Ottey finally.

accepts her

defeat

Merlene Ottey, bitterness fading

slowly into resignation, has fi-

nally come to terms with her

controversial defeat in Monday's

100 metres final at the World

Athletics Championships, re-

But nothing will shake the

Jamaican's conviction that she

was robbed of what would have

been her first gold medal in a

given the verdict by a thou-

sandth of a second after a jury

of appeal met twice to study a

photo-finish with both women

being given the same time of

"I knew I had won the race

"I don't know how they came

to the conclusion that I was

second. They had the nerve to

tell me ! had lost by a thou-

"My chest was there faster, I

Ottey, now 33, has been rac-

ing at international level since

1980 and over this period has

as soon as I crossed the line,"

Ottey told a news conference on

American Gail Devers was

major championships.

Wednesday's rest day.

sandth of a second.

was first over the line."

10.82 seconds.

ports Reuter.

STUTTGART, Aug 19:

1991 Champions

"I used an ice spray on the

foot which hurts a lot," Henkel

said afterwards. "But I should

have still cleared 1.93 even

though I only used a six step

Hostadinova also jumped 1.90m

but failed to reach the final as

world best of 2.09m at the 1987

Championships in Rome, went

into the competition as the

world's best this year after

Smith, forced out of last

struggling for two years with in-

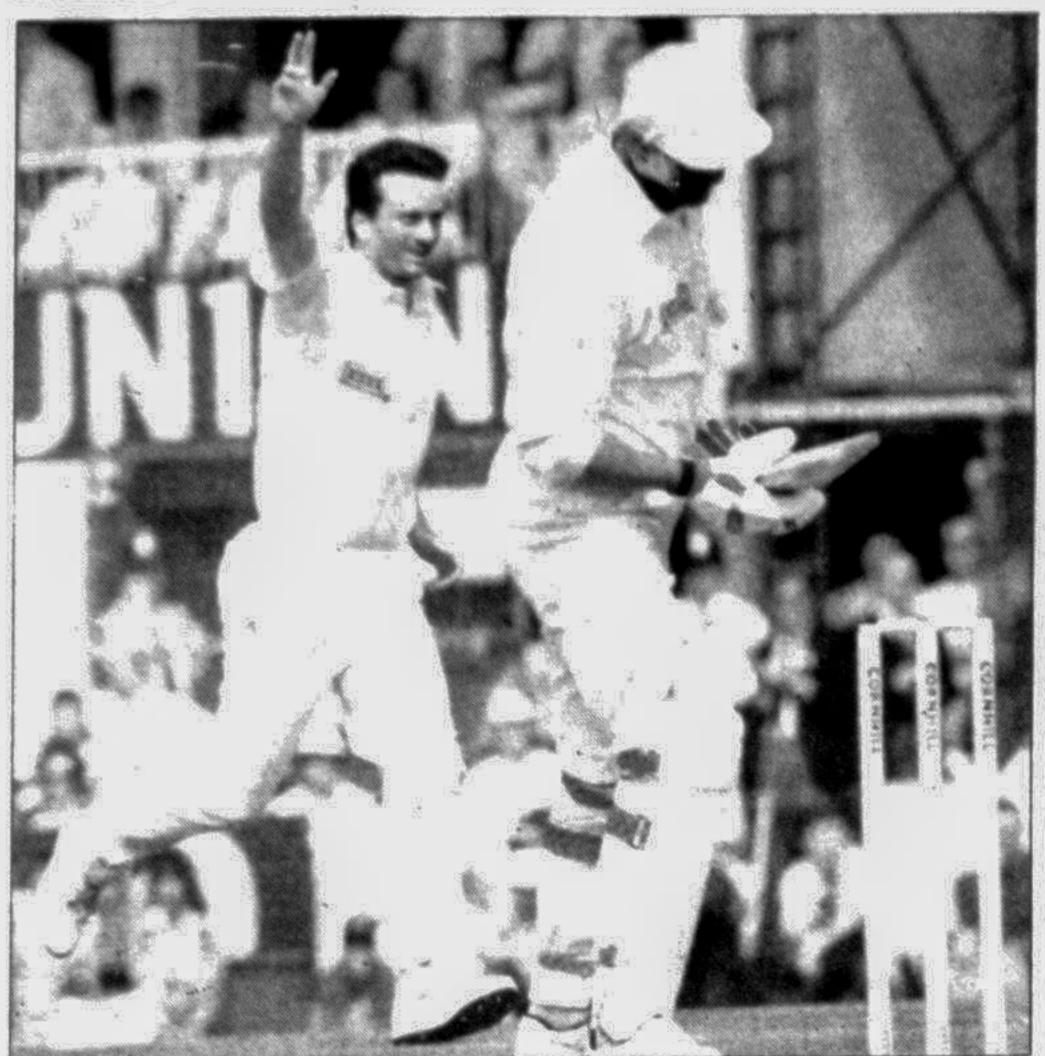
year's Olympics in Barcelona af-

ter tearing a hamstring, failed

The Bulgarian, who set a

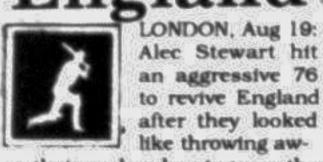
she had taken more jumps.

World record holder Stefka



Australian all-rounder Steve Waugh rejoices after having England skipper Graham Gooch caught by Allan Border for 56 on the opening day of the sixth and final Test at The Oval yes-

England batsmen come good



Alec Stewart hit an aggressive 76 to revive England after they looked like throwing aw-

ay their early advantage on the opening day of the sixth and final Ashes Test against Australia at the Oval today, reports Reuter.

Stewart was out in the closing overs, caught at the wicket attempting to hook Merv Hughes' first delivery with the second new ball

But by then he had ensured England easily reached their highest first innings score of the series and by the close they were 353 for seven.

After Mike Atherton, Graham Gooch and Graeme Hick had each made half-centuries, England looked to be blowing their chance of a big score as the middle order fatled to capt

talise on the easy-paced pitch. But then Stewart tore into the Australian bowling, hammering a six and 12 fours in his 94-ball innings.

Although England will be satisfied with such a large first day total they must be disappointed that none of their batsmen was able to go on and make a big individual score.

England sped off to a promising start after Atherton won the toss and elected to bat on a warm, sunny day with the pitch offering little help to the

Gooch was in especially commanding form, scorching a series of boundaries as the 50

came up in only the 11th over. Mery Hughes was, for once the main bowler to suffer and the burly paceman was hit for 10 boundaries — eight of them by Gooch- as the conceded 59 runs in his 10-over opening

But Gooch's aggressive innings was ended by the medium pace of Steve Waugh as the mistimed a square drive and was well caught low down by

Allan Border in the gully. His 56 came from only 66 deliveries and contained 10

Waugh also accounted for Atherton shortly after lunch. The England captain, playing a more subdued innings than his opening partner, had just reached his half-century from 93 balls when he was well beaten by the next delivery and trapped lbw.

By the Hick was getting into his stride having survived the anticipated short-pitched attack by Hughes.

He also appeared unperturbed by a verbal volley from the paceman after striking him for two successive boundaries.

Matthew Maynard soon succumbed when Shane Warne was introduced to the attack in mid-afternoon, he was bowled after shouldering arms to the leg-spinner's flipper which went straight through to take the off-

took Warne to 30 That wickets, the most by any leg-

spinner in an Ashes series. But by then Hick was beginning to cut loose, reaching his 50 with a four and a three off successive Warne deliveries.

He then turned his attention to Mark Waugh, crashing four successive deliveries to the ropes as 17 runs came from the only over the seamer was to

Hick continued by hoisting Tim May for a six but two balls later slashed too loosely at the off-spinner and was well

paced pitch and England slipped from 231 for three to

Fraser, regained the initiative

Although Hughes returned to

he looked far from fully fit and his 25 overs cost 111 runs. Steve Waugh finished with two for 45 and Warne two for

> England, already 4-0 down in the series in which they have been comprehensively outplayed in every department, suffered a blow before the match had started when Graham

Thorpe was forced to pull out. The scorer of one of the only three centuries by England during the series - Gooch scored the other two - Thorpe suffered a suspected broken thumb when hit by 17-year-old college student Peter Dickinson during

pre-match nets. Ramprakash, who last played for England against Pakistan a year ago, was hurriedly drafted in to replace him.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the sixth and final Test between England and Australia at The Oval today:

ENGLAND: First innings G Gooch c Border b S Waugh 56 M Atherton lbw b S Waugh 50 G Hick c Warne b May M Maynard b Warne N Hussain c Taylor b Warne 30 A Stewart c Healy b Hughes 76 Ramprakash c Healy b Hughes

A Fraser not out S Watkin not out Extras: (lb-5, w-1, nb-6) Total: (for seven wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-88; 2-143; 3-177; 4-231; 5-253; 6-272; 7-

Bowling: 25 Hughes 7 111 3 73 S Waugh 12 45 70 Warne 5 M Waugh

32 AUSTRALIA: Mark Taylor, Michael Slater, David Boon, Mark Waugh, Allan Border, Steve Waugh, Ian Healy, Merv Hughes, Paul Reiffel, Shane

Hudson Ibw Jayasurtya

Cronje c and b Anurasiri

Cook Ibw Dharmasena

Snell b Pushpakumara

Dharmasena

Dharmasena

Dharmasena

Symcox not out

Pushpakumara

Total: (9 wkts dec)

271, 8-311, 9-333.

Pushpakumara 15

Tillekeratne b Snell

Jayasuriya not out

Fernando Ibw Snell

Chandana not out

3-160, 4-182, 5-223

Total: (5 wkts)

Extras: (b 2, lb 3, nb 5)

Bowling:

Liyanage

Anurasiri

Chandana

Jayasuriya

Tillekeratne

Villiers

Eksteen

Bowling:

De Villiers

Snell

Cronje

Symcox

Eksteen

Dharmasena

Wessels c Tillekerantne

Cullinan c Samaraweera b

Rhodes c Samaraweera

Palframan c Wickeremaratne b

Extras: (b-5, lb-9, nb-1, w-2) 17

3-167, 4-167, 5-181, 6-208, 7-

SHRI LANKA BOARD XI:

Mendis c Palframan b De

Samaraweera c Palframan b De

Wickramaratne c Cullinan b

Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-23,

M R

3 11

63

60

71

52

Fall of wickets: 1-162, 2-166,

39

80

91

77

20

11

De Villiers Ibw Dharmasena

take two wickets late in the day Warne, Tim May.

Fortunate

Sports Reporter

foursome

The International Handball Federation (IHB) has recognised four Bangladeshis as 'B' category international referees.

The fortunate foursome are: lgbal Hossain, Nazir Akhtar Mukul, Mohammad Maqbul and Mohammad Mizanul Islam.

So far 16 Bangladeshi refer ees have graduated as international referees.

Gazipur soccer

From Our Correspondent

GAZIPUR, Aug 19: Apu scored twice to ensure Mouchak Football XI of Kapasia a semifinal berth in the Gazipur DC Cup football tournament.

At the Gazipur Stadium today, the Kapasia squad had hard time in etching out a 3-2 win against Pagla Football Federation in the quarter final. Paban scored the other goal

for the winners while Rauf

Babul and Apple scored once each for the losers. Safaruddin XI of Kaliganj will be up against Modhumita XI of Tongi in tomorrow's quarter-fi-

Schools chess

Sports Reporter

Six players reigned at the top of the points table at the end of the third round of the ongoing eighth schools chess champ onship at the chess room of the National Sports Council (NSC) vesterday.

The top six, three who garnered six points each, are: Abdullah Al Rakib of Narayangani School, Hossain Artf of Green Herald, Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Imon of Magura Government School, Yanur Rahman Royal of Jhenidah GK School, and Tipu Sultan of Collegiate School.

Yesterday, Rakib beat Monwar Noor, Arif Mahmood beat Bia, Imon beat Enamul Hug, Anwar beat Satful Kabir, Royal defeated Masuduzzaman and Tipu put the tin hat on Monwar Hossain.

Twenty-four players held the second position with two points

Ramprakash replaces an injured Thorpe

LONDON, Aug 19: Leftha nder Graham Thorpe injured a thumb in pre-match practice Thursday and was left off England's lineup for the final cricket Test against Australia at the Oval, reports AP.

The Surrey batsman was denied the chance to play a Test on his county's home ground when he was shrunk on the thumb during practice and went to hospital with a suspected fracture.

His place on the England team was taken by Mark Ramprakash of Middlesex. While Australia, 4-0 ahead in the series, remained unchanged. Thorpe's injury meant vet another alternation to the English lineup.

The English selectors have recalled Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick and Middlesex paceman Angus Fraser. Hick, who replaces out-of-form Robin Smith, played earlier in the series but was dropped after some poor batting performances.

Fraser, replacing injured Martin Bicknell, is recalled after a 2 1/2 year absence largely through injury. Derbyshire fast bowler Devon Malcolm and Glamorgans seamer Steve Watkin also return to the team but Middlesex spin bowler Phil Tufnell was also return to the team but Middlesex spin bowler Phil Tufnell was left out.

England captain Michael Atherton won the toss and decided to bat first.

Lineups: England: Michael Atherton, Graham Gooch, Graeme Hick, Alec Stewart, Matthew Maynard, Mark Ramprakash, Nasser Hussain, Peter Such, Angus Fraser, Devon Malcolm, Steve Watkin.

Australia: Mark Taylor, Nichael Slater, David Boon, Mark Waugh, Allan Border, Steve Waugh, Ian Healy, Merv Hughes, Mark Reiffel, Shane Warne, Tim May.

Marsh leads the quartet

HATOYAMAMACHI, Japan, Aug 19: Australian veteran Graham Marsh shot an eagle Thursday enroute to a 6-underpar 66 and shared the firstround lead with Eduardo Herrera of Colombia, Frankie Minoza of the Philippines and Japan's Masayuki Kawamura in the Maruman Open golf tournament, reports AP.

The 49-year-old Marsh, winner of 20 tournaments on the Japan PGA tour but winless in the past two seasons, scored the eagle on the second hole. He also had five birdies and one

bogey Minoza Kawamura and Herrera each had a bogey-free round over the 7,009-yard, par-72 Hatoyama Country Club course, northeast of Tokyo.

Stuttgart bids Smith bye



her final

to record anything in the long STUTTGART, Aug 19: Canada's Mi-After two foul jumps he ran through the pit on his last atchael Smith, decathlon silver tempt and held his head in his medalist at the

hips in Tokyo, crashed out of He immediately felt the stathe World Championships here dium by a side entrance to on Thursday, reports AFP. avoid the press. But Germany's world and

Nigeria's Daniel Effiong, a Olympic high jump champton medal favourite for the 200m, pulled a muscle in his heat and Heike Henkel, who went into collapsed on the track. the championships with a sore Carl Lewis, fastest in 20.21, Achilles' tendon, scraped into

said: "I felt very good. It was a very easy race. I didn't react to She failed at the qualifying the gun at all but I ran a great height of 1.93m but got in as race and I took it all the way the last of 14 qualifiers on

> Dan O'Brien forged ahead after two events in his attempt to retain his decathlon title.

> O'Brien, who failed to qualify for last year's Olympics after not clearing his opening height in the pole vault at the US trials, was not entirely happy with his 10.57 sec for the 100m but he shook his rivals with a big first long jump of 7.99m. The only time he had done better was when he leaped 8.08m on his way to the world record of 8,896 points at Talence in France last year.

> He decided against jumping again and led the group to the shot put ring for the third event with a comfortable 106-point

advantage over Germany's Paul

Meir, whose start is usually better than his finish. He was sixth in Barcelona.

France's 1990 European champion Christian Plaziat was third. Plaziat blew his best chance for glory when he cracked on the second day of the 1988 Seoul Olympics after going into the lead

Olympic champion Robert Zmelfk of the Czech Republic was fifth and Germany's Christian Schenk, unable to defend his Olympic title at Barcelona because of injury, sixth. Schenk followed up an 11.22 sec 100m - better than his Seoul time - with a 7.63m long jump.

That was better than his Seoul jump and just 10cm short of his personal best. 'A great start for me," he said.

"O'Brien had been hoping for a slightly quicker start.

'I'd been hoping to be in the 10.45," he said after his 100.

He had run 10.41 when he won in Tokyo in 1991 and 10.43 at Talence. "I've still got a little tightness

in the groin. The same thing as at Eugene."

most of any player last year.

however, was all he needed.

Against Shelton he served

"My serve is not everything,

well but only had one ace. That,

said Ivanisevic, the 1992

Wimbledon finalist, who has not

won a title in 1993. "I need my

serve now because I have to get

my confidence back. But when I

have my confidence back then

He only lost five points on

serve in the first set. He raced

two break points in the match

which came at 15-40 in the

serve in the first and ninth

games of the first set. Shelton

double-faulted on his first serve

in the match and had three

double-faults in that ninth

broke serve once in the sixth

In the second set, Ivanisevic

Ivanisevic now holds a 3-0

Ivanisevic broke Shelton's

eighth game of the first set.

even if I am not serving well,

can play from the back."

been the most consistent He was ill with a prostate infection and a groin strain at the US trials in June.

woman sprinter in the world. But, as her rivals have consistently reminded her, the elegant Jamaican has yet to win a

For several drawn-out moments on Monday she though

her time had finally come before Devers was given the verdict. "Why didn't they give us

both the gold medal if they were going to give us the same time?" Ottev asked Ottey, who managed only

three hours sleep after the 100, is now turning her attention to today's 200 metres semifinals and final She had always believed the

200 represents her best chance of capturing that exclusive title. "I'm trying to get the 100 metres out of my mind," she said.

"I was very angry, but now I'm fine, I just can't wait for the 200 now "I have been training all year

for this meeting, I will put it together. When the finals come round I'll be ready to run."

Jansher signs sponsorship deal worth \$ 25,000

KARACHI, Aug 19: World squash champion Jansher Khan on Wednesday signed a sponsorship deal worth at least 25,000 dollars plus bonuses this year, reports Reuter.

The deal with a courier service, covering the Pakistani's appearance in next month's Dubai Classic and the Qatar International and World Open in Karachi in November, could be extended to other venues next year if successful.

The deal represents a remarkable change of fortune for Jansher, who has been shunned by sponsors for much of his career because of bad publicity over his private life.

Sanchez-Vicario moves onto Round 3

TORONTO, Aug 19: After a five-minute rubdown to soothe an injured right shoulder, defending champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain beat Laura Golarsa of Italy 7-5, 6-2 on Wednesday to reach the third round of the Canadian Open women's tennis tournament, reports AP.

Sanchez-Vicario said her problems began early in the match before a trainer was called to treat what she said was a stretched muscle, an intury that all but eliminated her service game.

serve three times in the first set and once in the second. Fortunately for Sanchez-Vicario, she returned the favour. breaking Golarsa four times in the first and three in the sec-Most of the time it was

Her Italian opponent broke

bothering me when I had to serve and make overheads," she said, adding that the therapy session under a cloudless sky helped ease the pain and stiffness going into the second set.

The injury was evident at the end of the match when she surprised with an underhand serve to win match point. "That was the only way to

put the ball into the court." In the other featured afternoon match, Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini made her first tournament appearance a winning one with a 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 decision over American Lisa

Sabatini, a crowd favourite, was pleased with the outcome. "I took some risks and concentrated on each point," she

Raymond.

In a disappointing match for the Canadian fans, Helen Kelest was beaten 6-2, 6-3, by 11thseeded Amanda Coetzer of

South Africa. "I couldn't get myself going," said Kelesi, the last Canadian in the draw. "I couldn't get myself out of this pit I was in. I was

nerwous, tight."



INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 19 : Pete Sampras started his quest to win the 1.04 million doll-

ars RCA championships for the third straight time on Wednesday with a 6-3. 6-4, second-round decision over fellow-American Lodd Nelson, reports Reuter.

Like the other top eight seeds, Sampras received a firstround bye.

Fourth-seeded Goran lyanisevic, who retired with a sore arm in his opening match last week in Cincinnati, looked strong during his 6-3, 6-3, second-round win over 90th ranked Bryan Shelton of the United States.

The top four seeds-Sampras, Jim Courier, Boris Becker and Ivanisevic - are into the third round.

Six seeds fell in Wednesday's second-round action - ninth seeded Wally Masur, 10th seeded Andrei Chesnokov, 12th seeded David Wheaton, 13th

NEW HAVEN, Co-

nn. Aug 19: Ivan

Lendl outlasted

the rain and Joe-

rn Renzenbrink

on Wednesday in

the Volvo International tennis

tournament, winning an

opening round match for only

the third time in his last eight

started slowly following a 1

hour, 15 minute rain delay, fol-

lowed by a 25-minute delay five

games into the first set, but

gradually got his return game

going and beat the German 6-7

champton Stefan Edberg never

got his game going Wednesday

night, however, losing to hard-

serving Danier Vacek 6-3, 6-4

Edberg, upset in a night match

in the tournament two years

ago by Richard Krajicek, said

Defending tournament

Lendl, the second seed,

tournaments, reports AP.

seeded Brett Steven and 16th seeded Fabrice, Santoro. The top-ranked Sampras put

seeded Brad Oilbert, 15th

in a strong performance to take a 2-0 career lead over the 278th-ranked Nelson He had a total of 38 winners

with 24 coming off his serve. He had 10 aces and 14 service Sampras raced to a 4-1 lead before Nelson settled into the

It seemed it was over when Sampras took a 2-1 lead, with a break, in the second set. But Nelson broke even when

Sampras failed to win a point on his serve in the sixth game. Sampras won the final three games of the match. "I thought I played pretty

well until the break in the second set," said Sampras. "Then just lost my concentration. I am very comfortable on this Centre Court - it is a nice speed for

The 10th-ranked lyanisevic served 957 aces in 1992 - the

the stadium court was too dark.

have no chance," Edberg said.

Wednesday was no. 6 Henrik

Holm, who fell 6-2, 7-5 to Italy's

Stefano Pencosolido. Advancing

into the third round were

Krajicek, Andre Agassi, Marc

with his serve because the court

is extremely quick," said Lendl,

who added that he'd never seen

Renzenbrink before. Lendl had

17 unforced errors in the first

point in the first set, but

Renzenbrink ran off five

straights points in the

tiebreaker, the last on a double

Neither player faced a break

"I had a little bit of trouble

Rosset and Petr Korda.

set alone.

fault by Lendl.

"If you can't see the ball, you

The other seed to lose

Lendl through, Edberg exits straight points by Lendl ended that threat, and Renzenbrink didn't get another break

career edge over Shelton.

chance. "I thought I was getting worse, but I think maybe the problem was he was getting better." Renzenbrink said. Lendl started to paint the

lines — the same shots he'd been missing early on - and Renzenbrink soon found himself out of the picture. Losing early has grown

"tiresome," Lendl said, but was not something be thought about entering the match. He said he's been focusing on footwork, which always gives him trouble when the tour switches from grass to hardcourt.

"Sometimes I get over it Renzenbrink had a chance to faster, sometimes I get over it take command with two break slower. It's happened every year points in the first game of the for last 13 or 14 years, " he second set, but an ace and two

Double crown for Mashuk



(7-2), 6-3, 6-2.

teamed up with Dr Rashid to win the men's doubles title

Mashuk completed a delightful double in the Dhaka Club Foundation Day tennis competition when he

Shamsur Rahman

Sports Reporter beating Major Ahad and Alamgir in the final at the club court yesterday.

facile 6-2, 6-2 win in the men's singles final against Bakhtiar, Mashuk came up with a supe-

rior blend of tennis yesterday

Spurred on by Wednesday's

and with the able support from his partner Dr Rashid he simply swept Ahad and Alamgir aside en route to winning the final 6-0, 6-1.

In the boys' singles final Johnny rallied from one set down to beat 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.



Shamsur Rahman Mashuk (2nd from right) and Dr Rashid (R), winners of the men's doubles in the Dhaka Club Foundation Day tennis competition, seen with Alamgir Jafar (L) and Major Ahad (2nd from left) at the club court yesterday. Standing behind them are tournament officials Hayatuzzaman, Habibur Rahman and Farhad Zaman. - Star photo

Chandana who made 25 not out Shri Lanka, Aug with four 4s. 19: Left-hander Javasuriya had also shared Sanath Jayasura 41-run stand in 37 minutes iya cracked a stzzling 54 not out to take the wind out of South Africa's sails after the tourists Richard Snell for 11. made a belated comeback on the second day of their three-

reports AFP. The Board XI reached 262 for 5 at the close after the South Africans hit back in the final session, with three wickets following a tortuous postlunch session that saw Dulip Samaraweera and left-hander Hemantha Wickramaratne

day game against a Shri Lanka

Board XI here Thursday,

notch up a century stand for the third wicket. South Africa, resuming from an overnight 303 for 7, declared their innings at 333 for 9 after facing six overs in the

morning session. Test all rounder Jayasuriya, batting with a runner after hurting his ankle, cracked a six each off left-arm spinner Clive Eksteen and off-spinner Pat Symcox during his 99-minute knock that also included nine

boundaries.

The 24-year-old batsman's complete dominance of the bowling was reflected by the fact that 48 of his runs came off sixes and fours, an effort that drew rounds of applause from an enthusiastic crowd of 3,000 in this north-western city. He reached his half-century

off 62 balls and joined in and unfinished 39 run stxth-wicket partnership with Upul bowl during the day.

caught, shoulder high by Warne Neither Nasser Hussain nor Mark Ramprakash was able to take full advantage of the easy-

272 for six. But then Stewart, ably supported by the recalled Angus

Jayasuriya defies SA reign

with wicket-keeper Nisal Fernando before Fernando was trapped leg before to paceman Off-spinner Symcox proved his allround capabilities by remaining unbeaten on 77 with

three sixes and six fours when

the declaration was made 25

minutes after the commencement of play. Symcox, however, proved to be the most expensive bowler finishing the day with none for

In contrast young off-cutter Kumar Dharmasena bowled well for the Board XI returning figures of 5 for 91. The right-handed Samaraweera, who made just 23 in two innings against the visitors

in their first three day game last

week, batted resolutely after

being dropped at 11 by wicket-

keeper Steve Palfra-man off De The same pair had combined well to dismiss opener Chaminda Mendis with the Board XI

score on 12. Wickramaratne's 198 minute knock also contained eight boundaries.

Scoreboard at close on the second day of the three-day match between South Africa and Shri Lanka Board XI at the Welegedera Stadium here Thursday.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA: (303 for 7 overnight)