coming back

NEW ORLEANS, June 21:

Evelyn Ashford keeps being

written off, yet she keeps com-

ing back as one of the world's

top women sprinters, reports

fourth US Olympic team Sat-

urday, edging Carlette Guidry,

12 years her junior, for the

third and final place on the

Ashford finished in 11.17

seconds, .01 second ahead of

the 23-year-old Guidry, then

EVELYN ASHFORD

As Ashford cried, she con-

"I made another Olympic

coming in," Ashford said. "I

am very happy and I am look-

ing forward to running in

first Olympics in 1976 at Mon-

treal. A 19-year-old UCLA stu-

dent at the time, she finished

the 100-meter gold medal,

setting an Olympic record of

10.97 at Los Angeles. She also

ran on the winning 400-meter

leave from track and field in

1985, Ashford returned and in

1988 was back in the

Olympics, again winning two

medals — a silver in the 100

have not been Ashford's only

the 100 in 1983 and 1984,

and between 1977 and 1984

she broke the American 100-

metre record five times and

the 200-metre mark four

out there running she said.

She was very determined to be

Olympic team and I'm going to

get on that team," she said

promised and despite her age.

UEFA bows to

prior to the Olympic trials.

She isn't finished vet.

"It's a challenge just being

"I told myself this is my last

She made it, just as she had

Olympic medals, however.

She set world records in

and a gold in the relay.

marks of excellence.

an Olympian again.

After taking a maternity

Ashford competed in her

Eight years later, she won

Barcelona.*

fifth in the 100.

relay team

times.

100-meter team.

Ashford, 35, made her

Stunning failure by sprint king

participation.

rollercoaster ride for me. By

tempered by the other 400

runners, some of whom ex-

pressed anger at his possible

other 31 runners in the 400

field with suspension if they

competed against Reynolds,

raising the possibility that the

The IAAF threatened the

Reynolds' enthusiasm was

the time I get up, I'm down."



NEW ORLEANS, June 21: Carl Lewis ran one of the worst races of his career and finished a stunn-

ing sixth in the US Olympic trials Saturday, ending his quest for an unprecedented third Olympic gold medal in the 100-meter dash, report

Lewis' failure came on a day when the Butch Reynolds case continued to overshadow the competition. As his appeal for permission to run went to the US Supreme Court, organizers kept pushing back the start of the 400-meter heats in which the world record-holder hopes to take part, finally rescheduling them for 1 pm EDT (1700 GMT) Sunday.

Only the top three runners qualify for the Olympics, and Lewis, the world recordholder, wasn't even close.

Dennis Mitchell, the bronze medallist behind Lewis and Leroy Burrell in the 1991 World Championships, won the 100 in 10.09 seconds, Mark Witherspoon was runner-up, also in 10.09, and Burrell was third in 10.10.

Lewis was timed in 10.28, far off the world record of 9.86 he set at the World Championships, and also finished behind Mike Marsh (10.14) and James Jett (10.25). The top six automatically become eligible for the 400-meter relay

"Maybe the weather took a lot out of me", Lewis said after his dismal performance in steamy Tad Gormely Stadium. "I did'nt feel sharp."

Until Saturday, Lewis always had performed at his best in the big meets. In three World Championships and two Olympics, he had won 14 gold medals and two silvers. Never had he run so poorly; it was his worst finish since placing ninth in the 1981 World Cup at Rome. "To run a top race and feel

as flat as I did today, you don't make an Olympic team. It's a disappointment.... It just wasn't there for me. I run the best race I could today."

Lewis, descat temporarily overshadowed the conflict surrounding Reynolds, the 1988 Olympic 400-meter silver medalist who has been under suspension since August 1990 after testing positive for steroids. He has maintained his innocence, claiming test samples were mishandled, and has sought legal relief.

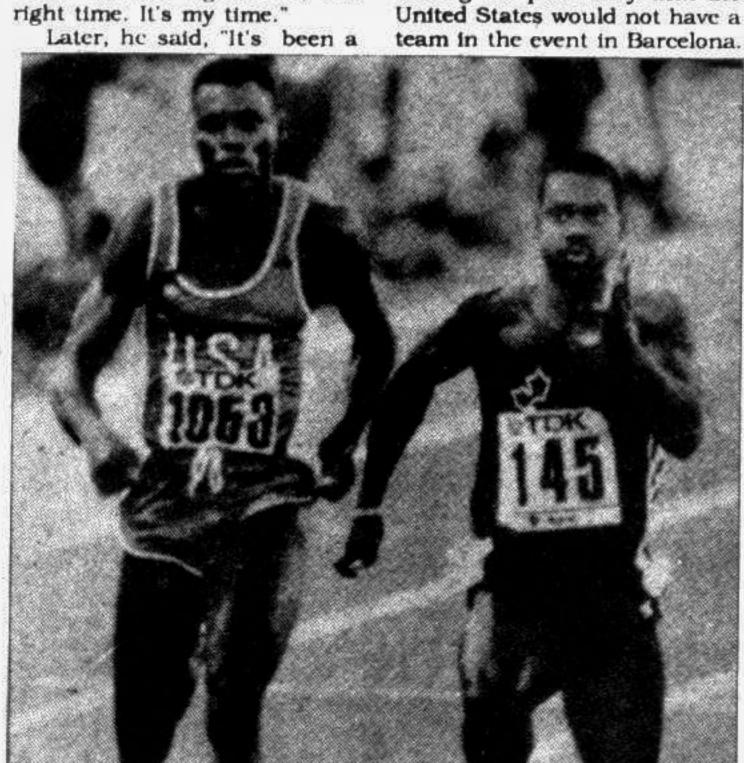
First-round heats in the 400 were delayed for several hours after Reynolds was cleared to run when Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens overturned an appeals court ruling in Cincinnati.

The Athletics Congress then appealed Stevens' deci-

sion to the full court. Upon learning of Stevens' decision, Reynolds headed for the track from his hotel. He couldn't wait to race but, was forced to wait when meet organizers decided to delay the

Still, he was clearly excited as he exchanged high fives with his agent, Brad Hunt, and said, "It's the right time, the right time. It's my time."

start of the heats.



Star file photo showing Carl Lewis(L) racing against Ben Johnson of Canada. In an ironic twist of events, while Johnson, disgraced at the Scoul Games for doping, will get to run the 100m in the Barcelona Olympics, world record holder Lewis will have to watch from the sidelines, having failed to make the 100m team at the US trials Saturday.

Ben Johnson qualifies



MONTREAL. June 21: Disgraced sprinter Ben Johnson on Saturday earned a chance to win

the 100 metre gold medal that was stripped from him four years ago for steroid use when he qualified in the event at the Canadian Olympic trials, reports Reuter.

The 30-year-old Johnson, who has been struggling to approach competitive form, beat the qualifying standard of 10.28 seconds by finishing second in the 100 metres final with a time of 10.16. National champions Bruny

Surin won the final in 10.13 In a stunning turn of events,

however, Johnson will not have a 100 metres rematch against Carl Lewis in Barcelona. Lewis, who claimed the

1988 Olympic gold medal and 100 metres world record, when Johnson tested positive for steroids in Seoul, failed on Saturday to qualify for the 100 metres at the US Olympic trials in New Orleans.

Since Johnson's return from a two-year suspension from competition, his times have been mediocre at best, including a 10.43 clocking only 10 days ago in Portugal.

He also failed to meet the qualifying standard to defend his stripped world title in Tokyo last year

But in Friday's rain-soaked qualifying round, which was declared invalid by meet officials because of a timing equipment malfunction, Johnson was hand-clocked in 9.9 seconds by three trackside officials. In the semifinals on Friday,

Johnson bettered the qualifying standard with a 10.23 but the heat was wind-aided and also declared invalid. His last hope to make the

Olympic team came down to a tense sprint before a crowd of more than 3,000 at the Claude Robillard Center.

He came out of the blocks even with Surin, but lost ground in the middle of the race before fighting back at the nal in 48.23, third-fastest in

The US Olympic Committee protested that, and 30 of the runners voted to boycott any race for which Reynolds in ruled eligible.

"It is not acceptable," USOC spokesman Mike Moran said. "We do understand the suspension of Reynolds, but if they try to keep eligible athletes from running in the

Olympic champion Steve Lewis said. "It was a unanimous decision except for Butch and his brother," Jeff.

Frank Greenberg, president of The Athletics Congress, the national governing body for track and field, said the delay until Sunday "was in the best interests of everyone. There is a possibility the Supreme Court may do something; they may reconsider."

100, Gwen Torrence, the 1991 world championship silver medalist, overcame knee pain to win the women's 100 in 10.97.

She was followed by Gaild Devers in 11.02 and 35-yearold Evelyn Ashford, the 1984 gold medalist and 1988 silver medalist, in 11.17. This will be Ashford's fourth Olympics.

Jackie Joyner-Kersee, the world record-holder and 1988 Olympic champion in the heptathlon, took a commanding lead after four events of the seven-event, two-day competi-

Joyner-Kersee compiled 4,071 points, 266 ahead of runner-up Cindy Greiner.

dominating the heptathlon in her first appearance of the scason, Gea Johnson the American leader this year, saw her Olympic hopes end.

Johnson, the 1990 NCAA champion from Arizona State, tore the patella tendon in her right knee during the high jump and was carried from the field on a stretcher.

Among other noteworthy performances Saturday:

-Sheila Hudson smashed her American record in winning, the triple jump at 46 feet, 8 1/4 inches (14 meters, cms). The triple jump was an exhibition, because it isn't contested in the Olympic Games. -National record-holder

Sandra Farmer-Patrick won a semifinal heat in the women's 400 hurdles in 54.94, the fastest of the year by an American. Kim Batten took the other semifinal in 55.01, the second-

-Kevin Young won a semifinal in the men's 400 hurdles in 48.18, just off his world leading 48.16, and David Patrick took the other scmifithe world this year.

Olympics, we will fight that." "If he runs, we won't run,"

took an emotional victory lap with Gwen Torrence, the win-

Minutes before the men's

ner in 10.97, Gail Devers, sec ond in 11.02 and Guidry. soled high school sensation Marion Jones, who was fifth. team and that was my goal

While Joyner-Kersee was

21 cms). Her previous best was 46-0 3/4 (14 meters, 6.3

Ashford keeps Dutchmen will take no chances



GOTHENBURG. June 21: Denmark go into the biggest match in their history wh-

en they take on Holland in the European Championship semifinal here on Monday, reports AFP.

But for the Dutch, the occasion is pretty much run-of-themill and coach Rinnus Michels will have his work cut out persuading his team not to underestimate the opposition.

The Danes did reach the semifinals of the competition in 1984, but all their best performances had gone before and, clearly tired they lost to

This time their qualification came as even more of a surprise, having been only last minute replacements following the expulsion of Yugoslavia by Yet coach Ronald Moller

Nielsen, having healed his bitter rift with the team's major asset, Brian Laudrup, has shaped an outfit which held England beat France and now have nothing whatsoever to prove as Nielson has been at pains to point out all along. The carrot of an all-Scandi-

navian final, should Sweden overcome the odds and beat Germany in the first semifinal will be as significant spur for Denmark, particularly as there would be more than a hint of revenge in the air following defeat by their Nordic rivals in the group matches.

Of the original line-up Bent Christensen, the big disappointment among the three front runners, has fallen by the wayside and midfielder Kim

land 4-1 while host Malaysia

went on a rampage to thrash

Japan 6-1 on the opening day

of the 4-nations hockey

tournament here Saturday,

aggressors, opening accounts

in the fifth minute through a

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through Gys Weterings who

sent in a powerful shot from an

Australia back in the lead when

he guided in a loose ball col-

lected outside the box in the

verted a penalty stroke in the

55th minute for Australia's

third goal while Lewis made it

4-1 by sending in a powerful

other hand, virtually strolled

past a weak Japanese side for

one of the three Asian quali-

Olympics, sounded the board

Enbraj Kanniah sent in a

thunderous shot off a penalty

early in the fifth minute when

The Malaysians, on the

The Malaysians, who are

for the Barcelona

defender

shot in the 59th minute.

Warren Birmingham con-

But Mark Hager put

brilliant flick by Paul Lewis.

acute angle on the left.

The Australians were early

The Dutch retaliated im-

reports AFP.

39th minute.

an easy win.

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June 21:

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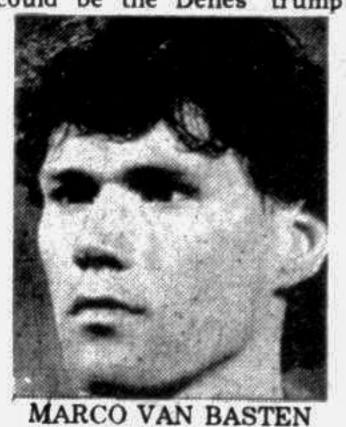
Aussies beat the Dutch

Vilfort has returned to Denmark because his son is seri-

ously ill. Ironically, the introduction of Henrik Larsen in the middle of the park and Torben Frank up front, gave the Danes extra options against France -even though neither knew they would be asked to forge their end of season holiday to play in Sweden until only days before

The Dutch, meanwhile have seen it all before - and that could be the Denes' trump

the tournament.



card, cashing in on their potential complacency and catching them on the break.

Michels is not one for chopping and chancing his teams, and yet he does have his favourites, which could pose a problem should Barry Van Aerle recover from the injury which kept him out of the German match.

Van Aerle is one of the privileged old guard who have been with the team through the European win in Germany in 1988 and the World Cup disappointment of 1990.

under a fallen Japanese keeper

Iwao Uemitsu in a goal-mouth

behind when the Malaysians

struck twice in four minutes

through skipper Sarjit Singh

from close range in the 18th

minute and Nawawi who sent

in a rising shot from the edge

Nawawi was on target again

of the box in the 21st minute.

five minutes into the second-

half to score Malaysia's fifth

goal before Japan pulled back

with a consolation goal in the

57th minute through Kenji

Hasebe.

The Japanese fell further

Yet Frank De Boer came in

stand in against Germany that even Michels may be forced to

have second thoughts. The rest of the team more or less picks itself. Of course, even though winger Brian Roy and midfield man Aron Winter have been discarded since the

and did such a good job as

opening match with Scotland. Rob Witschge continues to enjoy an Indian summer after only coming into the side because his brother Richard was ruled out through injury and will add extra variation up front along with Dennis Berg-

kamp and Marco Van Basten. Van Basten has yet to score in these championships, despite having a perfectly good goal against the CIS ruled out for offside, and so the hardmen at the back of the Danish defence, Kent Nielsen and Lars Olsen should be warned - Van Basten is never more dangerous than when he hasn't scored for four matches.

The Danes' main hope is attack, even though their chances of reaching the final are, in all honesty, not particut larly great.

But the Dutch will need all their powers of restraint on the field, for three of them, Witschge, Ronald Koeman and Jan Wouters, are one booking away from missing the final.

And that is something Koeman for one will want to avoid, for he is heading for a third champion's title in the same season, having already won the Spanish league and European Champions' Cup with Barcelona, not to mention having steered Holland to the 1988 European crown.

That has to be motivation enough for anyone.

PROBABLE TEAMS HOLLAND: Hans Van Breukelen, Ronald Koeman, Barry Van Aerle (Of Frank de Boer), Adri Van Tigglen, Frank Rijkaard, Jan Wouters, Ruud Gullit, Dennis Bergkamp (Or Peter Bosz), Rob Witschge, Marco Van Basten

DENMARK: Peter Schmeichel, Lars Olsen, John Siveback, Kent Nielsen, Henrik Andresen, Kim Christofte, John Jesnsen, Henrik Larsen, Brian Laudrup, Flemming Povisen, Torben Frank.



Britain, Germany

vie for title

June 21: Olympic champions great Britain meet Germany here today to decide the winner of the four-nation men's hockey tournament after both teams scored their second successive victories on Saturday, reports AFP. Britain beat Spain 1-0 with

a 33rd minute goal from Rob Hill, his third of the competition, while Germany coasted to a 2-0 success over Egypt thanks to scores from Carsten Fischer in the 21st minute and Sven Meinhardt in the 59th minute.

Beach Volleyball

16:00 US Basketball League Prime Bodies 18:30 Grand Prix Sailing Best of Americany 19:00

Rounds — LIVE (Please deduct 2 hours from above timings for Bangladesh Standard Time)

Controversy clouds Olympic showpiece compete in the US Olympic



Summer Games. Olympics' showc-

ase sport appears in turmoil, reports AP. Doping scandals, court battles and scheduling disputes

have dominated track and field in the buildup to Barcelona. The controversies raisc questions about the accuracy of drug tests, the enforcement of

jurisdiction over the sport and its athletes. Two superstars, 400-meter world record-holder Butch Reynolds and world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe, are making news for trying to

suspensions and the ultimate

beat drug charges rather than trying to beat their best times The Reynolds case has challenged the authority of the sport's world governing body. the International Amateur

Athletic Federation. Reynolds, suspended by the lAAF in 1990 for alleged steroid use, turned to US courts to fight the ban. In Columbus, Ohio, on Friday, a federal judge cleared him to

BAF swimming on

The annual inter-base swimming championship of Bangladesh Air Force got underway at the BN central swimming pool at Banani yesterday, says an ISPR release.

Finals of two events and heats of four events were held

on the opening day In the final of the 200m individual medlay, Adil of BAF base Matiur Rahman became first while in 4x100m freestyle relay BAF base Matiur Rahman secured the top post-

the two qualifying matches of waterpolo BAF base Bashar team defeated Air Headquarters Unit team by 11-I goals while BAF base Mattur Rahman team beat Pahar Kanchanpur team by 19-2 goals. Earlier, Air Officer Com-

manding of BAF base Bashar

Air Commodore Rashid Ahmed

inaugurated the four-day meet.

trials this weekend in New Orleans, but an appeals court quickly overturned that decision and upheld the ban. the Less than 24 hours before

his races were scheduled to begin, Reynolds appealed successfully to the Supreme Court, which cleared the way for him to run. The races, meanwhile, were set back to



BUTCH REYNOLDS

Sunday because of the legal

maneuvering. The IAAF, whose arbitration panel recently upheld the ban on Reynolds, has vowed to keep him out of the Olympics and threatened to bar any athlete who runs against him.

"The IAAf sees (the court decision) as challenging the competence of the ruling of an international sports body," said IAAF general secretary Istvan Gyulai. "It is a decision which may lead to chaos... This might lead to the suspension of all US 400-meter runners at the Olympic Games."

Krabbe, world champion in the 100 and 200 meters, was banned by the German track federation for alleged manipulation of urine samples - only to be reinstated when the federation's legal panel found no evidence of wrong doing. The case will be heard by the IAAF's Arbitration panel June 27-29.

"We are very, very upset," said Priomo Nebiolo, the IAAF president. We are a family and this is as though our children have become lost. When something like this happens, we must stop and say. Why did it

"We have to face the problem and say, 'Was it education? Was it a problem with the rules? Why have they fallen into trouble? "For us, this is a

tragedy. "We love and respect athletes like Katrin Krabbe and Butch Reynolds and it hurts us that they are in trouble. Nabiolo said



KATRIN KRABBE "It's like when one of your children rebels against you. We are sad, but we have an obligation to respect our rules. The rules are the rules, and if we don't respect them we can't

move forward. Also involved in a doping controversy is Delisa Floyd, the two-time US national champion in the women's 800 who received a four-year ban in 1991. She claims the US Olympic drug hotline told her the banned substance was legal. But a judge in Denver refused to lift the ban, saying the responsibility lies with the

The cases have attracted added attention coming on the eve of the Barcelona Games,

which open July 25. "If they had broken the rules last year, we would have been happy to deal with them last year," Nebiolo said. "But I think it's better to have these problems now than during the Olympics. We will deal with everything that comes our

IAAF officials say track's

problems are magnified be-

cause of the sport's size and

recognition.

You must consider that track and field is by far the most important event at the Olympics," said IAAF chief of staff Enrico Jacomini. The sport is growing. There's lots of money, lots of attention. Inevitably all the problems that come up get a greater audience in the bigger sports than the smaller sports. The IAAF flexed its muscles

to force Barcelona organizers after seven months of resistance, to change the Olympic track timetable to give US sprinter Michael Johnson a chance to go for gold medals in both the 200 and 400 me But by the time the change

was approved Wednesday Johnson said it was too late: he'd already decided to run only in the 200. The IAAF said it would go ahead with the changes any-

way, but some questioned the wisdom of the whole process. "I think you should say this is the timetable and stick to it said John Holt, a former lAAF general secretary. "I disagree with making changes for individual athletes. It's completely unfair. It shows a lack of stability. That's not the hallmark of the IAAF, which

being tested by the whole Reynolds affair. Gyulai said the issue boils down to who should have the authority to govern the sport

The stability of the IAAl is

usually is a stable organization.

"Should a court in Ohio have the highest authority in athletics?" he said. "What would happen if the jurisdictions of all 200 member federations challenged the IAAF's ruling?" The IAAF's stance on Reynolds has the backing of

the International Olympic

Committee. The drug test was

conducted at an IOC-accred-

and enforce its rules.

ited laboratory in Paris. I believe the Reynolds case was perfectly well treated by the IAAf and I support their actions," said Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the IOC's medical commission. " believe we have to be firm and strong in our decision."

FIFA pressure GOTHENBURG, Sweden, June 21: UEFA bowing to FIFA pressure, has rejected the idea of introducing "sudden death" extra time at the European

Championship, reports Reuter. UEFA president Lennart Johansson had said he favoured playing indefinite extra time until a goal was scored to decide the semifinals and

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals B

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.



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College Sports: Lacro-Wimbledon Early 21:00