

Judge dismisses one charge against Tyson

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb 5: The Mike Tyson rape trial dismissed one of the three charges against the former world heavyweight champion here Tuesday as the prosecution rested its case, reports AFP.

Marion County Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford granted a defense motion to throw out the charge of confinement.

Tyson still faces up to 60 years in prison if convicted of the remaining charges of rape and criminal deviate behaviour stemming from his encounter with an 18-year-old beauty pageant contestant here last July.

Prosecutors completed their case Tuesday after calling 20 witnesses, including the alleged victim's mother, who told the jury her daughter's personality changed abruptly following the incident.

The woman moved at least one juror to tears when she told her 18-year-old daughter became a frightened child in the weeks following the alleged rape by the former world heavyweight champion.

"She sees his (Tyson's) face, and she's scared" the mother said. "She's reliving this nightmare over and over. I just want my daughter back."

The mother described her daughter as a happy "people person" whose mood had changed to somber when they saw each other on July 19, less than 24 hours after Tyson allegedly pinned the woman to the bed in his hotel room, ripped her clothes off and raped her.

"She didn't look like the same daughter I sent down here," the mother said. "She was pale and upset. Her smile was fake. Her eyes were swollen and the makeup could not hide it."

The testimony came after Gifford ruled it would be unfair to allow the defense to bring in three surprise witnesses who claim Tyson's accuser is lying.

The alleged victim testified last week that she had no physical contact with Tyson as

they drove around Indianapolis, except for a kiss when she got into his limousine.

Defense attorney Lane Heard told Gifford the new witnesses saw Tyson and the woman "all over one another" in the car.

Gifford refused to allow the testimony, however, saying the witnesses were substantially "prejudicial" to the case and reprimanded the defense for waiting so long to alert the prosecution to their existence.

"I hope the defense realizes the court doesn't appreciate being put in this position in the middle of trial," Gifford said.

Earlier Tuesday, Gifford allowed jurors to hear part of the tape recording of the woman's telephone call to emergency services.

Garrison said the tape indicated the woman filed charges against Tyson on the advice of the police dispatcher, but the jury listened only to the segment in which the woman described the alleged rape.

"The person is a lot stronger than I was and he just did what he wanted, and I was saying, stop. Please stop and he just didn't stop" the woman told the dispatcher.

Tyson's lawyers, led by Vincent Fuller, contend the woman consented to sex but accused him of rape because she was angry at being treated like a one-night stand.

The defense began Tuesday by calling six witnesses, including the alleged victim's father, who testified he hired a lawyer "to help ward off the media" and fended off questions about a possible civil lawsuit against Tyson.

"I'm not sure I understand what you're talking about," he said.

In his opening statement, Fuller hinted that his client would take the stand in his own defense, but it was not known Tuesday if or when Tyson would testify.

The defense does not have to prove Tyson's innocence, only to create a sense of reasonable doubt in the minds of the jurors.

Beamon, Boston bestow honour on Powell



NEW YORK, Feb 5: Standing together with former champions Bob Beamon and Ralph Boston, Tuesday reaffirmed to Mike Powell the magnitude of what he had accomplished with his world record long jump five months ago in Tokyo, reports Reuter.

"Looking at this company really makes what I did not a dream, but a reality," Powell said at a news conference in which Beamon and Boston helped honour him as this year's recipient of the Jesse Owens international award.

"This is quite a fraternity." It's a fraternity Powell joined when he beat rival Carl Lewis and cracked Beamon's 23-year-old world record with a leap of 8.95 metres (29 feet 4.7 inches) at the World Championships last August 30 in Tokyo.

Lewis was expected to be the man to better Beamon's mark of 8.90m (29-2 1/2) set in high altitude at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. He had not lost a competition in 65 meetings spanning more than 10 years and he was by far the

most consistent jumper around. But on that windy day in Tokyo, Powell beat the odds and attained the jump Lewis had been striving to achieve for a decade. That jump has given Powell the confidence to believe that one day he can



MIKE POWELL reach 30 feet (9.14 m). "This is not the pinnacle of my career," said Powell, 28, who will compete this Friday in the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden. "I'm not finished. I'm still getting

stronger and faster. I'm not going to live off my laurels. I'm going to build off it."

"My goal is to win the gold (at the Barcelona Olympics). I'm confident I can improve and I know 30 feet is a possibility."

Coincidentally, Lewis made a similar statement on Tuesday in Stockholm on the eve of one of his rare indoor long jump performances. "I believe I can jump 30 feet now. I didn't believe that before," Lewis said.

Beamon says talk like that will only elevate the competition and make the event more exciting.

Carl was leading the event for 30 years. Now Mike has said it in another dimension," said Beamon, who turned 45 the day Powell broke his record.

"He has revolutionised the long jump." Young people will say now, "If Mike Powell can do it, I can too. I think you're going to see more athletes jumping in the high 28 feet consistently." "It's like Roger Bannister in the mile. Once (the 4-minute barrier) was broken, people saw it could happen."

Beamon and Boston, the 1960 Olympic gold medalist and five-time outdoor world record-holder, were both among the many who believed Lewis would have the record, but Boston noted how both Beamon and Powell were able to break through as underdogs.

"We knew who Bob Beamon was but most people looked at (Armenian) Igor Ter-Ovanesyan, (Briton) Lynn Davies and myself, just the way most of the world was looking to Lewis," said Boston, who claimed the long jump silver behind Davies at the '64 Olympics and captured the bronze in '68.

"Now Mike is in the driver's seat and I'm sure some unknown will come along and break his record."

Beamon also warned Powell to be vigilant because everyone will be taking aim at the world record-holder. He also told Powell to be prepared to yield the record one day, as both he and Boston did.

"It's been a beautiful 23 years," Beamon said.

"Now, you'll be standing for America and the world, and the world will be looking to you," Beamon said to Powell.

Lewis says his best is yet to come



STOCKHOLM, Feb 5: Carl Lewis believes his shock long jump defeat by fellow American Mike Powell at the World Championships last August could inspire him to break through the nine metre barrier, reports Reuter.

"I believe I can jump 30 feet 19.14 metres now. I didn't believe that before," the six-time Olympic champion told a news conference on Tuesday on the eve of a rare indoor long jump appearance in Stockholm.

At the championships in Tokyo Lewis lost the gold to Powell who surprised everybody when he soared 8.95 metres to break Bob Beamon's 23-year-old record of 8.90 metres.

It ended a 10-year winning streak for Lewis although at the championships he had posted the best sequence of his career with three jumps of

8.84 metres or better. "Mike had a great jump, and I have no problem in accepting that. But for me it was a learning experience. I learned some



CARL LEWIS things which will make me a better jumper," he said. "Now, the challenge for me

might be nine metres. I wouldn't be surprised either way," he said.

Lewis won gold medals in the 100 and 200 metres and the long jump as well as the 4x100 metre relay at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles and added titles in the 100 and long jump at the 1988 Games.

He said he planned to vie for spots in all four events at the US Olympic trials in June and later settle for three events at the Barcelona Games in July.

"It could be any three of them and none of them are certain," he said.

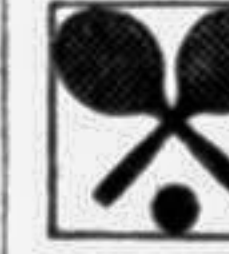
Lewis said he would quit when he no longer had the physical ability and the mental desire to be the best in the world.

"Nobody knows when they will start to decline. A lot points to me running next year, too, but there is no guarantee. This could be my last year," he said.

Lewis said he had started training this year earlier than in any of the past six seasons, and added that his 8.79 metres world indoor long jump record, set in 1984, was within reach in Stockholm on Wednesday.

"I'm not quite certain what shape I'm in, but I know I can jump far or even extremely far. It might be 8.50 metres or it

Agassi vows to play all Grand Slams



KOHALA COAST, Hawaii, Feb 5: Andre Agassi promises to play every Grand Slam tennis tournament from now on.

Agassi, who missed last month's Australian Open and has been criticized in the past for skipping Wimbledon, says he's taking a more serious approach toward winning a major, reports AP.

"I just want to do what I've been doing, and that is have a determination and a fire to win that I've never had," Agassi said after beating Martin Jaitt to give the United States a 5-0 sweep of Argentina in a first round Davis Cup Match. "That's what I feel I'm getting and that's what I feel I have, and that's what I feel is going to take me through the rest of my career."

Agassi lost the 1991 French Open final to Jim Courier. He also lost in the final in Paris to Andre Gomez in 1990 and also at the 1990 US Open to Pete Sampras. He played Wimbledon last year for the first time since a 1987 first-round loss, advancing to the quarterfinals before losing in

five sets to David Wheaton. Agassi skipped the Australian Open last month, opting instead to spend the two weeks doing physical conditioning, reportedly training



ANDRE AGASSI with Carl Lewis. He now admits he made a mistake by not playing.

playing all the Slams next year.

Agassi's decision to skip Australia was surprising because the hardcourt surface plays to his game. It became a bigger blunder because so many of the top seeds lost.

"It's disappointing to see Courier get a walkover in the semis. You want to see someone really, really earn it," he said.

"The Australian has always seemed to be someone just hanging in there through one tough match and then winning the tournament. Other Grand Slams, it seems you have to play a number of great matches to win."

Agassi has no apologies about missing Wimbledon for three years.

"There's nothing to say about that; it's all water under the bridge," he said. "I don't try to avoid anything. I try to make the best decisions possible."

Agassi appears to be benefiting from playing with John McEnroe on the Davis Cup team. He gushed about McEnroe's leadership and drive, and sounds as if he finally may be mature enough to

make the commitment to being a champion.

"I've always wanted to add new things to my game. I used to think it was a question of adding this to my game, or adding that to my game," the 21-year-old said. "Now I realize it's a question of how bad you want it and that you have to keep fighting until you get it."

Pioneer soccer
Sports Reporter

Four matches of the Janata Bank Pioneer football league were decided yesterday at the two city venues.

At the Outer Stadium, Nabodoy Sangha edged past Surjashikha Sangsad 1-0. Pintu Das being the scorer.

WISC also recorded a 1-0 victory over MSPCC in the other match at the venue.

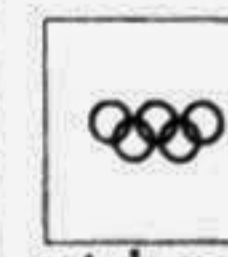
Biplab scored the all-important goal for the winners.

Roy Shaheb Bazar Tarun Sangsad beat Mohammad Ali AC by two goals to nil at the Khilgaon High School ground.

Jewel scored twice for Roy Shaheb Bazar.

In the other match at the venue, Spandan Krira Chakra outplayed Agrani Krira Chakra by two goals to one.

Samaranch opens IOC session



COURCHEVEL, France, Feb 5: Candidates for future Olympic Games will have to prove they will not damage the environment.

The IOC's primary concern will be to ensure that the environment is respected, International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch said when he opened the 98th IOC session here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

"This will be taken into account when the vote is held," he said.

He said the issue was as important as the fight against drug abuse - anything that threatens the athlete's integrity.

Samaranch, speaking exactly a century after Pierre De Coubertin's speech at the Sorbonne University in Paris led to the revival of the Olympics, said the other major challenge for the Olympic movement was the changing world order.

"We are feeling the effects of the wind of freedom that is blowing across our planet," he said.

The last time the Winter Games were held in France, in Grenoble in 1968, East and West Germany competed under separate flags. On Saturday they will parade under the same banner while the old Soviet Union marches under the unlikely name of 'unified team'.

"We witnessed the return of the three Baltic countries - Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, whose national Olympic committees we readmitted last September."

"We were also happy to be able to bring back South Africa," he added.

The IOC expelled the South African national Olympic committee in 1970 after refusing to let its athletes take part in the games from 1964 onwards.

The apartheid policy was in violation of the Olympic charter of which non-discrimination is an essential principle.

Happily this policy has been abolished, and the IOC session in Birmingham in June was able to return to the fact.

Albertville's sprawling Olympic network of 13 mountain sites has been criticised but Samaranch said it was a pointer for the future.

"We are also envisaging the possibility of holding future games in several regions or even in more than one country. But with one city given overall responsibility for the project."

"This would help to lighten the burden of organizing events requiring very heavy infrastructures in difficult climatic and geological conditions," he said.

Cute handball
Sports Reporter

Last year's runners-up Brothers Union suffered their first defeat in the Cute First Division handball league when they lost to the spirited Surjodoy Boys Club 16-24 in the keenly-contested affair at the Outer Stadium handball court yesterday.

Earlier in the afternoon, West Jatrabari Krira Chakra outplayed South Maishundi Krira Chakra 19-12 in another exciting encounter.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- 25 Ripens
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- 32 Fictional sleeper
- 33 Native country
- 35 Eye boldly
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- 22 Exchange premium
- 23 Seed
- 24 Communities
- 26 Hippies' hangout
- 27 Strong impulse
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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Today's Cryptiquip clue: D equals N

Judit Polgar: Prodigious product of a 'family chess factory'



Judit Polgar (left) with sister Zsuzsa, father Laslo Polgar and eldest sister Zsuzsa, another 'men's grandmaster' in the family. — Star file photo

BUDAPEST, Feb 5: Judit Polgar of Hungary has qualified at age 15 as the youngest Grandmaster in chess history, robbing Bobby Fischer of that record by a month, the International Chess Federation said Tuesday, reports AP.

Ms Polgar qualified for the 'men's' title at the age of 15 years, five months. In 1958, Fischer qualified at 15 years, six months, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

The world champion, Gary Kasparov, was a comparative late starter, entering the chess stratosphere at age 17.

Fischer, an American, became a chess legend and is still considered the standard for chess players.

Patrick Wolff, a 23-year-old Grandmaster from Boston, said of Ms Polgar: "She has a very sharp young, aggressive style... I think she has as good a chance as anyone in the world to be the next world champion." Ms Polgar has been playing chess since early childhood and is the youngest of three sisters whose parents set out to raise chess champions. Her sister Susa, 22, was the first woman ever to gain the rank of men's Grandmaster. Another sister, Zsuzsa, 17, is also a top player.

Ms Polgar earned her new ranking by winning the Hungarian National Championship in December, said Felix Esadilla of the Inter-

national Chess Federation in Lucerne, Switzerland.

When her achievement was confirmed at the next chess federation conference in June, she will formally be named a 'men's' Grandmaster. She has been a women's Grandmaster — a lower-level honor — for some time.

Laslo Polgar himself a chess player, is his daughters' manager-trainer. He charges four figure amounts for inter-views and is known in the chess world for driving a hard bargain over entering the sisters in tournaments.

A reporter for the daily newspaper Uj Magyarorszag visited the Polgars' Budapest home last month and said that its walls are lined with books on chess and cards detailing thousands of chess moves.

The sisters work with two computers, one of which has stored 200,000 chess games, the paper said.