

# Pakistan may rue the spills

**MANCHESTER.** July 5: Pakistan's slip fielders were planning some catching practice on their rest day today to seal the only crack in their cricketing armour, reports Reuters.

The touring side's batting and bowling skills have been painfully evident to England during the third Test at Old Trafford.

But they put down three catches on Saturday, leaving the hosts a faint glimmer of hope as they battle to prevent going 2-0 down in the five match series.

England ended the day on 72 for two in reply to Pakistan's 506 for nine declared - rattled up in just over a day and a half after Friday was lost to rain.

In different fielding combined with inclement weather may constitute England's only chance of achieving a draw.

"It's going to be a bit of a slog to save the match," England manager Micky Stewart admitted, but added: "The pitch is still a good one and our main aim is to reach 306 and avoid the follow on."

Pakistan manager Intikhab Alam was optimistic his side could go in for the kill.

"I believe there might still be a result here, providing we don't miss any more chances. We will certainly try to get down to the ground for some practice," he said.

Inzamamul Haq, Mushtaq Ahmed and Salim Malik all put down catches, with England captain Graham Gooch particularly lucky to get away with edges when eight and 39.

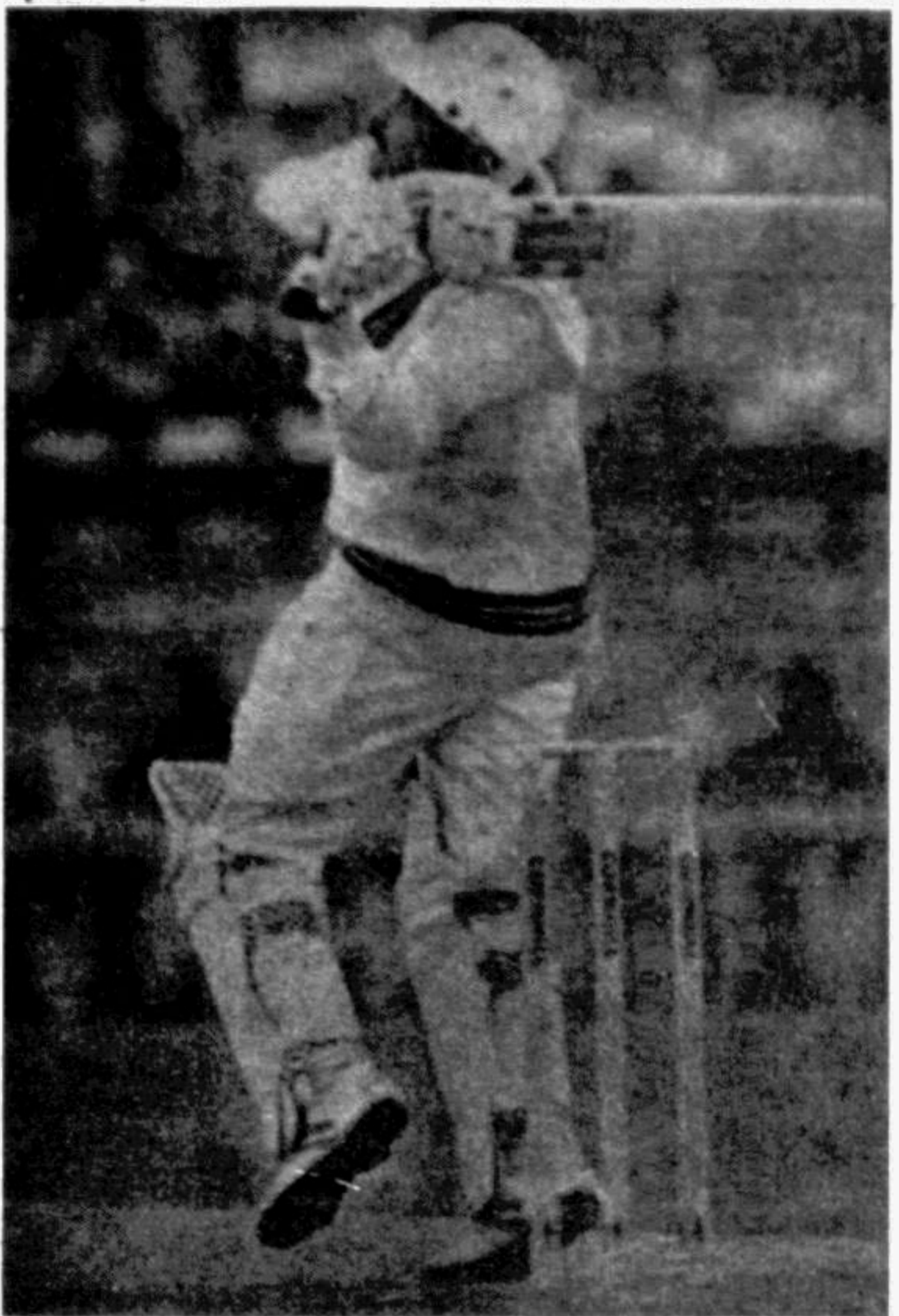
Gooch remains England's big hope of salvation, with 39 not out, but Malik's miss off Aaqib Javed in the day's final full over could yet prove crucial.

Inzamam at second slip also put down a relatively easy chance off Wasim Akram, whose two wickets in four balls

in his eight over left England with their backs to the wall. Mushtaq's miss was not so costly - Alec Stewart adding just one more run to score 15 before he edged Akram again and saw Inzamam cling on. Gooch was also struck a painful blow on his right hand by the fiery Akram.

Atherton, back in the side after a year out of Test cricket, dismissed for naught, Gooch will resume on Monday with Robin Smith who has five.

England must then rely for batting on Graeme Hick, yet to prove himself at international level, and elegant former



Pakistan's captain Javed Miandad hooks England's Devon Malcolm for four on the third day of the third Test match at Old Trafford Saturday. —AFP photo

His hand is a bit sore, but he's Ok," Micky Stewart said. With the hapless Mike captain David Gower, back in the side after 18 months in the international wilderness.

# FIFA-Coca Cola seminar begins in city today

**Sports Reporter**  
The six-day Futuro FIFA World Soccer development programme workshop begins today in the city.

Minister for Communications Col (ret'd) Oli Ahmad will inaugurate the seminar at 9.30 in the morning at a local hotel.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will attend as a special guest.

Meanwhile, Paul Mony Samuel of Malaysia - a FIFA instructor - arrived in the city yesterday.

Klaus Dieter Trapp of Germany and George Supplah of Singapore - FIFA coach and referee respectively - arrived on Saturday last to conduct the course.

FIFA physio Prof Castmir Napravnik - the fourth instructor - is due in the city on July 9.

Twenty five coaches, as many referees, 15 football organisers and an identical number of local sports physios will take part in the programme organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation.

# Schools kabaddi

**Sports Reporter**

Reigning Champions Rifles Public School and College made an auspicious start in their campaign to retain the title when they trounced Kamalapur High School 62-19 in the 1992 schools kabaddi competition at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court yesterday.

Rifles Public School led 62-19 at the breather.

In the other match of the day, Dholairpar High School beat Haider Ali High School 35-25.

The winners led the first session 16-15.

Sixteen educational institutions - split into four groups - are taking part in the meet organised by the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation.

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# Andre Agassi's biggest win

**LONDON, July 5:** Andre Agassi of the United States won the men's singles title at the Wimbledon tennis championships after beating Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia 6-7 (8-10), 6-4, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 on Sunday.

The match pitted Ivanisevic's powerful serve against Agassi's return, both considered the best in tennis.

Ivanisevic, a Croatian left-hander, served 37 aces in the match but his serve deserted him in the final game when he served two double faults to go down love 30.

He was unable to get his first serve in, and Agassi was prepared for the second. The winning point of the match came when the Croatian netted an Agassi service return.

Agassi fell on the ground and lay flat on his face for several seconds after the victory. When he got up, he was in tears as he looked to his friends in the Centre Court grandstand.

It was Ivanisevic's first Grand Slam final. His best previous Grand Slam result was a semifinal appearance at Wimbledon in 1990, where he lost to Boris Becker.

Agassi was playing in his fourth Grand Slam final. He lost to Andres Gomez in the 1990 French Open final, to Pete Sampras at the 1990 US Open and Jim Courier at the 1991 French Open.

Regardless of Sunday's result, Ivanisevic will move up in the ATP rankings from No 8 to a career-high No 4.

Agassi, currently ranked No 14, will return to the top 10, win or lose.

Big-serving Croatian Ivanisevic snapped up the early advantage when he took the first set from Agassi after a dramatic 28-point tie-break. Neither player dropped their serve in the 50-minute set.

Ivanisevic, the first left-hander to play in a Wimbledon final since Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe, both left-handers, played for the 1984 title, immediately added to his record 169 aces.

He slammed down another three in his opening service game - all from the left-hand court where his bullet efforts swerve away from the right-hander - and two more in the sixth.

Agassi was returning superbly and in both games held two break points only to be thwarted with the big serves.

The contrasting styles made it an absorbing duel - but the power tennis did not immediately excite the packed crowd.

Ivanisevic was mixing up his game well - floating back re-

turns to rob Agassi of the pace he likes and then suddenly opening his shoulders for a fierce groundstroke attack to keep the American off-balance.

Agassi, who had lost both of his previous encounters against the Croatian, produced some spectacular passing shots but was generally in a subdued

Agassi missed the easiest of forehands.

But the American hit a double-fisted backhand pass to get back to 5-5.

Ivanisevic hit eleven ace of the set - and on a second serve to save a set point at 6-7.

Ivanisevic took the lead when Agassi sent a running



ANDRE AGASSI...first Grand Slam triumph

forhand wide to concede the set, 10-8.

The loss of the first set stung the 22-year-old Agassi into immediate retaliation and he won the next 6-4.

Agassi was determined not to lose his fourth Grand Slam tournament final - he was beaten twice at the French Open and once at the United States Open.

There was a moment of light relief when Agassi, after

could match his opponent in either departments too took a 5-3 lead after thumping down three consecutive aces.

Ivanisevic managed to hold serve relatively comfortably for 4-5 - but then three bad overthrows from the Croatian and a flashing backhand passing shot from Agassi clinched the set. The two players had been on court for 1 hr 56 mins.

Ivanisevic had now served 23 aces and Agassi eight.

# Dhanmondi Pragoti in Div Two

**Sports Reporter**

Dhanmondi Pragoti Sangha ensured a premature promotion to next year's Second Division cricket league yesterday with an exciting two run victory over Kalindi Krira Chakra in the first semifinal of the qualifying meet at the Dhaka Stadium.

A fine allround performance by Shahid of Kalindi went in vain as his side chasing an apparently simple target of 132 in 32 overs were bowled out for 129 with Shakawat of Dhanmondi doing the damage for the winners with a four wicket for only 13 runs.

Sajib, the Dhanmondi skip-

per won the toss and they were all out for 131 in 34.5 overs with Apollo top scoring with 31 off 43 balls. Rafiqul made 28, Biplob 21 and Rahel 15.

Shahid was the pick of the Kalindi bowlers with two for 23. Hafiz claimed two for 24 and Mamun two for 29.

Shahid's sparkling 41, embellished with three fours and two sixers was not good enough to win Kalindi promotion to grade cricket as they were all out for 129 in 34 overs.

Hassan and Babu with 16 each matched Shahid's grit to take the fight to the opponents as the rest surrendered quite

tamely in the face of some aggressive bowling by Shakawat who took four for 13.

Sujoy was the other Dhanmondi bowler to make things difficult for the Kalindi batsmen with figures of two for 23.

Chapal, Biplob and Shamik took one wicket apiece for the winners.

Dhanmondi will play in Second Division from next year irrespective of the result of the final they have to play against the winners of the today's semifinal between Mughbazar Kishalay and DOHS (Jrs).

The final of the meet will be held on July 8 at the Dhaka Stadium.

# CIS cagers rout Germans

**ZARAGOZA, Spain, July 5:** The Commonwealth of Independent States, technically the defending Olympic basketball champion, defeated Germany, 83-68, Saturday to move into a second-place tie in the Euro-

# Flame Boys win

**Sports Reporter**

Flame Boys Club and Saint Joseph's Jazz Club won their respective matches of the Second Division basketball league held at the wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

In the day's first match, Flame Boys outclassed Thunders Club 90-54.

The winners led 37-21 at the lemon break.

Evans and Syed scored 24 and 20 points respectively for Flame Boys while Ajit with 16 was the leading scorer for Thunders Club.

The victory took Flame Boys' points tally to ten from six matches to jointly lead the table with Kurmitola Apollo Club and Fleet Club, who have played five matches each.

In the other match of the day, Saint Joseph's Jazz Club got the better of Mirzapur Cadet College Defenders (MCCD) 85-65.

Ullash with 28 and Sohel with 20 led the charge for the winners while Faruk and Nizam scored 17 and 16 points respectively for the vanquished.

Jazz Club now have seven points from four matches while MCCD have eight from six games.

Meanwhile, an exhibition basketball match will be held on July 10 at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium featuring players of yesteryears says a press release.

An organisation grouping former players and coaches will be formed soon for the development of basketball in the country.

All concerned have been asked to contact national coach Mahtabur Rahman Bulbul at the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation on July 9.

pean Olympic qualifying tournament at the Prince Felipe Pavilion, reports AP.

Alexander Volkov scored 25 points to lead the CIS - the catch-all name applied to the remnants of the Soviet Union - as they pulled even with Croatia at 4-2. Both teams can clinch berths in the 1992 Olympic Games with victories in Sunday's tournament finale.

In other games, Slovenia got 19 points apiece from Teoman Alibegovic and Slavko Kopitnik stayed in connection with a 73-67 win over Israel, and Croatia routed Italy, 108-62, behind Drazen Petrovic's 20 points.

Lithuania, who clinched a place in the Olympics Friday, started their reserves and still dominated Czechoslovakia, 80-73.

Germany and Slovenia are also in connection for the four Olympic berths up for grabs, but they must win Sunday and get help in the form of losses by the CIS and Croatia in order to have a chance at qualifying.

Meanwhile, a demonstration by approximately two dozen players from the Spanish League briefly interrupted the Slovenia-Israel match. The players were protesting Spain's intention to allow three foreigners per team in 1992-93 - the same cause the Spanish national team is set to strike against July 8 - and the crowd responded with a standing ovation.

Slovenia, who broke away from Yugoslavia more than one year ago, took with them a handful of players from the Yugoslavian national team and little else. Point guard Jure Zdovc was the only star, and the Slovenian team was so under-financed that a team director paid for the first-ever training camp with his own private credit card.

In fact, many doubted the new republic would be able to compete in the new Europe at all. But wins here over powerhouses like Germany and Italy have proven otherwise.

"We never expected this," said Slovenia coach Zmago Sagadin.

"We expected to win maybe one, two games here and be happy. Nobody thought we would even get past the first round. But now we have won three and we have a chance at the Olympics.

"Everybody in Slovenia is waiting to see what will happen."

Against Israel, Slovenia flirted with a loss and trailed 52-50 midway through the second half. But the Slovencs held 46-30 advantage in rebounding and limited Israel to just 35 per cent of its shots.

Croatia, meanwhile, placed six players in double figures and had little trouble with the Italians. Petrovic, who plays for the New Jersey Nets of the NBA, continues to be the tournament's leading scorer at 25.7 points per game, while Toni Kukoc added 16 against Italy.

Lithuania rested center Arvidas Sabonis and guard Sharunas Marciulionis for the entire first half.

# Boxing trials for SAF camp

**Sports Reporter**

The competition to select boxers for the sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games to be held in Dhaka next year got under way at the Muhammad Ali Boxing Stadium.

Fifty one boxers of five teams - Bangladesh Rifles, Bangladesh Police, Bangladesh Ansars, Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation and Jessore DSA - are taking part in the trials, which are likely to continue till July 15.

However, the selection of the Bangladesh Army punchers will be held either in late September or early October after the 1992 Army Championships in mid-September.

The Bangladesh Amateur Boxing Federation will select 36 boxers in twelve different weight categories for the intensive coaching programme. The top 24 among these 36 will represent the country in the next SAF Games, scheduled for late next year.

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# Hybrid Zubero hosts' best hope

**MADRID, July 5:** Spain may be the Olympic hosts, but their only serious hope of having anything

much to shout about in the medal stakes seems to reside in swimmer Martin Lopez Zubero, reports AFP.

Ironically, on the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' expedition which discovered the new world, Spain's greatest swimmer of all time is half American.

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, of a Spanish father and American mother, Zubero, 23, has dual nationality but opted to swim for Spain.

Which left the Olympic hosts with a reigning world 200m backstroke champion and world record holder after his epic 1 min 56.57 sec swim

in Tuscalossa, Alabama, last November.

That makes him a clear gold medal favourite and the Spaniards have recognised his importance to their 300-strong Olympic team by awarding him a generous 80,000-dollar grant to help along the road to Barcelona.

Three months ago, Zubero took a sabbatical from his history studies at the University of Florida to devote all his time to the Olympic build-up.

He is currently in training in Gainesville with brother David - himself an Olympic bronze medalist in the 100m butterfly in Moscow 12 years ago.

Throughout last year, Zubero set no fewer than 17 world, European and national records, but he is hard at work on his starts and turns - the

areas he has identified as likely to prove his downfall against potentially better-prepared rivals like Canada's Mark Twissbury.

His punishing regime, designed to make him a national hero in Barcelona, has meant he has to swim up to 20km a day.

With Spanish support to egg him on, Zubero also has his eyes on a medal in the 100m backstroke, an event in which he is European champion.

And he is still determined to take part in the 100m butterfly and the 200m freestyle, where he could even cause a surprise despite the class of opposition.

Spain's other medal hopes

# Morrison's best for Lancashire

**LONDON, July 5:** New Zealand Test pace bowler Danny Morrison produced his best performance since joining Lancashire this season, capturing six for 48 against Kent in the English county cricket championship on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Morrison, who had a burst of four for 20 in nine overs, was instrumental in dismissing Kent for 193 on the rain-hit second day at Maidstone.

Graham Cowdrey anchored Kent with 77, batting 216 minutes, facing 158 balls and hitting 11 fours.

Richard Harden scored his first championship century of the season for Somerset, who toiled to 236 for five against Derbyshire at Taunton after a washed-out opening day.

Harden's century, the 13th of his career, was far from fluent but he reached three figures in 270 minutes and by the close he had struck a six and 14 fours in his 123 not out.

On a day when rain curtailed play in most championship matches, Glamorgan opener Stephen James hit his third century of the season.

James, who struck 12 fours and one six, shared an opening partnership of 147 with Hugh Morris (58) as Glamorgan made 250 for six declared in reply to Surrey's 316 for six declared.

in the 300-strong party, despite an outlay of 11.5 thousand million peseta (115 million dollars) from private enterprise over the last four years reside in the minor sports.

"We are moderately optimistic because we are only a minor sporting power but we are seeking to triple the four medals we won at Seoul," said Spain's National Olympic Committee president Carlos Ferrer.

The water polo team will once more be captained by Manuel Estiarte, widely regarded as the best player in the world, and who was top scorer in the last three Games - in Moscow in 1980, Los Angeles in 1984 and Seoul in 1988.

And with silver medals in the World Championships in Perth, Australia, last year and the Europeans in Athens under the belts, they can confidently hope to finish among the top three.

In the yachting stakes, Terese Zabell and Patricia Guerra, the world 470 champions, are the best medal hopes, while in canoeing, world K2 500m champions Juan Jose Ramon and Juan Manuel Sanchez are a good bet for honours.

Elsewhere, it looks like slim pickings for Spanish competitors although they have outside hopes of success in cyclist Jose Manuel Moreno, the world kilometre time trial champion, and Myriam Blasco, the world and European 56kg judo champion.

# Krabbe's pledge

**BONN, July 5:** Double World Champion Katrin Krabbe said on Saturday she had pulled out of this month's Barcelona Olympics because the recent doping scandal had preyed on her mind and upset her training for the last four months, reports Reuters.

But the 22-year-old German sprinter plans to return to the track after the Games, setting up the possibility of emotion-packed races against the Barcelona medal winners and a dramatic final to the season.