with the mercury rising to 36 C

Winners - Men's Marathon:

Abel Anton, Spain, 2:13:36.

Women's 100 Hurdles: Gail Dev-

ers, United States, 12.37. Wom-

en's Javelin: Mirela Manjani — Tzelili, Greece, 67.09 (220-1).

Men's Long Jump: Ivan Pedroso, Cuba, 8.56 (28-1). Men's 5,000:

Salah Hissou, Morocco,

Other Highlights — Sweden's Ludmila Engquist

caps an amazing comeback

dream come true, something I

could not have envisioned three

months ago." Engquist, who

had a mastectomy in April and

is still undergoing chemother-

Marathon, High Jump, 1500,

4x100 and 4x400. Men's 800.

Pan Pacs end

Aussies rekindle

Olympic spirit

SYDNEY, Aug 29: Australia

Not only did the host nation

finish level with the powerful

United States team at the top of

the medals standings, but the

extraordinary performances by

Ian Thorpe and his teammates

helped re-ignite local interest

in next year's, Sydney Olympics

list of official Olympic test

events - Olympic organising

body SOCOG was nowhere to be

seen - but Australia's head

coach Don Talbot said they had

given fans a foretaste of the

Olympics. It was just amazing,"

A total of 12 world records

were set during the eight-day

event, dispelling fears that

Sydney's state of the art

Olympic pool was slow because

no records had been set there

swimmer of the meet, was re-

sponsible for four of the new

Thorpe, chosen as the male

Propelled by his flipper-

sized feet, the Sydney schoolboy

shattered fellow-Australian

Kieren Perkins's 400 metres

record by almost two seconds

with a time of three minutes

his countrymen, Grant Hackett,

before lowering it even further

The 16-year-old Thorpe also helped the Australian 4x200

freestyle relay team slash more

than three seconds off their old

mark, finishing the event with

here is just the beginning."

since it opened four years ago.

"This meet had the feel of an

The Pan Pacs were not on the

after a year of IOC scandals.

were the big winners at the Pan

Pacific swimming champi-

onships which finished in Syd-

ney's Olympic pool today, re-

ports Reuters.

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Talbot said.

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four gold medals.

4x100, 4x400 and Javelin.

Sunday's Finals: Women's

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place finish.

Attendance - 52,273.

Primera Liga Sociedad thrash Atletico

BARCELONA, Aug 29 (Reuters/Internet): Victor Bonilla and Oscar de Paula struck two second-half goals apiece to earn Real Sociedad a 4-1 win over Atletico Madrid in a bad tempered Spanish first division clash on Saturday.

Big-spending Atletico took the lead on eight minutes through Argentine forward Santiago Solari but failed to build on their advantage, with expensive signing Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink turning in another poor display.

They paid the price in the second half as Atletico coach Claudio Ranieri -- who once again left Juninho out of his squad was left to watch in dismay as his side self-destructed in the space of 15 minutes.

Real equalised six minutes into the second half through de Paula from close range and took the lead with a great finish from Bonilla, who controlled de Paula's cross on his chest before calmly rounding Atletico goalkeeper Toni Jimenez.

Atletico then threw away their chance of a comeback as Jose Antonio Chamot was sent off for throwing a punch at Francisco de Pedro after the Spanish international defender had clattered into him.

Real ran the Atletico defence ragged, with Bonilla a particu-

The Colombia international made it 3-1 on 76 minutes, and de Paula wrapped up the scoring in injury time as he was left unmarked to nod in from close range.

The result left Atletico bottom and put some early season pressure on Ranieri after his side's 2-0 opening day defeat by Rayo Vallecano last weekend.

Bordeaux, Marseille slip up

PARIS, Aug 29: Reigning champions Bordeaux and Marseille, last season's runners-up, both drew on Saturday to miss the chance of closing on French First Division leaders Paris St Germain, reports Reuters.

But AJ Auxerre joined the Parisians on 10 points after their 2-1 victory over Le Havre following an ill-tempered game in which three players were sent off.

Marseille had to settle for their fourth consecutive draw. held 1-1 at home by Bastia. A defensive blunder allowed

Bastia's Fredric Nee to score in the sixth minute and Marseille. despite dominating for long periods, could not clinch victory after former Everton striker Ibrahima Bakayoko levelled on 51 minutes.

The home side were booed off, with fans chanting for the resignation of coach Rolland Courbis.

Bordeaux drew 0-0 with visitors Metz. Bordeaux playmaker Stephane Ziani broke his leg in the first half and faces at least

six weeks out. They now have eight points from five games. Paris Saint Germain, with a game in hand, travel to Olympique Lyon to-

Bordeaux president Jean-Louis Triaud said : "We're not going to panic just because we

drew with Metz.' Auxerre, meanwhile, were shocked by an early Thierry De Neef goal against Le Havre but levelled through Finn Temmu Taino in the 62nd minute. Stephane Guivarc's scored the winner in the 77th minute after

missing a penalty. Auxerre ended with 10 men and Le Havre with nine. Auxerre coach Guy Roux refused to be carried away by the result, saying: "We're not really in second place as Monaco could catch us tomorrow".

Monaco, sixth with seven points, host bottom club Troyes on Sunday.

St Etienne lost to Sedfan 3-2 following a last-gasp goal by Olivier Quint. St Etienne had defender Stephane Hernandez sent off after 63 minutes.

Di Biagio moves to Inter

ROME, Aug 29: Italian international midfielder Luigi Di Biagio has quit AS Roma to join Serie A rivals Inter Milan, his new club announced Saturday, reports AFP.

Di Biagio wanted a move as he feared he did not feature in the first-team plans of new Roma coach Fabio Capello, who has signed a similar player in Brazilian Marcos Assuncao.

Di Biago believed first-team football is key to retaining his place in the national squad. It is yet another high-profile signing for Inter, who have bought Italian striker Christian Vieri and French World Cup winning defender Laurent

Blanc. Rangers' fifth marow

GLASGOW, Aug 29: Reigning champions Rangers went six points clear at the top of the Scottish premier league table after a 1-0 away win at Hibernian on Saturday, reports AFP.

Rangers' fifth straight league win maintained their perfect start of the season and completed a triumphant week for Dick Advocaat's side who qualified for the Champions League with an aggregate win over Parma on Wednesday.

The champions looked jaded after their heroics in midweek but a 69th minute strike by Finnish substitute Jonatan Johansson settled a frenetic con-

test at Easter Road. Rangers' nearest rivals Celtic can close the gap on Sunday when they play Hearts at

In Saturday's other premier league match, Dundee moved up to fifth with a 2-0 win at Motherwell.



Nicola Ventola of Bologna(L) being challenged by Torino defender Dijbril Diawara during their Serie A game at Bologna on August 28. -AFP photo

Serie A

Vieri sets San Siro alight

MILAN, Aug 29: Christian Vieri started repaying his world record 50-million-dollar transfer fee in style on Sunday, scoring a hattrick on his debut as Inter

Milan whipped new boys

Verona 3-0, reports AFP. Champions AC Milan were held to a 2-2 draw at newlypromoted Lecce, despite a goal 22-million-dollar Ukrainian Andriv Shevchenko, while two other title hopefuls, Parma and AS

Roma, both drew 1-1. There was no shortage of thrills at San Siro where a delirious crowd saw Vieri erase all the bad memories of last season's disastrous campaign.

Vieri opened the scoring in the 16th minute on the break, while his stand-in strike partner Ivan Zamorano hit the woodwork just minutes later.

Zamorano made way for Ronaldo, who is still short of match fitness, at the start of the second half but it was Vieri who continued to find the target, scoring again in the 53rd and 65th minutes. AC Milan, watched by Italy's

holidaying Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema, were not so fortunate in the first league match of their centenary sea-Milan took the lead when

Liberian veteran George Weah hit the post and then drilled home the rebound, but Lecce were level about five minutes

later through defender Alberto Savino.

The Italian champions looked to have had all three points in the bag when Shevchenko made it 2-1 in the 72nd minute, only for Lecce to come storming back to level with Cristiano Lucarelli in the

The draw proved to be only one of several surprises on the opening weekend. AS Roma skipper Francesco

Totti scored the first goal of the millenium season, driving home a 14th minute penalty against perennial strugglers Pi-

But Fabio Capello's men were caught out by Giovanni Stroppa's superb 82nd minute free-kick into the roof of the net and had to settle for a draw.

Parma, freshly knocked out of the European Champions League qualifiers by Glasgow Rangers, needed a late equaliser from Croatian Mario Stanic after Renato Olive had given lowly Perugia a 46th minute

However, Fiorentina made no such mistake against Bari -new striker Enrico Chiesa scoring the only goal of the match on his debut

A late goal from Filippo Maniero earned Venezia a 1-1 surprise draw against Udinese. who took the lead through new signing Roberto Muzzi, while Juventus were due to open in the night match against newcomers Reggina.

On Sunday, Torino, returning to the top flight after a three-year absence, held Bologna to a goalless draw in the season's opener.

The match, brought forward from Sunday to meet the demands of Italy's fast-developing pay-television market, offered one moment of note -- the 71stminute dismissal of Torino's Gustavo Mendes for a foul on striker Giuseppe Signori.

The decision looked harsh on the Uruguayan midfielder, playing his first match for the Turin side since his move from Vicenza. Torino's Brazilian defender Andre Cruz came close with a free kick in the first half but Bologna had the better of a largely sterile encounter.

In the remaining fixture of the weekend, UEFA Super Cup champions Lazio take on Cagliari on Monday.

Serie A results at a glance: Sunday Fiorentina 1 (Chiesa 47)

Bari 0 Inter Milan 3 (Vieri 16, 53, 65) Verona 0 Lecce 2 (Savino 65, Lucarelli

81) AC Milan 2 (Weah 57, Shevchenko 72) Perugia 1 (Olive 46) Parma 1 (Stanic 80)

Piacenza 1 (Stroppa 82) AS Roma 1 (Totti 14-pen) Venezia 1 (Maniero 71) Udinese 1 (Muzzi 54)

Juventus v Reggina (evening kick-off) Saturday

Bologna O Torino O

J-League

Happy homecoming for Kazu



TOKYO, Aug 29: Japan's former top striker Kazuyoshi Miura made his mark on his return from Croa-

Purple Sanga a 3-1 win over Vissel Kobe in the J-League on Saturday, reports AFP. "My experience allowed me to score these two goals today, but I must do better. I dedicate

these two goals to my fans, teammates and coach Kamo." said Miura who failed to score once for Croatia Zagrev since joining them in December. Head coach Shu Kamo, the

former national team coach who was fired during the World Cup qualifying round, has been hospitalized since Friday due to extreme stress and strain. Miura, who was sent home

shortly before the World Cup finals, headed home on a pinpoint corner in the 53rd minute and then made it 2-0 easily taking a rebound after the Vissel keeper saved a shot in the 76th.

It was Purple Sanga's fourth win against one defeat for 12 points to trail front runners Yokohama Marinos by one

point. Shimizu S-Pulse also stood with a 4-1 record for 12 points, ahead of Verdy Kawasaki with 11 points. Marinos whitewashed

Gamba Osaka 3-0 with Japanese and South Korean internationals Shoji Jo and Yoo Sang-Chul adding insurance goals in the 52nd and 76th minutes. Brazilian striker Fabinho

scored a goal for the third game in a row as he hit home a decider in the 79th minute to give the S-Pulse a 4-3 win over Nagoya Grampus Eight, while Verdy blanked Avispa Fukuoka

In other games, defending champions Kashima Antlers finally scored their first win in the second stage with Brazilian legend Zico re-joining the team as a general manager. They overwhelmed first-stage winners Jubilo Iwata 4-0.

Kashiwa Reysol ran out 2-0 winners over JEF United Ichihara, Sanfrecce Hiroshima edged past Bellmare Hiratsuka 3-2 in extra time, and Urawa Red Diamonds downed Cerezo Osaka 3-2.

Standings (played, won,



marathon

SEVILLE, Spain, Aug 29: Jong Song Ok of North Korea brought the country its first medal ever in the World Championships, winning the women's marathon gold medal Sunday in 2 hours 26 minutes 59 seconds, reports AP.

Ari Ichihashi of Japan who wore silver shoes in the race - took silver in 2:27:02 with bronze for Romanian Lidia Simon in 2:27:41.

tle-known runner from an isolated country, broke away from Ichihashi at 40 kilometers (25 miles) and looked fresh entering Olympic Stadium, where moderate late morning tem-

pion Fatuma Roba of Ethiopia broke out of a pack of 10 to take the lead just past the 30-kilometer (19-mile) mark and, as she pulled steadily away, seemed to have the race won. But at 38 kilometers (24

miles) the three-time defending Boston Marathon champion was surprisingly overtaken by Jong and Ichihashi. She finished fourth in 2:28:04. After that, it was a foot race

with Jong pulling away in the

final minutes to run a personal best and a national record. Her previous best time was 2:29:54. "I imagined in my mind the image or our Korean leader, Kim Jong II, and this inspired me today," Jong said. "This was

the world. Hopefully they will know me better in the future."

won the award for the best female swimmer after breaking four of her own world records. Her job was made easier by the absence of China's top women after Beijing decided to send a weakened team of just five swimmers - bringing accusations from some of the other countries that they had something to hide. Heyns, a double Atlanta

Olympic champion, came into the meeting in the best form of her life after setting four world marks in Los Angeles last month and cheerfully carried on with her spree, lowering her own standards for the 100, the 200 metres twice, then the 50 metres after receiving permission from the sport's world governing body to attempt a time trial. Lenny Krayzelburg also

cracked the 50 metres record after getting the thumbs up from FINA to swim against the clock. The American won the 100m-200 metres double, setting records in the finals of each event, then thundered down the pool to add the 50, taking Heyns's lead.

The only other world record was established by all-rounder. Jenny Thompson, who erased the 18-year-old 100 metre butterfly mark set by her fellow-American Mary T Meagher, hitting the wall after 57.88. Thompson, 26, also won the

50 and 100 metre individual freestyle events and was a member of each of the three US women's relay teams, finishing the meeting with six gold medals. Australia's Michael Klim

won four gold medals and a sil-

The shaven-headed sprinter took the 100 freestyle and 100 butterfly crowns as well as helping the Australians win gold in the men's 4x100m and 4x200m freestyle relays. He should have had a second

silver in the 4x100 medley relay but, desperate to catch the Americans in the final event of the championships, he left the blocks too early and disqualified his team. "This was one of the most ex-

Championships at a glance Devers in a league of her own

SEVILLE, Spain, Aug 29 (AP):
A brief look at what happened
Saturday on the eighth day of
the World Championships:
Weather — Sunny and hot SEVILLE, Aug 29 (AP/Reuters): Gail Devers of the United States became the most success-SEVILLA'99 ful woman in World Championship history, winning the 100-metre hurdles Saturday to take her fifth gold

medal overall. Devers easily defeated Glory Alozie of Nigeria. Ludmila Engquist capped her amazing comeback from breast cancer with a bronze medal. Devers, the 1993 and 1995,

from breast cancer with a was lightning fast out of the blocks and finished in 12.37 bronze .. edal in the 100-metre seconds, the best time this year. Surprises — Kenya's Daniel Komen surrenders his 5,000m Alozie set an African record of 12.44 and Engquist set a Swedish record of 12.47. crown, managing only a fifth Quote of the Day - "It's a

Devers had already won the 100 and 100 hurdles in 1993. the 100 hurdles in 1995 and was part of the women's 4x100 relay bond with Devers, who over-came Graves' Disease, a potentially fatal thyroid disorder.
"I was really proud of Lud-

mila that she came back and accomplished what she did," Devers said. "Let everybody know if you are believing in yourself dreams to come true."

The victory gave Devers five

career World Championship gold medals, putting her first on the all-time list ahead of Jackie Joyner-Kersee. Carl Lewis and Michael Johnson lead the men's list with eight golds apiece.

Devers' time broke her previous American record of 12.46 seconds, set in 1993 at the World Championships in Stuttgart. It was the world's fastest time since Engquist ran 12.26 seconds in Seville in 1992.

Devers burst quickly from



American Gail Devers (R) and Swede Ludmila Engquist look up at the giant screen after their 100m hurdles final on August 28. -AFP photo first hurdle and pulled away

team in 1997.

The 35-year-old Engquist. who was already in tears for just reaching the final, had a terrible start and never looked like making up any time on De-

Devers and Engquist hugged and kissed each other on the cheeks within seconds of finishing the race, and set off together on victory laps around the Estadio Olimpico.

Engquist, draped in a Swedish flag, stopped to embrace her coach and husband. Johan. Devers also exchanged kisses with Engquist's husband. Engquist shares a special

throughout the race. Engquist got off to a slow start and trailed badly for the first half of the race. But she came on strongly in the final stages and was just beaten for the silver by Alozie, who out-leaned her at Earlier Abel Anton touched

a deep patriotic chord as he ran through the streets of Seville in fierce early evening heat to win the world men's marathon title for Spain.

The gaunt Spaniard made the most of the final metres as he ran around the track in front of the first capacity crowd of the

championships, waving to spectators and wrapping himself in the national flag after crossing the line.

"Coming into a full stadium was one of the most emotional experiences of my life," he said. "Nearly everybody came to see a victory by a Spaniard and I'm glad I fulfilled their dream."

Anton, 36, looking remark-ably fresh in temperatures hovering around the 35 degrees Celsius mark, retained the title he won in similar conditions in Athens two years ago.

Winning in Athens was great but this is something else," he said.

Defending champion Ivan Pedroso of Cuba, who trains for several months each year in Spain, deprived his Spanish hosts of a second long jump title by defeating the leading Spaniard Vago Lamela.

Pedroso leaped 8.56 metres with his third attempt to relegate Lamela to second place.

Lamela, hoping to emulate Cuban-born Niurka Montalvo who won the women's gold, con-fessed he had felt the pressure from Spanish supporters. "The people in the stadium

were giving me great support but the excitement got to me and I made a bit of a mistake. Lamela said. Moroccan Salah Hissou re-

moved the men's 5,000 title from the Kenyans for the first time since his compatriot Said Aouita won the 1987 Rome gold medal 12 years ago. Hissou, a former world

10,000 record holder, made much of the pace and thoroughly deserved his first major The fifth title of the evening went to Albania-born Greek Mirela Manjani-Tzelili, who

denied Norway's Trine Solberg-Hattestad a third women's javelin title. The Americans cruised to a World Championships semifinal win in 38.06 seconds, the fastest time for the 400-metre

relay this year.

Two-time defending champions Canada, with former 100meter record-holder Donovan Bailey running the opening leg. were disqualified from the same heat for passing out of the

Britain won its heat in the day's second-fastest time, 38.31

seconds. With Devers running the anchor leg just hour after winning gold in the 100-metre hurdles, the United States clocked a year's best of 42.28 in the women's 400.

"There's a lot of experience here. We know what to do. We know how to communicate," said Inger Miller, who won the 200 title and a silver in the 100. "The women have been very good at communicating. We haven't had mishaps the past few years."

Engquist: An enduring Swede 41.83 seconds then stole the 200 metres record from another of

not quite match Lance Armstrong SEVILLA'99 atop the victory podium. But for guts and spirit,

Engquist capped her amazing fight back from breast cancer with a bronze medal and Swedish record in the 100-metre hurdles at the World Championships Saturday, making a mockery of the sporting adage,

France, in July, three years after being diagnosed with cancer. Engquist took bronze after losing her right breast to cancer on April 21, her 35th birthday. "This is a dream come true. something I could not have en-

visioned three months ago," she

"I am a little disappointed because I dreamt that I would have gold," she said. She had dominated her heats and semifinal, breaking down in tears Friday by just reaching the fi-

What ruined the storybook finish was something as mundane as starting technique and a superlative opponent who knows what it means to fight

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off a life-threatening disease. With a packed Olympic Stadium tense with anticipation, Engquist botched her start and could only watch Gail Devers

No matter how well her pace and power had returned since the operation, there was no catching Devers. The American had to fight off Graves' Disease for two years in the early 1990s before starting her record haul of five World Championships gold medals. It seemed Devers, who al-

rush on to the title.

most had a foot amputated, was just as proud of Engquist as of herself. "When she got across the finish line I told her. 'I am so

proud of you.' Devers said. "It's amazing. She makes me think of what I had to overcome and what I had to go through." Despite her achievement Engquist also scolded herself

"I was a little slow at the start," she said. A Swedish record of 12.47. only .10 seconds behind Devers, and bronze provided solace. "A medal is a wonderful thing for me to have after all I

have been through," she said.

After the week-long surge of adrenaline and excitement, more sobering and depressing days lie ahead. "The future is not looking that good for me," Engquist On Thursday, she starts her

next session of chemotherapy. Armstrong learned in 1996 that he had testicular cancer, which spread to his bones and brain. He underwent aggressive chemotherapy and three opera-

After discovering a small lump in her right breast, Engquist was diagnosed with cancer in March. The day after the breast was removed, her doctors said it could be about six weeks before she could start exercising. She was doing squats 24

hours later. "She believed in herself and never wavered on that," Devers said. "She is a living testimony that dreams come true."

Such has been their complicity — similar struggles, similar ambitions - that they felt it hard to see one another as the main stumbling block to their next Olympic quest, the 2000 Sydney Games.

"I think that next year I can do much better," Engquist said. Devers said a Sydney comeback for Engquist would have been amazing.

'It was going to be tough enough but she came back this year," she said. "She medaled. She is miles and miles ahead of the game."

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HEEXFD KWDDM PJZDG T Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I SUPPOSE THE ICE-CREAM MAN LEARNED TO SCOOP AT SUNDAE SCHOOL.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: D equals E

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.



women's marathon yesterday. -AFP photo

Jong's coach Tae Dong Hak described his star's tough training habits. She runs 35-40 kilometers daily (22-25 miles) and trains in a mountain region in the north of North Korea.

Jong wins

The 25-year-old Jong, a lit-

peratures (26C/78F) greeted her. Defending Olympic cham-

the source of my power." "Yes, I am a new marathon runner in the eyes of the rest of

> traordinary meets I've ever been to in my 30 years in this sport," Schubert said. 'If this doesn't get you motivated about coming back here next year then you don't love swimming."

SEVILLE, Aug 29 (AP): So Ludmila Engquist could

"The really scary thing about lan Thorpe is that we all know that he's only just starting to she proved his equal. scratch the surface," the head of the US men's team Mark Schubert said." He is an extraordinary talent and what we saw South Africa's Penny Heyns

> "Winning is everything." Armstrong won cycling's premier event, the Tour de

said. Such has been her recovery that deep down, she had reason to aspire for more.

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