

# China reign supreme

## Athletics

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan sprinter Susanthika Jayasinghe and distance runner Khamis Sief Abdullah of Qatar completed impressive doubles in the Asian Athletic Championships, which concluded here on Monday.

Jayasinghe followed her 100m title with the 200m gold Monday while Sief Abdullah added the men's 5,000m to the 3,000m steeplechase.

Sief Abdullah's timing of 14 minutes and 16.81 seconds in the 5,000m was not as impressive, but his form was.

He had earlier in the meet beaten experienced Saad al-Asmari of Saudi Arabia for the 3,000 metres steeplechase gold, marking his consistency over the past two seasons.

Sief Abdullah had also defeated al-Asmari at a meet in Damascus late last year to finish at the top of that season's Asian rankings.

Qatar got the maximum of four golds on the day to finish with eight, second behind China, who finished with 10. China also topped the table in the last meet at Jakarta with nine golds. The next championships are in Manila next year.

Jayasinghe won the 200m with ease on her home track at the Sugathadasa Stadium, making up for the absence of her compatriot Damayanthi Darsha, whose meet record of 22.84 seconds was equalled in the process.

Sri Lanka also won the men's 4 x 400m relay to take their gold tally to three.

Jayasinghe, who failed to win a medal in the Commonwealth Games at Manchester in England, won the 100m with as much ease on Saturday.

Darsha, defending champion in the 200m and 400m, did not participate in the individual events because of a niggling hamstring injury.

Jayasinghe, a world championship silver medalist and an Olympics bronze medal winner, equalled Darsha's mark set in the last edition of the meet, but said she missed her teammate on the track.

"Making a 100-200 double gives me immense satisfaction but I'd have really liked to see Damayanthi participate in the meet," said Jayasinghe. "Something was missing without her."



A Filipino athlete displays a flag bearing the mascot of the 15th Asian Athletics Championships, to be held in Manila next year, during the closing ceremony of the fourteenth edition in Colombo yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Qatar's other golds came through Mubarak al-Nubi (men's 400m hurdles) and Radhid al-Dosari (discus), both with championship records.

The effort of 48.67 seconds by al-Nubi erased his compatriot

Dosari won at 64.43m. The previous mark in discus (62.20m) was held by Yu Wenguo of China since the 1991 meet at Kuala Lumpur.

Another athlete to win two gold medals was North Korean Ham-

Kazakhstan clinched two gold medals on the fourth and last day of the meet to finish third with six golds. Gennady Chernovol won the men's 200m in 20.73 seconds, while Kazakhstan had earlier in the day won the women's 4 x 400m relay through Natalya Torshina.

Kuwaiti Fawzi al-Samari, winner of the 400m, clinched a silver in the 200m.

Meanwhile, India, represented by Sagardeep Kaur, Soma Biswas, Sunita Dahiya and J.J. Shobha, won their first gold medal of the meet in the women's 4 x 400m relay. India also won the men's relay silver over the distance.

### FINAL MEDALS TABLE

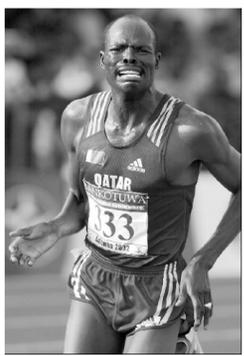
Medals table on the final day of the 14th Asian Athletics Championships on Monday (tabulated under gold, silver, bronze and total):

China	10	6	4	20
Qatar	8	2	6	16
Kazakhstan	6	2	4	12
Japan	5	7	7	19
Saudi Arabia	3	4	1	8
Sri Lanka	3	1	2	6



SUSANTHIKA JAYASINGHE

Mubarak al-Nubifara's mark of 48.71 seconds set at Fukuoka, Japan four years back, while al-



SIEF ABDULLAH

Pong Sil, who won the women's 500m event after having clinched the 10,000m gold earlier.

## Johansson may miss US Open

REUTERS, Stockholm

Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson is likely to miss this month's U.S. Open with a shoulder injury, the Swedish daily Expressen has reported.

"I have giant problems with the shoulder," Johansson told the newspaper.

"I will have to rest for 10 to 14 days, after that a new magnetic scan will be done. I'll know then if I'll have to undergo surgery."

The U.S. Open -- the final grand slam of the year -- begins in New York in 13 days' time.



THOMAS JOHANSSON

Johansson became a hero at home when he ended Sweden's decade-long barren streak at majors earlier this year.

# Magnus back on song

## Tennis

AFP, Indianapolis

Magnus Norman continued his long road back a year after hip surgery, finally winning a summer match on hard-court to advance to the second round of the 800,000-dollar ATP Masters Series.

The wild card entry beat Robby Ginepri 7-6, 6-4 on Monday to advance.

The Swede, a former world number two who set a torrid tide pace in 1999 and 2000 with ten trophies in two seasons, is taking it slow and easy as he aims to regain a place in the tennis elite.

After first-round defeats at the previous two Masters over the past fortnight, Norman is pleased.

"I'll do whatever it takes to come back. I'm not the guy who wants to sit around. I want to grind it out. I'm glad for this win, which helped my confidence a lot."

Norman now stands 6-11 this season. It was a year ago that he played his last event in Cincinnati before finally packing it and undergoing surgery in Memphis, Tennessee.

But recovery was a battle in itself.

"I was on crutches for three months. I couldn't do anything with my left leg for months. But now I'm back on court and proud of what I've done to come back."

"I'm not complaining, I know it all takes time. I need to stay positive and work as hard as possible."

Norman's next task will be long-odds challenge against German third seed Tommy Haas, who has been having problems with his shoulder.

It was a day to forget for Norman's fellow Swede Magnus Larsson, who fell to Alberto Martin of Spain 6-7, 7-5, 6-3.

That result sets up a repeat of a match at the Australian Open in January, when the Spaniard knocked off an ailing top seed Lleyton Hewitt in the first round.

Briton Greg Rusedski started the week with a win, outclassing Spaniard Alberto Montanes 7-6, 6-4 to reach the second round.

The 14th-seeded Briton still has one more match to play, but is already casting his eyes into what he hopes will be a third-round clash with Hewitt.

The Australian, along with the other top eight seeds, has a bye.

Rusedski will get his dream match if he overcomes either Feliciano Lopez of Spain or French qualifier Lionel Roux in the second

round.

"That would be a great test, to play him in the third round," said 1997 US Open finalist Rusedski. "Hewitt's the best in the world."

"I played a good match today, serving well in the first set and coming back from 0-3 in the tie-breaker. In the second, I got into a good groove."

The Canadian-born Briton earned a break midway through the second set, paving the way to a win in his first meeting with the Spaniard.

"I think I can work my way into the tournament playing like this," he said.

Croatian No. 12 Ivan Ljubicic became the first of the seeds to fall, losing to Holland's Martin Verkerk 6-4, 6-2.

Australian Wayne Arthurs buried South Korean Hyung-Taik Lee 6-4, 6-3 as his huge serve continues to work wonders on the hard-courts in the Grand Slam run-up.

While world number one Hewitt waits for his opening, he will no doubt be pondering his 2002 record against Spaniards, against whom he's lost five times - including three to Moya.

"I've lost to a few of them this year, but I've beaten them a lot as well," he said.

## Patel ensures

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Medium-pacer Dominic Cork bowled Laxman a bouncer and the batsman, on 14, negligently hooked the ball straight down Craig White's throat at square leg.

And India were 378 for six when left-hander Ganguly's entertaining innings ended.

Ganguly faced 159 balls including 13 fours.

After Ajit Agarkar (32) was lbw playing no shot, against occasional off-spinner Michael Vaughan, India's plight worsened.

They declined from 395 for seven to 396 for eight when Harbhajan Singh, who made 54 in the first innings, played a Harmison full toss on to his off-stump for one.

India were then 121 in front with 21 overs left, a still attainable target for England.

Before tea Cork had Rahul Dravid lbw for 115 although England believed they had already got him out.

Four balls after lunch England were sure Dravid had been caught behind by wicket-keeper Stewart off pace bowler Matthew Hoggard for his interval score of 73.

Replays suggested Dravid had got the thinnest of edges but South African umpire Rudi Koertzen rejected the appeal.

### SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the second Test between England and India on the fifth and final day at Trent Bridge on Monday:

**INDIA:** First innings 357 (V Sehwag 106, S Ganguly 68, Harbhajan Singh 54, M Hoggard 4-105, S Harmison 3-57)

**ENGLAND:** First innings 617 (M Vaughan 197, C White 94 not out, A Stewart 87, M Butcher 53; Zaheer Khan 3-110, Harbhajan Singh 3-175)

**INDIA:** Second innings (overnight 99-2)

Sehwag lbw b Hoggard	0
Jaffer lbw b Flintoff	5
Dravid lbw b Cork	115
Tendulkar b Vaughan	92
Ganguly b Harmison	99
Laxman c White b Cork	14
Agarkar lbw b Vaughan	32
Patel not out	19
Harbhajan b Harmison	1
Zaheer not out	14
Extras: (b-5, lb-12, w-4, nb-12)	33
Total: (For 8 wks decl in 115 overs)	424

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-11, 3-174, 4-309, 5-339, 6-378, 7-395, 8-396

Did not bat: A.Nehra

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hoggard	23	0	109	1
Flintoff	22	2	95	1
Harmison	29	5	63	2
Cork	12	1	54	2
Vaughan	21	5	71	2
White	8	2	15	0

**Result: Match drawn and England lead the series 1-0.**

**Man-of-the-match: Michael Vaughan.**

**Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (South Africa) and Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe).**

## John Player

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the new boat in real life conditions. "Teamwork traded at a premium as we crossed some foul weather on our way to Male," the Captain added.

The captain and crew of the John Player anchored in the Maldives for three days before setting sail eastwards bound for their next World Adventure destination, the Malacca Straits in Malaysia en route to Hong Kong.

## Gibbs gives SA

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missed Inzamamul Haq and Younis Khan as Pakistan plunged to 193 for six by the 36th over.

Abdul Razaq and Rashid Latif briefly resurrected Pakistan's hopes by adding a quickfire 28 for the seventh wicket, before both fell at the same score of 221.

Klusener took three of the last four wickets to fashion South Africa's emphatic win.

Pakistan meet Sri Lanka in the next match on Wednesday after a day of rest on Tuesday.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the opening Morocco Cup one-day international between Pakistan and South Africa on Monday:

**SOUTH AFRICA:** 283 for 9 in 50 overs (H Gibbs 114, N Boje 52, J Rhodes 46; Waqar Younis 5-38)

**PAKISTAN**

Anwar c Ntini b Kallis	23
Ntini	40
Youhana c Gibbs b Donald	19
Inzamam c Donald b Boje	24
Younis c Pollock b Boje	40
Afridi c Gibbs b Pollock	34
Razaq b Donald	18
Latif lbw b Klusener	15
Akram b Klusener	4
Waqar c Dippenaar b Klusener	1
Saqlain not out	3
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-3, nb-1)	8
Total: (All out in 43.2 overs)	229
Fall of wickets: 1-55, 2-69, 3-99, 4-132, 5-159, 6-193, 7-221, 8-221, 9-224	

**Bowler**

Pollock	0	M	R	W
Ntini	5	0	46	0
Kallis	8	0	18	2
Donald	8	0	27	2
Klusener	8.2	0	44	3
Boje	6	0	44	2

**Result: South Africa won by 54 runs.**

**Man-of-the-match: Herschelle Gibbs.**

**Next match: Pakistan v Sri Lanka, Aug 14.**



PHOTO: INTERNET

Russian Anna Kournikova hits a return against Japan's Saori Obata at the Canadian Open on August 12. Kournikova defeated the qualifier 6-3, 6-1.

# Anna holds on

## Tennis

REUTERS, Montreal

Anna Kournikova has advanced to the second round of the Canadian Open with a 6-3, 6-1 win over qualifier Saori Obata.

Despite a shaky service game in the first set, the 21-year-old Russian player, ranked 40th before the 1.2 million-dollar tournament began, easily disposed of her 24-year-old Japanese opponent in just 45 minutes.

"I was hitting the ball really well today," said Kournikova, who has yet to win a singles title on the women's tour. "In general, my game is getting back and coming together finally."

Kournikova will play her second round match against Spaniard qualifier Virginia Ruano Pascual who upset Luxembourg's 14th seed

Anne Kremer in a comfortable 6-1, 6-0 victory.

In other matches, France's Mary Pierce, a former world number three but is now ranked 49th after a series of injuries, lost 7-6, 6-7, 7-5 to qualifier Henrieta Nagyova, in a match that lasted almost three-hours on a sun-drenched centre court.

"Basically, pretty much everything was missing today," said Pierce, who won the French Open in 2000. "I'm not too sure what's going on but I'll need to figure it out."

Two other seeded players, Russia's Anastasia Myskina and Israel's Anna Smashnova crashed out of the first round on Monday.

Myskina, the 11th seed, lost to Argentina's Clarisa Fernandez 6-3 6-1, while 13th seed Smashnova lost 6-2, 7-6 to American Alexandra Stevenson.

However ninth seeded Russian Elena Dementieva, and 10th seeded Italian Sylvia Farina Elia both advanced with victories over

Italy's Adriana Serra Zanetti and Canada's Maureen Drake respectively.

The other Canadian in the singles draw, Jana Nejedly, lost to American Sarah Taylor 6-1, 6-0. Taylor will now play compatriot Jennifer Capriati, the world number three who received a first-round bye, in the second round.

World number one Serena Williams, who also received a bye in the second round, will meet Colombia's Fabiola Zuluaga, who defeated Uzbekistan's Iroda Tulyaganova 6-1, 6-2 on Monday.

Former world number one Martina Hingis, who will play her first competitive match since undergoing ankle surgery in May in the second round on Tuesday, will meet Spain's Magui Serna, who beat Paraguy's Rossana Neffa-de los Rios 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

The 21-year-old from Switzerland is ranked sixth for the tournament.

# Chang progresses

## Tennis

AP, Washington

Michael Chang, winless since 2000, beat Martin Lee 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 Monday night to advance to the second round of the Legg Mason Tennis Classic.

The 30-year-old Chang jumped out to a 3-0 lead in just 11 minutes, but Lee fought back to tie it at 4-4 before Chang broke Lee's serve to take the first set.

"I'm just trying to change things around a little bit," Chang said. "I had my opportunities, and I'm not getting any younger so I might as well go for them. You've got to take it to these guys."

Chang, the 1989 French Open champion who has 34 career ATP titles, trailed 4-0 in the second set before rallying to pull to 5-4, but Lee served out the set, finishing with an ace.

"I think the second set I lost my way a little bit," Chang said. "I hit a patch where I was making quite a few errors, but Martin started to play better in the second set, too."

"I think it was good that toward the end of the second set I actually had an opportunity to get back into the set. I think that helped me going into the third."

Chang broke Lee's serve in the sixth game of the third set to coast to the win.

In a late match, Jerome Golmard overcame a shoulder injury to beat 11th-seeded Jan-Michael Gambill 7-6, 1-6, 6-4.

"I was upset when I saw the draw," Golmard said. "I was upset to play Gambill in the first round, but now I'm upset about my shoulder."

Golmard, playing in his first tournament since Wimbledon, appeared to be going through the motions in the second set, even calling for the trainer before the start of the third.

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Frenchman said. "But I won so the pain is less."

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