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# Ponting relishes **Dutch experience**

Cricket

AFP, Utrecht

Australia captain Ricky Ponting said he was looking forward to playing cricket in the Netherlands after facing the country's cricketers at last year's World Cup.

The world champions make their debut in the tournament against India in Amstelveen on Monday.

Although the Netherlands are not playing in the tournament proper (they face Pakistan in a one-off match on August 30 two days after the final), Ponting speaking at training at the Kampong Cricket Club here Sunday said the event would be important for cricket in the country.

And the star batsman added he had fond memories of the Dutch team following Australia's 75-run World Cup win against them at Potchefstroom in

South Africa last year. "Dutch cricket is very eager to learn," said Ponting.

"This time it's in an operational sense but we've seen it when they

Michael Phelps

(American star swimmer)

"We had one of the fastest teams in

history. We're going to go down in

history and we're going to be remem-

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bered for what happened here."

fielded a side at the World Cup. "They are all very keen cricketers and we spent a great deal of time talking to

them in the rooms after the game. 'This country has a real sporting culture. We see it in hockey and soccer so it would be great to see cricket take off

Australia make their tri-series debut against India on Monday and Ponting said it formed an important part of their plans ahead of next month's ICC Champions Trophy tournament in

'As is the case with every series we play in, we are going out to win it. It's really good team preparation for the ICC Champions Trophy which is very important to us.

"It's the second biggest one-day tournament we play in. We haven't won it before and we really want to do the business this time round."

Pakistan beat India by 66 runs in the opeing triangular match at Amstelveen just outside Amsterdam, on Sunday.

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Pakistan spinners Shahid Afridi and

Shoaib Malik took seven wickets

between them to bowl their side to a 66-

run win over arch-rivals India in the

opening match of the triangular event

Afridi took four for 20 and man-of-the

match Malik, who earlier made 68, three

for 18 as India, chasing a target of 194 to

win, were bowled out for 127 with six

Tendulkar after the star batsman was

ruled out of the whole tournament, also

featuring world champions Australia,

earlier Saturday because of an elbow

"I thought India were shooting

"But credit to my side, we really fought

towards the target," Pakistan coach Bob

hard, took a couple of wickets and the

spinners bowled outstandingly well. The

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difference will come into consider-

ation and even after that, if deadlock

still remains, then the head-to-head

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results will come into play.

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Aug 28: Muktijoddha v Dhaka MSC

Aug 29: Ctg Mohammedan v BU

Aug 30: Abahani v Dhaka Mohammedar

Sept 1: Ctg MSC v Dhaka Mohammedar

Sept 2: Muktijoddha v Brothers Union

Sept 3: Ctg MSC v Sheikh Russel

Sept 4: Abahani v Brothers Union

Sept 6 and 7: Semifinals

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Abahani

Dhaka BU

Muktijoddha

Dhaka MSC

Russel KC

CtgMSC

Sept 8: Third-place play-off

Aug 31: Muktijoddha v Sheikh Russel

Woolmer told reporters afterwards.

But India were without Sachin

# Oh! Jenny

AFP, Athens

It was a bittersweet Olympic finale for US swimming great Jenny Thompson Saturday as she became the most decorated swimmer in the history of the Games but once again failed to win an individual gold.

The 31-year-old claimed a silver in the penultimate race of the Olympic Games -- the women's 4x100m medley relay -- which was won by Australia in a world record time, after earlier placing just seventh in the 50m

After winning silver in the 4x100m free, the medley silver was the 12th Olympic medal for Thompson, who overtakes compatriots Mark Spitz and Matt Biondi as the most decorated Olympic swimmer in history.

All of her medals -- eight gold three silver and one bronze -- have however, come in relays. She placed fifth in the 100m fly earlier in the week

"I've lost track," said Thompson.

"Twelve medals is it? "This is my last Olympics so tonight was a little bittersweet. I'm feeling a little nostalgic and stuff."

In three previous Olympic campaigns, Thompson always knew her mother, Margrid, was right there

Indians spun out

South Africa, added.

with a smile on his face.

# India out, Pak set to follow



The Netherlands and Australia stormed into the semifinals of the Olympic men's field hockey here on Saturday even

as former champions India bowed out in a huff India's arch-rivals Pakistan were also on the verge of elimination after world champions Germany and Spain scrambled their way to the top of the other

The Dutch, seeking their third consecutive gold medal, defeated Argentina 4-2 and Australia overcame a fighting South Africa 3-2 to ensure the top two places in

The Netherlands (12 points) and Australia (nine) play each other on Monday to decide the group winners.

India, beaten 1-2 by New Zealand. stormed off the pitch to protest at the umpires' decision to award the fourth successive penalty corner after the final hooter which Hayden Shaw converted

The protest was rejected by the

International Hockey Federation In Group A, Pakistan suffered a tback when Spain beat them 4-0 with Eduardo Tubau scoring three goals. Germany, who brushed aside Britain

4-1, lead the group with 10 points and need only a draw against South Korea on Monday to qualify Spain, lying second on eight points,

face an even easier outing against lowly South Korea, who thrashed Egypt 11-

0 earlier on Saturday, have seven points one more than Pakistan Pakistan's slim hopes rest on defeat-

ing Britain and praying that Egypt and Germany win their last matches. India, who lost three of their four

matches, protested the game was over once the third penalty corner had been taken and umpire Ray O'Connor of Ireland signalled the end. But the umpire at the other end, Xavier Adell of Spain, overruled his

colleague and ordered a fourth hit because the ball had come off Indian defender Dilip Tirkey's foot after the third India's German coach Gerhard Rach

said the Indian Hockey Federation, who paid 500 euros for lodging the protest should not have undertaken the exercise

India fumbled easy chances, learning no lessons from Saturday's first match in which Asian Games champions South Korea ran circles around the Egyptian

Lee Jung-Seon led the rout with five goals, while Song Seung-Tae hit three in the space of four minutes towards the

The South Africa, who went down narrowly to the Dutch on Thursday, put up another brave display against the Australians by holding them 2-2 till half-

Argentina, reduced to nine men towards the end, narrowed the margin through Mario Almada and Jorge Lombi even as Teun De Nooijer sealed the emphatic win for the Dutch.

### **Zhang claims** China's 100th gold medal

AFP, Athens

World number one Zhang Yining won China's 100th-ever Olympic gold medal on Sunday, thrashing unseeded North Korean Kim Hyang-Mi in the women's singles table tennis

Zhang's gold was the 20th of the Athens Olympics for China, adding to the 80 the Asian giant has won since returning to Olympic competition at the Los Angeles Games in 1984. China had never won a gold in the pre-

Fittingly the landmark 100th medal came on the table tennis court, where China has won 16 golds out of a possible 19 since the sport was introduced into the Olympics in 1988.

Zhang, a rake-thin 22-year-old who also won doubles gold in Athens with Wang Nan, blew kisses into the air and ran to hug her coach after her 11-8, 11-7, 11-2, 11-2 win over Kim Hyang-Mi, ranked 40 in the world.

#### Tigers reel FROM PAGE 13

assessment of the extent of damage within the next 48 hours.

Left-handed batsman Faisal Hossain, who was dropped after a dismal Asia Cup performance in Sri Lanka, joined the camp vesterday. Faisal has been put on stand-by for the Tigers captain and his inclusion poured cold water on speculations that Alok Kapali would go to England if Bashar was unavailable

#### Test here Saturday. Lara has been appointed captain for the ICC Champions' Trophy which starts in a fortnight and he insists he will get

through that competition before thinking about his position after England's series Lara was out for just 15 as the West Indies, following on, were bowled out for 318, leaving England to score a single

victory was England's seventh in a row this season.

run for victory which they did without Lara said: "I am going to be back here in two weeks for the ICC tournament

Brian Lara said he will take stock before

deciding on his future as West Indies

captain following his side's 10-wicket

defeat to England in the fourth and final

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and let's take it from there "We don't play any more Test cricket

until April which is a long time. We have got to prepare the team properly for

Despite their humiliating series defeat Lara feels he can take some positives from the summer -- especially in the performances of some of his

after whitewash

Lara mulls future

He added: "Dwayne Bravo, Tino Best and Fidel Edwards are all very young players and are going to improve. These guys are going to be around for a very

SEVEN-UP! An ecstatic England captain Michael Vaughan is sprayed with champagne as he receives the NPower

trophy on the third day of the fourth and final Test against the West Indies at The Oval in London on August 21. The

And Lara paid tribute to England saying: "They have played some great cricket and had a great summer. That is down to Michael Vaughan, (coach) Duncan Fletcher and their support staff.

"This is the time an England team has not been scared by the West Indies. Sometimes (England teams) have not been sure they can beat the West

**SCOREBOARD** 

Scoreboard at close on the third day of the fourth Test between West Indies and England on Saturday: ENGLAND: First innings 470 (Flintoff 72, Bell 70, Vaughan 66, Giles 52; Lawson

3-115, Bravo 3-117) WEST INDIES: First innings 152 (Lara

79: Harmison 6-46) WEST INDIES: Second innings (follow

ing on, overnight 84-2) Gayle c Flintoff b Anderson Joseph c Jones b Harmison Lara c Trescothick b Anderson

Nesterenko, who was not listed in the

top 114 100m runners last year having

"Firstly my husband and I finally

"I also changed my training meth-

"I've also been doing more

While Boldon and Fredericks are

mere memories now it has been left to

ods, got a new masseur and I have been

weightlifting though I don't want to

thinking about winning this all year.

got our own apartment as we used to

live with my parents and it wasn't very

timed a best of 11.45 sec.

talk more abut training.

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Bravo lbw Hoggard

Edwards b Anderson Extras: (b-1, lb-12, nb-1) Total: (All out in 84.2 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-73, 2-81, 3-126, 4-155, 5

Hoggard Harmison Flintoff 15.2 22

Anderson ENGLAND: Second innings Trescothick not out **Total:** (For no loss in 0.3 overs) 4

Did not bat: Key, Vaughan, Bell, Flintoff, Jones, Giles, Hoggard, Harmison, Edwards Result: England won by 10 wickets.

Man-of-the-match: S Harmison. Player-of-the-series: A Flintoff and S Series: England won the 4-Test series 4-

# Nesterenko breaks Dancing Queen

American holding a substantial lead at halfway and repelling the attacks of 22year-old Jamaican Veronica Campbell and 20-year-old Bulgarian Ivet Lalova.

Campbell won the bronze with Lalova fourth and in a sign the baton has been handed over to the younger generation the first six home were 25 and under.

The unexpected success of the sprinter, who was the 113th fastest in the world last year, was greeted in silence by the capacity crowd.

"I'm drained emotionally and I may not look it but I am happy," said the world indoor 60m bronze medallist.

"I just want to go home and celebrate with my family.

She added that she had two drugs tests this year in competition but none

out of it.

my improvement this year," said

She put some of her improvement

down to domestic affairs. "There were many factors behind

Boldon's training partner Olympic champion Maurice Greene to defend their honour and he fully intends to against the onslaught of compatriots Shawn Crawford and Justin Gatlin as well as Jamaica's Asafa Powell.

> "It's going to be a great party and everybody's invited!" said the 30-year-

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And Kluft, who is engaged to Swedish pole vaulter Patrik Kristiansson, said she had no plans to follow her international teammates, high jumper Kajsa Bergqvist and triple jumper Christian Olsson, and move to the

tax haven of Monaco. "I love Sweden," she said.

"In Sweden I have my friends and my family, my coach and my training mate. I like to visit other countries but I will live in Sweden."

Her success at the Olympics combined with her looks and personality have already made Kluft highly attractive to sponsors -- her shoe company was pairing her with China's NBA basketball star Yao Ming for a press conference less than 24 hours after she had secured the gold medal

Kluft protests that many people forget she is only 21 -- and wants to be allowed some of the freedoms of other people her age.

# The Phelps story

In addition to a slightly easier sched-

ule, Spitz benefited from America's overwhelming dominance in the relays in his era. Phelps had no guarantees in the

relays, which became painfully obvious as the United States were relegated to a disappointing third in the 4x100m free on the second day of competition. That meant that if Phelps wanted to match Spitz, he'd have to win his

remaining six events, including a

much anticipated showdown with

world record-holder Ian Thorpe and defending champion Pieter van den Hoogenband in the 200m freestyle. Phelps kept the 200m free on his Olympic programme just to take on the two middle-distance greats, even though his own personal best in the

event was nearly two seconds outside Thorpe's world record. His third-place finish was more than creditable, and it was more of a

Spitz as only the second man to win four individual swimming events at

relay teammates turned the tables on

more events in which Phelps was the world record-holder, the 200m butterfly and the 200IM.

But in the 100m fly, his final individual event, Phelps was up against world record-holder Ian Crocker, the man who beat him at both last year's World Champion-ships and the US trials.

Crocker, knowing how dangerous Phelps would be at the end, took the race out fast. Phelps, fifth at the halfway stage, relentlessly closed on his quarry, robbing Crocker with a lunging stroke at the finish.

Phelps, who in Athens made the

## Lithuania stun **NBA** stars

AFP, Athens

Lithuanian sharpshooter Sarunas Jasikevicius, snubbed by the National Basketball Association, made the most of his second chance to deliver a dagger into the hearts of a United States Olympic team of NBA talent. Four years after missing a despera-

tion 3-point shot to beat a US squad in a

Sydney semi-final, Jasikevicius hit three 3-pointers in 69 seconds to power Lithuania to a 94-90 victory over an improved but still vulnerable US team. "Emotionally it's a great win," the 28-year-old guard said. "A lot of people in Lithuania are

celebrating. Our country is a basketball country. Basketball is like a religion. It's nice to give people something to cheer

It was only the fourth Olympic loss in 115 US starts, but the second in four

games here following Puerto Rico's stunning 92-73 opening upset. Soviet Union squads beat US teams in the 1972 Munich final and 1988 Seoul



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PANHANDLERS PEDDLE SWISS AND BRIE? PXCZVPZJZU BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHEESERS! Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals R

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.

Man-of-the-match Malik, whose century powered Pakistan to a 59-run victory when the teams last met at the Asia Cup in Colombo in July, said he didn't reserve his best performances for India: "Not especially against India. The problem is my wife is from India," he said

catching was out of this world and the

India coach John Wright refused to use Tendulkar's absence as an excuse for defeat. "We are all professional. Injuries are a part of our life .. we've won games without Sachin before. Former New Zealand batsman Wright added: "The problem is that batsman

coming in are finding they have more runs to score than balls to face and that puts the pressure on numbers four and Pakistan, after losing the toss, made 192 for six. That left India a revised target of 194 to win in their 33 overs after the

innings had twice been reduced in length Left-hander Ganguly, opening in place of Tendulkar, fell for 25 when his pull off Razzag was caught by Yousuf Youhana running round at mid-wicket.

And 69 for two became 70 for three thanks to an even more spectacular piece of fielding which saw star batsman Rahul Dravid out for nought. Venkatsai Laxman pushed Mohammad Sami for a single and set off.

But Dravid, casually ambling in, was beaten by Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq's left-handed direct hit from mid-on. Inzamam, famed throughout his career for being involved in run-outs rather than inflicting them on his opponents, saw his moment of magic lead to a

Pakistan stranglehold on the match. The India fans in the temporary stands holding most of the 10,000 capacity crowd went quiet when Laxman's patient 51-ball 37 ended when he played

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#### fielding very good indeed," the former England batsman, previously in charge of

on to off-spinner Malik

At 96 for four the game, now being played in bright sunshine, was almost out of India's reach with Malik adding a couple of wickets to his haul. After a four hour delay, Afridi lofted

the fifth ball of the match, from Irfan Pathan, high over long-on for six, before falling for 19. behind off seamer Balaji and at 58 for

three in the 15th over Pakistan were in Malik, on 29, had a narrow escape when Kaif, fielding close in at short midoff, just failed to hold a one-handed

#### Scoreboard in the triangular series match between India and Pakistan in

diving chance off Ganguly.

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PAKISTAN: 192 for 6 in 33 overs. INDIA			
Sehwag c Malik b Shabbir	17		
Ganguly c Youhana b Razzaq	25		
Laxman b Malik	37		
Dravid run out	0		
Yuvraj lbw b Afridi	13		
KaifbAfridi	10		
Gavaskar c Razzaq b Malik	15		
Agarkar c Hameed b Malik	1		
Pathan lbw b Afridi	1		
Balaji c Sami b Afridi	2		
Kumble not out	1		
Extras: (lb-1, w-3, nb-1)	5		
Total: (All out in 27 overs)	127		
Fall of wkts: 1-30, 2-69, 3-70, 4-96, 5-98, 6-			

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Bowler	0	M	R	W
Sami	5	0	29	
Shabbir	5	0	22	
Akhtar	3	0	23	
Razzaq	4	1	14	
Afridi	6	0	20	
Malik	4	0	18	
Result: Pakis	tan won	by 66	runs	( <b>D</b> /
method).				

The Tally FROM PAGE 13 Indonesia

Man-of-the-match: Shoaib Malik.

South Africa Zimbabwe Ethiopia Bulgaria Denmark Belgium Chile Sweder Switzerland

Norway

UAE

(As of 9:30 pm BST) Zoysa sinks Proteas

Just after new-ball bowlers Zoysa

and Chaminda Vaas had finished their

opening spells of eight overs each, leg-

spinner Kaushal Lokuarachchi dismissed Mark Boucher to reduce South Africa to 50-6

Jayasuriya b Pollock

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keeper Kumar Sangakkara.

**SCOREBOARD** Scoreboard of the second one-day international between Sri Lanka and South Africa at the Premdasa Stadium on Sunday SRILANKA

Gunawardene c Boucher b Ntini 21

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Rudolph c Sangakkara b Zoysa Pollock c Atapattu b Dilshan Boucher c Javawardene b Lokuarachchi Duminy lbw b Dilshan Klusener c Jayasuriya b Dilshan Dawson c Vaas b Dilshan Ntini not out Total: (All out in 48.5 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-15, 2-35, 3-36, 4-37, 5-40, 6-50, 7-94, 8-145, 9-176, M Bowler 0 Vaas 0 19 Zoysa 0 26 Lokuarachchi 0 17 Javasuriya 0 22 0 Chandana 29 Dilshan 9.5 52 Result: Sri Lanka won by 37 runs. Toss: Sri Lanka

Smith b Zovsa 14 Gibbs b Zoysa7 Boje c Dilshan b Zovsa Kallis lbw b Zoysa

**SOUTH AFRICA** 

Third match: Wednesday at Dambulla (day-night).

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relief than anything else to come out from under the shadow of Spitz's On day four, Phelps and his 4x200m

Australia, giving Phelps a second gold to go with the 400m medley title he won with a world record in the first event of the competition Gold medals duly followed in two

"It was an unbelievable race," said

unbelievable commonplace. With the victory, Phelps joined one Games.