

Hassiba Boulmerka of Algeria (R) celebrates her first place finish, with a time of 4 min 02.21 secs in the women's 1500 m at the World Championships on Aug 31. Soviet Union's Tatyana Dorovskikh (C) took the silver.

### Boulmerka — Algerian golden girl through their paces in the



TOKYO, Sept 1: Young runners Hassiba Boulmerka of Algeria and Moses Kiptanui of Kenya made the

penultimate day of the world athletics championships golden triumph for Africa Saturday, reports Reuter.

The 23-year- old Boulmerka outwitted and outpaced the strong and experienced Soviet middle-distance specialists to win the women's 1,500 metres, becoming the first African or Arab woman to win a gold at the World championships.

The 20-year- old Kiptanui continued Kenya's tradition of supremacy in the 3,000 metres steeplechase, leading home an African medals sweep from fellow- countryman Patrick Sang and another Algerian, Azzedine Brahmi.

The seventh day of competition at the championships. which end on Sunday, also saw German Heike Henkel become the third best women's high jumper ever as she captured

gold. There were mixed fortunes for the American sprint relay teams with the men, minus Carl Lewis, setting the second fastest time ever but the it. women crashed out of the competition when they dropped the baton in the

semifinals. The biggest grin in the

shoot-out with a corner count

to decide drawn, matches in

knock-out competitions if

neither side scores in extra

in the 30-minute extra time

period would win and play

during the world under-17

championship is studying how

to avoid teams playing for a

draw and trying to win on

penalties, the Italian sports

daily Gazzetta Dello Sports re-

Force Football 2000," includ-

ing French coach Michel

Platini and Mexican striker

Hug. Sanchez to look into the

issue after receiving hundreds

of complaints after Agrentina

won through to last year's

Argentina played unattrac-

tive, cautious soccer and won

LONDON. Sept 1

Manchester United's Danish

goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel

let in his first goal of the

English soccer season on

Saturday as United drew 1-1

Cup Winners' Cup holders,

stayed top of the First Division with 11 points thanks to cap-

tain Bryan Robson who hit an

85th-minute equaliser at Old

effectively compensated for

United by the exploits of an-

other Scandinavian — Arsenal's

Swedish international Anders

and now in the role of bad boy

turned good, scored the win-

ner in Arsenals 2-1 victory

over Manchester City, previ-

ously United's closest rivals for

Limpar, sent off on Tuesday

Schmeichel's mishap was

Trafford.

impar.

the Leeds.

But United, the European

with Leeds, reports Reuter.

It said FIFA asked Task

But the first team to score

A FIFA commission meeting

time, reports Reuter.

would end at that point.

ported on Saturday.

World Cup finals.

MONTECATINI.

Italy, Sept 1: The

International Foo-

tball Federation

(FIFA) could re-

place the penalty

National Stadium was definitely on the face of Boulmerka who howled with sheer happiness as she crossed the line ahead of defending champion Tatyana Dorovskikh.

"That was my cry for joy," she said later after Completing a long and lingering lap of honour with her national flag. "This is the first win by a woman from Algeria and I like to think this is the beginning of a greater role for Algerian Boulmerka, whose big late

kick has made her one of the most feared middle-distance runners on the circuit, roared past leader Doina Melinte of Romania coming out of the final bend and had the strength to resist Dorovskikh's expected challenge.

The Algerian won in four minutes 2.21 second with Dorovskikh, who earlier won the 3,000 metres title, following in 4:02: 58 and another Soviet runner Lyudmila Rogachova third.

Boulmerka's win recalled the shock victory in the 1984 Olympics by Moroccan Nawal el-Moutawakil in the women's 400 metres hurdles. "I was young then," the Algerian said. I don't remember much about

Her triumph could herald an Algerian double as her more famous compatriot Noureddine Morceli is hot favourite in Sunday's men's 1,500 metres

through the quarter-finals and

semifinals on penalty shoot-

The FIFA commission sug-

gested corners should be

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counted from the kickoff. If

the scores were level after ex-

tra time, the corner count for

the 90 minutes of normal

times would decide the match.

also a draw, only then would

the match be decided on a

penalty shoot-out, La Gazzxetta

3-1, moved up into second

place ahead of City on goal dif-

Merseyside Derby, were back

on form with one of the fastest

their seats, defender David

Burrows thundered a loose ball

past goalkeeper Neville

Southall from 20 meters out

after just 90 seconds of the

Saunders scored the second in

the 15th minute and Ray

Houghton made it 3-0 in the

tion favourties, scored their

first goal of the season but it

was of little use - they went

down 4-1 away to a sharp and

manager Trevor Francis up

Sheffield Wednesday, with

revitalised Chelsea.

Liverpool, who beat Everton against the club that sacked

Luton, the perenntal relega-

Welsh international Dean

Liverpool, playing the 174th

With the fans still taking

ference with 10 points.

goals of the day.

**Dutch** international Ruud

reported.

United hang on

If the corner count was

Kiptanui, Sang and Olympic champion Julius Kariuki led the field throughout the steeplechase and looked as if they would make a Kenyan sweep until Brahmi passed Kariuki in the final bend, holding on for the bronze.

Kiptanui, in his first year of steeplechasing, had far too much power for the rest on the last straight, striding home comfortably in eight minutes 12.59 seconds to win by almost a second from Sang. "We're used to running to-

gether. We run as a team," he said of his compatriots. "On the last lap I knew I was going to win.

Brahmi, a surprise medallist, said: "I just followed the Kenyans. I knew the only one could beat was Kariuki and I did it. It's a great day for Algeria with a gold and a bronze.

Henkel won the high jump at two metres but went on to beat her own national record with a 2.05-metre leap which left only world record holder Stefka Kostadinova and another Bulgarian Lyudmila Andonova ahead of her in the all-time rankings.

At that stage she had cleared the bar at the first attempt six times out of six but she then failed with three tries

at 2.07 metres.

Gullit decries FIFA tinkering

The American men went

Gullit called the idea

decided by the first goal -

who's going to attack if after-

wards all you need is a coun-

terattack to win," the AC Milan

coaches polled by the newspa-

per preferred penalties, many

as the lesser of several evils.

"Who knows how many tricks

teams would invent in the

course of a game to get

corners," said Argentine World

Cup striker Claudio Caniggia,

ideas for changing football, in-

cluding larger goals and a re-

duced offside area, smacked of

"reasoning from an American

perspective" to change the

game for the 1994 World Cup

with the offside rule at the un-

der-17 tournament had pro-

duced boring matches and lit-

tle attacking. Offside was only

counted within 16 metres of

the goal line during the tour-

him, thrashed Queen's Park

Rangers 4-1 with a first-half

hat-trick from Carlton Palmer.

rocked by Lee Chapman's sev-

enth-minute goal at Old

Trafford and looked headed for

defeat despite bombarding the

Leeds goal throughout the

early setback when key mid-

fielder Paul Ince went off in-

Hughes, usually lethal at the

near post, completely fluffed a

Lukic almost gifted united a

goal with a misjudged inter-

ception but defender Mel

Sterland rushed his header

and there was nobody in the

It was left to Robson to save

jured after just 22 minutes.

shot in the second half.

area to cash in.

United had suffered and

Welsh international Mark

Leeds goalkeeper John

Manchester United were

nament.

He said FIFA's experiment

finals in the United States.

Gullit said all FIFA's recent

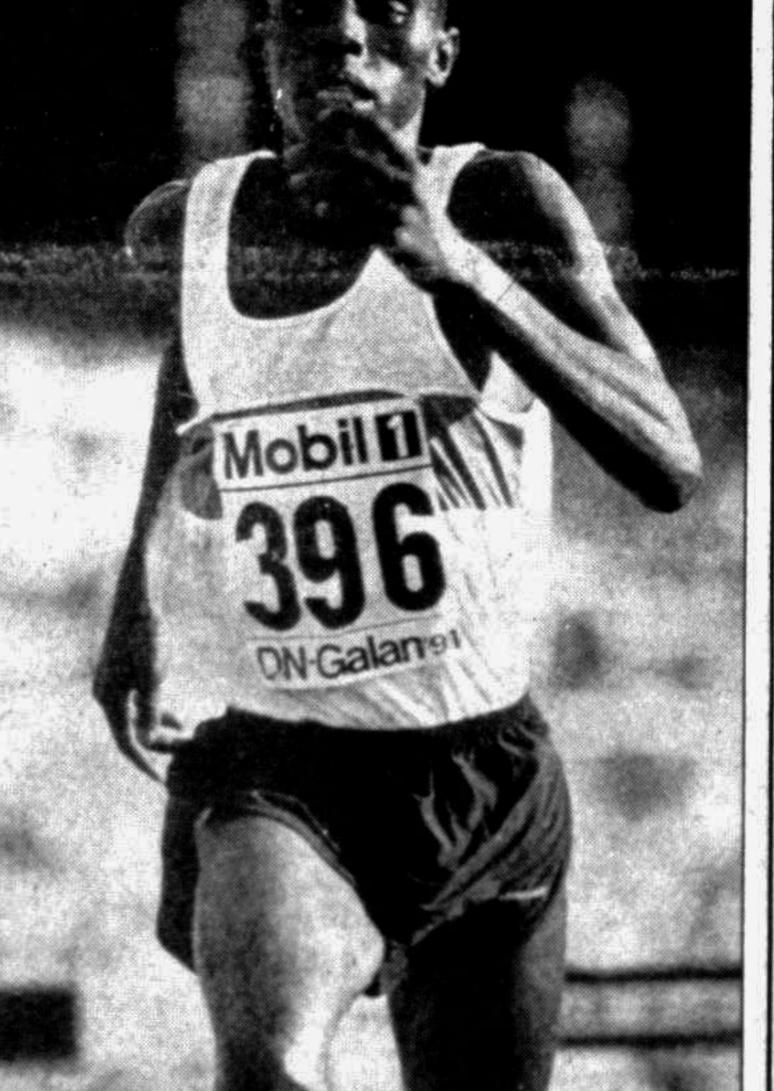
who plays for Italy's Atlantia.

A majority of players and

"Let's take the extra time

"cretinous.

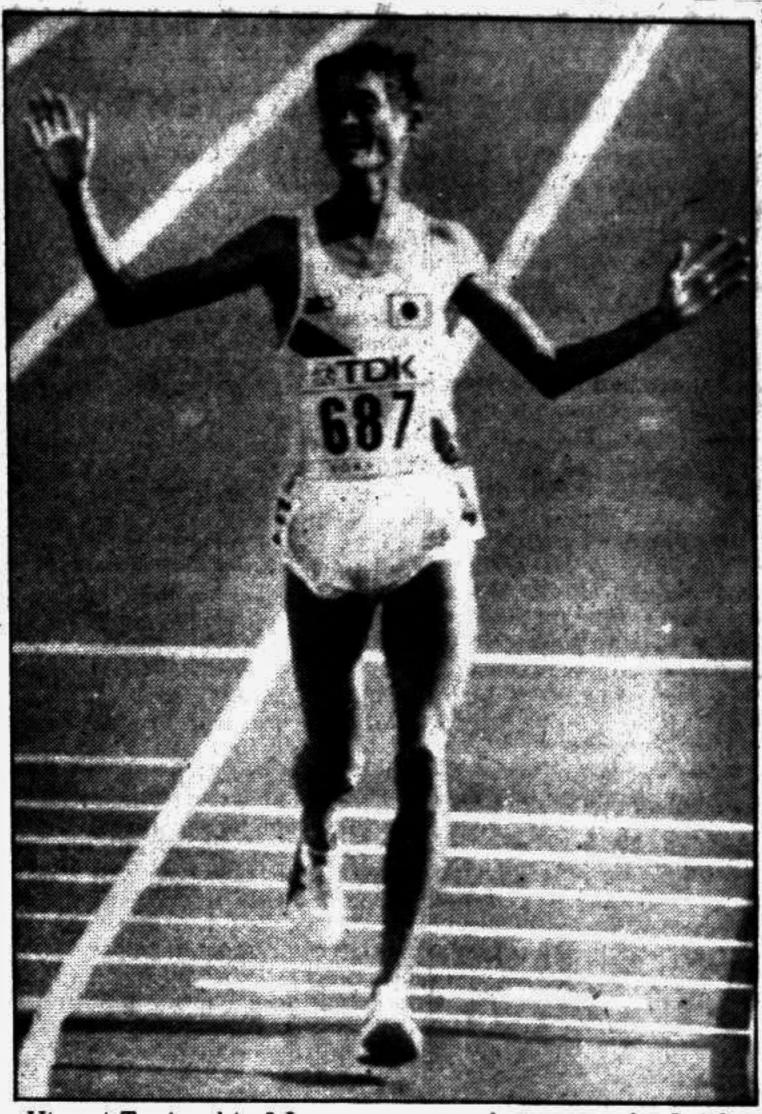
midfielder said.



MOSES KIPTANUI OF KENYA

THE LIST OF WINNERS TOKYO, Sept 1: Following are the 1991 World Track and Field Champions at the end of the competition Sunday:

MEN 100-Carl Lewis, United States, 9.86 (WR) 200-Michael Johnson, United States, 20.01 400-Antonio Pettigrew, United States, 44.57 800 -Biully Konchellah, Kenya, 1;43.99 1,500-Noureddine Morceli, Algeria, 3:32.84 5,000-Yobes Ondieki, Kenya, 13:14.45 10,000 - Moses Tanui, Kenya, 27:38.74 110 hurdles - Greg Foster, United States, 13.06 400 hurdles - Samuel Matete, Zambia, 47.64 3,000 steeplechase - Moses Kiptanui, Kenya, 8:12.89 4x100 relay - United States (Andre Cason, Leroy Burrell, Dennis Mitchell, Carl Lewis), 37.50 (WR) 4x100 relay-Britain, 2:57.53 20 km walk - Maurizio Damilano, Italy, 1:19:37 50 km walk - Alexander Potashov, Soviet Union, 3:53:09 Marathon - Hiromi Taniguch Discus -Lars Riedel, Germany, 66.20 Javelin - Kimmo Kinnunen, Finland, 90.82 Hammer- Yuri Sedykh, Soviet Union, 81.70 Decathlon - Dan O'Brien, United States, 8,812 WOMEN 100-Kartin Krabbe, Germany, 10,99 200-Katrin Krabbe, Germany, 22.09 400-Marie-Josee Perec, France, 49.13 800-Lilia Nurutdinova, Soviet Union, 1:57.50 1,500- Hassfba Boulmerka, Algeria, 4:02.21 3,000-Tatiana Dorovskikh, Soviet Union, 8:35.82 10,000 - Liz McColgan, Britain, 31:14.31 100 hurdles-Ludmila Narozhilenko, Soviet Union, 12.59 400 hurdles - Tatiana Ledovskaya, Soviet Union, 53.11 4x100 relay Jamaica, 41.94 4x400 relay -Soviet Union, 3:18.43 Marathon- Wanda Panfil, Poland, 2:29.53 10 km walk -Alina Ivanova, Soviet Union, Long jump-Jackie Joyner-Kersee, United States, 7.32 High jump-Heike Henkel, Germany, 2.05 20.83 Shot put-Zhihong Huang., Ching, Discus-Tsvetanka Khristova, Bulgaria, 71.02 Javelin-Demei Xu, China, 68.78 Heptathlon - Sabine Braun, Germany, 6,672



Hiromi Taniguchi of Japan waves as he crosses the finish line in 2 hrs 14 mins 57 seconds to win gold on Sept 1. The 31-year-old textile and chemical worker kicked up what was left in his legs with four kilometres to go to take the men's marathon title.

# Taniguchi does Japan proud



4x100 metres relay semifinals,

clocking an impressive 37.75

seconds, just 0.08 second out-

side the world record they set

leg for the rested Lewis, who

returns for Sunday's final when

a world record seems virtually

was a disaster. Carlette Guidry

and Esther Jones contrived to

mess up the first baton change

completely and the team failed

Bulgaria ended a three-year

unbeaten streak by Ilke

Wyludda in the women's dis-

cus, taking gold from nowhere

with a big last throw of 71.02

metres, best in the world this

year and almost two metres

finished with the silver.

Andersen of Norway.

further than the German who

Switzerland retained his men's

shot title with a 21.67- metre

last effort which kept him al-

most one metre ahead of

seound placed George

Werner Guenthoer of

Tsvetanka Khristova of

to finish their semifinal.

For the women, the relay

inevitable.

Mike Marsh ran the anchor

in Zurich earlier this month.

Hiromi Taniguchi through sweltering early morning heat today to win the

men's marathon and claim Japan's first- ever world title on the final day of the World Athletics Champion- ships, reports Reuter.

As his opponents wilted in heat which reached 30 degrees Celsius (86 Fahrenheit), Tanighuchi broke with four kms to run in the 42.195- km race and quickly extended his lead to 100 metres over second- second- placed Ahmed Salah of Djibouti. As car horns blared and

cheered. sepectators Taniguchi raced into the Nationals Stadium, ran the final lap and raised his arms high over his head as he crossed the finish line.

The 31- year- old Japanese, who has now won seven of his 14 marathons, clocked two hours 14 minutes 57 seconds.

Salah was well back in 2: 15: 26 and American Steve Spence came through strongly in the final stages to finish third in 2: 15: 36.

Taniguchi, who has won the London, Tokyo and Rotterdam marathons but never raced in a major championship, grabbed a Japanese flag and ran a celebratory victory lap. "I saw each championship

winner run by waving a national flag," he said. "So wanted to run such a victory He said he had not been troubled by the heat and had

been heartened by the spectators' support. "It was a great incentive,"

The race began at 6 a m to avoid the worst effects of the late summer heat and humid-But an hour into the race it

was already 27 Celsius (80 Fahrenheit), the humidity was 60 percent and the temperature was climbing steadily.

Germany's Stephan Freigang led at the halfway point as the field turned to retrace their steps through the crowded Tokyo streets, followed closely by Australia's Commonwealth silver medallist Steve Moneghetti.

The time was only 66 minutes 25 seconds at that stage, an indication of how tough conditions were becoming for the runners. At 23 km Poland's Jan

Huruk broke away, followed by Salah but they were quickly gathered in by the leading pack which included Italy's Olympic winner Gelindo Bordin, the most formidable big race competitor in the

tightly bunched until the 37km mark when a quarter comprising Taniguchi, his teammate Futoshi Shinojara, Hurek, and Salah broke away. One kilometre later

The front group stayed

Taniguchi made his move. Grimacing with the effort

Bayer on the stroke of half-

Leverkusen briefly ahead with

a penalty in the 62nd minute,

-midsielder Michael Spies

After Kree had put

and the heat, he quickly established a 50- metre lead over Salah, stretched it to 100 metres and raced into the stadium to noisy reception from the scattering of spectators.

"I felt I had won the race only when I came into the stadium," Taniguchi said. "I decided to go for the title at 38 km, I had decided that Bordin was my main oppo-

Spence, wearing sun glasses, took over from Shinohara in third place at 40 km and held on to win the first American World Championships men's marathon medal.

"I knew I had a medal at that point," he said

The 34- year- old Salah, who also won silver at the Rome World Championships four years ago, said: "Before the race, nobody considered me, maybe because of my age.

"But don't forget that Carlos Lopes set a world record at the age of 37.

vided a sad end to Hansa's

tive match, There was a lot of

hard graft today," Hansa coach

Sammer, who first joined

Dynamo Dresden at the age of

five and played there for 18

years before moving west to

VFB last year, rarely figured in

the Stuttgart team's surprise

The crowd saw a competi-

All-German international

hard-earned point.

Uwe Reinders said.

## Rostock lead Bundesliga

BONN, Sept 1: Former East German ch ampions Hansa Rostock had their

goalkeepr Daniel Hoffmann sent off in a 2-2 draw at home with Bayer Leverkusen on Saturday but still went top of the German First Division, reports Reuter.

The north German side, who are looking just to survive in their first year in the Bundesliga, lost Hoffamann in the 80th minute for a foul on Bayer striker Heiko Herlich.

Defender Heiko Maerz spent the last 10 minutes hesi-Frankfurt and VFB Stuttgart were both beaten.

Eintracht, who had led the table on goal difference, lost 2-1 at Hamburg.

German international Matthias Sammer suffered the disappointment of a 1-0 defeat on his first trip to his old club Dynamo Dresden.

son, Hansa, hit by the major exodus of East German players to the West after the fall of the Berlin wall, did not have the cash to assemble a squad of well-known players. Their aim was simply to avoid relegation.

But the Rostock side's workmanlike approach has earned them four victories from their first seven games They deserved Saturday's draw against Leverkusen, who are expected to challenge for the

Knowles, a Tottenham Hotspur stalwart from 1964 to 1975, died on Saturday after a long illness. He was 47, reports Reuter. Knowles, enshrined in popular folklore as the central

bands and observed a minute's silence before the match. Knowles won four caps for England and made more than 400 league appearances for Tottenham.

The midfielder, a key playmaker for his country in last month's Copa America, joined Marselille at the start of the season on a three-year contract from Argentine San Lorenzo. Rodriguez, 24, will make his league debut with struggling

MONTECATINI, Italy, Argentina, after a lastminute equaliser, beat Qatar 4-1 on penalties to take third place in the world under-17 soccer championship on Friday, reports Reuter.

Striker Akselman scored right at the end of the regulation 80 minutes to send the match into extra time. Qatar's Al-Bedaid had scored in the 61st minute. After two goalless 10-minute periods, Argentine goal-

keeper Sanzotti saved penalties from Al-Boloushi and Al-Malki. Qatar, with only two goals from their previous five matches, had dominated the early stages and might have

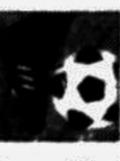
Al-Shafi. Qatar were helped by the wind when they took lead in the 61st minute. Sanzotti tipped a centre from Bu-Hendy onto the crossbar and Al-Bedaid knocked home the rebound. But Qatar relaxed near the end, allowing Akselman to drib-

scored after 10 minutes but for a fine save by Sanzotti from

past two players and shoot Argentina's equaliser. An international Football Federation (FIFA) panel named its all-star line-up of the tournament on Friday.

They were: Kyle Campbell (US), Alessandro Ranaldi (Italy), Deng Lejun (China), Isaac Asare (Ghana), Kofi Mbeah (Ghana): Enrique Medina (Spain), Nii Lamptey (Ghana), Gustavo Lombardi (Argentina), Antonio Segura (Spain): Adriano (Brazil), Paul Agostino (Australia).

## Ghana world u-17 champs blocked the ball with goal-



FLORENCE, Sept 1: Nii Lamptey. who usually shi-

nes in attack. saved an injurytime shot on the

Saturday, reports Reuter. Ghana, who dominated most of the match, had a string of near-misses before they breached the Spanish defence in the 75th minute when

Duah headed home from a

**Hundreds of Ghanaian fans** among the crowd of 5,000 at the Fiorentina stadium danced in delight.

Spain, for whom defender Chocarro had headed against the bar several minutes earlier in a counter-attack, threw everything at Chana in the dying minutes in a bid to save the

They came closest one Pardo shot from the edge of back on his own goal line, keeper Own beaten. Lamptey might have settled the match midway through the

second half but his angled shot hit the left post, flew across goal and came back out off the right post Spanish goalkeeper Lopez

Valleto had previously kept Ghana out with a series of fine

### capped a superb individual performance with a 22-metre shot for Hansa's equaliser in the 75th minute. The departure of Hoffmann, at 19 one of the Bundesliga's youngest and least experienced goalkeepers, then pro-

tantly between the posts to help Hansa take a one-point lead at the top after early-season title challengers Eintracht

VFB Stuttart's former East

Before the start of the sea-

Striker Florian Weichert hit his third goal of the season to put the home side ahead in the 13th minute before defender Martin Kree equalised for



line with his knees to help Ghana beat Spain 1-0 in the final of the World under-17 soccer championship on

minute into injury time when the penalty area and Lamptey.

Lamptey and Spain's Antonio Segura finished as joint top scorers with four goal each, along with Adriano of

## SOCCER SCENARIO

defeat.

Ex-Spurs stalwart Knowles dead ONDON, Sept 1: Former England soccer fullback Cyrtl

character in a Spurs hit song "Nice one Cyril", resigned as manager of Third Division Hartlepool in March due to illness. Hartlepool players learned of his death as they arrived at Bradford for a league match. Both teams wore black arm-

### Rodriguez to move to Toulon

MARSELLE, France, French champions Marseille are to loan Argentine international Leo Rodriguez to neighbouring Toulon for one year, club sources said on Friday, reports Reuter.

Toulon in Monaco on September 7, the sources said. Argentines finish third