

# Top US decathlete misses Barcelona bus

**NEW ORLEANS, June 28:** Heavily favoured decathlete Dan O'Brien became the fourth US world champion to crash out of the Olympics when he failed to clear the bar even once in the pole vault on Saturday at the US Olympic trials, reports Reuter.

O'Brien, the world champion, finished 11th in the decathlon, won by Dave Johnson.

Johnson amassed 8,649 points in the gruelling two-day competition to become the pick for Barcelona. The 29-year-old California's score was the second best in the world this year — he also had the best — as he tallied the most points ever on the second day of decathlon, 4,455.

But it was not a happy win, Johnson said.

"When he (O'Brien) missed I almost started crying," Johnson said. "I was looking toward going to Barcelona with him. A part of me won't be there now."

The stunning development meant that four US world champions have now failed to make the American Olympic team in their specialties. Two-time Olympic champion Carl Lewis missed out in the 100 metres, Kenny Harrison failed in the triple jump and Antonio Pettigrew faltered in the 400 metres.

O'Brien vowed, however that the world would hear from him later this year.

"I have pity on anyone who comes up against me in the next four years," he said. "I plan on competing in Tallence, France, in September and I should be looking at over 9,000 points."

That would smash Briton Daley Thompson's 1984 world record of 8,847 points.

O'Brien was on world-record pace on Saturday until the pole vault.

He chose not to attempt vaults at four lower heights, then missed three times at 4.80 metres. On his third attempt, he went under the bar,

ending his chance to make the US team.

But he completed the decathlon anyway, throwing the javelin and running the 1,500 metres in the hot Louisiana sun.

"I needed to finish the decathlon for mental toughness," O'Brien said.

He missed the US team by 307 points as only the top three finishers in the trials qualify for Barcelona.

Aric Long earned the second US spot with 8,237 points and Rob Muccio had 8,163 points for third.

World 200-metre champion Michael Johnson and world 100-metre record holder Lewis clashed twice over 200 metres and Johnson won both of the qualifying races in the first meeting ever between the two.

"Michael Johnson had something to prove. He put out a lot and I didn't," said Lewis, who bounced back from his 100-metre failure to make the US team in the long jump.

Leroy Burrell, Lewis's training partner, had the fastest semifinal time, 20.12 seconds, with Mike Marsh winning the other semifinal in 20.26 seconds.

Johnson followed Marsh in 20.29 seconds and Lewis was third in 20.50 seconds.

The top two finishers in the shot put — Mike Stulec and Jim Doehring — both had tested positive for steroids in the past.

Stulec, who returned this year from a two-year doping suspension, won with a put of 21.47 metres. Doehring was second at 21.08 metres. He had a positive test for a steroid overturned because of laboratory procedural errors.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey, the Olympic heptathlon favourite, failed to qualify for the final of the women's 100-metre hurdles final, running fifth in her semifinal.

Gail Devers won that race impressively in 12.67 seconds. Only two hurdlers have run faster this year.

# SA may get to play in W Cup

**JOHANNESBURG, June 28:** The withdrawal of four countries from the African qualifying rounds of the 1994 World Cup could open the door for South Africa's inclusion, reports AFP.

South Africa were not included in the draw, made last December in New York, because of their suspension from the world governing body FIFA. The country was barred from competing internationally in 1964 due to apartheid, and expelled from FIFA 12 years later.

But they hope to be readmitted during a FIFA Congress in Switzerland starting Wednesday, and also want to replace Sierra Leone, Sao Tome, Burkina Faso or Uganda in the World Cup.

South Africa hope to take Burkina Faso's place in Group H, which includes Zambia, Madagascar and Tanzania, and have the Confederation of African Football's support.

"I'm keeping my fingers crossed," South African Football Association secretary general Solomon Morewa told AFP.

"I believe we stand a good chance of being included," African zone matches begin on October 9, and three countries will qualify for the finals in the United States.

# TAC backs Reynolds' Olympic bid

**NEW ORLEANS, June 28:** The executive committee of track and field's national governing body voted unanimously Saturday to support 400-metre world record holder Butch Reynolds' bid to become a member of the US Olympic team at Barcelona, reports AP.

Reynolds' fifth-place finish in the 400-metre trials Friday night, following a highly publicised two weeks of court orders to just to allow him compete, qualified him as an alternate for the 1,600-metre relay.

"I don't see how he can get credited, I don't see how he can get into the athletes' village, I don't see how he can

get a competitor's number," Greenberg said.

The IAAF suspended Reynolds for two years after he allegedly tested positive for steroids at a meet in Monte Carlo in August 1990.

Reynolds, the 1988 Olympic silver medalist in the men's 400-metre dash, has been fighting the ban, claiming his innocence.

This week, he was permitted to compete in the US Olympic trials after being cleared by the Supreme Court. Nevertheless, the IAAF has threatened to extend Reynolds' suspension, because he defied its ban.

"Our position at the IAAF Council meeting in July will be that his behaviour was proper and he ran only under court order, which is an American right, and he should not be further suspended," Greenberg said.

Greenberg also said the Executive Committee approved two resolutions concerning Reynolds on Saturday.

One will be to explain to the IAAF that Reynolds, "was only following the law, that he did not go out as a renegade," said Greenberg, a lawyer from Philadelphia. "He was under court authorisation."

The other was "to support him in his efforts to become a member of the US Olympic team" by submitting Reynolds' name to the US Olympic Committee on the list of track and field qualifiers for the Games.

"The USOC then takes over the process of entering him in the Olympics," Greenberg said.

"I think the USOC will do what we suggest," Greenberg said, "and forward the names to the IAAF. But I think the IAAF will reject him, under the rule in which it ruled Butch ineligible."

The USOC, Executive Committee will discuss the Reynolds situation at a regularly scheduled meeting at Indianapolis Sunday.

Reynolds, whose suspension expires Aug. 11, two days after the Olympics, has said he will take his case as far as possible in trying to maintain his spot on the team.

"Right now I'm going to Barcelona, but if I'm not chosen to run in the relay, I guess I won't run," the emotionally drained Reynolds said after the 400 final. "Hopefully, I can compete."



Butch Reynolds walking through Ted Gromley Stadium in America before his court win was overturned.

# Tulu earns Ethiopia's first gold

**GRAND BAY, Mauritius, June 28:** Ethiopian 10,000 metres runner Derartu Tulu gave her country its first gold medal in more than a decade at the African Athletics Championships on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Derartu clocked 31 minutes 32.25 seconds, third fastest in the world this year, and was greeted with wild cheers when she became the first athlete at this meeting to take a lap of honour.

"It was good for my country that I won the gold. Now I have confidence that I will be able to do well in the Olympics," Derartu said.

Ethiopia return to the Olympics for the first time in 12 years in Barcelona next month. They boycotted the 1988 Seoul Olympics in solidarity with North Korea after joining the Soviet-led boycott of the Los Angeles Olympics four years earlier.

Derartu kept a step behind Kenyan Lydia Cheromei until the final lap when she stormed into the lead and won with 30 metres to spare.

South Africa's overall gold medal haul in the championships increased to nine when Chris Britz led two of his compatriots to a sweep in the 20-km walk and Lizette Elizabeth and Nanette Vander Walt won gold and silver respectively in the women's discus.

Three times African champion Awa Dioum of Senegal returned from semi-retirement to win the women's triple jump with 12.47 metres ahead of Kenyan Kolossi Ndunge and Benin's Sonya Agbeni.

The Kenyans — depleted by the absence of their world beating distance stars who are currently preparing for their national Olympic trials next Wednesday — collected their fourth gold when James Songok strode to victory in the 5,000 metres in 13:24.63 seconds.

Yacine Mousli won his country's third gold when he defeated fellow Algerian Othmane Bellfaa in the men's high jump.

Algerian Hakim Toumi won the hammer throw at 69.80 metres (229-0).

The crowd of 5,000 cheered wildly when a

Mauritian athlete challenged for a medal but otherwise remained mostly silent.

Despite being banned for decades from international track because of apartheid, South African athletes have recorded times and distances good enough for African records, though the sanctions prevented them from being recognised.

The championship end-to-day with an elaborate traditional Mauritian ceremony to be attended by International Amateur Athletic Federation president Primo Nebiolo and Mauritius Prime Minister Anerood Jugnauth.

# Sanderson's fifth



**BIRMINGHAM, June 28:** Olympic javelin gold medalist Tessa Sanderson became the first British track and field athlete to qualify for a fifth Olympic Games Saturday, reports AP.

Sanderson, 36, qualified by winning the event at the AAA championship meet with her first throw of 63.26 metres (207 feet-5 inches). The meet is also the British Olympic qualifying trial.

"People dream of going to just one Olympics — but going to five is something else," Sanderson said. "I know I'm capable of winning that gold medal."

She won the Los Angeles gold medal with a new Olympic record of 69.56 (228-2) metres, although East Germany's Petra Felke threw 74.68 (245-0) metres for gold in Seoul in 1988, after setting the current world mark of 80.00 metres (262-5) just before the games.

Sanderson, born in Jamaica, first competed in the Olympics in 1976 at Montreal.

Sprinter Linford Christie easily qualified for Sunday's 100-metre final, as did his arch-rival Jason Livingston.

Christie, Britain's sprint medal hope, finished fourth at the Tokyo 1991 World Championships and ran the tenth fastest 200-metres this year in Rome in early June.

# Bagan bt Rly

**CALCUTTA, June 28:** Strong contender Mohun Bagan trounced Railway FC 4-1 in the Calcutta Super Division league match here yesterday, reports PTI.

Mohun Bagan took firm control of the match from the word go, having no difficulty in breaking the Railway citadel.

Striker Chima Okerie scored three goals for Mohun Bagan while Sisir Ghosh scored the fourth.

Mohun Bagan forged ahead in the 43rd minute of the opening session when Chima Okerie scored following a pass from Sisir Ghosh, but the Railway men restored parity early in the second half through striker Hiralal Das.

In the second half, Mohun Bagan attacked with renewed vigour and scored three more goals taking advantage of a sloppy defence.

# US TRIALS : INSIDE TRACK

**NEW ORLEANS, June 28:** Former LSU long jumper Llewellyn Starks, who suffered a severely broken leg in last month's New York Games, is attending the trials on crutches and said he's enjoying himself. Ranked fourth in the world last year, Starks said he wasn't grieving about not being able to compete for a spot on the Olympic team, reports AP.

"It was good to get out and see the other guys jumping," Starks said. "I wanted to go down there and give the young ones advice. It had hurt too much to be here, I wouldn't have come."

Starks, whose career is in jeopardy because of the severity of the injury, has four long screws in his lower right leg to hold the bones together.

"I'm aiming to be back next year, so I can qualify for the World Cup," he said.

**DAUGHTER DAUGHTER:** Jud Logan decided to take his three daughters with him on a victory lap after winning the hammer throw. He set off carrying the youngest and ended up having more trouble with the run than with his event.

"The first 100 yards it's a great idea but then I almost dropped my daughter and I ran over the other one and had her crying," Logan said.

Logan handed the youngest to Ken Flax, the third-place finisher, and picked up the crying daughter. All turned out well.

"It was important for me to show the crowd and the media how important they are to my training," Logan said.

Lance Deal was second in the event.

**CAR TROUBLE:** Mel Rosen, coach of the men's Olympic team, thought his car had been stolen over the weekend. It turned out it was just misplaced. A man pulled into the hotel at which Rosen is staying and turned his yellow Chrysler over to valet parking, telling them he'd be back in 15 minutes. A couple of minutes later, Rosen pulled in, also in a yellow Chrysler, and left it with valet parking. You guessed it, the first man came out, asked for his yellow Chrysler, and drove off in Rosen's car. It took awhile for him to realise it wasn't his and return for the right car.

# Eubank retains WBO title

**QUINTO DO LAGO, Portugal, June 28:** Chris Eubank of Great Britain couldn't deliver a knockout punch, but still won a unanimous decision over American Ron Esset on Saturday night and retained his WBO super middleweight championship at the Quinto do Lago Hotel, reports AP.

The victory was Eubank's fourth title defence and improved his record to 32-0 while Esset, who also lost title shots in 1989 and 1991, fell to 25-2-5.

The fight, which was held in a converted parking lot in this 20-year old south Atlantic resort, was the first professional bout ever held in Portugal.

Eubank, fighting for the eighth time in the last 19 months, appeared confused by Esset's hit-and-run tactics. A no-nonsense fighter who prefers to stand in the centre of the ring and trade blows, Eubank's reputation has been tarnished lately by the near-fatal beating he gave Michael Watson of Great Britain on Sept 21, 1991. Watson still remains hospitalised.

Against Esset, Eubank spent all night throwing savage

roundhouse punches, but often missed. In fact, Eubank nearly threw himself out of the ring with a wild miss in the fourth round, and was reduced to shouting "shut up" at Esset's noisy corner in the later rounds.

But Eubank still connected often enough to raise some swelling around Esset's left eye, and pinned the American against the ropes on three occasions. In addition, Eubank backed his opponent into a

corner in the 10th and landed several hard shots, and opened the 11th with a clear "sucker punch," turning a would-be handshake into a left jab to Esset's head.

But Esset, a 1984 Olympic alternate who's spent most of his career fighting up and down the American East Coast, stung Eubank early with several hard jabs, and actually felt comfortable enough to shuffle tauntingly at his opponent in the fifth.

# Kiwi booters win

**PORT VILA, Vanuatu, June 28:** Midfielder Darren McClennan scored two first-half goals to spark New Zealand to a 4-1 win over Vanuatu on Saturday in an Oceania zone World Cup qualifying soccer match, reports AP.

Rodger Gray scored in the second half and Danny Halligan converted a penalty kick for New Zealand's other goals.

Charles Vatu scored Vanuatu's only goal in the first half.

New Zealand now has a 2-0 record in the qualifying zone.

# Morrison stops Hipp

**RENO, Nev, June 28:** Tommy Morrison got his 29th knockout in 34 fights, stopping fellow American Joe Hipp late in the ninth round of their heavyweight bout Saturday, reports AP.

Morrison flattened Hipp with a tenacious right uppercut and referee Rick Draklich halted the bout at 2:47 in the ninth round.

Morrison, nephew of the late famous American film actor John Wayne, was ahead on two of three score cards when he hit Hipp with his wounded right hand, which got broken in the second round.

Morrison is known for his left punch, but both blows that

knocked the 223-pound (71-kilogram) Hipp to the mat were with his right.

Morrison, at 222 pounds (70.7 kilograms), fought from the second round on with a broken jaw and a broken right hand. The victory brought Morrison's record to 33-1. Hipp's record dropped 24-3, with 16 knock outs.

Morrison had his only loss eight months ago when the referee stopped the contest in the fifth round against Ray Mercer. He has won four fights by knockout since and before Saturday's fight, had never gone longer than six rounds.

Hipp has gone the 10-round distance twice.

# Heroes bring Denmark to standstill

**COPENHAGEN, June 28:** A crowd of some 150,000 flag-waving, horn-blowing and singing Danes gave Denmark's European soccer champions a heroes' welcome when they returned to Copenhagen on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The Danish squad, surprise winners of the European Soccer Championships against Germany, received a thunderous reception from cheering fans as they arrived on a veteran open bus for an official reception.

The crowds broke into applause and wild cheering as the team, which beat world champions Germany 2-0 in Gothenburg on Friday, drove into Copenhagen's central square.

The celebrations were televised live, bringing most of Denmark to a total standstill.

Injured Danish striker Henrik Andersen, who arrived in an ambulance, was allowed to triumphantly hold the coveted European trophy as he was wheeled into the Town

Hall by his colleagues.

Andersen scored two goals in the championships before withdrawing from the contest for hospital treatment after sustaining a serious knee injury in the semifinal against the Netherlands.

Children clambered up the large statue of Hans Christian Andersen near the Italianate Town Hall entrance at one point to get a better view of the champions, who were asked to step in for banished Yugoslavia just 12 days before their first match.

Members of the team, who won Denmark's first-ever victory in a major international championship, repeatedly came out on to the Town Hall balcony to wave to the crowd which filled the city's biggest square.

The celebrations were delayed by about one hour, as thousands of Danish fans cheered the triumphant squad on its 10 km (six mile) route from the airport.

Team manager Richard Moeller-Nielsen told Danish television that he attributed the victory to good teamwork.

Clutching the European Cup trophy, he said: "It says on the Cup that Germany won it in 1980, France in 1984 and the Netherlands in 1988 — these are the most important teams we beat in Sweden, so it's fitting that we won in 1992."

"My goal in the final against Germany was the most important event in my entire life," said midfielder player John Jensen, scorer of Denmark's first goal.

"Let's face it, we never thought we would beat the Germans."

"The victory to tally numbered us, we were so stunned that we found it very difficult to celebrate afterwards," said goalkeeper Peter Schmetchel, whose brilliant saves against persistent German attacks in the second half were a key factor in the Danes' triumph.

Observers said that the celebrations in Copenhagen on Friday and Saturday were the greatest spontaneous festivities the Danish capital had seen since its liberation in 1945 from Nazi occupation.

Fans who watched the match live on huge television

screens in Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens and central squares on Friday night went wild after Denmark's victory.

Cavalades of cars poured into the city centre, hooting horns and brandishing banners. Some fans jumped into fountains, others wandered in happy beer-drinking groups round the city centre's pedestrian areas.

Police said the last tired fans left central Copenhagen around 5 am on Saturday morning. They said there had been no violence or hooliganism, only traffic problems.

Danish Prime Minister Poul Schluter, attending a weekend European Community summit in Lisbon, said in a telegram to the team: "Over and above my own positive feelings about your creative football playing, I would like to send you congratulations from the leaders of the other European Community nations."

For little Denmark to reach the final at all was a national triumph — but to beat their powerful southern neighbour Germany made it a fairy tale come true.

# TODAY'S MATCHES

Rising Force vs Flame Boys (4:30 pm)  
MCCD vs Fleet Club (5:30 pm)

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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15 Mine entrance  
16 Dejected  
18 Coy  
20 Preferences  
21 Unruly crowds  
23 Ghostly cry  
24 Petula Clark hit  
28 Labor org.  
31 Swiss canton  
32 Lotion ingredients  
34 Debtor's slip  
35 Judge's bench  
37 Name for Maine  
39 And not  
41 Something extra  
42 Olivier's

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6 G.I.'s address  
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**Solution time: 26 min.**

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**ANTLER MUFFIN**  
**ECHO EGAD LIS**  
**OAHU SHE**  
**APT GENA AXLE**  
**SHORTLANDSWEET**  
**KITE DIOS SEA**  
**ADS EPEE**  
**ALL HOST DEJA**  
**GAI PAN INGRID**  
**OCTANE ORANGE**  
**GEYSER NARES**

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals G

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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03.00 Tennis Legends  
06.30 TBA  
06.30 Adventures  
08.00 TBA  
09.00 Alan Warren Outdoors  
10.00 On Pit Road  
10.30 TBA  
16.30 Outdoor Magazine  
17.00 TBA  
18.00 Prime Bodies  
18.30 Grand Prix Sailing  
19.00 Best of American College Sports  
21.00 Wimbledon Early Rounds-LIVE  
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