

With Pakistan holding the Dutch 1-1

Champions' Trophy is wide open

BERLIN, Sept 19: Pakistan's hockey team threw the 13th Champions' Trophy wide open here on Wednesday by drawing 1-1 with the Netherlands in one of the best matches of the men's tournament, reports AFP.

The result may have strengthened the hand of Germany, who are still at the top of the table with four points from two games, and who have a match in hand.

But it does let Australia in with a chance of the gold medal, depending on what happens between Great Britain and Germany.

Pakistan, Australia and the

Netherlands will all be backing Britain in the showdown — all four countries have three points from three games.

Wednesday's effort by Pakistan also broke a sequence of victories over them by the Dutch, the most notable being their 3-1 defeat in the World Cup final in Lahore 1990.

Pakistan manager Ishauddin, visibly relieved after the match, praised Khalid Bashir for his goal and hailed him as a new short corner expert.

After all, he has learnt his trade from our coach Munawar Zaman, himself a great short corner specialist in his day," he said.

If Britain halt the progress of Germany, Pakistan will also

be in contention for the gold medal. They too have to play Britain, along with the Soviet Union — who are unlikely to offer much of a challenge.

Germany and Australia are on top of the women's table with six points each from three games.

The Dutch, who lost 2-0 to the Aussies on Wednesday, were disappointing and looked nothing like the side that won the World Cup in Sydney last year.

Brian Glenross, the Aussie women's team coach, said he wanted his side to be 30 per cent better for a successful defence of their gold medal at next year's Barcelona Olympics.

"Seeing the other teams here rather raises my expectations for Australia," he said.

Meanwhile, in a clear warning to their Asian rivals, South Korea beat China 1-0 here on Wednesday in a women's match they should have won more comfortably.

Both teams will take part in the Olympic qualifying tournament in Auckland next month, although in different groups.

A run feast at Durham

DURHAM, Sept 19: Yorkshire reject John Glendenning hit an unbeaten double century for Durham against Victoria here on Wednesday as the tally piled up to 900 runs for the loss of just 10 wickets on a friendly university pitch, reports AFP.

Victoria go into the final day 201 runs ahead at 153 for two in their second innings, providing their batsmen with some useful practise before next week's Britannic Assurance challenge match against the county champions.

For the bowlers it was relentless toil on a featherbed wicket, with Glendenning making the most of three lives.

The 26-year-old, who played for Yorkshire seconds from 1983-1986, batted for 317 minutes, faced 227 balls and hit 32 fours. He also hit 109 against Glamorgan in the Natwest Trophy this season.

Durham declared at 354 for three immediately after Glendenning became only the second player in Durham's history to reach 200.

DMBA bridge

The pair duplicate bridge competition will be held at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises here today.

A total of 20 to 25 competitors are expected to participate in the contest.

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Essex's progress was checked by Mike Roseberry, who scored a fighting unbeaten 70, but dangerous Mike Gatting (35) and Mark Ramprakash (19) had already fallen to paceman Neil Foster.

Powell's plans work perfectly

BRUSSELS, Sept 19: Mike Powell, the new holder of the world long jump record, is not haunted by the fate of his predecessor, reports Reuter.

The 27-year-old American broke the oldest record in the book last month when he leaped 8.95 meters at the Tokyo World Championships. Compatriot Bob Beaman's mark of 8.90 had stood since the 1968 Mexico City Olympics.

Beaman was never able of repeat or even approach his 8.90 metre leap and quickly disappeared into oblivion.

But Powell vows his record was not a one-of performance.

"I have no fear of not jumping that far again, because I've jumped further on foul before, so my body is capable of jumping further than it did in Tokyo," Powell, 27, said before last Friday's Brussels Grand Prix.

"My personal best (before the 8.95) was 8.66 metres. Every year that I've competed, I've improved. I don't see any reason why I wouldn't keep going on improving. I'm very goal-oriented," he said.

He has the chance to prove he is as good as his word at next year's Olympic Games in Barcelona.

"My goal next year is to win the gold medal in Barcelona and it may take a jump of nine metres or beyond," he said.

Powell realises Carl Lewis, who was widely expected to succeed Beaman in the record books instead of him, will be after his record.

"Now that I reached the top it's going to be hard to stay on top because Carl Lewis has the motivation to beat me."

"And other jumpers may look at me and say: 'I can do it, the man can do it.' Now everybody wants to beat me."

But the prospect of increasing opposition could not wipe the smile off his face and he happily admitted he was already reaping the financial rewards of his record leap.

His private sponsor, a footwear company, paid him \$50,000 dollars for the record plus an extra 5,000 bonus for beating Lewis.

"Now a lot of people are interested in me. My agent Brad

Hunt is very busy. 'It's nice to have some options now,'" Powell said.

For a vast majority in the crowds, Powell was still a nobody when he bettered Beaman's legendary jump. Lewis' presence and the lack of recognition proved the ideal ingredients to motivate him for the record jump, he says.

"I had to earn my name out there. All I want to do is just get what I deserve. And I thought 'If I jump the world record I'll get the respect that I deserve,'" he said.

He is convinced that the instant fame will also help him in his future performances.

"I'm going to enjoy going out in front of the crowd and competing even much more now. Now that more people know who I am ... when I start to clap and play and crowd, everybody will be involved."

He admits he had badly underestimated the impact of his record.

1977 and 1984.

Soviet marksman Sergei Yuram set the standard for Saunders and Smith, netting four times for his new Portuguese club Benfica in the 6-0 destruction of Maltese minnows Hamrun Spartans in Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Liverpool, banished after the Heysel Stadium disaster of 1985, put that tragedy behind them and brought back happy memories of past European glories with a burst of four goals in the last quarter of an hour of the first-round first-leg tie at their Anfield Ground.

English champions Arsenal made an equally potent home start in their bid to lift the European Cup, trouncing Austria Vienna 6-1 and celebrating a four-goal hero of their own — Alan Smith.

Smith crammed his goals between the 50th and 66th minutes as Arsenal demonstrated their eagerness to emulate compatriots Liverpool, who won Europe's premier trophy four times between



Y. Li of China (No 15) blocking a shot from M. Ishikawa of Japan at the 6th Asian senior women's volleyball championship in Bangkok on 18 Sept. China won the match 3 sets to 2. — AFP photo

Bubka's big day today

BARCELONA, Sept 19: Sergei Bubka, the greatest pole vaulter in history, is set to crown a triumphant season by walking off with 25,000 dollars on Friday as the men's overall Grand Prix athletics champion, reports Reuter.

The 27-year-old, who is six points clear of his nearest rivals in Friday's Grand Prix final, thanks to the bonus points from his world record leap of 6.08 metres at the Moscow Grand Prix on Jun 9.

Since then the world champion has taken the mark to 6.10 metres, giving him four outdoor and indoor world records this year.

On Tuesday Bubka showed he had recovered from a painful heel injury which plagued him during the Tokyo World Championships by winning a competition in Jerez de la Frontera.

Now he sets his sights on the Grand Prix final and the possibility of another world record.

Kiptanui, still a novice at the event, ran a year's fastest time of eight minutes 06.46 seconds in Brussels and he will be competing on Friday against three talented compatriots in Olympic champion Julius Kariuki, William Mutwiri and Patrick Sang.

Two other men's world champions should complete magnificent seasons in style.

American Michael Johnson, untouchable over 200 metres for the past two years, takes part as does 1,500 metres gold medallist Nourredine Morceli.

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