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in brief

Edwards — knee is not a problem

■ **ATHLETICS:** World triple jump champion Jonathan Edwards has denied rumours that he has a knee injury.

Edwards, who won his first competition of the year in Atlanta on Saturday with a windy second round jump 17.59, withdrew from the remainder of the contest, limping out of the landing area after his next clearance of 17.45.

"Yes, I have been having problems with my left knee for the past six weeks, but that is nothing unusual in a power event such as triple jumping," he said. "What made me pull out of the event was nothing more than cramp. I might add severe cramp at that."

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Ridgeon's flier

■ **ATHLETICS:** Jon Ridgeon raced back to the top of the British 400 metres hurdles rankings on his comeback run in Istanbul.

The former Cambridge University student from Burwell — a world championship sprint hurdles silver medallist — was second to former world champion Samuel Matete in 50.7 seconds in the European clubs championship.

The run makes Ridgeon favourite for the Europa Cup in Madrid in a fortnight as he makes his latest recovery bid after Achilles tendon problems.

Promise kept

Churchill's gallant few send out a warning



HERE WE GO . . . Churchill send out a warning to the rest of their May Bumps rivals by cruising to victory in the premier event of the Cambridge Regatta over the weekend. Report, pictures — Page 33.

Picture: Michael Hall.

Venables to nurse Arsenal skipper through

Mason's a real stunner

LISA Mason put the Huntingdon Club on the European gymnastics map with stunning performances in Birmingham.

The 14-year-old Milton Keynes-based youngster, trained by Terry Sharpington at Huntingdon six days a week, finished ninth overall in the junior all-round competition at the European Championships at the weekend.

It was the best result by a Briton in a European or world championship, and Sharpington was thrilled.

"It's just amazing," he said. "We were up against gymnasts from countries where they have a professional system and we are only amateurs. It just shows how talented Lisa is."

Mason scraped into the all-round competition for the top 24 performers in the previous day's team event and improved by 14 places with her overall mark of 37.193, just 1.3 behind winner Alexandra Marin-escu, of Romania.