LONDON, Aug 26: South African Allan Donald lifted champions Warwickshire back towards the top of the English County Championship table with a superb spell of pace bowling on Friday. reports Reuter.

Donald's burst of three wickets for five runs in 14 balls shattered Worcester shire at Edgbaston as they were dismissed for 177 losing their last eight wickets for 31.

Slow left-armer Ashley Giles grabbed five for 23 to enable second-place Warwickshire to enforce the follow-on.

Worcestershire were 16 for one in their second innings at the close-still 269 short of avoiding an innings defeat.

Leaders Middlesex were facing stubborn Yorkshire resistance at Headingley despite England reject Mark Ramprakash completing a double century as his side reached 516 for nine declared. Yorkshire skipper Martyn

Moxon frustrated Middlesex hopes, hitting a patient 86 not out as the homeside made it through to the close on 202 for three. Ramprakash's 235 was a

career-best and the highest by any Middlesex batsman against Yorkshire since World War Two. He faced 426 balls and hit a six and 34 fours.

Hansie Cronje was another double-century maker as he scored a sparkling 213 for Leicestershire against Somerset at Weston-Super Mare.

The South African Test captain smacked 28 fours and six sixes before he was bowled by former England paceman Andrew Caddick off the last ball of the day, with Leicestershire 48 ahead on 341 for nine.

Essex bowler Mark llott. picked for the England 13 for the current Test against West Indies but then omitted from the team, made his point to the England selectors by claiming six for 58 as Kent were dismissed for 178 in reply to Essex's 472 at Canterbury.

#### Ambrose freed from accusation

LONDON, Aug 26: West Indian tast bowler Curtly Ambrose was cleared of deliberately pushing England's Dominic Cork in the final cricket lest on Friday, reports Reuter.

Ambrose was called before match referee John Reid after appearing to shove Cork as he ran a single.

Reid voiced displeasure at Ambrose's fellow pacemen Kenny Benjamin and Ian Bishop kicking the ground on separate occasions but took no disciplinary action.

Both had shown their try's history who had been frustration during a tough and hot second day's play at The Oval in which England amassed 454 in their first innings. West Indies were 50 for one at the close.

On the Ambrose incident Reid said: "After a detailed discussion and a viewing of a video tape with the manager and captain of the West Indies I accept that the contact on the pitch was accidental and merely a reflex delensive action on the part of the bowler."

#### Bagan beat FCI

CALCUTTA, Aug 26: Title aspirants Mohun Bagan shrugged off their lethargy to trounce Food Corporation of India (FCI) 3-0 in the Charms Super Division League match at their home ground here vesterday reports PTI

Striker Sisir Ghosh struck two goals in quick succession in the opening session while the speedy Manoharan pumped in another goal after the interval to demolish FCI's hopes of maintaining their winning run.

Sisir Ghosh, who played well put the local giants ahead in the 24th minute of the contest capitalising on a lovely chip by Achinta Belel from the top of the box.

The veteran striker was again in the limelight 14 minutes later when he headed home with ease from a measured corner kick by Subir Ghosh to send thousands of Mohun Bagan sup-

porters into a frenzy.

After leading 2-0 at the breather. Manoharan gave the finishing touches to the rout when he capped a combined move from the left flank with a gentle tap, giving no chance to the FCI custodian.

### to fans

## West Indies 424 for 4

were 424 for four at close of play in reply to England's first mangs total of 454 all out on the third day of the sixth and final Test at The Oval today.

LONDON, Aug

26: West Indies

report agencies. Replying to England's first innings 454. West Indies were 279 for three at tea with Lara unbeaten on 105 and his captain Richie Richardson on 24 not out.

The docile pitch on another warm day provided the perfect setting for the master left-hander as he punished all the England bowlers.

He reached his century. his third in successive Tests. from only 123 balls and after 153 minutes at the crease.

At that stage Lara had cracked 16 boundaries, the majority driven in glorious style through the off-side field. The packed crowd of mainly England supporters revelled in the superb display of batsmanship and gave him a rousing ovation as he walked from the field at the interval.

But Lara was fortunate to survive his first two balls from paceman Dominic Cork. He waved his bat dangerously close to the first delivery outside his off-stump and Cork appealed after the second for an lbw that must have been very close.

The two wickets to fall in Saturday's first two sessions were Kenny Benjamin for 20 and opener Sherwin Campbell for 89.

Benjamin, one of the team's four fast bowlers, was promoted in the batting order to protect the better batsmen during the tense late spell Friday after the

KARACHI, Aug

26: Pakistan's

cricket team.

disrupted by in-

jury and scan-

dal, could be se-

verely stretched by an

ambitious Sri Lankan touring

Latikan squad under Arjuna

Ranatunga is due to arrive in

Karachi today at the start of a

38-day tour which will in-

clude three Tests and three

follow up their first-ever away

series win against New

Zealand early this year

defeating a demoralised

Pakistani team missing their

est run-scorer in the coun-

expected to return to the

team as captain, has opted

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)

not to consider him for the

series, citing incomplete re-

covery from a knee injury

that has kept him out of first-

class cricket for more than a

Basit Ali. along with wicket-

keeper Rashid Latif. will miss

Batsmen Salim Malik and

He has advised the

out on fitness grounds.

Javed Miandad, the heavi-

top batsmen and bowlers.

The tourists are keen to

The 16-member Sri

team, reports Reuter.

one-day internationals.

other opener, Stuart Williams, had been dismissed

for 30. He should have been out in the second over of the day when he edged a ball from Malcolm into the slips. Neither Graeme Hick nor Graham Thorpe moved for



**BRIAN LARA** the ball, apparently leaving it to the other and England squandered a chance of an early breakthrough.

Benjamin continued to frustrate the English bowlers as he and Campbell contributed a stand of 54. It ended when Benjamin edged

Crises cripple Pakistan

the series because of disci-

plinary action taken by the

PCB against them for mis-

conduct during the tour of

has still not fully recovered

from a stress fracture of the

spine which forced him to fly

home midway through the

Wasim Akram will not be

available for the first Test be-

cause of commitments to his

English county side Lanca-

Sri Lanka have a strong.

experienced batting order in

Arjuna Ranatunga, vice-cap-

tain Roshan Mahanama, Asan-

ka Gurusinha. Sanath Jayas-

and Arvinda de Silva.

in New Zealand.

on August 30.

uriya, Hashan Tillekeratne

have yet to prove their

match-winning abilities in

Pakistan and much may de-

pend on whether medium

pacer Chaminda Vaas can re-

produce the form he showed

three-day match against a

Board XI starting in Karachi

will lead the team named by

the PCB selection committee

at its inaugural meeting in

The tour opens with a

**Test opener Aamer Schail** 

Their bowlers, however,

shire.

And fellow-paceman

African tour early this year.

Fast bowler Wagar Younis

South Africa and Zimbabwe.

a ball from Cork to third slip Atherton and the West Indies, who started the day

50 for one, was 94 for two. That brought Lara into the action and the left-hander's first scoring stroke was a cut for four off seam bowler

Angus Fraser. Just before the break, Campbell reached his 50 by collecting two off Cork and Lara twice hit balls from Malcolm through the offsided field for four.

Both batsmen quickened the pace after the break and Campbell scored heavily off Hick, hitting the spinner twice for four in one over. He then square cut Fraser for his 17th boundary but the Middlesex seamer took his wicket next ball when Campbell went for a pull shot and gloved the ball to wicket keeper Jack Russell.

He departed for 89 with the West Indies on 202 for three and Richardson marked his arrival by hitting a ball from Fraser for six.

Lara cut a ball from Watkinson to reach his half century and hammered another delivery from Fraser to the boundary as the third wicket stand reached 100.

The left-hander, who scored 145 in the fourth Test at Old Trafford and 152 in the fifth at Trent Bridge. moved into the 70s with a boundary off Malcolm and reached the 90s by taking 11 off one over from Watkinson with two cuts and a sweep.

Lara went for big hits in one over from Malcolm but only wound up with a two and a one to reach 99. But when he pulled a ball from Watkinson round to square leg for a single, his captain walked up to him and gave him a hug. Lankans may take upperhand

Islamabad on Tuesday.

Aamir Sohail (captain).

Muhammad Ramzan, Zahid

Fazal, Mahmood Hamid, So-

hail Jaffer, Javed Sami Khan,

Wasim Yousuf (wieketkee-

per), Anwar Ali, Haris Khan,

Kabir Khan, Mohsin Kamal,

Salman Fazal. Saeed Azad.

Novotna in

Pathmark

Classic semis

Aug 26: Second-seeded Jana

Novotna, deprived of her

serve and volley game by

strong winds, took control in

the third set and advanced to

the semifinals of the

Pathmark Classic with a 6-2.

2-6. 6-0 victory over Iva

Majoli on Friday, reports AP.

portunities to come in, the

wind made a difference," said

Novotna, ranked No 4 in the

world. "If it wasn't that windy

I'd probably be at the net

more. But I was good enough

to finish off the point from

Crossroads Corporate Centre.

third-seeded Magdelena

Maleeva beat Austria's Judith

Wiesner 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Maleeva, ranked No 7 in the

world, will play Novotna on

Rubin will face Ai Sugiyama of

Japan in the other semifinal.

Rubin beat Marianne Werdel

Witmeyer 6-2, 6-1 on Friday.

Sugiyama, who upset top-

seeded Conchita Martinez

earlier in the week, advanced

to the semifinals Thursday by

beating Nicole Bradtke of

Novotna defeated Majoli.

ranked a career high 12th, in

the quarterfinals of the

Canadian Open two weeks

ago in straight sets. The

Croatian gave Novotna more

of a challenge this time with

her blistering groundstrokes.

first set and Iva had a very

good run in the second set.

Novonta said. She didn't

miss one ball, she took ad-

vantage of me not serving so

well. But this is what tennis

is all about. You can play well

in the first set, your oppo-

nent can play even better in

the second. But the third de-

In the final set, Novotna

"If she plays well, she's a

Majoli. 18, who turned

pro in 1991, has beaten all

the top 10 players except

Steffi Graf and Novotna.

Majoli hopes to have another

crack at Novotna if both

make it to the fourth round

of the US Open.

- AFP/UNB photo

broke Majoli in the first game

dangerous player," Novotna

said. "But she's not consistent

enough to maintain that form

through the whole match."

and never looked back.

"I started off well in the

Sixth-seeded Chanda

In a night match at the

the back."

Saturday.

Australia.

cides it."

"I didn't have as many op-

MAHWAH. New Jersey.

TEAMS

Manzoor Akhtar.

#### Rising Sun's gold plus

FUKUOKA, Japan, Aug 26: American's speed in the swimming pool wasn't quite enough to overtake Japan in the World University Games medals race Saturday as Japan added another gold to its judo collection, reports

The United States won three of the day's six swimming races, but Japan won two to go with its judo gold. leaving the Japanese ahead 10 to 8 in golds and 26 to 24 in total medals after three days of competition.

Russia's Evgueni Chabaev won the men's all-around gymnastics gold, giving his nation a total of four golds in. a collection of 10 medals. South Korea had three golds and nine medals overall.

Brazil broke up the US-Japan duel in swimming when Fernando Scherer and Gustavo Borges placed 1-2 in the men's 100-metre freestyle, giving their nation its first gold here.

Italy also won its first gold when Maria Valentina Vezzali took the women's foil fencing.

China, South Korea and Cuba each picked up one gold in judo.

Americans have won eight of the 18 swimming races held so far and Japan has four victories.

Japan leads in its native sport of judo with five golds from 12 events. South Korea has three and Cuba two.

#### Japan, SA move into last eight

FUKUOKA, Japan, Aug 26: Striker Daizo Okitsu was unstoppable Saturday scoring two goals and creating two others as Japan trounced Slovakia 5-2 in the soccer competition at the World University Games, reports

The win gave Japan vicforv in Pool A of the 16-nation competition, sealing a quarterfinal spot for the host nation, which joined South Korea. Russia and South Africa in the last eight.

Okitsu repeatedly had the Slovak defence in trouble with his pace as Japan maintained their unbeaten record by scoring all five of their goals after the teams had been level 0-0 after a first half played in torrential rain. Midfielder Kiyotaka

avalanche seven minutes after the break when he stabbed the ball home with the Slovak defence indisarray after a corner from the 21-year-old Okitsu. South Africa, who lost 3-2 to Japan in their tournament

Ishimaru started the goal

opener, scored a 2-1 victory over Canada to clinch the second quarterfinal spot from the group. Striker Tebogo Springbok

who scored a hattrick against Slovakia, and midfielder Kenneth Liebenberg netted second-half goals for the South Africans, while Alex Percy was the Canadian marksman. Russia and 1993 silver

medallists South Korea, both of whom already had clinched quarterfinal berths from Pool C played to a 0-0 draw earlier Saturday as both maintained their unbeaten

#### Muster mauls Arrese

UMAG. Croatia. Aug 26: Top-seeded Thomas Muster of Austria on Friday took only 64 minutes to crush Jordi Arrese of Spain 6-1, 6-3 and advance to the semifinals of the 375,000 dollars Croatia Open tennis tournament, reports AF.

Muster, a left-hander, won the first set in 34 minutes. He lost two initial games serving in the second set, but then broke Arrese's generally weak serves. The eighthseeded Spaniard picked up only one game while serving. Muster, third on the ATP

list, has already won three matches in the tournament -all against Spanish opponents - and will face another Spaniard in the semifinals Saturday: fifth-seeded Francisco Clavet.

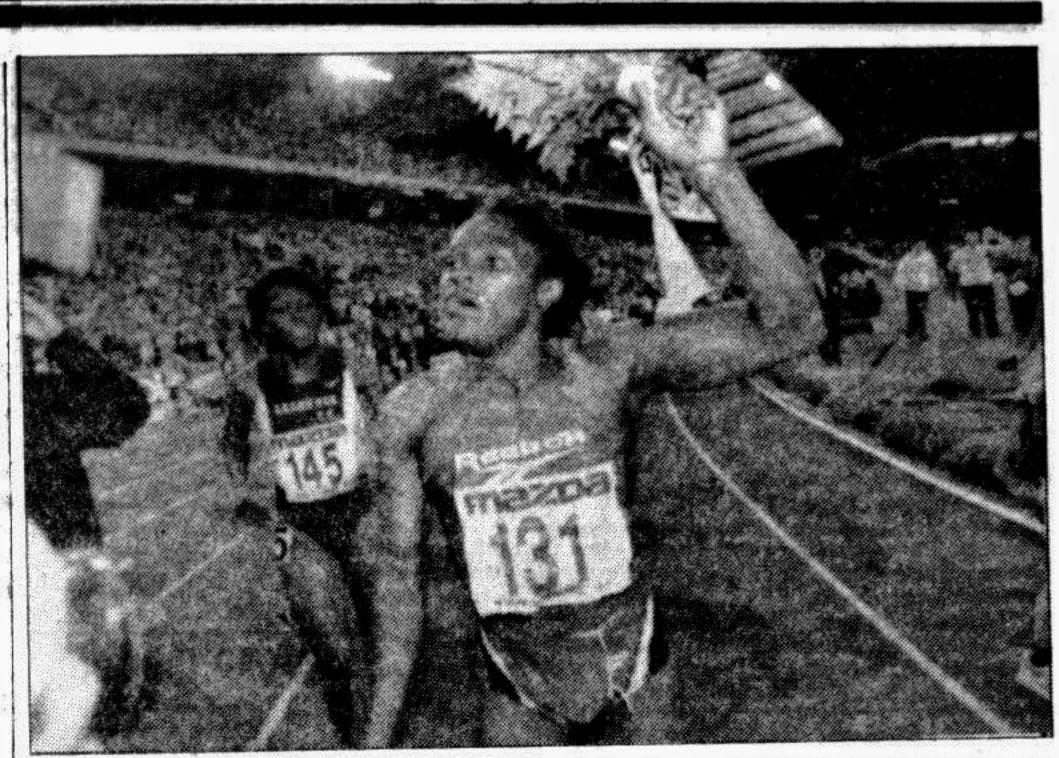
Clavet had less trouble than expected, defeating Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden 6-2, 6-3. Third, seed Andrea

Gaundenzi of Italy beat sixth seeded Javier Sanchez of Spain, 6-2, 6-4. Sanchez, who played in the final in Umag in 1991.

improved his play in the second set but was not strong enough to turn the tables on the Italian. Seventh-seeded Carlos

Costa of Spain seemed provided a big surprise by beating second-seeded countryman Alberto Berasategui, 6-4,

In the first set. Berasategui led 3-2, but he could not defend the advantage and of the following five games he won only one.



Maria Mutola of Mozambique waves after she broke the world record in women's 1000m with a time of 2 minutes 29.34 seconds at the 19th Ivo Van Damme memorial athletics - AFP/UNB photo meet in Brussels on August 25.

## Veterans on the make



BRUSSELS, Aug 26: Mozambique's Maria Mutola earned some financial and mental consola-

tion for her bitterly disappointing World Championships when she broke the women's 1,000 metres world record at the Brussels Grand Prix on Friday, reports Reuter.

The 1993 world champion, who was disqualified in the semifinals of the women's 800 metres at the Gothenburg championships after running out of lane, picked up prizes worth 50,000 dollars with a run of two minutes 29.34 seconds.

On a mild evening which was perfect for distance running, the 22-year-old shaved 1.33 seconds off the previous best of 2:30.67 set by former East Germany's Christine Wachtel in Berlin in August 1990.

Although the performance in the non-championship event could not make up for her Gothenburg failure, Mutola became the first woman to run the distance under 2 1/2 minutes and was able to walk away from Brussels with 25,000 dollar in cash and a sports car worth the same amount.

"I do not see this as revenge for the disqualification another convincing 100 metres victory from Britain's Olympic champion Linford Christie, who has also bounced back from a disappointing World Championships.

Kenyan Moses Kiptanui, who became the first man to break eight minutes for the 3,000 metres steeplechase at last week's Zurich meeting, ran another remarkable race in 7:59.52, desperately close to his world record of 7:59.18. It was a superb perfor-

mance just nine days after his record. But the Kenyan complained he had run an untidy last lap over the barri-"Every jump cost me an

extra second, I lost the new world record in the last lamp," Kiptanui said. "But this is the second time ever so I am happy with it." Algeria's multi-talented

Noureddine Morceli ran the second fastest 3,000 metres of the season in 7:27.50 but could not threaten his own record of 7:25.11.

Christie, whose World Championship campaign was destroyed by a hamstring injury, defeated Canadian world champion Donovan Bailey for the second time in 10 days in a 100 metres win which was as crucial to his bank balance as

most important title of the season. It kept the Briton in the running for the most lucrative prize in athletics - a jackpot of 250,000 dollars in gold bars.

Athletes who win their events in the Golden Four series in Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin can earn a share of the 20 one kilo bars. Christie now heads for next week's finale in Berlin with an excellent chance of getting his hands on the gold.

"It was an exhilarating race. After Zurich I have beaten Bailey for the second time - and I'm still on painkillers," Christie said. "But I will start in Berlin,

going for the best of four. It's still a week and things will go better, I hope. Christie faces fierce competition for the gold at the

Berlin meeting on September 1. Five of the six athletes who were still in the running for the " prize before the Brussels meeting won their events.

They included Ireland's Sonia O'Sullivan, who clocked 14:50.69 in the women's 5.000, American Michael Johnson, who won the men's 400 metres in 44.63 and his compatriot Gwen Torrence, who took the women's 200 in 21.86.

Belarus women's Javelin thrower Natalya Shikolenko



AGING WITH AGILITY: England's 35-year-old Linford Christie having a lap of honour after winning men's 100-metre at the Brussels Grand Prix on August 25.

-AFP/UNB photo

since I planned it before Gothenburg," Mutola said. "After the World Championships I was disappointed for a week but I have kind of forgotten about it now." The record was the high-

light of some superb middledistance running at the meeting which also saw

The 35-year-old Christie.

who also beat Bailey in Zurich, produced another powerful display in 10-08 seconds. Bailey came home fifth in 10.22.

The result proved the veteran was still a major force despite missing out on the

is also still in the hunt after throwing 68.42. But Germany's Raymond Hecht dropped out after finishing second in the men's javelin behind Czech world record holder Jan Zelezny.

Zelezny won with 90.50 metres compared to Hecht's 86.32.

race in his ill-starred 200

freestyle title defence on

The German held off a

strong last-length challenge

from Britain's Paul Palmer.

touching just 0.08 seconds

ahead in three minutes 50.35

silver and Sweden's Anders

Homertz for bronze as they

did at the last European

Championships in Sheffield

attracted headlines, though

not for her swimming, after

Van Almsick berself still

Palmer had to settle for

Tuesday.

seconds.

in 1993.

## Minnows splash the pool



VIENNA. Aug 26: Denmark's Mette Jacobsen and Brigitte Bethe of Belgium completed golden doubles at the

European Swimming Championships on Friday, reports And Steffen Zesner. boyfriend of Franziska Van

Almsick, proved he could be a winner too with his first individual European title at the age of 27. Andrei Koreneev scored a

victory in the men's 200 metres breaststroke and Alexander Popov anchored the winning 4x100 metres freestyle relay to take Russia's tally to 13 golds at the top of the medal rank-

The smaller swimming nations of Europe celebrated a golden breaststroke double Zesner led for nearly all for Becue and a second gold the 400 metres in the abfor Jacobsen, who has so far sence of Finnish title-holder collected a total of four Antti Kasvio, who pulled out medals here in a great come- demoralised that he could finish only third in a slow back.

medalist at the 1991 European Championships. added the 100 butterfly title to the 100 backstroke gold she won on Thursday. She also took silver in the 100 freestyle and bronze in the 200 freestyle.

Jacobsen, a triple gold

"Before I came here I was hoping for one medal," she said, following disappointing performances at the 1992 Olympics and Europeans.

"I came close to quitting after the Olympic Games. couldn't concentrate on my swimming because my grandmother died during the

With Van Almsick for once without a race after claiming four golds and surfeit of headlines. Zesner temporarily took over as German standard-bearer.

some unguarded remarks in a magazine about Adolf Hitler and World War Two. She was shocked and annoyed that the Vienna daily

Kurier on Friday attached comments she made to a Swiss magazine about her interest in the war and Hitler to the question "Who is your favourite historical figure?" Instead of the original question "Why do you like to read history?"

# Tarango apologises NEW YORK, Aug 26

team s first innings.

West Indian opener Sherwin Campbell plays an eye-

catching bowler's back drive on the second day of the final

Test against England at Oval on August 25. The

workmanlike right-hand-bat scored a plucky 89 in his

American Jeff Tarango, who incurred record fines and suspensions for his extraordinary outburst at Wimbledon, released a lengthy apology to tennis fans for his behaviour at the All England Club, reports Reuter.