

Courier closer to No 1



JIM COURIER

6. 6-4, 6-3 win over Australian Wally Masur in the quarter-finals of the Volvo of San Francisco tennis tournament

on Friday, reports Reuter. Courier, the newly crowned Australian Open champion who will replace Stefan Edberg as world number one with a win on Saturday, led the top four seeds into the semifinals.

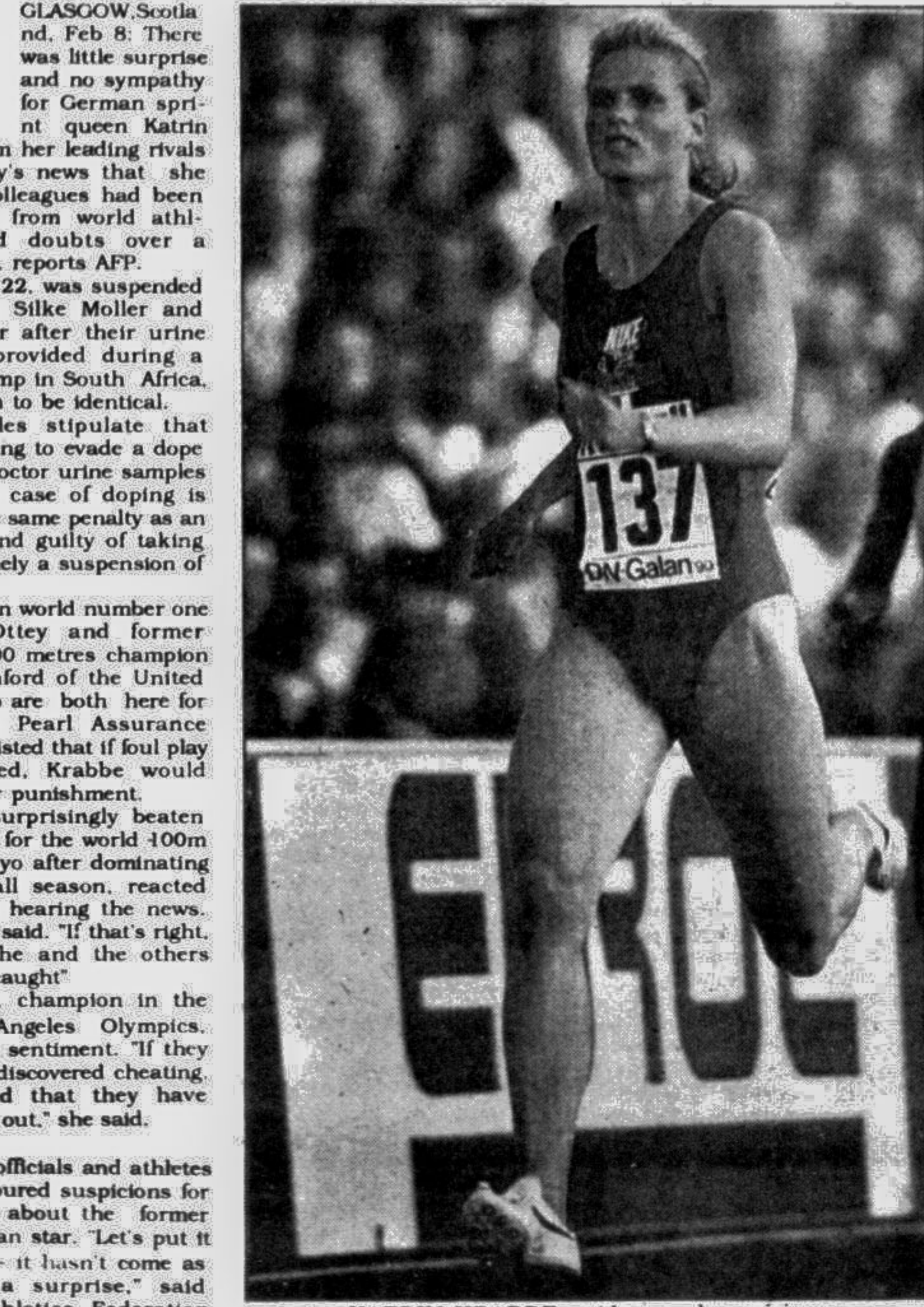
Mitterrand opens Albertville Games

ALBERTVILLE, Feb 8: President Francois Mitterrand of France opened the biggest Winter Olympics in history today at a colourful ceremony in Albertville, reports Reuter.

German superstars accused of trying to cheat Krabbe's career under a cloud



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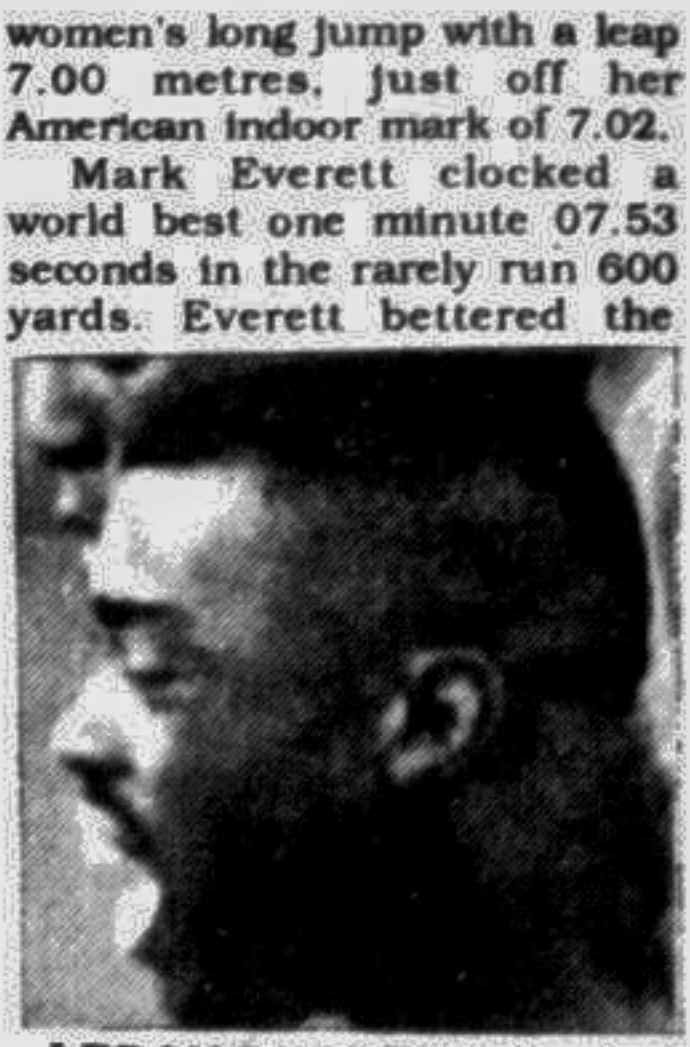
GLASGOW, Scotland, Feb 8: There was little surprise and no sympathy for German sprint queen Katrin Krabbe from her leading rivals after Friday's news that she and two colleagues had been suspended from world athletics amid doubts over a doping test, reports AFP.

world." Krabbe, Breuer and Moller have been the target of rumour mongers in recent years. Krabbe's dazzling double gold in Tokyo raised plenty of eyebrows, coming as it did at the end of a season when her form had dipped dramatically from her European Championship-winning standard of the previous summer.

Cason pips Burrell



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women's long jump with a leap 7.00 metres, just off her American indoor mark of 7.02. Mark Everett clocked a world best one minute 07.53 seconds in the rarely run 600 yards. Everett bettered the record of 1:07.6 set by Martin McCrady at Madison Square Garden in 1970.

WINTER OLYMPICS NOTES

ALBERTVILLE, France, Feb 8: French animal rights activists don't like the Danish Olympic troop's taste in clothes.

The 12 Danish athletes and five team leaders plan to wear sealskin jackets from their protectorate of Greenland to Saturday's opening ceremony, reports AP.

"We can't see anything wrong with it. It is so natural for us to wear the Greenland seal. It is something we have done for a thousand years," said Danish team official Jutte Jacobsen.

"These were not baby seals. They were adults killed by Greenlanders to eat. If the skins aren't used they would be wasted."

French seal lovers sent protest letters and petitions bearing around 10,000 signatures to the Danish Embassy in Paris.

"Ten thousand isn't many in a country of 55 million people," Jacobsen said.

ALBERTVILLE, France: The telephone number listed in the Games' official directory for the Yugoslavian Olympic delegation is wrong, wrong, wrong.

It's for the delegation of Slovenia, a breakaway republic that recently fought Yugoslavian federal troops for independence.

"This is the Slovenian office," said Tony Vogrinec, leader of the Slovenian Alpine Team. "We don't know where the Yugoslavians are. We don't want anything to do with the former Yugoslavia."

The Yugoslavian delegation was given another telephone number.

CHURCHEVEL, France: IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch has been asked to stay on beyond the expiration of his term in 1993, the French sports daily L'Equipe reported Saturday.

Samaranch was likely to agree to stay at least through 1994, when the International Olympic Committee celebrates its centennial, but would not announce a decision until after this summer's games in Barcelona, L'Equipe said.

The newspaper said Samaranch was needed to complete several projects, including the induction into the Olympics of new European states. Samaranch has led the IOC since 1981.

L'Equipe said a delegation led by Maurice Herzog, one of the French members of the IOC, approached Samaranch about extending his term as the committee's meeting ended Friday.

ALBERTVILLE, France: French ice dancer Paul Duchesnay has not fully recovered from the leg injury that kept him and his sister, Isabelle, from competing in the European Championships. Le Figaro reported Saturday.

"The pain has not completely disappeared and certain movements continue to be painful," the French daily quoted him as saying. But he added the pair continued to train, and there was no indication they would withdraw from the Olympics.

Ice dancing competition begins Feb 14. The brother-sister team is among the gold-medal favourites at Albertville. They were also favoured in win the European Championships, but withdrew, two days before they were to begin competition because of Paul's strained leg muscle.

VAL D'ISERE, France: William Besse and Xavier Gigandet are teammates, roommates and good friends. They are also rivals for the last remaining spot on the Swiss downhill ski team.

After the second training run Friday, slalom specialist Paul Accola appeared to have clinched a place on the Swiss team for Sunday's race, along with Franz Heinzer and Daniel Mahrer. The last place will be decided in Saturday's training run.

"Xavier and I share a room, and this is nearly a catastrophe," Besse told the Alpine region newspaper Le Dauphine Libere for a story Saturday. "We're friends, and now we find ourselves one against the other for a place in the games."

Tyson tells jury his version



MIKE TYSON

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb 8: The woman accusing Mike Tyson of rape was irritated over his refusal to walk her downstairs after they had sex in his hotel suite, the former heavyweight champion testified Friday, reports AP.

by defense lawyer Vincent Fuller, Tyson said he made his intentions clear when he first met the woman at a rehearsal for the pageant. He said they agreed to go out, and when she suggested a movie or dinner, he said he replied, "I don't want to do that, I just want to be with you."

Holmes outboxes and outfoxes Mercer



LARRY HOLMES

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ, Feb 8: Larry Holmes outboxed and outfoxed Ray Mercer early Saturday and once again became a part of the heavyweight championship picture, reports AP.

Holmes looked like he might get beaten early. He came out tentative and was nailed by a left jab just past the two-minute mark, a blow that sent him reeling into Mercer's corner, obviously hurt.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 23 mins and a list of yesterday's answers.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with a list of letters: HGGKSRZZ JZREUF I QVY FURZZE VI ROWVJ GHK KWU GZY SZGOQUF

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BY ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE IN ANOTHER CITY, TREE SURGEON INTENDED TO BRANCH OUT. Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals F