

German dope doc for banning Krabbe

PARIS, May 26: New allegations of drug cheating by Katrin Krabbe were made on Tuesday by Germany's leading sports drugs buster Professor Manfred Donike, reports AFP.

He said in an interview with French sports daily L'Equipe it would be "an enormous scandal" if the double world champion were allowed to compete at the Barcelona Olympics.



KRABBE...under a cloud

Donike, a biochemist and member of the International Olympic Committee Medical Commission, said there were growing suspicions against Krabbe even before she was accused this year of infringing testing regulations.

He said tests taken before the Tokyo World Championships last year, where Krabbe won the 100 metres and 200 metres, indicated the sprinter and one of her teammates had given false urine samples.

Tests taken on Krabbe, Grit Breuer and Silke Moller in South Africa in January were found to have come from the same person. They were banned for four years by the German Federation, the DLV, and the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF).

But the German body's arbitration commission overturned the ban last month claiming there were doubts about the way tests were carried out.

Krabbe is now hoping to get approval from the IAAF to run in Barcelona. The world body meets in Toronto this weekend, but is expected to refer the case to its arbitration panel which will meet in London next month.

Donike dismissed Krabbe's claims that the South African samples had been tampered

with. "On a scientific level, there was no procedural anomaly that could cast doubt on the reliability of the analyses," he told L'Equipe.

"The South African Federation did everything in line with existing international rules. If this way of proceeding was not used internationally it would signal the end of multilateral cooperation and a terrible blow to the anti-doping battle".

South African athletics officials carried out the testing and then sent the samples to Germany for examination by Donike and other experts. Krabbe's case was that the samples could have been switched during transit.

Documents provided by Donike said the women had declared that they had used the anti-malaria drug Chlorchlin and an East German produced contraceptive pill. Traces of these were found in the disputed samples.

Donike said it was impossible that the tests could have been changed. They were in a sealed package on arrival and whoever changed them would have had to know the flight number for the plane bringing the samples to Europe and then added the Chlorchlin and contraceptive pill traces.

East German athletes were under suspicion in the runup to last year's World Championships. Donike said drugs investigators knew that athletes

in the former communist state could fake tests.

Donike said women athletes inserted spray bulbs containing urine from another woman in their vaginas to fool doctors at drugs control units.

"At the Zinnowitz trials last July, six weeks before the World Championships, we carried out a lot of tests. We looked for drugs or masking agents.

"The similar colour, concentration and specific gravity of two of the samples alerted us and we told the DLV anti-doping committee and put the samples in cold store," Donike added that when they were checked again in January they were found to come from Krabbe and Breuer.

Donike highlighted that the German judge who presided Krabbe's appeal had emphasised after the acquittal that he had probably saved the DLV seven million German marks in Damages payments by letting her compete again.

He said he expected the IAAF to show its concern about the taking of performance enhancing drugs by sending the case back to its arbitration panel.

For Krabbe, Breuer and Moller to run in Barcelona "would be an enormous scandal. An affront to morality," said Donike.

"I don't see how these young women can be declared eligible."

Becker to play at Queen's Club

LONDON, May 26: Boris Becker has accepted a wild card entry for the grass-court Queen's Club tennis tournament in London, organizers said Tuesday, reports AP.

Becker is a three time winner of the important Wimbledon event. He joins defending champion Stefan Edberg, Pete Sampras of the US, Ivan Lendl and Frenchmen Guy Forget in the June 8-14 tournament.



German tennis player Steffi Graf returns a backhand to Canadian Rene Simpson-Alter during the first round of the French Open tennis tournament in Paris on May 25. Graf won in two straight sets 6-3, 6-1. —AFP photo

Storm the spoiler

PARIS, May 26: A violent storm brought the first day's play to an abrupt end at the French Open tennis championships here on Monday — and also forced organisers to make emergency calls to Paris Fire Brigades, reports AFP.

Seles Express starts rolling

PARIS, May 26: The Monica Seles Express began rolling at Roland Garros as the defending champion thundered to a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Frenchwoman Catherine Mothes in her opening match at the French Open on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Seles started with a rush, blasting winners off forehand and backhand to take the first four games in just 11 minutes and she stayed relentlessly on track to take the match in 47.

The 21-year-old Mothes tried to break Seles' rhythm by tossing up a series of "moonballs" but her weak first serve left her like a sitting duck against the power of the top seed.

The 18-year-old Seles, aiming to become the first woman in more than half a century to win the French title for three successive years, goes on to a second round match with either Stephanie Rottler of the Netherlands or German Karin Kschwendt.

"It's always very tough in the early round if you're playing someone who's not as good as the top players," she said.

"It's hard to stay concentrating and be intense but I want to take one match at a time and do what I need to win. It's completely different to playing against Gaby (Sabatini) or someone like that."

"But it was a good, comfortable first round which turned out pretty well."

Thirteenth seed Mary Pierce of France was also in a hurry, wrapping up a quick 6-1, 6-1 victory over Regina Rajchrtova of Czechoslovakia. The Canadian-born Pierce, who has an American father and French mother, 15 at 17,



MONICA SELES

the second youngest seed in the tournament.

SAMPRAS WINS

Third seed Pete Sampras of the United States elected not to hang about in his resumed match with March Rosset of Switzerland, which had been interrupted in the fifth set by Monday's torrential downpour.

Serving at 4-2 but with

breakpoint against him, Sampras sent down a booming ace on the first point to the day, went on to win the game and served out the match at 7-6, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, finishing off with another ace.

"It was a situation I'd never been in before," he said. "It was a nerve-racking night. If he'd won that first point, the match would have started all over again."

"Fortunately I popped an ace down the middle. That was working for me yesterday and it did again today."

Former US Open champion Sampras, not always at ease in the past of clay, seemed vulnerable to a specialist of the surface like Rosset.

But Sampras, a serve-and-volleyer who prefers hard courts, said he was feeling more and more at ease on clay.

"Attacking players like Yannick Noah (of France) have won here and Stefan Edberg (of Sweden) was in the final so that gives me encouragement," he said.

"I have the confidence I can do the same thing. It's a surface I want to play well on."

Lendl, who has enjoyed little success lately, was in dominant form after the break and boosted his confidence with a straight-sets win.

The 6-4, 6-2, 6-1 scoreline was a good comeback for the 32-year-old Lendl, who has not



JENNIFER CAPRIATI

played at Roland Garros since 1989 when he was beaten in an epic fourth-round match by eventual winner Michael Chang of the United States.

"I have been playing well in practice for a long time but I lack confidence in matches," said Lendl, who has lost in the first round in five tournaments this year.

Women's fifth seed Jennifer Capriati, like her compatriot Sampras, was left with her match unfinished by Monday's rain interruption but she came out with a new determination on Tuesday.

Capriati, who had four match points against Beate Reinstadter on Monday before the Austrian levelled the match at one-set all in a tiebreak, needed just 16 minutes on centre court to finish the job.

Leading 6-1, 6-7, 2-1 overnight, Capriati was broken in the opening game on Tuesday but then reeled off four games in a row.

Capriati said afterwards she felt she had learned from the match, which had lasted an hour-and-a-half on Monday. "I have a tough time playing first rounds and that's one of the things I've got to work on — just concentrating," she said.

AC Milan set off on Canadian tour

MILAN, Italy, May 26: Italian league champion AC Milan begin a Canadian tour Monday without their Dutch stars, who are preparing for the finals of the European soccer championships in Sweden, reports AP.

Club officials said Milan may get on loan from Napoli Brazilian midfielder Alemão to make up for the absence of Rund Gullit, Marco Van Basten and Frank Rijkaard.

Milan, which won its 12th Italian title in the just-concluded major league champion, is scheduled to play Vancouver on June 6 and the Columbus Cup in Toronto on June 10-15.

In the tournament the Italian team takes on the national teams of Hong Kong and Canada and a Portuguese club, Porto.

Zola Pieterse books berth

JOHANNESBURG, May 26: Zola Pieterse found some of her old form to clock a last-ditch Olympic qualifying time over 3,000 metres on Monday, reports Reuter.

Pieterse, who ran for Britain as Zola Budd in the 1984 Olympics, clocked eight minutes 53.15 seconds on a windy track in the east coast city of Durban.

She had previously failed this year to meet the 8:56.00 Olympic standard.

But she is now almost certain to be picked for South Africa on their return to the Olympic Games at Barcelona this summer after 32 years of isolation because of apartheid.



ZOLA PIETERSE

"I needed to run well tonight and I did," Pieterse said.

South African athletics officials Danie Malan said no final decision had been taken on the selection of a track and field squad of about 25 men and women.

But he told state-run television before Pieterse's effort that she would be favourably considered on the basis of a qualifying run in December.

An official said Pieterse ran in specially made ultra-light footwear which was "more slippers than shoes, so she feels as though she is running barefoot."

But Pieterse was well outside her own best of 8:37.50 which she ran barefoot in 1984.

felt. My concentration was very good...I'm feeling very confident."

Judo, karate belt tests

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation will hold belt grading tests for judokas and karatekas May 28 and 29, says a BJKF press release.

Interested trainees wishing to subject themselves to the tests have been advised to complete all registration formalities with the federation by today.

Following is the schedule for the tests, along with the venues:

Judo: May 28 9:00 am—at National Sports Council

Karate: May 29 9:00 am—West End High School and NSC.

3:00 am—Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium gymnasium.

Aouita is still undecided

NEW YORK, May 26: Said Aouita, world record holder at 1,500m and 5000m, is still unsure which distance to tackle at the 1992 Olympics and his performance at the New York Games did little to help decide, reports AFP.

The Moroccan won the mile race on Sunday, braving a strong headwind to catch American John Trautmann in the final 10 meters. However, the time of 3:58.20 was not to Aouita's liking.

"Before the race, I thought I would like to go fast, 3:50 or 3:49, but when I saw the wind I changed and decided just to try to win," he said.

He succeeded, but was left wondering if he has sufficient speed to tackle the 1,500m at Barcelona.

"I must try another 1,500 or mile in July, and finish close to my world record to

decide if I run in the 1,500 or mile in July, and finish close to my world record to decide if I run in the 1,500," said Aouita, whose world mark is 3:29.46.

Aouita's dilemma is the product of his startling versatility. He holds world best times at 2000m, 3000m, two miles and 5000m, and in March he ran a world's fastest indoor 3000m, of 7:36.66. He mis-stepped and put a foot off the track, so officials are still deliberating over whether to make it his first indoor world record.

The 32-year-old also holds the second fastest time in history for the mile, 3:46.46, less than half a second outside Briton Steve Cram's 3:46.32.

"He could run the 10,000m and the 800m," says Irish miler Marcus O'Sullivan. "I mean he can run them and win them. There are specialists at 800 and 10,000, yet Aouita could do both."

At the 1988 Seoul Games it was rumoured he would race in the 800m and the 1,500m, as well as defending his 5,000m title. He finished with just an 800m bronze, and now says he never intended to run in all three.

"You can't. It would be impossible," he said. Now looking toward Barcelona, Aouita said he planned to devote nearly all of June to 1,500 training. If he is not satisfied with his speed, he will try the 5000m in Barcelona.

He has two more races scheduled in May, a one kilometer race in Germany and a 1,500m in Casablanca on the 31st. "In June I will work out for the 1,500 then race in Stockholm in July."

But there is no question of running more than one race in Barcelona. "If I don't run the 1,500 I will run the 500, but if I run the 1,500 I won't run the 500," he said.

Nat'l handball

Sports Reporter

Seven more matches were decided at the Outer Stadium handball court yesterday, the second day of the eighth national championship.

In the three matches held in the morning session, Bangladesh Airforce trounced Narail DSA by 51 goals to six, Bangladesh Ansars beat off a strong challenge from Jessore to win by a narrow 19-16 margin and Kusthia DSA overcame Pabna DSA by 17 goals to 11.

In the afternoon fixtures, fancied Bangladesh Rifles ran all over a hapless Narail DSA, winning by a 46-6 margin. Airforce beat Pabna 19-8. Dhaka DSA defeated Narail 26-9 while Bangladesh Police thrashed Jessore 24-4.

ITV goes to court over rights

LONDON, May 26: Britain's independent ITV network went to court on Tuesday to try to win a two-week freeze on a deal giving satellite broadcaster BSkyB exclusive rights to live coverage of top English soccer matches, reports Reuter.

Lawyers for ITV, which has held exclusive English soccer league television rights since 1988, told the High Court that ITV wanted a ruling that "no further steps in pursuing the arrangement should be taken" during the injunction period.

A ruling could come as early as Tuesday although the timing was not immediately clear.

ITV, alleging breach of contract and breach of confidence, wants an opportunity to make a new bid. It charges that the new Premier League leaked details of its bid to its rival.

Last week, the 304-million pound (\$50 million US dollar) five-year contract was awarded jointly to British Sky Broadcasting (BSkyB) which is 50 per cent owned by News Corp Ltd of Australian-born media magnate Rupert Murdoch and the state-chartered British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

The deal was greeted with outrage by soccer fans who will have to buy satellite dishes to watch live matches in the 22-

club league. The BBC national television channel will screen only two recorded matches a week.

ITV, Britain's national independent network, attacked the way the deal had been negotiated. It wants it to be scrapped.

ITV sport chairman Greg Dyke said he had been misled and claimed BSkyB learned the size of the 262-million-pound (480 million US dollar) ITV bid during the course of a final meeting and was subsequently allowed to increase its own offer. Christopher Carr, an ITV lawyer, said in court on Tuesday that Rick Parry, the league's chief executive, had admitted in an affidavit that he passed on terms of the ITV bid to BSkyB.

"We have now received a draft affidavit from Mr Parry in which it is clear that it was Mr Parry who passed on the information," said Carr.

But last Friday, as news emerged that ITV might issue a legal challenge, Parry said there would be no going back.

"There is no basis for a challenge," he said.



An Airforce player takes aim at the Pabna DSA goal during yesterday afternoon's national handball meet match at the water-logged Outer Stadium handball court. —Star photo



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Eire beat Albania

DUBLIN, May 26: Ireland beat Albania 3-1 (halftime 1-1) in their European under-21 soccer championship Group Three qualifying match on Monday, reports Reuter.

Scorers: Ireland — Mark Kinsella (35th min), Leonard Curtis (61st), Lee Power (67th). Albania — Astian Bahali (14th).

COOB struggles to reduce numbers

BARCELONA, Spain, May 26: Barcelona's Olympic organisers, struggling to reduce the number of athletes attending this Summer's Games, said on Monday they had cut 2,000 athletes and officials from the Olympic Village, reports Reuter.

A spokesman for organisers COOB '92 said they had reached agreement with 108 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) about slimming numbers and they were giving the remaining 64 countries another two weeks to reduce the size of their teams to keep to the quotas set by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

COOB '92 chief executive Josep Miquel Abad said Barcelona's "firm attitude is not allowing more residents than the number agreed makes it possible for us to maintain the comfort of accommodation and the quality of services."

"All will gain by reducing and consolidating the number of residents to the numbers anticipated," Abad said.

Preliminary registrations for the Games put the number wanting to attend at about 19,200 athletes and officials, far more than the 15,200 places the Villages can accommodate.

COOB said recently they could cope with up to 16,000, but warned that if a reduction in numbers was not realised

the Village could collapse under the strain.

IOC Executive Board member Pal Schmitt of Hungary told reporters at a Games programme meeting in Monte Carlo earlier this month there was no need to panic, saying NOC's always made preliminary entries for many more athletes than they actually sent.

The massive athletics and swimming federations made preliminary bookings for 2,792 and 1,242 people, increases of 54 per cent and 56 per cent respectively on Seoul.

The high overall entry is blamed on COOB '92's offer to athletes of free board and lodging in the village and the increase to a record 172 in the number of countries eligible to compete.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

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42 Prepare before battle

44 Trojan war hero

46 Croissant building

50 Singer Kazan

52 Roma's land

54 Number one

55 Small wooden valley

56 View-points

57 Attempt DOWN

1 In such a way

2 Scenery chowers

3 Nudge goddess

4 — Aviv

5 Art studios

6 Song-writer Sammy

7 Closing letter

8 Tiny

9 Distribute

10 Zip, to a Zouave

11 Have the chutzpah

12 Ernesto Guevara

18 Chilean desert

21 Honest politician

23 "Encore!"

24 Bikini half

25 Dawn goddess

26 "...twilight's last —"

28 Carbon — (poisonous gas)

30 Hair-salon gunk

31 Mindy's honey-moon site

33 Troubadour's tune

34 Fuss

39 Paycheck plus

41 Through: prefix

42 Code word for "A"

43 Picnic spoiler

45 "West Side Story" gang

47 Gymnast Korbut

48 Calla, e.g.

49 New Guinea port

51 Concert pianist Anton

53 Poetic contraction

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals W

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one 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.