Bulbul sends HK on a spin

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh, the reigning champions, begin their campaign in the third South East Asian ICC Associate Members' cricket championship with a bang in Singapore yesterday.

Hong Kong lost their way after a fine start by their openers Atkinson and Fordham in the face of some accurate offspin bowling by the dark, athletic Bulbul who claimed six wickets for only 19 runs from ten overs to restrict Hong Kong to 141 for nine wickets in 50 overs. Bangladesh had hardly any problem knocking off the necessary runs for victory for the loss of three wickets.

Hong Kong, who won the inaugural match against Malaysia by 69 runs on Monday were put in to bat by Bangladesh skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu. Openers Fordham and Atkinson started cautiously against Saiful and Prince, the two Bangladeshi new ball bowlers, but kept the scoreboard moving, albeit slowly.

Although the pair never looked like taking on the Bangladeshi bowlers, the fact that the vastly superior Bangladesh attack failed to meet with any early success

Small holds up

Hampshire

LONDON, June 16: Leaders

Hampshire were denied their

fourth win in seven county

championship cricket matches

by a defiant innings from

England pace bowler

Gladstone Small on Monday,

to force a draw on the third

and final day at Edgbaston after

they were reduced to 167 for

seven in pursuit of a victory

Bakker, who did the early

off-spinner Shaun Udal, who

undermined the middle order

overs to guide

Earlier, Hampshire opener

Warwickshire to 198 for eight

Tony Middleton made 77, leav-

ing him 16 runs short of be-

coming the first batsman to

reach 1,000 in first-class

cricket this season. His total of

984 have been scored at an av-

ahead of both Northam-

ptonshire, who did not have a

championship match, and

Durham, whose injury-hit side

lost by 190 runs to champions

Hampshire are 16 points

at the finish.

erage of 109.33.

Essex at Hartlepool.

Dutch paceman Paul Jan

target of 257 in 62 overs.

Small helped Warwickshire

reports Reuter

was quite embarrassing. After having tried almost every bowler at his disposal Nannu. who captained Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club last year, turned to his teammate Bulbul and the spinner immedtately had Fordham taken behind the stumps by wicket-



BULBUL...man-of-match

The GMCC stumper was in the scene again when he caught Atkinson, the highest scorer with 65, off slow medium-bowler Athar Ali Khan

of Brothers Union. Saiful Islam, the GMCC opening bowler, trapped Eames leg before for 10 and the floodgates were opened with Bulbul running through the Hong Kong batting like a

hot knife through butter. Five batsmen were bowled, playing mostly across the line and the whole side managed only 141 for nine from their stipulated quota of overs.

Bulbul, who mixed armers in his fastish offbreaks to a devastating effect, finished with the flattering figures of six for 19.

Saiful Islam, too, had an impressive debut in international cricket outside Bangladesh with figures of two for 18.

Athar Ali Khan produced a tight spell of one for 18 from ten overs.

Azhar Hossain Shantu, the bespectacled Mohammedans opener, gave Bangladesh a solid start with Abahani skip per Farouque Ahmed. Shantu scored 27 and Farougue made a rather slow 31 to rule out any possibility of a fightback by the Hong Kong bowlers.

Bulbul, who came in at onedrop, played a flowing innings of 45, embellished with one six and four fours before holing out to Thomson off Foster.

Skipper Nannu with 21 and Akram Khan of Abahani with 12 remained at the kill as Bangladesh posted 142 for three wickets with eight overs Foster was the most suc-

cessful Hong Kong bowler bagging two for 19 from eight Bangladesh take on hosts

Singapore today.

SCOREBOARD the club announced Monday. reports AFP. HONG KONG Natal Cricket Union chief S Atkinson c Nasu b Athar executive Brian Short told independent Radio 702 that the P Fordham c Nasu b Bulbul 34 former West Indian Test star M Eames Ibw b Satful would help boost Natal's do-S Foster b Bulbul mestic ambitions. N Stearns b Bulbul Short denied that Marshall, L Beaman not out 34, was too getting past his N Parera lbw b Saiful best, saying the Barbadian was R Sujanani b Bulbul

Y Vachha b Bulbul B Goel b Bulbul D Crowe not out Extras Total (for nine wickets in 50 overs) 141 Bowling Prince 15 Saiful 17 Moni Nannu Athar Ali Shantoo 10 Bulbul 19 BANGLADESH A H Shantoo c Fordham b Foster

MALCOLM MARSHALL "As vicious as he ever was," and would fit in well with the team which includes South Africa's World Cup player Jonty

Marshall for Natal

Malcolm Marshall has signed a

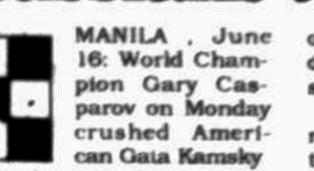
contract to play for South

African provincial side Natal,

JOHANNESBURG, June 16: West Indian fast bowler

Marshall arrives in South Africa in September and wil also help Natal cricket's devel opment programme.

Russians take unbeatable lead of the next Olympiad. Our team



to give the Russian team a virtually unbeatable tournament lead of 3.5-0.5 over the United States in the 30th World Chess Olympiad in Manila, reports Reuter.

Kasparov took advantage of several mistakes by Kamsky in the middle game to win his fourth straight match in 41 moves of a King's Indian defence.

"It seems that we are the winners of the Olympiad," Russian team captain Yuri Razuvayev told reporters after the squad seized a 3.5 point lead over the Netherlands, a team they have beaten in an earlier round and which was running second.

"We had a very bad day," said a glum Kamsky, who had accused the world champion of trying to sabotage his career while he was living in the Soviet Union.

"I lost the game in which was fighting to win. I made several mistakes in the middle game," Kamsky added.

English team captain Michel Stean practically conceded the title to the Russians after his squad played to a 2-2 draw with Armenia.

"We shall be the champions

did not play well today. Stean

With one-half of the 14round tournament completed, the Russians have beaten every challenger to the title and it will be difficult for the other teams to catch up with them, chess experts at the tournament said.

The Russians have such a big advantage that it will be very difficult to catch them, even if there are still seven go," declared rounds Ukraine's vassily lyanchuk after leading his team to a 3-1

thrashing of Bulgaria. The Ukraine's women's team retained a narrow lead over Georgia when Alisa Galiamova-Ivanchuk, wife of Vassily, defeated Zhaoqin Peng of China in 45 moves of an English opening to give her team a 1-0 lead.

The two other games were adjourned but experts expect the Ukrainians to pick up another victory.

"Georgia's women's team drew with the good games, and win the gold medal," Galiamova-Ivanchuk said.

Former world championship challenger Viktor Korchnot played his first game in the tournament against Lev Psakhis of Israel in the seventh

Korchnot had an eye operation in Switzerland, forcing rounds of the Olymptad. The 18-day tournament

ends on June 25. STANDINGS

Standings after seventhround games Monday:

22.5 Russia 19 Netherlands

Georgia, Uzbekistan, Ukraine Armenia, Iceland, Czechoslovakia, England,

Hungary United States 17.5 Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kyrghizistan Norway, Lithuania,

Estonia (one adjour-16.5 Sweden, Bulgaria

Israel, Latvia (one adjourned)

Romania 15.5 Peru, Germany (one-

adjourned) WOMEN

Ukraine (two adjourned) Georgia

Germany, United States Romania, Hungary, Kyrghizistan, Estonia,

Poland atvia Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Croatia, Moldova, Indonesia, China

Russia, England Lithuania, Bulgaria Mongolia, Spain,

Bosnia-Herzegovina

the same half of the draw.

The rest of the men's

seedings are very similar to

the ATP world rankings, al-

though American David

Wheaton creeps in at 16 de-

Fereira, who won his first ca-

reer title at Queen's Club on

Sunday, is seeded 14th, two

places below last year's crowd

was named top women's seed

ahead of last year's champion

Steffi Graf, despite any linger-

ing disapproval of her mysteri-

ous withdrawal before last

Pierce, the world number 15

who has opted to skip

Wimbledon, is missing in a list

of women's seeds which is

otherwise an exact copy of the

is seeded third and Martina

Navratilova fourth, but British

bookmakers on Monday quoted

Argentine Gabriela Sabatini

Only French woman Mary

Monica Seles of Yugoslavia

favourite Andre Agassi.

year's championships.

South African Wayne

spite a world ranking of 27.

Courier, Seles top Wimbledon seeds Becker finding themselves in



Rhodes

WIMBLEDON June 16: The All-England Club kept to the world

rankings Monday

install Courier and Monica Seles as the top seeds for Wimbledon. But officials ignored the computer to elevate Boris Becker into the top four, reports AP.

Wimbledon begins next Monday. The draw will be held Tuesday morning.

Although Courier is not considered a grasscourt expert, Wimbledon officials could not overlook his dominance on the men's tour. He won the French Open a week ago, taking him halfway to a Grand Slam following his victory in the Australian Open in January. "He's undoubtedly the No

at the moment," said Wimbledon referee Alan Mills "There was never any doubt" about his being seeded first.

Courier reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon last year. During the French Open, he said he felt he could " beat anyone on any surface." Stefan Edberg, a two-time

Wimbledon champion who is ranked No 2 in the world, was

months Monday. It was as if

she had never been away,

the world, took just 62 min-

utes to breeze past Britain's

Amanda Grunfeld 6-2, 6-2 in

the first round of the dlrs

350,000 Eastbourne tourna-

Since 1987. Navratilova has

not lost a match at Eastbourne,

which starts next Monday.

a warm-up event for Wmbledon

out there again." the 35-year-

old Navratilova said. "I have

been coming here since 1974

and at one point I had a sud-

"It was almost eeric being

Navratilova, ranked No 4 in

reports AP.

EASTBOURNE

June 16: Martina

Navratilova played

her first match

on an English

grass court in 12

seeded second.

But Pete Sampras, ranked No 3, was bumped to No 5 in the seedings while defending champion Michael Stich and three-time champion Becker each moved up one spot to Nos

Edberg, Becker and Stich -

Open in 1990, has never gone Mills said the decision was

based strictly on grass-court

champion and obviously a grass-court player, and Becker's performances over the last few years are second to none," he said. "Sampras really has not done a tremendous amount. It was purely and simply a question of present performance over the last years."

Petra Korda, who lost to Courier in the French Open finals, was seeded sixth, followed by Michael Chang,

and Ivan Lendi. The final six seeds were

Richard Kraiteek, Andre Agassi, Brad Gilbert, Wayne Ferreira, Alexander Volkov and David Wheaton. The main omission was

Carlos Costa, a clay-court expert ranked No 10 in the world. Wimbledon organisers felt he didn't deserve a seed ing on grass. "Looking at his record, all

his points have been from claycourt tournaments," Mills said. "He hasn't performed at Wimbledon too much and certainly he would be the first to admit he's a clay-court player.

Aaron Krickstein, ranked No 13, was also unseeded because of his lack of success on grass. Instead, the organisers made room for fellow American Wheaton, a Wimbledon semifinalist last year who is ranked No 27 in the world. "Obviously his game is very suited to a fast surface," Mills

Reuter adds: The Wimbledon seedings committee has decided that Courier's recent results make him the

player to beat on any surface. The seedings prevent any

Edberg is the shortestgles at 5-2. prospect of Edberg, Stich and

priced player in the men's sin-

Graf as favourite at 15-8.

Mike Johnson

world rankings.

to run only 200m WACO, Texas, June 16: World champion sprinter Michael Johnson says he regrets not having the chance to win gold medals in two individual events in the Summer Olympics, but a time conflict is keeping him from realising his

dream, reports AP. Johnson is unable to competc in both the 200m and 400-metre races this summer because the finals are scheduled for the same day. Although he has been ranked No 1 in the world in both events the past two years, Johnson said Monday he will enter the 200 for the Olympic

Trials. "I regret I'm not going to be able to achieve my dream of winning a gold medal in two individual events," Johnson told the Waco Tribune-Herald on Monday. "I would love to do both, but that's impossible with the schedule as it is now. seriously considered doing

Johnson said officials have told him they would change the schedule to allow him to enter both races.

The (International Amateur Athletic Federation) has been trying to influence me to do both for the last two months,' he said. "They said they'd change the schedule to accommodate me.

They haven't gotten back. I can't sit back and wait. The Trials are here. I've got to get on with my training."

Johnson also will run in the .600-metre relay The 200-metre is Johnson's

premier event. He won the race at the World Championships last fall in Tokyo and has run the 200 three times this year.

Resolute Reynolds REALEIGH, North Carolina, June 16: An emotional Buth Reynolds vowed on Sunday to defy an international ban and

continue his quest to run in the US Olympic trials, but The Athletics Congress (TAC), the US ruling body caught in the

middle, voted to take its case to his court hearing, reports Reuter. "I have faith," the world record holder in the 400 metres, suspended by the International Amateur Athletic Association (IAAF) after testing

positive for steroids, told Reuters by telephone from his home in Columbus, Ohio.

Booters go to Bangkok today Sports Reporter

The twenty-five member Bangladesh football contingent led by manager Dr Musa Qadri leaves Dhaka for Bangkok this afternoon to take part in the Group Five qualifying competition for the Asian Cup championship to be held from June 19 to 23.

Rizvi Karim Rumi of First Division league champions Abahani Krira Chakra and Sved Rumman-bin-Wali Shabbir of the runners-up Mohammedan Sporting Club are the captain damage with three for 24, and and vice-captain respectively. The team includes 20 play-

ers and five officials.

with three wickets, thrust The players are: Hampshire in sight of success. Goalies: Mohsin (Abahani) But Small, in stands with and Kanan (Mohammedans). Defenders: Kaiser Hamid Paul Smith and South African Allan Donald, survived the final Shamim. Jewel

> (Brothers). Midfielders: Shabbir, Titu (Mohammedans), Alamgir, Zakir (Abahani) and Rupu (Brothers)

(Mohammedans), Munna, Re-

han, Masud Rana (Abahani), Pi-

iush Nandi and Ataur

Forwards: Rumi, Ghaus Mamun, Aslam (Abahani) and Naguib (Mohammedans)

The officials are: Manager: Dr Musa Qadri; Asst Manager: Enavetur Rahman; Coach: Kaikobad; Asst Coach: Pran Gobinda Kundu and Physio: Dr Mahbubur Rahman. Bangladesh will play their

B'ball coaching

Sports Reporter

sion under national coach

Mahtabur Rahman Bulbul will

be held at 4 pm on Saturday.

June 20 at the Outer Stadium

wooden-floor gymnasium, says

a press release of the

been asked to attend the ses-

A basketball coaching ses-

Durham, needing 370 off 87 overs, lost middle order batsman Phil Bainbridge with a broken arm and were further hampered because Australian Dean Jones had to go in at number six instead of number three because of the time he spend off the field injured on

Saturday. Durham were dismissed for 179, former England pace bowler Neil Foster taking four for 49.

Off-spinner Jeremy Batty and slow left-arm bowler Phil Carrick grabbed seven wickets between them as Yorkshire sent Derbyshire crashing for 74 at Harrogate - the lowest first-class total so far this sea-

Batty took four for 34 for a match haul of eight for 118 and Carrick had three for 15 as Yorkshire won by an innings and four runs.

Bubka top draw at Lausanne

LAUSANNE, June 16: Serget Bubka, the greatest pole vaulter in the history of athletics, will be the top attraction in the Lausanne Grand Prix athletics meeting on July 8, organisers said on Monday, reports Reuter.

Ukrainian Bubka, 28, set his 30th world record on Saturday when he cleared 6.11 at a meeting in Dijon, France.

He also holds the indoor record of 6.13 and broke the indoor and outdoor marks four times each last year.

DMBA bridge Sports Reporter

The 'pair-of-the-month' duplicate bridge contest of the Dhaka Metropolis Bridge Association (DMBA) will be held on Friday, June 19 at 3:30 pm at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises, says a DMBA press release.

Players who have secured I 50 per cent or more in match points in the DMBA's weekly Olympics eight years ago. contests held' since the last monthly contest, will be eligible to participate.

first match against South Korea on June 19 and hosts Thailand on June 23.

Only the champions of this three-nation qualifying group will move into the finals, to be held in Hiroshima, Japan from October 28 to November 8. State Minister for Youth and

Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka met the team members at the BFF office yesterday evening to give them a send off. Meanwhile, the Bangladesh team rounded off their brief

preparations with a friendly

match against Lalbagh Sporting

Club at the Mirpur Stadium

vesterday. The national team won the match three-nil with Aslam, Ghaus and Masud Rana scoring

once each. Bangladesh, who have the unenviable task of topping in a group which includes Asian football giants South Korca to qualify for the next round are entering the fray, virtually to make up the numbers in the three-nation meet. Coach Kaikobad, whose abilities as a coach came under fire following the crucial league match between champions Abahani and Mohammedans which the latter lost on June 7, has al-

simism over the chances of the side in Bangkok. Attributing his worries to the injuries suffered by some of the key players and the inadequate time for camping, the former Mohammedan player technically ruled the

ready given vent to his pes

possibility of even a hope against hope. Jewel Rana, the tall Mohammedan stopper who was hurt in the Mohammedan Abahani match joined the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball camp only on the penultimate day. One wonders why the Bangladesh Football Federation Interested trainees have selected a player, not yet fully fit, for a tournament where even the staunchest patriot will not give Bangladesh a chance. If Jewel did not look like standing the medical test some body else could have been tried simply because the prospect of Bangladesh finishing third in the three-team contest is more or less a foregone conclusion.

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Akram Khan not out

A I Bulbul c Thompson b

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Foster

Bowling

D Crowe

M Parera

Y Vachha

L Beaman

S Foster

B Goel

R Sujanani

South Korca, who took part in the previous two World Cups in 1986 and '90, are the runaway favourites although hosts Thailand with the advantage of home ground and crowd support are expected to give the favourites a tough fight.

The qualitative difference between the standards of the Bangladesh team and its rivals in the tournament is all too glaring. Observers feel that the football authorities of the country have muffed a fine chance of injecting young blood in the national team. If best wishes are enough to carry a side through, then there will be no dearth of it Bon Voyage!

The three-times champion, who has been sharpening his game on grass since playing singles and doubles at Queen's Club last week, told reporters: "Yes, it's true. We have parted.

Becker, beaten in the first round of the singles at Queen's in his first tournament since a six-week injury lay-off, has been beset by poor form since reaching the final at Wimbledon 12 months ago.

Becker sacks coach

LONDON, June 16: Boris Becker continued his grass court preparations for Wimbledon on Monday after confirming reports he had split with Czechoslovak coach Tomas Smid, reports Reuter.

Becker hired Smid 14 months ago after a brief spell with German Davis Cup captain Nikki Pilic.

The move avoids having

the last three champions - in the same half of the draw. The seedings also allow for a potential rematch of last year's final between Becker and Stich. Sampras, winner of the US

past the second round in three appearances at Wimbledon.

Stich is the reigning

Goran Ivanisevic, Guy Forget

Navratilova nostalgic on return people I have played here. remembered playing Virginia Wade in '74 and losing.

"So many players have come

and gone since then. Some of the spectators aren't here anymore, they've passed away, but I am still here." If Navratilova's mood was nostaglic so was some of her tennis. The former world No 1

ease and was always first to the She was also in a charitable mood, applauding some of her 175th-ranked opponent's

glided around the court with

"I haven't played for more than two months, I was just happy that I remembered everything I am supposed to do." Navratilova said.

Navratilova has won

more than her record Wimbledon tally. Last year she lost in the Wimbledon quarterfinals to

Eastbourne 10 times - one

Jennifer Capriati. But Navratilova said the troubles surrounding her private life last year are now behind her and that she is now

fully focused. "I see the odds on me winning are 8-1," she said. " think they are pretty good odds. Put your money on, it's a better return than your going

to get in the bank." In other action, No 2 seed Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States, No 3 Conchita Martinez of Spain and N Jana Novotna all advanced. Lut No 5 Zina Garrison was upset

6-3, 7-5 by Britain's Jo Durie.

Lewis & Burrell: Good friends — very keen rivals Olympic dream," he said.

have



Federation

sion on time.

NEW YORK, June 16: Carl Lewis. ceaselessly searching for new challenges, spends six to seven hours a day in his new clothing boutique between training

sessions, reports Reuter. Meanwhile, his heir-apparent Leroy Burrell toils on the track, striving to turn a childhood dream into Olympic re-

Almost daily they train alongside one another at the University of Houston. World 100 metres record holder Lewis and Burrell, the club teammate and close friend from whom Lewis snatched the mark on a hot August night in Tokyo last year. Bonded in friendship and

the quest for the ultimate in human speed, they are a rare pair, teammates who happen to be the two best 100 metres sprinters in the world. The Barcelona Games will probably be Lewis' last

Olympics and certainly the first for Burrell, barring a major upset at the US Olympic trials in New Orleans this week. Although he refuses to call Barcelona his farewell party, the 31-year-old Lewis wants

four golds as in his first

just like Los Angeles and Seoul

"I hope I have an Olympics

put together," Lewis said in an interview. "L A, I won all golds. Seoul, I didn't win all golds. but both meets I had the best meets of the year.



CARL LEWIS The six times Olympic champion says he can run faster than his 100 metres

world record of 9.86 seconds and talks of long jumps and 200 metres times faster than the world records. "Except for mechanical

jumped 30 feet (9.14 metres)

in Tokyo," said Lewis, who saw

mistakes, I would

his 10-year long-jump winning streak and Bob Beamon's 23year-old record crumble before a massive 8.95 metres leap by fellow-American Mike Powell at the World Championships. Still, three times Lewis leaped 8.84 metres or better in Tokyo, a brilliant performance that included every-

thing Lewis could have

sought- except for victory and

the world record most assumed would eventually be his. "If I had broken the world record and won at Tokyo, I would have stopped long jumping," Lewis said. "It's very hard to do both," he added, citing the wear and

tear of pounding the take-off

board and then plopping into

the landing pit sand at high speed. But he will stay with the event at least for one more season, the success of Powell and the race to be the first past 30 feet (9.14 metres) providing yet another challenge for the ultra-competi-

Then there is the rivalry

that has never been consum-

mated on the track, a 200

tive Lewis.

metres showdown between Lewis and Tokyo would champion Michael Johnson. "The 200 metres basically

has been a stagnant event in the last couple of years," said Lewis, the 1984 gold medallist and '88 silver medallist. "I know Michael Johnson has run some fast times but still that event has not progressed. "That's why I would love to get back in the event, and am

running it at the trials."

after the trials whether to go for four golds. The trials, where Lewis will compete in the 100 and 200 and long jump, will tell whether age is finally eroding his ability to perform several events in a short period.

Lewis said he would decide

said. "There's no problem right Lewis stays busy off the track with his new store, Sports Style Int'l, which features Santa Monica Track Club

Burrell, by contrast, devotes

most of his time to training

and thinking about the

items and fitness apparel.

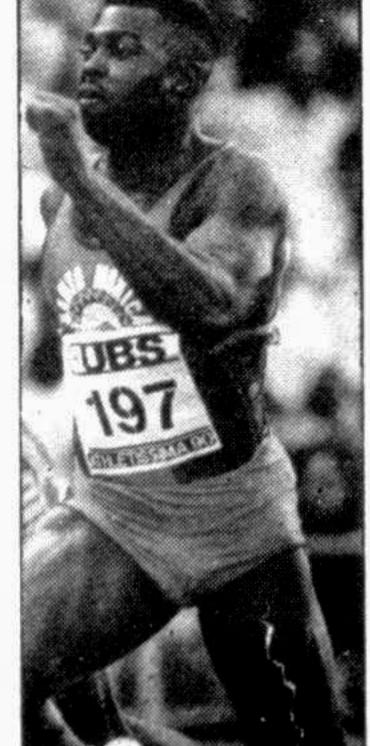
"He looks like he did 10

years ago," University of Hous-

ton sprint coach Mike Takaha

Olympics. "I've been a lot of places all the big meets everywhere - but this is the only one I haven't competed in. So I'm looking forward to living my

"I think I can make the team in both the 100 and 200. It's just a matter of me running a little better than I have."



LEROY BURRELL

Early season races were not an indication of his fitness, said Burrell, who has had disappointing results.

They were more like prac tice. Unlike last year I didn' have to prove as much early on," said the former world record holder, who despite his loss to Lewis at Tokyo was still world ranked number one over the 100.

Neither Burrell nor Lewis will talk about beating the other in Barcelona, or even at practice.

"We don't race each other, we don't challenge each other in practice," Burrell said. "But we do check each other out. And I can take a cue from that. If I see Carl is working hard. I know I have to work hard." The Lewis he sees is in very

good shape, Burrell added. Lewis makes similar re marks about his 25-year-old

training partner, although he senses that Burrell has had a difficult time motivating himself after the big season in 1991. "But he will be ready when the chips are down," Lewis

So will Lewis, whom many had written off after his defeat to Burrell in the latter's world

"People then were asking when I was going to retire, Lewis said. "Now they want to know how many gold medals I'm going to win."

record run last June.