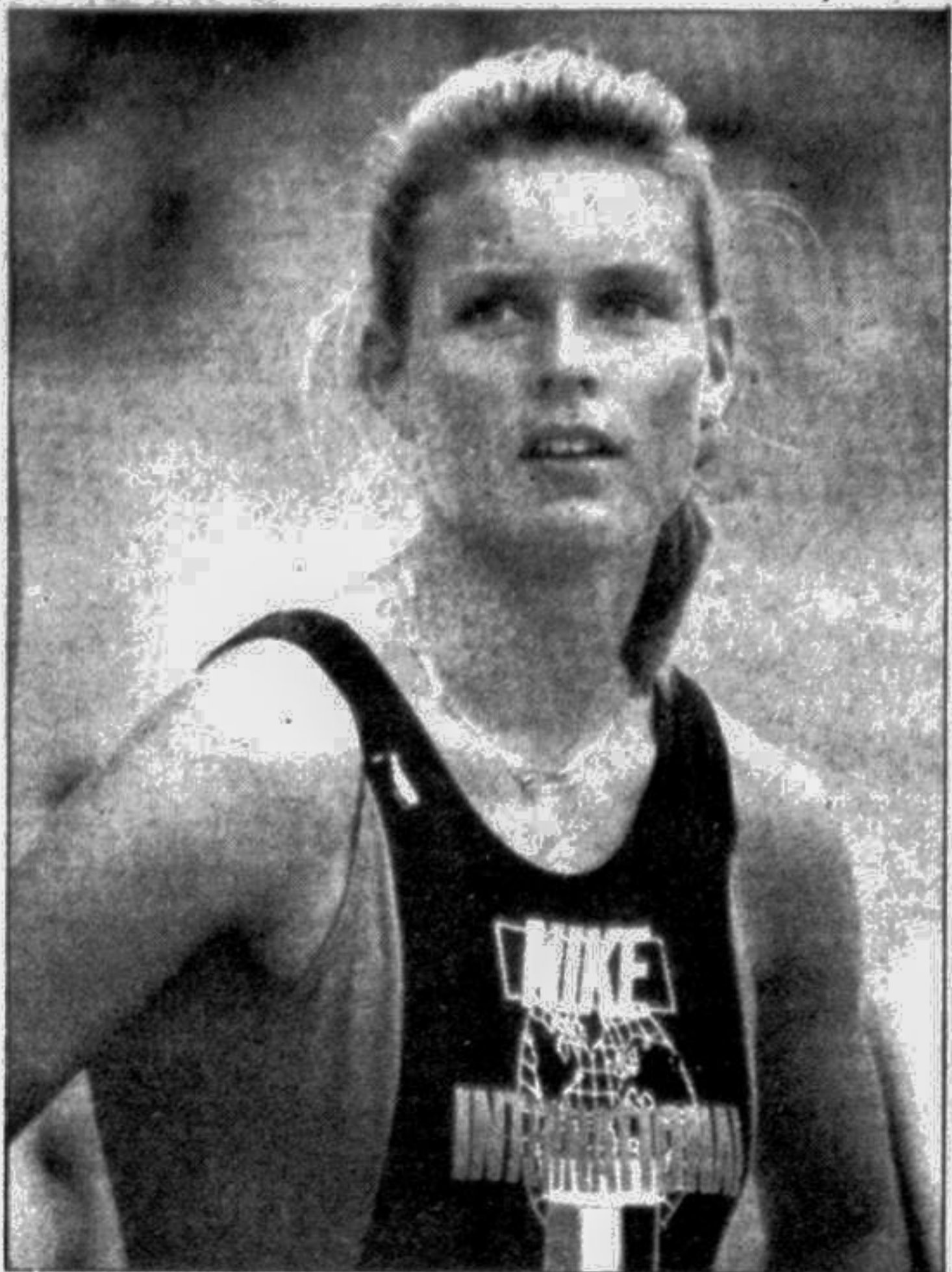


Krabbe, others banned for 4 yrs

BONN. Feb. 16: Double world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe and two more leading German athletes, Grit Breuer and Silke Mueller, were banned for four years for doping by the German Athletics Federation (DLV) on Saturday, reports Reuter.



KATRIN KRABBE ... end of the road?

The DLV said in a statement the three athletes were suspended immediately for illegally tampering with urine samples during a dope test carried out in South Africa last month.

The statement gave no time period but under International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) rules, athletes who tamper with urine samples automatically receive a four-year penalty.

The DLV also said it would no longer work with the athletes' trainer Thomas Springstein and would sign no future contract with him.

Urine samples taken from the three athletes on January 24 at a training camp in Stellenbosch were shown to come from the same person, the German Federation said.

The DLV said it amounted to doping offence and that this could have been done only by the athletes or with their help and agreement, with the intention of falsifying urine tests made to establish if illegal performance-enhancing means had been used.

The statement said earlier urine samples taken from Krabbe and Breuer in July last year in Zinnowitz, Germany, were also found to be identical after laboratory analysis.

Krabbe won the women's 100 and 200 metres titles at last year's World Championship in Tokyo where Breuer took silver in the 400 metres. Mueller won the world sprint double four years earlier than Krabbe in Rome.

Both Krabbe and Breuer could be stripped of their Tokyo medals if the IAAF upholds the DLV findings that they had tampered with samples as early as July last year, a month before the Japan meeting.

that they all came from the same person though there was no evidence of any drugs in the sample.

It said it was satisfied procedures were carried out correctly by the South African laboratory and that there was no question of a third person being able to tamper with the samples. Seals on them were intact when they reached Germany, it added.

Springstein said later on German television that the athletes would fight the ban through the courts if necessary.

The Krabbe case is the biggest doping scandal to hit athletics since Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson was stripped of the gold medal when he failed a dope test after the men's 100 metres final at the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

Meyer dismissed allegations that the suspensions were part of a campaign by West Germans against athletes from the former communist eastern state.

"That is nonsense," he told German television. "We are dealing with a doping violation."

Since the two Germanys reunited in 1990, eastern athletes from various sports have revealed that the communist state used systematic doping programmes to ensure East German sporting successes.

Hans Evers, chairman of the German sports council's anti-doping commission, applauded the suspension of the athletes.

"If the DLV had not made this decision, we might as well have abandoned any attempt to fight doping," he said. "If the sport is corrupt, you cannot take into account the so-called personalities involved."

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Record suggest stiff sentence for Tyson

INDIANAPOLIS. Feb. 16: Boxer Mike Tyson is eligible for a suspended sentence on his rape conviction because he's a first-time offender and didn't use a deadly weapon or seriously injure his victim, reports AP.

"But I can tell you right now it'll be a cold day in hell before that happens," said Monica Foster, an Indianapolis defense attorney.

Tyson returns to court for sentencing on March 27 at the earliest. Among the voices Superior Court Judge Patricia J. Gifford will hear in deciding the sentence will be the victim, 18-year-old Desiree Washington.

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An informal survey of recent rape sentences in Gifford's court suggests Tyson's sentence may be much closer to the six-year minimum than the 20-year maximum.

—A 39-year-old forklift operator got a six-year suspended sentence for the attempted rape of a 14-year-old newspaper carrier. State law regards a rape attempt as serious as rape and the same sentencing range of six years to 20 years applies.

—A 33-year-old unemployed man received the full 20-year sentence for raping a 21-year-old woman three weeks after being paroled from a Texas prison, where he served time for sexual assault.

IBF to drop Tyson from ratings

EAST ORANGE, New Jersey, Feb. 16: The International Boxing Federation plans to drop convicted rapist Mike Tyson from its heavyweight world ratings as of March 1, a statement released Saturday said, reports AP.

The decision comes just days after Tyson's conviction for rape and criminal deviate behaviour in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"The policy of our organization is not to rate any fighter who is incarcerated or stands to be incarcerated," said IBF president Bob Lee.

However, he said the 25-year-old former world heavyweight title from 1986 to 1990, is currently rated by the IBF as the number one contender for the title held by Evander Holyfield.

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Cason just misses another mark

LOS ANGELES. Feb. 16: Andre Cason missed a world indoor record in the 50-meter dash by one-hundredth of a second Saturday in the Sunbelt Invitational after flying all day from Madrid, where he broke the 60-meter record Friday night, reports AP.

After traveling more than 6,000 miles (9,600 kilometers) and arriving just hours before the meet, Cason sprinted to a 5.62-second mark at the L.A. Sports Arena.

That was just a tick off the world record of 5.61 set by Manfred Kokot of East Germany in 1980 and matched by James Sanford the following year.

Cason, 22, beat a field that included Ben Johnson, who has struggled since coming back from his 1988 suspension for steroid use. Johnson finished fourth in 5.76.

Davidson Ezinwa of Nigeria was second behind Cason in 5.64 and Michael Bates was third in 5.75.

Friday night in Madrid, Cason rewrote his own world record for the 60 metres, winning a 6.41. He had set a world mark of 6.45 two weeks earlier.

"I felt the effects of the trip when I arrived, but by the time I washed out my uniform, it was time to go over to the arena," Cason said.

Despite the fine race, Cason didn't seem pleased.

"I was technically poor and had a terrible start," he explained.

Asked his expectations for 1992, Cason said, "I expect to win a gold medal in the 100 metres in the Olympic Games this summer."

In the women's 50 metres Saturday night, Michelle Finn equaled the American record with a time of 6.13, matching Jeanette Bolden's mark set in 1981. Four-time Olympian Evelyn Ashford, now 34, was fourth in a time of 6.27.

Janeene Vickers won the women's 400 yards in 55.16.

run by Tony Li of China. Dan O'Brien, 1991 world champion in the decathlon and the favorite for a gold at Barcelona, was third in 6.68.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter: Eskaton Sabuj Sangha (Jrs) and Sunrise Sporting Club won their respective matches in the round-robin league of the Janata Bank Pioneer football competition at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

In the first match of the day, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha (Jrs) beat Lalbagh Tarun Sangha by two goals to nil.

Aminul and Tofazzal Hossain scored in the tenth and 26th minute respectively in the first session for the winners.

Montul Islam of Eskaton and Shahid and Jasimuddin of Lalbagh were cautioned with the yellow card for dangerous play.

Sunrise Sporting Club edged past Mirpur XI 1-0 in the second tie of the day.

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Dortmund increase Bundesliga lead

BONN. Feb. 16: Borussia Dortmund, seeking their first championship since 1963, beat Schalke 2-0 to increase their lead in the German First Division on Saturday, reports Reuter.

with Lillie Leatherwood second in 55.95.

Willie Gault, the Los Angeles Raiders wide receiver, finished second in the 50-meter hurdles. Gault, who can compete again in track because of role changes regarding professionalism, was clocked in 6:54.

American runner Bill Rodgers led for much of the way, but pulled up with about two miles (3 kilometers) to go. He finished back in the pack.

Dang Thi Teo of Vietnam won the women's division with a time of 3:26.22.

For some runners, the marathon course carried them past scenes scarred into wartime memories — the old City Hall, the former bar district and former US Embassy, where frantic Vietnamese clung to American helicopters in a last-ditch attempt to flee as the war came to a close in 1975.

Rodgers, 44, was a conscientious objector during the Vietnam war and did alternative service in a hospital.

A wheelchair division marathon was cancelled Saturday, said Brian DeLaporta, an executive for the public-relations firm of Hill and Knowlton, which is promoting the marathon.

DeLaporta said the event was eliminated apparently because the Vietnamese do not take part in sports events for the handicapped.

"Of course it's disappointing, but we still achieved two of our goals," said George Gentry, 50, of Long Beach, Calif., who lost both legs in a mine explosion in Vietnam in 1967.

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Novotna faces Navratilova in final

CHICAGO, Feb. 16: Jana Novotna upset top seed Steffi Graf 6-6, 6-3, 7-5 in the semifinals of the Virginia Slims of Chicago tennis tournament Saturday night, reports AP.

Novotna, seeded third, on Sunday will face No. 2 seed Martina Navratilova, who will be looking for a record 15th singles title. She and Chris Evert, who retired in 1989, each have 157 victories.

Jimmy Connors has the most singles men's singles titles at 109.

The final will be a battle of Czech natives for the \$175,000 first prize. The 35-year-old Navratilova, with a 5-0 career edge over Novotna, goes for her 12th Chicago Slims championship.

In the Saturday afternoon semifinal, Navratilova beat Lori McNeil 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The two-hour long evening match ended when Graf double faulted in the 12th game of the final set.

"I felt I could beat her any time, because I know how to play her. It was always my contention if I could use good tactics, which I know how to do, I would be successful," said Novotna, who had broken Graf in the 10th game after losing her own serve in the previous game.

"In the end, my serve let me down, especially in that third set when she broke me in the 10th game and then again in the 12th," said Graf, fighting back tears.

Novotna's victory was the second over Graf since last

Lakers to retire Magic's jersey

INGLEWOOD, Calif., Feb. 16: Magic Johnson's jersey will be retired by the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday although Johnson has said several times recently that he might return as a professional player some day, reports AP.

Johnson, who announced his retirement from the National Basketball Association on Nov. 7 because he tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS, will be honored at halftime of the nationally televised game between the Lakers and Boston Celtics at the Forum.

Celtics forward Larry Bird, a longtime rival and good friend of Johnson's, is sidelined because of a bad back, but is expected to attend Sunday's ceremony. Team doctors didn't make a commitment in case his back problems flared up.

"We go way back, and the relationship that we have goes beyond basketball," Johnson said of Bird. "It will always remain in my heart and in my mind as a special day and a special time that he decided to do something like this."

After being selected as the Most Valuable Player in last Sunday's All-Star game with 25 points, nine assists and five rebounds in 29 minutes, Johnson again left the door open to a possible return to professional basketball.

"It makes me feel good that all of that hard work paid off on Sunday," he said. "I will continue to work in case I want to come back or just get

ready for the Olympics. I'm not making any hasty decisions, just because I played well. What I have to do now is lay out all the factors and make a decision."