Elena Miroshina of the Unified Team won the silver

Mary Ellen Clark, a 29-yearold American, was second before performing a poor seventh dive and finished third on 401.910

BARCELONA, July 27: Britain's Adrian Moorhouse retired from top level competition after being dethroned as Olympie 100 metre breaststroke champion on Sunday, reports Reuter.

he looked round at the end of



ADRIAN MOORHOUSE

"As far as my career at the top level is concerned 1 accept that's it now. This was my

gold medal in the 1988 Scoul Olympics.

Darnyi's gold

BARCELONA, July 27: Tamas Darnyi of Hungary won

4:15.57 and Luca Sacchi of Italy won the bronze in 4:16.34. Electricity tower

sabotaged

PERPIGNAN, France, July voltage wires supplying electricity to Spain was destroyed by an explosion probably meant to disrupt the Olympics in Barcelona, police said Sunday, reports AP.



The Baily Star-





explanation of her excellence

when my parents put me in

the day after Games end, and

her time in the water is no

longer spent playing. She

spends six hours a day in the

pool, in addition to her other

100m free Pan Pacific title and

Asian Games championship as

well as the world 50m free ti-

needed financial or other in-

is different," she said when

asked if the gold medal would

bring her any extra funds or

perks. "In China, we race for

However, she admitted she

I still don't know what I am

going to do, but I would like to

do something easier, some

thing that I like, because for

the last four years, my training

has been very hard."

centives to stay motivated.

the sake of competition."

might pursue an easier path.

Since 1988 she has won the

She says that she has not

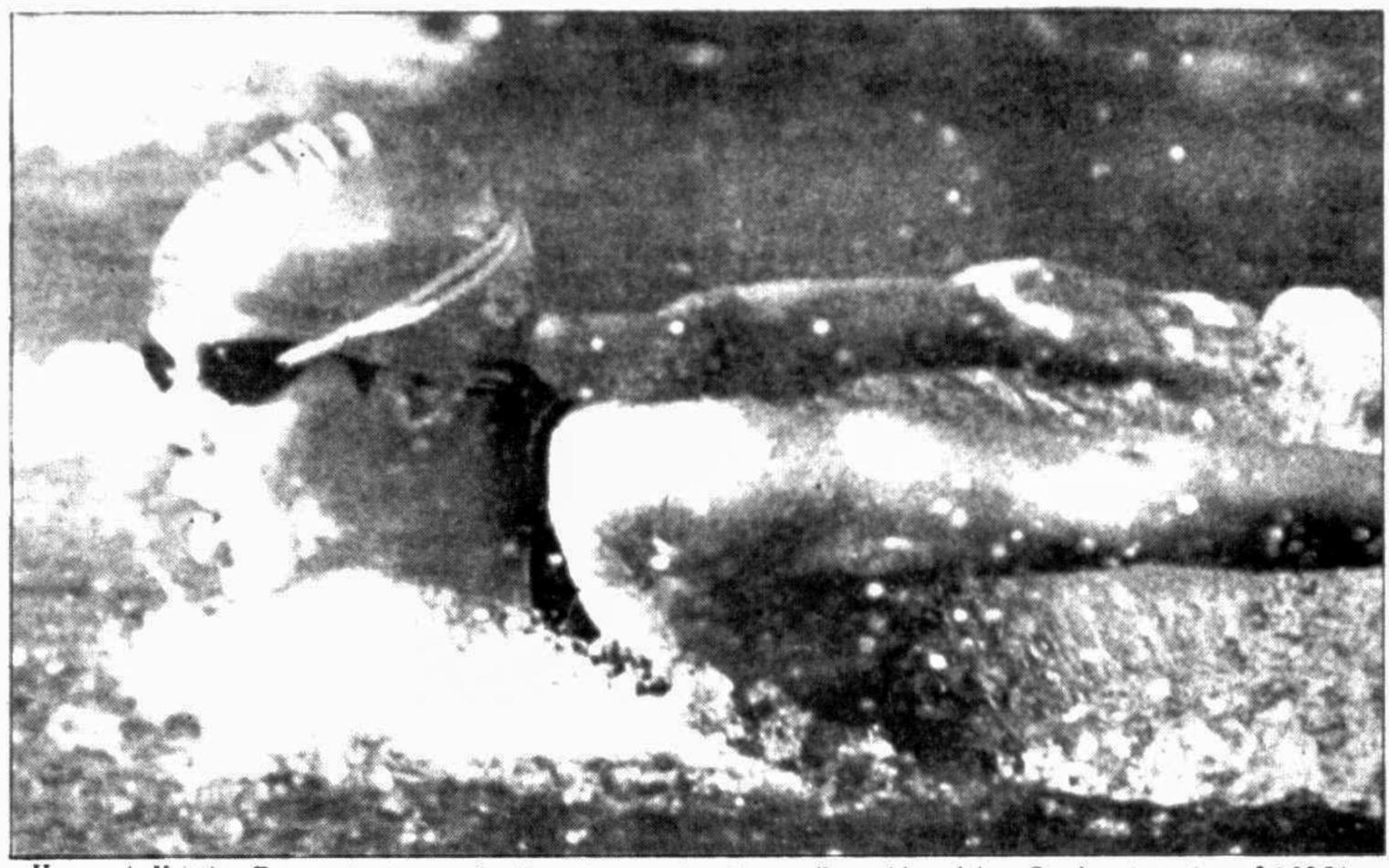
The system in my country

"Even when I was a baby,

She turns 20 on August 10.

in the gruelling sport.

the bath I laughed."



Hungary's Kristina Egerszegi winning the Olympic women's 400m medley gold medal on Sunday in a time of 4:36.54

Egzerszegi, modest 'mouse' of the water age of 14 at the 1988 Seoul'

BARCELONA, July 27: Hungary's Olympic swimming champion Krisztina Egerszegi lives up to her nickname "The Mouse",

reports Reuter. The 17-year-old swimmer made a superb start to what could turn out to be a remarkable golden treble when she won the women's 400 individ ual medley on the opening day

CIS shoot gold BARCELONA, July 27 Marina Logvinenko of the Unified Team won the gold medal Monday in the women's sport pistol event, reports AP.

Li Duihong of China took second and Dorzhsuren Munkhbayar of Mongolia was

Air rifle result

BARCELONA, July 27: Yuri Fedkine of the Unified Team medal Monday.

second and Germany's Johann Riederer took third, reports of action in the pool at the Barcelona Olympics on Sunday. But, despite being a favourite to add the 100 and 200 backstrokes titles to her medals tally, the Hungarian

Egerszegi is astonishingly modest for a swimmer who has a backstroke technique that many believe is close to per-

Although she just pipped

LATEST: Haislett wins 200m gold

BARCELONA, July 27: Nicole Haislett of the United States won the women's 200-metre freestyle gold medal Monday in 1:57.90, reports AP.

Franziska Van Almsick of Germany won the silver in 1:58.00, and Kerstin Kielgass of Germany won the bronze in 1:59.67.

was timid and touchy about suggestions that she could turn out to be the queen of the pool in Barcelona.

"I don't like to make predictions like that", Egerszegi said. "My main goal in Barcelona is to defend my title in the 200 backstroke. All I wanted to do today was a personal best." "I knew there were five or six other favourites somehow my best was good enough to win the gold medal."

China's Lin Li and American Summer Sanderson Sunday, the Hungarian clocked four minutes 36.54 seconds - a time beaten only by East German Petra Schneider at the 1982 World Championships in Guayaquil (4:36.10) and 1980

Olympics in Moscow (4:36.29). The diminutive swimmer became the youngest person to win an Olympic gold medal when she beat off bigger and bulkier East German rivals to take the 200 backstroke at the Egerszegi, who also won

Olympic silver in the 100 backstroke four years ago, is the reigning world champion and world record holder in both events and completed the treble with the medley at last year's European Championships in Athens.

The Budapest-based swimmer's victory in South Korea brought her great popularity in her homeland which has a reputation for producing world-class swimmers. She has often trained with the country's male medley star Tamas Darnyi.

But she kept her feet on the ground despite rising to prominence at such a young age - even for swimming.

Egerszegi, who first started swimming when she was four. has only one extravagance in her life - a penchant for growing long finger nails.

Asked if they were a hindrance in the pool, the Hungarian said : "Quite the opposite, they help me grab more water."

Zhuang gives China the golden gloss

training.

27: Zhuang Young put the final gloss on China's status as a swimming power here Sunday - the gold gloss - with

the country's first Olympic swimming gold, reports AFP. The world 50m freestyle champion beat world record-

holder Jenny Thompson of the United States in the women's 100m freestyle with an Olympic record time of 54.64 second.

It was a moment she had been dreaming of for four years, since she stood on the podium in Seoul with a silver medal around her neck for the same event.

Even persistent whispers that China speeded up the progress of its swimming programme using drugs have not dimmed her joy in her achievement.

"I have heard the rumours about the doping," she said. They accuse us, but I can tell you everything is false. I've been working since 1984 for

She has been swimming for much longer, however, for a long as she can remember, "I just love water," she said in

Good day for German boxers

BARCELONA, July 27: Germans picked up two victo rics, an Italian lost and a member of the Unified Team got a message from a Cuban -"keep your hands up" -Monday in Olympic boxing, reports AP.

The victorious Germans on the afternoon programme were Mario Loch and Markus Loch, a silver-medallist at

the 1991 European championships, won his 51-kilogram bout in the second round when Vichai Khadpo of Thailand could not continue because of a sever cut over his right eye. Beyer had an easy time in

his 71-kilogram bout, pounding out a decision over Sililo Figota of New Zealand. In another 71-kilogram

match, Gyorgy Mizsei of Hungary counterpunched his way to a 13-4 verdict over Fabrizio De Chiari of Italy.

BARCELONA, July 27: Though his team had just lost by 68 points, Angola's coach insis-

Team of American basketball pros can't play desence, reports AP. One of the NBA's best de-

Cunha was telling reporters that what the Americans do is "play fast break and offence "Did he say we don't play

had five of the Americans' 30 steals in a 116-48 demolition. "It's true," Cunha shot back,

turning to follow the Chicago Bull forward. "They play defence in college, not in the NBA. Defence means stopping your man from driving to the basket and blocking the passing lancs. "You don't play defence ."

The Angolans said the lop-

sided loss was about what they expected, and few expressed regrets after the game.

Alves Sardinha, who fouled out after trying to guard Patrick Ewing and David Robinson. "I told my mother I took a picture with Magic Johnson after the game. It was the best game

Only four of the basketball teams in the top Angolan league have their own indoor practice courts, and there is little money for sports facilities in the southwest African nation, devastated by a civil war until last year.

The Angolans qualified for the Olympics by winning the African Championships in Aril in Cairo. That victory was cheered by a half-million people in a parade in the Angolan capital, Luanda.

They were greeted at their Olympic debut by a banner reading "Angola Gold Medal" and chants of "AN-GO-LA" to compete with calls of "U-S-A"

The Angolans were tied 7-7 after the opening four minutes. Cunha stood and eagerly shouted instructions to his team, while the substitutes sat on the edge of their seats.

They did not score another field goal for more than 13 minutes. By the end of the drought, Cunha was sitting quictly and his dispirited players were slumped in their

Cunha, who said "our aim was to lose by less than 45 points," found his squad trailing by 48 points at halftime. His locker room speech during

hard," he said. "I told them, "They are men-like us, they are not supermen."

THE MEDALISTS Day 2

Men: Road Race:

GOLD - Germany (Bernd Dittert, Christian Meyer, Uwe Peschel, Michael Rich). SILVER — Italy (Flavio Anastasia, Luca Colombo, Gianfranco

Contri, Andrea Peron). BRONZE - France (Herve Boussard, Didier Faivre-Pierret, Philippe Gaumont, Jean-Louis Herel)

Individual Road Race: GOLD - Kathryn Watt, Australia. SILVER — Jeannie Longo-Ciprelli, France

BRONZE - Monique Knol, Netherlands. SHOOTING:

GOLD - Konstantine Koukachik, Unified Team.

Air Rifle: GOLD — Yeo Kab-Soon, South Korea SILVER -Vesela Nikolacva Letcheva, Bulgaria. BRONZE - Aranka Binder, Yugoslavia.

SWIMMING:

Men:

GOLD - Evguent Sadovyi, Unified Team.

SILVER - Anders Holmertz, Sweden. BRONZE - Antti Alexander Kasvio, Finland. Women:

BRONZE - Franziska Van Almsick, Germany. 400 Metre Individual Medley: GOLD-Krisztina Engerszegi, Hungary. SILVER - Lin Li, China.

World champion Kim Zmeskal of the United States

her first event - while execut-

ing a back handspring and re-

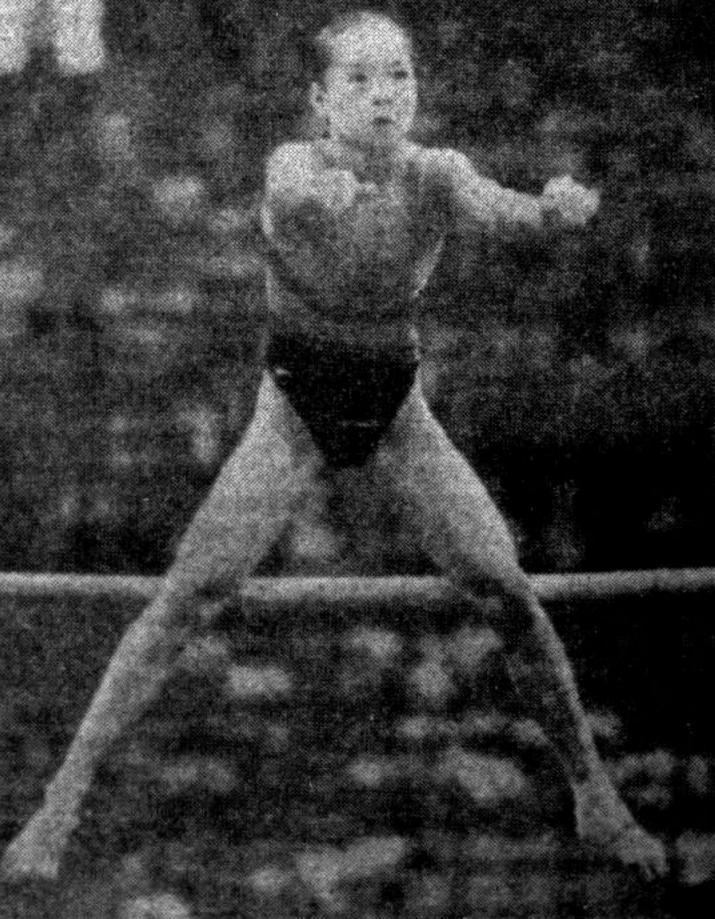
ccived a low 9.35. She was in

Olympian and former world champion Svetlana Boguinskaya had 39.625. Hungary's Henrietta Onodi stood third with 39.624.

The stoic and unshakable Boguinskaya held the judges' favour until Miller took the final bow.

Boguinskaya's lowest score was a 9.850 on the vault, in which she won the gold in

the floor and a 9.925 on the uneven bars. She added a 9.875 on the balance beam, where she opened the night with a deep breath and a perfeet dismount.



He Xuemei of China performs her uneven bars routine wearing one of China's new Olympic uniforms. The team was penalised 0.2 points for what the International Gymnastics Federation deemed improper dress, showing

Diebel's biggest high sans drugs Shannon makes up for Zmeskal Shannon Miller, a 15-year-



but another teen-

keeping alive gymnastics, reports AP.

The Unified Team heads into Tuesday's optional events to determine the team medals with a score of 197.507, a mere half-point better than the United States' 197.007 for

Romania, the 1984 team champion when the then Soviet Union led a boycott of the Games in Los Angeles, was third with 196.982 points and very much in the gold medal picture. China was fourth with 195.769 points and host Spain old American who already has won two meets on European soil this year, was the individual leader with 39.636. For the Unified Team, 1988

1988 as an up-and-coming star of the former Soviet Union. Her highs were a 9.975 on

-AFP photo too much of the thighs.

fell from the balance beam -

danger of not reaching the allaround finals. Miller stepped in with a performance that included a nearly perfect 9.950 on the

Zmeskal bounced back with a 9.925 score on the floor exercise, a 9.90 on the vault and a 9.887 on the bars, but traffed teammates Miller, Betty Okino and Kerry Strug. For the allaround finals, Olympic rules limit each country to three competitors.

"Right now it doesn't look like she will make the allround," said US coach Bela Karolyi, who added he would not consider substituting the world champion for any of the other three. "If she's going to be the fourth, she's going to be the fourth. Three others are going to go."

Zmeskal was in 32nd place after the compulsory round with a score of 39.062. That's less than a point behind Miller, but a major deficit in this sport. Okino was seventh with 39.499 and Strung 13th with a score of 39,336. Lavinia Milosovici, Gina Gogcan and Cristina Bontas

kept Romania in position to

reverse the team standings

from the World Championships last September, when it was third behind the Unified Team and the United States. An earlier Reuter reports said, Svetlana Boguinskaya, defying the critics who say she is past her best, helped the Commonwealth of Indepen-

dent States (CIS) to an impre-

ssive lead in the women's team

Boguinskaya, one of the oldest competitors here at 19, had looked miscrable in training last week. But she produced superb

gymnastics on Sunday.

performances when it mattered to go into the top three in all four apparatus sections in the compulsory exercises. With 15-year-old teammate Tatyana Gutsu, Boguinskaya

gave with CIS a lead of

197.507 points to China's

196.894 after the third of the day's four sessions. Boguinskaya and Gutsu were the last of the six CIS women to compete.

champion, Juha Kankkunen, Hannu Mikkola and Ari Vatenen the rally drivers, and a hole string of airborne ski jumpers led by Matti Nykanen. Just about any Finn that goes fast in any sport whatever, appropriate or not, is dubbed a Flying Finn, reports

And now there's

a 'Floating Finn'

sports world is full of Plying

Finns. There is Keke Rosberg,

one-time Formula One world

BARCELONA, July 27: The

Now, there is Antti Kasvio, sort of a 'floating Finn.' He did more than float to the Olympic bronze medal in the men's 200m freestyle on

Sunday, though. in fact, he knocked a second and a half off his personal best to finish behind Russian Yevgeny Sadovyl and Swede Andres Holmertz in a race where the winner almost claimed a world record. It was Finland's first

Olympic swimming medal since 1920, when Arvo Aaltonen earned two bronze breaststroke medals. "I didn't know what was

ken 21-year -old who left school to train in Sweden last year to prepare form the Games. I saw about two guys ahead

happening," said the softspo-

of me, and I came on really fast at the end." When he abandons the water and flies home it will be ea national hero. Rest assured

this is One 'Floating Finn' that

won't sink without a trace.

'They can't play defence'



ted the Dream

fenders, Scottie Pippen, walked by as coach Victorino

defense?" asked Pippen, who

Even a 46-1 run by the Americans midway through the first half was a matter of poor Angolan shooting, he said, not good defence by the US squad.

"I'm happy because I played against the best players in the world," said Nelson Timoteo

of my career."

the intermission was simple. "I just told them to play



Following are Sunday, July 26 medal winners in the XXV Olympic Games in Barcelona: CYCLING:

Women:

Men: Free Pistol:

SILVER - Wang Yifu, China. BRONZE - Ragnar Skanaker, Sweden. Women:

100 Metre Breaststroke: GOLD — Nelson Diebel, United States. SILVER - Norbert Rozsa, Hungary. BRONZE — Philip Rogers, Australia. 200 Metre Freestyle:

100 Metre Freestyle: GOLD - Zhuang Yong, China. SILVER - Jenny Thompson, United States.

BRONZE - Summer Sanders, United States. **WEIGHTLIFTING:** 52 kg (115 Pounds):

GOLD - Ivan Ivanov, Bulgaria. SILVER - Lin Qisheng, China. BRONZE - Traian Ciharcan, Romania.

requested to take part in the function, says a Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation press release.

Golden girl Fu BARCELONA, July 27 : Fu Mingxia, China's 13-year-old world champion, won the Olympic women's 10-metre platform diving gold medal here today with a total of 461.43 points, reports AFP.

on 411.63.

Rude realisation for Moorhouse

Moorhouse told reporters he could not believe it when



the final and saw he had trailed in last. American Nelson Dienbel won the gold

last major race," he said. Moorhouse set five world records and won four European titles as well as the

the 400-metre individual medley Monday in an Olympic record 4:14.23, reports AP. Eric Namesnik of the United States won the silver in

27 A tower supporting high

won the men's air rifle gold Franck Badiou of France was

BARCELONA, July 27: Nelson Diebel, once hooked on marijuana. achieved the

his life when he won the Olympic 100 metres breaststroke title on Sunday, reports Reuter. Diebel overcame Hungarian world champion Norbert Rozsa and a host of record breakers and lifted US spirits after the

biggest high

unexpected defeat of teammate Jenny Thompson in the women's 100 freestyle. Zhuang Yong overpowered Thompson to win China's firstever Olympic swimming gold in the opening final of the six-

day swimming programme in

the Bernat Picornell pool. Russian Evgeny Sadovyi missed the men's 200 freestyle world record by onehundredth of a second but won the first CIS swimming gold, while Hungary's Krisztina Egerszegi successfully completed the first leg of a threetitle tilt in an excellent

women's 400 individual med-But Diebel celebrated loudest, punching the air after conquering world record holder Rozsa in an Olympic record one minute 1.50 scconds to smatch the 100 breas troke.

"It's the most incredible experience. I was happy and sad," said the 21-year-old American, who walked on to the pool deck sporting a Starsand-Stripes bandana to shield his shaven head from the fierce sun.

do it over again. It's like a drug. It's the best high you could ever have "At trials I told myself no way could I possibly lose, and I

rush to get gold. I wish I could

"It's over. It was a great

won. I kept the same idea here and I won again." Diebel, who broke both wrists in 1988 when he fell off a railing head-first fooling about near a diving pool, said meeting his coach Chris Martin had been his salvation from drugs.

around," said Diebel, who confessed he was hooked on soft drugs from 12 to 16. "I'm not proud of what I was. I'm glad I met someone

"Swimming is the path by

which my life was turned

who could turn me round. The United States came out best from the day's four events,

with gold for Diebel, silver for Thompson plus bronze for Summer Sanders in the 400 individual medley. But Hungary and China were not far behind with a gold and silver apiece, courtesy of Egerszegi and Rozsa and

Zhuang and Lin Li, who was second in the 400 individual medley.

BEATEN BRITONS Defending champion Adrian Moorhouse was relegated to last place in the 100 breastroke, one-hundredth of a second behind fellow Briton Nick Gillingham, who could not fulfil expectations as fastest man in the world this year but should have a better shot in

European 400 freestyle title in Athens last year, turned on a scorching finish to pass Swede Anders Holmertz at the death in the 200 freestyle. Sadovyi, shaven-headed like Diebel, clocked 1:46.70 — 0.01 seconds outside the world

mark set at the 1989

Sadovyi, who won the

the 200.

European Championships by Italy's Giorgio Lamberti, who failed to qualify for the event China's men lead BARCELONA, July 27: China placed first Monday in the compulsories event of the men's Olympic gymnastics

The United Team was second in the morning session at 114.300; Germany third at 114.200; Japan fourth at 114.175; and the United States fifth at 113.775.

competition with a score of

114.425, reports AP.

Sports Reporter The two-day long examinations for the training of the karate and judo coaches and dan will be held on July 31 and August 1 at the judo room of

Karate, judo exams

National Sports Council. State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman will give away certificates as the chief guest on Aug 2. All dan holders have been

Holmertz, pacc-setter throughout, was second in :46.86 to repeat his silver medal performance of the 1988 Scoul Games, while Antti Kasvio came through for the

bronze — Finland's first medal in Olympic swimming. Sadovyi, who held up the race with a false start, said he had undergone two operations

since September for stomach and kidney complaints. "The doctors said in September that I wouldn't be able to come here if I did not have the operation. It was straightforward but an opera-

Volgograd swimmer said. THOMPSON TRAILS Zhuang, Olympic silver medallist in Seoul, lowered world record-holder Thompson's short-lived Olympic mark from the heats by 0.05

tion nonetheless," the

seconds to 54.64 in the final. Fourteen-year-old German Franziska van Almsick took the bronze. Twenty next month, Zhuang said she had decided eight years ago to win an Olympic

gold medal and had worked

very hard, training six hours a

"When I was a little girl I liked the water, just when my mother put me in the bath," Zhuang said. "I'm very happy to become a gold medallist." The swimmer

from Shanghai also won gold at

the World Championships

TREBLE

when she took the 50 free-EGERSZEGI EYES

Egerszegi, hot favourite to win the 100 and 200 backstroke golds and aiming to repeat the golden treble she achieved at last year's European Championships in Athens, just pipped Lin and Sanders in the 400 individual medley. She won in 4:36.54 — a

time beaten only be East

German Petra Schneider at the

1982 World Championships in

Guayaquil (4:36.10) and 1980

Olympics in Moscow (4:36.29).

swimming a personal best today, but somehow it was enough to win the gold medal," she said. Egerszegi won the 200 backstroke gold and 100 backstroke silver in Seoul.

"I was just thinking about

BARCELONA, July 27: Its world champion stumbled,

ager seized the individual lead Sunday, America's hopes of upsetting the heavily favoured Unified Team in Olympic women's

the compulsory round.

fifth with 195.395.