Middlesex are

Sunday champs

LONDON, Aug 17: A five-

wicket win over Yorkshire at

Uxbridge took Middlesex to

their first Sunday, league title,

some of their less celebrated players, emphasising the

strength in dept of the squad.

for two and heading for a big

total before John Carr and Paul

Weekes combined to share

four wickets, conceding only

74 runs and restricting the

visitors to a modest 194 for 6.

ing when Middlesex lost both

their opening batsmen to

Peter Hartley in the 12th over

with only 45 on the board, and

seven runs later Mike Gatting

Ramprakash and the pair

added 107 for the fourth

for 58. Weekes ensured that

there was no loss of momen-

tum, striking four boundaries

within seven runs of victory

and two leg-byes clinched it

games and put them 12 points

clear of Essex and out of reach.

favourites to finish runners-up

after squeezing an 11-run vic-

tory over Notts at Colchester.

Mansell makes

it at last

over for 1992. The new

Formula One world champion

clinched the driver's title at a

thrilling Hungarian Grand Prix

Sunday by powering his

Williams-Renault to second

place behind the McLaren-

Honda of defending champion.

Brazilian Ayrton Senna, reports

go in a race marked with spins

and pit stops, Mansell charged

from seventh place to second

and six world championship

points for an unassailable total

of 29 points in the drivers' ta-

race, inheriting and then

widening the lead after

Mansell's teammate Riccardo

Patrese, who led for 39 laps

from pole position, spun off

and later retired with engine

Formula One and coming in

second three times, Mansell's

dream has come true - he is

are never going to crack it," he

said, weary but triumphant af-

ter Sunday's race. "When you've

been runner up three times,

winning the world champi-

I'rix will be held in Belgium,

italy, Portugal, Japan and

cicled, all ears are listening for

talk about who will be driving

stay with Williams and

McLaren respectively, or they

could be tempted away to

other teams. Former French

world champion Alain Prost is

expected back on the circuit

racer from top designer John

Barnard, is looking to fill one

scat on its team. Ferrari offi-

cials say privately they would

prefer Senna but are not sure

he is willing to work on devel-

oping what almost certainly

will not be a winning car next

year and wait for a serious

ering Senna's McLaren team-

mate, Austrian Gerhard Berger, and Mansell.

Beach volleyball

may become an

Olympic sport

ALMERIA, Spain, Aug 17:

Beach Volleyball could be an

Olympic sport in the 1996

Atlanta Games, the president of

the International Volleyball

Federation said on Sunday, re-

big effort to have beach volley-

ball made a second volleyball

discipline in the Atlanta

Olympic Games," said Rube

Acosta, who is in the southern

Spanish resort for the world

another volleyball contest, not

an exhibition sport, so it

should be easier ( to intro-

duce) than a new sport," he

He did not mention that

Members of the IOC execu-

"Beach volleyball would be

beach volleyball series.

The federation will make a

ports Reuter.

The Italian team is consid-

Ferrari, with a new red

what next season.

after a sabbatical

challenge in 1994.

onship is the greatest thing in

The last five 1992 Grands

With the championship de-

Mansell and Senna might

"Sometimes you think you

world champion.

So, after 13 years of

Senna drove a copy-book

With fewer than 20 laps to

is Nigel Mansell.

BUDAPEST, Aug 47: It's all

The 39-year-old Briton

with seven balls to spare.

in 20 off only nine deliveries.

Then Carr joined Mark

When Ramprakash was out

That took Middlesex to

It was their 14th win in 15

Essex emerged as firm

The alarm bells were ring-

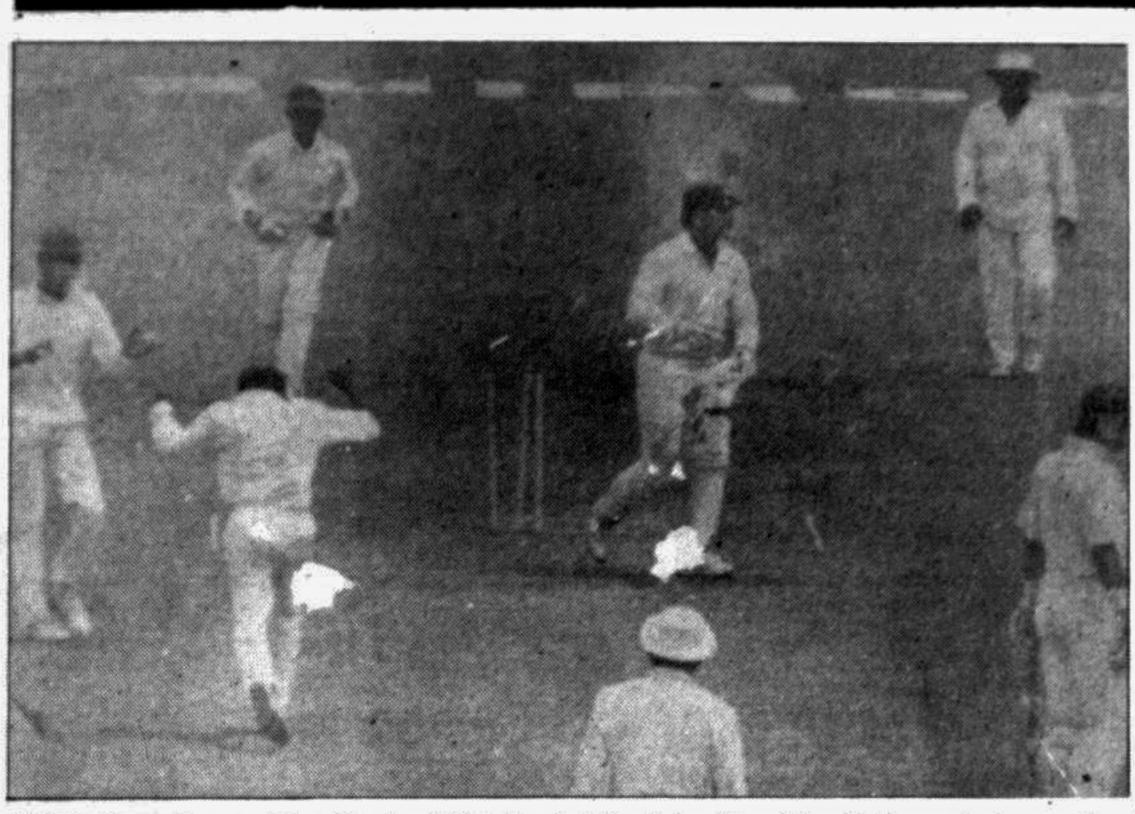
The victory was clinched by

Yorkshire, put in, were 92

reports Reuter.

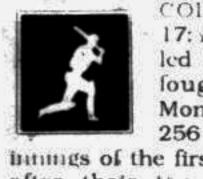
went for two.

wicket in 20 overs.



Australian skipper Allan Border (C) is bowled for 3 by Chandika Hathurusinghe on the first day of the five-day Test match between Australia and Shri Lanka in Colombo yesterday. -AFP photo

## Healy halts Aussie collapse



17: Australia's tail led by Ian Healy fought valiantly Monday to score 256 in the first

tunings of the first Test match after their top and middle order was wrecked by Shri Lankan dark horse, Chandika Hathurusinghe, reports AP.

Healy scored and unbeaten 66, three short of his highest Test score. He ran out of partners when Mike Whitney scooped a leading edge to Pramodya Wickremasinghe, 20 minutes before close of play. In the remaining time, Shri

Lanka scored nine without loss. At crease were Roshan Mahanama (6) and local hero Hathurusinghe (3), who was earlier used successfully as the third scamer, achieving a career-best figure of 4 for 66.

At one stage his performance read 4 for 11 in 24 balls when he had claimed David Boon, Dean Jones, Allan Border and Mark Waugh.

Healy came in at 7 for 124 and batted grittily with Craig McDermott (22), Shane Warne (24) and Mike Whitney (13) to prop Australia's first Test outing in the three-match scrics.

Hathurusinghe, Shri Lanka's stock non-striker opening batsman, seamed the ball magnificently under an overcast sky after lunch in the Sin halese Sports Club stadium. The heavy air and the stiff breeze held him scathe the ball on a seemingly slow wicket.

Before this Test, Hathurusinghe, a 23-year-old insurance agent, had bowled a total of 24 overs in six tests and had taken only one wicket during the 1991 series in England. He made his debut in New Zealand earlier that year as a replacement batsman.

Pakistan beat

by 292 runs on

the third and

final day of their

Gloucestershire

won the toss and put Australia to bat. Non-striker Tom Moody (1) was out leg before wicket in the third over. Opener Mark Taylor and one-drop David drought of Test wins. Since Boon stuck together for a 76run second wicket partner-



IAN HEALY ... 66 n o

Boon displayed his class with three fours, including a precise cover drive. But soon after lunch he drove Hathurus inghe slightly upward and was caught by Ramanayake inches off the ground at mid off for

Along with Boon, Australia lost 4 batsmen in 39 balls. while adding only 25 runs.

Wickremasinghe trapped Taylor (42) leg before wicket after beating him off three consecutive balls.

Jones was lbw and Waugh was caught behind by Test debutante Romesh Kaluvitharane off Hathurusinghe who also bowled a beauty that went between the bat and pads of a defensive Border and smashed the off and middle stumps.

Healy stabilized the innings, n.o. 3 batting cautiously and scnsibly to find gaps for occasional twosand singles Some good shots Captain Arjuna Ranatunga - a hook and cover drives -

and fielding lapses got him the boundaries.

In this series, Shri Lanka will attempt to end a six-year Shri Lanka was admitted as a test playing nation in 1981, they have played 37 Tests, 12 at home and 25 abroad. Of these they have won 2, both at home, against India and Pakistan. They have lost 19 and 16 were drawn.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first bay of the first Test between Shri Lanka and Australia in Colombo on yesterday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings M Taylor lbw b Wickremas-T Moody lbw b Ramanayake D Boon c Ramanayake Hathurusinghe D Jones lbw b Hathurusinghe 10 | AP A Border b Hathurusinghe M Waugh c Kaluvitharane b Hathurusinghe G Matthews lbw Ramanayake 6 C McDermott c Ranatunga b Ramanayake S Warne c and b Anurasiri 24 M Whitney c and b Wickremasinghe Extras: 10 leg byes, 3 wides . 19 noballs Total:

Champaka Ramanayake 20 ( 5) Pramodya Wickremasinghe 18 4 69 Chandika Hathurusinghe 22 5 66 Ranjith Madhurasinghe 10 1 21 Asanka Gurustnha Don Anurastri 12 2 22 Fall of wickets: 1/8; 2/84; 3/94. 5/109; 6/118; 7/124;

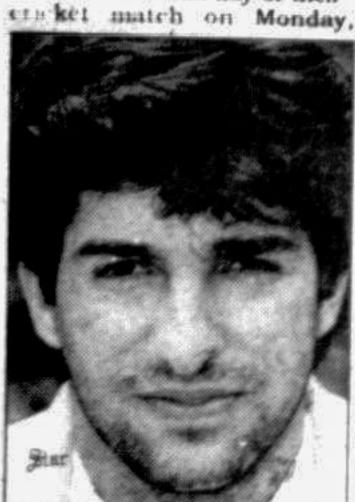
8/162: 9/207: 10/256. SHRI LANKA: First innings Roshan Mahanama n.o. 6

Total [without loss] 9 Craig McDermott 2 0 Mike Whitney

Chandika Hathurusinghe

# Allcyne c Latif b Javed

#### Aaqib, Akram grind Gloucestershire BRISTOL, Aug 17



reports Reuter. Scores: Pakistan 357 for eight declared and 184 for four declared; Gloucestershire 123 and 126.

#### Malaysia keen to host Olympics

\*KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17: Malaysia, appointed host of the 1998 Commonwealth Games. is keen to host the 2008 or 2012 Olympic Games, sports minister Annuar Musa said, reports Reuter.

"In view of the faith entrusted to Malaysia in hosting the Commonwealth Games in 1998 it is not impossible for us to host the Olympic Games before 2020," the national Bernama news agency quoted him as saying in Kota Kinabalum capital of Sabah state on Borneo island, on Sunday.

He told a meeting of the ruling United Malays National Organisation party that sports facilities were being improved in Malaysia to ensure the success of the Commonwealth Games, which could be a prelude to a Malaysian city hosting the Olympics.

An earlier report said Pacemen Wasim Akram and Aaqib Javed again showed the huge gulf in class between Test cricket's most potent attack an English county players on

Pakistan, fresh from their 2-1 Test triumph over England, warmed up for Thursday's resumption of the Texaco Trophy one-day series by outclassing Gloucestershire at Bristol.

Resuming at 12 for no wicket in replay to Pakistan's 357 for eight declared Gloucestershire were .dismissed half an hour before tea for 123 even though overnight rain had delayed the start of the second day by 75 minutes. Akram took five for 44, but

even in the absence of Wagar Younis he found himself being Aaqtb, the teenager looking

for an English county next season, finished with five for 34 hts first five-wicket haul of the

The pair were simply too good for Gloucestershire lineup missing rested ex-England batsman Bill Athey and with opener Dean Hodgson coming in at number eight because of

To prolong their own practice, and to the grateful thanks of the local sponsors, Pakistan declined to enforce the followon. Otherwise the match would no doubt have been over in two

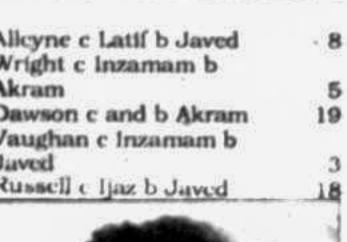
At the close Pakistan were 418 runs ahead at 184 for four. ljaz Ahmed and Rashid Latif were promoted in the order to get match practice, while Inzamamul Haq stroked his second half-century of the match with effortless ease.

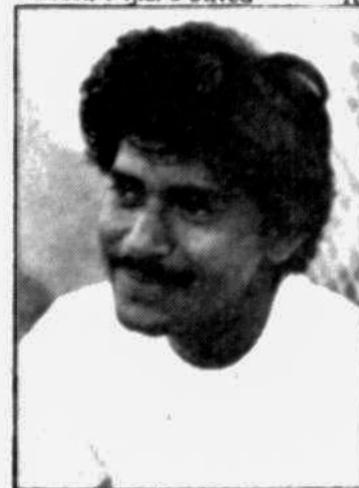
Tailender Mark Davies topscored with 22 in a pitiful Gloucestershire batting display

#### SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN: 1st innings 357-8 dec (Ramiz Raja 135, Shoaib Mohammad 66, Inzamamul

innings





AAQIB ... 5 for 34 Hancock c Latif b Akram Williams c Anjum b Javed Hodgson lbw b Akram Smith c Latif b Akram Davies not out Babington c Inzaniam b Extras: (lb1, nb 4) Total:

**b** Vaughan inzamamul Haq not out Davies

on a blameless pitch.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: ist

Wright c Inzamam b Dawson c and b Akram Vaughan c Inzamam b Russell e ljaz b Javed



Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-14; 3-24; 4-51; 5-67; 6-70; 7-78; 8-78: 9-105. Bowling 22 11 44 Akram Javed 15.1 4 34 ljaz 9 2 43 PAKISTAN: Second innings Aamir Sohail c and b Smith 30 Shoaib Mohammad c Alleyne b Babington Ijaz Ahmed c Russell

Rashid Latif c Alleyne b told a news conference. Naved Anjum not out Atlanta, an inland city in the Extras: (lb 5, nb 2) southern United States, has no Total: ( for four wickets) 184 beach. Fall of wickets: 1-31; 2-77; 3-78; 4-163. tive committee, including Bowling: (to date ) O M R W president Juan Anotonio Babington 10 1 50 Samaranch, would be present Williams 11 0 47 0 at the finals of the series in Smith 7 0 32 Brazil in February, he said, Vaughan 26 adding he hoped for a decision Devics 5 1 24 1 next year.



Moses Kiptanui of Kenya raises his arms in victory after setting a new world record of 7min 28.9 sec for the 3,000 metres at the international athletics Grand Prix meet in Cologne, Germany Sunday. -AFP photo

#### Jennings, Masya win race

FALMOUTH, Mass, Aug 17: Olympic medalist Lynn Jennings won the women's division of the Falmouth Road Race and knocked Joan Benoit-Samuelson out of the record book in the process on Sunday, reports AP.

The men's record also fell as Benson Masya of Kenya completed the distance in 31:52, one second faster than Alberto Salazar ran it in 1982.

Jennings covered the 7.1mile (11.4-km) course in 36 minutes, 13 seconds, eclipsing the mark of 36:17 established by Benoit-Samuleson in 1985.

"I wasn't running to set the record," said Jennings, a bronze medalist in the 10,000meter run at the Barcelona Olympics this month. "I wanted to do my best and win, but I was aware of how fast Joan had run to set the record."

Jennings, of Newmarket, N II, said, "I'm still on a high from the Olympics. It's a thrill to come to a race like this, which I consider in my back yard, and run as well as I did." Overcast skies and cool temperatures greeted the

7,200 runners. "It was a spectacular course and great conditions," Masya

Masya didn't qualify for his nation's Olympic team this summer, but said training for it still left him "in the best shape of my life."

Masya and Jennings each won dirs 10,000, plus dirs 1,000 bonuses for breaking records.

Kenyan Simon Karori, also of Kenya, finished second among the men in a swap of spots with Masya. Karori last week broke the course record in the Asbury Park 10K with Masya coming in second.

Third for the men was Keith Brantly of Ormond Beach, Fla. Wilma van Onna, a Dutch

runner who now lives in El Paso, texas, finished second among the women at 36:33, followed by Russian Olga Markova.

## Kiptanui leads a Kenyan sweep in 3,000m



COLOGNE, Germany, Aug 17: Kenyan Moses Kiptanui ran a gruelling last 800 metres alone to

smash Moroccan Said Aquita's 3.000 metres world record at the Cologne Grand Prix athletics meeting on Sunday. reports Reuter.

The 20-year-old world 3,000 metres steeplechase champion left the rest of the field with two laps remaining and powered his way home to finish in seven minutes 28.96 His gritty run shaved nearly

half a second oil the previous best of 7:29.45 set by Aouita on the same track three years ago. Kiptanui led a Kenyan clean

sweep compatriot Paul Bitok, the Olympic 5,000 metres silver medalist, second in 733.28 and world 5,000 champion Yobes Ondieki third in 7:34.18.

in a high-class field pulled along by sensible pacemakers, Germany's 5,000 Olympic champion Dieter Baumann could not live with the final fast pace and finished fourth in 7:38.10.

The coolish but calm early evening conditions were perfeet for distance running. American Greg Whiteley set a solid pace in the first 800 metres which the leading pack completed in almost exactly two minutes, perfectly on schedule to beat Aouita's Kenyan Charles Cheruiyot

took up the pace halfway with some Courageous front-running. He briefly broke away but went through 2,000 metres just outside record-breaking schedule in 5:04.07.

But Kiptanui suddenly found a second wind with just two laps to go. Roared on by the 35,000 crowd, he took a 20metre lead and gritted his

Club tennis court

teeth as he fought off pain down the final straight. Kiptanui, who missed the

Olympics after a disastrous performance at the national trials, said he was surprised by the record but wanted to go for another record in his steeplechase specially at the Zurich Weltklasse meeting on Wednesday. "I'm not fully recovered

from an injury. I didn't know exactly if I was running world record pace," he said. "I thought Dieter was going to break the record. I thanked him afterwards for helping to The Cologne meeting saw a

defeat for Britain's Olympic 100 metres champion Linford Christie but a superb performance from his compatriot Colin Jackson in the 110 metres hurdles. The 32-year-old Christie,

the oldest man to win the prestigious Olympic sprint title, failed to produce the brilliant start which won him gold and trailed in second behind Nigerian Olapade Adeniken who clocked 10.13 seconds. in a high-class field includ-

ing six of the Barcelona finalists, Christie finished second in 10.15 ahead of American bronze medalist Dennis Mitchell in third who clocked the same time. "He won. He ran better today. What more can I say,'

Christic said. "I do not think my start was exactly the best. I had problems with my balance in my pickup." Jackson, whose Olympic gold medal hopes crumbled when he stumbled at the third

hurdle in the final, continued his superb post-Olympic form by improving his own European record to 13.04 sec-In doing so the Welshman

took the scalp of his training

partner and Olympic champion Mark McKoy again after his victory over the Canadian in Monaco last Tuesday.

With the time of 13.04, Jackson would have been an easy winner Barcelona. McCoy won the Olympic gold in 13.12 and finished second Sunday in 13.16.

Tony Jarret of Britain, fourth at the Olympics, placed third in 13.26.

Jackson ran 13.06 on July 10, setting the previous European record. He also held the mark of 13.08 that had stood for more than two-years. "I was quite smooth running

over the hurdles," the 25year-old Briton said. "But only a win in Atlanta can make up for not winning the gold in Barcelona." Atlanta is the site of the 1996 Olympics. Another hurdler who stum-

bled in Barcelona and missed a medal also won on Sunday. Gail Devers of the United States, who won the 100-metre gold medal only to clip the last hurdle while leading in the 100-metre hurdles, won in 12.60 Sunday, a time that would also have won the gold medal in Barcelona.

"She got out of the blocks as fast as I wanted and the last part of the race was her best," said Devers' coach Bob Kersee. "From the fourth hurdle she was really able to pick up and control the race, which was not the case in Barcelona."

Paraskevi Patoulidou, the surprise gold medalist from Greece who had a winning time of 12.64 in Barcelona, failed to show up Sunday.

The women's 200-metre sprint also ended in an upset for the Olympic champion Gwen Torrence of the United

Russian Irina Privalova, an Olympic bronze medalist in the 100, clocked 22.13 to beat

Torrence, who was second in 22:31 Galina Malchugina another Russian, placed third in 22.44 Olympic champion and

world record holder Kevin Young raced to another impressive victory in the 400metre hurdles, winning in 47.42 seconds. Young, who smashed the

nine-year-old world record of Ed Moses by running 46.78 at the Barcelona Olympics earlier this month, set a blistering pace from the start and was ahead already at the first hur-

Although 0.64 outside his world record, the American was still faster than anyone else this year as he cruised home unchallenged.

Samuel Matete of Zambia, the world champion who was disqualified at the Olympics after hitting a hurdle in the adjacent lane, finished second in 48.10. Winthrop Graham of Jamaica, the silver medalist in Barcelona, finished third in 48.48.

In a strong field, Olympic bronze medalist Kriss Akabusi of Britain placed fourth in 49.07.

Stefka Kostadinova of Bulgaria, fourth in Barcelona, upset gold medalist Heike Henkel of Germany in the women's high jump. Both cleared 2 metres, but the Bulgarian won on fewer misses.

Olympic champion Yelena Romanova of Russia posted the fastest time this year in winning the women's 3,000 in 8:33.72.

### Taylor to defend WBA title

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Aug 17: Meldrick Taylor of Philadelphia will defend his WBA welterweight title against Belfast-based Venezuelan Crisanto Espana in London on October 31, Espana's connections said Monday.

The 28-year-old's title defence will be the main supporting contest for a heavyweight eliminator fight between England's Lennox Lewis and Razor Ruddock of Jamaica at London's Earl's Court.

Espana, 28, is unbeaten as a professional with 25 knockouts in 27 fights. He holds the WBA international junior welterweight title and is rated Taylor's No. 1 challenger. "We've been trying for

fight", Espana said. "Now it has happened I can hardly believe it is true." Espana moved to Northern ireland four years ago and

months to get a world title

Taylor, the Olympic gold medallist at Los Angeles in 1984, won the WBA title in 1991 when he beat Aaron

yesterday's semifinal of the Dhaka Club Foundation Day tennis tournament at the Dhaka He has successfully defended it four times.

married a local.

Abdul Hai Sarkar and Bakhtiar Khalid in action against Mashuk and Dr Zahir in