Seles outplays Reinach



MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif, Aug 14: Top-seeded Monica Seles needed only 44 mi-

nutes to defeat Elna Reinach 6-1, 6-0 in a second-round match of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles togrnament Tuesday night. reports AP.

Reinach won the second game of the first set when she held serve. Each set lasted only 22 minutes.

Seles appeared to be having an extended practice session. trying out forehands and backhands with one hand when she usually hits with two.

"I've been practicing with one-handed shots," Seles said. "I did that so I could cover the court better. I started to relax and I focused on trying to finish the match as soon as pos-

"I only practiced for half an hour before the match."

She said the leg injury that forced her to drop out of Wimbledon still recurs. "My leg gets sore after a tough match or after a long practice. The most important thing for me is to stay healthy. I can't have any more time out again, " Seles

Kimiko Date of Japan scored a 6-4, 6-1 victory over fifth-seeded Leila Meskhi of the Soviet Union in an earlier second-round match.

Date rushed to a 3-0 lead in the first set, breaking Meskhi's serve in the second game. Meskhi fought back and neither player was able to hold serve for the rest of the set.

They traded breaks in the second and third games of the second set as Date took a 2-1 lead. From there, she rolled to victory, closing the match with a service ace measured at 88 mph (140 kph).

Meskhi, ranked 13th in the world, had beaten Martina Navratilova and Jennifer Capriati in the Family Cup last April. Meskhi also was a quarterfinalist in the 1990 US

In world standings, Date is

ranked 112th.

"I felt very confident today" Date said through an interpreter. "I played high-level

Meskhi said she wasn't ready for the tiring rallies, and

"We had long rallies and I felt she was getting exhausted." Date said. "I wanted the points. She is the highest ranked player I've ever

of Czechoslovakia beat Nathalie Herreman of France 6-0, 6-4; Amy Frazier, the seventh seed, defeated Linda Ferrando of Italy 6-4, 6-2 and eighthseeded Lori McNeil downed Stephanie Rottier of Holland 6-1, 6-4.

In earlier second-round

play. No. 6 seed Helena Sukova

In first-round matches. Debbie Graham advanced when No. 12 seed Susan Sloane re-



Meskhi said she hasn't fully recuperated from a left shoulder injury and the hot, muggy weather bothered her.

"I am not match tough," she said. "This is my first match (in a month) since I hurt my shoulder. I did not have high expectations and it was difficult to play. We had long points and I just tried to play with

2-1. Sloane had a recurrence of a hamstring injury sustained last week in the Virginia Slims of Albuquerque.

In other first-round matches. Nicole Provis outlasted 16th-seeded fellow Australian Anne Minter 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 and Ann Grossman needed only 38 minutes to devastate Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union 6-0, 6-0.

Hlasek beats Connell



INDIAN APOUS. Aug 14: Ninthseeded Jakob Hlasek, serving consistently at over 100 mph (160 kph), beat Canadian

Grant Connell 7-6 (8-6), 6-3 in the opening round of the US Hardcourts tournament on Tuesday, reports AP. "The court was fast," said

Hlasek, who won 56 of his 80 service points, including 38 on his first serve.

In a late evening match between US Davis Cup teammates, second-seeded Jim Courier played Jim Pugh. The No 1 seed, defending champion Boris Becker, begins his bid to win the tournament for the third time in four years against David Pate on Wednesday

Pate beat Andrew Sznajder of Canada 6-4, 7-5 on Tuesday. In a second-round match, eighth-seeded Andrei Cherkasov of the Soviet Union outlasted local favourite Todd Witsken, a former Indiana high

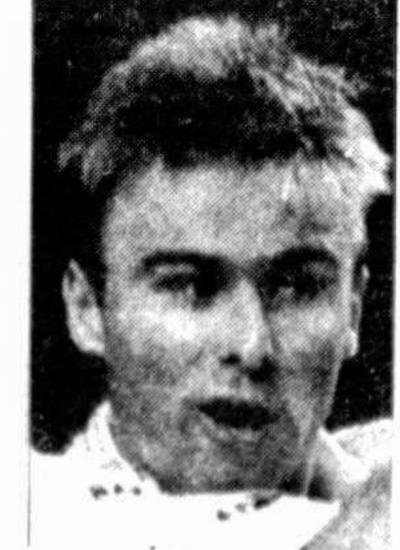
school player, 2-6, 7-6 (7-3). 6-2 in a match that lasted 2 hours, 41 minutes. "He wore me out," Witsken said. "I was tired before the tiebreaker. My calves were starting to cramp and I was hanging in, trying to play ag-gressive. I couldn't win if I

tried to stay at the baseline." Witsken, ranked No 113. was leading the world's 14thranked player 3-1 in the sec-

ond set before Cherkasov

evened the set by breaking in a 16-point sixth game. "In the beginning, he played

consistent and he didn't miss." Cherkasov said. "Then I started playing more consistent in the second set. He missed an easy volley at 3- all and soon it was



JAKOB HLASEK clear to me that I would win

"I could tell he was tired. I saw that he was going to attack more and I tried to move him

Hlasek, a Czechoslovak now living in Switzerland, was ranked as high as seventh in the world in 1989 but is currently No 19.

Hlasek and Connell each held serve throughout the 59minute opening set. However.

with his first serve in the tiebreaker and it cost him. Connell evened the tiebreaker with a winning vol-

Connell began having trouble

ley on the 12th point, but followed with a double fault and then returned Hlasek's second serve long to lose the set. Hlasek held to start the

second set and began taking command by breaking Connell for the first time in the next Connell had only two break

points against Hlasek. The first came in the fourth game of the first set, which Hlasek won on the 14th point. The second came in the third game of the second set, but Hlasek saved the game by winning the next three points.

He then held on his next two service games before breaking Connell again in the ninth game, needing only 30 minutes to win the set.

"I passed and returned better," Hlasek said. "He's a very good serve and volley player."

In early matches involving seeded players No 10 Alexander Volkov of the Soviet Union defeated South Africa's Gary Muller 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; No 14 Fabrice Santoro of France beat Spain's Tomas Carbonell 6-2. 6-2; No 15 Francisco Clavet of Spain eliminated France's Guillaume Raoux 7-5. 6-2, and No 16 Christian Bergstom of Sweden handled Portugal's Nuno Marques 7-6 (7-2), 6-3 to reach the third

Short bounces back



14: Britain's Nigel Short rebounded from a first-game upset Tuesday and beat Soviet Boris Gelfand despite playing black, evening their World

chess quarterfinal at one game apiece, reports AP. In other end plays of adjourned games Tuesday, Soviet Anatoli Karpov and India's

Viswanathan Anand drew twice to keep their series level. Dutchman Jan Timman beat Swiss Victor Korchnoi in the second game Monday to take an early lead in the quarterfinal, as did Artur Yusupov in his

match against fellow Soviet Vassily Yvanchuk. The winner will play World Champion Garri Kasparov for

the title in 1993. The semifinals are set for early next year. The first player in each match to earn 4 1/2 points out of 8 games goes through to the semifinal, which will be played early next year. A win gives a player 1 point, a draw 1/2

point. In case of a draw at 4-4, tiebreakers will be played Aug 24-25 .

Short needed only four additional moves to outwit Gelfand on Tuesday. The game had been adjourned after 62 moves Monday, with the Briton

Going against chess logic, Gelfand also played black to win the first game during Sunday's opening day in only 24 moves.

Anand was able to keep Karpov in check in both their adjourned games, which took 76 and 77 moves overall to complete. Anand surprised many observes with his slow deliberate play, compared with his often impulsive style.

In the second of three adjourned games, Anand and Karpov took half an hour to

Italy leads in Fastnet yachting

COWES, England, Aug 13: A drop in the wind left the 23 remaining competitors in the Fastnet Race stranded in calm seas Monday at 9 nearly the halfway point of the event, reports AP.

The French yacht Corum Saphir, leading the 50 -foot (15 meter) class by 10 nautical miles (14 kilometers) over the Japanese boat. Will, could see the Fastnet Rock off Ireland but was marooned because of the lack of wind.

The crew of Corum Saphir said it was just 13 nautical miles (18 kilometers) short of the Fastnet Rock.

complete their first round encounter. Anand, playing white, pressed a draw upon Karpov after a 14 moves.

Resuming their second round game, Anand started with the black pieces in a position Yugoslav Grandmaster Lubomir' Ljubojevic felt could be converted into a winning position and won.

Anand, however, offered a draw after eight moves had been played and Karpov ac-

Timman won in 52 moves after Korchnoi was pressed too much for time. Ivanchuk, playing black, suffered an identical fate against Yusupov and had to surrender after 57

| moves. | | |
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| | G/1 | G/2 |
| Anand | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Karpov | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Short | 0 | 1 |
| Gelfand | 1 | 0 |
| lvanchuk | 0.5 | 0 |
| Yusupov | 0.5 | 1 |
| Timman | 0.5 | 1 |
| Korchnoi | 0.5 | 0 |
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| Yusupov | | 1.5 |
| Timman | | 1.5 |
| Korchnot | | 0.5 |
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Mexican athlete fails dope test

HAVANA, Agu 14: A Mexican became the first athlete at the Pan American Games involved in a doping violation, officials of the Pan American Sports Organization said Tuesday, reports AP.

Eduardo Acosta, secretary for PASO president Mario Vasquez Rana, confirmed in a telephone conversation with The Associated Press, that the test of the Mexican athlete had a positive result. He abstained from giving the name of the athlete of what substance was found in the test.

Acosta said PASO officially had informed the Mexican delegation that the test of one of its athletes had been posi-

Sources from the Mexican delegation told the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina that the test belonged to a rower who won a gold medal. The rowing team returned to Mexico on Monday, Osuna said.

According to Prensa Latina, the chief physician for the Mexican delegation confirmed the positive test and said the athlete had taken medicine for a throat infection. That medicine apparently contained

a banned substance. The technical director of the Mexican delegation, Casar Osuna, confirmed to the AP that he had received verbal notification of the positive test. But he added that his group would not make any official announcement until it receives written confirmation from PASO.

According to normal procedures, after a country admits one of its athletes used banned substances, the pertinent sports organization - in this case PASO - sends a written notification of the results of the doping test. According to International Olympic Committee rules, the athlete is then banned from all international events for 18 months.

Osuna admitted that the athlete involved had won a medal, which will be stripped from him immediately after the written notification from PASO is received by the Mexican delegation.

Asian men's volleyball

PERTH, Australia, Aug 14 Four countries won their second-round matches on Monday to ensure their passage into the next stage of the Asian men's volleyball championship here, reports AFP.

Australia, South Korea, Japan and China all won their first two clashes and will be among the eight teams taking part in the finals of the contest

The other four are yet to be decided. In a close match at the su-

perdrome Monday night, Australia kept its nerve to beat Taiwan 3-1 and Japan impressed with a 3-0 defeat of India. Earlier, South Korea, the

Asian Champion, outsclassed Thailand 3-0 and China overwhelmed Western Samoa by the same score.

MONDAY'S RESULTS: Group A: Australia bt

Taiwan 3-1 (15-13, 10-15, 15-6,16-14). Group B: Iran bt United

Arab Emirates 3-0(15-4,15 6.15-8); South Korea b Thatland 3-0(15-0, 15-3, 15-7) Group C : Indonesia bt Saudi Arabia 3-1(15-7,15-17,15-

9, 15-13); Japan bt India 3 0(15-3, 15-10, 15-2). Group D : China bt Western

Samoa 3-0(15-4, 15-0, 15-0); Pakistan bt North Korea 3-2 (3-15, 10-15, 15-9, 15-6, 16-14). **STANDINGS**

Table after two days of the

Asian men's volleyball championship here (note: two point for win: one for taking part in each game):

| Group A | P | w | L | Pt |
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| Australia | 2 | 2 | 0 | • |
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| New Zealand | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Group B | | | | |
| South Korea | 2 | 2 | 0 | • |
| Thatland | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6000 |
| Iran | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| UAE | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Group C | | | | |
| Japan | 2 | 2 | 0 | - 6 |
| India | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6333 |
| Indonesia | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Saudi Arabia | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Group D | | | | |
| China | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Pakistan | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| North Kroea | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 3 2 |
| Western Samoa | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |

Metro bridge from Aug 22

The Metropolis Bridge League, 1991, organised by Dhaka Metropolis Bridge Association, will commence on August 22 (Thursday) at 5 pm sharp at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises, states a press

The championship will be open only for bridge teams of Dhaka City and Narayangani only. Entry fee will be Tk 100/00 per team. Entry closes on August 20, the press re-

Zubero shatters world mark



of the 200-meter breaststroke ALE, Fla, Aug 14: Spain's Martin Zubero shattered

the oldest existing men's world record and American Mike Barrowman lowered his own world mark at the Phillips 66 National Swimming championships on Tuesday, reports AP. Zubero, 22, of Spain, had a

at 2:10.60, obliterating his previous mark of 2:11.23.

learning his time in the preliminary heat. "I've had my sights set on this for two years. This makes it all worthwhile."

"I'm just in another world right now," Zubero said after

In the finals, Zubero won in the more modest time of 1:58.85. He took advantage of a rule change which allows

the old rule, which required swimmers to touch each wall to break the record as possible," he added.

Zubere, gold medallist at the world championships in Perth. Australia, in January. swam a world shortcourse record of 1:52.51 in the University of Florida's 25m pool at Gainesville in April.

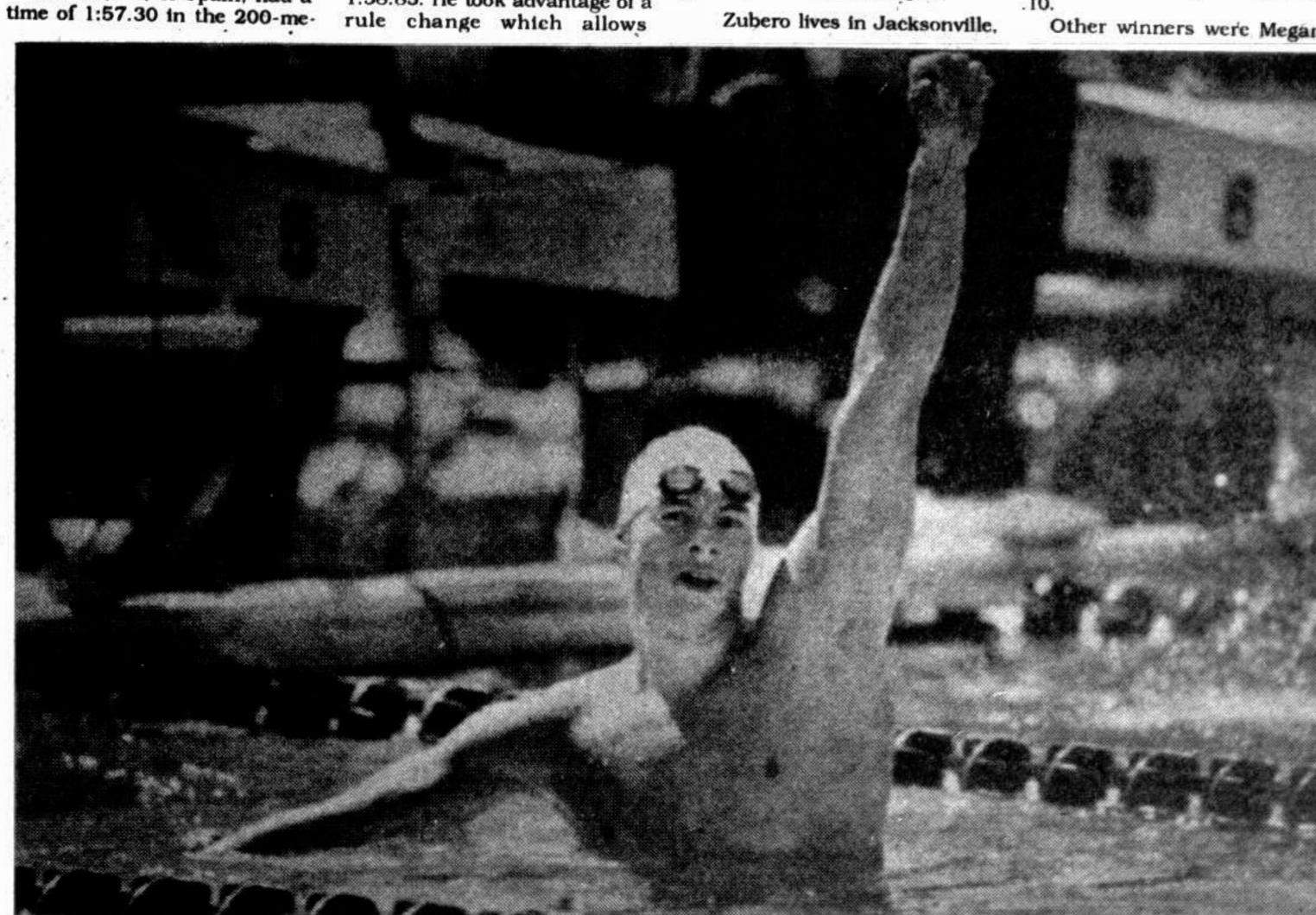
Zubero lives in Jacksonville,

Melvin Stewart, the world record holder in the 200 butterfly, won the event in 1:56.69, but missed his mark by one second.

On the women's side, 1988 Olympians Paige Zamina and Dara Torres finished 1-2 in the

time of 56.09 edged Torres by Other winners were Megan

100-metre freestyle. Zemina's



Spanish swimmer Martin Lopez-Zubero celebrates after setting a new world record in the men's 200-m backstroke in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on August 13. Lopez-Zubero set the record of 1:57.30 during the US swimming championships. The previous record was held by Igor Polianski of the Soviet Union. -AFP photo

ter backstroke, breaking the record of 1:58.14 set by Igor Poliansky of the Soviet Union ing a turn. in 1985.

Barrowman, the current world champion, posted his fifth world record in the finals

swimmers in a backstroke race with their hand before execut-

"I wanted as many chances to use a freestyle furn. FINA. the international swimming federation, in January changed and US citizenship but is representing Spain this summer.

Fla. and holds dual Spanish

He was to leave Wednesday for the European championships in Athens, Greece.

meets. "We're happy about the

recognition. It's nice to finally

Americans also swam to a

gold silver in the women's

200-meter freestyle as Lisa

Jacob, 17, of Mission Viejo.

Calif won by length over

Barbara Metz of Stanford in

night came in the men's 800-

meter freestyle relay, as the

The fourth US gold of the

get some respect."

Kleine in the 200 breaststroke (2:33.71); Paige Wilson in the 200 backstroke (2:14.68);

Julie Kole in the 200 butterfly (2:11.70); and Doug Gjertsen in the 100 freestyle (50.48).

Tierney leads US charge



On land and the water, speed runs in Dorsey Tierney's family.

reports AP. The coustn of former indy 500 champion Danny Sullivan, Tierney shattered the Pan American Games record in the women's 200-meter breaststroke twice Tuesday as US swimmers captured four more golds and three silvers.

The only race Americans haven't won among 10 in two days of competition was the men's 100-meter butterfly, the speciality of Olympic and Pan Am champion Anthony Nesty of Surinam.

Tinerney, of Lousville, Ky. leaped out of the water and pumped her fist when she saw her time of 2:28.69 nearly seven seconds faster than the record she cracked earlier, in the day when she swam 2:32.33. The old Pan Am record of 2:35.53, also was beaten in an earlier heat by Canada's Chantal Dubois, who

won the silver. "I put the blinders on. tried not to think of anything else," said Tierney, the US-collegiate champion, whose winning time was the second best even by an American and second fastest in the world this year to 14-year-old Anita Nall's

2:27.08. "When I saw the time I was shocked," said Tierney, the US women's team captain. "My coach kept telling me I should go that fast, and I had a real good summer. I changed my stroke a little bit. My coaches have helped me get a little more distance out of my stroke and have helped me get

stronger. "Mentally I'm much stronger. I'm older, I'm 21. A lot of people think maybe it's a little too old to drop a lot of time in swimming, but it can be done."

Alex Kostich and Jody Braden swam to a gold-silver finish in the men's 400-meter freestyle. Kostich, a senior at Stanfordm, led throughout the race to win in 4:23.96. Braden came back from a distant

fourth after 300 meters to finish second ahead of Canada's Jasen Pratt.

Kostich said the only pressure he felt going into the race was "positive pressure."

"A lot of the press had dubbed us the 'B' team, and this was a chance for us to prove we're world-class athletes." he said referring to the absence of the fastest US swimmers, who are training for or competing in other

American team clocked Nesty hates the pressure

2:02.06.



HAVANA, Aug 14: Surinam's butterfly ace Anthony Nesty kept his unbeaten record in topflight com

petition here Tuesday and said he would quit after the Barcelona Olympics, reports

The 23-year-old communi-

cations student complained

that each time he swam he was

under tremendous pressure from his fans to win. But this pressure failed to slow him in the 100 metres butterfly at the Pan American Games which he won in 53.45s, only 1.6 seconds off his best time this year set in

Championships. Nesty led throughout, finishing a clear length ahead of Mike Merrill of the United

January at the Perth World

Speaking before the race, Nesty said that public pressure on him to win each time he swam was "too high a psychological price to pay.

He said that he liked to win

but he did not like being continually under pressure to fin-Nesty, who is studying in Florida, told journalists he intended to guit after the

Barcelona Olympics in June. He is unbeaten in topflight competition since winning the 100-metres butterfly in the Seoul Olympics in 1988. US swimmers - who won

five gold medals Monday

added another four today. BIRTHDAY PRESENT Meanwhile the Cuban water

ANTHONY NESTY

polo team gave President Fidel Castro a treat on his 65th birthday by upsetting clear favourites, the United States. in the final.

The Cubans, who have some tremendous shooters, won 9-5 against the US squad which was the same as the one which won the FINA Cup championships last month. Cuba did not compete in the event.

The United States had won the past six Pan American Games water polo golds without losing a game.

A delighted Castro presented the medals.

the Pan Am mark. RESULTS Final results Tuesday from the swimming event at the Pan

7:23.39, a tenth of a second off

American Games (all distances in meters): MEN 100 Butterfly: 1. Anthony Nesty. Surmam, 53.45. 2. Mike Merrell, United States . 54.60. 3. Eduardo

Piccinini, Brazil, 55.00. 4. James Harvey, United States, Jose Menendez, Cuba, 55.84. 6. Diego Perdomo, Colombia, 56.02. 7 Emmanuel Nascimento, Brazil, 56.17 8. Giovanni Linscheer. Surinam, 56.21 400 Individual Medley:

1. Alex Kostich, United States, 4:23.96. 2. Jody Braden, United States 4:26.25. 3. Jasen Pratt. Canada, 4:26.31, 4. David Monasterio, Puerto Rico, 4:27.30. 5. Andres Minelli, Argentina, 4:29.94. 6. Renato Ramalho, Brazil, 4:31.88, 7, Gonzalo Perez. Venezuela, 4:32.05. 8. Rene Santaella, Puerto Rico, 4:37.84.

800 Freestyle Relay: 1. United States (John Keppeler, Jim Wells, Clay Tippins, Eric Diehl), 7:23.39. Brazil, 7:28.83.3, Puerto Rico. 7:27.96. 4. Canada, 7:30.77.5, Cuba, 7:31.56. 6, Mexico, 7:36.58. 7, Uruguay. 8:07.90. 8, Bahamas, 8:25.04.

WOMEN 200 Freestyle

1. Lisa Jacob, United States, 2:02.28. 2. Barb Metz, United States, 2:02.92. 3, Kimberley Paton, Canada, 2:04.73. 4 Paolette Filippini, Brazil, 2:05.26. 5, Rita Garay, Puerto Rico, 2:06.01. 6, Tara-Lynn Seymour, Canada, 2:06.76. 7. Laura Sanchez, Mexico. 2:07.10. 8, Rachel Brinn. Jamaica, 2:10.65.

200 Breaststroke 1. Dorsey Tierney. United States, 2:28.69. 2, Chantal Dubots, Canada, 2:33.62. 3, Lisa Flood, Canada, 2:34.08. 4. Kenra Thayer, United States, 2:36.58. 5, Glycia Lofego, Brazil. 2:43.01. 2:44.96. 7. Glycia Lofego, Brazil, 2:43.01. Karen Horning, Peru. 7. Erika Graff, 2:44.96. Uruguay, 2:45.96. 8, Montpue Pinon, Mexico, 2:46.85.

American cagers relax in Miami

MIAMI, Aug 14: Dining on American food and relaxing at a luxury hotel in Miami while the competition endures Havana's less-than American accommodations has done wonders for the US basketball team, reports AP.

Keady had his team practicing in Miami again Tuesday after a 114-68 quarterfinal victory over Uruguay put them in the semifinals against Puerto Rico in the Pam Am games. "This time we'll work on defence. I'm not really happy

That's why coach Gene

with it and I know what we're

going to face. We have to get

back to the board on rebound-

ing and defence." Keady said before the team left Havana on Monday night. The team · practiced

Tuesday at the University of Miami gym in Coral Gables and was scheduled to work out again Wednesday, said JoAnn Scott, a spokeswoman for the

left Tuesday at the posh where the team was staying.

The US team will return Wednesday night before playing in the semifinals Thursday against Puerto Rico, which

other semifinal

Keady did not immediately return messages for comment Mayfair Hotel in Miami's trendy Coconut Grove district

Monday. Cuba beat defending Pan Am gold medallist Brazil on Sunday and will face Mexico, a surprise 91-77 winner over Argentina, in the Keady said Puerto Rico will be a far cry from the last two

US foes, who fell by a com² bined 104 points. Against Uruguay , the Americans started with a 9-0 run and led by 56-32 at halftime. The rout followed a 116-58 win over the Bahamas in the final qualifying game.

"I was real surprised we won so easy." Keady said Monday. He credited the

beat Venezuela 111-104 on team's 72 hour stay in Miami last week with improving its play. "The kids are getting to know each other better and the roles are getting settled." Puerto Rico is a different story.

> collegiate ball in the United States. Seven were on the team that split two games with the United States in last summer's world championships. "I expect the game with

> the Puerto Rico roster played

Nine of the 12 players on

Puerto Rico to be one that comes down to a final shot," Keady said. "I certainly don't expect anything like these last