'Let's talk Beckham'

LONDON, Oct 30 (Reuters): Forget the Falklands - what about David Beckham's red

card? The question of whether the young England soccer player really deserved to be sent off in a World Cup match against Argentina this June was on the agenda when Prime Minister Tony Blair and Argentine President Carlos Menem met on Thursday.

Until 5 pm, the only crick-eters in action yesterday were

the Aussies, playing golf at KGC.

That spoke volumes for the way

the day was turning out to be.

Cricket took a backseat as

overnight drizzle rendered the

Bangabandhu Stadium quite

inhospitable. And when our

own three ball, with only Man-

zoor Ahmed and yours truly

under the umbrellas got caught

in the rain on the 12th hole,

things were looking increas-

ingly dicey. Apprehensions of

the match being reduced to a

shoot-out raised their ugly

be decided by someone trying to

knock down an inanimate ob-

ject boggles the mind somewhat.

That's a question that must

soon be answered at some point

in the near future. A player's

skills ought to be pitted against

an equally adept opponent, capable either of defending or

attacking, and thereby

influencing an outcome or a de-

than 120 years ago, the biennial

series have been the highlight

for fans and players alike. But

the Australians, who have eas-

ily won every series played

since 1989, are looking to other

countries to provide challenges.

Ashes being the ultimate," Tay-

with all the other series," he

tralian cricket team in the last

10 years is try and put every se-

ries up there - not just say we

would like to beat the West In-

dies," the Australian captain

whether it's in India, Pakistan,

the Caribbean, South Africa or

lenges in their own right and

you need different approaches to all of them. I look at the

Thursday after his outstanding

tour of Pakistan, where he

Ashes as another challenge."

wherever," he said

"We want to win every series

"They're call different chal-

Taylor, who arrived home.

NEW YORK, Oct 30 (AP):

Princess Diana's former butler

will run in the New York City

Marathon Sunday to raise

money for charities in her

funds for the London-based Di-

ana, Princess of Wales Memo-

East

4 S A 1096

♦ D. Q 10754

1 Heart**

Pass

Pass

♥ H: Q J 10

Paul Burrell will be raising

memory.

rial Fund.

A K Sayeedul Huq

FOR NORTH'S DOUBLE EAST WEST MISSED

A GRAND SLAM

(Hand # 128)

North

4 S : J8

♥ H: 632

♦ D: 98

South (D)

♦ D 63

4 S : Q432

♥H: K98754

Pass

Pass

West in the second position opened one Club with a powerful hand and

East showed 7-9 HCP. When West bid 2 Clubs, his real 5-carder suit,

North with 6 cards in the suit impulsively doubled. East holding 9 HCP

(the maximum for his Heart response) did not immediately rush to a

rescue bid. He passed for partner to show his next best suit. When East

passed, South thought of bidding 2 Hearts, but decided against it in a

vulnerable position, West in his turn redoubled to make the game. He

assumed that Club suit was acceptable to partner since he did not take

any action after North's double. East thought that West was holding a

Double

♣ C: K87432

lor said.

"I don't know about the

"It's up there on a parallel

'What we've done in the Aus-

In the end a semi-final that

SYDNEY, Oct 30

(AP/AFP): Aus-

tralian cricket

Why a cricket match should

heads.

cision.

Beckham was dismissed after aiming a seemingly innocuous kick at Argentine captain Diego Simeone, who collapsed dramatically, England, pushed onto the defensive, held out till extra time but lost on penalties.

Beckham was pilloried by the British tabloid press, but Simeone also came in for a great deal of criticism in Britain for allegedly overreacting to the foul.

The talks between Blair and Menem, on the first visit by an Argentine leader since the two countries fought a 1982 war over the Falklands, focused mainly on trade and bilateral

"They also discussed David Beckham's red card," a Blair spokesman said tantalisingly. but declined to elaborate.

The soccer-mad Menem sported a badge backing Britain's bid to host the 2006 World Cup during his two hours of talks with Blair, who thanked him for his support. Menem said on arrival that

he wanted if at all possible to see a soccer match this week-

Poelman jailed

AUCKLAND, Oct 30: New Zealand Olympic decathlete Simon Poelman was today iailed for five and a half years for importing ecstasy pills with a street value of 200,000 NZ dollars (100,000 US), reports AFP. Poelman, 35, who competed

at the September Commonwealth Games in Malaysia while on bail, was found guilty earlier this month of importing 1,990 tablets of the Class B drug. His reaction to the jail term

was a "complete sense of relief that it's over," defence counsel Peter Kaye said.

The case arose from a visit Poelman made to the Netherlands and Belgium in September and October last year.

During a three-day trial earlier this month, the crown alleged Poelman, while in Antwerp, sent a toy rabbit filled with the drugs to an unsuspecting businessman friend in Auckland.

The athlete denied buying the drugs or putting them in the rabbit and said he handed the parcel containing the toy to a Dutch friend to post.

Justice Peter Salmon said the courts had emphasised the need for deterrence when sentencing drug offences.

"The reason these offences take place is a desire to make a large amount of easy money without regard to the consequences of those actions on other people," the judge said.

Prosecutor Ross Burns said deterrence should be the main factor in sentencing and the fact that Poelman was a prominent sportsman should make him no different from any other person convicted of drug smuggling. SIX NO TRUMPS

West

VH A

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

THE PLAY

♠ S : K75

D AKJ2

+ C: AQ 1096

Bidding: Both sides were vulnerable

* Artificial, 18 or more HCP

** Artificial, showing 7-9 HCP

West

I Club*

2 Clubs

Redouble

Beyond the boundary

Rain — Gatecrasher And Spoilsport

By Shakil Kasem lived up to its billing did set the pulse racing for a packed house. South Africa raced to 240 in 39 overs. A stuttering start and Darryl Cullinan not being able to carry on from where he left off still saw the Sri Lankans on a right royal chase for the leather. Jacques Kallis, an imposing figure in his own right, make his presence felt with a blitzkrieg hundred. Arjuna Ranatunga used four spinners and Kallis hit them to all parts of the ground and beyond. Hansie Cronje pattered

around, not quite his normal controlled self, making a scratchy 20 odd. Kallis it was who shouldered the innings and posted South Africa's daunting challenge to Arjuna's men. In any match played on a reduced format, fielding is the key to keep matters under control. For some strange reason the Sri Lankans were woefully short of ideas in the field. The slippery outfield could be made the villain, but the Sri Lankans perhaps paid heavily for some shoddy work themselves. South Africa were faced with

Ashes not ultimate

scored an unbeaten 334 in the

second Test in Peshawar, rub-

bished suggestions England was

worst nightmare staring them in the face, immediately after the innings ended. Remember the 1992 World Cup where they were asked to score 23 runs off one ball, after the calculations were made when the rain came then? It was a shame that after two clinical performances in this tournament whilst batting, Hansie Cronje should be faced with the prospect of being done in by the rules, and not by cricket.

The tournament, which had been going on like clockwork struggled to remain alive as a cricket match through the major part of the day. The weekend crowd gathered for this match. all 40,000 or more, were a great testimony to the good-natured behaviour of the Bangladeshi cricket lover. Whatever the outcome was, all across the world the images of a patient, expecnight did indeed have its own message. Cricket rules OK, in

until now, faced its first major hiccup, and this semi-final tant multitude willing a cricket match to breathe till late in the

"It's much nicer to have a few

weeks in Australia but the pro-

fessionals who will come back

after the one-dayers - like

Steve Waugh and Glenn Mc-

Grath — will handle the transi-

Taylor, Ian Healy, Stuart

MacGill and Michael Slater

have returned home while the

remainder of the Australians

have stayed on the subcontinent

for the Wills Cup in Bangladesh

and three limited overs games

send a second string side to

Bangladesh in order to keep its

Test squad together before the

Most of the Australians, in-

cluding Mark and Steve Waugh

and pace spearhead Glenn Mc-

Grath, will remain on foreign

soil until just one week before

broke the world record for dis-

missals during the 1-0 series

win over Pakistan earlier this

month, admitted the current

England side had a host of tal-

ented individuals capable of pushing the Australian's this

land had often fielded quality

players in recent years they

had not always performed up to

ing to sneak up and bite us."

Healy said Friday. "Individu-

ally their players are very very

However, he said while Eng-

"But at some stage they're go-

The 34-year-old Healy, who

England selectors opted to

Dhaka.

tion very well.

in Pakistan.

series opener.

the Brisbane Test

summer.

expectations.

Ravanelli to Marseille's rescue

PARIS, Oct 30: Substitute Fabrizio Ravanelli scored twice as Olympique Marseille came from behind to beat Lorient 3-1 away in the French First Division on Thursday, reports

Marseille, the only unbeaten side in the top flight, fell behind when Ali Bouafia scored in the 25th minute.

His first was somewhat for tunate - a shot which deflected off a Lorient defender — but the second, a freekick which went

in off a post, was superb. Marseille had midfielder Daniel Bravo sent off in the 70th minute but stretched their lead four minutes from time. Ravanelli, whose double

leading scorer on seven goals, made the decisive pass to scorer Robert Pires. The victory put Marseille back on top of the standings on 27 points, but Bordeaux, who travel to Strasbourg today,

took him level with Bordeaux's

Sylvain Wiltord as France's

could overhaul than should Lorient, promoted to the First Division this season, are still chasing their first home

Monaco, beaten last week in Metz, boosted their morale ahead of their UEFA Cup second leg tie against AK Graz on Tuesday with a convincing 3-1 victory over Nantes.

Franck Gava, Belgian international defender Philippe Leonard and Nigeria's Viktor Ikpeba scored Monaco's goals in a one-sided tie.

Olympique Lyon, also in UEFA Cup action on Tuesday. hit the post in the first half and missed a penalty with 10 minutes remaining in their goalless draw against Le Havre.

Arena brings in rookies

WASHINGTON, Oct 30: Bruce Arena picked five players from his original local team into the new USA men's national soccer team, reports Xinhua.

The team will play against Australia on November 6 in its first appearance in California.

World Cup veterans Eddie Pope and Jeff Agoss were called in by Arena, as were forward Roy Lassiter, midfielder Richie Williams and midfielder Ben Olsen, who was major league soccer's rookie of the year

Following through on the promise he made Tuesday when he was named US coach, Arena filled his 22-man roster with Young emerging players from

"Our future is with our young players in MLS." Arena said, "The players based in Europe will always be in our plans, but right now we need to develop our players at home.

Olsen and Williams are two of nine US players without national team experience. The others are defenders. Arena also selected goalkeeper Zach Thornton and forward Ante Razov from the US league's winning team.

In addition to Pope and Agoos, the World Cup veterans picked by Arena are forwards Brian McBride and Joe-Max Moore, and midfielder Cobi

Following is the roster of the newly-formed US men's national soccer team:

Goalkeepers: Kevin Hartman, David Kramer, Zach Thornton.

Defenders: Jeff Agoos, C J Brown, Leo Cullen, Robin Fraser, Mike Petke, Eddie Pope. Midfielders: Mark Chung. Cobi Jones. Eddie Lewis, Clint Mathis, Joe-Max Moore, Ben Olsen, Steven Ralston, Richie Williams.

Forwards: Paul Bravo, Roy Lassiter, Brian McBride, Ante Razov, Josh Wolff.

Asian U-19 soccer

CHIANG MAI, Thailand, Oct 30 (AFP): Result of semifinals Thursday in under-19 Asian Youth Football championships: Japan 4 (Masashi Motoyama, 7, Naohiro Takahara, 53, 56, 82).

Saudi Arabia 2 (Mohamed Dabo, 34, 39)

South Korea 6 Kazakhstan 5 After penalty shootout.

Score was 2-2 after full time. (South Korea: Nah Hee Geun, 83 and Lee Eun Jig 88. Kazakhstan: Dinayev Murat, 57 and

England-W Australia tie from today



PERTH, Oct 30 (AFP/AP): England's batsmen have the chance of a run rampage against Western Australia when their

initial first-class encounter of the Ashes tour starts here Saturday. Western Australia are the reigning Sheffield Shield

champions but the four pace bowlers who carried them to the crown in their showdown victory over Tasmania will be missing. Captain Tom Moody, Jo An-

gel and Mark Atkinson are sidelined with injury, while Brendon Julian is a member of the Australian one-day side in Bangladesh. The tour replacement

bowlers them have only 31 first-class outings among them, ranging from Sean Cary's 19 to Shane Jurgensen making his senior debut. Kade Harvey has played nine first-class matches and Matthew Nicholson three.

Western Australia will also be without two mainstay batsmen apart from all-rounder Moody, with Adam Gilchrist and Damien Martyn with the Australian one-day team.

Three of England's senior batsmen found early form in the tour opener when the tourists scraped home Thursday by one run against an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI.

Mike Atherton, skipper Alec Stewart, John Crawley 64 all scored half centuries, led by Atherton's 88. But Mark Butcher and Mark Ramprakash

had limited time in the middle and will be keen for an extended stay at the crease.

Vice-captain Nasser Hussain and left-hander Graham Thorpe will be playing in their

first game on tour. This is an important game for Thorpe who needs early success to boost his chances of a return to the Test line-up for the

first international starting on

November 20 in Brisbane. A combination of loss of form and back surgery cost him his Test place in the past English summer, allowing Crawley back into the side for the one-off Test against Sri Lanka in August, in which he made an

unbeaten 156.

England will also take a four-pronged pace attack into the game with Angus Fraser and left-hander Alan Mullally, who played 15 games for Western Australia almost a decade ago, making their first appearance of the tour supported by Darren Gough and Dominic Cork.

Off-spinner Robert Croft comes in for his first tour match, but can expect no favours from a wicket anything but spinner-friendly.

Test player Justin Langer promises his Western Australia side will do England no favours. Acting state captain Langer, who returned from Australia's tour to Pakistan on Thursday, said Western Australia wanted

to make life as difficult as possible for England. Winning is a habit and if we can stop England from having a good preparation for the Test series then we will have done

our job," Langer said. "We'll go out to play good, tough cricket and hopefully give them a hard time.

Stewart was Friday passed fit to be wicketkeeper after not fielding against the ACB side because of back stiffness.

The England skipper said tour selectors were certain to

prune one batsman from the 12man squad for the match. Stewart said Thursday's victory further enhanced the spirit of his charges

"People say it's only a festival game but we came here to win it and if we had lost I would have been disappointed," he

"The fighting spirit is good and improving all the time and the other thing is we are learning how to win. Wherever a game is played over here. I have said we have got to win it.

The Perth game is one of three first-class fixtures before the battle for cricket's most famous prize gets underway in three weeks.

TEAMS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Justin Langer (capt), Simon Katich (Vice-capt), Rob Baker, Ryan Campbell, Sean Cary, Michael Dighton, Kade Harvey, Michael Hussey, Shane Jurgensen, Matthew Nicholson,

(12th man to named). ENGLAND: Alec Stewart (capt), Nasser Hussain (vicecapt). Mike Atherton, Mark Butcher, Dominic Cork, John Crawley, Robert Croft, Angus Fraser, Darren Gough, Alan Mullally, Mark Ramprakash, Graham Thorpe (12th man to be named).

Brad Oldroyd, Chris Rogers



(R-L) Anna Kournikova, Aranxa Sanchez-Vicario, Olga Barabanschikova and Maria Sanchez pose in front of the Sphinx in Cairo on Oct 29 one-day before the opening of the - AFP photo Al-Ahram international tennis championship.

New York Marathon tomorrow

Silva ready to run NEW YORK, Oct 30: As Ger-New York City Marathon bethree times. cause of the adulation he re-

man Silva approached the finish of the 1997 New York City Marathon, he appeared to be heading toward his third victory in the race, reports AP. "With three miles (4.8 kilo-

metres) to go, I was thinking, This is mine again'," Silva said. "I was looking forward to getting to Central Park (the finish Suddenly, Silva couldn't go

very fast. He had severe dehydration and his energy was completely sapped almost did not finish,'

said the Mexican, who is among the favourites for Sunday's New York City Marathon. "I wanted to stop. But I told myself I can't stop here. I decided to keep going at a slow pace. So slow that Silva faded

from second place to fifth. Even though the 1994-95 champion ran his fastest New York race in four attempts — 2 hours, 10 minutes, 19 seconds — he was bitterly disappointed

He felt he could have beaten Kenya's John Kagwe, the winner in 2:08:12, the second-fastest time in the race's 28-year history, and joined Alberto Salazar (1980-82) and Bill Rodgers (1976-79) as the only men to win the race at least

Silva became dehydrated because he did not drink enough water along the punishing 26mile, 385-yard (42.1-kilometre)

course. It was not always his

fault. "Sometimes, people threw by bottle (off the table at the water stations)," he said. "Sometimes I couldn't get the bottle at the right time (because of a jam-up at the stations). I couldn't stop.

If you stop, it costs you about three seconds." Failure to drink sufficient liquids taught Silva a lesson. "I can't say, 'I'm German

Silva - I will not drink water during the race'," he said. This time, provided he gets enough water. Silva again figures to be in the mix, along with

Kagwe, Olympic gold medalist Josia Thugwane of South Africa, 1997 runner-up Joseph Chebet of Kenya and world champion Abel Anton of Spain. "If I win again, it will mean the same or more than the first time," he said. "The first time

changed my life. "If I win, it will mean I have proved myself again. I am hungry to win again. It's like a potion. I like to win. I have to

Mexico and at sea level, adding in some cross-country workouts. In 1994, Silva registered one of the most unusual victories in

ceives.

world.

weeks ago.

times ever.

marathon history. With about a half-mile to go, he veered off course. He tried to head into Central Park at the wrong spot, before a policeman got him turned back in the right direction.

"I like when you people (the

media) are around, talking to

me, asking questions," he said.

"I like this environment. And

athlete has to be motivated.

And I love the friendship I get

from people all around the

this race well-prepared.

Silva feels he is coming into

In his most recent

marathon, he ran a career-best

2:08:57 in placing sixth at

Boston in April. In his most re-

cent race, he finished second in

a 10-kilometre (6.2-mile) event

at San Diego less than two

track workouts in his fastest

altitude among the volcanoes of

He also has run 1,500-metre

As usual, he has trained in

Silva enjoys winning the

VIETNAM DUO: Dan Jensen and Tran Son, disabled athletes

South Africa's Daryll Cullinan going for a stroke.

ACROSS 27 Computer links 32 Cadmus' daughter 33 Important numero 34 Tiny 35 Middle ear

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11 Poison cious gives-a hoot? 19 "- what?" DOWN 1 Type of 1 Honey 21 Estival 42 Farmdrum or 24 Frontiers-2 Mater 5 Check doings lead-in 8 Attempt 45 Logic Carson 49 Unrivaled 3 Headed 12 Big name 25 Wool for home. 50 Mongrel in scat quantity? maybe 52 Jeans-13 Insepa-26 Fielding 4 Sarcastic maker 14 Circle Strauss 5 Automatic 28 Babylon-53 Tourna of a sort ian sun 15 Send forth ment 6 Blackbird format 16 Woody's ex 29 Annie's 7 Timber 17 "-- for All 54 Fuss 8 Do 55 Portent Seasons" 30 Verily surveil-56 Criterion 18 Man's in-31 Rigid lance on 57 Prop for humanity 9 Light axe 36 Progen-Stern 10 Composer 20 Monsieur's companion 58 Outcry of Khachaturian the avari-22 Trigger's Solution time: 23 mins. 23 Play- --24 Shake-TEARY IGLOOS 42 Coagulate shrew

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

37 Improve, as cheese 38 Zigzag 41 Lindbergh ESHEALL 43 Clinton's 46 Big rig 47 It takes the cake

CRYPTOQUIP

U O E W N B I ' A AMOL UOTMINVB

"ENEB RNTBA VM Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I BET THAT ERRANT POLO PLAYERS OFTEN HIT ONLY FOAL BALLS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals V 48 "Hollywood The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one Squares" letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it group? will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short 51 Japanese words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to celery locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

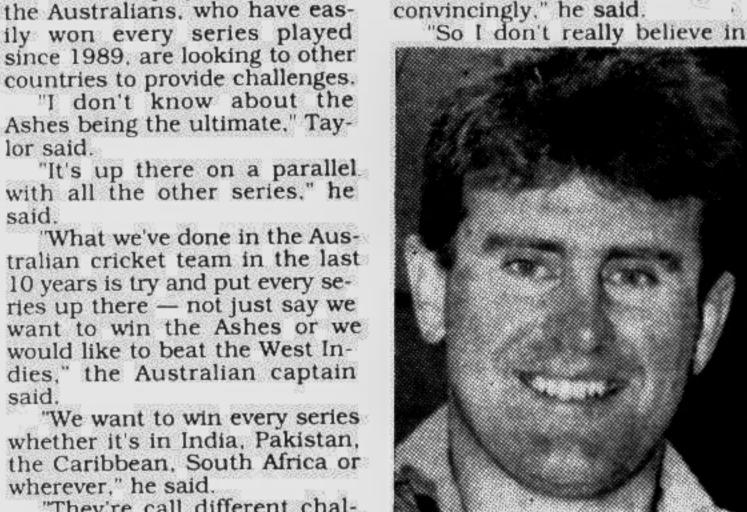
solid suit as he redoubled. Some misunderstanding no doubt!

North led the 9 of Diamonds from his doubleton holding. The declarer won the trick in the closed hand with the King. From North's double of 2 Clubs, the declarer assumed that the suit was likely to be unfavourably distributed. He tested the trump suit by playing the Ace and though he found his assumption to be true, he was pleased to find the Jack of Clubs with South. It was no doubt disturbing to find North with higher number of trumps than his. The declarer then chalked out a plan to cash the side tricks first. He cashed the Ace of Hearts, King and Ace of Spades and then played. The Queen of Hearts and was pleased to see South covering with the King. The declarer ruffed and entered dummy with the Ten of diamonds and on the Jack of Hearts slapped a Spade. The declarer by them collected 2 Spades, 2 Hearts, 2 Diamonds, one Club and a Heart ruff - altogether 8 tricks to make his contract. Ultimately he made two -more Club tricks, i.e., 2 over tricks. Altogether collecting the rubber points in addition to 210 for the game and 400 for OT.

North South did not do all that bad, as East-West could make a GS in Diamond but for timid East who did not enter into bidding after the double.

captain Mark heading for a flying start in this summer's series because of a Taylor has opened hostilities in the better tour preparation. "You could have said the traditional Ashes war of words by claiming the series is no same thing four years ago because we had the same tour to longer the most important on the home side's calendar. Pakistan," Taylor said. Ever since Australia first played England in cricket more

"We came back and had a week before the first Test, which will happen again for half the guys, and we still won the first two Test matches quite convincingly," he said.



MARK TAYLOR

"The Australian cricket cricketer.

all that

team has gotten used to the hectic schedule. It's now part and parcel of being an international NYC MARATHON NOTEBOOK Burrell has travelled widely

> charities sponsored by the late princess, including the international campaign against land mines. He collects money from donors who sponsor his

runs.

Saturday.

as fund-raising manager for the

fund, which provides money for

Princess Diana died Aug. 31. MOTA GETS AWARD: Portugal's Rosa Mota, the women's 1988 Olympic marathon gold medalist and the sixth-fastest marathoner in history, will receive the Abebe Bikila Award

The award is presented by the New York Road Runners Club, organizers of Sunday's New York City Marathon, for outstanding contributions to the sport of distance running.

Mota ran her fastest marathon at Chicago in 1985, with a time of 2 hours, 23 minutes, 29 seconds, finishing behind Joan Benoit Samuelson [2:21:21, still the American record) and Norway's Ingrid Kristiansen (2:23:05). Overall, she had 12 sub-2:30

performances and won a total of 14 marathons. Her other victories included Boston three times (1987-88-90), the European Championships three times (1982-86-90), Chicago twice (1983-84) and once each at Rotterdam, Tokyo, Osaka (Japan), the 1987 World Championships and the 1991 World

Mota was ranked No. 1 in the world from 1987-1991. MARATHON MAN: Jerry Dunn, a massage therapist from Spearfish, South Dakota, will run his 29th marathon in 29 days Sunday when he competes in the 29th New York City

Marathon. To commemorate the race's anniversary, Dunn began running the marathon distance through Central Park, the original race course, daily on Oct. 4. After completing that route again Saturday, Dunn will run the present course through the city's five boroughs Sunday. Dunn, 52, holds the record

for most marathons run in one year with 104. He also ran 26 consecutive marathons to commemorate the 100th running of the Boston Marathon and 13 consecutive marathons to mark the 13th anniversary of the Los Angeles Marathon. Dunn's motto is: "Don't limit your challenges, challenge your

limits."

competing in Sunday's New York City Marathon, have a common bond. Both were seriously injured during the Vietnam War, when they fought on opposite sides.

Jensen, 49, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, lost his right foot after stepping on a land mine in 1971. Tran, 51, of Hanoi, Vietnam, lost his right leg in a battle in 1972. The two became friends nine

months ago during the Vietnam Challenge, a 16-day, 1,200-mile (1.900-kilometre) bike ride from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City to unify American and Vietnamese veterans, organized by World T E A M Sports of Charlotte, North Carolina. They were standing in a Vietnamese cemetery when they began talking about Tran's run-

ning and his prosthetic foot. Tran had run the New York City Marathon twice, but his current foot was limiting his athletic performances. Jensen, who had completed nine marathons, promised to bring Tran to the United States so he could get a new leg and they

could run together Sunday.

DISABLED ATHLETES: The

Achilles Track Club, the worldwide organization that encourages people with various disabilities to participate in running with the general public, will have 350 competitors from 37 countries in Sunday's New York City Marathon. Two of the largest contin-

gents will come from New Zealand and Japan, Road Dixon, the 1983 race winner, and Allison Roe, the 1983 wornen's champion, will lead New Zealand's group of 43. Japan will be represented by about 30 Achilles team members from clubs in Osaka, Kyoto and Tokyo.

After the race, 10 sports wheelchairs will be donated to wheelchair marathon athletes completing event.

Tarassov Yeveniy 63).