First leg of Senior Division soccer over

Sports Reporter

Fakirerpool Youngmens' Club split points with Farashgani Sporting Club in a goalless encounter to remain unbeaten in and atop the Star First Division after the completion of the first phase of the ten-team football league yesterday.

At the Dhaka Stadium under the floodlights yesterday evening, both the teams were not to keen on sofling their outfit on a muddy strip and football was static, boring.

Faktrerpool, who have four wins and five draws under their belt, finished the first leg with 13 points while Farashgani with two wins, six draws, and a loss go into the second round with 10 points.

Following Faktrerpool with eleven points each are newcomers Bangladesh Boys Club and East End Club.

Meanwhile the second leg of the twin leagues begins on August 8 with two Premier Division matches scheduled for the day. Abahani Krira Chakra take on PWD in the first match while Arambagh Krira Sangstha and Victoria Sporting Club fight it out in the second match.

PWD relegated

Sports Reporter

PWD made an ignominious exit from the Green Delta First Division hockey league after only a year when they suffered a 6-0 defeat to Bachelors Club in a farcical contest at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In a rare demonstration of unsporting gesture some of the PWD players played possum and left the field forcing the umptre to call the match off 28 minutes before the final whistle.

Only six PWD players were on the strip to shoulder the collective shame when the umpire blew the long whistle because of the shortage of adequate number of players.

Wasif scored twice while Latti, Babu, Rowshan, and Shamsuddin scored one each for the winners.

PWD ended their 14 engagements collecting only two

Yesterday's win leaves Bachelors with eight points from 13 matches.

The day's second match between Usha KC and Mariner Young's Club fell through because of heavy downpour.

Weather permitting the match will be held today at 4 pm causing a bodily shift in the fixture.

Junior Gold Cup final on Aug 20

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 5: The final match of the Junior Gold Cup football tournament will be held at the local stadium on August 20. The Cox's Bazar Football Players' Association, the organisers of the tournament, announced the decision yesterday, reports BNA. The tournament committee

expelled Tarun Muslim Club on charges of resorting to violence in the second semifinal match against Uttara on July 25.

Ctg football

CHITTAGONG, Aug 5: Alosiri Club and Sunflower Club earned full points beating their respective opponents in the Straj Metropolitan juvenile football league at the Dampara Police Lines ground this afternoon, reports BNA. In the first encounter Alosiri

trounced Royal Club 4-0 with Narayan, Sohel, Zahid and Shaon scoring once each.

in the other match Sunflower club thrashed Nabatarunya by six goals to nil. Razzak scored hattrick while Mamun. Helal netted twice and once respectively

Zetti adamant SAO PAOLO, Aug 5: Brazili-

an reserve goalkeeper Zetti, banned after traces of cocaine were found in a dope test, reiterated on Wednesday that he had never taken drugs of any kind in his life, reports Reuter.

Zetti, regarded in Brazil as an exemplary athlete, has been temporarily suspended by FIFA following the test which took place after Brazil's World Cup qualifier in Bolivia on July 25.

Zetti says he drank some Bolivian tea made from coca leaves and is adamant he did not use cocaine deliberately.

"I have never used and I will never use drugs either in my personal life or as a sports-

man," he said. "It was being served nor-

mally to everyone in the hotel where we were staying. I had some without knowing the risk, I had no intentions at all of using it as stimulant," he said. "I have a clean and marvel-

lous past.

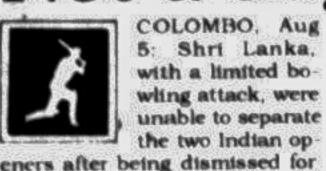
"If I am punished, I hope it will be the minimum penalty possible and I can quickly go back to what I most enjoy which is playing football."

Kawasaki, reports AFP. Zetti and Boltvian defender Miguel Rimba, whose test FIFA scored in the 39th minute for said also revealed traces of cohis 15 goal this season before caine, have been temporarily countryman Ruy Ramos netted suspended until investigations a goal in the 82nd minute for have been completed. Verdy Kawasaki.

Not a day for Shri Lankans

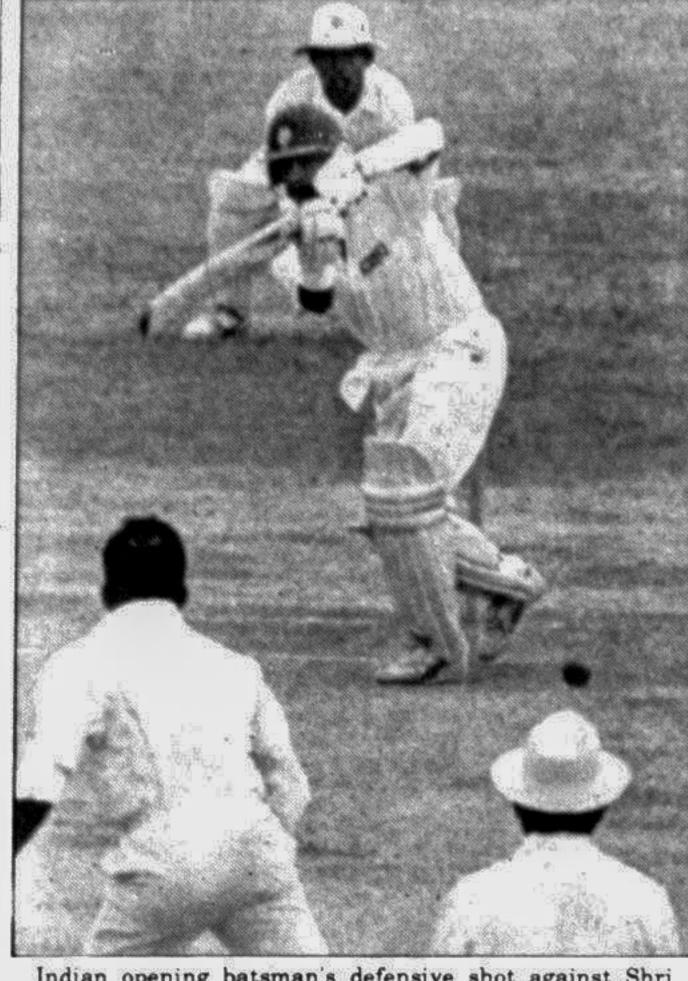
wrest the initiative in a match

they must win to square the



351 on the second day of the third cricket Test on Thursday.

Earlier, Shri Lanka made heavy weather of the Indian bowling after resuming at Wednesday's score of 226 for four. They managed a bare 125 runs in three hours before all



Indian opening batsman's defensive shot against Shri Lankan seamer Chandika Hathurusinghe goes away on the second day of third and final Test in Colombo yesterday. India, replying to the home side's first innings score of 351, were 84 for no loss at the close.

report agencies.

Manoj Prabhakar and Navjot Sidhu batted through the 150 minutes and 40 overs of medium-pace and spin that Shri Lanka offered to put on 84 without loss at close of play. Prabhakar and Sidhu each

struck five fours as they finished on 37 and 39 respectively. The Test resumes on

Saturday after Friday's rest day. India lead 1-0 in the series after the firs Test was washed out by

India hopes to put up a substantial score to shut out the home team while the Shri Lankans need quick wickets to

while Khalid Skah defeated the

top Kenyans in the world's

wealthiest athletics meeting.

Joyner-Kersee

comes round

time Olympic heptathlon cham-

pion Jackie Joyner-Kersee has

recovered from an aggravated

hip muscle and is ready to

challenge her world record at

next week's World Champion-

ships, her coach and husband

said on Wednesday, reports

flare-up of asthma on Tuesday,

"for all practical purposes she is

100 per cent healthy," Bob

Barcelona Olympic medalists on

the US team that will compete

in Stuttgart, failed to finish the

1991 World Championships

heptathlon because of a ham-

Joyner-Kersee, who aggra-

vated the hip muscle while

working out with the javelin last

week, had a good javelin prac-

tice on Tuesday, Kersee said.

"There is no pain, no problem."

his wife's goal for the Stuttgart

Championships, but he said,

"I've got a point total in mind

which is better than the world

mark of 7,291 points at the

1988 Seoul Games and also

claimed gold last year at

fending titles won at the 1991

World Championships in Tokyo.

champions will be Carl Lewis

(100 metres), Mike Powell (long

jump), Kenny Harrison (triple

jump) and Dan O'Brien (deca-

Alcindo still

tops the tally

fielder Alcindo Sartori remained

the top scorer in Japan's pro-

fessional football league Wed-

nesday, but his Kashima Ant-

lers squad lost 1-2 to Verdy

The Brazilian import Alcindo

TOKYO, Aug 5: Popular mid-

Aiming to repeat as world

Four Americans will be de-

Joyner-Kersee set the world

He would not speculate on

string pull.

record.

Barcelona

Joyner-Kersee, one of 25

Kersee said in an interview.

Although suffering a slight

LOS ANGELES, Aug 5: Two-

reports Reuter.

ZURICH, Aug 5:

Leroy Burrell stole

the showcase 100

metres at the

Zurich Grand Prix

Wednesday

out midway through the afternoon session.

Aravinda de Silva added 30 runs to his overnight score of 118 and was out when he mistimed an Anil Kumble delivery to Venkatapathy Raju at midwicket 30 minutes before lunch. He batted for six and a half hours, faced 296 balls and hit 17 boundaries and two sixes.

De Silva's dismissal signalled a Shri Lankan slump. Four wickets fell for 24 runs to make the home side 309 for eight.

Left-hander Hashan Tillaka ratne, resuming the day on 14, went on to make a chancy 51 before being bowled by off-

American Burrell, a former

world record holder, upstaged

Linford Christie and Carl Lewis

in what had been an eagerly

awaited second sprint show-

down between the Olympic gold

medalist and the world cham-

the Kenyans in a sometimes

abrasive 5,000 metres, sprint-

ing away from world champion

Yobes Ondieki to win in a 1993

best of 13 minutes 4.67 sec-

bests for the year at the penul-

timate Grand Prix before the

Stuttgart World Champion-

last year's Barcelona Games.

repeated last Friday's victory

over Lewis but this time fin-

ished runner-up to the world

record holder's Santa Monica

me," Burrell said. "I wanted to

show that I was still one of the

been practising well and I felt

seconds to Burrell's 10.02.

with my result and I congratu

behind the impressive young

American John Drummond,

was also outwardly uncon-

said. "But I feel good. I ran a

better race than I did the other

world 10,000 metres record in

Oslo last month, had set his

sights on breaking Said Aouita's

six-year-old world 5,000 record

metres it became clear the

world mark was out of reach as

the high humidity slowed the

in it as there is no love lost

between Skah and the Kenyans.

stal figure on the athletics cir-

cuit since he was disqualified

then reinstated as Olympic 10,000 metres champion last

year after allegedly receiving

assistance from a lapped team-

grim memories of the Barcelona

race. He was given the Olympic

title when Skah was disqualified

but he had to hand it back less

clearly determined to thwart

Skah, but the Moroccan out-

The Kenyans came to Zurich

than 24 hours later.

Kenyan Richard Chelimo has

mate.

But within the last 1,000

The race had plenty of needle

Skah has been a controver-

"I knew I could do it. I have

Christie, who clocked 10-03

"It doesn't matter. I'm happy

Lewis, who finished fourth

"Leroy ran a great race," he

Ondieki, who shattered the

world's best sprinters.

shrugged off the defeat.

late Leroy," he said.

relaxed."

"This was a career race for

Track Club teammate Burrell.

Briton Christie, champion at

It was the last of five world

And Skah triumphed over

pion in six days.

spinner Rajesh Chauhan.

Chauhan also bowled Sanath Jayasuriya and had Pramodaya Wickramasinghe snapped up tn the slips - both for zero - to finish with figures of three for 59

The Indians were held back by robust wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwirthana (40) and Muttiah Muralidharan (7) who added a valuable 38 runs for the ninth wicket.

Kaluwarthana, who made a century on his debut against Australia last year and replaced the off-form Ashley de Stiva for this match, struck six boundaries before being bowled by Manot Prabhakar.

Kapil Dev clean bowled Muralidharan to wrap up the innings and pick up his 425th test wicket. He is now six short of Richard Hadle's record tally of 431.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the third and final cricket Test between Shri Lanka and India today

SHRI LANKA: First innings (overnight 226-4) R Mahanama Ibw b Prabhakar 6 C Hathurusinghe c Amre b Kaptl Dev A Gurusinha c Tendulkar b Kumble Aravinda de Silva c Raju b Kumble A Ranatunga c Kapil Dev b Raju H Tillekeratne b Chauhan S Javasuriva Ibw b Chauhan R Kaluwirthana b Prabhakar 40 P Wickremasinghe c Tendulkar b Chauhan M Muralidharan b Kapil Dev J Warnaweera not out

w-1) Total: Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-29; 3-165; 4-182; 5-281; 6-286; 7-309; 8-309; 9-347.

Extras: (b-3, lb-20, nb-3,

Bowling: Kapil Dev Prabhakar Tendulkar 95 Kumble 59 26 Chauhan INDIA: M Prabhakar not out N S Sidhu not out Extras: (b-1, nb-6, w-1) Total: (for no loss)

Bowling: Wickramasinghe 11 Gurusinha Warnaweera Hathurusinghe Ranatunga Muralidharan Jayasuriya Umpires: BC Cooray and P

Burrell makes most of it sprinted them home. Skah later displayed vivid spike marks on both shins.

"It always happens," he said.

The Kenyans always team up against me. American champion Michael

Johnson won the 400 metres in commanding style from Lane Two with Britain's David Grindley finishing surprise second ahead of 1988 Olympic champion Steve Lewis. World record holder Butch Revnolds "I just said to myself I can

win the race in any lane, Johnson said.

Grindley said: "I think that will make them sit up and take more notice of me."

In the women's events there was a rare defeat for American Olympic champion Gail Devers who finished behind Jamaican Merlene Ottey and compatriot Gwen Torrence in the 100. But Devers came back to win

the 100 hurdles and said she was not worried about her earlier defeat.

"In this period I'm concentrating on the hurdles anyway," she said

New ICC formula

LONDON, Aug 5: Independent umpires are likely to be on duty alongside home officials for England's Test series against New Zealand and South Africa next year, reports Reuter.

"If the opportunity presented stacif we would be prepared to start the scheme on October 1," International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executive David Richards said on Wednesday. "I don't think we will be able

to move quite that quickly but we are looking at the next English season. The ICC's original plan was to appoint two independent

umpires from an international panel for every Test around the world. But now the suggestion has been modified to one overseas official working with a home based umpire - a system that

has been introduced successfully in the West Indies and South Africa. "The majority of umpires saw it as worthwhile move, particularly as it would still give those men not on the international panel a chance to stand in

Chang brushes Tarango aside

home Tests and progress," said

Richards.

LOS ANGELES, Aug 5 Michael Chang, insisting he must improve his game despite the lopsided score, routed Jeff Tarango 6-1, 6-0 Wednesday in the second round of the dirs 300,000 Volvo Tennis Los Angeles men's tournament, reports AP.

Chang, the third seed, barely broke a sweat, losing only the fourth game of the first set when Tarango held serve. The match took only 65 minutes.

In other second-round matches Wednesday, Aaron Krickstein defeated David Nainkin of South Africa 6-4, 6-3 and Chuck Adams beat Alex O'Brien 7-5, 6-2.

In Friday's quarter-finals, Chang faces Krickstein and Stich meets Adams.

Capriati bows to strained back

CARLSBAD, California, Aug 5: Two-time defending champion Jennifer Capriati, fighting back tears, told the crowd at the 375,000 Mazda Tennis Classic she could not play her second-round match on Tuesday because of a back injury. reports Reuter.

Coming onto the court 20 minutes after the scheduled start of her match with Tatiana Ignatieva of Belarus, the 17year-old American told the crowd "I'm sorry I have to talk to you this way. I have to break some news. I can't play because I injured myself during warm

The fourth-seeded Capriati added: "I love playing here and I was having a great time. I might be OK to play doubles."

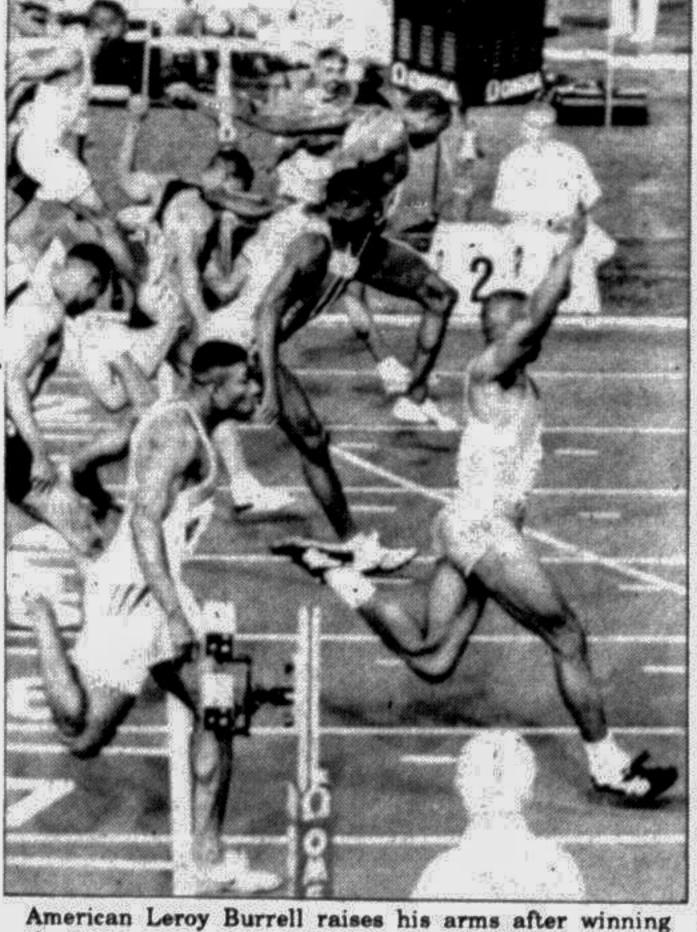
She concluded: "I hope you have a nice evening. Goodbye."

Tournament officials said Capriati would not be considered to have suffered a loss because she never began to play Lucky loser Shannon McCarthy of the United States took her place against Ignatieva.

Earlier, Spaniards Agantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Conchita Martinez, the second and third seeds, had no problems rolling to straight-sets victories.

Sanchez-Vicario swept past error-prone American Tami Whitlinger 5-2, 6-2 in 58 min-

Martinez, fresh from her fourth singles title of the year at last week's US hardcourt championships at Stratton Mountain, Vermont, beat Christina Papadaki of Greece 6-3, 6-3 in one hour 23 minutes.

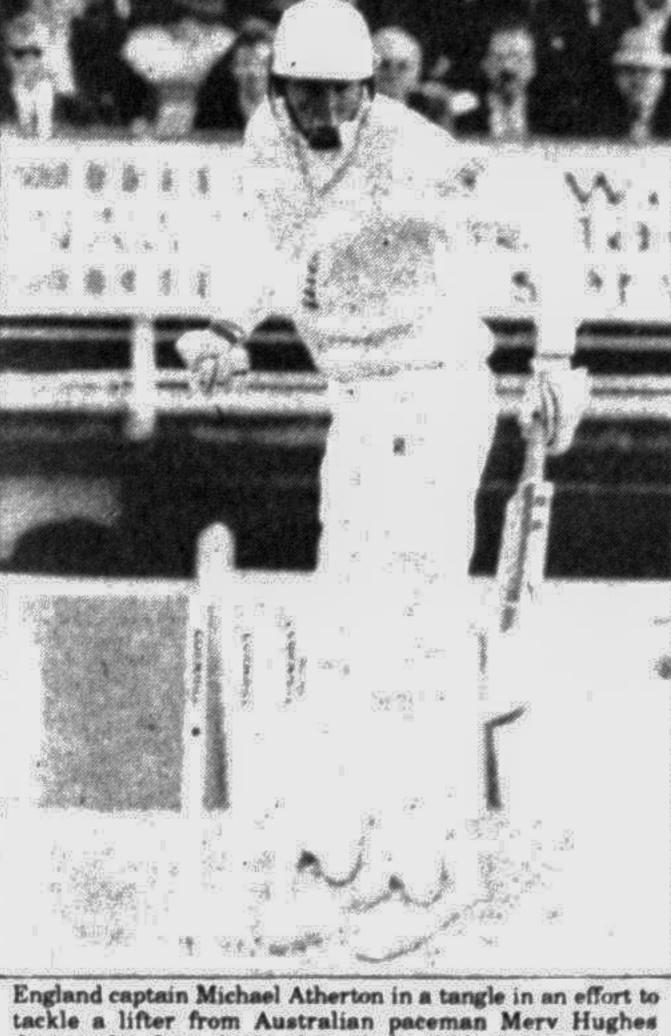


the 100m sprint at the Zurich track and field meeting on August 4. Competitors from the top are: Adeniken, Drummond, Christie, Cason, Lewis, Fredericks, Burrell and Effiong. - AFP photo

Reiffel rocks England again



his country's captaincy but back in his old position as an opener, was the first man to go edging an out-swinger into the safe hands of Mark Taylor at first slip.



during the first day's play of the fifth Ashes Test at Edgbaston yesterday. Atherton made 72. - AFP photo fifth Test at Edgbaston today. scourge of county medium

reports Reuter. Reiffel, who took eight wick-

ets in his side's innings victory at Headingley last month, added five more victims to his collection as England finished the day on 276 for nine. New English skipper Mike

Atherton hit 72 and recalled offspinner John Emburey, 41 years old later his month, contributed a gritty unbeaten 55 but the home side, failed to take full advantage after winning a crucial toss. The dry wicket turned

sharply virtually from the start, and looks unlikely to produce a high-scoring match. Yet it was Retffel, rather than

spinners Shane Warne and Tim May, who proved the dominant bowler, making a mockery of his poor form earlier in the tour. The 27-year-old Victorian

finished with figures of five for 71 from 22 overs, growing in confidence after a slightly tentative start.

Graham Gooch, deprived of

pacers, allowed an off-cutter



to the coaching manual.

retained, Australia will still want to dismiss Emburey quickly on Friday. The pitch, much discussed

before the match, gave all the spinners assistance and is unlikely to become easier for batting as the match progresses. England, however, have bowled the tourists out for less than 300 only once in the

England and Australia at Edgbaston today:

G Gooch c Taylor b Retffel M Atherton b Retffel R Smith b M Waugh M Maynard c S Waugh A Stewart c and b Warne G Thorpe c Healy b May N Hussain b Reiffel J Emburey not out M Bicknell c M Waugh b Reiffel P Such b Reiffel M llott not out Extras: (b-4, lb-6, nb-7)

Fall of wickets: 1-17; 2-71; 3-76; 4-156; 5-156; 6-160; 7-215; 8-262; 9-264 BOWLING: Hughes Retffel

AUSTRALIA: M Slater, M

Border, S Waugh, I Healy, M Hughes, P Reiffel, S Warne, T

than his own championship

record holder in the event, came

desperately close to beating the

26-year-old Hungarian master

and reckons he could succeed

where all the others have failed

in the 200 next Sunday.

Sievinen, short-course world



5: Olympic champions Alexander Popov, Krisztina Egerszegi and

bero set fastest times in their events in Thursday's heats at the European Swimming Championships, report agencies.

the only man to beat 50 seconds in the men's 100 meter heats with 49.82. Egerszegi. who already has captured the women's 400 individual medley title here, swam 1 minute 01.05 seconds as fastest in the women's 100 meter backstroke.

World record holder Lopez-Zuhero, born and raised in the United States but with a Spanish father, clocked 2:00.64 in the 200 metres backstroke

ater Thursday in the Ponds Forge pool.

championship.

two silver and two bronze medals as a 14-year-old at last

Chinese natants pull out of Pan-Pacific meet

in the forthcoming Pan-Pacific Swimming Championships, the hosts confirmed today, reports Reuter. An official from the Japan

The biennial meeting, which takes place in Kobe, Japan, from August 12 to 15, clashes

Two Chinese women currently hold world records -Yang Wenyi in the 50m freestyle and Lin Li in the 200m

SHEFFIELD, Aug year's Olympics, is almost half ley title in 4:15.24, 0.01 faster vay to seven golds here.

> and 200m freestyle titles and a relay gold. Swimming every day until Sunday, she now aims for two more relay golds, the 100m butterfly and the 50m freestyle. After winning three golds,

"I was quite exhausted after the two races yesterday," she said. "I have had to do so much Van Almsick rarely smiles at

want to appear too overjoyed at

her triumphs. "It doesn't really dawn on me what I have achieved until I get back to my hotel," she said. "But I don't want to be jumping up and down and making a

on the face of veteran campaigner Tamas Darny after he prevailed in a tremendous duel with Jani Sievinen on Wednesday in the 400 metres individual medley to clinch the

by the 19-year old Finn but held on to win by just 0.27. "I thought I would win it. It

sure on me but I will carry on to Atlanta (1996 Olympics)". Dmitri Sautin edged out Britain's Robert Morgan by just 0.03 of a point in the 10-metre platform diving final and his Russian compatriots won the

But Van Almsick's win on Wednesday kept Germany one gold ahead of the Russians at the top of the medals table with seven victories, with Hungary

Van Almsick won the 200 by more than two seconds from Luminita Dobrescu of Romania,

Defending champion Mette Jacobsen of Denmark failed to make the final.

from Mark Waugh between his bat and pad having reached 21. When Matthew Maynard, back in the Test team after a five year gap, off Tim May, ti was 76 for three and England

lunched with familiar unease. Atherton and Alec Stewart, rivals for the Test captaincy last week but partners again now, put on 80 for the fourth wicket,

It was the signal for England's innings to veer from respectability towards steep decline.

In the next over, Atherton's lone stand ended when he was bowled by a Reiffel delivery which kept low, ending the young captain's 175-ball vigil which included nine fours. Nasser Hussain was another Reiffel victim before tea.

Emburey was lucky to

Such both received good balls from Retffel, winging the ball to excellent effect, yet Emburey continued to profit from a range of strokes bearing little relation

Test series with the Ashes safely

Scoreboard on the first day of

the fifth cricket Test between ENGLAND: First inning

S Waugh

Records galore at Sheffield

competing for Spain. The finals were being staged

Germany's 400 metre women's freestyle relay team were fastest qualifiers for Thursday's final despite resting 15-year-old Franziska van Almsick, who is expected to dominate women's freestyle swimming in the

Amateur Swimming Federation said the Chinese failed to meet the June deadline for applica-

with the All-China National

Darnyi took his fourth European 400 individual med-

before Stewart, on 45, edged a return catch to Warne.

survive a sharp slip chance to Taylor early in his inning, but batted with typical phiegm in the final session to give England some much-needed runs from the lower order. Martin Bicknell and Peter

Already 3-0 up in the six-

current series. SCOREBOARD

Taylor, D Boon, M Waugh, A

M Waugh

PREIFFEL....5 for 71



Martin Lopez-Zu-

Russian freestyler Popov was

Van Almsick, who collected

TOKYO, Aug 5: The powerful Chinese team will not take part

tions.

individual medley.

She has already won the 100

she's already feeling the pace. in two days in a row." the pool and says she does not

clown of myself." Tiredness and relief showed

eighth European title of his ca-The Hungarian, who has also won four Olympic and four world titles, was severely tested

was a hard race but not my most difficult," he said. "All these victories put extra pres-

men's 4x200 freestyle relay. third on three.

who added a silver to two bronzes in the event from previous European Championships.

Evgeny Sadovyi anchored Russia to victory in the 4x200 metres free-style relay, overhauling Sweden's Tommy Werner on the last length-only to find later the Swedes had

been disqualified for a faulty Olympic silver medalist Rafal Szukala of Poland reclaimed the men's 100 metres butterfly title he first won in 1989, coming through on the second length of beat Denis Pankratov of Russia by 0.02 in a championship

record 52.41. MEDALS TABLE

pean Swimming Championships

Medals table at the Euro-

on Wednesday (tabulate under gold, silver, bronzel: Germany Russia Hungary Finland Belgium Poland France Britain Sweden Romania Slovakia Croatia Czech Republic

Kennedy appeared in court on Wednesday charged with assault on the mother of his child, report AFP. Kennedy, the ex-England, Arsenal and Liverpool midfielder

whose sparkling career was cut short seven years ago by Parkinson's disease, struck Audrey Broomfield, 31, at her home here in June, the town's magistrates were told.

Ukraine Ray Kennedy in the dock GATESHEAD, England, Aug 5: Former England star Ray

Netherlands

Further signs it was not quite England's day were soon forthcoming when Robin Smith,