Greene puts Brits aside

GLASGOW. Sept 5: World record holder Maurice Greene saw off the challenge of Britain's young sprinters to win the 100m with a time of 10.16sec in the USA vs Great Britain international meeting here on Saturday, reports AFP. But Greene, who became the

first man to win the 100 and 200m at last week's World Championships in Seville, was pushed all the way by Darren Campbell.

Campbell was just 0.03sec behind as he beat his compatriot and 100m bronze medalist Dwain Chambers -- who had run the night before in Brussels -- into third place with 10.27.

Greene then missed the 4x100m relay and without him Chambers was able to anchor the British quartet to victory. Colin Jackson, Britain's sole

gold medalist in Seville, raced to another emphatic victory in the 110m hurdles, in 13.35seconds.

In the women's 100m Gail Devers, who claimed her fifth world title in the 100m hurdles last week, was a comfortable victor for the American team.

The United States triumphed by 171 points to 143 to take a seven-six lead in the series between the countries.

Klim sets new world swim mark

CANBERRA, Sept 5: Michael Klim broke the world record for 50 metres butterfly at the Australian national short-course swimming championships today, reports Reuters.

Klim clocked 23.21 seconds in a special time trial to break the previous mark of 23.30 set by Croatia's Milos Milosevic in Sheffield, England, last Decem-

It was the 22-year-old Klim's second individual short-course world record of the competition. He broke the mark for the men's 100 metres butterfly on the opening day on Thursday.

Earlier today, Klim had narrowly missed the 50 metres butterfly record in the event's semifinals and final and he was given permission by organisers to have another go on his own at the Australian Institute of Sport pool.

His semifinal time was 23.38 seconds, while he was slightly slower in the final in 23.45. In between, he also won the 100m freestyle final in 48.05.

"It's been a great meet, two world records," said Klim. "I knew I was capable of swimming within that time and maybe even faster. I probably won't be in this condition until the Olympic trials so I wanted to set some personal bests."

Klim was also part of the 4x200m freestyle relay team which posted a world record in a special time trial on the open-ing day, while Susan O'Neill wiped almost a second off her own 200m butterfly world

Matt Welsh, who equalled German Thomas Rupparth's 50m backstroke world mark on Thursday, set a Commonwealth record of 51.77 in Sunday's final of the 100m backstroke.

His time was just 0.34 seconds outside the world mark set by American Jeff Rouse in 1993.

Castro's claim rejected

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Sept 5: A Pan American Games official has rejected Fidel Castro's claim that positive drug tests of Cuban athletes in Winnipeg resulted from a "plot" but commended the Cuban president's tenacity, reports Reuters.

"We're very confident that everything done here was perfect but I still do commend a president who would jump in and go to bat for his athletes any way he could." Mike Moore, the Games vice-president of sport, said vesterday.

Three Cuban gold medallists doping tests came back positive at this summer's Pan Am Games

The most stunning doping result involved Cuba's world record holder in the high jump. Javier Sotomayor, whose urine was found to contain cocaine. Also stripped of their Pan

Am titles were weightlifters William Vargas and Rolando Delgado. Both had nandrolone. an anabolic steroid, in their systems, according to the tests.

In a two-part television programme Thursday and Friday, Castro gave an account of an inquiry by Cuban sports authorities which he said proved the doping findings to be "false and the result of a deliberate

He linked the doping charges to political hostility toward his country and appealed to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to clear the athletes'

names. "In the Sotomayor case, Castro never questioned the (testing) protocol that was car-

ried out," Moore said. "There was never a question cocaine was in Sotomayor's

system, just how it got there.

"Castro prefers to use the word 'plot' but we have no idea how it got into him either, we just know it was within him when it was time to fill the

(urine) bottle." Moore also said that when the head of the Cuban medical committee appeared before a medical commission in Winnipeg, he did not question the testing procedure or the Montreal laboratory where the tests were carried out.

Moore said he understood Castro's willingness "to go to the wall" for his athletes, espe-cially since Sotomayor is a gold medal favourite for the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

"If the results stand, the IAAF (International Amateur Athletics Association) really has no option but to suspend Sotomayor for two years." the Pan Am Games official said.



Britain's Dwain Chambers touches the finish-line in the 4x100m relay of a special athletics meeting between Great Britain and the United States in Glasgow on September 4. - AFP photo

J-League

Antlers showing form

TOKYO, Sept 5: Defending champions Kashima Antlers gained a second straight win since Brazilian legend Zico rejoined them as general manager in J-League football on Saturday, reports

The Antlers, whose former coach Ze Mario of Brazil was fired after a poor performance this season, lost the lead twice before Yutaka Akita nodded home a decider in the 78th

minute to beat Avispa Fukuoka

"We can't even practice together as some players will leave for their international jobs soon, but we have to do with the remaining players," said Zico after all the goals were scored by current internation-

For the Antlers, who suffered eight straight defeats from the first stage, it was their only second win against four losses for six points in the second

First-stage winners Jubilo Iwata also scored their second win in the second stage, beating Urawa Red Diamonds 2-1 thanks to Takashi Fukunishi's second goal four minutes into sudden death extra time. 1995 champions Yokohama

Marinos maintained the lead with five wins and one draw for 15 points, two points above twotime champions Verdy Kawasaki and three above Shimizu S-Pulse and Kyoto Purple Sanga.

The Marinos stormed back from the brink of defeat with

Mihajlovic out

ROME, Sept 5: Veteran Yugoslav international stopper Sinisa Mihajlovic pulled out of Sunday's crucial Euro-2000 Group 8 qualifier with Balkan neighbours Macedonia on Friday, reports AFP. The 30-year-old, who was a

member of the Yugoslav team that reached the second round of the 1998 World Cup, has an inflamed right knee.

However, a spokesman for the player's club, Lazio, added that although the former Red Star Belgrade, Roma and Sampdoria player would undergo a scan on Monday the injury was unlikely to keep him out of action for a long time.

Yugoslavia are currently third in the group, two points behind leaders Republic of Ireland, after losing 2-1 to the Irish in Dublin on Wednesday.

Akihiro Endo hitting an equalizer in injury time and Norio Omura scoring a decider in 16 minutes into extra time to beat JEF United Ichihara 3-2.

ian striker scored his first goal in Japan in the 77th minute for Gamba Osaka's 1-0 win. while the Purpie Sanga suffered a 2-1 defeat to Sanfrecce Hiroshima. Grampus Eight outclassed

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NEW YORK, Sept 5 (AFP): The controversial parental prediction of an all-Williams women's final nearly bit the dust in the fourth round of the US Open, until the youngest girl in the field fell victim to her fear.

Seventh seed Serena Williams scored 16 of the final 17 points, including 14 in a row when faced with elimination, to rally past Belgian 16-year-old Kim Clijsters 4-6, 6-2, 7-5, in a third-round match Saturday.

"That was pretty magnifi-cent, the way I was able to be determined and come back and just really stay focused like that," Williams said of her closing run. "That was really great. I don't recall having done that before so that's good for me."

Williams' father Richard.

whose boast that his daughters would reach the final annoyed top seed Martina Hingis, was watching alongside Venus Williams, the third seed who would be Serena's foe in his dream match.

"I guess he was very excited," Serena said. "I know I was. I was pretty stoked. He was just like, Good job."

Their fears were set aside when the youngest of five Williams sisters at age 17 pulled off her greatest comeback to book a fourth-round date with 16th seed Conchita Martinez of Spain.

"This is actually not my biggest comeback. This is my best comeback because it's actually in a Slam."

Clijsters, ranked 98th, was set to serve for the match at 5-3 when her collapse began.

The next point she got was also her last and it came on the third point of the final game after Williams had broken her twice in four points and held in the minimum as well.

"I think I was too close to win," Clijsters said. "I was a little bit scared. I was pushing my-self. I thought, 'OK, now you have to do it.' Maybe it was a little bit of pressure on me putting on myself.

Boris becomes father again

MUNICH, Germany. Sept 5: German tennis star Boris Becker became a father for the second time when his wife Barbara gave birth to a baby boy, a spokesman at a Munich hospital said Sunday, reports AFP. Elias Balthazar, a 3.4 kilo-

gram (7.5 pounds) baby arrived on Saturday. His older brother, Noah Gabriel, is five years old. Becker, the former tennis number one, decided to end his career this summer in order to

second son.

Monica Seles responds to the spectators' cheers after be present at the birth of his defeating Ai Sugiyama of Japan on Saturday. - AFP photo

Daddy Williams Comeback stars on course survives a scare



NEW YORK, Sept 5: Career comeback master Andre Agassi reached the fourth

round of the US Open Tennis Championships Saturday, as did a pair of players trying to emulate his remarkable resurgence: Andrei Medvedev and Jennifer with a chance of winning the ti-Capriati, reports AFP.

Agassi, who had plunged out of the top 100 in 1997, completed his climb back to the top of the game with his French Open triumph in June, which made him only the fifth man to earn a career Grand Slam. The highest seed left in the

men's draw, Agassi is undisput-

comaptriot Justin Gimelstob he continued to tout the dangers lurking in the draw. In the next round, Agassi will face France's Arnaud

Clement, who took Agassi to

five sets in the second round at Roland Garros. Clement ousted 15th-seeded German Nicolas

Kiefer 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. Agassi categorically dis-agreed with third-seeded Rus-sian Yevgeny Kafelnikov's as-sertion that he, Agassi and 12th seed Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands are the only men

"I think anyone who is still in the tournament is a problem," Agassi said. "Clement is a tremendous competitor who moves incredibly well. I have no intention of taking that one lightly."

Kafelnikov's prediction came after he took six match points to finish off Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman 6-1, 6-4, 6-4. Krajicek, the 12th seed from

edly the Open favourite. But even after his 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over 87th-ranked the Netherlands who won Wimbledon in , defeated compatriot John Van Lottum 6-4, 6-1, 6-4. He'll next face unseeded American Vince Spadea, who defeated Italian lucky loser

Laurence Tieleman 6-2, 4-6, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6.

Kafelnikov, the reigning Australian Open champion who also won the French Open crown in 1996, was uncon-cerned by his wobbly finish, when he double faulted twice and hit two forehand errors on

match points. In the fourth round, he'll face his friend Medvedev, who conquered a queasy feeling in the second set to defeat young Australian Lleyton Hewitt 3-6.

6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. Medvedev, who reached a ca-

reer high ranking of fourth in the world in 1994, was languishing at 100 entering the French Open, where he reached the final.

While he was happy to make it to the round of 16, he said his results since Roland Garros made it clear he couldn't claim to be on an Agassi-like trajec-

Marcelo Rios, the 10thseeded Argentinian who won seven titles and reached the world number one ranking last year but has struggled with injuries in 1999, reached the fourth round with a 6-3, 6-4 6-4 victory over Jan Kroslan of Sloviaka. He'll face French qualifier Nicolas Escude, who beat Belgian teen Xavier Malisse 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Jennifer Capriati, who has plumbed the depths profession-ally and personally since her stunning early success on the WTA Tour, set the stage for a reprise of one of the most memorable moments in her career.

The unseeded American advanced with a 6-3, 1-6, 6-1 win over French veteran Nathalie Tauziat. She next faces fourth seed

Monica Seles, who defeated Ai Sugiyama 6-2, 6-3. American defending cham-

pion Lindsay Davenport demolished comaptriot Amy Frazier 6-1, 6-1 to set up a grudge match with Julie Halard-Decugis, who beat her at Los Angeles three weeks ago. If she gets past that, the second seeded Davenport could

meet fifth-seeded Frenchwoman Mary Pierce in the quarters. Pierce downed Angeles Montolio of Spain 6-0, 7-6 to advance to a meeting with Sabine Appelmans of Belgium. Seventh seed Serena Williams, a 17 year-old who

seems determined to make some history as soon as possible, survived a scare from someone even younger: 16-yearold Belgian Kim Clijsters. Clijsters, the youngest player in the women's draw,

won the first set 6-4 and took a 2-0 lead in the second before Williams won six games in a row to level the match en route to a 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 victory.

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US OPEN NOTEBOOK

NEW YORK, Sept 5 (AFP): Wimbledon winner Lindsay Davenport will join former world number one Monica Seles and Venus and Serena Williams on a powerful United States lineup for the Fed Cup final

against Russia. Davenport is rated second in the world with Venus Williams third. Seles fourth and Serena Williams sixth. The tie will be played on hardcourts in Stanford, California, on September 18-19.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the team the US is going to field," US Fed Cup captain Billie Jean King said. "The fact the four highest-ranked women in the country have committed to play speaks highly about the state of the women's game in America.'

The US team has won 15 Fed Cups since the women's team tennis event was inaugurated in 1963 and is 3-0 against Russia. This is the 24th Fed Cup final for the Americans and the third for Russia, seeking a first title.

INSPIRATION Jennifer Capriati, having

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fore his matches, Agassi leads a

merry parade to the practice

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So when Agassi dropped a set

to unseeded Justin Gimelstob

on Saturday, there was a bit of a

gasp from his assembled con-

der, riding his big save and big-

ger return to a 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4

victory that sent him into the

second week of the Open. When

it was over, and he was safely in

the round of 16. Agassi blew

kisses to the crowd and then

paid the ultimate compliment

set in his chair, Agassi gathered

gonna walk off together." And

tre Court, that's the proper pro-

tocol," Agassi said, "especially

that, refusing to wilt under an

early blitz. He bounced back to

win the second set but eventu-

ally Agassi wore him down. "I'm

proud the way I competed,"

Agassi was low-key about

And Gimelstob gave him

his gear and strolled over.

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Gimelstob said.

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As the 22-year-old American

"C'mon," he said. "we're

"I kind of always feel at Cen-

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The crowd loves it.

When he arrives on the

ing champion Patrick Rafter.

(AP): Bare-chested

Andre Agassi is

the Pied Piper of

Court

the US Open, a

the best run of her comeback since leaving the WTA Tour in 1993, has seen Andre Agassi's rise from 141st to number one as an inspiration for her own career revival.

Capriati has risen to 40th in the women's rankings after breaking onto the scene as a 14year-old prodigy, becoming the youngest Grand Slam semi-finalist when she reached the French Open final four at that

It was on the same Roland Garros courts where she watched Agassi win in June to become only the fifth man to win all four Slam events in his career, a feat thought impossible when he sank low in the ratings in 1997.

"It's great that he could do it still," she said. "A lot of people never thought that at all that he could have come back and won.

Of the people's choice

"I was a little disappointed

with how I lost my serve," he

said. "That can happen. He had

a good presence out there. He

was standing in tight. He was

taking some good cuts at it. He

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At that point, Gimelstob was

And then Agassi just ground

At one point, Gimelstob

complained to the chair over a

blimp that was peeking in on

Agassi chuckled over that.

with it," Agassi said. "I only

"I thought he was struggling

"Any time is a good time to win a Grand Slam. It doesn't matter whether you are the youngest or the oldest or whatever. It gave me the confidence. I felt like I could do it too. If he could still do it maybe I could still do it."

Agassi was honored he could serve as an inspiration to Capriati, who had troubles with drugs and legal charges in her troubled youth when she fell out of the sport. "Any time you can be an in-

huge compliment," Agassi said. "It's nice to see. She's a sweet girl who has a lot more talent left in her." BUGGED BY BLIMP Justin Gimelstob had never

spiration to somebody, it's a

played such an important match, much less one with a blimp flying overhead into his view as he hurled the ball into

the air on serves. Gimelstob was complaining during his US Open loss to Andre Agassi here Saturday that the blimp was a distraction, although he later said it was all a joke and a way of keeping the mood light in a tense match against the second-ranked star before a packed Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"I was just joking," he said. "I'm not used to playing on a court that has this big blimp up there. Plus I was just trying to

know a couple of people in New

York who get that blimp moved,

of the way, advancing to the

Agassi said. "I felt pretty good."

summer for him. He was a sur-

prise winner of the French

Open, his fourth Grand Slam ti-

tle, and then reached the finals

at Wimbledon before losing to

Sampras. He has won 31 of his

last 35 matches and with the

departure of Sampras and

Rafter, he is the only former US

Open champion still in the

- AFP photo

tournament.

American Andre Agassi makes a backhand return against

countryman Justin Gimelstob at the US Open on

second week of the Open.

Agassi nudged Gimelstob out

"I did what I needed to do."

It has been that kind of

and it's not Justin."

ease up the tension a little bit. thought it was pretty funny." "I thought he ws struggling with it." Agassi said. "I only know a couple of people in New York who get that blimp moved and it's not Justin."

LOVE HAS ITS LIMITS There's a limit to lengths one can go for love, and when it

comes to competing for a Grand Slam title, Anke Huber and Andrei Medvedev are taking no chances. "We actually don't watch each other that much," said Hu-

ber, who got back together with

men's tour player Medvedev earlier this year after a separa-"Everybody's trying to concentrate on his own tournament. I think that's better for everybody if you're both play-

"I watched his first match," she added. "I didn't watch him yesterday. I think we can see each other after the tournament. But now, everybody's a little bit tight and nervous."

eighth seed Jana Novotna 6-3, 6-2 Friday to reach the fourth round. Medvedev reached the third round on Thursday with a straight-set win over Canada's Sebastien Lareau. "I get very nervous watch-

Huber upset struggling

ing," Huber said. "Also you lose energy when you're watching, so it's maybe not the best thing to do during the tournament." Even though a Grand Slam

tennis tournament doesn't offer much time for togetherness. Huber said a relationship with another player had a lot to recommend it. "We know each other for six

years, so it's really nice to be together again," she said. "He helped me go through the difficult time when I was injured. It's nice to have somebody who understands what you're doing."

THE MARRYING KINDS

Matrimony is on the minds of several US Open players. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Mary Joe Fernandez and Greg Rusedski all referred to impending nuptials after winning matches here on Friday. Sanchez-Vicario, whose en-

gagement to journalist Juan Vehilis was announced last month, was surprised that one lost soul in her press conference hadn't heared the news since she's been answering questions about the subject non-stop.
"You don't know yet?" she said to laughter. "You must be the only one who doesn't know!

Sanchez-Vicario relieved a

score of headline writers when she said she had no plans to take another surname. "It will be too long --Sanchez-Vicario, imagine putting another one," she said. Rusedski clearly isn't expecting any trouble working his

wedding to longtime girlfriend Lucy Connor into his schedule. A good enough performance here might see him playing in the Grand Slam Cup in Munich in September.

Jayasinghe USA-bound? COLOMBO, Sept 5: lawyers, on the basis that they



ter Susanthika Jayasinghe has applied for a "Green card" to live and work in the United States after she is cleared of doping charges it was reported here on Sunday, says

Sri Lanka's con-

The 23-year-old, who burst onto the international scene in 1997 with World Championship silver in the 200m, wants to live in the US and was hopeful of getting her "Green Card" that would allow her to live and work in that country where she had been training for the past three months, the Sunday Island newspaper said.

"But I will continue to represent Sri Lanka and strive to win a medal at the next Olympics," the newspaper quoted her as saying in an interview wheih was conducted in Seville, Spain.

Jayasinghe's manager Tony Campbell was quoted as saying in the Sunday Island that the sport's governing body the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) was expected to exonerate her within a week. Campbell said that IAAF had serious doubts if her urine

body has concluded that no action could be taken against Su-

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Javasinghe, who tested positive for a banned steroid Nandrolone, was banned in April



JAYASINGHE

last year, but her suspension was lifted four months later after a local hearing.

However, the IAAF was unhappy over the inquiry and referred her case to an arbitration panel following complaints from China that the case should be looked into.

However, the IAAF said Jayasinghe was free to compete in the world championships. The arbitration hearing, which was due to be held in

April, was put off following rep-

resentations by Javasinghe's

By Eugene Sheffer

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cautioned GLASGOW, Sept 5: Scotland fans have been warned not to have a kick-about on wasteland in Sarajevo before Saturday's Group Nine Euro 2000 match

the Tartan Army, the name given to Scotland's travelling fans, to be aware that landmines still litter the Bosnian capital. "We are asking supporters to

against Bosnia as they risk be-

Scottish officials have told

ing blown up, reports AFP.

be vigilant," said Scottish Football Association security advisor Willie McDougall.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals H

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.

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