Colour clamour at ringside MEDALS TABLE



VICTORIA, Aug 23: One of Tanzania's top boxing officials accused Commonwealth Games judges of racial bias on Monday after a

potential gold medalist suffered a controversial points defeat by a Scottish opponent. reports Reuter. Jamal Nassor Adi, general

team manager of the Tanzanian boxing squad, hit out bitterly at the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA) after flyweight Mbwana Matumala lost a narrow decision to Paul Shepherd.

"I'm blaming AIBA for treating us badly, especially blacks," said Nassor Adi. "When we're playing with whites, all the time they make us lose.

"I've been watching the championship and it's happened three or four times before. "I'm sure Matumala would have won a gold medal. AIBA * are killing boxing in Africa."

Tanzanian officials appealed against the decision which left Matumala, one of three brothers hoping for a Commonwealth boxing medal in Victoria, open-mouthed with astonishment in the centre of

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Games.

ward.

13.53.

place.

wrong."

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23: Colin Jackson

and Tony Jarrett.

the 1-2 finishers

in the 110-metre

hurdles at the

1993 World Cha-

mpionships, and

Linford Christie, the Olympic

and world champion in the

100, breezed through their

first races at the Common-

wealth Games Monday, reports

pion and world record-holder

with a time of 12.91 seconds.

ran one of his poorer races in

recent years. But the Welsh-

man still won his semifinal

heat in 13.51 at rainy, cold

conditions at Centennial

Stadium, scene of last week's

opening ceremonies for the

Jackson clipped the third.

fifth and eighth hurdles, but

with the calibre of opposition

extremely weak, he still was

able to win by nearly four me-

tres over Tim Kroeker of Ca

nada, the runner-up at 13.80.

The Welshman also ap-

But he should not have any

Jarrett, of England, took

the other semifinal heat in

13.52, edging Paul Gray of

Canada, the runner-up at

technically bad race.

Like Jackson, Jarrett ran a

"On my first step out of the

blocks, my legs collapsed,

Jarrett said. "Then I was real

sloppy - I was all over the

things I'm just doing all

standout performances -

winning the European title for

a third consecutive time and

big Grand Prix meets at Zuri-

ch, Switzerland, and Brussels.

Belgium — ran easily from lane

eight in winning his opening-

Afterward, he said only,

While Christie, running for

England, drew loud applause

upon his introduction from the

sparse crowd, the fans saved

their biggest cheers for

Canadian sprinter Bruny Surin.

door champion at 60 metres,

didn't win his heat. But he ran

considerably faster than

Christie, clocking 10.20 in

finishing third behind New

Zealand's Augustine Nketia,

the winner in 10.11.

Surin, the 1993 world in-

round heat in 10:39.

"I've got work to do."

"I feel good, but some

Christie, coming off three

peared to get something in his

right eye during the race, and

it bothered him briefly after-

problems in Tuesday's final.

In uncharacteristic fashion.

Jackson, the world cham-

the ring. The 11-8 verdict brought a chorus of boos from the crowed and the dejected

Matumala was given a standing ovation as he left the arena. A jury will consider the Tanzanian protest today but Nassor Adi also claimed an AIBA official had attempted to

block his appeal. Nassor Adi was eventually escorted from the ringside area by two policemen, but Tanzanian honour was partially resorted soon afterwards when the eldest Matumala brother. lightweight Haji, won an undisputed 24-7 points verdict over Zambian Davis Mwale.

A night of strange decisions reached its logical conclusion when Canadian Mike Strange won a single-point verdict over Irvin Buhlalu, the first black South African to represent his country in the Games.

The Durbn lightweight, who has set his sights on gold at the 1996 Olympics, was floored in the final seconds but many observes felt he had done enough earlier to win.

The defeat took some of the gloss off South Africa's encouraging showing in their first Commonwealth Games since 1958 when they headed the

Stars start without fuss

Of most interest to Surin

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Britain's Linford ('hristie (L) breezes to victory in his

100 metres preliminary race ahead of Denton Guy-

Williams (C) of Siera Leone and Dexter Brown of St

Vincent at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria on

was the fact that he ran with-

boxing gold medal table with

After a gap of 36 years since heavyweight Daniel Bekker won in Cardiff, it was left to middleweight Floris du Plessis to try and put the republic back in the boxing podium.

The bald Du Plessis put up a gallant struggle but was eventually stopped in the second round by Kenyan Peter Wanyoke, who is now assured of a bronze along with Nigerian Rasmus Ojemaye.

Canada's Rowan Donaldson, who prefers Ron as his first name, and Mervyn Penniston-John of Trinidad and Tobago, who does not go in for abbreviations, are the other middleweight gold medal contenders in the last four.

Australia, without a boxing gold since 1978, reinforced the good early impression their squad has made when Joseph Zabakly and Robert Peden both progressed to within one step of a medal in the lightweight and bantamweight divisions.

Competition is also hotting up at light-welterweight where English gold medal hope Peter Richardson, still feeling his way back after injury, edged out Canadian Jamie Pagendam,

Namibia's Frankie Fredericks

the Olympic silver medalist,

won his heat in 10.14, and

VICTORIA, Aug 23: Com-

monwealth Games medals table after the fourth day of competition on Monday (tabulated - gold, silver, bronzel: 18 17 Australia Canada 17 England 14 15 New Zealand India Nigeria Sri Lanka Cyprus Northern Ireland Scotland Wales Malaysia Pakistan South Africa Guernsey Hong Kong

Note: No silver or bronze medals awarded in the men's pairs running target shooting event, no bronze awarded in women's 50-km team cycling time trial and women's 4x200 freestyle swimming.

Eternal antinomy

VICTORIA, Aug 23: Athletes it the Commonwealth Games eat well, but the city's homeless are being left out in the cold when it comes to the leftovers, reports AFP.

"We are not responsible for feeding the poor of Victoria." Games spokeswoman Amy Hart said Monday. "Our responsibility is to feed athletes and watch our budgets."

The 3,000 athletes are served four meals a day including the speciality, local speciality Patched British Columbia Salmon.

Organisers say that cooked leftover food must be transported in a refrigerated vehicle and charities dealing with food for the poor have no such "It's not fair," said Jerry

Games are for the rich people and the poor people. Together we are human beings. This is what the Games are all about." A spokesman for the home-

Jack, 45 and homeless. "The

less, Kevin McMullen, said the food issue revealed the priori ties of the Games organisers.

"All they are concerned about is organising the Games and getting the money." he told the paper. "An keep the unsighting things away from it all, so the tourists don't see it."

Lewis won't go to Gothenburg

GOTHENBURG, Aug 23: Former Olympic champion Carl Lewis won't compete in an international athletics meeting here on August 24 because of a nagging bacterial illness, reports AFP.

Joe Douglas, the manager of Lewis' Santa Monica Track Club, said here Monday the athlete - who also withdrew from last week's Grand Prix meet in Zurich - become ill after the Goodwill Games in St Petersburg in July.

"He has only trained lightly for one week," said Douglas, who added that Lewis would still attend the Gothenburg meet so as not to disappoint

the supporters and sponsors. "He has lost a lot of strength and the doctors have advised him not to compete. If he feels healthy, he will make his comeback in Copenhagen on August 28 where he will

run the 100 meters." Among big name athletes expected at the Gothenburg meet are Merlene Ottey. Sergei Bubka, Dennis Mitchell. Gwen Torrence and Maria

Wilander gets wild card

Mutola.

WHITE PLAINS, NY, Aug 23: Former world number one Mats Wilander of Sweden, the 1988 US Open champion, was among 13 players awarded wild card entries into next week's US Open, the US Tennis Association said Monday, reports Reuter.

Father Benedict memorial soccer from Friday

Sports Reporter

A football tournament in memory of late teacher and student counsellor of Notre Dame College, Father Benedict. will kick off at the co-

llege ground from next Friday. Eight teams are taking part in this meet. Ramna Seminarians will take on Martin Hall on the opening day.

BGF talent-hunt begins today

Sports Reporter A four-month talent-hunt scheme under the aegis of the Bangladesh Gymnastics Federation (BGF) will be unveiled at 5 pm at the NSC

gymnasium today.



VICTORIA. Aug metres breast stoke with a 23: Australians gave notice of their intention to break world records in Rome while South Africa won their

first swimming medal for 36 vears in a fast and furious night at the Commonwealth Games on Monday, report agencies.

Kieren Perkins, already a double world record holder. came close to a third in the 400 metres freestyle when he won gold in a Games record time of three minutes 45.77

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The time was 0.77 of a second outside the world record set by Russian Evgueny Sadovi the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992 when Perkins came a close second.

"It's been two years and if I can get close to that sort of time then I've got to be more than happy," Perkins said afterwards.

The 21-year-old distance swimmer said he should be able to clock a good time in the 1,500 metres on Wednesday.

"If I can produce a reason able standard like this it's a good sign for Rome," he said. The World Championships start in Rome on September 5.

Silver medalist was Danyon Loader, New Zealand's top swimmer, but he was nearly four seconds adrift of Perkins in 3:49.65. "He took off very fast and

after the first turn I didn't see him," said Loader. Australia's Daniel Kowalski.

astest in the heats was third in 3:50.41.

Perkins's teammate Samantha Riley came close to the seven-year-old record of Gertime of 1:08.02. Hoerner's record stands at 1:07.91. The race gave South Africa. back in the Games after a 36-

year-absence, only their second medal in Victoria when Penny Heyns took bronze. It was the third fastest time ever, but for Riley, who shaved

nearly four seconds off her personal best when she won gold in the 200 metres on Saturday, it was something of a disappointment. Rebecca Brown, the 200 metres world record holder.

saw her Commonwealth record disappear in the race as she collected another silver. Heyns, who studied psychology at the University of

Nebraska, said there was pressure on her from back home to win a medal. O'Neill went out fast in the

100 butterfly and was ahead halfway in 28.41. She held that lead until midway down the second length, when Thomas attacked. She pulled even and in the lunge for the finish Thomas got there first in a games record 1:00,21.

O'Neill, only 0.03 behind, also was inside the Games mark of 1:00.66 set by countrywoman Lisa Curry-Kenny at Auckland. Overton clocked 1:01.88. Fourth place went to

Joscelin Yeo of Singapore in 1:02.23. The Commonwealth breast-

stroke races appear to be personal battles between Gillingham, Rogers and Canada's Jon Cleveland, the defending 200 champion. The Australian won the 100

with Gillingham second and Cleveland third.

This time Gillingham tou-

ched first ahead of Cleveland with Rogers third and the Englishman stayed ahead throughout.

Rogers made his move down the second length and moved comfortably ahead of the Canadian on the third. But he couldn't catch Gillingham.

At the finish, the Englishman was more than a second ahead in 2:12.54. Rogers clocked 2:13.56 and Cleveland collected bronze in 2:14.91. All three were inside the Commonwealth Games record of 2:14.96 set by Cleveland in the Auckland final.

Gillingham celebrated his victory by climbing straight out of the pool and standing on his starting block to take the applause of the fans. Then he jumped back in the water

Winning this was a promise I made to my father who died in February," Gillingham said. "I had a really, really hard year after that but the last words I said to him was that I would win at the Commonwealth Games. This medal's for him."

Australia won the 400 freestyle relay in 3:20.89 with New Zealand second in 3:21.79 and England edging the Canadians for third place.

In the men's relay, 100 freestyle champion Stephen Clarke led Canada into the first changeover but Andy Baildon stole the lead for Australia at the halfway point.

Dwayne Sheehan and Chris Fydler stayed in front to give the Australians a clear victory.

The New Zealand lineup was John Steel, Nick Tongue, Loader and Trent Bray and England's quartet, who gained bronze in 3:22.61 was Nick Shackell, Mark Foster, Andy Clayton and Michael Fibbens.

They can take part

- AFP photo

HIROSHIMA. Japan. Aug 23: Palestine and Malaysia will be accepted for the Asian Games football tournament in October following the withdrawals of four countries, the organising committee said Tuesday, reports AFP.

The Hiroshima organisers said the two late entries would bring the number of participating teams to 20.

At a first draw held in June. 22 teams were divided into five groups for the preliminary round, but Brunel, Mongolia. India and Indonesia have withdrawn.

The organisers, who were reluctant to hold a new draw because all tickets for Japan's games were sold, said the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) will decide on the new schedule after the final dead

line now set for September 2. AFC general secretary Peter Velappan has said Palestine and Malaysia could take the places of Indonesia and Brunei

in the existing draw. Ali's mother

passes away

LOUISVILLE. Ky. Aug 23: Millions followed Muhammad Ali's boxing career, but no one followed it any closer than his mother, reports AP

Odessa Lee Grady Clay, who died Sunday at the age of 77. was her son's biggest booster during his rise to the heavyweight championship.

During the days when women were a rare sight in boxing. Clay "went into every greasy little gym she could to see him fight," said her niece. Coretta Bather. "She decided to break the rules."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer



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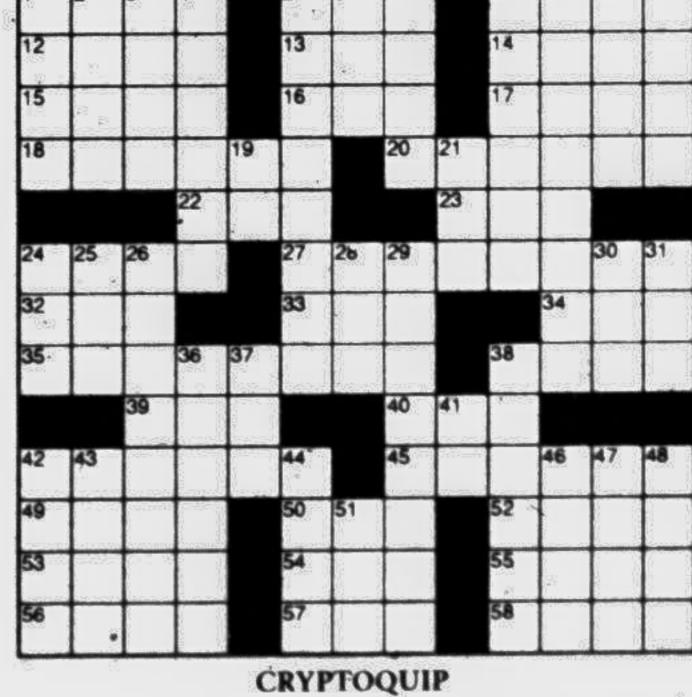
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FIFTH ANNUAL HAIR

STYLISTS' CONTEST FEATURED A BLOW-DRY BY BLOW-DRY ACCOUNT. Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals Z

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old phone

47 Shot

48 Inert gas

bear

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short 51 Barcelona words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

England dazzle S Africa

PENANG, Malaysia, Aug 23: England produced a dazzling display of attacking hockey to rout South

Africa 5-1 in their third roundrobin match of the Sultan Raja Azlan Shah men's tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Their second win here, and their biggest ever over South Africa, strengthened their hold on third place in the table behind Australia and Pakistan.

England went ahead in the fourth minute, led 3-0 after 26 minutes and 5-0 after 50.

Four of their goals were scored in open play, two by captain Jason Laslett and one each by John Shaw and Nick Thompson, with Russell Garcia converting a penalty stroke forced by Rob Crutchley,

South Africa had chances but could not score until the 65th minute when Gary Boddington, a player with experience of English hockey. scooped one over substitute goalkeeper Jimmy Lewis, who

had just come on for his international debut.

Only last month, he had

"There was no pain," Surin

"I wanted to get a good start

Surin was exceptionally

"That gives me more moti-

Another Canadian, Glenroy

Gilbert, had the fastest time.

10.10, in the first-round heats.

Among the other top entries.

and them let it go at 50 me-

pleased at the reception from

vation to run faster," he said.

tres, which is just what I did."

surgery to remove debris from

said. "I didn't feel anything at

cartilage in his left knee.

all. I just took it easy.

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the fans.

PAKISTAN STRIVE On Monday Olympic bronze

medalists Pakistan missed several chances as they struggled to a 1-0 win over South Africa. Centre forward Kamran Ashraf scored from a penalty corner in the 54th minute to

give his side their second successive victory. Australia later beat England 3-0 to move alongside Pakistan

at the top of the standings. Pakistan had seven good chances to score in open play.

Arati Saha no more

CALCUTTA, Aug 23: Arati Saha, the first Asian woman to cross the English Channel. died here this morning after a protracted illness in a city nursing home. She was 61, re-

Arati was admitted to the nursing home after her condition deteriorated

had an 8-0 advantage on penalty corners and even wasted a penalty stroke. Tahir Zaman took the stro-

ke in the 52nd minute but

shot tamely at goalkeeper Sha-

-AFP photo

Nigeria's Olapade Adeniken,

running with stitches above his

right eye after a celebrated

fight with American sprinter

Dennis Mitchell last week,

The second-round heats

Monday's opening pro-

were to be run later Monday.

with the semifinals and final

gramme of track and field was

devoted mainly to preliminar-

ies, qualifying, semifinals and

the first four events of the

heptathlon. The only final was

the men's hammer throw.

took his heat in 10.38.

Tuesday,

ne Schoenegeval who made a number of outstanding saves. Pakistan scored two minutes after the penalty miss from their seventh penalty corner, the ball being switched twice to enable Ashraf to de-

flect home from close range. South African captain Wayne Graham went close to equalising from on of their rare chances in the final minutes.

Australia hit England with two goals in the first 12 minutes but had to wait until the 61st minute for their third

The first came after Eng-

land blocked a shot at the top of the circle. The ball ran loose to David Wansbrough who shot into an empty net. Stephen Davies set up Mark

Hager for the second goal and Jay Stary burst forward at Australia's fourth penalty corner for the third.

Zimbabwe

Disabled medals are not included.