury while dis-

carded England batsman

Gower played a cameo innings

Smith hit 12 fours in a

championship match.

day's high points.

rienced Lamb has also paid for

too many failures this summer. With England needing a win, the selectors will field five frontline bowlers at the Oval for the first time this sea-

Tufnell, not picked since the Australian tour, when his attitude was heavily criticised, is likely to be one of them.

However, it is Botham's return that will really capture the public's imagination. With the 35-year-old Worcestershire all-rounder's great friend, West Indies skipper Viv Richards, playing his final Test in England before retirement, there should be no shortage of

ENGLAND SQUAD:

GA Gooch (Essex, captain) age 38, Tests 89; MA Atherton (Lancashire) 23, 17; IT Botham (Worcestershire) 35 97; PAJ DeFreitas (Lancashire) 25. 24: DV Lawrence (Gloucestershire) 27, 2; CC Lewis (Leicestershire) 23, 5; H Morris (Glamorgan) 27, 1; DR Pringle (Essex) 32, 25; MR Ramprakash (Middlesex) 21. 4; RA Smith (Hampshire) 27, 26; AJ Stewart (Surrey, wickctkeeper) 28, 12; PCR Tufnell (Middlesex) 25, 4.

Leaders Warwickshire, de-

spite a defiant 97 from all-

rounder Dermot Reeve, failed

by seven runs to save the fol-

low on against Worcestershire

in their championships match.

utes and found a staunch ally in

Dominic Ostler (55) but

Warwickshire, needing 305 to

avoid following on, were all out

for 298 just before the close of

scored 454 for eight declared,

are certain to make

Warwickshire bat again 156

Surrey's title hopes took a

Opener Darren Bicknell

behind on the last day on

knock when they were forced

to follow on 180 behind Kent

made an unbeaten 78 off 209

balls to spark a second innings

revival as Surrey closed the

second day at 142 for two, still

178 all out after losing their

last seven wickets for 30 runs,

pace bowler Chris Penn pro-

ducing a spell of four for 22 in

opener Mike Atherton com-

piled a painstaking, unbeaten

114 for Lancashire against

reach his second champi-

onship hundred of the season,

guiding Lancashire from 21 for

two to 276 for eight declared

Tickets sold out

Tyson's legal problems haven't

hurt ticket sales for his heavy-

weight/ title bout against

champion Evander Holyfield

Palace have been sold, making

it the fastest sellout ever at the

outdoor arena. Ticket prices

range from dlrs 200 to dlrs

which broke the old record of

16 days for the Hagler-Leonard

fight in 1987," said Phil

Cooper, an assistant vice pres-

have to be postponed or

canceled if Tyson is charged

with rape in Indiana. Next

week, a grand jury will be sc-

lected to investigate allega-

tions that Tyson raped an 18-

year-old beauty pageant con-

testant at an Indianapolis hotel

However, the flight might

ident at Caesar's palace.

"We sold out in 14 days,

All 15,800 seats at Caesar's

on Nov 8, reports AP.

1,200.

on July 19.

LAS VEGAS, Aug 4: Mike

in reply to Yorkshire's 318.

He took over four hours to

Yorkshire at Old Trafford.

England's out-of-form

Earlier, Surrey collapsed to

Monday.

at Canterbury.

38 behind.

six overs.

The home county, who

the second day at Worcester.

Reeve batted for 255 min-

ment expenses. Qazi Moinuzzaman Pila, general secretary of BTTF and other federation officials were present at the press confer-

The participating teams will be : Rajshahi, Panchagarh, Jessore, Thakurgaon, Bagerhat, Lalmonirhat, Pabna, Jhalkathi, BTMC, Habiganj. Mymensingh Narail. Patuakhali, Satkhira, Kushtia, Natore, Moulvibazar, Dinajpur, Bangladesh Ansars, Pirojpur, Bogra, Chittagong, Khulna, Tangail, Dhaka, Munshiganj, Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Bangladesh Biman, Bakerganj and Rangpur.

National TT

from tomorrow

tennis championships, organ-

tsed by the Bangladesh Table

Tennis Federation, begin at

the National Coaching Centre

Sports Council Major General

Mahbubur Rahman will inaugu-

rate the six-day competition at

ence yesterday, president of

the federation Syed Yousuf

Hossain said, 250 players in-

cluding 31 women and 105

boys from 31 teams of the

country would take part in 10

women's and boys' team

events; singles and doubles of

the three classes and mixed

of the teams from outside

Dhaka would be accommo-

dated at the National Sports

Council hostel at Mirpur sports

village, the Dhanmondi

Women's Sports Complex hos-

He said the tournament

would be titled "The New

Paper 16th national table ten-

nis championships" and the

sponsors have given the BTTF

Taka one lakh to meet the

major portion of the tourna-

tel and some in hotels.

Mr Hossain said members

The events are : the men's,

Speaking at a press confer-

Chairman of the National

August 6, reports BSS.

5-30 in the afternoon.

events.

doubles

The 16th national table

Rain plays foul at Brookline

BROOKLINE, Aug 4: Rain interrupted the third set in Saturday night's US Pro Tennis Championships semifinal match between top seed Andrei Cherkasov and fifth seed Jimmy Aries, reports AP.

The match was rescheduled for Sunday at 10 am (1600

Play will pick up with Cherkasov leading 2-1 in the third set after the Soviet took a first set 7-6 (8-6) tie-breaker and ran into serving difficulty in the second set, won by Arias, 6-3.

· The American produced second and fourth game service breaks for a 4-0 lead before Cherkasov could capture a second set game.

The Soviet converted just seven of 24 first serves in the

Tournament officials said

the singles final would be played at 1pm (1900GMT) Sunday, pitting the winner of the Cherkasov-Arias match against Andres Gomez of Ecuador. Earlier Saturday, Gomez,

only one game from elimination, fought back to beat Sweden's Tobies Svantesson 4-6, 7-6, (7-5), 6-4 in the semifinals. Gomez, who trailed 2-5

Svantesson in the ninth game and eventually forced the tiebreaker. Svantesson broke Gomez in the 10th game of the match to win the first set. Gomez saved

after losing the first set, broke

two break points in that game before finally falling short. He showed his anger by pounding a ball into the grandstand. The action resulted in his being penalized

for court violation.
"I played last night and did not get much sleep," Gomez said, explaining his irritability. *Tobias always goes for the winners, and I couldn't seem to do anything to stop him in that first set."

Martin denies The Emperor his crown



ADELAIDE, Aug 4: the future," Hunt said. Australian Rodney Jahangir Khan, bidding for Martin capped an an unprecedented seventh inspirational weworld title, was critical of the

pushing and I couldn't concen-

ek with a prestireferecing and the physical gious victory over nature of the final. all-time great Jahangir Khan to "It was hard to play against land the World squash Open him because most of the time title here Sunday, reports AFP. he was disrupting me by

Martin became the first Australian since Geoff Hunt in 1980 - coincidentally in Adelaide - to win the world crown and prise loose the Pakistani grip on the title. In a boost for international squash, 25-year-old Martin

achieved a squash rarity -

conquering both world No 1

Jansher Khan and Jahangir Khan to climb the summit. Martin, figurehead of the foremost Australian squash family of sister Michelle and elder brother Brett, ended the Jahangir roller coaster 14-17, 15-9, 15-5, 15-13 in 82 min-

"It's my career highlight beating both the Khans and Chris Dittmar in the World Open. I couldn't have dreamed for any more," Martin told his conserence.

"I worked out a game plan with Geoff Hunt this morning. to stick with him early, not get too rattled and slow the pace to how I wanted to play

You have to try and slow the pace down against him, just slow-ball it down the wall, and make him stop and then start again instead of him moving all the time around the court. He's slower than what he was two years ago."

Hunt said afterwards he was more excited for Martin than when he dominated the sport back in the late 1970s.

"He now knows he's won a World Open and it must give him confidence to push on in

in the third game Martin, up 3-1, sent Jahangir thudding into a side wall and in the fourth game the Australian winced as he slammed into the

Martin, who featured in two aggressive clashes with Jahangir, losing to him in this



Jahangir (L) in action against Martin.-Star file photo trate on my game and on top of

that the referee was giving Opens, defended himself some silly points away, Jahangir said.

"I was scared of giving a point away. When I was at the front of the court and trying for drop shot be was just bumping into me and most times he was getting a let or a stroke on that."

But it was a two-edged sword - leading 12-10 in the first game, Jahangir sent Martin tottering towards the front of the court and was told by the referee, "there was no need for that, you don't have to

year's French and British

ainst Jahangir's accusations. "I'm only running through to the ball and if he steps back into my way I'm not going to stop dead in my tracks, no one can do that when you're running full pelt.

both bumped each other, it's just part of the game. I didn't go out there to start hassling and bump him whatever... It was a matter of me trying to get to the ball to show the referee that I had made an effort to get to the ball. You don't show the effort,

you don't get a let.

Martin, hampered by inconsistency in the past, sought help from a sports pyscholo-gist to get him fully focused for

the World Open. " I spoke a few times with lan Lynagh, father of worldrecord point-seoring Wallaby rugby union five-eighth Michael, to get few hints on how to concentrate a bit more and not let things worry me,"

said Martin. "I play better when I don't get uptight and worry about a few decisions that may go against me."

Martin clawed back from 4-9 to lead 13-12 in the first game, but Jahangir fought back with an unbelievable crosscourt winner, a stroke call and an error to take the opening game 17-14 in 31 minutes.

Martin's famed touch was troubling Jahangir, and with five drop shot winners he levelled up at 15-9.

Martin was in full flight in the third game - seven drop shots and a stroke call helped him to a 15-4 game in just 12

Tension was building as Martin led 11-8 in the fourth and he grabbed match ball with another delicate drop

Martin wrapped it up with an angled short volley and danced a jig in triumph as the home crowd roared its approval of an eagerly awaited

Australian win. Martin was in a trance as photographers converged on him and he was hugged by his

jubilant girlfriend. "I hope I can back up in next week's Australian Open (in Melbourne) after the party I'm going to have," beamed

Samaranch defends cost of Barcelona participation to Barcelona because the long will be the same at the

HAVANA, Aug 4: The President of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, on Saturday defended the cost that third world nations will have to pay to compete in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, reports Reuter.

"The problem of prices in Barcelona does not correspond to some of the exaggerated charges that have been made," Samaranch said. 'Prices for the athletes and officials are actually quite reasonable and moreover we plan to give ma jor assistance to make things

Samaranch, in Havana for the Pan-American Games, said room and board in Barcelona's Olympic village will be free for

dollars for sports officials. 'As there will be two athletes to every official the average prices per person for the national delegations will be slightly more than 33 dollars."

all athletes and will cost 100

Since arriving in Havana Samaranch has had to defend the cost that third world countries, particularly in Latin America, will have to pay to get distances mean thousands of dollars for each air fare. Samaranch said that to en-

sure the Games were truly international, all costs will be paid for some of the smaller Olympic committees that have economic problems. He also forecast that terror-

ism from the Basque separatist movement would not be a problem in Barcelona.

That is the responsibility of the Spanish government. Since Munich in 1972 there have been no terrorist activi-

ties at the Olympics. We think

Barcelona Olympics.* Samaranch said that Cuban

President Fidel Castro had told

him he would attend the inauguration ceremony for the Barcelona Olympics next July. "I assure you, the Cuban team will be in Barcelona and

President Castro will be there too, he said. Cuba, a close ally of the Soviet Union, has not com-

peted in an Olympics since 1980 in Moscow because of Boycotts involving the super-

kilometer (0.6 miles) and won

in 2:33:20, beating Weiden-

2:33:33 and another American,

Lisa Kindelan, was fifth in

Weidenbach finished in

bach by 13 seconds.

the United States in the last shoulder for a time with



Japan's Koichi Fujita won the 1991 Hokkaido Marathon men's race Sunday and

New Zealand's Lorraine Moller was the women's champion, both by less than 30 seconds,

reports AP. The 25-year-old Fujita covered the 42.195 meters (26 miles, 385 yards) in 2 hours, 17 minutes, 5 seconds, beating fellow Japanese Kazuya Nishida by 26 seconds.

Marathon, was third in 2:19: 20 in the race through the streets of Sapporo in northern Running in 26-degree Celsius (79 F) temperatures,

2:17:31 and Ed Eyestone of

the United States, who placed

fifth in the 1990 Chicago

Filemon Lopez of Mexico, who was seventh in the 1990 New York Marathon, took the early lead, but Fujita caught him after 15 kilometers (9.4 miles). He ranshoulder-to-

Nishida, and took the lead after 20 kilometers (12.5 miles). Lopez ended sixth in 2:25:59.

Gidamis Shahanga of Tanzania, runner-up in the 1990 Berlin Marathon, withdrew

from the race after 25 kilometers (15.6 miles). in the women's race, the 36-year-old Moller, winner of the 1989 Hokkaido Marathon,

took the lead from defending

champion Lisa Weidenbach of

2:44:28. Satomi Iwashita was third in 2:35:01 and fellow Japanese Keiko Yamamoto was fourth in

2:36:22.

A total of 1,086 runners, including 140 women, com-

Judo champ's defection may rock inter-Korean talks Korean judo friends," he said.

SEOUL, Aug 4: A North Korean judo champion arrived in Seoul on Sunday after defecting through a third nation and was granted immediate political asylum in South Korea, reports AP.

The defection comes only two weeks before rivals North and South Korea are to resume talks on fielding a joint team for the 1992 Olympic Games. The defection was likely to embarrass North Korea and could jeopardize the talks.

Li Chang Su, 24, arrived on

a Korean Air plane from Vienna accompanied by security officials. He tried first to defect in Barcelona, site of the judo world championships, but was told to defect through an unnamed third nation to avoid embarrassment to Spain as it prepares to host the 1992 Summer Games, he said.

I feel very good about arriving in a free country," he told a news conference, smiling and waving to reporters he had met at international sports events."I have many (South)

Li was captain of the North Korean judo team that competed in Barcelona last week. Officials said Li approached

the South Korean judo team just before the closing ceremonies in Spain to ask about defecting. They said Li departed the country by train for Moscow as scheduled on July 29, but slipped away from the trian at night in a European capital.

Li is the first sports figure to defect to South Korea and

the defection comes as rivals North and South Korea are increasing sports contacts for the first time since their division in 1945.

The two nations formed their first ever joint teams this year to compete in the World Table Tennis Championships in Japan in April and the World Youth Soccer Championships in Portugal in June.

Li said he decided to defect before going to Barcelona because his father and two brothers had been purged.



Spaniard Poli Diaz (R) falls back after being hit with a left hook by Pernell "Sweet Pea" Whitaker. Whitaker defended his world lightweight boxing title with a 12-round decision over Diaz in Norfolk, Virginia on July 27.



Dujon's welcome return to form CHELMSFORD, England, Aug 4 Wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon, with a timely return to form ahead of the final Test, and opener Clayton Lambert both struck centuries in West Indian run spree against Essex on Saturday, reports

Reuter.

CRICKET CLIPPINGS

of 40.

142 not out and Lambert made 116 their first hundreds of the tour- to spur West Indies to 367 for four at the close of the first day of three-day match. Essex, led by England captain Graham Gooch, were spared the prospect of greater punishment when West Indies' batting order was reshuffled. Skipper Viv Richards, Richie

Dujon scored characteristically elegant

Richardson and Carl Hooper did not get to the crease and Desmond Haynes arrived with only 50 minutes left. , Dujon, who has made only 84 runs in his five innings in the Test Series, was promoted to number three and responded with a confidence-boosting effort before the fifth Test against England at the Oval on Thursday.

The West Indies wicketkeeper reached three figures from 205 balls and batted altogether for 305 minutes, hitting 24 fours, many with perfectly-timed drives. Lambert, who completed his century from 152 deliveries,

was in for 205 minutes and hit 22 fours. The Guyana opener and Phil Simmons (51) put on 91 for the first wicket, while Dujon helped Lambert to add 134 in 32 overs for the second wicket.

Reserve wicketkeeper David Williams and pace bowler Hamesh Anthony were also promoted but both perished to boundary catches before Dujon and Haynes shared an unbroken fifth wicket partnership of 68.

Goldsmith glitters

DERBY, England, Aug 4 : Sri Lanka crawled to 174 for three in 87 overs on Saturday after Derbyshire's Steve Goldsmith scored his first-class century, reports Reuter. Goldsmith's 127 lifted the English county to 358 all out.

He was bowled hitting across the line after facing 311 balls

That left paceman Allan Warner to provide the best entertainment of the day with 52 in 48 balls. In contrast, Sri Lankan opener Brendon Kuruppu took 217 minutes to reach 50 and although he later struck a six off left-

arm spinner Richard Sladdin, his 76 occupied 82 overs. The promise of a lively innings from captain Aravinda de Silva was dashed when a strained right shoulder prevented him batting and Chandika Hathurusinghe spent 48 overs making an unbeaten 26.

The three-day game ends today.

and striking 18 fours.