

Defiant runner says he won't stop

IAAF takes hard line on Reynolds



LONDON, June 10: Despite attempts to fight his suspension in US courts, there is no way Butch Reynolds will compete in the Summer Olympics, a top IAAF official said Tuesday, reports AP.

And the United States risks having all of its 400-meter runners banned from Barcelona if Reynolds competes in the next week's US Olympic trials, said IAAF general secretary Istvan Gyulai.

Reynolds, who set the world record of 43.29 in 1988, was banned for two years by the IAAF in 1990 after testing positive for an anabolic steroid at a meet in Monte Carlo. He denies using steroids and blames the positive test on a laboratory mixup.

An IAAF arbitration panel rejected Reynolds' appeal on May 11 and upheld his suspension through Aug 11 — two days after the Barcelona Games end.

But Reynolds obtained a temporary restraining order last month from a Federal Court in Ohio, clearing him to compete in the United States. The order was extended Monday for another 10 days.

Reynolds ran in a meet in

San Francisco last Saturday and won the 400 in 44.98, good enough to qualify for the US Olympic trials beginning June 19 in New Orleans.

On June 18, the day before



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the US Olympics trials begin in New Orleans the Columbus court will consider whether to issue a preliminary injunction allowing Reynolds to compete in the trials.

But Gyulai said Reynolds will be barred from the Barcelona Games no matter what happens in the United States.

"Even if the court order is extended again," he said, "even if he would be allowed to run in the trials, even if he finishes

in the top three, even if the USOC picks him for the team, the IAAF will not give him eligibility status. He will not be able to compete in Barcelona."

Neither will anyone who runs against Reynolds in the US trials, Gyulai said.

"All who run in the 400 meters will not be eligible for the Olympic Games," he said. "It means we may have an Olympic Games without American 400 meter runners."

Those who ran against Reynolds in San Francisco have been suspended, although the length of the ban was not immediately determined, the IAAF said. None of those runners were considered top Olympic contenders.

"The IAAF rule is very clear: any athlete who competes in any meeting or any event in which a noneligible athlete competes, they also become ineligible," Gyulai said.

The United States has long dominated the men's Olympic 400, winning 32 medals 14 gold, 9 silver and 9 bronze. Steve Lewis, Reynolds and Danny Everett swept the three medals at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Gyulai said the matter will be discussed by the IAAF Council in Barcelona on July

30.

When told of the IAAF comments, Reynolds remained defiant and scoffed at the threat of a ban on everyone who runs in the 400 trials.

"I am not going to stop," he said. "I'm doing what I have to do. If I have to compete, I will compete."

The Athletic Congress (TAC), the US governing body, officials said privately they were awaiting a written statement from the IAAF before they would make any comment.

Reynolds said he could not imagine being barred from competing in US meets given the court order.

"I can't see TAC, the USOC or our government, or our President letting that happen," Reynolds said. "I am not going to quit. I will definitely run in the Olympic trials."

"I did not commit any crime," he said. "I proved my innocence, I've been fighting this for nearly two years and I won't give up."

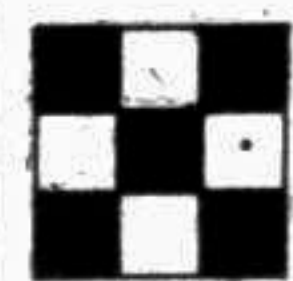
Reynolds said he was not cowed by the IAAF statements. "I anticipated it from them. I can't let them scare me," he said. "My attorney said this was going to be a marathon and now we are into the last mile."



Vassily Ivanchuk of the Ukraine bites his nail during a match against Chinese number one Ye Jiang Chuan in the second round of the World Chess Olympiad in Manila June 9.

—AFP photo

Close call for China and Xie



MANILA, June 9: Second seeded China narrowly avoided a resounding upset when it salvaged a

drawn match against lowly-rated Vietnam in the second round of the women's competition at the 30th Chess Olympiad here yesterday, reports AP.

World champion Xie Jun escaped defeat with some tenacious defending against Vietnamese top board Phan Huih to earn a draw and help her team attain a 1.5-1.5 result against Vietnam, making only its second appearance in the biennial contest.

Vietnam's Pham Nguc Thanh defeated Peng Zhaoqin on Board Two but Qin Kaying downed Train Minh Chau for the draw.

Vietnam now have 4.5 points, 1.5 points adrift of pace-setting Ukraine but half a point clear of China. Ukraine took maximum points for the second straight day, whitewashing Switzerland.

In the men's competition, Australian remained the top Asian performer with 5.5 points despite losing 1.5-2.5 against the highly rated Bosnia-Herzegovina.

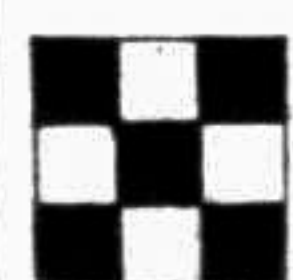
China lost 1.5-2.5 against fourth-ranked Ukraine, but Liang Jinrong distinguished himself by defeating Igor Novikov on Board Four. The Chinese have 4.5 points overall, temporarily tying India.

India adjourned a game against Poland, trailing 1-2. Viswanathan Anand, the world's fifth-ranked player, and Pravin Thipsay both drew, but P Prasat lost on Board Four.

The Philippines failed to make any headway against Hungary, taking just half a point to the Europeans' 3.5 points, the hosts' two-day total.

Russia, with world champion Garry Kasparov again opting to sit out the round, remained in the lead with 7.5 points after a 3.5-0.5 result against Switzerland.

Russian mantle is at stake



MANILA, June 10: The proud Russian chess squad, heirs to glorious Soviet teams that ruled

the Chess Olympiad for decades, face a bruising battle to retain their title against powerful rivals England, the Ukraine and the United States, reports Reuters.

The absence of ex-World Champion Anatoly Karpov and Arthur Yusupov has weakened the Russians but they are still tough to beat in the Manila World Olympiad, opposing Grandmasters said.

"This time the English team has a good chance to win the Chess Olympiad but it will be, a big fight between England, Russia, the Ukraine and USA," said world champion Garry Kasparov, who leads the depleted Russian squad.

"They may be weakened by the loss of strong players but they are still formidable," said British Grandmaster Nigel Short, who beat Karpov to qualify for the finals of the Candidates' Series to choose the challenger for the world title.

"We have a good chance this year, I think the team is better prepared this time," added Short, who will face Dutchman Jan Timman in a match in January to choose who will challenge Kasparov for the world crown.

Murray Chandler, John Nunn and Julian Hodgson — has been together for years, creating a solid team spirit needed in the long contest for top honours.

"England has the same players. They know each other very well. They have this team spirit which sets them apart from most teams," said Timman.

Another solid contender is the United States, which finished second behind the Russians in the 1990 Olympiad in Novsod in Yugoslavia.

Powered by three Soviet emigres — youthful prodigy Gata Kamsky, Alexander Yermolinsky and Boris Gulko — the US team hopes to topple the Russians from the top perch when the tournament ends on June 25.

Another serious challenger will be the Ukraine, led by world number three Vassily Ivanchuk and two other stalwarts of the former Soviet squad, Oleg Romanishin and Alexander Beliavsky.

Other teams waiting in the wings are Hungary, Germany, the Netherlands and even China.

"There are no easy matches," said England captain Michael Stean.

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Hiroshima Asiad to include kabaddi

CALCUTTA, June 10: After nearly two years of uncertainty kabaddi, the game which brought India's only gold at the Beijing Asian Games, is almost certain to be included in the Hiroshima Asian Games in 1994, claims Achinta Kumar Saha, the secretary general of the Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India, here today, reports PTI.

Saha, who is also the secretary general of the Asian Amateur Kabaddi Federation, told PTI that a three-member delegation of the Hiroshima Asian Games Organising Committee (HAGOC) was here on June 8 and 9 to finalise a details of the agreement with AAKF for the inclusion of kabaddi at the Hiroshima Games.

"We have conceded several demands of the HAGOC which includes reducing the number of players and officials and now it is almost certain that kabaddi would be included but the formal announcement about it would be made on June 22 after a meeting of HAGOC in Hiroshima in which the final 31 disciplines would be finalised," Saha said.

Soccer signing

ROME, June 10: Italy's First Division soccer club Roma said on Tuesday they had signed Belgrade Red Star midfielder Sinisa Mihajlovic, reports Reuters.

Tuhin third in Bombay chess

Bangladeshi chess players Ziaul Quader Tuhin and Santanu Das returned home after having jointly finished third and fourth positions, respectively in the recently concluded SK Vaidya international tournament in Bombay, India.

Indian International Master Ravi Hegde emerged as the champion with nine points in the eleven-round Swiss league.

Tuhin runner-up in the nationals in 1991, managed eight points to clinch the third place along with an unspecified number of contestants. Santanu Das shared the fourth slot with seven and half points, says a JR Chess Club press release.



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Michael Johnson, Morceli suffer shock defeats

Series of upsets in Rome GP



ROME, June 10: World champion Michael Johnson of the United States suffered a shock defeat in the 200 metres on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Johnson lost a photo-finish to his great rival Frankie Fredericks of Namibia in the Rome Grand Prix athletics meeting.

In a reversal of the first two positions at the Tokyo World Championships last year, Fredericks was declared the winner in 20.23 seconds.

Johnson was second in 20.25 and Briton Linford Christie third in the same time.

Christie had earlier been a convincing winner of the 100 metres, defeating Jamaica's Ray Stewart in 10.11 seconds with Fredericks third.

In a good night for British athletes, Welshman Ian Hamer beat his own personal best by almost 16 seconds to win the 5,000 metres in 13 minutes 09.80 seconds.

Hamer took the lead on the final bend and stormed home to beat Italy's Salvatore Antibo into second place with Robert

Denmark of Britain third. World 10,000 metres champion Arturo Barrios of



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Mexico was fourth. There was a major surprise in the men's 1,500 metres when world champion Noureddine Morceli of Algeria

was beaten into second place by local hero Gennaro di Napoli.

The race had already become a two-man contest when Di Napoli brought Rome's Olympic Stadium to its feet by taking the lead 50 metres from the tape.

To ecstatic cheers, Di Napoli stormed home while Morceli faded badly in the final few metres and was nearly caught by Germany's Dieter Baumann, who came third.

Sergei Bubka of the CIS failed in his bid to beat his own pole vault world record of 6.10 metres, bringing the bar down three times at 6.11.

In the men's 400 metres hurdles Samuel Matete of Zambia hardly broke sweat to win in 48.67 seconds, well below his personal best of 47.10.

Anni Williams of Britain created an upset in the women's 1,500 metres when she led home her more celebrated compatriot Yvonne Murray.

In third place was Gwen Griffiths, the first South African athlete to compete outside Africa since Pretoria's re-admission to the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) last month.

Edberg readies for Wimbledon



LONDON, June 10: The English grass court tennis season has arrived — none too soon for Stefan Edberg, reports AP.

After a week of practice on grass, Sweden's two-time Wimbledon champion began his campaign for a third title Tuesday, defeating big-serving American Kevin Curren in the Queen's Club tournament.

"I feel fresh at the moment," Edberg said. "I love playing on grass. I'm going to enjoy the next couple of weeks."

Queen's has become the traditional warm-up for Wimbledon, which starts June 22. Most of the top names for Wimbledon are playing Queen's.

Edberg had only momentary lapses Tuesday in his 7-6, (7-4), 6-2 second round victory over Curren, serving just two

he did. "It was a perfect first round match for me," he said.

"Kevin's a good grass court player and I played a good



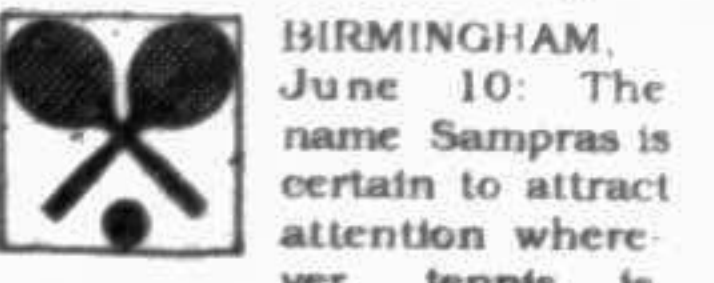
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match. I took my time. I did everything well today."

Even a tumble on the slippery Queen's Club centre court in the ninth game didn't put him off, although it won't until the tiebreak that Edberg began to truly dominate Curren.

An early break in the second set, and a second to lead 5-2, allowed Edberg to serve for the match, just as menacing thunderclouds gathered overhead.

Second Sampras makes a mark



BIRMINGHAM, June 10: The name Sampras is certain to attract attention wherever tennis is played, reports AP.

Stella Sampras knows that she gets more than the usual attention because, she is the sister of Pete Sampras, a prominent member of the men's tour and 1990 US Open champion.

Stella, 23, joined the pro tour last September after graduating from UCLA, and is No. 308 in the world rankings.

Stella Sampras won two matches in the qualifying rounds in the grass court tournament at Edgbaston to reach the main draw, and Tuesday she defeated Ann de Vries of Belgium 6-7, (5-7), 6-3, 6-4 in the first round.

"I like grass a lot," Sampras said. "It suits my game. I have a

Edberg glanced up as the first drops began to fall and spectators grabbed umbrellas and coats, then coolly served

to finish the game. "The same thing happened to me in Hamburg (Germany) last month," Edberg said. "Rain was threatening and I just closed the match out in time then as well. At least now I can go home instead of having to sit around."

Home for Edberg now is in London, just 10 minutes' drive from the Queen's Club courts. He has been practising in London since Andrei Cherkasov knocked him out of the French Open in the third round two weeks ago.

Edberg believes three-time Wimbledon winner Boris Becker, last year's victor Michael Stich, Pete Sampras and Goran Ivanisevic are big threats to his Wimbledon chances. But he doubts French Open winner Jim Courier can make the grade.

"But it will be tough for him to go all the way."

Obviously the surface is not as suited to him as the other surfaces," Edberg said. Wimbledon could be Courier's Grand slam "weak link."

Exhibition soccer

Sports Reporter

An exhibition football match between the National Sports Council (NSC) Eleven and the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) will be held at the Dhaka Stadium on June 15 on the occasion of the Eid-ul-Azha. The tie will begin at 7:30 pm.

Ctg Zia Gold Cup soccer

CHITTAGONG, June 10: Chittagong Friends Club won the championship of Shaheed Zia memorial Gold Cup football tournament beating Chittagong Brothers Union 2-0 in the final at the Patiya High School ground here this afternoon, reports BSS.

Basu scored the first goal for Friends in the 34th minute off a pass from Munna (1-0). Four minutes later Manju doubled the margin with a spectacular header on a lob by Tipu (2-0).

Ekram of Rising Star Club was adjudged the best player of the tournament. Manju of Friends Club won the highest scorer's prize scoring three goals while Milan Samabai Samity won the fair play trophy.

Communication Minister Col (Rtd) Oli Ahmed distributed the prizes

BFF member quits

Sports Reporter

Riasat Ali Bachchu, treasurer of the executive committee of the Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club and the Club representative on the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association committee and in the Bangladesh Football Federation, resigned from his post on grounds of "unhealthy atmosphere now prevailing in the club," says a club press release.

New BWLF president

Sports Reporter

Additional Secretary in charge of Youth and Sports Nazrul Islam has been appointed as the president of the Bangladesh Weight-Lifting Federation (BWLF). Islam will take over his charges immediately, states a Ministry circular.

Wimbledon wild cards for Cash, Leconte

LONDON, June 10: Former winner Pat Cash and French Open semifinalist Henri Leconte were awarded wild card entries on Tuesday to the Wimbledon men's singles, reports AP.

They are the only overseas players to receive a free ride into the main singles draws for the grass-court spectacular, which begins on June 22. The other 14 go to British men and women.

Cash, champion in 1987, feared his decision to play part-time tennis would be frowned on by the All England Club, the tournament's organisers.

However, the Australian's performances in reaching the Backenham semifinals last week and winning his first round match at Queen's Club here on Monday clearly swayed them.

Leconte, like Cash a firm favourite with the Wimbledon crowd, was a member of the French team who shocked the United States in last year's Davis Cup final. He also reached the Wimbledon semifinals in 1986.

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