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and made up by defeating Netherlands, China and Zealand.
women's hockey, introduced at the Olympics at the Moscow Games in 1980, had produced different winners in the five previous competitions.
Zimbabwe won the western-bombarded tournament in Moscow, followed by the Netherlands (1984), Australia (1988), Spain (1992) and Australia (1996).

DUTCH BAG

Bronze
The Netherlands, meanwhile, defeated Spain for the second time in 48 hours to retain the bronze medal also on Friday.

The Dutch, who won 2-1 on Wednesday to ensure a place in the medal round, scored a 2-0 verdict to keep the third place they secured at Atlanta four years ago.

Ageeth Boomgard put the Netherlands ahead with their first penalty corner in the 10th minute, before captain Carolee increased the margin midway through the second half.

That's goal came after she dribbled past the Spanish defence and beat a goalkeeper Elena Carrion with a stinger from the top of the circle.

Spain's gold medalists in Atlanta in 1992, rarely got openings to score, but still managed to improve upon their place finish at Atlanta.

The third position for the Dutch after winning the Champions' Trophy at home in Amsterdam in May, however, did not impress outgoing coach van T'Heek.

Dream Five

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successful jump, 6.68 metres, on short of May's leading mark from the first round.

Russia's Olga Rubleva briefly overtook both the Italian and the American later in that round with 6.79m. But none of the jumpers had really found their rhythm, nor the bigger distances anticipated.

Then up stepped Drechsler. At 35, the German was the oldest woman in the competition, competing in her third Olympics.

But the champion in Barcelona eight years ago showed some of her old style as she flew to 6.99m to take a third-round lead.

With May and Jones both jumping 6.92 in the same round, Jones was now in bronze medal position on countback to her second-best jump compared to the May, the Olympic silver medalist in Atlanta four years ago.

Jones still has a chance of two more medals at the Sydney Games — in Saturday's finals of the 4x100 and 4x400m relays, in which the United States managed to qualify without her help on Friday night.

Fu Mania

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honour to the motherland. Fu was enjoying a victory which she fought not for her country or her coaches, but for herself.

Fu, who as a 12-year-old in 1991 became the youngest diving world champion ever, has criticised China's strict sporting regime, which plucked her from home at the age of seven and put her through rigorous training where she saw her parents no more than once a year.

She won her first Olympic gold in the platform in Barcelona, and achieved the springboard and platform double in Atlanta in 1996, before retiring at the age of 18.

But while studying economic management at the prestigious Qinghua University in Beijing, Fu realised she how much she loved diving and returned to the waters, this time for herself and on her own terms.

Sirajganj cricket

From Our Correspondent
SIRAJGANJ, Sept 29: Savagobindo Nabojatra Club defeated Monoharipatty Kira Chakra by 44 runs in the Sheikh Russel Smith tournament cup final today at the Sirajganj Government College playground.

Winning the toss, Savagobindo decided to bat first and collected 101 runs losing all wickets in the stipulated 24 overs.

In reply, Sirajganj Monoharipatty made only 57 runs losing all wickets in 16 overs. Shakil of Nabojatra was declared man-of-the-match.

Serie A preview

Italy get into action



MILAN, Sept 29 (Reuters/Internet) — Serie A football gets underway on Saturday and new Fiorentina coach

Fabio Testi is already getting a taste of the league's demanding pressures. Fiorentina crashed out of the UEFA Cup on Thursday after a 3-2 aggregate defeat to Austria's Tirol Innsbruck and now face a tough opening game away to title hopefuls Parma (Sunday 1300 GMT).

There were ugly scenes at the end of Thursday's game as Fiorentina fans protested against club president Vittorio Cecchi Gori.

For the moment, the anger is being directed against the man who sold the fans' favourite player, Gabriel Batistuta. But the Turkish coach cannot afford a poor start in the league.

Parma have lost striker Hernan Crespo to Lazio but they have made some impressive acquisitions and one of the new faces, Yugoslav striker Savo Milosevic, will make his league debut alongside fit-again Brazilian Marcio Amoroso in attack.

However, midfielders Mattias Almeyda and Sergio Conceicao, who joined from Lazio as part of the Crespo deal, are both doubtful.

Fiorentina's away form was poor last season but their first win on the road for over a year came with a 4-0 victory at Parma, achieved without Batistuta.

Portugal striker Nuno Gomes, the man brought to replace the Argentine, should make his Serie A debut after grabbing a hat-trick in a recent Italian Cup win over Salernitana.

Other matches this weekend (kick-off Sunday 13:00 GMT unless stated):

ATALANTA V LAZIO (Sunday 18:30 GMT)
Lazio begin their title defence without new signings

PERUGIA V LECCE
Lecce have managed just one victory at Perugia, back in 1948, but both sides know this is the kind of game they need to win if they are to avoid relegation worries this season.

REGGINA V INTER MILAN
With Inter failing to qualify for the Champions League after a defeat to Sweden's Helsingborg, coach Marcello Lippi needs a good start to the league campaign.

AC MILAN V VICENZA
Striker Gianni Comandini will make his league debut for Milan against the club he helped to promotion with 21 goals last season.

Alberto Zaccheroni's team enjoyed a 2-0 win away to Barcelona on Tuesday and after losing just once at home last season will look to make a comfortable start. However, they will be without new signing Redondo, who is still suffering from a knee injury.

NAPOLI V JUVENTUS (Saturday 18:30 GMT)
A tricky test for Juventus who must deal with a fanatical capacity crowd at the San Paolo stadium, celebrating Napoli's return to Serie A after a two-year absence.

Striker Nicola Amoroso makes his league debut for Napoli, against the side he left this summer. Amoroso will meanwhile be up against Juventus defender Ciro Ferrara, who was a member of Napoli's title-winning sides in 1987 and 1990.

Although unbeaten in their three games, Juve have been unimpressive in the Champions League and under-pressure coach Carlo Ancelotti needs a good start to the league campaign.

UDINESE V BRESCIA
Roberto Baggio will make his league debut for Brescia, who are on a high after knocking Juventus out of the Italian Cup on Saturday.

The newly-promoted side looked to have all the character needed to achieve their goal of survival, but face an Udinese team who have not lost at home in the Serie A since January.

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Primera Liga preview
Barca need to prove a point
BARCELONA, Sept 29 (Reuters/Internet) — Deportivo Coruna coach Javier Irureta is warning his players to beware a wounded Barcelona on Sunday when the Catalans take on his Spanish league champions.

Barcelona's indifferent start to the season has left coach Florencio Serra Ferrer facing his first crisis since taking over from Louis van Gaal over the summer.

While the team are going reasonably well in fifth place in the Spanish league after two wins out of three, successive defeats in the Champions League by Besiktas and AC Milan have seen Serra Ferrer's fire called in to question in the media.

Deportivo, who won the title last year for the first time in their history, have started their defence well enough and they lie second, two points behind Celta Vigo.

They will be buoyed by a worthy draw at Juventus in the Champions League in midweek but Irureta is urging his players not to become complacent in the home game against Barca.

"Barcelona have so much talent they could recover at any moment," said Irureta. "It's true that they're not quite in tune yet, given the new system and new coach, but they just need a result to go in their favour."

"In Rivaldo, they have a player who can decide a match with one piece of brilliance."

Rivaldo finished Tuesday's game against Milan with an ankle injury but he is not thought to be in doubt for Sunday.

Luis Enrique could return to the starting line-up after making his first appearance for more than six months as a substitute in the Milan defeat. Irureta is likely to recall Diego Tristan to his attack as Walter Pandiani is suspended.

Other matches being played in the Spanish First Division this weekend (league positions in parentheses, all kick-off times GMT):
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:
RACING SANTANDER (19) v REAL MADRID (3) 1900
Real Madrid are unbeaten in six matches so far this season and will be highly confident of victory against an ordinary Racing side following their stirring 3-2 win over Bayer Leverkusen in the Champions League.
Real coach Vicente del Bosque will once again let his leading striker Raul decide if he is fit to play. Midfielders Savio and Albert Celades remain injured but Fernando Hierro came through Wednesday's game unscathed and is expected to keep his place in the starting line-up.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1:
ALAVES (9) v OSASUNA (11) 1600
Osasuna will look to exploit the inevitable tiredness in the Alaves ranks after the Basque side's extraordinary 4-3 win over Turkish side Gaziantepspor in the UEFA Cup. Jordi Cruyff and Javi Moreno, who came off the bench to inspire Thursday's second-half comeback, should return to the starting line-up.
ATHLETIC BILBAO (13) v REAL MALLORCA (20) 1700
Bilbao will be without defender Carlos Garcia (shoulder) and forward Joseba Etxeberria (leg muscle) as they look to bounce back from a 4-1 defeat by Real Madrid last weekend. Mallorca, bottom in the table with just one point from three games, welcome back Nigerian winger Finidi George.
ESPANYOL (12) v REAL SOCIEDAD (16) 1600
Espanyol will look for better weather but a similarly assured performance as in their rain-interrupted 2-0 win over Olimpia Ljubljana on Thursday. Real Sociedad coach Javier

Clemente is set to bring in Arif Erdem in place of Francisco de Pedro to partner in-form Edgaras Jankauskas in attack.

MALAGA (10) v NUMANCIA (14) 1700
Manuel Canabal, Malaga's deadline-day signing from Real Madrid, should be