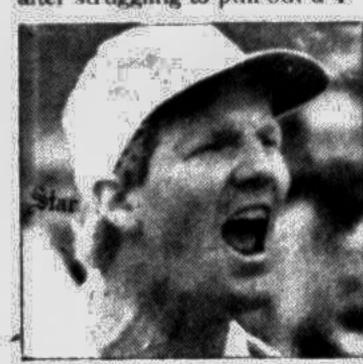


Feb 8: Top seed Jim Courier moved to within one victory of becom-

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JIM COURIER

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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.

A crowd of 33,000 packed the stadium to hear Mitterrand declare open the 16th Winter Games after a fly-past by French military jets trailing smoke in the colours of the five Olympic rings.

A record 2, 196 athletes from 65 nations were taking part in the 16-day sports spectacular in the Savoic region of the French Alps.

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.

He will next face thirdseeded fellow American Derrick Rostangno who outplayed countryman Jeff Tarango 7-6,

Second seed Michael Chang meets fellow American Brad Gilbert, the fourth seed, in the other semifinal.

The 21-year-old Courier said it was Masur's tennis and not any pressure over attaining the top ranking that accounted for his falling a set and a service break behind.

"It's gotten to the point where every match that number one ranking is on the line, so I've gotten used to it," Courier said.

Masur, who defeated eight seed Jimmy Connors in the second round, used a strong serve and an early service break to take the first set.

He broke Courier on two volley errors to take a 3-2 lead in the second set. But Courier broke back in the next game with three stunning passing shots and a double-fault from Masur, which shifted the momentum in the top seed's favour.

In the third set . Courier built an unshakable 5-0 lead as a somewhat disheartened Masur began missing shots that he was hitting for winners in the first set and a half.

To night, he was playing well and bringing the match to me in the early stages.

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 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

The newspaper said Samaranch was needed to complete several projects, including the induction into the Olympics of new Earn 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 Figarro 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

lee 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 LISERE, 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

"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."

LA LECHERE, France: IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch wants no more stragglers in Olympic competi-

Samaranch, at a news conference Friday, reaffirmed that, starting with the Atlanta Summer Games in 1996, the IOC will impose stricter qualifying standards to limit the number of athletes competing in the Games.

"We don't want to have a track athlete finishing five laps behind the winner," he said . "That's finished " Countries who don't have Olympic-calibre athletes will be allowed to send a delegation of three people to take part only in the opening and closing ceremonies.

LA LECHERE . France: IOC officials are studying the controversy surrounding a stuffed African bushman on display in a museum near Barcelona.

1OC Director General Francois Carrard told reporters Friday that the IOC has asked the Spanish National Olympic Committee and organisers of the Summer Cames in Barcelona to report on the possible impact of the controversy on the Olympics.

"Once we have the report we will decide what steps will be taken. Carrard said

There has been talk that some African nations may boycott the games to protest the display

El Negro, a 19th century Kalahari bushman, is displayed alongside stuffed animals and pickled fetuses in the Darder Natural History Museum in Banyoles, venue for the Olympic rowing competition.

German superstars accused of trying to cheat

Krabbe's career under a cloud



GLASGOW, Scotla nd, 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.

Krabbe, 22, was suspended along with Silke Moller and Grit Breuer after their urine samples, provided during a training camp in South Africa, were shown to be identical.

IOC rules stipulate that anyone trying to evade a dope test or to doctor urine samples to mask a case of doping is liable to the same penalty as an athlete found guilty of taking drugs, namely a suspension of four years.

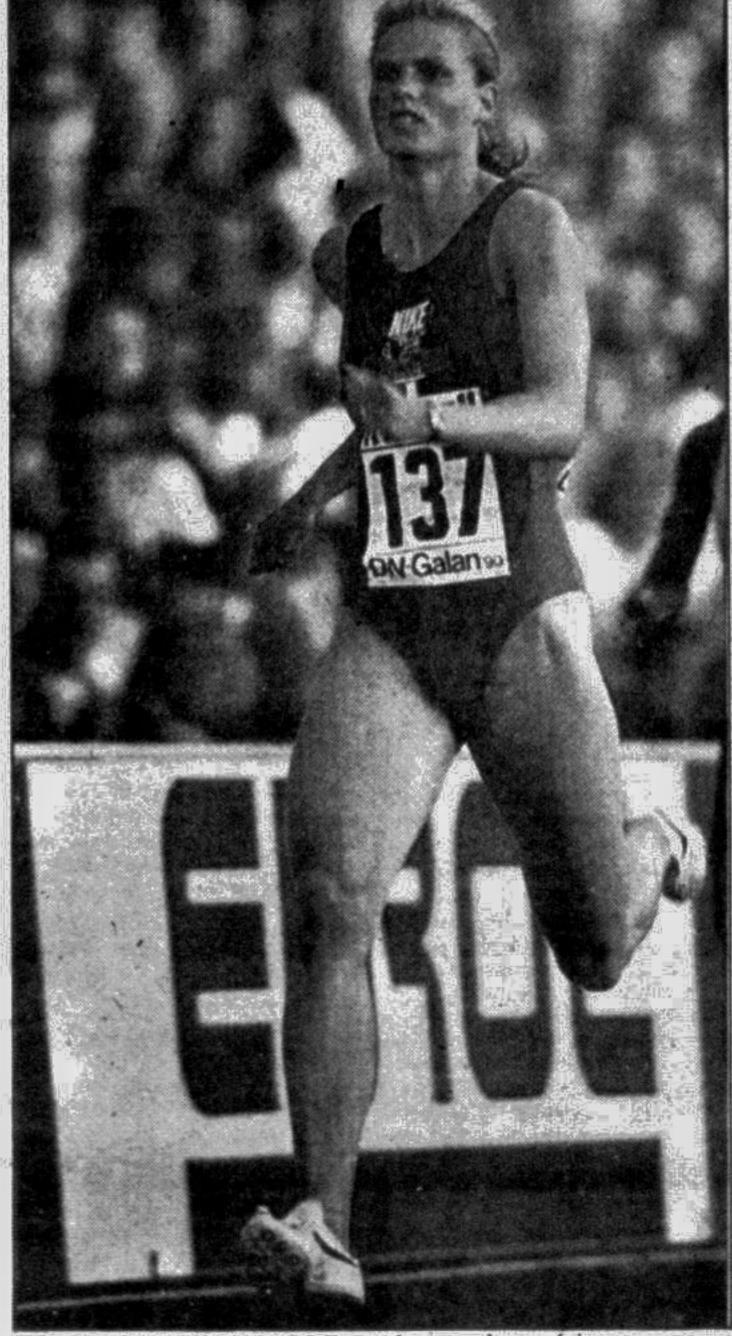
Jamaican world number one Merlene Ottey and former Olympic 100 metres champion Evelyn Ashford of the United States, who are both here for Saturday's Pearl Assurance Games, insisted that if foul play were proved. Krabbe would deserve her punishment.

Ottey, surprisingly beaten by Krabbe for the world 100m title in Tokyo after dominating her rival all season, reacted sharply on hearing the news. "Good" she said. "If that's right, I'm glad she and the others have been caught"

Ashford, champion in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. echoed the sentiment. "If they have been discovered cheating. I'm pleased that they have been found out," she said.

British officials and athletes have harboured suspicions for some time about the former East German star. "Let's put it this way - it hasn't come as much of a surprise," said British Athletics Federation spokesman Tony Ward.

"Since the Berlin Wall came down and the integration of GDR athletes into the west. there have constant rumours



KATRIN KRABBE ... widespread suspicions

like this and nothing would

this could show again there is Though we'll have to wait no hiding place for any guilty and see if the charges are athletes anywhere in the

was very down-to-earth."

"His behavior could be very

bad at one time and very ac-

ceptable at another?"

Prosecutor Grey Garrison

asked on cross-examination.

proved. I think we have to say

"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.

Breuer's performances in winning Olympic bronze at 16 when she ran in the relay heats and then smashed the world junior 400 metres record at 18 when taking gold at the European Championships in Split marked her down as one of the most extraordinary talents of the Eighties. And Moller caused a

sensation in 1987 when, as Silke Gladisch, she emerged from complete obscurity to achieve the same 100m/200m golden double in Rome that Krabbe achieved four years later in Tokyo. The trio must await the

result of a second test before knowing if she can run again, German athletics federation spokesman Lutz Nebenthal said on Friday.

The newspaper Bild claimed on Friday that the three athletes had tried to trick the South Africans over the samples:

"Certainly the laboratory did not find evidence of anabolic steroids but the analysis showed that the urine samples were absolutely identical, as if they had been provided by one and the same person", the newspaper reported.

A second analysis will be carried out on Saturday in Cologne at the specialised laboratory headed by Professor Manfred Donike.

On Friday, Donike left Albertville, where he is acting as a member of the IOC antidoping committee at the Winter Olympics' on Friday, in order to handle the test personally.

Cason pips Burrell



NEW YORK, Feb 8: Andre Cason. fresh from his world-record performance last

week, clocked 6.52 seconds to beat fellow American Leroy Burrell over metres at the 85th Millrose Games indoor athletics meeting at Madison Square Garden on Friday, reports Reuter.

Cason, whose time of 6.45 on January 29 in Ghent, Belgium bettered Burrell's previous world mark of 6.48 set last year, won easily.

Burrell, the former 100metre world record holder. finished second in 6.55 seconds in his first race of the young indoor season.

"it's pretty tough going against the world record holder," Burrell said. "He has run a few more races already. I will be there when it counts." Mike Powell, who shocked

the world last summer by leaping 8.95 metres to shatter Bob Beamon's 23-year-old. world outdoor long jump record, captured the men's long jump with a disappointing leap of 8.09 metres. Powell achieved his winning

distance on his fifth attempt which would have been considerably longer had his right hand not swung behind him and hit the dirt in the pit.

The world record holder said a shorter than expected runway contributed to his unimpressive showing.

"Over two months ago I was told the runway would be 150 feet (45.7 metres), but today I saw it was only 141 feet (43 metres)," he said. "I had to start at the top of the track and hop onto the runway and I lost my rhythm. The long jump is all rhythm."

Olympic champion Jackie Joyner-Kersee won the

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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

LEROY BURRELL...beaten

record of 1:07.6 set by Martin McGrady at Madison Square Garden in 1970.

Tony Dees won the men's 60-metre hurdles in 7.50. But three-time world outdoor champion Greg foster, running his first race of the season was badly beaten and finished in fourth, 7.72 behind Jack Pierce and American football player Willie Gault, who was third in 7.70.

Gail Devers, silver Medallist at the World Championships in Tokyo, took the women's 60metre hurdles in 7.93 seconds and Carlette Guidryt edged twice World Championships silver medallist Gwen Torrence to win the women's 60 metres. Guidry clocked 7.14 crossed the finish in 7.15.

14th Millrose title by winning the women's 400 metres in 54.00 seconds.

won his fifth Wanamaker Mile Romania's world indoor record

Tyson tells jury his version



INDIANAPOLIS. Feb 8: The woman accusing Mike Tyson of rape was irritated over his refusal to wa-

lk her downstairs after they had sex in his hotel suite, the former heavyweight champion testified Friday, reports AP.

"I said. I would really love for you to spend the night. Tyson told the Marion Superior Court Jury. 'She said she didn't want to, and I said I didn't want to walk her downstairs, that I was too tired. She said. You're not going to walk me downstairs ? I don't believe you! she was irritated."

The 25-year-old Tyson, charged with rape and criminal deviate conduct and facing up to 60 years in prison if he is convicted, denied that he forced the 18-year old Miss Black America pageant contestant to have sex. Tyson said the alleged victim did not protest any of the actions he insists led to a consensual sex act.

"I didn't violate her in any way." Tyson testified. "She never told me to stop, or I was hurting her. Nothing.

Tyson said he and the woman kissed and touched each other in his limousine on the way to his hotel and continued kissing and touching in

"As I'm kissing her, she's taking off her jacket, fast,", him that bad," she said. Tyson said

He said he performed oral sex and they had intercourse. Afterward, he invited her to

again became a part of the

heavyweight championship

Holmes shouted to writers

from the ring just before the

champion could not knock out

Mercer, but he did score a

unanimous 12-round decision

that could bring him a match

with 43-year-old George

Foreman, and - who knows -

maybe even another shot at

being champion, as he was

from Mercer's supporters

when Holmes was introduced

at the Convention Center, but

as the fight went on, the chant

of "Larry ! Larry !" grew louder.

for Holmes when the decision

was announced - 117-112 by

judge Phil Newman, 117-111

by judge Eugene Grant and

115-113 by judge John Poturaj

to lay down and die when you

"Everybody says you've got

There was a rousing ovation

There were a lot of boos

from 1978-85.

- all for Holmes.

"I will win," the 42-year-old

The former heavyweight

picture, reports AP.

fight. "Knock him out."

Under earlier questioning

ATLANTIC CITY.

NJ, Feb 8: Larry

Holmes outboxed

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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 want you." "Did you say anything else?"

Fuller asked. He said he told the woman directly that he wanted to have sex with her. His testimony about the comment included a

common vulgarity. She said, "That's kind of bold," be recalled, and then she said, "Sure, give me a call." Earlier Friday, a parade of pageant contestants testified that Tyson could be a foul-

mouthed lout one moment and

a congental gentleman the Tonya Traylor said Tyson went from one contestant to the next, asking all for dates.

"He said. 'Do you want to go out and go back to my room for sex or a kiss? A kiss will do but sex is better," said Traylor, a defense witness.

Traylor said she refused a photo session with Tyson after he made lewd remarks to them and insisted the contestants sit on his lap.

"I didn't want a picture of Later, at a concert, Tyson

behaved like a gentleman and

get over 40," Holmes said. "I

A lot of boxing observers

were worried that Holmes

beat Foreman in 1974.

only the 19th time.

his aging legs.

confuse the relatively inexpe-

rienced Mercer, who was

fighting progressionally for

nearly an entire round in a

corner, jabbing and counter-

punching. Sometimes, he

grabbed the ropes with his

right hand, which is illegal but

something he got away with, as

he bought precious time for

would measure Mercer with

his left hand. Other times, he

fight," Mercer said. 'It was a

great learning experience for

me, but I'm still the man to

would joit Mercer's face.

On some occasions, he

"The better man won the

Holmes sometimes spent

didn't do that.

gave her a friendly hug, which she returned "At that time, I did think he was a nicer person. He was

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MIKE TYSON "Yes," Traylor replied. "He was very respectful. He does use four-letter words when he talks, but it's just part of his

normal vocabulary." The transformation was similar to the one described by Tyson's accuser, the youngest woman at last summer's competition. She has testified that the boxer was pleasant and polite when they met at a rehearsal but attacked her when they were alone in his hotel suite in the pre-dawn hours of

Holmes looked like he

might get beaten early. He

came out tentative and was

natled by a left jab just past the

two-minute mark, a blow that

The defense has maintained

that his accuser should have known by Tyson's crude behavior at the rehearsal that he wanted to have sex. Singer Johnny Gill, who accompanied Tyson to the

pageant rehearsal where be

met the accuser, said the boxer was grabbing the women's buttocks while he signed autographs. "Mike was basically being Mike," Gill said. "He was putting the moves on some of

the contestants." Contestant Jacqueline Boatwright said Tyson called her pretty and gave her a kiss on the cheek when they first met. She said when she saw him later, "He patted me on the rear, and I gave him one of those looks that could kill, and

he stopped." Under cross-examination. she said she was afraid to rebuff Tyson further.

"You were afraid because he was big and powerful and boxer?" Garrison asked.

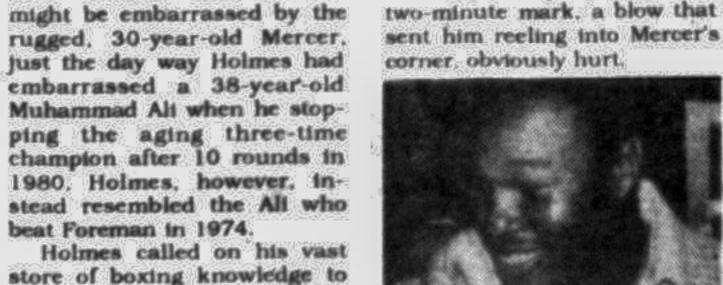
"Yes," she said. Outside the City-County Building, Tyson fans began a shouting match with demonstrators carrying signs reading "Men Against Rape" and "No Means No."

"She raped herself!" one woman said. "She had no busi-

ness going to his room !" "Shame on you for blaming the victim," one of the demon-

strators said. "You're victimising him. just like she was a victim !" the woman shouted back. "He's being raped right now !"

Holmes outboxes and outfoxes Mercer



LARRY HOLMES However, Holmes estab-

lished in the first round that he would not be intimidated. When Mercer grabbed him around the head with his left arm and slammed four hard rights to the side of the head, Holmes reacted with a jarring forearm to Mercer's face.

Holmes began taking control of the fight in the third round when he spent the entire three minutes in a neutral corner, peppering Mercer

with hard rights to the body. In the sixth round, the con artist came out of Holmes. As he moved into Mercer's

corner, he told a television

cameraman who was on a plat-

form near the ring apron to move back. Then. Holmes again told the cameraman to move back. As Holmes said it a second time. Mercer dropped his hands to his side, and Holmes

turned quickly and hit him

with a left-right to the head. For Holmes, who weighed 233 pounds (105.9 kilograms). it was his sixth victory in a comeback which started last April 7. The win made him 54-3 with 37 knockouts.

Holmes earned 1.1 million dollars - and could make several times that amount by fighting Foreman. Mercer, 228 (103.6 kilograms), a 1988 Olympic gold

medalist, is 18-1 with 13 knockouts. His guarantee was dollar 1.2 million. "It will end my career if I lose because there would be no sense in going any farther."

Holmes said before the fight. But early on Saturday morning, the old fox showed that he's not at the end of the road

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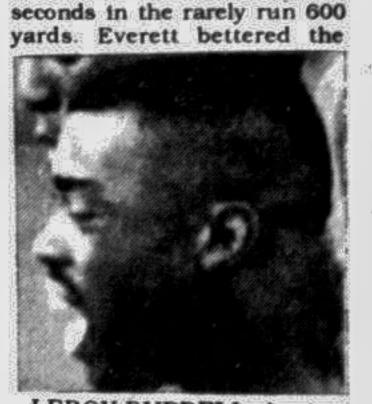
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SZGOQUF. GZY Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BY ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE IN ANOTHER CITY, TREE SURGEON INTENDED TO BRANCH OUT.

letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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