Headingley's

Test status

at stake

Aug 11: Yorkshire county cricket club faced growing

concern today that their Head-

ingley ground may lose its sta-

tus as a Test venue following

renewed crowd trouble on the

notorious Western Terrace on

Byford went into the crowd to

try and appease the trouble-makers after security staff had

to deal with numerous inci-

dents during the third day of the second Test between Eng-land and Pakistan.

of flare-ups in that area of the

ground and occurred despite

steps by Yorkshire to quell the

third row of seats to ease po-

lice access and banned alcohol

sales. But police, who ejected around 80 people Friday and 100 on Saturday, still make 10

arrests for public order of-

Sir Lawrence admitted:

Much more of this and we

could lose our Test match sta-

tus. I am on the executive

committee of the Test and

County Cricket Board and I will

be making a full report to

the crowd and had no doubt

the trouble was racially-moti-

of the far right here. The only

answer is the closure of the

Western Terrace. It is a slum I feel sorry for the genuine

cricket watchers. I have talked to Yorkshire before about this

and if something is not done I

think we could lose our Test

Pringle's

Derek Fatchett, the Labour MP for Leeds central, was in

"I think there are members

The club took out every

It is the latest in a number

President Sir Lawrence

Saturday, reports AFP.

trouble.

fences.

them."

match.

HEADINGLEY, England.



England were 501 all out on the rain-plagued fourth day, of the second Test at Headingley yesterelay, according to BBC

monitored here late night. In reply to Pakistan's first innings total of 448, England went on to take a first innings lead of 53 when bad light and rain interrupted proceedings for the second time in the day. Resuming on overnight total

of 373 for five, England could only add five runs to move to 378 after rain prevented all but 15 minutes play before luncheon.

Left-handed bat Nick Knight and wicketkeeper Jack Russell safely negotiated the five overs sent down before the interval with Knight remaining unbeaten on 53 and Russell on

Knight, who held at innings together in the face of some hostile bowling from fast bowlers Waqar Younis and skipper Wasim Akram, eventually notched up a gutsy cen-tury (113) before the innings folded. Dominic Cork was the other notable run-getter with a useful knock of 26.

Akram, Waqar and wristwizard Mushtaq Ahmed chipped in with three wickets

Earlier, on Saturday, Alec Stewart hit a timely 170 England's middle-order batsmen haulted their side back

Sports Reporter

The Surrey opener, who has struggled to hold his place in the side this summer, cracked his first Test century for two years and his second-highest Test score ever as England moved to within sight of Pakistan's first innings total.

When bad light brought play to a close about 20 minutes early on the third day, they were 373 for five, 75 behind with five wickets in hand.

Nick knight, back in the side at number six after opening the batting against India at Edgbaston earlier in the summer, completed a fluent third Test half-century.

His 50 came from 66 balls and included seven fours, and he ended the day on 51 with Jack Russell on nought not out. Stewart held the England fightback together throughout

almost the entire day. He shared a stand of 107 with Nasser Hussain, the only England victim during a raindelayed and shortened morning session, and then saw Graham Thorpe dismissed for

The left-handed Thorpe, who hit a gutsy 77 in the first innings of the first Test at lord's edged a sharply turning delivery from Mushtaq Ahmed onto his pads and into the hands of Shadab Kabir at short

Stewart, defending patiently and content to crack Mushtag's occasional wayward ball to the boundary, reached his eighth Test century from 168 balls after 242 minutes at

the wicket. His final 70 runs came in partnerships with John Crawley, who hit a lively 53 on his return to the Test side before being caught behind by Moin Khan while trying to drive Ataur Rehman through the covers, and Knight.

Stewart finally fell half an hour before stumps, caught and bowled while attempting to straight-drive Mushtaq, the pick of Pakistan's bowlers.

SCOREBOARD

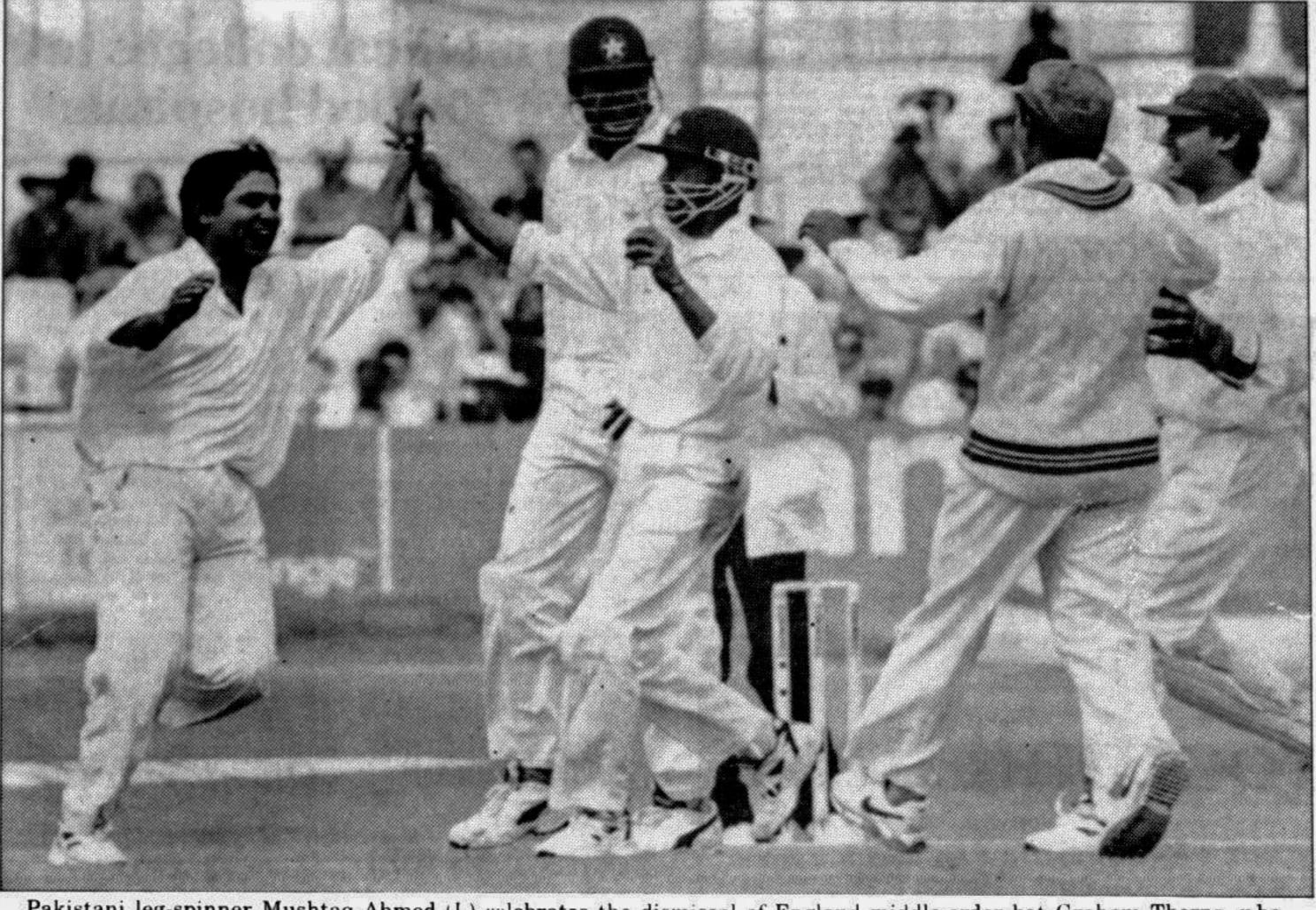
Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second Test between England and Pakistan here today:

PAKIŠTAN: First innings 448 (Ijaz Ahmed 141, Moin Khan 105, Salim Malik 55, Asif Mujtaba 51; Cork 5-113)

ENGLAND: First innings Atherton c Moin Khan b Akram A Stewart c and b Mushtag 170 N Hussain c and b Younis G Thorpe c Shadab Kabir b Mushtaq J Crawley c Moin Khan b Ataur N Knight c Mushtaq b Younis 113 J Russell b Akram C Lewis b Mushtaq D Cork c Shadab Kabir b Akram A Caddick b Younis

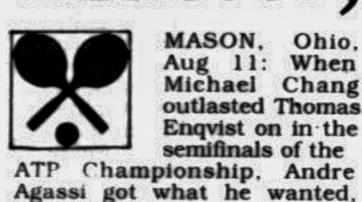
A Mullally not out Extras: (b-7, lb-23, nb-2) Total : All out (156.5 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-14; 2-121; 3-168; 4-257; 5-365; 6-402; 7-441: 8-465: 9-471

Wasim Akram 39.5 10 106 Wagar Younis Ataur Rehman 22 Mushtag Ahmed 55 17 142 Asif Mujtaba



Pakistani leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed (L) celebrates the dismissal of England middle-order bat Graham Thorpe, who was caught by Shadab Kabir (C) at forward short leg after scoring only 16, on the third day of the second Test at Headingley - AFP/UNB photo on Saturday.

Muster, Enqvist bow out



MASON, Ohio. Aug 11: When Michael Chang outlasted Thomas Enqvist on in the semifinals of the

reports AP. Not because Agassi thinks Chang will be easy to beat in Sunday's final — just the oppo-

"It requires so much persistence" to beat Chang. Agassi said Saturday after handling Thomas Muster 6-4, 6-1 in the afternoon semifinal. "It requires that discipline, that focus, that commitment. -You have to dig down pretty deep. When you walk off the court, you feel pretty good about it."

Chang advanced to his fourth straight ATP Championship final by finally overcoming Thomas Enqvist 6-1, 2-6, 6-2. It was the first time Chang beat the Swede after three

That set up a rematch of last year's championship, won, by Agassi 7-5, 6-2, Chang won the ATP title the previous two

"It's interesting because Andre and I are so different," Chang said. "He's kind of a showman personality. In many ways, he's a charismatic player and person. People who don't know tennis still identify Andre. I tend to keep things on a

MONACO, Aug 11:

Kenya's 20-year-

old Daniel Komen

ran the second

fastest 3,000 me-

tres in history at

the Monaco athletics Grand

Prix on Saturday, reports

10,000 metres world junior

champions won the race in

seven minutes 25.16 seconds.

just five hundredths of a sec-

ond outside Algerian Noured-

dine Morceli's 1994 world

record," Komen said after he

and fellow Kenyans took the

1,500 but pulled out of the

also saw world marks set by

German Steffi Nerius in the

women's javelin, double

Olympic middle distance

champion Svetlana Masterkov

of Russia in the 800 metres

and Atlanta gold medalist

Joseph Keter of Kenya in the

keter, who missed the

Olympics because his Danish

naturalisation papers had not

come through and he did not

want to run for his native

country, fell short in his bid to

An infamous

obsession

popular card game which has

become such an obsession that

some teenagers are willing to

spend hundreds of dollars on

it has been banned by some

premier Singapore schools.

the Sunday Times reported.

not encourage such cult

games," Ong Tech Chin, headmaster of the Angio-Chi-

nese School (independent)

was quoted as saying about the

tured on these cards are quite

grotesque, and the game in-

volves fantasy and violence."

The game is played in groups of up to four, each

player starting with an unlim-

ited stack of cards. Players are

"wizards" who hold cards rep-

Players aim to extinguish

resenting magical energies, at-

their opponents' 20 "life"

points by attacking them with

tacking creatures and spells.

the spells and creatures.

"Some of the creatures fea-

"As a mission school, we do

reports AFP.

game.

said Ong.

SINGAPORE, Aug 11: A

Kenyan born Wilson Kip-

3,000 metres steeplechase.

meeting with an injury.

"I wasn't thinking about the

Morceli was to have run the

The capacity 20,000 crowd

The former 5,000 and

Reuter.

record.

first five places.

more private level and am a lot more conservative."

Agassi was a picture of pre-

cision in dismantling Muster. "I was working him left and right, hitting six and seven shots to get the one ball I was waiting on," Agassi said after beating the world's No. 2ranked player in 63 minutes. Cheered by a supportive

crowd at the Jack Nicklaus

Sports Center, the Olympic gold medalist had an answer for every problem posed by the left-handed Austrian. Agassi handled Muster's serves and dictated a hectic

pace with his variety of bulletlike ground strokes and slowmotion drop shots. Against Agassi, you have to kill him with power, either

with serves or by playing faster than he does - which is almost impossible," Muster said. Muster had won four of seven meetings with Agassi, although Agassi had taken the last two in straight sets.

The two had feuded since last spiring, when Agassi de-manded Muster's No. 1 ranking by saying the world's top player should be adept on all court surfaces. Muster, a renowned clay-court specialist. has said hard court surfaces hurt his injured left knee.

"He was on from the first point," Muster said. "He knows im not going to give him an easy game. And after what he

Komen steals the show

break the 15-year old world

42.59 seconds gave him the

satisfaction of knowing it was

ern Redal's Olympic winning

tres champion Donovan Bailey

want to remain consistent and

win all (the races) I can," said

self). The Olympics in such an

emotional high, but you have to

at the meeting mainly to cheer

on their French Olympic

champions — Marie Jose-Perec

in the 400 metres and Jean

medalist Allen Johnson also

won his event, just in front of

veteran fellow-American Roger

Kingdom who won the 110 at

Olympic high hurdles gold

The huge crowd turned up

do it for all these people.

Galfione in the pole vault

"It's hard (to motivate one-

won his race in 10.06.

the Canadian.

Olympic and world 100 me-

"After the Olympics I just

faster than Norwegian Vebjo-

But his time of one minute

record for the 800 metres.

said in the spring, he didn't want to lose today.

But Agassi said that was not his incentive. "My motivation was really

simple: He's No. 2 in the world and playing good tennis. I just want to go out and win the match," he said. Chang and Enqvist took

turns dominating play in their match. Chang swept the first six points — including all the points in Enqvist's opening serve - in cruising through the first set. In the second set, Enqvist started getting more first serves in and began handling Chang's service. Then Chang took over again in the final set.

"I don't know if it was peaks and valleys," Chang said. "If possible, it was valleys and higher valleys and even higher

Chang said many might be misled by the lopsided scores of his match with Enqvist.

"The scores might indicate easy sets, but they weren't," he

Agassi holds a 10-6 lead in meetings with Chang, although Chang has won two of three this year. Agassi has a 10match winning streak in ATP events, while Chang has won his last 14.

Chang has also won 18 of his last 19 matches at the ATP, which is sponsored by Great American Insurance.

the 1984 and 1988 Games.

and finished seventh.

place.

medals.

400 hurdles

was right here.

The winners of the annual City to Surf race Heather Turling

(L) and John Marapedi celebrate victory on Bondi beach in

- AFP/UNB photo

Sydney yesterday.

World record-holder Colin

Masterkova clocked one

Jackson of Britain stumbled

over one of the last hurdles

minute 56.04 seconds in the

800 to beat Olympic silver

medal winner Ana Fidelia

Quirot of Cuba into second

managed 69.42 metres with

her second throw, a personal

best, to overshadow the three

women who won the Olympic

Gwen Torrence in her victory

over fellow-American Gail Dev-

ers, the Olympic champion, in

the women's 100 and for

American Kim Batten over Ja-

maica's Deon Hemmings in the

hind Hemmings in Atlanta,

said: "I don't like the word re-

venge, but I wanted to prove I

Batten, silver medalist be

There was revenge for

Nerius, ninth in Atlanta,

Mixed delight for Pankraton

MULHOUSE, France, Aug 11: Russia's Denis Pankratov, lived up to his nickname, "the dolphin" here on Saturday night, slashing the world 50m butterfly record by 37/100ths of a second, reports AFP.

The Olympic champion in the 100 and 200m butterfly clocked 23.68 sec to beat the previous record of 24.05 sec set by Byron Davis during the American Olympic trials in

Pankratov now holds the 50m, 100m and 200m world butterfly records. Exhausted by his efforts.

however, the Russian was unable to maintain his outstanding form in his specially race. the 100m butterfly.



DENIS PANKARATOV

He was beaten by Australian Michael Klim, who recorded the third best time in the world this year of 53.11 sec.

Adding fuel to the fire

SYDNEY, Aug 11: The ar gument over who will open the Sydney 2000 Olympics reopened today with Sports Min ister Warwick Smith joining the ranks of Australian leaders who object to Queen Elizabeth II being given the honour, reports AFP

"The decision hasn't been made yet, but if I had a personal preference and I think I've expressed it in the past I'd choose for the Prime Minister of the day to be the person who opens the Games Smith said in a television interview

"I just think it's the appropriate person," he told the Seven Network

Under the International Olympic Committee's charter, the Games should be opened by the head of state, but many Australians have objected to a non-Australian begin given the Last month Deputy Prince

William should be considered to open the Olympics.

Shocking!

LAGOS, Aug 11: A man was struck dead by lighting in Abuja as he turned out to greet the Nigerian Olympic squad returning from Atlanta, Georgia, where it achieved the country's best ever Olympic performance, the media reported Saturday, says AFP.

The man, who like thousands of others had defied the rain to head for the national parade group, was repairing his motorcycle during a thunderstorm when a thunderbolt struck him dead.

The heavy downpour, which started just before the plane carrying the Nigerian contingent touched down Friday. continued throughout the fourhour grandiose reception organised for the team by the Nigerian government.

The event was attended by General Sani Abacha and other members of the ruling military A similar reception was or-

ganised by the Lagos state gov-

ernment for the contingent

Saturday.

Glamorgan bats-Gibson hammered 14 fours before falling three short of his man Tony Cottey



LONDON, Aug 11: first innings. struck the first double century of his career and shared a record-

breaking stand with West Indian Ottis Gibson in the English county championship on Saturday, reports Reuter. Cottey scored 203 and all-

rounder Gibson hit 97 to inspire a fightback against titlechasing Leicestershire on the third day of the four-day match at Swansea. They shared a Glamorgan

record seventh wicket partnership of 211, passing the previous best of 1995 by Wilf Wooller and Willie Jones against Lancashire at Liverpool in 1947. Cottey and Gibson came to-

gether with Glamorgan on 127 for six in reply to Leicestershire's 536, and their double century stand transformed the innings, lifting the Welsh team to 433 all out - 103 behind on

first century for Glamorgan while Cottey batted for 335 minutes, faced 333 balls and hit 32 fours and one six. Leicestershire, second in

Glamorgan's gritty show

the table, increased their lead to 244 by making 141 for three at the close, leaving West Indian acting captain Phil Simmons needing to make a carefully-timed declaration on Monday's last day. Kent sustained their title

challenge with a crushing with over Northamptonshire by 10 wickets with a day to spare at Northampton. Left-arm paceman Tim

Wren returned his seasons' best five for 49 and West Indies all-rounder Carl Hooper claimed four for seven to dismiss the home side for 196 after they had followed on 183 behind.

Former England off-spinner Peter Such completed a match haul of 12 for 135 as Essex

cessive championship victory, beating Somerset by an innings and 11 runs on the third day at Taunton. Such took six for 72 from

romped to their fourth suc-

42.3 overs as Somerset, following on 219 behind, were bowled out for 208. Only Australian Shane Lee (36), Graham Rose (46) and Rob Turner (44 not out) offered resistance. England A team seamer

Richard Johnson claimed his first five-wicket haul of the season to help Middlesex condemn Nottinghamshire to their fourth successive championship defeat on the third day at Trent Bridge. Johnson, who had earlier

removed Tim Robinson and Paul Johnson in his first over. returned to blast his way through the tail with a burst of three for two in 19 deliveries.

Notts, who faced a first innings deficit of 170, were bowled out for 163 to leave them one off the bottom of the

At the end of the 800 me

tres at the 1932 Olympics.

Canada's Alex Wilson was well

in the lead a few metres from

home. He threw his hands in

the air and slowed down, al-

lowing Britain's Tommy Hamp-

said to have had really bad

luck, but Soviet rower Vyach-

eslav Ivanov came close. He

threw his 1956 single sculls

gold medal high in the air, and

it went into Melbourne's Lake

He jumped in after it, but

could not find the medal. Nei-

ther could Australian divers.

Ivanov was given a replace-

ment. He held on tight to the

gold medais he won in 1960

About the Author: Phil Min

First Games were at

Olympia, Greece,

- Gemini News

No gold medalist can be

son to lunge past

Wendouree.

and 1964.

timely ton LONDON, Aug 11: South

Africa A all-rounder Meyrick Pringle scored his maiden first-class century to put his side in a strong position against Worcestershire on Saturday, reports AFP. The Western Province

player helped extend South Africa's second innings total to 325 and set below strength Worcestershire a massive 451 for victory. By tea, the county had al-

ready lost the wickets of Phil Weston, Reuben Spiring and Matthew Church in reaching 96 for three before play was washed out for the day by rain.

Pringle, whose previous highest score was 60 for the province two years ago, came to the wicket late on Friday with his side 114 for six on a day when 26 wickets had fallen.

But Pringle, whose last of four Test appearances was against England last winter, put conditions into perspective as he raced to three figures off only 108 balls. He was largely untroubled

as he hit three sixes and 12 fours and helped the last two South African wickets add 131 after the tourists had been reduced to 194 for eight.

Pringle was on 99 when Paul Adams edged a comfort-

able looking chance to Vikram Solanki at third slip off Paul Thomas, but the fielder spilled the chance. Pringle cashed in on his

good fortune to reach three figures in the next over and he was eventually last man out for 105. Greg Smith picked up two of the three Worcestershire wickets to fall before the heavens opened.

Great Gazza grief-stricken

LONDON, Aug 11: England soccer hero Paul Gascoigne said on Saturday he could have accepted the agony of losing on penalties in the European Championship semifinal if it had been to any team other than Germany, reports Reuter.

The sudden death defeat, after the two sides had drawn I-1 in an in thrilling match at Weinbley, brought back bitter memories for Gascoigne, a key member of the team which suffered the same fate at the hands of the West Germans in the 1990 World Cup. On that occasion, in Italy,

the inspirational midfielder could not hold back the tears as England's hopes of a first World Cup final appearance since 1966 were dashed. Six years later, Aston Villa

midfielder Gareth Southgate saw his penalty saved as England lost the spot-kick contest

wouldn't have minded

getting beaten on penalties by anybody except Germany because of the 1990 World Cup thing and getting beaten on penalties then." Gascoigne told

"I had my own motivation this summer because of what they did in Italy and I gave everything I had.

BBC radio.

"When it came to penalties (at Wembley) I just couldn't believe it," said Gascoigne, who plays for Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers. "I just ran off into the bath. I didn't cry or anything. I just couldn't believe we had been done again by them on penalties."

Gascoigne, whose volleyed goal against Scotland was one of the highlights of Euro '96, said the British media had tried to turn England fans against their team but had

"It backfired," he said. "The fans were absolutely brilliant from the word go, and for me the fans singing my name brought a lump to my throat."

Agony replaces ecstasy in cruel twists of fate By Phil Minshull from London

Defeat has often been snatched from the jaws of victory in Olympic history. Gemini News Service looks at some of the apparently gold-bound competitors who, due to bad luck or bad management, saw the treasured prize slip through their fingers.

muson thought the 1984 pentathlon gold medal was his when he overtook Daniele Masala of Italy near the finish of the 4,000-metre cross-country run. Rasmuson was pulling away

as he rounded the last turn. but 20 metres from home, the Swede skidded on soft soil He staggered into a potted

plant organisers had placed on the boundary of the course tripped and had the galling experience of seeing Masala pass him, leaving him with silver as a consolation prize. Rasmuson was not the only

Olympic competitor to watch victory fall from his grasp. Many others have suffered a similar fate. In the 1912 tennis mixed

doubles final. Swedes Sigrid Fick and Gunner Setterwall were ahead of their German opponents until Fick smashed her partner in the face with an overhead shot. They lost 6-4 "This little accident," the

official report said, "seemed to put Setterwall off his game, for his play fell off tremendously."

Four years earlier, the Rus sian shooting team arrived in London to find their events already finished. They were using the Julian calendar that was prevalent in Russia at the time, while most other countries, as well as the Olympic organisers, had switched to the Gregorian calendar we use today

In 1972. Eddie Hart and Rey Robinson were among the favourites for the 100 metres. Both Americans comfortably won their first-round heats. Thinking the second round would not be run until 7 pm. they left the Olympic Village. While waiting for a bus back

to the stadium, they were watching television and asked if repeats of the first round were being shown. They were told it was a live transmission, and realised they were watching the races they should have been in. It was not their fault. Their

coach had been working on a timetable which had been changed 18 months earlier. Another sad case in 1972

Yifter, a contender in the 5,000 metres. He never made it to the starting line.

different explanation. He said

WEDEN'S Svente Ras- Ethiopian officials had been ingly won the second contest. jealous of his success because he was from Tigray — where many of the locals were fighting the regime in Addis Ababa - and had misinformed him about the timetable. He also said he had feared the consequences of what would happen if he had done well

> But in the 1976 Games in Moscow, with a new administration in power in his homeland. Yifter won both the 5,000 and 10,000 metres. At the 1988 Olympics in

Seoul, boxing rings were sited close together during the early rounds. The bells from one ring could be heard in another. causing confusion. The bell sounded in the next ring while there were

still 17 seconds left in a light-

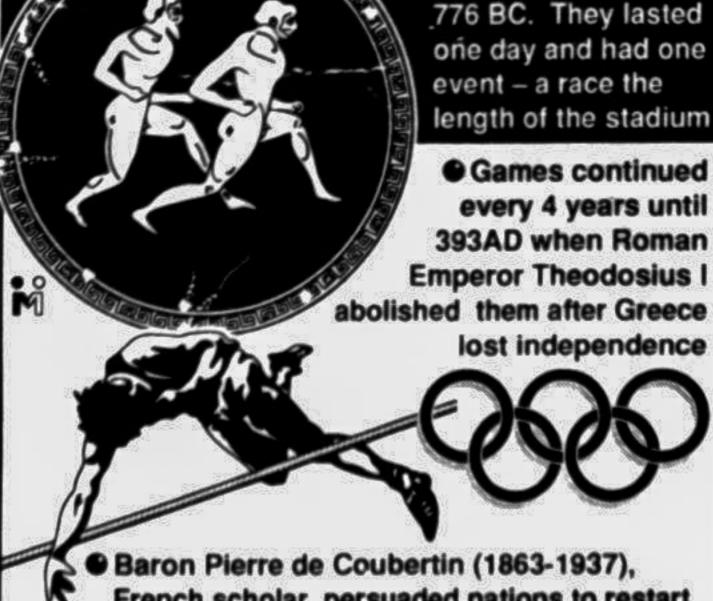
States and the Soviet Union's Chun Jin Chul As Chun started back to his corner. Foster felled him with a left hook. The judges ordered a rematch, but it did

not help Chun. Foster convinc-

heavyweight bout between Todd Foster from the Unites shull is a British sports writer and proadcaster who is a requ-

lar contributor to Reuters news agency, the Daily Telegraph and the British Broadcasting Corporation World Service.

History of sporting spirit



First Games of modern times were in Athens, 1896 Olympic Oath,

In the name of all competitors I promise that we will take part

which govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for

the glory of sport and for the honour of our teams .

in these Olympic Games, respecting and abiding by the rules

involved Ethiopia's Miruts French scholar, persuaded nations to restart Games

At the time, Yifter was quoted as saying he was directed to the wrong gate and refused admittance by the guards. Another version had

him saying he spent too long

in the toilet. Four years ago. Yifter gave a