



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

TOKYO, Sept 1: Young runners Hassiba Boulmerka of Algeria and Moses Kiptanui of Kenya made the penultimate day of the world athletics championships a golden triumph for Africa Saturday, reports Reuter.

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.

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.

through their paces in the 4x100 metres relay semifinals, clocking an impressive 37.75 seconds, just 0.08 second outside the world record they set in Zurich earlier this month.

Gullit decries FIFA tinkering

MONTECATINI, Italy, Sept 1: The International Football Federation (FIFA) could replace the penalty shoot-out with a corner count to decide drawn matches in knock-out competitions if neither side scores in extra time, reports Reuter.

through the quarter-finals and semifinals on penalty shoot-outs.

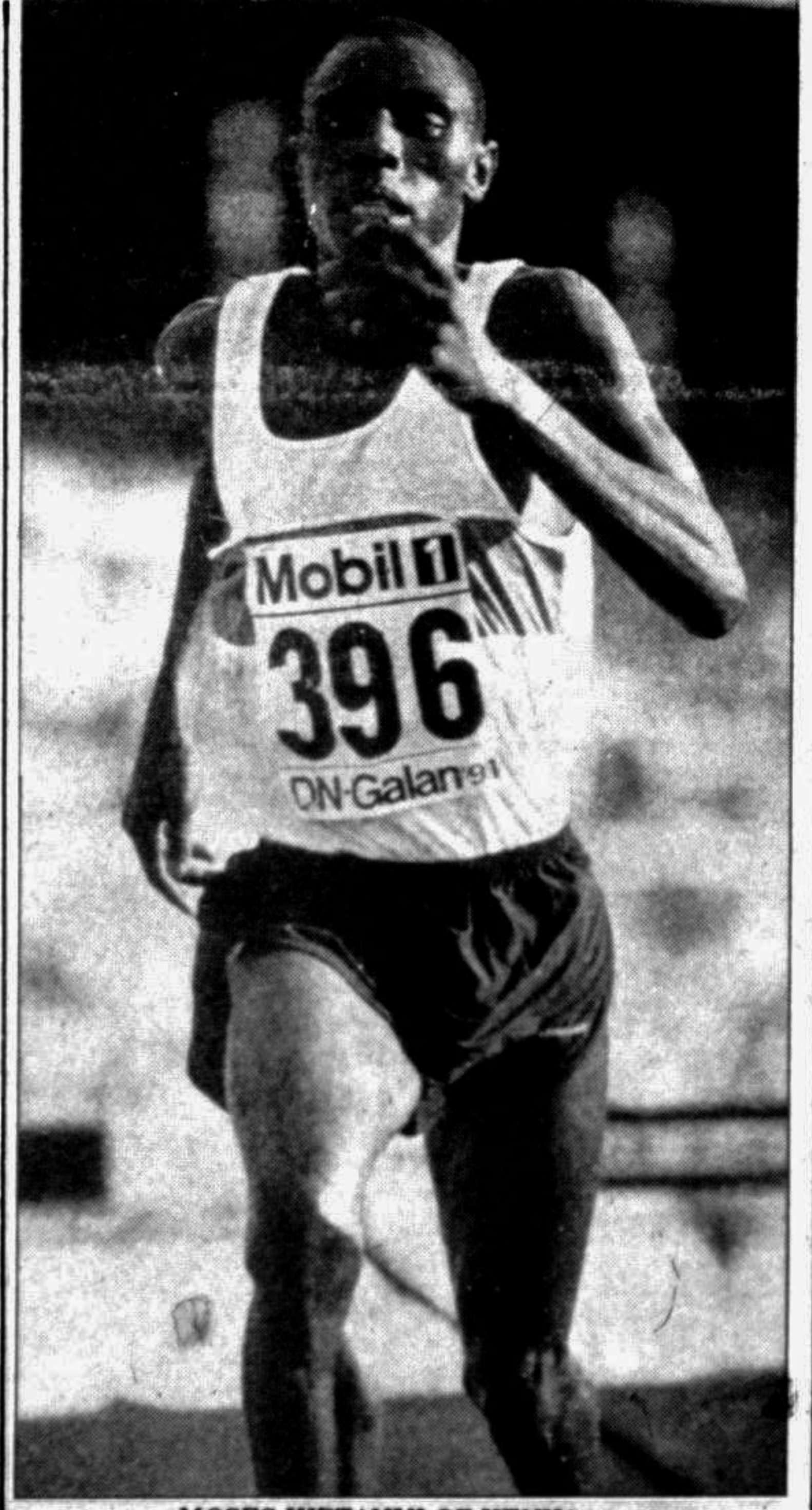
Gullit called the idea "cretinous."

United hang on to lead

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 with Leeds, reports Reuter.

him, thrashed Queen's Park Rangers 4-1 with a first-half hat-trick from Carlton Palmer.

Manchester United were rocked by Lee Chapman's seventh-minute goal at Old Trafford and looked headed for defeat despite bombarding the Leeds goal throughout the match.



MOSES KIPTANUI OF KENYA

Ghana world u-17 champs

FLORENCE, Sept 1: Nii Lamptey, who usually shines in attack, saved an injury-time shot on the line with his knees to help Ghana beat Spain 1-0 in the final of the World under-17 soccer championship on Saturday, reports Reuter.

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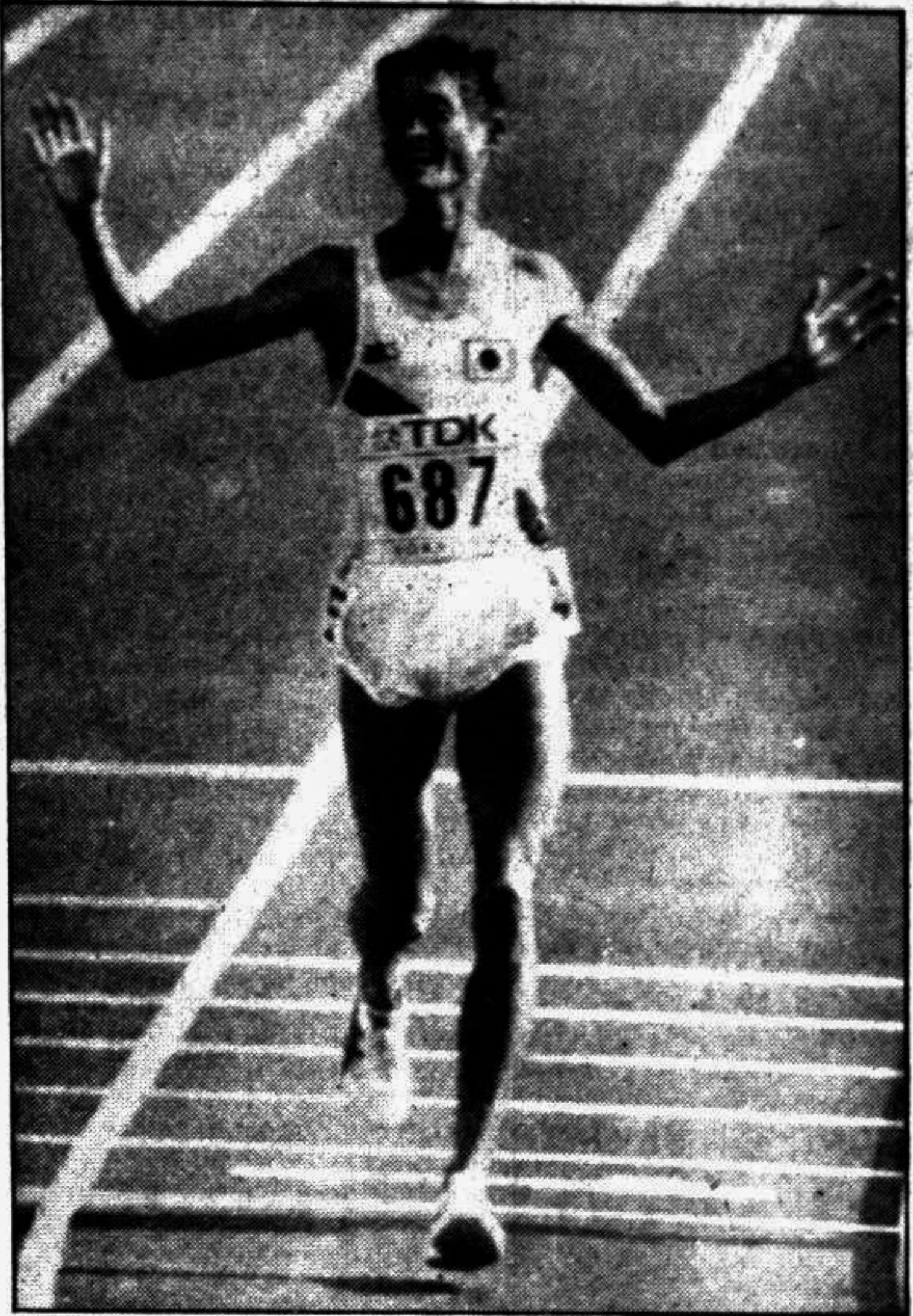
blocked the ball with goalkeeper Own beaten.

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 off the right post.

Spanish goalkeeper Lopez Vallejo had previously kept Ghana out with a series of fine saves.

THE LIST OF WINNERS

Table listing winners for various track and field events including 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m, 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 3000m steeplechase, 4x100m relay, 20km walk, 50km walk, Marathon, Javelin, Hammer, Decathlon.



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

TOKYO, Sept 1: Hiromi Taniguchi ran 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 Championships, reports Reuter.

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.

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 medalist Steve Monaghetti.

Rostock lead Bundesliga

BONN, Sept 1: Former East German champions Hansa Rostock had their goalkeeper 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.

Bayer on the stroke of half-time.

After Kree had put Leverkusen briefly ahead with a penalty in the 62nd minute, midfielder Michael Spies capped a superb individual performance with a 22-metre shot for Hansa's equaliser in the 75th minute.

SOCCER SCENARIO

Ex-Spurs stalwart Knowles dead

LONDON, Sept 1: Former England soccer fullback Cyril Knowles, a Tottenham Hotspur stalwart from 1964 to 1975, died on Saturday after a long illness. He was 47, reports Reuter.

Rodriguez to move to Toulon

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

Argentines finish third

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