

**Wari win**

Sports Reporter

Traditional giant-killers Wari Club recorded their second successive win when they edged past Arambagh KS by a solitary goal in one of the two Star Premier Division football league matches played at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In the day's dull and insipid first league fixture, balding Mokbul scored the all-important goal in the 71st minute when he nodded home from close, capitalising on a defence lapse.

The second match of the day between Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club and Public Works Department (PWD) SC, on the other hand, had plenty to offer and after 90 minutes of attacks and counter-attacks, the scoreline showed 2-2.

Fakirerpool, one of the two promoters in the Premier Division this year who had earned reputation of being the most disciplined and consistent outfit, pulled off a dramatic finish when their striker Arifur Rahman Mamun struck in the last minute to level matters.

The Motijheel outfit, who held defending champions Mohammedans in a 1-1 draw earlier in their second match, took the lead in the 24th minute when Maksudul Amin Rana scored his first goal in the league by a spectacular header.

But PWD, who hit the headlines after holding the giants of the local football circuit — Abahani and Mohammedans — in their two previous matches, retaliated immediately with Biplob restoring parity three minutes later by a neat placing shot.

The stout PWD striker then struck his second goal in the match nine minutes into the second half with a first-time right-footer over the onrushing Fakirerpool custodian Selim.

Undaunted by this setback, the Fakirerpool boys mounted pressure for the equaliser. But PWD custodian Sohan and Biplob frustrated them with two brilliant saves from goaline before Arifur fired a thunderous right footer from outside the box seconds away from the final whistle that zoomed into the PWD net.

The outcome of yesterday's matches left Wari and Fakirerpool YMC at the fifth spot with six points each while PWD and Arambagh earned five and three points respectively on completion of six matches.

Eskaton Sabuj Sangha earned their maiden victory in the Star First Division football league when they beat babes Muslim Institute by a lone goal at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Tipu netted the match-decider in the very fourth minute of the play.

No match will be played today on account of Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

**Shabbir leaves for Singapore today**

Sports Reporter

National footballer Rummon bin Wali Shabbir, who received injury to his right knee during a Star Premier Division football league match between defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club and PWD SC on Wednesday leaves Dhaka for Singapore this afternoon for better treatment.

Shabbir, the mercurial Mohammedan midfielder who underwent surgery on his right knee at a local clinic immediately after the violence-marred match, showed signs of deterioration from Friday with one of his kidneys apparently not functioning.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Youth and Sports donated nearly Taka two lakh for the Mohammedan skipper's treatment at the Singapore National University Hospital. The ministry donation also covers Shabbir's travel expenses.

Communication Minister Col (ret'd) Oli Ahmed, who is also the president of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), visited Shabbir yesterday and extended all-out support on behalf of the federation.

Meanwhile, leader of the Opposition in parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina also paid a visit to the injured footballer yesterday afternoon.

**Corretja dumps Edberg**

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 20: Third-seeded Stefan Edberg, describing his play as lethargic, was upset Friday by unseeded Alex Corretja of Spain at the RCA Championships, leaving only one seeded player left for the semifinals, reports AP.

Edberg lost 1-6, 6-2, 6-4, leaving seventh-seeded Wayne Ferreira of South Africa the only seed left at the Indianapolis Tennis Centre. "I had no legs today," said Edberg, who less than 18 hours earlier looked good in a victory over Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands.

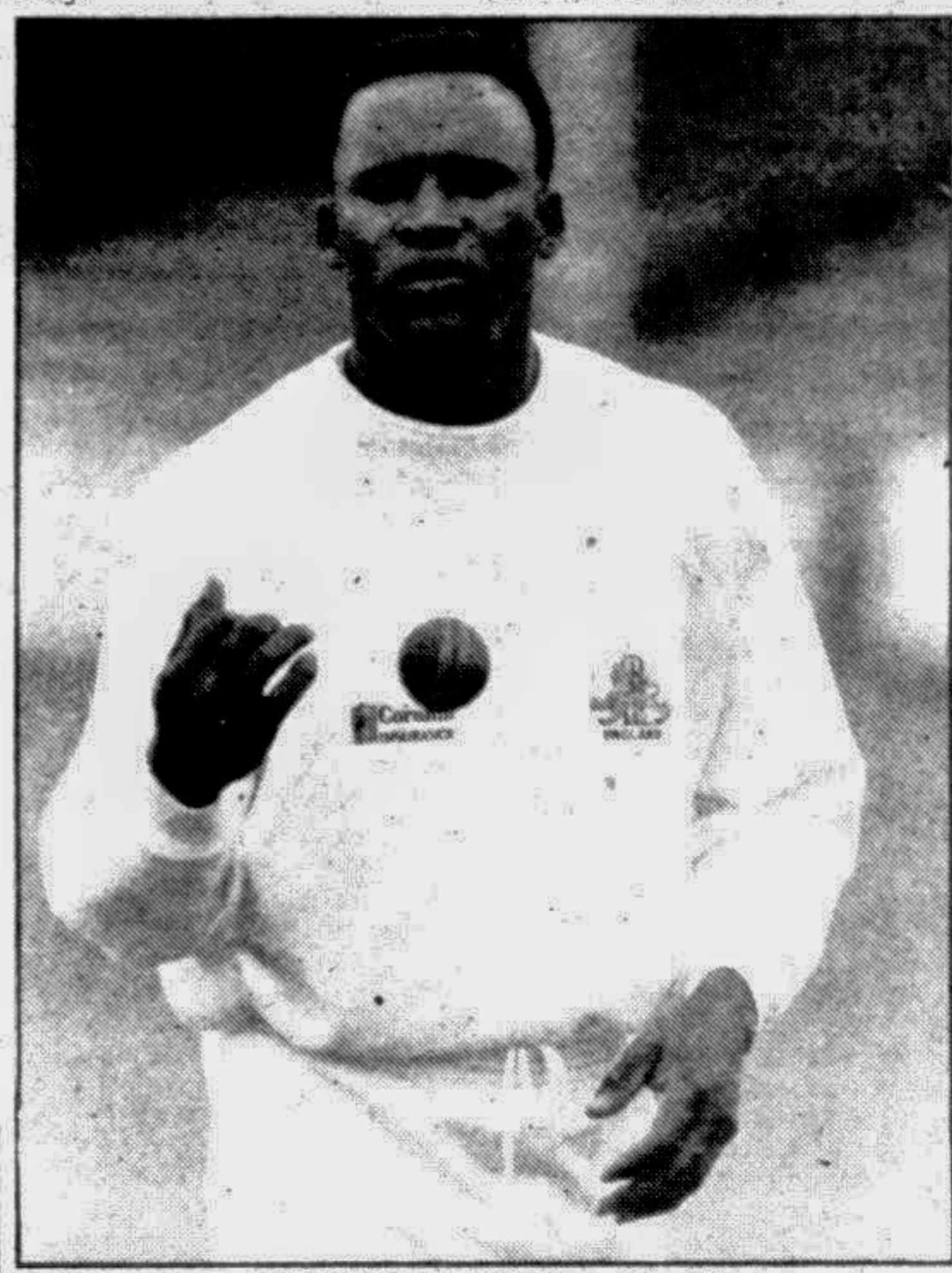
**England poised for a victory at the Oval  
Malcolm in record books**



LONDON, Aug 20: England paceman Devon Malcolm stepped into the record books with the sixth best Test bowling performance of all time in one innings as he took nine for 57 against South Africa at the Oval today, reports Reuter.

The South Africans were all out for 175, leaving England chasing 204 to win the third and final Test match and square the series 1-1.

At stumps, England were comfortably placed at 107 for one, with skipper Michael Atherton and Graeme Hick batting on 42 and 27 respectively.



DEVON MALCOLM... 9 for 57

Malcolm, recalled to the England side after being dropped after one Test against New Zealand earlier in the summer, started by taking three wickets for no runs in his first nine balls.

He ripped out Gary Kirsten (0), Peter Kirsten (1) and Hansie Cronje (0), then broke a stubborn fourth wicket stand of 72 by having Kepler Wessels caught behind the wicket for 28.

Brian McMillan was the next to go for 19 just before tea, caught at slip by Graham Thorpe.

After the interval, Malcolm was again at the South African throats, dismissing Dave Richardson lbw for three and Craig Matthews, caught behind off a vicious lifter for a duck.

South African hero Darryl Cullinan had batted through most of the mayhem, but was finally out for 94. He was caught at slip off Darren Gough — breaking the Malcolm spell.

But Malcolm was not to be denied, and he finished off the innings by dismissing Allan Donald and the gallant Jonty Rhodes — given medical clearance earlier in the day to return to the fray after being struck by a ball from Malcolm on Thursday.

The best figures returned in a single innings of a Test was by England's Jim Laker with 10 for 53 against Australia at Old Trafford in 1956. Laker took 9-37 in the other innings of that match.

The only other three bowlers to beat Malcolm's figures were: G A Lohman (9-28 England v South Africa in Johannesburg, 1895) Richard Hadlee (9-52 New Zealand v Australia in Brisbane, 1985) and Abdul Qadir (9-56, Pakistan v England in Lahore in 1987).

Earlier, England's tail-end batsmen, resuming on 281 for seven, added 23 runs before

the tourists claimed the final three first innings wickets.

The eighth-wicket stand of DeFreitas and Darren Gough, which had produced 59 runs in 40 minutes the night before, ended when DeFreitas was run out chasing a single on a superb underhand throw by Cullinan coming in from extra cover.

DeFreitas, who hit four fours and one six, was out for 37, leaving England at 292 for eight.

Only one more run was added before Joey Benjamin, in his Test debut, played through a Fanie de Villiers delivery and was out leg before wicket; De Villiers finished the innings four for 62.

putting South Africa on top prior to the DeFreitas-Gough onslaught with the wickets of Graham Gooch, Graeme Hick and John Crawley.

Gooch, the former England captain, continued his sequence of low scores when he edged a catch to wicketkeeper David Richardson when he had made eight.

Hick was undone by a perfect yorker after scoring 39. He and Graham Thorpe had hauled England out of trouble with a third-wicket stand of 60 after both openers had gone with 33 on the board.

De Villiers had given England immediate problems by trapping skipper Mike Atherton leg before with his first delivery.

Thorpe was the pick of the England batsmen, striking 11 fours in his 79 before he was bowled by Craig Matthews.

Surrey teammate Alec Stewart also enjoyed himself after a sluggish start. But when he had made 62 he bottom-edged a pull off De Villiers into his stumps.

Steve Rhodes, with whom Stewart had put on 54 for the sixth wicket, went two balls later to De Villiers and the South Africans were very much in the driving seat.

But DeFreitas and Gough ensured an enjoyable final 40 minutes for the home crowd.

The South Africans, 1-0 up after their victory in the first Test at Lord's, are liable for a heavy fine after falling 14 overs short of their required quota on Friday.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the third day of the third and final cricket Test between England and South Africa at the Oval on Saturday.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 332 (B McMillan 93, D Richardson 58; J Benjamin 4-42, P DeFreitas 4-93)

**ENGLAND:** First innings (overnight 281-7)

Gooch c Richardson b Donald	8
Atherton lbw b De Villiers	0
Hick b Donald	39
Thorpe b Matthews	79
Stewart b De Villiers	62
Crawley c Richardson b Donald	5
Rhodes lbw b De Villiers	11
DeFreitas run out	37
Gough not out	42
Benjamin lbw b De Villiers	0
Malcolm c sub b Matthews	4
Extras: (b-1, w-1, nb-15)	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-33; 3-93; 4-145; 5-165; 6-219; 7-222; 8-292; 9-293.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Donald	17	2	76	3
De Villiers	19	3	62	4
Matthews	20.5	4	82	2
McMillan	12	1	67	0
Cronje	8	3	16	0

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Second innings

P Kirsten c DeFreitas b Malcolm	1
G Kirsten c Hick b Malcolm	0
Cronje b Malcolm	0
Wessels c Rhodes b Malcolm	28
Cullinan c Thorpe b Gough	94
McMillan c Thorpe b Malcolm	25
Richardson lbw b Malcolm	3
Matthews c Rhodes b Malcolm	0
J Rhodes c S Rhodes b Malcolm	10
De Villiers not out	0
Donald b Malcolm	0
Extras: (lb-5, nb-9)	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-1; 3-1; 4-73; 5-137; 6-143; 7-143; 8-175; 9-175.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Malcolm	16.3	2	57	9
DeFreitas	12	3	25	0
Gough	9	1	39	1
Benjamin	11	1	38	0
Hick	2	0	11	0

**ENGLAND:** Second innings

Gooch b Matthews	33
Atherton not out	42
Hick not out	27
Extras: (lb-1, nb-4)	5
<b>Total: (for one wicket)</b>	<b>107</b>
Fall of wicket: 1-56	
<b>Bowling (to date):</b>	<b>O M R W</b>
Donald	4 0 45 0
De Villiers	7 0 40 0
Matthews	5 0 21 1

**Atherton again in a mess**



LONDON, Aug 20: Mike Atherton's future as England cricket captain was again under serious threat on Friday after he was fined for a second time in the three-match Test series against South Africa, reports Reuter.

He was fined 1,200 pounds sterling (1,860 dollars) and severely reprimanded by match referee Peter Burge for showing dissent after being dismissed on the second day of the third Test at the Oval.

That decision on top of last month's "dirt in the pocket" affair at Lord's are bound to cast doubts over Atherton's suitability to lead England in the Ashes Series to Australia this winter.

But England manager Keith Fletcher said: "I will fight as hard as I can to keep him as captain. He's the best man for the job."

Chairman of selectors Ray

Illingworth, who fined Atherton during the first Test, said he needed time to think about the latest incident involving Atherton.

"I've tried to speak with Mike but he left the ground before me and I've not been able to get hold of him."

It was Illingworth who effectively saved Atherton from the sack four weeks ago when he reacted to dramatic events during the first Test.

He fined his skipper 2,000 pounds (3,100 dollars) for having dirt in his pocket and failing to tell International Cricket Council referee Burge that fact during a ball-tampering inquiry.

This time Burge, a former Australian Test player, acted himself after seeing Atherton look at his bat after being given 'out' leg before by umpire Ken Palmer for a first-ball duck when England began their first innings.

Atherton was clearly indi-

cating that he had hit the ball and had been the victim of a bad decision.

Burge studied video recordings of the incident and, in a prepared statement, said he had found that Atherton had shown dissent at Palmer's decision by "indicating that the ball hit his bat and shaking his head after leaving the crease."

Atherton, Fletcher and vice-captain Alex Stewart were summoned to appear before Burge immediately after close of play.

Palmer was also interviewed, along with New Zealand umpire Steve Dunne and third umpire Alan Whitehead.

Fletcher later indicated that Burge had instigated the inquiry and said there had been no complaint from the umpires.

"I am not allowed to comment on the referee's decision," said the England manager.

**Akram steers Dhaka XI clear**

Sports Reporter

Skipper Akram Khan flashed with a superb half century to guide touring Dhaka Eleven to a comfortable five-wicket victory over Hyderabad Cricket Club at the Lal Bahadur Stadium yesterday.

According to a faxed message, the Dhaka Eleven, set to score a modest 134 in 45 overs for an outright victory, sailed home in 36.3 overs making 137 for the loss of five of their batsmen.

However, the winners, playing in their second exhibition match at the Southern Indian city, got off to a disastrous start with three of their men back at the dressing room for only 29. But Akram, who came to bat at number five, had other thoughts in mind as the burly right-hander scored a brilliant 62 not out to steer the tourists clear.

Akram apart, three other batsmen — Sobel (28), Moni (12) and vice captain Bulbul, who made 11 — reached double figures.

Earlier in the morning, Hyderabad, sent in to bat first, could manage 133 in 43.4 overs with Sunil Kumar notching up the top score of 21.

Sajal, Shanto and Sohel claimed two wickets apiece while Litu and Moni had one each.

**Schools hockey on**

Sports Reporter

Ahmed Bawani School squeezed into the next round of the schools hockey tournament, eliminating Residential Model School 3-1 in the tie-breaker in the inaugural match of the 16-team meet at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

After the 70-minute regulation period ended in a 1-1 draw, the match rolled into tie-breaker where Ahmed Bawani School found the mark thrice against Residential Model's one.

Earlier, president of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) Major Genera Abdur Rab declared the first-ever schools tournament open.

**Dhaka Club golf**

Sports Reporter

Experience saw Masud Ahmed through as he staved off a spirited challenge from Manuwar Chowdhury to clinch the Dhaka Club Foundation Day golf title yesterday.

The highlight of the second day's play was the enthralling tussle between Farooq Ahmed and Shakil Kasem, who produced some superb golf on a course that was made even more difficult with some tricky pin placements.

However, Iqbal Mahmood, who had a miserable first round, shocked both with a remarkable turnaround to finish three strokes ahead.

In the guest category, Afiah Bhuyan won the crown beating M H Murad of Chittagong Club. Mrs Shaniullah emerged triumphant in the newcomer category.

**End of a tale**

BRUSSELS, Aug 20: When Sergei Bubka failed in a world record attempt in the pole vault late on Friday night he did more than just bring to a close the 18th Ivo van Damme Memorial Grand Prix meeting, reports Reuter.

He also brought to an end 64 years of sporting action at the Heysel Stadium.

On Monday the bulldozers move in to demolish Heysel, a venue that has witnessed some great events down the years but whose name will be forever linked with one of the worst tragedies in sporting history.

On May 29, 1985, 39 soccer fans, most of them Italians, lost their lives in a riot before the European Cup final between Liverpool and Juventus.

The fans died when a wall collapsed at 'Z' block after Liverpool fans broke through a flimsy wire fence and attacked Italian supporters standing near them on the South Tribune.

It is fitting that the first part of the stadium to be demolished will be the rebuilt wall and the concrete terracing where the disaster occurred.

There were suggestions from many quarters at the time of the tragedy that the stadium, in need of major repairs even then, should be pulled down. But just three months later it was the venue for that year's Van Damme meeting.

Since 1977 the stadium has been the home of the Van Damme, one of Europe's top athletics gatherings. All the world's greats including Carl Lewis, Sebastian Coe, Said Aouita, Marita Koch and Jackie Joyner-Kersey have performed there.

Built in 1930 to mark the centenary of Belgian Independence, the stadium boasts a fine art deco facade. Its crowd attendance record was set in 1956 when 75,000 watched Belgium play Hungary at soccer.



Britain's Karen Pickering celebrates after clinching the gold medal in the Women's 100 metres freestyle at the 15th Commonwealth Games in Victoria on August 19. Pickering set a new Games record clocking 56.20 seconds. — AFP photo

**Christie asserts supremacy**



BRUSSELS, Aug 20: Linford Christie of Britain confirmed his position as the world's number one sprinter on Friday with his second emphatic win over American rivals in 48 hours, reports Reuter.

Christie, who won the Weltklasse 100 metres race in a downpour in Zurich on Wednesday, left the Americans frustrated again as he powered across the line in 10.03 seconds, punching the air in delight at the Brussels Grand Prix.

Although Leroy Burrell, who set a world record time of 9.85 seconds last month and former world number one Carl Lewis were out with injuries, Christie left five Americans trailing including Dennis Mitchell, second in 10.12 and John Drummond, third in 10.15.

While Christie headed for Canada to defend his Commonwealth Games title, American 200 metres Olympic champion Gwen Torrence produced a superlative run to win the women's 100-metre in 10.83 seconds, the second fastest time of the year.

She left Irlina Privalova of Russia, the newly-crowned European champion, a distant second in 10.92, although Privalova recovered her composure sufficiently to return to the track to win the 200 metres.

While those wins were always possible, there was a total surprise when Yvonne Graham of Jamaica won the women's 150 metres race.

Graham, formerly Yvonne Mai of East Germany until she

married Jamaican hurdler Wintprop Graham, was the second pacemaker in the field, but was so far ahead at the bell she carried on running — and beat both Hassiba Boulmerka, the Olympic 1500 metres champion who was second and Sonia O'Sullivan of Ireland.



LINFORD CHRISTIE

Ireland, the newly-crowned European, 3,000 metres champion, who was third. It was the first time since American Tom Byers won a 1500 metres in Oslo in 1981 that anything like it has happened at this level of competition.

Graham, who won in four minutes 04.35 seconds, said: "Perhaps my pacemaker days are over. They asked me to run as fast as possible during the first 1,200 metres. I did it in a good time so I thought, let's continue for 100 metres and the finish came nearer and

nearer."

Following Friday's results only two athletes are now in the hunt for a share of the 20-one-kilo gold bars on offer to any athlete who wins his selected event at all the Golden Four meetings.

Britain's Colin Jackson followed up earlier victories in Oslo and Zurich to win the 110-metre hurdles in 13.22 seconds while American Mike Powell won the long jump with a leap of 8.58 metres but injured his right thigh on his winning jump.

Wilson Kipketer, in the 800 metres, and Derrick Adkins, in the 400 metres hurdles, both dropped out of contention for the golden bonus which means that if Jackson and Powell win in the last Golden Four meeting in Berlin on August 30 they will share the 20 gold bars between them.

Each one is worth approximately 20,000 dollars.

Sergei Bubka, who missed the European Championships, returned to the lucrative Grand Prix circuit and won the pole vault with a clearance of 5.95 metres but failed in a world record attempt, worth 50,000 dollars at 6.15 metres.

Away from the track, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) confirmed it would be holding a full investigation into the public brawl between American sprinter Mitchell and Nigerian rival Olapade Adeniken in Zurich after Wednesday's Weltklasse meeting.

Adeniken pulled out of Friday's meeting as a result of the injuries he suffered in the fight.

**Familiar foes to fight it out**



NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug 20: No 1 seed Michael Stich dropped a set for the first time in the Volvo International but still beat No 8 Patrick Rafter 6-2, 5-7, 6-1 on Friday in a tournament disrupted by rain for a third straight day, reports AP.

Stich will play in an all-German semifinal with No 3 Boris Becker, who advanced later with a 6-2, 6-4 win over No 11 Malival Washington in a

match completed after a delay of nearly 2 1/2 hours.

"I'm surprised your German colleagues are not here already," Becker joked to reporters about the interest in his country. "They may come tomorrow morning. Fly in overnight."

In the only upset of the day, No 7 Marc Rosset beat Andrei Medvedev, the No 2 seed and defending champion, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6), in a match that didn't end until 11:35 pm because of the disrupted schedule.

Stich was leading Rafter 6-2, 5-4 when his early match, which started 2 1/2 hours late because of the first rain delay of the day, was stopped after it started to rain again.

After a 15-minute delay, Stich lost his service and the set. But he broke Rafter early in the third and went on to become the first player to advance to the semifinals before play was suspended a third time.

Play resumed about 5:30 pm for the start of the match between Becker and Washington. Becker held a 3-0 lead when play was suspended a fourth time about 6:00 pm, finishing him off after the 2 1/2-hour delay.

Becker and Stich meet Saturday afternoon for the ninth time. The two last met at Stuttgart in February, with Becker winning the match 4-0 take a 5-3 lead in the series.

The Volvo tournament, which has endured rain delays every year since moving to New Haven from Stratton Mountain, Vt, in 1990, was disrupted by two rain delays Wednesday and another one Thursday.

Stich has yet to play a match that hasn't been interrupted.

His opening match against Marcelo Rios in the second round was suspended because of rain Wednesday and resumed the next day. His match Thursday was delayed 5 1/2 minutes when an emergency alarm was accidentally tripped.

Stich didn't fare as well after Friday's delay as he had during his first two interrupted matches, both of which he finished off in straight sets.

