NAIROBI, June 3: Three goals in a frantic second half gave Kenya a 3-1 victory over fancied Algeria in a World Cup African qualifier first round first leg match on Sunday, re-

ports Reuter. Kenya struck first after a dull opening period, with defender Vincent Kwarula scoring a beautiful glancing header from a corner on 55 minutes.

The Kenyans, backed by 30,000 fans in the Nairobi Stadium, then took control, threatening the Algerian goal

They increased their lead through a Henry Motego penalty on 63 minutes after defender Mourad Slatni handled during a goalmouth scramble.

Algeria pulled one back through Ahmed Zarouki with 12 minutes to go but Musa Otieno sealed victory with a late strike.

"The boys were unsettled in the first half. They have not had big time soccer in a while. but they responded better in the second," Kenya's Montenegran coach Vojo Gardesevic

"The Kenyans played very well, but we had an off-colour first half." Algerian coach Ali Fergani said. "It took the players too long to settle. The return leg is likely to be different, we know our job is now cut out."

Danes left in a lurch

COPENHAGEN, June 3: Denmark stumbled to a 1-0 win over a lively Ghanaian team on Sunday, just days before they travel to England to defend their European Championship crown, reports Reuter.

A lobbed goal from defender Thomas Helveg just before halftime separated the two sides in an otherwise even contest.

The visitors always looked imaginative in attack against a strangely disorganised Danish

Ghana dominated the second half, and midfielder Samuel Johnson tested the abilities of goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel with three powerful shots.

But although the Africans surged forward until the final whistle, they were unable to break down the home defence. "I am not very satisfied at all with our performance, we

should have scored more goals but the Ghanian defence was difficult to penetrate," Danish coach Richard Moeller Nielsen said afterwards. "It was a poor full dress re-

hearsal for Euro 96. Let's hope this means the premiere will be good."

Bulgaria blitz UAE

SOFIA, June 3: Substitute Georgi Donkov celebrated his 26th birthday by scoring one goal and setting up another as Bulgaria ended their Euro'96 preparations by routing the United Arab Emirates 4-1 on Sunday, reports Reuter

In their final game before the European Championship finals open in England on Saturday. Bulgaria made a flying start with a fifth-minute strike from midfielder Ivailo Yor-Hristo Stoichkov extended

the lead after 29 minutes. from a Yordan Lechkov free kick, after being brought down himself 25 metres from goal.

It was Stoichkov's 31st goal in his 61st appearance for Bul-He was replaced after 56

minutes by Donkov, who soon made his mark by scoring the third goal 12 minutes later. Nasko Sirakov netted the fourth in the 79th minute after

a fine move between Donkov and Lechkov. Forward Zuhair Bakhit scored the Emirates' only goal

just before halftime. The Bulgarians, in Group B

with Spain, Romania and France for the European finals, leave for England on Thursday.

Brazil to meet

Argentina in men's v'ball

opener OSAKA, Japan, June 3:

Defending Olympic champions Brazil will take on Argentina in the opening game of the men's volleyball at the Atlanta Olympic Games, reports AFP. They will also face the

United States, bronze medalists at the last Olympics, Cuba, Bulgaria and Poland in the Group A preliminary round robin matches, decided here today as 12 men's and women's teams were divided into two pools each.

Two-time world champions Italy will lead pool B against the Netherlands, Barcelona Olympic silver medalists, Russia, South Korea, Tunisia and Yugoslavia.

In the women's pools all conquering Cuba will be the favourites in Pool B, but may have a fight on their hands against Brazil and Russia, who picked up the silver and bronze medals respectively in the World Championships. Also in the pool are

Germany, Peru and Canada. In Pool A, hosts the United States face Japan, European champions the Netherlands. Ukraine, Asian Games gold medalists South Korea, and China.

The top four teams in each pool will advance to the quarter-finals.

Euro giants maul minnows

PARIS, June 3. Norway, Wales and Yugoslavia all breezed through their opening World Cup 1998 qualifiers on Sunday with wins

over minnow oppositions. reports AFP. Norway thrashed Azerbaijan 5-0 in Oslo in their Group 3 clash, while Wales blitzed San

Marino away in Group 7 by the Yugoslavia romped past Malta 6-0 in Belgrade in a

Group 6 encounter. Staale Solbakken and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer both hit a brace for the Norwegians, as did Chelsea's Mark Hughes for Wales, who raced into a threegoal first half lead.

Hughes former Manchester United teammate Ryan Giggs was also on target along with Andy Melville and Mark Pembridge.

Aston Villa's Savo Milosevic sent Yugoslavia on their way against Azerbaijan with the opening goal on just two minutes and bagged another midway through the second half.

Sunday also saw a batch of friendlies as several of the qualifiers for the European Championships which kick off next week in England took the opportunity to finalise their preparations.

Reigning European champions Denmark beat Ghana 1-0 in Copenhagen with a first-half goal from defender Thomas Helveg in the Danes' last match before setting off for England.

Highly-fancted Croatia fought out a 2-2 draw in Dublin against the Republic of Ireland. for whom stand-in skipper Niall Quinn's notched an 87th minute equaliser to end a fivematch losing streak for Mick McCarthy's men.

McCarthy put out an inexperfenced eleven who gave the visitors a run for their money in front of a 29,100 crowd

Blackburn reserve 'keeper Shay Given kept the Irish in the game early on with two stops from Real Madrid's Davor Suker. But Suker was not to be denied and hit the opening goal on 15 minutes from a corner from Asanovic for his 18th goal in 19 internationals.

The Irish levelled after 24 minutes through Keith O'Neil. AC Milan's Zvonimir Boban

drilled, home the Croats' second on the stroke of half time but Quinn popped up with his face-saver when Liam Diash set him up following Alan Kernaghan's free kiek.

Bulgaria, meanwhile, recorded a routine 4-1 win over the United Arab Emirates with Parma's Hristo Stoichkov among the scorers in Sofia. Neighbouring Turkey had to

come from behind as they beat Finland 2-1 in Helsinki. Ajax striker Jari Litmanen opened the scoring on 25 minutes but Tugay Kerimoglu equalised on 35 and Saffet Sanckli netted the winner ten minutes after the break.

Russia beat Poland 2-0 in Moscow with goals from Yuri Kovtun and Vladimir Bestchasnykh.



"Goliath" the lion, is the mascot for the forthcoming Euro '96 football championship, is on sale now in a large number of London shops . - AFP/UNB photo

Craig, Lee cut off

MELBOURNE, June 3: Fast bowler Craig McDermott and all rounder Shane Lee today lost their places in Australia's limited overs side for a fournation tournament in Sri Lanka in August and September, reports Reuter

Veteran McDermott, who has taken 203 wickets in 138 international one-day matches. was overlooked for a 13 man squad after missing most of this year's World Cup due to

Lee was dropped after fail ing to make an impact at the World Cup in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in February and March.

The rest of the squad. led by captain Mark Taylor, guided Australia to the World Cup final before losing to Sri Lanka. Fast bowler Jasson Gillespie, who replaced McDermott

at the World Cup, kept his place in the squad Zimbabwe and India will also travel to Sri Lanka for the four-nation tournament between August 25 and

September 8 But selectors offered McDermott some encouragement that his international limited overs career might not yet be over

The 31-year-old Queensland paceman, who returned home from the World Cup after tearing a calf muscle in Australia's opening match against Kenya. will join the current squad at three-day training camp in

Four other players - all rounders Greg Blewett and Brad Hogg. fast bowler Michael Kasprowice and batsman Darren Lehmann - were also invited to the training camp in Australia. A 14-man squad to tour

India during October and early November will be named from this group of 18 players after the tour to Sri Lanka. Australia Cricket Board chief executive officer Graham Halbish said in a statement today.

Australia will play a one-off Test against India and a fimited overs series against India and South Africa

AUSTRALIA: Mark Taylor (captain), Ian Healy, Michael Bevan Damien Fleming Jason Gillespie, Stuart Law, Glenn McGrath, Ricky Ponting, Paul Reiffel, Michael Slater, Sane Warne Mark Waugh. Steve

Russians going great guns

MOSCOW June 3: Russia extended their unbeaten run to 17 matches with an efficient 2-0 win over Poland on Sun day, two days before leaving for the European Championship finals in England, reports Reuter.

The Russians attacked from the outset and were rewarded after 21 minutes when Yuri Kovtun neatly headed home Ilya Tsymbalar s cross.

Vladimir Beschvastnykh. who replaced forward Sergei Kiryakov in the second half. fired home the second goal in the 72nd minute from a pass

Russia's tight defence allowed the Poles few chances to challenge goalkeeper Dmitry

give as many players as possible match practice a total of eight substitutions were made. On Tuesday, the Russian team leaves for England where their opening Group C match is against Italy in Liverpool on June 11. They also face Germany and the Czech Republic.

Australia book last slot in Atlanta

beat Canada 5-0 here Sunday to claim the final spot in the Atlanta Olympics soccer contest, reports AFP. Australia won 7-2 on aggre-

gate after a 2-2 draw in the first leg at Edmonton last Sunday.

semifinals of the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, routed the Canadians with three goals in five minutes late in the match.

The Canadian defence collapsed in the last 15 minutes after Australia went ahead with goals from Ajax Amsterdam defender Hayden Foxe and a free-kick blasted home by Goran Lozanovski.

Canada's defence was ripped to shreds with goals

place in Group B at Atlanta along with France. Saudi Arabia and Spain.

Chen upbeat

BEIJING, June 3: Chinese swimmer Chen Yan has said

women's 400 metres freestyle in the world last year and is to compete in the 200 metres. 400 metres and 800 metres freestyle and the 400 metres individual medley in Atlanta,

ing, Xinhua said. Xinhua quoted coach Han

Lothar kicks up a row



BONN, June 3 Lothar Matthaeus renewed his sniping at Juergen Klinsmann in an interview with a

German magazine on Sunday, delying Bayern Munich president Franz Beckenbauer who had ordered him not to air his views in public again, reports Reuter Matthaeus capped a record

122 times for Germany told Focus News weekly Klinsmann might leave Bayern Munish before his contract runs out because he had left other European teams 'prematurely' in the past

In the interview, released ahead of publication on Monday, Matthaeus repeated accusations that two days ago (Klinsmann) led German manager Berti Vogts to ban him from the national side for ever. Sonny boy Klinsmann is the most powerful person in the DFB (German Football federation) since the time of Franz Beckenbauer." Matthaeus toid When asked if this was a

sign that diplomacy was becoming more important in professional soccer he said craftiness is apparently a key part of the business." Asked if Klinsmann might

move to another club he said: "It's conceivable although he still has a two-year contract. But he also left Milan six months after extending his

"In Monaco after a row with trainer Wenger he left prematurely", he said. "Even after a great year at Tottenham, he left early despite his contract."

Matthaeus, who has challenged his teammate to a live television debate to resolve the row, said Klinsmann had begged him during the 1994 World Cup to persuade Beckenbauer to take him back



LOTHAR MATTHAEUS to Munich from Monaco.

Matthaeus said Beckenbauer refused because the club could not afford him.

"I was captain. I once dealt directly with the national trainer. I was the most important link to the DFB but now these positions have been usurped by Klinsmann during my break to recover from injuries," Matthaeus said.

The attack on Klinsmann

prompted the usually mild mannered Vogts to say on Friday that Matthaeus had "removed any possibility of playing for Germany again."

Bayern Munish issued a statement the same day saying club president Beckenbauer had called Matthaeus in to "sharply condemn" his com-

ments and elicit a promise to keep his mouth shut in future. The club said Matthaeus had not meant to upset the national side's preparations and regretted comments he

had made confidentially had been made public. The extraordinary row, involving three of the bigger names in German soccer and pitting Bayern's two top players against each other threat ens to overshadow the favourities' build up to the European Championship starting in

England next weekend. In an indication of how high temperatures are running. Klinsmann and his six fellow Bayern players in the national squad have written to the board of the Munich club urging it to make its views

clear. Klinsmann denies he has influenced Vogts decision not to recall Matthaeus who was sidelined for a year with an achilles tendon injury

That was a matter for Berti Vogts alone. Klinsmann said. have always behaved fairly. Lothar has simply blown the whole thing out of propor-

Western Australia upbringing

and his selection in 1987-88

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the world. But you can't change

your nationality, my dad is a

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where my family immigrated

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wanted to get back to England.

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sider themselves to be Aussie

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"I love Australia, like anyone

He said: "I got into a few

You can live anywhere in

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Tale of a true survivor



England's new fast bowling hope Alan Mulially survived being bitten by Australia's dreaded red-backed spider ear

Now he aims to trap India's batsmen in his web of left-arm pace and swing in the opening Test of the three match series starting at Edgbaston on Thursday. The 26-year-old Mullally.

English born but Australian raised, was bitten by the spider while visiting his parent's house in Perth last February. Mullally, named for the first time in England's Test squad

thought I was a goner." One local man did die as a result of a Mullally's face, arms and

LEICESTER,

England, June 3:

India's in-form

opener Vikram

Rathore prepared

for his expected

neck swelled up and his throat

Test debut later this week by

hammering 91 from 115 balls

against Leicestershire on

Rathore, set to win his first

cap in the opening Test

against England at Edgbaston

starting on Thursday, spurred

the Indian second innings to

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who may have to play a signifi-

cant role following opener

Navjot Sidhu's decision to quit

both the tour and Test cricket

last week, took his tour aggre-

gate to 564 at an average of

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spinners deftly, Rathore

demonstrated the full range of

his strokeplay in adding to his

sumed at 38 for no wicket in

reply to India's 305 for three

declared, paceman Javagal

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The tall Punjabi batsman,

day of the three-day match.

Sunday, reports Reuter.

of 13 on Sunday, said: "I

was on fire." His heart was racing, and he felt so light headed he almost collapsed. , Within four days he had lost nearly five kgs and any attempt

to eat resulted in immediate

vomiting Yet Mullally initially wondered if a strenuous off-season spent largely in gym work and weight training had caused the problem. It was two weeks later, when he was still feeling

suffered the classic symptoms of a spider bite. "I then had some injections and a few tablets, but I have been told that it will take a long time, possibly more than a year, for the poison to work

weak, that he consulted a

doctor who told him he had

its way out of my system." Mullally, who seems set to win his first cap on Thursday. emphasised his lifelong allegiance to England, despite his

form with 61 while West

Indian Phil Simmons weighed

in with 58 from 63 deliveries

before Leicester declared at

VIKRAM RATHORE

318 for five.

the news. "I've never regretted my decision to come here on a one-way ticket back in 1988 and although Australia have often been in touch since. I've Rathore right on to target simply never been able to

imagine myself siting in an Aussie dressing room. Mulially's biggest influence in cricket has been Hampshire opener Paul Tery, whom he

has known since the age of 14. mainly through club cricket connections in Perth. He said: "Paul, and Robin Smith, had approached me about coming to play county cricket even before I played for the state under 19s. young

in a Sheffield Shield final. was approached to join the cricket academy in Adelaide, but by then I had bought

Australia and Western Australia

my ticket to England. "I've also got some good new boots and against Warwickshire last week I bowled one ball at Dermot Reeve which was easily the quickest I've ever bowled. Dermot reckoned I've put on at least a halfyard of pace, and my in

swinger is also going well. Mullally won his place in the Edgbaston squad ahead of rival contender and fellow leftarm paceman Mark llott because, said chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth, "We'd like to get a little bit more pace from somewhere."

Yugoslavs maul Malta

BELGRADE, June 3: Dejan Savicevic scored twice and set up two other goals as Yugoslavia thrashed underdogs Malta 6-0 in a European Group Six qualifying match for the 1998 World Cup on Sunday.

reports Reuter.



CRYPTOQUIP

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LNMB JMUFD GCBBZ FMWN Y esterday's Cryptoquip: SHAKESPEAREAN COM-EDY THAT TAKES PLACE MOSTLY OFF SHORE: "ALL'S

WHALE THAT ENDS WHALE," Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals P

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.

Germany's golden double MADRID, June 3: 13.63 to Schwarthoff's 13.20. Atlanta, completed his fourth High hurdler Flowas outwardly unworried. cup sprint double, confirming rian Schwarthoff



inspired Germany to a third successive men's European Cup on Sunday with an

upset victory over Britain's world record-holder Colin Jackson, reports Reuter. The tall German was pulling ahead of Jackson by the third barrier and steadily increased the margin as the Welshman

ran into all sorts of problems from the eight hurdle on. Jackson, beaten by compatriot Tony Jarrett in Bratislava last Wednesday, clipped the eighth and lost all balance and rhythm. He ploughed through the ninth barrier, ran through the 10th and in the end was

lucky to take second place

ahead of Russian Eugeny Pechenkin. Schwarthoff, who finished second to Jackson in the European Championships two years ago, was delighted and immediately threw down a challenge to both Jackson and the top Americans seven weeks before the start of the

Atlanta Olympics track programme. "If I'm in this shape in Atlanta, I'm going to be very difficult to beat," he said.

Jackson, who clocked Northants owe Ambrose one

LONDON, June 3: Curtly Ambrose smashed the fourth ball of the last over to the boundary to keep Northamptonshire top of the Sunday League with a tense threewicket victory over Warwickshire, reports Reuter.

The West Indian fast bowler came in at Northampton with three runs needed from the final four deliveries and three wickets in hand. Ambrose swung and missed at his first ball from a paceman

Paul Smith, but pulled the next

for four to hoist Northants to 186 for seven in reply to Warwickshire's 184 for eight from their 40 overs. Former England all-rounder David Capel had guided Northants towards their target with a controlled 81 off 82 de-

liveries, hitting a six and 12 fours. Northants, two points clear of second-placed Middlesex in the standings, have now won 10 successive limited-overs games in all competitions this

A brilliant unbeaten 112 by Alec Stewart and Sunday-best figures of five for 10 from medium-pacer Ben Hollioake inspired Surrey to a 50-run win over Derbyshire at the Stewart's century, contain-

ing 12 fours, hauled Surrey from 16 for four to 221 for six in their 40 overs, then Hollioake had a spell of five for six in 31 balls as Derbyshire were dismissed for 171. Graeme Hick played a key role as Worcestershire beat

League.
The England batsman lashed 61 off 49 balls, then clung onto a stinging catch at deep cover from Robin Smith (35) and also capture one for 10 with his off-spin.

Hampshire by 36 runs to

maintain the current longest

unbeaten run in the Sunday

"I've been having problems with the eighth hurdle," he said. "I'm not getting there at a high enough speed. I'm still working on my speed, but my shape's fine for this time of

Germany also won the

women's competition, with

former European champion Grit Breuer, winner of the 400 metres on Saturday, anchoring their 4x400 metres relay team to victory in the final event. Britain rallied strongly to finish second in the men's event, largely due to the efforts

of their team captain Linford

Christie and their world champion triple jumper Jonathan Edwards. Christie won the 200 metres, although he needed to work hard in the first 100 and overall did not look as impressive as he had in winning

He still clocked 20.25 seconds, which he said was his fastest ever at this time of the season. "Even in training, I'm going very well." he said.

Saturday's 100.

once again he is the greatest sprinter ever produced in Europe. Since winning the European indoor title here 10

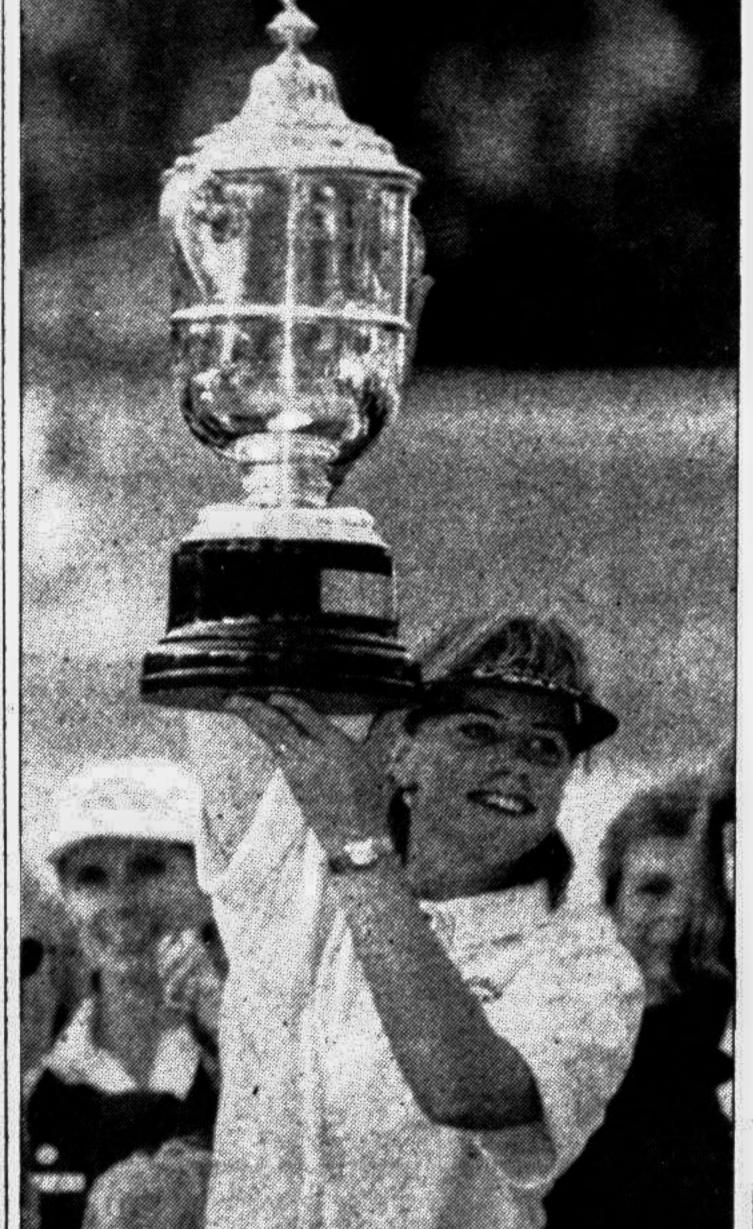
years ago. Christie has not been defeated in a European Cup or championship 100 me-Edwards had problems with an unpredictable win but won the competition easily enough

with his single valid jump of 17.79 metres, helped by a following breeze of 3.3 metres a second "I didn't feel great," he said "Something's going wrong between the run-up and the

jump. But I haven't sat down and analysed it." Another athlete to catch the eye was France's Olympic. world and European 400 metres champion Marie Jose Perce, who looked particularly sharp in the women's 200

Perce, who won the 400 at last month's Atlanta Grand Prix on the Olympic track, clocked 22.34 seconds with Melanie The 36-year-old Briton who Paschke, the German 100 still will not say whether he champion, a well beaten secwill defend his 100 title in ond in 22.55.

metres.



Annika Sorenstram of Sweden holds aloft the winner's trophy of the US Open golf championship at the Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club in Southern Pines, NC, on June 2. She finished with an 8 under par score of 272 strokes. - AFP/UNB photo | form."

by Yuri Nikiforov

With both teams keen to

SYDNEY, June 3: Australia

Australia, who reached the

from substitute striker Paul Agostino, of Bristol City, Zagreb Croatia-based spearhead Mark Viduka and skipper Kevin Muscat. Australia will take their

she is confident of putting in a good performance at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. the Xinhua news agency quoted her coach as saying. reports Reuter. Chen ranked second in the

Xinhua said. The 16-year-old sensation. who won in those four events at the Chinese Olympic trials in Tianjin in April, has been training in southwestern Kun-

Binyan as saying on Sunday that Chen was in "quite good