

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

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 freestyle. 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 pulling for her.

India out, Pak set to follow

AFP, Athens

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 group. 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 group B. 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



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

Lara mulls future after whitewash

Cricket AFP, London

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 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 whitewash. Lara was out for just 15 as the West Indies, following on, were bowled out for 318, leaving England to score a single run for victory which they did without alarm. Lara said: "I am going to be back here in two weeks for the ICC tournament 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 that." Despite their humiliating series defeat Lara feels he can take some positives from the summer -- especially in the performances of some of his

Bravo lbw Hoggard					54
Chanderpaul c Jones b Giles					32
Smith c Anderson b Flintoff					28
Baugh c Jones b Harmison					34
Collymore c Jones b Anderson					7
Edwards b Anderson					2
Lawson not out					4
Extras: (b-1, lb-12, nb-1)					14
Total: (All out in 84.2 overs)					318
Fall of wkts: 1-73, 2-81, 3-126, 4-155, 5-237, 6-265, 7-285, 8-312, 9-314.					
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	
Hoggard	18	5	50	1	
Harmison	22	1	75	3	
Flintoff	17	3	64	1	
Anderson	15.2	2	52	4	
Giles	22	5	64	1	
<b>ENGLAND: Second innings</b>					
Trescothick not out					4
Strauss not out					0
Extras:					0
<b>Total:</b> (For no loss in 0.3 overs)					4
Did not bat: Key, Vaughan, Bell, Flintoff, Jones, Giles, Hoggard, Harmison, Anderson.					
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	
Edwards	0.3	0	4	0	
<b>Result: England won by 10 wickets. Man-of-the-match: S Harmison. Player-of-the-series: A Flintoff and S Chanderpaul. Series: England won the 4-Test series 4-0</b>					



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 remembered for what happened here."

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4. Who lifted the 25th nat'l hockey crown?	Usha	MSC	Bangladesh Army

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Cricket

AFP, Amstelveen

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 here Saturday. 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 overs to spare. But India were without Sachin Tendulkar after the star batsman was ruled out of the whole tournament, also featuring world champions Australia, earlier Saturday because of an elbow injury. "I thought India were shooting towards the target," Pakistan coach Bob Woolmer told reporters afterwards. "But credit to my side, we really fought hard, took a couple of wickets and the spinners bowled outstandingly well. The

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difference will come into consideration and even after that, if deadlock still remains, then the head-to-head results will come into play.

FIXTURES	
Aug 27: Abahani v Sheikh Russel	
Aug 28: Muktiyoddha v Dhaka MSC	
Aug 29: Ctg Mohammedan v BU	
Aug 30: Abahani v Dhaka Mohammedan	
Aug 31: Muktiyoddha v Sheikh Russel	
Sept 1: Ctg MSC v Dhaka Mohammedan	
Sept 2: Muktiyoddha v Brothers Union	
Sept 3: Ctg MSC v Sheikh Russel	
Sept 4: Abahani v Brothers Union	
Sept 6 and 7: Semifinals	
Sept 8: Third-place play-off	
Sept 9: Final	

SUPER SIX TABLE							
Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Abahani	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Dhaka BU	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Muktiyoddha	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Dhaka MSC	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Russel KC	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Ctg MSC	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

(Note: Points and earned and goals scored against fellow group teams in the previous phase).

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>38</b> Pre-swam light	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>21</b> On one's — -lat-lat (independent)
1 Dwelling, in today's jargon	<b>40</b> Short flight	1 Grouch	<b>2</b> --- -lat-lat (independent)
5 Stashed	<b>42</b> Didn't withhold	3 Object of worship	<b>3</b> Object of worship
8 Urban legend	<b>44</b> Didn't withhold	4 Get around	<b>24</b> Six-pack muscles
12 Risque	<b>45</b> Unilateral star	5 1989 Tom Selleck movie	<b>25</b> Bud's partner
13 Prior night	<b>49</b> "Air-plane!" actor	6 Wall climber	<b>26</b> Platters hit
14 Silver salmon	<b>50</b> Tulsa sch.	7 Consider	<b>28</b> Hwy.
15 Covering	<b>52</b> Exploding star	8 Dr. Phil	<b>29</b> TV oldie
16 Reuben holder	<b>53</b> Sheltered	9 Elton Brimley	<b>30</b> Prof. or Cath.
17 "Where America's Day Begins"	<b>54</b> Affront (SL)	10 John's first Top-10 hit	<b>31</b> Indispensable
18 Cereal enhancer	<b>55</b> Let slip	11 Siamese	<b>36</b> Analyzed grammatically
20 "Tuesdays With —"	<b>56</b> Informal	12 Baserunner's goal	<b>37</b> Caustic solution
22 Scale member	<b>57</b> Keatsian verse	13 "How could you even ask such a thing?!"	<b>38</b> Overturns
23 Existed	<b>58</b> Dye alterations		<b>41</b> Performing
24 Charitable donation			<b>42</b> "Pygmalion" playwright
27 Some metal crafting			<b>43</b> Head light
32 Tarzan's son			<b>44</b> Old fogey
33 A/C meas.			<b>46</b> Sported
34 Born			<b>47</b> Declare
35 Provider			<b>48</b> Chatters
			<b>51</b> Disen-cumber

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

J A I N S	N A P	A D D S
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	K I T H	O N E
L A D Y	H U L A	N B O
U N A	D I A M O N D	E A R
G Y M	R I P S	E D G Y
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G O U T	D Y E	M E N U
E S S E	Y E T	A L O E

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56				57			58				

**CRYPTOQUIP**

S X Z J P X Z Q Z B V K Z L K R B G Z C

C Z V K K W Q M R K Z U R L B W

G V P X C M M B L N L Z A , N

P X C Z V P Z J Z U P M A Z S Z C

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** WHY CAN'T ANY PANHANDLERS PEDDL E SWISS AND BRIE? 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.

The Tally

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Indonesia	1	1	2	4
South Africa	1	1	2	4
Zimbabwe	1	1	1	3
Ethiopia	1	1	0	2
Bulgaria	1	0	4	5
Denmark	1	0	4	5
Belgium	1	0	2	3
Chile	1	0	1	2
Sweden	1	0	1	2
Switzerland	1	0	1	2
Norway	1	0	0	1
UAE	1	0	0	1

Zoysa sinks Proteas

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keeper Kumar Sangakkara. 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.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the second one-day international between Sri Lanka and South Africa at the Premadasa Stadium on Sunday:

**SRI LANKA**

Gunawardene c Boucher b Ntini 21

Jayasuriya b Pollock 9

Atapattu c Boucher b Ntini 26

Sangakkara run out 63

Jayawardene c Boucher b Klusener 0

Dilshan c Pollock b Kallis 5

Chandana not out 61

Vaas run out 7

Lokuarachchi lbw b Kallis 3

Zoysa b Kallis 6

Extras: (lb-6, w-2, nb-4) 12

Total: (All out in 48.5 overs) 176

Fall of wkts: 1-18, 2-45, 3-69, 4-72, 5-86, 6-179, 7-188, 8-198, 9-213.

**Bowler**

	O	M	R	W
Pollock	10	1	35	1
Dawson	8	0	46	0
Ntini	10	1	50	2

Klusener 8 0 26 1

Boje 8 0 30 0

Kallis 6 1 20 3

**SOUTH AFRICA**

Smith b Zoysa 14

Gibbs b Zoysa 17

Boje c Dilshan b Zoysa 14

Kallis lbw b Zoysa 0

Rudolph c Sangakkara b Zoysa 4

Pollock c Atapattu b Dilshan 54

Boucher c Jayawardene b Lokuarachchi 4

Duminy lbw b Dilshan 22

Klusener c Jayasuriya b Dilshan 40

Dawson c Vaas b Dilshan 15

Ntini not out 0

Extras: (w-2) 2

Total: (All out in 48.5 overs) 176

Fall of wkts: 1-15, 2-35, 3-36, 4-37, 5-40, 6-50, 7-94, 8-145, 9-176.

**Bowler**

	O	M	R	W
Vaas	8	0	19	0
Zoysa	8	0	26	5
Lokuarachchi	7	0	17	1
Jayasuriya	5	0	22	0
Chandana	3	0	11	0
Herath	8	0	29	0
Dilshan	9.5	0	52	4

**Result: Sri Lanka won by 37 runs. Man-of-the-match: Nuwan Zoysa (SRI). Toss: Sri Lanka. Third match: Wednesday at Dambulla (day-night).**

Nesterenko breaks

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American holding a substantial lead at halfway and repelling the attacks of 22-year-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 medalist. "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. She put some of her improvement down to domestic affairs. "There were many factors behind my improvement this year," said

Nesterenko, who was not listed in the top 114 100m runners last year having timed a best of 11.45sec. "Firstly my husband and I finally got our own apartment as we used to live with my parents and it wasn't very convenient. "I also changed my training methods, got a new masseur and I have been thinking about winning this all year. "I've also been doing more weightlifting though I don't want to talk more about training." While Boldon and Fredericks are mere memories now it has been left to 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-old.

Dancing Queen

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And Kluff, 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 Kluff 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. Kluff 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

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In addition to a slightly easier schedule, 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 relief than anything else to come out from under the shadow of Spitz's seven. On day four, Phelps and his 4x200m

relay teammates turned the tables on 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 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 Championships 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. "It was an unbelievable race," said Phelps, who in Athens made the unbelievable commonplace. With the victory, Phelps joined Spitz as only the second man to win four individual swimming events at one Games.

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 desperation 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 about." 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 semi-finals.