

Sept 17: Jansher Khan lined up a sixth World Open title here on Saturday, when the comprehensively outplayed

Australia's Rodney Eyles in the semifinals, reports AFP. Jansher was superb in all departments of the game as he dispatched Australia's world number four 15-7, 15-12, 15-

Pakistan's defending champion, who will equal the legendary Jahangir Khan's record of six world titles if he wins as expected on Sunday, attacked and defended in style as he ran the Australian around the court with his long and short game.

On more than one occasion in the first game, Eyles was left shaking his head as Jansher's inch-perfect drives to the back court simply kissed the back wall and died. leaving him no chance.

But Eyles was also his own worst enemy, working himself gradually into a position for a winning drop shot - only to land the ball in the tin.

Those mistakes were far fewer in the second game, but at 11-11 Jansher simply moved up a gear in terms of his power and Precision to romp home.

tussle and at 13-13 it looked as though the Australian might yet haul himself back into the match.

act the power game and make

the sport more appealing to

spectators, the federation said

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preponderance of power

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crowds back by altering the

specifications of balls used in

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between change overs at the

end of games from 25 seconds

trast to the men's Association

of tennis Professionals Tour.

which had experimented with

20 seconds before suggesting

last week it would like to re-

annual general meeting here

Saturday that tournaments us-

ing fast surfaces like Wimble-

don's grass would now be able

to use softer and therefore

the finals but the United States

gious men's eight race in the

World Rowing Championships

at Eagle Creek Park, reports

is favoured to win the presti-

The ITF announced at its

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Another significant devel-

With spectators leaving the

Saturday, reports AFP.

all major events.

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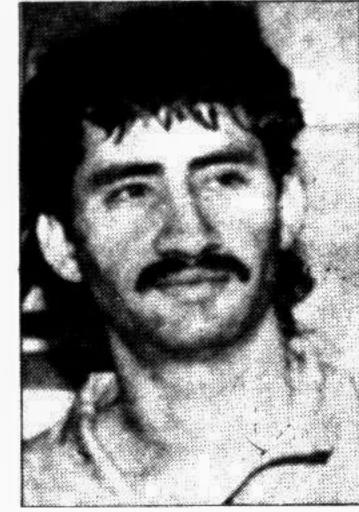
Federation (ITF)

has adopted new

rules to counter-

But a winning drop followed by a dazzling cross court back hand flick from the master. which sparked thunderous applause from the crowd, put the tie bevond doubt.

On Friday Jansher Khan struggled to produce his best form, but still crushed into the semifinals with a 15-11, 15-6. 15-10 win over England's



JANSHER KHAN

Chris Walker.

Jansher, aiming to win the world crown for a sixth time and match the record of his illustrious Pakistan compatriot The third saw the closest Jahangir Khan, was unhappy with his game.

"My line was not good today which gave Chris a chance to play his short game more than

slower balls to promote rallies.

such as the French Open's clay

surface would now be able to

use harder and faster balls to

Novacek in semis

17: Fifth-seeded Karel Novacek

of the Czech Republic beat

Daniel Nestor of Canada 6-4, 6-

3 on Friday to advance to the

semifinals of the Club Colombia

day and I'm getting more and

said Novacek, a semifinalist in

the US Open. "I was a little

tired when I got here after the

the world, will face Nicolas

Pereira of Venezuela on

Saturday. Pereira beat eighth-

seeded Fernando Meligeni of

beat Christian Miniussi of

Argentina 6-1, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4

and will face the winner of a

late match between sixth-

seeded Mauricio Hadad of

Colombia and Sergio Cortes of

Miguel Tobon of Colombia

Novacek, ranked No. 30 in

US Open, but I feel good now."

more used to playing here."

"I served extremely well to-

Open, reports AFP.

Brazil 6-4, 7-5.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Sept

add extra variety to the game.

In contrast, tournaments

I would have liked," said the 25-year-old after taking 53 minutes to overcome his opponent.

"You cannot play perfectly all the time and it is good to get a bad game out of the way before the semifinal or the fi-

Australian fourth seed Rodney Eyles celebrated his 27th birthday with a 15-6, 15-10, 15-8 victory over compatriot Anthony Hill in just 32 minutes to set up a semifinal with Jansher.

Eyles has only beaten Jansher once since they first met in the 1986 World junior championship - in the semifinal of the 1993 Portuguese Open.

"I guess I just have to hope that is the match he is remembering when we play tomorrow," said Eyles.

Jansher is unlikely to play in the two ranking tournament in India in October and December because of tensions between the host nation and Pakistan.

"I am entered for the Stroh's Open in New Delhi in October and the Mahindra Challenge in Bangalore in December but, with our ambassador returning home, it seems I would not be wise to play in India at this time." said Jansher. He has been given approval

from the Professional Squash Association (PSA) to miss the events without penalty.

ITF president Brian Tobin

said the new rules were im-

portant to promote tennis as a

spectacle after years of com-

plaints by crowds and televi-

The rule should apply to all

men's, women's and junior

events, as well as the ITF's four

Grand Slam tournaments and

international competitions like

the Davis Cup and Fed Cup for

cussing ways to make tennis

are exciting a spectacle as

we've also had from spectators

and television is that there is

too much time between points

and not enough tennis," he

Changing from 25 seconds

Tobin did not expect any

to 20 seconds means there

will be more tennis and less

major objections to the new

rules from the men's ATP Tour

or the Women's Tennis Asso-

ciation tour, who will now have

to introduce the new rules

passive waiting time."

We spent a lot of time dis-

"One of the big complaints

women, he said.

possible," Tobin said.

Cash award for Kutraleeswaran

MADRAS, Sept 17: The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister. Jayalalitha, has sanctioned Rs-4.67 lakh to 12-year-old Kutraleeswaran, who recently swam across the English Channel, to fulfil his ambition to create a Guiness record by crossing the five major oceans of the world in a single year. reports PTI.

A cheque for the amount was sent to the young swimmer yesterday, an official press release here said.

Jayalalitha had earlier assured the schoolboy from Madras of necessary financial assistance, when he called on her and conveyed his record creating ambition.

Kutraleeswaran created a record of sorts by first achieving the feat of swimming across the English Channel of the Independence Day. On his way to entering the Guiness Book of World records, he has now planned to swim across straits of Gibralter - a UK protectorate and Dardenelles in Turkey by October 15.

Jayalalitha also conveyed her heartfelt wishes to the young swimmer in all his attempts, the release said.

Ivanisevic^{*} advances

PARIS, Sept 17: Top-seed Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia surged into the semifinals of the Bucharest ATP tournament of Friday when he scored a three-set win over Spain's Alex ITF's bid to lure on lookers Correja, reports AFP.

Ivanisevic, hoping victory in Romania will help wipe out the memory of his shock firstround loss at the United States Open, scored a 3-6, 6-2 6-2,

The Croatian's chances of winning the title were increased when one of his major rivals. Thomas Muster, was forced to withdraw because of

The fifth-seeded Austrian, who played a marathon threesetter against Spain's Francisco Roig in 35 degree centigrade heat on Thursday. was taken to hospital on Friday suffering from dehydration.

His quarter-final opponent Renzo Furlan of Italy had a bye to the semifinals.

The other players to reach the last-four were Argentina's Franco Davin and Alberto Costa

While Muster was suffering from the heat, the 400,000 dollar "passing shot" event in Bordeaux had all Friday's scheduled matches rained off leaving surviving players facing a busy weekend.

As rain lashed down, Mats Wilander's second round clash with South Africa's Wayne Ferreira was rescheduled for Saturday morning while Cedric Pioline of France also has an early start when he resumes battle against Italian Gianluca Fozzi. Pioline trailed by one set and is facing a second-set tie-

The quarter-finals will then

be played this afternoon. In Bogota, where Americans Aaron Krickstein and Francisco Montana dropped out Thursday because of food poisoning, fifth seed Karel Novacek defeated Daniel Nestor and Venezuela's former junior world champion Nicolas Pereira put out Brazil's eightseeded Fernando Meligeni.

Chinese official held back

TOKYO, Sept 17: China has put on hold a planned visit to the Asian Games in Hiroshima by state councillor Li Tieying due to its opposition to a trip there by officials from Taiwan the Kyodo news agency reported Saturday, reports AFP.

Li was initially schedule to visit Japan late this month for talks with Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama before going to Hiroshima for the October 2 opening of the Games. Kyodo quoted Games sources as saying.

But China would not go head with the visit as it is opposed to a trip to Hiroshima by Taiwan's Deputy Premier Hsu Li-Teh and two other officials as members of a committee bidding for the right to stage the 2002 Asian Games, Kyodo

Beijing and Taipei are political rivals who both claim to be the sole, legitimate government of all of China. Beijing regards the nationalist-ruled island as a renegade province that it will eventually recover.

China earlier this week succeeded in pressuring the Olympic Council of Asia to revoke its invitation to Taiwan President Lee Teng-Hui to attend the Asian Games by barring foreign "political figures."

Indonesians run amuck

JAKARTA, Sept 17: Indonesian football fans tried to set fire to the stadium after watching their side humiliat ingly beaten 4-0 by Syria in the Asian under-19 football championship here Thursday, police said, reports AFP.





17: Like it or not. Meldrick Taylor's boxing career was defined by the controversial ending of his first fight with Julio Cesar Chavez, reports AP.

Masters golf tournament in Woburn yesterday.

He hopes to redefine it Saturday night when he meets the Mexican champion for a second time in a fight for the

WBC super lightweight title. "After this, they'll have to identify me with the second fight instead of the first," Taylor said. "It will be the first, time someone lost to Chavez and comes back and redeems himself.

Saturday will mark exactly 4 1/2 years since Taylor and Chavez, two top boxers in their prime, met in a clash of unbeaten 63.5-kilogram (140pound) champions. Taylor appeared ready to

hand Chavez his first career loss when the Mexican champion suddenly unleashed a devastating right hand that put Taylor down with seconds, lett in the 12th and final round. Referee Richard Steele's

fateful decision to wave the fight to an end with only two seconds remaining not only cost Taylor the fight but sent his career into a tailspin. "It would have been a dif-

ferent destiny for me if I had won that fight," Taylor said. "But my life will be better, now because I came from the lowly depths to the highest heights. I've been through adversity for four years.

The 27-year-old Taylor is a 3-1 underdog in the scheduled 12-round fight at the MGM Grand hotel, part of marathon card that includes five other title fights.

But the fact that he got the rematch at all is remarkable enough, considering the depths his career sank with successive knockout losses in 1992 to Terry Norris and Chrisanto Espana.

"Losing fights back-to-back made people perceive me differently," Taylor said. "People wrote me off. I lost myself confidence."

Taylor, the 1984 Olympic gold medalist at 56.5 kilograms (125 pounds), ballooned in weight and appeared to have lost his ability. But after swearnew handlers he has won three straight fights by knock out and appears more relaxed and fit than he has in years. "I'm reincarnated," said

Taylor, who is back at 63.5 killos (140 pounds) after moving up to welterweight, then super

MELDRICK TAYLOR

DE La Hoya

sidelined

virus that has sidelined World

Boxing Organisation light-

weight champion Oscar de La

Hoya in training has forced

cancellation of his first title

defence on October 8, pro-

moter Bob Arum announced on

face fellow American John

Avila, 19-1-1, in Los Angeles, It

was not announced when De La

has been unable to train for

over a week now." De La Hoya's

trainer, Robert Alcazar, was

quoted as saving in a release

from Arum's company, Top

from the doctor to begin train-

ing again next week, but it is

going to take a while for Oscar

to regain full strength. It's a

"We hope to get clearance

"He's feeling very weak and

De La Hoya, 14-0, was to

Friday, reports Reuter.

Hoya now will fight next.

Rank.

nasty bug."

LAS VEGAS, Sept 17: A

throwing them." While Taylor (32-3 with one draw) has rebounded from his loss to Chavez in March 1990. Chavez is coming off a series of fights that have some questioning whether he is past his prime. After gaining a draw in a

Britain's Nick Faldo blasts a shot out of a green side bunker on the 5th hole during the second round of the Dunhill

fight most thought he lost against Pernell Whitaker Chavez suffered the first knockdown and first loss of his career against Frankie Randall on Jan. 29. Chavez got a disputed win over Randall when he was cut by a head butt in the seventh round of their May 7 rematch. "I recognise I'm older, but

loss to Chavez. "You're going to

see the Meldrick you saw in

the Olympics. I have much

more balance, much more ac-

curacy. My pace has slowed

down. I throw punches with

more meaning, not just to be

I'm still good," the 34-year-old Chavez said. "I feel very good very strong, very young."

Chavez (90-1 with one drawl acknowledges the criticism, which peaked when fans at a pro-American gridiron exhibition football (NFL) game in Mexico City last month booed when he was introduced.

"I know there is a great deal of criticism of my last three fights, but I ask why." Chavez said. "I never said I was a robot, a superman or a super being. Why is there so much criticism over a loss?"

Randall, who had expected to fight Chavez in a rubber match, had to settle for being on the same card. He will fight Argentina's Juan Coggi for the WBA version of the 63.5-kilo (140-pound) title in one of six title fights.

Other title fights include Puerto Rico's Felix Trinidad defending his IBF welterweight title against Luis Ramon Campas of Mexico, American Jesse James Leija Antonio defending his WBC super featherweight crown against countryman Gabriel Ruelas, Italy's Gianfranco Rosi in an IBF junior middleweight title defence against American Vincent Pettway, and WBC strawweight champion Ricardo Lopez of Mexico against Yodsing Au Saengmorokot of

Thailand.

Canada to host special Olympics TORONTO, Sept 17: Toron-

AFP photo

to and Collingwood, Ontario were chosen Friday as the hosts of the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games reports AP.

The eight-day competition. featuring more than 2.500 athletes from some 80 countries. is scheduled to take place from Feb. 1-8, 1997.

"Toronto has become one of the premier sports cities in the world," said Sargent Shriyer, chairman and chief executive officer of Special Olympics International, in making the announcement. That reputation will be cemented in 1997 when it stages, along with Collingwood, the largest winter sports event in the world that year.

Plans call for Toronto to host the floor hockey, figure skating and speed skating events. Nearby Collingwood will stage alpine and nordic skiing.

Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Special Olympics offers training and competition in 23 sports, both summer and winter. Almost 1 million athletes from more than 130 countries take part in Special Olympics progra

Beach v'ball venue shifted

ATLANTA. Sept 17 The site for the first Olympic competi tion in beach volleyball was moved Friday to an Atlanta suburb after international vollevball officials objected to the original site on an island off the coast of Savannah. Georgia. reports Reuter.

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) said it was moving the site for 1996 beach volleyball from Tybee Island, more than 265 miles (427 km) from Atlanta to suburban Clayton county only a few minutes drive from Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport.

Olympic officials said the major factor in moving beach volleyball to Clayton county was the lack of enough housing for the athletes near Tybee Island.

meyer was more conservative, Canada and Romania seven. predicting "five or six." For the first time in its Neither dropped a set. The Netherlands is also a 100-year rowing history, Japan threat in the men's eight, and made a final with its men's they are unstoppable."

"The United States eight has strength. speed, good te-chnique," said Kris Korze-niowski of the Netherlands, a former United States coach. "They have a lot of confidence. The way they rowed their heat, it seems

Five days of elimination races have whittled entries in 23 events down to the six-boat finals scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. There was no competition on Friday. Nineteen of the 21 German

entries made their way to the "A" finals through the heats. repechages and semifinals. But the team seems a bit of a puz-

United States coach Mike Spracklen suggested that the world champion German eight was holding back in its heat.

"They weren't trying.

Spracklen said. "They didn't want to show their form." Or maybe they were strug-

German coach Holtmeyer said the United States boat surprised his eight at the start of the heat and they never got it together over the course of the 2,000-metre

The German oarsmen looked sharper in their repechage, but still lost to Romania in the sprint.

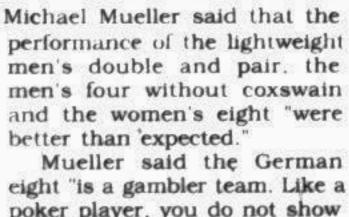
According to Korzeniowski. word among the international coaches is that the German rowing team is vulnerable

"They are not so brilliant as before," Korzeniowski, conceding that the women's eight and single sculler Katrin Boron look solid.

But he said. "They can still prove we are all wrong." German team manager

Hill's relief

BARCELONA, Sept 17: Australian Anthony Hill will be able to continue playing in the World Open squash tourna ment after winning a reprieve from Spanish immigration authorities on Thursday, reports Reuter.



poker player, you do not show your face. We'll see."

could win 10 medals. Holt-

Mueller predicted his team

Romania, even with half the

US rowers favoured

INDIANAPOLIS. Sept 17: Michael Mueller said that the boat doubling up in other Germany has the most boats in performance of the lightweight races, is capable of beating the field. Other men's eight finalists are France and Ukraine. Twelve hundred athletes

immediately.

from 47 countries are competing in the regatta. Australia came on strong

lightweight eight

with 12 boats in the finals. The United States has 10. France nine, Great Britain, Denmark and The Netherlands eight and



Crew members Andrew Darwent (top) and Skip Miller of the United Kingdom check the rigging on his yacht, Sky Catcher in preparation for the start of the BOC Challenge in Charleston, SC, USA yesterday. - AFP photo

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CRYPTOQUIP

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ZWW-PN FIVC Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT'S THE SMART-EST, MOST EDUCATED BUG IN THE WORLD: PER-HAPS A SPELLING BEE?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals M 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 words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.