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Germany's Katrin Dorre (R) leads Australia's Lisa Ondieki across Tower Bridge during the London Marathon yesterday. Dorre went on to win for a third consecutive year. — AFP photo

Ceron wins London Marathon

LONDON, Apr 17: Mexico's Dionicio Ceron defied the weather to win the London Marathon here on Sunday in under 2 hours 10 minutes, reports AFP.

Katrin Dorre of Germany won the women's race for the third year in succession. Ceron finished in 2 hours 8.52 minutes, comfortably ahead of Abebe Mekonnen of Ethiopia and another Mexican German Silva.

In the men's race the early miles ticked away at 2 hours 8 minutes pace despite the cold and blustery weather. A leading group of more than 20 stayed together for three-quarters of the race, but approaching 19 miles Mekonnen spread them out with the fastest mile of the race.

Last year's winner Eamonn Martin was dropped at that point. Ceron, Mekonnen, Italian Salvatore Bettiol, Silva (a marathon debutant) and last year's third finisher Grzegorz Gajdos of Poland pulled away. Ceron made the decisive break at 23 miles.

Dorre, 32, came home in 2 hours 32.34 minutes, well clear of Australia's Lisa Ondieki in second place. She also made a decisive break after 23 miles and came home unchallenged.

AP adds: A runner collapsed and died of an apparent heart attack, race officials said.

The 52-year-old Englishman had reached the 19-mile stage of the race around central London when he fell.

According to race director Chris Brasher, a resuscitation team was on the spot but failed to revive the man.

He is the fourth race-related fatality in the 14-year history of the race, three being runners and the other a spectator. The first was in 1990 and there were two last year.

Russians rule

LITOCORO, Greece, Apr 17: The experienced Russian women's team won the second International Amateur Athletic Federation road relay on Saturday despite a fine solo effort from Ethiopia's Derartu Tulu, reports Reuters.

The Russians finished the marathon-distance race of 42.195 kilometres run over six legs in two hours 17 minutes 19 seconds with Ethiopia second in 2:19:09. Romania were third in 2:19:18.

Olympic 10,000 metres champion Tulu, competing for the first time since seriously injuring her knee in last year's World Cross Country Championships, forged a 33-second second-leg lead over Natalya Galyamova of Russia to put her team in first place.

But the Ethiopians wilted in the third leg as Russian Yelena Kopytova clocked a scorching 15:45 and were never a threat afterwards.

"I am happy" Tulu said. "But the team didn't prepare well enough to win."

Rousseau sets the pace

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Apr 17: Vincent Rousseau of Belgium clocked his fastest time ever Sunday, winning the Rotterdam Marathon at 2 hours 07 minutes and 51 seconds, reports AP.

The 31-year-old winner beat his personal best of 2:09:08 gained in Tokyo in February, while also running the world's eighth fastest marathon time.

Second was South African Willie Mtolo, who crossed the finish at 2:10:17. Last year Mtolo came fourth at 2:12:33.

Rousseau ran a comfortable race Sunday, maintaining a steady lead for much of the course. He has steadily improved his times in the last three marathons he has run.

In the women's race, Miyoko Asahina of Japan won at 2 hours 25 minutes and 52 seconds.

Holyfield-Lewis bout in Nov?

NEW YORK, Apr 17: America's Evander Holyfield and Britain's Lennox Lewis will meet in November in a world heavyweight title unification bout, a newspaper report said Saturday, reports AFP.

The New York Times reported an agreement has been reached but final details have not been concluded. The report said the fight would be announced after each champion completes an upcoming title defence.

Holyfield will defend his International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Association titles against Michael Moorer next Friday in Las Vegas.

Lewis will defend the WBC crown against Phil Jackson in Atlantic City on May 9 and face challenger Oliver McCall in July or August.

United they couldn't, fragmented would they?



MOSCOW, Apr 17: The old Soviet Union were one of world soccer's great under-achievers and their Russian successors seem to be doing everything they can to live up — or down — to that reputation, reports Reuters.

The Soviet Union had 4.8 million registered players at almost 51,000 clubs — and only one modest World Cup success to their credit, a fourth place finish after losing in the semifinals in 1966.

Their only international successes came in the inaugural European Championship in 1960 and the Olympic Games where they won gold medals in 1956 and 1988.

The Russian team, which will make its World Cup finals debut in the US in June, could well struggle to win one single match. They are not even considered serious candidates for the last eight.

The international squad have been torn apart by five months of ill-feeling between a number of top players and coach Pavel Sadyrin, whom they have accused of being incompetent. They have refused to play for him and it now looks certain that Russia will travel to the United States without the men who would have made up the nucleus of the side. The best players will be sitting at home watching the finals on TV.

On Tuesday, April 12, the Russian Soccer Federation issued a 35-man preliminary squad for the finals — leaving out stars such as Inter Milan's Igor Shalimov and Andrei Kanchelskis of Manchester United.

Also missing were Kerlsruher striker Sergei Kiryakov, Foggia's Igor Kolyvanov, Spartak Moscow midfielder Valery Karpin and Dynamo Moscow's Igor Dobrovolsky.

The final squad of 22 does not have to be submitted to FIFA until June 6 and the federation says there is still time for the "rebels" to change their minds and agree to play under Sadyrin, but with just over two months to go to the finals, that was looking increasingly unlikely.

So while other trainers put the finishing touches to their teams, Sadyrin could well be working with players with minimal international experience who he would never have otherwise chosen.

Sadyrin said last September that previous national teams had failed because they peaked too early and vowed his players would be in top mental form and specially prepared for the hot sticky conditions in the United States where they are grouped with Cameroon, Sweden and Brazil.

His words now have a highly ironic ring. The problem came to a head in November when Russia, already sure of a place in the finals, lost 1-0 to Greece in their last qualifying match, which meant they finished second behind Greece in the group and not top.

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They could not seek asylum since they were not on US soil, and their applications for visas were turned down since they did not qualify, according to explanations given by embassy officials.

Haitians desperate no more

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Apr 17: The 16 Haitian footballers, who earlier this week refused to return home after they were booted out of the regional competition, Friday night voted to return home, reports AFP.

Some of them, however, reluctantly did so. But they were all adamant they did not want to remain in Trinidad and Tobago since they had no friends or relatives resident on the island.

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World Championships begin in Brisbane

Scherbo, Miller go for gold



BRISBANE, Apr 17: Vitaly Scherbo, winner of six gold medals at the 1992 Olympics, will try to continue his domination of men's gymnastics when the World Championships open Tuesday at the Brisbane Entertainment Center, reports AP.

Scherbo, who now represents Belarus, and Shannon Miller of the United States, will be aiming to defend the all-around titles they won last year at Birmingham, England.

Scherbo won on the parallel bars and the vault last year, as well as claiming the all-around title.

His rivals will include Yuri Chenchik of Italy, trying to defend his rings title, Sergei Kharkov of Russia and Gregori Misutin of Ukraine.

The emergence of several republics following the collapse of the Soviet Union leaves those nations expected to dominate, particularly in men's competition.

But Scherbo, who gets only a \$150 monthly allowance from the Belarus government, said in an interview the conditions are difficult for sportsmen in his homeland.

"The government has other problems but sport, but being a world champion is hard, particularly now that I have a wife and child to support," Scherbo said.

"It's very frustrating and upsetting, because although I've won Olympic and world titles, no one has approached me with sponsorship."

John Roethlisberger, the first gymnast to win three NCAA championships and three USA all-around titles, heads the US men's team.

Miller, 17, won two silvers and three bronze medals at the 1992 Olympics and is aiming to continue in the sport through to the 1996 Games in Atlanta.

She was victorious in the floor exercise and on the uneven bars at Birmingham, as well as winning the all-around title, and will bring a tutor to help her with her high school studies while she is in Australia.

"I don't have much time for homework with all the training, but somehow I make time," said Miller, who has recovered from a recent stomach muscle injury.

Her rivals include Olympic gold medalists Tatiana Lysenko, who now competes for Ukraine, and Lavinia Milosovic of Romania, as well as fellow American Dominique Dawes, the American Classic champion.

Lysenko, last year's all-around bronze medalist, echoed Scherbo's comments on the difficulties caused by the breakup of the Soviet Union.

The funding is tied up, there are equipment difficulties and they had to reorganise the whole administration structure," she said. "The effect on athletes like myself has been huge."

Almost 300 gymnasts from 53 countries will compete in the six-day championships, which continue through Sunday.

Qualifying will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, with men's all-around competition on Thursday and the women's all-around on Friday. Individual finals will be decided Saturday and Sunday.

It is the first time the World Championships have been held in the southern hemisphere and only the fourth time outside Europe.

Each team is allowed to nominate up to six men and four women. Men's competition uses six kinds of apparatus: the pommel horse, the high bar, the parallel bars, rings, vault and floor.

Women's competition uses four: vault, uneven bars, floor and beam.

M United, Blackburn wither

LONDON, Apr 17: Manchester United and Blackburn suffered a dismal afternoon on Saturday as Wimbledon and Southampton added an unexpected twist to the English Premier league title race, reports Reuters.

United's wobbly league form in recent weeks continued as they were beaten 1-0 by Wimbledon, just two hours after Blackburn had lost 3-1 at relegation-threatened Southampton.

It left the two title rivals level on 79 points at the top, and although United have a game in hand they no longer look the invincible force they appeared earlier in the season.

John Fashanu's 22nd minute goal from close range punished a mistake by Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel and Wimbledon's lead was only rarely threatened.

Blackburn were punished by Southampton's international midfielder Mathew le Tissier who made two goals and scored the third himself from the penalty spot to inspire his side to a 3-1 win.

United manager Alec Ferguson, whose team romped into the FA Cup final with a fine 4-1 win over Oldham on Wednesday, said his side's performance had been affected by the bumpy pitch.

Southampton's deserved win, which took them out of the bottom three, followed their 5-4 victory over Norwich last week and again owed much to the talents of Le Tissier.

His elusive run and precise cross in the 28th minute set up Tian Dowie's headed opening goal, his first for 16 matches, and he also supplied the pass which allowed Paul Allen to put Saints 2-0 up six minutes before half time.

Blackburn hit back after the interval through Stuart Ripley, but a disputed penalty when Tim Sherwood was adjudged to have handled left Kenny Dalglish's team with no escape route.

"It hit him in the face, right on the chin," claimed Dalglish afterwards.

"Up until that decision we had played as well as we have for some time, if not all season, but that decision was a real slap in the face. It summed up our day."

Dalglish has withdrawn injured due David Batty and Alan Shearer from next week's England training get-together but added: "There's a long way to go yet."

Wimbledon's John Fashanu (C) forces his way through the Manchester United defence to put the ball past a helpless Peter Schmeichel for the only goal during their Premier league match at Selhurst Park on Saturday. — AFP photo

ANSWERS TO The Daily Star WORLD CUP '94 QUIZ 1

- When was the inaugural World Cup held? **1930**
- Who were the first World Cup champions? **Uruguay**
- How many teams took part in the first World Cup? **13**
- Which country hosted the second World Cup? **Italy**
- Which country has played in all the World Cup finals? **Brazil**
- How many goals were scored in the 1938 final? **6**
- When did England make its World Cup debut? **1950**
- How many goals did French striker Just Fontaine score in the 1958 tournament? **13**
- When did Pele make his World Cup debut? **1958**
- How many hat-tricks were scored in Italia-90? **2**

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Read the instructions carefully. Then tick (✓) the answer which you think is correct.

- Who was the youngest player to play in a World Cup? Pele Whiteside Vava
- How many red cards were shown in the '90 World Cup? 12 16 20
- Against whom did Pele score his first World Cup goal? Wales France Sweden
- How many qtr-finals went to the tie-break in '86? All 2 3
- When did E Germany play in the World Cup finals? 1962 1970 1974
- Which country will host the 1998 World Cup? Norway China France
- Which goalkeeper has played in 5 World Cups? Zoff Carbajal Felix
- How many goals did P Rossi score in the '82 World Cup? 4 6 8
- How many World Cup goals did Gerd Muller score? 10 12 14
- What was Muller's jersey number? 9 11 13

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- Each entry form should be clearly filled-in complete with a ball-point pen. Participant's name, address, father's name must be clearly written. Each entry form must bear the correct date and signature of the participant.
- Participants must ensure the following: All entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "STAR QUIZ". Entries may be hand delivered or sent by post to The Daily Star, House No:11, Road No:2, Dhanmandi Residential Area, Dhaka-1205.
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