

Britons hold the Pakistanis



CARDIFF, Sept 2: Jon Potter and Don Williams each scored twice for Great Britain who drew their third and final match with the touring Pakistan side 4-4 here on Sunday, reports AFP.

It was a remarkable recovery for Britain who played with the confidence and commitment lacking during their 1-0 defeat by Malaysia the previous day and in earlier 2-1 and 3-0 defeats by Pakistan.

After 211 minutes without scoring, Olympic champions Britain struck twice in the space of six minutes.

A rebound from a penalty corner was slipped to Don Williams who beat the goalkeeper from close range for the first.

The second was cored by Potter from a penalty stroke after Williams shot hit a Pakistani foot.

A minute later Khalid Bashir replied with a thundering penalty corner. Mohammad Shahbaz converted a penalty stroke and then took advantage of an excellent pass from Shahbaz Ahmed to round goalkeeper Sean Rowlands and give Pakistan a 3-2 interval lead.

When Khalid Bashir converted another penalty corner a British revival seemed unlikely but Potter, picking up a penalty corner rebound, scored his second, and with seven minutes remaining, John Shaw carved a delightful opening to give Williams his second goal and the equaliser.

MALAYSIA WIN 5-0

Meanwhile, in another match Malaysia, who defeated Great Britain 1-0 on Saturday, followed up with a 5-0 win over Wales on Sunday.

That result delighted Australian coach Terry Walsh who is preparing for the Olympic qualifying tournament starting in Auckland, New Zealand on October 12.

Wales had few answers to the speed and skills of Malaysia who led 1-0 at half-time with a goal from a penalty corner by Kannah Embaraj in 20 minutes.

This was followed by further goals in the second-half by Noor Siful, two by centre forward Mohammad Hardi, and Sarjit Singh from a penalty corner.

Malaysia now more on to Spain to play two matches before taking on Australia in Barcelona.

Australia are preparing to defend the Champions Trophy in Berlin, starting on September 13.



The gold-winning Jamaican 4x100 metres relay team flashes the number one sign at the 3rd World Athletics Championships on Sept 1. From L to R: Dahlia Duhaney, Juliet Cuthbert, Merlene Ottey and Beverley McDonald.

Powell eclipses them all

TOKYO, Sept 2: Carl Lewis broke two world records, ran faster and jumped further than ever before.

But it was the comparatively unknown Mike Powell who stole the show at the World Athletics Championships, writes Reuter.

The 27-year-old American long jumper, for years in the shadow of Lewis, was still floating on air when the championship closed on Sunday, two days after his mighty 8.95-metre leap confined Bob Beamon to history.

In one emotionally-charged moment at Tokyo's National Stadium, Powell broke Beamon's 23-year-old record, ended Lewis's 10-year unbeaten streak and ensured his enormous grin would feature in just about every newspaper in the world.

That was the most stunning performance in an unforgettable week of athletic achievement.

It had seemed impossible to upstage Lewis's 9.86-second world record in the 100 metres final.

It had seemed unlikely that an athlete could find a way of bettering Sergei Bubka, who defied injury, nerves and gravity to snatch his third world pole vault title when all looked lost.

It had seemed improbable that anyone could provide a bigger upset than German Katrin Krabbe in beating the seemingly invincible Jamaican Merlene Ottey in both women's sprints.

But Powell did it all in his gripping long jump battle with Lewis and emerged as the sport's newest and brightest star.

The man nicknamed 'Mike Foul' by his coach — because he always overstepped the board on his biggest jump — got it right when he counted, flying even further than Lewis who had thrown down the gauntlet with a wind-assisted 8.91-metre effort.

Lewis accepted defeat somewhat ungraciously, suggesting Powell might go the way of Beamon, who never again jumped within half a metre of his 1968 superhuman leap in Mexico.

His loss blotted an otherwise perfect record, now standing at eight golds and one silver in World Championships. Yet Lewis hit the high point of his career in the sprint final.

The 30-year-old's run over the last half of the race when he came from fifth place to smash the world record in a contest which saw six men clock 9.96 seconds or less was sheer magic.

Inevitably, the championships closed with another Lewis world record, which he provided with Andre Cason, Leroy Burrell and Dennis Mitchell as the US won the 4x100 metres relay in 37.50 seconds, 0.17 seconds inside the previous best.

Bubka and veteran American high hurdler Greg Foster matched Lewis with

their third gold in the same event in three Championships but they had to prove their mettle to do it.

The Soviet vaulter, in pain from a heel injury and with one final attempt to clear 5.95 metres or finish without a medal, summounded his last reserves of strength and willpower to soar over the bar.

The 33-year-old Foster leaped on all his experience, ducking at exactly the right-fraction of a second to beat compatriot Jack Pierce in a photo finish to the 110 metres hurdles, a dramatic duel in which both clocked identical times.

Krabbe, three times a gold medalist in last year's European Championships and one of the last sporting products of the former East German state, did something Lewis has never done.

After her shock victories over Ottey in the 100 and 200 metres, she earned bronze medals in the 4x100 and 4x400 metre relays to end with a tally of four, a feat achieved before only by the compatriot Marita Koch.

The 31-year-old Ottey, previously undefeated in individual sprints since 1989, proved fallible just when she had seemed set to be crowned queen of the track, taking bronze twice as she inexplicably wilted in the latter part of each final.

But she finally won gold with a storming run of power and determination to lead Jamaica to the sprint relay title.

The United States topped the medals table with 10 golds to nine for the Soviet Union but, fittingly for a sport which embraces the entire world, there were golden moments for Asian and African nations as well as for the super-powers.

Asian athletes had never before won a world title but China took gold in the women's shot and javelin and marathon runner Hiroshi Taniguchi gave the Japanese hosts every excuse for wild celebrations with his victory.

Africans won every men's gold from 800 to 10,000 metres, including the steeplechase, thanks to the continuing supply of raw Kenyan running talent.

The only man to break the Kenyan monopoly was young Algerian Noureddine Morceli in the 1,500 metres.

The successor to Moroccan Said Aouita as middle-distance king, Morceli completed a double for his country after Hassiba Boulmerka won the women's race at the same distance, becoming the first African or Arab woman to capture a World title.

Lendl to face Stich

NEW YORK, Sept 2: Wimbledon champion Michael Stich and three-time Open winner Ivan Lendl both overcame big-serving opponents on Sunday to set up a quarter-final clash at the US Open tennis championships, reports Reuter.

Stich, the third seed from Germany, defeated American Derrick Rostagno 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 under sunny skies on a refreshingly cool day at the National Tennis Centre.

The fifth-seeded Lendl beat 12th seed Goran Ivanisevic of Yugoslavia 7-5, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 in a hard-hitting three-hour-30-minute duel that ended under the lights.

"I played too defensive to beat him. You can't play against Lendl like that," said Ivanisevic, who tried to rally with the Czechoslovak from the baseline.

"I was waiting for Lendl to make mistakes and that was wrong because he was never missing," Ivanisevic said.

"I was waiting, waiting, waiting until I was dead."

Javier Sanchez kept his family's success story rolling by beating Gabriel Markus of Argentina 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

Sanchez, whose older brother Emilio will play French Open champion Jim Courier tonight for a place in the quarters, has yet to lose a set in four matches.

His younger sister, Arantxa, has also reached the fourth round.

"When I started out in the tournament I never thought I'd make the quarter-finals," said the 23-year-old Sanchez. "Now you don't know what will happen."

Ivanisevic said his booming left handed serve was hampered by back pain. The Yugoslav wore a back support and had it re-wrapped in mid-match.

"In the third set I had back pain and I couldn't serve as hard as I did earlier in the match," said Ivanisevic.

Lendl, who battled back from two sets down and fought off two match points to beat Dutchman Richard Krajicek in the first round, turned on the pressure after trailing 0-3 in the third set.

From 1-4 he won seven games in a row and 10 of 11 to take charge.

Lendl had another theory on what ailed Ivanisevic.

"I think he just got tired, if you ask me," said Lendl, who has also been runner-up at the Open five times.

"I would like to have that back pain every day and serve 125 miles and hour (200 kph)."

Ivanisevic blasted 21 aces but only four in the third set and one in the fourth.

"He's young and he's sometimes wild with his shots. He can self-destruct mentally," Lendl added.

Stich was not at his best but the 22-year-old German produced under pressure, fighting off 11 of Rostagno's 12 break point opportunities in the two-hour-30-minute match.

Lendl, who has never been able to win Wimbledon, was not worried about playing someone who has.

"It's a big match for me because I can get into the semis. I am not looking at him as a Wimbledon champion. I am looking at him as just another opponent."

Naqib's hatrick

CHITTAGONG, Sept 2: Abahani KC made a comfortable start in the local First Division football league outplaying league runners-up Customs and Excise Club by an impressive 6-1 goals in their opening match at the Niaz Stadium here Sunday, reports UNB.

Naqib, a promising striker of the national team, who plays for Dhaka Mohammedans, scored the first hatrick in the league for Abahani, putting in three goals in a row.

Mamun put the losers ahead in the 14th minute. However, Abahani's national winger Shabbir equalised in the 20th minute.

Jessore XI win

JHENIDAH, Sept 2: Jessore Eleven defeated Chudanga Eleven by 4-3 goals in tie-breaker in the Kotechandpur Gold Cup football tournament held at Kotechandpur High School ground Saturday, reports UNB.

Baru, Hannan, Khokon and Zainul of Jessore Eleven and Hari Sharaj and Hablu of Chudanga Eleven scored one goal each.

Meanwhile, Alhera Islami Institute qualified for the final of Inter-Madrassa football competition-91. Jhenaidah Sadar Upazila, beat Kaluhati Madrasha by 3-2 played at the Government Boys High School ground on the same day.

Sohel of the winners team netted 2 goals and Tareq scored one while Avis and Mohi of the losers side scored one each.

Shabbir scored the second goal for Abahani in the 26th minute. Naqib completed his hatrick by scoring three goals in the 36th, 62nd and 65th minutes respectively.

Nipu rounded off the winners' tally by adding one more goal three minutes before the final whistle.

Abahani KC dominated the match all through and made easy sorties into the opponents' territory without encountering much opposition.

Customs' enlisted player Kaiser Hamid of the national team failed to play for his side due to a dispute over his registration.

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC — Nazu, Debashis (Ali), Salahuddin, Rouf Babul, Farhad, Nipu, Masuk, Moshi, Masud, Shabbir and Naqib.

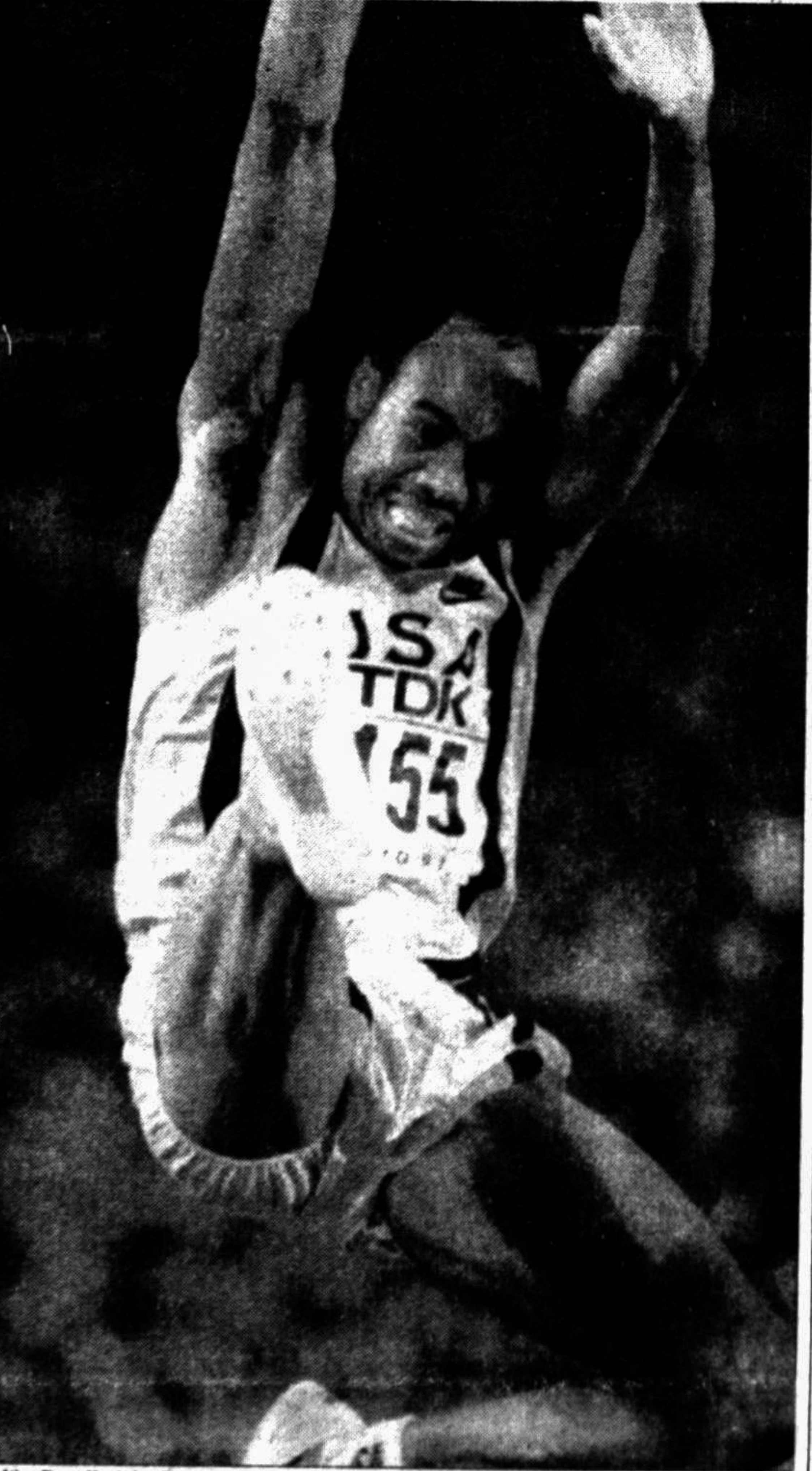
CUSTOMS & EXCISE CLUB — Moslem, Litu, Milan, Kamal, Dilip (Aman), Bhutoo, Babul, Afsar, Riya, Faroque and Mamun (Ershad).

Earlier on Saturday, league champions Customs SC defeated newcomers Satadal Club by a lone goal.

FI Kamal scored the winner.

Navy swimming begins

The annual Swimming and Water Polo championships of the Bangladesh Navy began at the Naval headquarters Complex Swimming Pool at Benani this afternoon, an ISP press release said, reports ISB.



Mike Powell of the United States makes his super-human leap of 8.95m in the long jump event at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo. The feat erased a 23-year-old mark set by his compatriot Bob Beamon in the Mexico Olympics.

THE MEDAL WINNERS

TOKYO, Sept 2: Following is the list of the World Athletics Championships medallists:

MEN
100m: 1. Carl Lewis (USA) 9.86 world record, 2. Leroy Burrell (USA) 9.88, 3. Dennis Mitchell (USA) 9.91.
200m: 1. Michael Johnson (USA) 20.01, 2. Frank Fredericks (Namibia) 20.34, 3. Altee Mahorn (Canada) 20.49.
400m: 1. Antonio Pettigrew (USA) 44.57, 2. Roger Black (GB) 44.62, 3. Danny Everett (USA) 44.63.
800m: 1. Billy Kinchellah (Kenya) 1:43.99, 2. Jose Lutz Barbosa (Brazil) 1:44.24, 3. Mark Everett (USA) 1:44.67.
1,500m: 1. Noureddine Morceli (Algeria) 3:32.48, 2. Wilfred Kirochi (Kenya) 3:34.48, 3. Hauke Fuhlbrugge (Germany) 3:35.28.
5,000m: 1. Yobes Ondieki (Kenya) 13:14.45, 2. Fita Bayesa (Ethiopia) 13:16.64, 3. Brahim Boutayeb (Morocco) 13:22.70.
10,000m: 1. Moses Tanui (Kenya) 27:38.74, 2. Richard Chelimo (Kenya) 23:39.41, 3. Khalid Skah (Morocco) 27:41.74.
110m HURDLES: 1. Greg Foster (USA) 13.06, 2. Jack Pierce (USA) 13.06, 3. Tony Jarrett (GB) 13.25.
400m HURDLES: 1. Samuel Matete (Zambia) 47.64, 2. Winthrop Graham (Jamaica) 47.74, 3. Kriss Akabusi (GB) 47.86.
3,000m STEEPLECHASE: 1. Moses Kiptanui (Kenya) 8:12.59, 2. Patrick Sang (Kenya) 8:13.44, 3. Azzedine Brahmi (Algeria) 8:15.54.
4x100m: 1. USA 37.50 world record, 2. France 37.87, 3. Great Britain 38.09.
4x400m: 1. Great Britain 2:57.53 European record, 2. USA 2:57.57, 3. Jamaica 3:00.10.
MARATHON: 1. Hiroshi Taniguchi (Japan) 2hr 14min 75sec, 2. Ahmed Salah (Djibouti) 2:15.26, 3. Steve Spence (USA) 2:15.36.
20km WALK: 1. Maurizio Damilano (Italy) 1:19.37, 2. Mikhail Chenikov (USSR) 1:19.46, 3. Evgeni Mysula (USSR) 1:20.22.
50km WALK: 1. Alexander Ptoashov (USSR) 3:53.09, 2. Andrey Perlov (USSR) 3:53.09, 3. Hartwig Gauder (Germany) 3:55.14.
LONG JUMP: 1. Mike Powell (USA) 8.95m world record, 2. Carl Lewis (USA) 8.91m, 3. Larry Myricks (USA) 8.42m.
TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Kenny Harrison (USA) 17.78m, 2. Leonid Voloshin (USSR) 17.75m, 3. Mike Conley (USA) 17.62m.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Charles Austin (USA) 2.38m, 2. Javier Sotomayor (Cuba) 2.36m, 3. Hollis Conway (USA) 2.36m.
POLE VAULT: 1. Sergey Bubka (USSR) 5.95m, 2. Istvan Bagyula (Hungary) 5.90m, 3. Maksim Tarasov (USSR) 5.85m.
SHOT: 1. Werney Gunthor (Switzerland) 21.67m, 2. George Andersen (Norway) 20.81m, 3. Lars-Arvid Nilsen (Norway) 20.75m.
DISCUS: 1. Lars Riedl (Germany) 66.20m, 2. Erik De Bruin (Netherlands) 65.82m, 3. Attila Horvath (Hungary) 65.32m.
HAMMER: 1. Yuri Sedykh (USSR) 81.70m, 2. Igor

Astapkovich (USSR) 80.94m, 3. Heinz Weiss (Germany) 80.44m.
JAVELIN: 1. Kimmo Kinnunen (Finland) 90.82m, 2. Seppo Raty (Finland) 88.12m, 3. Vladimir Sasimovich (USSR) 87.80m.
DECATHLON: 1. Dan O'Brien (USA) 8,812pts, 2. Michael Smith (Canada) 8,549, 3. Christian Schenk (Germany) 8,394.
WOMEN
100m: 1. Katrin Krabbe (Germany) 10.99, 2. Gwen Torrence (USA) 11.03, 3. Merlene Ottey (Jamaica) 11.06.
200m: 1. Katrin Krabbe (Germany) 22.09, 2. Gwen Torrence (USA) 22.16, 3. Merlene Ottey (Jamaica) 22.21.
400m: 1. Marie-Jose Perek (France) 49.13, 2. Grit Breuer (Germany) 49.42, 3. Sandra Myers (Spain) 49.78.
800m: 1. Lilia Nurudina (USSR) 1:57.50, 2. Ana Quirot (Cuba) 1:57.55, 3. Ella Kovacs (Romania) 1:57.58.
1,500m: 1. Hassiba Boulmerka (Algeria) 4:02.21, 2. Tatiana Dorovskikh (USSR) 4:02.58, 3. Ludmila Rogachova (USSR) 4:02.72.
3,000m: 1. Tatiana Dorovskikh (USSR) 8:35.82, 2. Elena Romanova (USSR) 8:35.06, 3. Susan Sirma (Kenya) 8:39.41 African record.
10,000m: 1. Liz McColgan (GB) 31:14.31, 2. Zhong Huangdi (China) 31:35.08, 3. Wang Xiuting (China) 31:35.99.
100m HURDLES: 1. Lyudmila Naroshenko (USSR) 12.59, 2. Gail Devers-Roberts (USA) 12.63, 3. Natalia Grigoryeva (USSR) 12.69.
400m HURDLES: 1. Tatiana Ledovskaya (USSR) 53.11, 2. Sally Gunnell (GB) 53.16, 3. Jancene Vickers (USA) 53.47.
4x100m: 1. Jamaica 41.94, 2. USSR 42.20, 3. Germany 42.33.
4x400m: 1. USA 3:18.43, 2. USA 3:20.15, 3. Germany 3:21.25.
MARATHON: 1. Wanda Panfil (Poland) 2:29.53, 2. Sachiko Yamashita (Japan) 2:29.57, 3. Katrin Dorre (Germany) 2:30.10.
10km WALK: 1. Alka Ivanova (USSR) 42:57, 2. Madelein Svensson (Sweden) 43:13, 3. Sari Essayah (Finland) 43:15.
LONG JUMP: 1. Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA) 7.32m, 2. Heike Drechsler (Germany) 7.29m, 3. Larisa Berezhnaya (USSR) 7.11m.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Heike Henkel (Germany) 2.05m, 2. Yelena Yeliseina (USSR) 1.98m, 3. Inga Babakova (USSR) 1.96m.
SHOT: 1. Huang Zhihong (China) 20.83m, 2. Natalia Lisovskaya (USSR) 20.29m, 3. Svetlana Krivelyova (USSR) 20.16m.
DISCUS: 1. Tsvetanka Khristova (Bulgaria) 71.02m, 2. Ilke Wyludda (Germany) 69.12m, 3. Larisa Mikhailchenko (USSR) 68.26m.
JAVELIN: 1. Xu Demei (China) 68.78m, 2. Petra Meier (Germany) 68.68m, 3. Silke Renk (Germany) 66.80.
HEPTATHLON: 1. Sabine Braun (Germany) 6,672pts, 2. Liliana Nastase (Romania) 6,493pts, 3. Irina Byelova (USSR) 6,448 pts.

Edberg ousts Chang

NEW YORK, Sept 2: Second seed Stefan Edberg turned in one of the best US Open performances of his career to beat speedy American Michael Chang on Sunday night, reports Reuter.

Chang, who had upset four-time champion John McEnroe in five sets to earn a shot at Edberg, was one of the most dangerous unseeded players in the tournament.

Edberg, however, was up to the challenge as he turned back the gutsy American fighter in an extremely close straight-set match 7-6, 7-5, 6-3 to reach the quarter-finals, where he will take on unseeded Spaniard Javier Sanchez.

"This is the best night match I've ever played here," said Edberg, a two-time Wimbledon and Australian Open champion who has yet to win the US title. "This is probably the best match I've played all summer."

The packed Stadium Court crowd was treated to some of the most thrilling points of the tournament as Chang, probably the fastest player in the world, ran down one apparent winner after another.

The first two sets were really some great tennis from both sides," said Edberg, who lost the 1989 French Open final to Chang.

Edberg controlled the net and volleyed brilliantly throughout. But few points ended on his first put away attempt with Chang getting to balls that few other players would even bother chasing.

A rough week for Savchenko

NEW YORK, Sept 2: When Larisa Savchenko first heard something was terribly wrong back home in the Soviet Union, she did the only thing she could think of: rush to a TV set and turn on the Cable News Network, reports AP.

The 25-year-old tennis player was unprepared for the image that awaited her: tanks rumbling ominously through Moscow, bringing with them the threat of a return to dictatorship.

"That's it," Savchenko's husband, Alex, told her at the time. "The communists are back."

Thus began a crazy few weeks for Savchenko, filled with ups and downs: of fear at the onset of the dramatic coup followed by joy at its failure, only to yield to concern as the

country goes through unprecedented political convulsions.

In between, she did her job — she played tennis.

"I think I still feel sick, even now," the sandy-haired Savchenko said last week as she relaxed in the player's lounge at the US Open, reflecting on the previous fortnight. A smile crossed her face, but the strain clearly wasn't too far beneath the surface.

Savchenko, currently ranked in the top 80 in the world, was playing in the Virginia Slims of Washington DC, when news came, late on the night of Aug 18, of the coup against Mikhail Gorbachev. She had just won her doubles match.

It would be three days before the plot against Gorbachev would collapse, returning him to Moscow and to power. Savchenko hails from Latvia, one of the three Baltic republics that have long sought to break with Moscow. For the Baltics, the coup was especially terrifying because it brought fears of an immediate crackdown on their independence drive.

For Savchenko, that fear was worsened by a more personal one: she couldn't reach her family.

"I begged and pleaded with the phone company," she said. "I said, 'I need to reach my relatives!' But they told me it was impossible to get through."

So Savchenko kept on playing tennis — and watching TV, "I would practise for an hour, then play for two, and then watch CNN all day," she said. "And all night."

She also awaited word from her coach, Shamil Tarpiushev, who was in Moscow and also communicated during those first tense days.