Lankans to play positive cricket



COLOMBO, Sept 7: Skipper Arjuna Ranatunga today said Shri Lanka play positive cricket

in their bid to square the Test series against Australia during the third and final. Test in suburban Moratuwa, reports

"We will continue to play positive cricket, it's the only way we can win the third Test and share, the series," said the 28-year-old Ranatunga who led Shri Lanka to their second one-day series win against Australia last week.

But Ranatunga said that the side's chances for third Test . beginning Tuesday should not be based on the 2-1 success in the one-day internationals. "It's totally a different game" said Ranatunga of the Test match.

Shri Lanka's only other triumphant three-match one-day series against the tourists was in 1983 when Australia was led by Greg Chappell.

Visiting captain Allan Border, who describes Shri Lanka as a dangerous side that plays aggressive and positive cricket, said that Australia was equally determined to end the tour on a winning note in the third Test.

The first Test ended in a

Australia after the home side dominated the match right up to the final day but collapsed on their way to a modest victory match right up to the final day but collapsed on their way to a modest victory target

in the final session. The rain-affected second match was drawn and the intermittent rainy weather could also mar a decision in the third Test at the Tyronne Fernando Cricket Stadium in Moratuwa, which becomes the world's 67th Test venue.

The Khettarama Stadium in Colombo, which hosted the second Test, became the 66th Test centre.

The Tyronne Fernando Stadium is named after the Minister for Legal and Prisons Reforms who is also the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in Shri Lanka.

Both teams have been mulling over limited options to pick their final eleven for the Moratuwa Test.

Australia, surprised by Shri Lanka's superb performance, are not willing to either take chances or experiment with their 13-member squad, as a result, 20-year-old Damien Martyn is likely to end the tour without making his Test debut

Martyn, who won a place in sensational 16-run win for the squad for his prolific bat-

ting form in the Sheffield Shield tournament in Australia, has only played one match, against a Southern Province XI, on their current five -week

Border virtually ruled out a place for young Martyn when he said the eleventh place in the side will be a three-cornered tussle between fast bowler Mike Whitney, allrounder Tony Dodemaide and leg-spinner Shane Warne.

Shri Lanka's selectors are in two minds on whether to retain stumper Romesh Kaluwirthana, whose atrocious performance has drawn public criticism, or replace him with wicket-keeper batsman Hashan Tillekeratne.

One senior selector felt that Kaluwirthana should be given another chance to prove himself before his home crowd at Moratuwa, and that it was unfair to blame the youngster who has played only two Test Matches to date.

Left-Hander Sanath Jayasuriva who was recalled to the second Test but has since fared badly could be the player to be dropped as a compromise for retaining Kaluwirthana and bringing in Tillekeratne as a middle -or-

Gower dropped, Gatting recalled



LONDON, Sept 7: England have dropped former captain David Gower but reinstated "rebel" Mike Gat-

ting to the national cricket team for the winter tour of India and Shri Lanka, reports

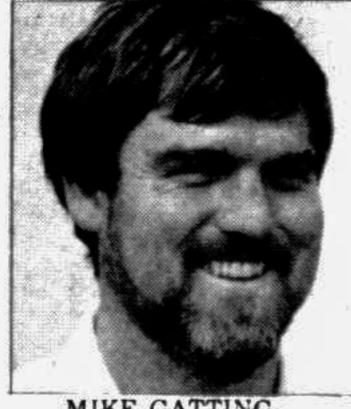
The 16-man squad, named at Lord's Monday, is led by manager Keith Fletcher and captain Graham Gooch.

They include former captain Gatting, John Emburey and Paul Jarvis -three of the rebel England team which controversially toured South Africa in 1989, when tours were banned as part of sanctions against the apartheid system.

A five-year ban on the rebel team was halved by the International Cricket Council in July after the resumption of cricketing links with South

Gatting and Emburey were Gower, England's highest Test run scorer, also looked certain of a place until the publication of his authorised biography which was critical of former England manager Mickey

The selectors demoted wicketkeeper Jack Russell to the England-A team, and, as



MIKE GATTING expected, ignored veteran batsmen Allan Lamb and lan Botham.

Alec Stewart will keep, assisted by Yorkshire's Richard Blakey, who won his first cap in the 4th one-day game against Pakistan.

Relatively unknown Northawidely tipped for a recall. mptonshire paceman Paul Taylor is also included in the

Gower's absence is certain to create controversy in England. He has played 117 Tests and totalled 8,231 runs at an

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demanding they refer to the

game as a World Championship

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which do not count in the

games wins the match and col-

lects a dirs 3.35 million prize.

the largest in chess history.

The loser gets dirs 1.65 mil-

match as his defence of his

1972 world champion victory

over Spassky in Iceland. How-

ever, it is not recognized as

such by the International

Chess Federation, which

stripped Fischer of his title in

1975 when he refused to play

The first player to win 10

Fischer, 49, regards the

Fischer and Spassky have

challenge, and the game set-

Queen's Gambit Accepted.

Spassky, playing white,

average of 44. But the selectors preferred Graeme Hick with an average of 18.05 and Neil Fairbrother with an average of

good form in county and international games, Hick struggled with only rare flashes of bril-

and eight one-day internationals in India and Shri Lanka during the December-March

captain, Mike Atherton, Robin Smith, Mike Gatting, Graeme Hick, Neil Fairbrother, Lewis, Dermot Reeve, Phil Tufnell, Paul Jarvis, Devon Malcolm, John Taylor.

squad for the winter tour of Australia, also named Monday, is: Martyn' Moxon, captain, Jack Russell, vice-captain, Mark Lathwell, Mike Roseberry, Tony Middleton, Graham Thorpe, Graham Loyd, Paul Prichard, David Capel, Ian Salisbury, Peter Such, Dominic Cork, David Millns, Andrew

Spassky's win makes it 1-1



Yugoslavia, Sept 7 **Bobby** Fischer suffered his first defeat in his comeback series

Sunday, falling to Boris Spassky in 50 moves and leaving their much-touted re-

match tied at 1-1, reports AP. Spassky, ranked 101st in the world, had Fischer on the ropes for the last 20 moves and finally forced the temperamental American into resign-

"He played well," Fischer said later. "That's chess, you know. One day you give a lesson, and the next day your opponent gives you a lesson."

Spassky and Fischer spent most of a brief post-game meeting with reporters discussing between themselves the technicalities of various

However, Spassky acknowledged he had "a very nice game."

Fischer needs to defeat Spassky convincingly in order to bolster his claim of "world champion" after 20 years away from the international chess

During their last meeting in Reykjavík, iceland, in 1972. Spassky managed to win only two of 21 games he played against Fischer.

"Fischer played weakly. Stefan Djuric, a Yugoslav grandmaster, said after Sunday's game. "Maybe it's just temporary. I am still hoping that Fischer will be again as good as he was in the first

Match organizers barred photographers and adding extra sound-muffling curtains so as not to disturb Fischer. On

Soccer coaching begins today

Sports Reporter

An intensive coaching programme for the footballers of the Pioneer league will begin at five this afternoon at the Dhaka Stadium.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka will inaugurate the course as the chief guest.

Two hundred and fifty junior footballer, will be attending this talent spotting programme.

Anatoly Karpov.

in the war in near by Bosnia-Herzegovina. warned Fischer he may be

fined up to dirs 250,000 and jailed up to 10 years for going through with the match. Fischer spat at a cease-and-desist letter from the Treasury Department.

Organizers on Saturday added another sign in the hall proclaiming, the match "The World Chess Championship," and spectators' chairs were moved back several more metres (yards).

England will play four Tests

The team is: Graham Gooch, captain, Alec Stewart, vice-Richard Blakey, John Emburey, Philip DeFreitas, Chris

The 15-man England-A ddick, Mark Ilott.

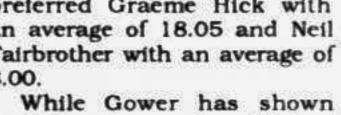
SVETI STEFAN. Saturday, the hall was also a challenge from Soviet player

Spassky, a Russian-born French citizen, has said he believes the match is good politics for chess and that he is playing because he is a "professional chess player."

The game is being played in defiance of international sanctions on Yugoslavia for its role

Fischer's accentricity is legendary. In 1972, he failed to appear at a news conference, saying his pants were being pressed. He also demanded that TV cameras be kept at a distance during his match in

The .US government has



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Zealand cricket. with Haslam was justified.

"Haslam has an attacking air about him", Bracewell said. reckon he is the kind o bowler who could rip out five wickets for 30 or 40 runs, and

NSC budget today

Sports Reporter

for approval The deficit budget in likely

61 lakh. The deficit has reportedly been caused by the 10% raise in the annual grant for the different district sports associa-

tions and sports federations



Caught on the hip! Two female judokas of Surja Barun Club and Dhanmondi Club in action on the first day of the two-day Sadharan Bima judo competition yesterday at the NSC judo - Star photo

Indo-Pak WC bid

gets a boost NEW DELHI, Sept 7: India and Pakistan are likely to host the World Cup cricket jointly once again, reports PII.

They did it earlier in 1987. Though nothing has been worked out to that effect so far, there is a possibility of Shri Lanka also getting a few matches of the tournament to be held in 1995.

That would be in keeping with the wish expressed by the Shri Lankan cricket authorities some time ago to hold at least a few matches in that island nation.

According to cricketing sources, India and Pakistan have secured the support of South Africa and Zimbabew in addition to that of the West Indies and Shri Lanka.

South Africa, itself a strong contender for hosting the World Cup, has reportedly agreed to support the joint bid by India and Pakistan as a gesture reciprocating the role played by the two Asian countries in helping it get back to the International Cricket Council after being in the wilderness for two decades.

Zimbabew, which gained full membership of the ICC with the support of India and Pakistan, is reportedly follow-The sources do not foresce

any problem regarding the finding of sponsors as the

1987 Reliance Cup was a great

financial success. The ICC is expected to take a final decision on awarding the Cup in January next year.

Haslam replaces Chris Cairns

WELLINGTON, Sept 7: A second spinner was added today to the New Zealand cricket squad to tour Zimbabwe and Shri Lanka following the unexpected loss over the weekend of strike bowler Chris Cairns. reports AFP.

The Kiwis last week named a 15-man squad with solitary spinner Dipak Patel, but with Cairns out needing a kidney operation selectors today named 21 year old Aucklander Mark Haslam to replace him.

Haslam, who was coaching a deaf school's cricket team when he got the word, had just five first-class games for Auckland last summer. "Maybe when I wake up to-

morrow it will have sunk in. can't quite grasp it yet," he "I hope I can repay the se

lectorsfaith, that I can use it as a real, learning experience. and that I can give 100 per-Former Test off-spinner

could change the face of New He said replacing Cairns

John Bracewell said Haslam

we have not had many of those in New Zealand cricket."

"Ideally, we might get back to a spin-bowling combined attack". Bracewell said.

The annual budget meeting of the National Sports Council will be held today at the NSC at 6:00 pm with its Chairman Sadeq Hossain, State Minister for Youth and Sports in the

According to a highly placed source, a deficit budget of Taka four crore three lakh will be placed in the meeting

to propose a revenue earning of Taka 13 crore 57 lakh and expenditure of Taka 17 crore



Olympic Stadium on Sunday. Zhao won the gold clearing 1.79m.

Morceli breaks Aouita's record



RIETI, Italy, Sept 7 : Noureddine Morceli of Algeria became the first man to run 1,500 metres in under

3 minutes, 29 seconds on Sunday, atoning for his disappointing performance at the Olympics with a world record at the Rieti invitational track meet, reports AP.

The 22-year-old north African, who finished seventh in the Olympic final last month. Completed the distance 3:28.86, breaking the 7year-old record of said Aouita of Morocco by six-tenths of a Morceli, who won the world

fully prepared for his record attempt but said he was not certain of succeeding until he crossed the finish line and collapsed breathless. "I realised from the roar of the crowd that I had made it,"

title last year in Tokyo, care-

of a capacity crowd. "I devote this record to the Algerian and Italian people." Other potential world record setters failed in their

he said, after turning a much-

applauded parade lap in front

attempts. Ukrainian Sergei Bubka won the pole vault at 5.90 metres (19 feet-4 1-4 inches) but missed three attempts at 6.13 metres (20-1 1-2), 1 centimetre (a half inch) higher than the world record he set in Padua, Italy, last Sunday.

Kenyan Moses Kiptanui, who beat Aoutta's world record in the 3,000 metres last month, was nearly three sec onds off his own world mark in the 3,000 steeplechase. He finished in 8:05.25.

American sprinter Dennis Mitchell, who beat Carl Lewis at the IAAF Mobil Grand Prix Final in Turin Friday night, scored a second victory in three days taking the 100 metres in 10.11 seconds.

Canadian Bruny Surin edged

Namibian Frank Fredericks for second place in 10.13. Fredericks, twice runnerup in the Olympic sprints, won the 200 metres in 20.32 sec-

onds, beating Americans John Drummond and Michael Bates. Russian sprinter Irina Privalova beat Gwen Torrence in the 100 metres and teammate Galina Malchugina in the 200.

Pressmen threat to boycott Atletico

matches MADRID, Sept 7: Spanish journalists are threatening to boycott Atletico Madrid matehes after the soccer club's pugnacious chairman Jesus Gil Barred all press who refused to pay to report the season's opening game, reports Reuter

SB judo on Sports Reporter

The two-day Sadharan Bima judo competition organised by the Bangladesh Judo karate Federation got underway yesterday afternoon at the judo

Council

room of National Sports

participants of 15 clubs are vy-

Sixty male and 22 female

ing for the honours of fourteen weight categories. Three rounds were completed on the opening day. Five weight categories for the men - 78 kgs, 71 kgs. 68 kgs, 65 kgs, 60 kgs - and two

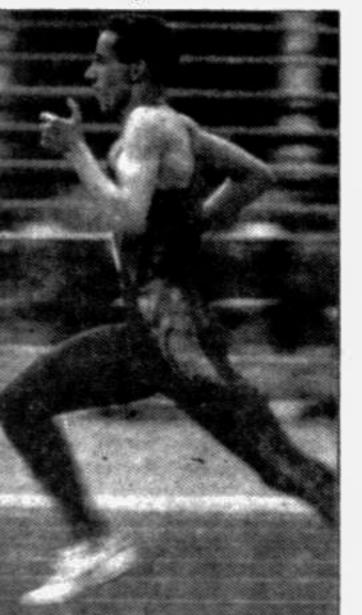
for the women - 44 kgs and

Minister for Labour and

40 kgs -- were settled.

Manpower Abdul Mannan Bhutyan earlier inaugurated the competition. Today is the concluding day Minister for Jute Brigadier (Retd) A S M Hannan Shah will give away the prizes as chief

the high jump. Privalova was timed in wind-aided 10.81 seconds in the 100. Torrence, the Olympic 200-metre champion, champion William Tanui by was runner up in 10.84.



NOUREDDINE MORCELI In absence of Kevin Young

Zambian Samuel Matete won the 400-metre hurdles in 47.91 seconds while Troy Kemps of Bahamas cleared 2.30 metres (7-6 1-2) to win

Kenyan runners dominated the 800 metres, with Nixon Kiprotich edging Olympic

0.06, in 1:43.31 - an inversion of the Barcelona final. Moroccan Brahim Boutayeb produced a strong finish in the 5,000 metres to beat Kenyan William Sigei in 13:13.42. American Andrew Valmon also beat a Kenyan, Samson Kitur, in the 400 metres, winning in

44.82 seconds. Ukrainian Inessa Kravets beat Olympic champion Heike Drechsler by 2 centimetres (three-quarters of an inch) to win the women's long jump with a lead of 7.01 metres (23-

Drechsler, winner of the Grand Prix overall title Friday. had a rare performance below 7 metres, at 6.99 (22-11 1-4).

Russian Olga Bryzgina dominated the 400 metres, in which Colombian Ximena Restrepo placed second and Canada's Jillian Richardson Gail Devers, who fell a few

steps from an Olympic gold in

the 100-metre hurdles, won

the race here in 12.68 sec-

onds, .20 ahead of teammate

held in cool conditions." They have the chance to record excellent times, collect

part of the large prize money

De Castella, chief executive of the Australian Institute of Sport, competed in his fourth Olympic Games in Barcelona.

Experts say Krabbe's han should be lifted Dan Showa be mucu

Lynda Tolbert.



FRANKFURT, Germany, Sept 7: Two medical professors say that Katrin Krabbe's suspension shou-

the fallen sprint idol used, Clenbuterol, is not an anabolic steroid, reports AFP. The move comes from professors Arnold Becker, a London member of the Interna tional Olympic Committee's Medical Commission since

1957 and Frankfurt's Norbert

Ritbrock, from the Interna-

tional Amateur Athletic Feder-

ld be lifted, as the drug which

ation, who have analysed the They told Monday issue of the Frankfurter Neue Presse that making any link between Clenbuterol and banned an abolic steroids "makes a non-

sense of all logic, scientific knowledge, honesty and fair-Krabbe, the world 100m and 200m champion, has been suspended provisionally by the German Athletics Federation

(DLV) after she was found to

have used the drug, which is

on the banned list. The DLV will decide her fate, along with that of fellow Clenbuterol users Grit Breuer

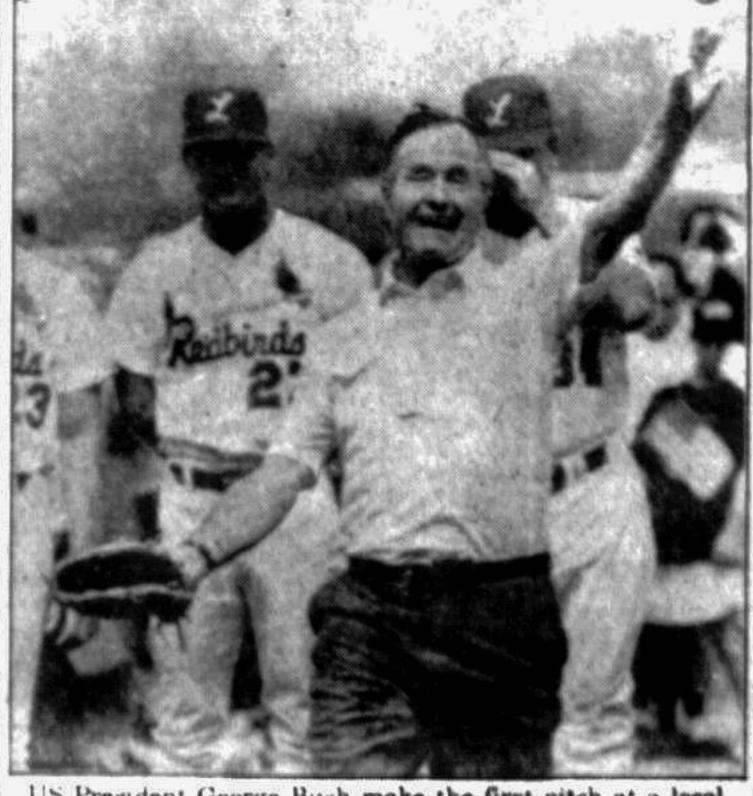
ing in Darmstadt next Friday. Clenbuterol, which was thought to be undetectable, hit the headlines during he Olympic Games. The first to be caught were British weightlifters Andrew Saxton and Andrew Davies.

and Manuela Derr, at a meet-

The drug is used to fatten calves and can produce fatal side-effects.

Dr David Cowan, the head of Chelsea College's Drug Testing Centre in London has said that the drug, nicknamed "angel dust" was first developed to boost the meat yield in cattle and is similar to naturally-occurring Adrenalin.

"You can buy it in Germany for the treatment of asthma because it can relieve bronchial tension, it is not licensed in the United Kingdom," he said. "Any athlete using this is taking risks for their long term health, and even their life."



US President George Bush make the first pitch at a local baseball game during a Labour Day campaign stop in Louisville, Kentucky on Sunday. - AFP photo

change in Olympic marathon timing CANBERRA, Australia, Sept 7: Former world champton

De Castella for

Robert de Castella said Monday that the world's best marathon runners would be likely to opt out of future Olympic Games unless there are changes to the race start time, reports AP. De Castella said the top

than the Olympics, where races start to coincide with US prime television time, often late in the afternoon. The humidity and heat at the next Olympics at Atlanta in 1996 will be as oppressive as Barcelona (1992) and Seoul

runners will prefer other rich

events with less risk of injury

year," de Castella said. "I can see the day when (top runners) choose to run in the Boston, New York or the London marathon, which are

(1988) at that time of the

and not risk injury to their

Foster, Lundin crowned

GATESHEAD, England, Sept 7: Britain's Mark Foster and Sweden's Therese Lundin were crowned the world's most versatile sprint swimmers here on Sunday, reports

Foster — capitalising on the

absence of double Olympic champion Alexander Popov. who pulled out at the 11th hour - claimed the men's 50metre trophy at the world sprint meet here by a point from American Tom Jager after winning the freestyle fi nal in 22.03 sec. The 22-year-old Briton had

upset world record-holder

Jager in the semi-finals by just 0.06 sec. "It was very pleasing to have an All-English final and to beat the Americans," said Foster. who had handed Jager a free passage into the butterfly final

when he was disqualified.

for a false start. I made amends in the free, though. It went really well. The time was bril-Lundin, meanwhile, triumphed by two points from Poland's Alieja Peczak and Britairs' Karen Pickering thanks

to victory in the backstroke

and second place in the

"I thought I had a good time

in the fly, but I was pulled out

butterfly. Both Foster and Lundin received cheques for 3,400 American dollars for winning

the overall titles. Lundin commented: That helps a lot. It makes it easier to train and go for camps. It's

really goods." Army boxing

JESSORE, Sept 7: Eight bouts of the annual army boxing championships were finalised at the Jessore cantonment today, an ISPR press release said. Out of eight golds, the

Chittagong Area team won three through Havildar Abul Hossain in the pin weight category Nk Ruhul Amin Hawladar in fly-weight and Gunner Akkas Ali in the light-welterweight. Others who won gold were Havildar Mohammad Kamruz-

zaman of the Rangpur Area in light fly-weight and Lnk Bazlur Rahman of the Comilla Area in feather weight and U/Lnk Mohagamad Haroon-ur-Rashid of the Bogra Area in light-middleweight.