Krabbe & co. can run in Barcelona

LONDON, June 29: World double sprint champion Katrin Krabbe was cleared to run in next month's Barcelona Olympics after the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) decided on Sunday not to impose a four year ban for an alleged doping offence, reports Reuter.

A three man IAAF arbitration panel found after a two day meeting that the German Athletics Federation's (DLV) legal commission had correctly overturned a four years ban on Krabbe and two other former East German teammates imposed by the DLV in January.

The DLV suspended Krabbe, Grit Breuer and Silke Moeller after the trio returned identical urine samples during random testing at a training camp in South Africa.

On April 5 the DLV's legal commission overturned the decision and the IAAF decided to submit the case to its own independent arbitration panel.

The panel decided it had to uphold the legal commission's decision as it was correct under German law.

Significantly, though, it accepted evidence from Manfred Donike, head of the Cologne Drugs Laboratory, that the samples had come from the same person and that they had not been tampered with on the way to Cologne.

IAAF sources said the panel had been forced to uphold the legal commission's decision because there is no provision in the DLV's constitution for random testing.

"Under German law the DLV cannot make random tests, or indeed, tests of any kind," the sources said.

One of the panel members, former Australian Home Affairs Minister Robert Ellicott, said the question of the three athletes' guilt or innocence had not arisen.

German sprinter Katrin Krabbe leaves court of arbitration of the International Amateur Athletics Federation in London's downtown Knightsbridge on Sunday. —AFP photo

Krabbe herself announced the decision when she emerged from the IAAF's London headquarters on Sunday evening and said simply: 'I'm free. I can't believe it."

Breuer, the world 400 metres silver medalist, said: "Obviously we are very happy, we are extremely happy with the decision."

The trio's German lawyer Reinhard Rauball said he had been confident all along that the decision would go in their favour.

"In fact on the plane coming over I had the choice of water or Champagne," he said. "I ordered Champagne."

A statement from the panel — which comprised Ellicott, former Finnish Environment Minister Lauri Tarasti and Senegal's Assane Bassirou Diouf — said they had not found any serious breaches of the IAAF's rules during the random tests.

"One thing is quite clear from the evidence and that is that the samples analysed by the laboratory were identical and were the urine of the same female," Tarasti said.

IAAF general secretary Istvan Gyulai said he had been surprised at the decision.

He agreed that the trio had been cleared on a technicality and said he would be calling for legal advice to make sure the DLV's rules on drug testing were the same as the IAAF's.

"But the decision of this arbitration panel is final and binding on all parties," he said.

Slaney's Olympic dreams die

NEW ORLEANS, June 29 : Mary Slaney's Olympic dreams die hard — and slowly.

Slaney, who missed qualifying in the 3,000 last week, finished fourth Sunday in the

1,500 at 4 minutes, 5.43 seconds, to rule out a fourth chance at an Olympic medal, reports AP.

"I tried, I really tried," a tearful Slaney said after the race. "I really wanted to run in Barcelona."

Slaney made the Olympic team in 1980, 1984 and 1988. She has been to the trials since 1976, but so far all she's collected is heartbreak.

She was sidelined by severe leg pain in 1976, which kept her from qualifying for the Montreal Olympics. In 1980 the US boycott stopped her from competing. In 1984 a collision with Zola Budd in the 3,000 meters sent her crashing to the turf and in 1988 a virus left her weak and among the late finishers.

You can't blame her for feeling jinxed.

"But I'll still try again," Slaney said. "If not at the shorter distances, at the longer ones."

The frequently ailing Slaney came to the trials 14 weeks after surgery on her left foot for a partially torn tendon.

Slaney, 33, is not on the verge of relinquishing her chase for an Olympic medal, though. If she's unable to compete in the 1,500 and 3,000 in 1996, she will still be able to race she said. She would like to see the 5,000 meters for women added to the Olympic events, but if it isn't, she said she will run the 10,000.

And she feels there is still a chance she can add an Olympic medal to the US records she now has.

Long jump pit is Lewis' lot

NEW ORLEANS, June 29: Carl Lewis may be the greatest sprinter in history, but time may have finally passed him by, reports Reuter.

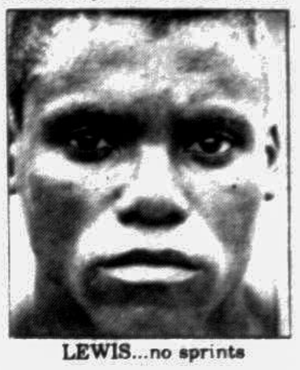
Lewis, winner of six Olympic gold medals, finished fourth on Sunday in the 200 meters at the US Olympic Trials, thus failing to earn an Olympic berth in either of the sprints.

The world-record holder in the 100 metres finished sixth in that race earlier in the week and qualified for an individual event in only the long jump, where he placed second to world champion and world record holder Mike Powell.

I keep getting these hints to be just a long jumper," said Lewis, whose Olympic titles include the 200 metes crown in 1984. "This may be the biggest hint of all."

Lewis, who turns 31 on July 1, was hoping to become the oldest male Olympic sprint champion in Barcelona. But those hopes were dashed when Michael Bates outlined him in the 200 for the third and last team spot by one-hundredth of a second.

World champion Michael Johnson placed first in 19.79



LEWIS...no sprints

seconds, the fourth-fastest time ever. Mike Marsh, fourth in the 100, was second in 19.86. Bates crossed in 20.14.

Lewis said his usual slow start did him in. "I didn't get out of the blocks well," he said. "That was the difference."

Lewis attributed his subpar showing here to headaches and inability to deal with the humid conditions. But he insisted he was not through.

"Some people are going to write me off," Lewis said. "This may be the best thing for my career. All I know is I'm going to the Olympics and have a chance to do very well in the long jump. I can concentrate on one individual event."

Both Lewis and the US coaching staff have left open the possibility that he could compete in the 4x100-metre relay in Barcelona.

Each team may use up to six members to comprise the four-man teams that will run three races. The first six finishers in the 100 meters earned Olympic berths, although officials may use other team members as relay runners.

Lewis would not speculate about his plans after the games, but hinted that his showing here would not hasten his retirement.

"I came here in shape," he said. "I still have some good days left."

Regis ends Christie's domination

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 29: John Regis shattered Linford Christie's domination of British sprinting on Sunday after a thrilling 200 metres battle at the Olympic trials, reports Reuter.

On a day when Steve Backley handed out a warning to the world's javelin throwers, it was the battle of the sprint giants which took centre stage.

Christie, in the best form of his life, had been beaten just once all year and hammered Regis in a 200 metres clash in Rome earlier in the month.

With his 100 metres victory on Saturday, his boasts have all been about the possibility of a golden double in Barcelona.

But Regis, who prefers to let his feet do the talking, has other ideas. "There was no way he was going to get past me today," said the 25-year-old, who burst into the home

LINFORD CHRISTIE

straight fractionally ahead of Christie and used his phenomenal strength to hold off his rival's challenge at the tape.

His winning time of 20.27 secs was two-hundredths of a second better than Christie's but Regis was in no mood for gloating.

"It's been played up as the Christie-Regis battle, but what it means to me is that I'm in shape and ready to go from strength to strength now." In third place was Regis's training partner Roger Black, who clocked a superb 20.65 — an encouraging sharpner for his 400 metres challenge in Barcelona.

With the selectors announcing the team today the first name of the team sheet should be Backley's.

The European champion outlined his golden credentials with an 88.14 metres first round effort, his longest since breaking the world record in January.

Yvonne Murray predictably outgunned Liz McColgan for the second time in nine days to win the women's 1,500 metres but the pair produced superb runs which bode well for their respective Barcelona 3,000 metres and 10,000 metres challenges.

Morceli returns at Helsinki

LONDON, June 29: World 1,500 metres champion Noureddine Morceli, who lost his only previous Grand Prix race this year, returns to the track on Tuesday in the highlight event of the Helsinki Grand Prix, reports Reuter.

The 22-year-old Algerian was unbeaten for two years before losing in Rome on June 8 to Italy's Gennaro di Napoli.

Morceli complained afterwards of a leg strain which had prevented him training and his form on Tuesday with next month's Barcelona Olympics imminent will be keenly assessed by his rivals.

The race was originally billed as an attempt on Said Aouita's seven-year-old world record of three minutes 29.46 seconds but promoter Tina Salminen said last week that the Algerian was now aiming only for a fast time.

Algerian champion 800 metres champion Ahmed Belkessam will act as the pacemaker in a field which includes Germany's world bronze medallist Hauke Fuhlbruegge.

The Helsinki meeting is the first of three Nordic Grands Prix with most interest outside the 1,500 metres focusing on the men's javelin.

Finland has a distinguished javelin tradition and Tuesday's field includes their former world record holder and 1987 world champion Seppo Raty.

South Africa's Tom Petranoff, another former world record holder, will also take part along with Swedish record holder Peter Borglund.

Organisers of Thursday's

MORCELI

Stockholm meeting have attracted an even classier javelin field with Britain's world record holder Steve Backley making his first Grand Prix appearance of the year.

Sergei Bubka, who raised the world pole vault record for the 30th time in Dijon, France, this month, also takes part and a group of top Americans are expected following the end of the US trials in New Orleans.

They include world 100 metres bronze medallist Dennis Mitchell who comes up against the exciting young Nigerian Davidson Ezwina, fastest man in the world this year.

The mile features Aouita, apparently still deliberating whether to run the 1,500 or the 5,000 metres in Barcelona, and Kenya's world 5,000 metres gold medallist Yobes Ondieki.

There times world champion Greg Foster had entered the 110 metres hurdles where he takes on Olympic silver medallist Colin Jackson.

Jackson and fellow-Briton Tony Jarrett, the world bronze medallist, are now hot favourites for the Olympic title along with American Jack Pierce after Foster and defending Olympic champion Roger Kingdom failed to make the US team.

The Nordic circuit ends with Oslo's Bislett Games on Saturday and the usual strong field had been assembled for the dream mile.

Morceli has entered for the mile along with Britain's commonwealth champion Peter Elliott in an important race for both men.

World champion Michael Johnson, who ran the fourth fastest 200 metres ever at the US Trials on Sunday. Has entered for the 200 in Oslo where he is due to meet world silver medallist Frankie Fredericks of Namibia and Britain's European 100 metres gold medallist Linford Christie.

Daley Thompson is special

LONDON, June 29: British track officials broke their own rules Monday to give decathlete Daley Thompson a last chance to qualify for his fifth Olympic Games in Barcelona,

DALEY THOMPSON

reports AP.

Track officials said before Sunday's AAA Championships no athlete would be given extra time to qualify, but announced Monday that Thompson had until July 10 to achieve the qualifying standard of 7,850 points. David Bigham, a 20-year-old from London, is the only British athlete to achieve the standard this year.

Tony Ward, a spokesman for the team selectors, said, "I can understand that it might be seen as controversial, but we've made a special exception for a special man — Daley Thompson. We think we owe it to him."

Thompson, 33, set the current world record of 8,847 points in 1984, won Olympic gold at Moscow and Los Angeles, the world championship in 1986, two European Championships and three Commonwealth titles.

But he has not completed a decathlon for four years, and did not compete in Sunday's official British Olympic qualifying meet in Birmingham.

Thompson wrote to selectors, saying he will recover from a shoulder injury before the start of the Olympics on July 25.

"It's because Daley is a legend," Ward said. "If a man of his calibre writes to us to ask for extra time, we felt he had to be given it."

Thompson may travel to Norway next week to try to qualify.

"I've been fortuhate to have been given this chance," Thompson said. "This is more than I could have hoped for. It's nice of the people to give me this opportunity. I am very ring rusty, but my fitness is very good and I am going to be looking around for a decathlon to do in the next 12 days."

British officials named a 99-strong team for Barcelona, including eight European champions, world 10,000 meter champions Liz McColgan, and Tessa Sander.

Petranoff sets African record

PAMPLEMOUSSES, Mauritius, June 29: South Africa's Tom Petranoff set a continental javelin record of 87.26 meters (286 feet-3 inches) on Sunday, winning the event on the final day of the African Athletics Championships, reports AP.

It was the third African record set at the games, which were dominated by the long-ostracized South Africans.

South Africa, banned from the previous seven championships because of apartheid, won 16 gold medals in the four-day competition and more than 40 medals altogether.

Kenya and Nigeria each won a 15 medals.

Petranoff set a world record of 99.72 meters (327-2) in 1983, with the older, no-longer used javelin, when he was a US citizen. He has since taken South African citizenship and hopes to represent the country in Barcelona, Spain, at the Summer Olympics.

Also Sunday, Lucienne N'Da of Ivory Coast cleared 1.95 meters (6-4 3-4) in the high jump, bettering the African she shared with South Africa's Charmaine Weavers by 1 centimeter (half inch).

The other African record was set Saturday when Tulu Daratu of Ethiopia coasted to victory in the women's 10,000 meters in 31 minutes, 32.56 seconds, eight seconds faster than the record.

Ethiopian women dominated their events.

Daratu won another dominated their events.

Daratu won another gold medal Sunday in the 3,000 with a time of 9:01.12. Hailu Mariam of Ethiopia also won a gold medal Sunday, running the 800 meters in 2:06.20.

South African athletes swept both the javelin and women's 200, finishing in the top three spots in both competitions.

Despite being banned from international track for years because of apartheid, South African athletes in recent years have recorded times and distances good enough for African records. Sanctions prevented them from being recognized, however.

In other events Sunday, Ayodele Aladefa of Nigeria took the gold medal in the long jump by clearing 7.96 meters (26-1 1-2).

South Africa won the men's 400 relay in 3:06.95, while Nigeria won the women's in 3:33.13.

The gold in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase also went to South Africa, with Whaddon Niewoudt winning it in 8:26.44.

Charles Nkazamyampi of Burundi took the gold in the men's 800 meters with a time of 1:46.95. Victor Omagbemi of Nigeria won the 200 in 21.20.

Curtain falls on US trials

NEW ORLEANS, June 29: Michael Johnson won his celebrated duel with Carl Lewis in the 200 meters and Gail Devers made American history as the US Olympic trials ended Sunday with several scintillating and disappointing performances, reports AP.

It appeared to mark the coming of the young lions in track and field and the passing of the old guard.

Among those failing to make the team Sunday were Roger Kingdom, Greg Foster, Mary Slaney and Stev Scott.

Three women — Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Gwen Torrence and Connie Price-Smith — were the only double winners during the 10-day meet at Tad Gormley stadium.

Lewis, one of the greatest sprinters of all time and winner of six Olympic gold medals, finished fourth in the 200, .01 second behind unheralded Michael Bates. Only .03 seconds separated third from sixth places as Johnson sped across the finish line in 19.79 seconds, equalling the fourth-fastest time in history.

Lewis, the 1984 Olympic gold medalist, 1988 silver medalist and co-American record-holder at 19-75, was timed in 20.15, behind Johnson, Mike Marsh (19.86) and Bates (20.14), a wide receiver from Arizona who was taken in the sixth round of the NFL draft by the Seattle Seahawks.

Lewis, the two-time Olympic gold medalist in the 100, also failed to make the team in that event, placing sixth in the final June 20. He finished second to world-record holder Mike Powell in the long jump.

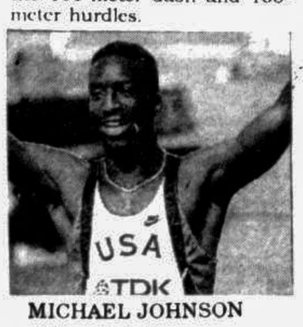
"I thought I had it (third place)," the disconsolate Lewis said. "I was very surprised when they announced the result."

This was the first time Johnson, ranked No. 1 in the world the last two years, and Lewis ever had met in a final.

Johnson, the 1991 world champion who was running in lane eight, bolted toward the front quickly, along with Marsh. As they rounded the curve, Johnson edged ahead and raced to the finish uncontested.

Just behind Lewis were Leroy Burrell (20.16) and James Trapp (20.17).

The remarkable Devers, who came within two days of having her feet amputated in March 1991 after suffering from Graves' Disease, became the first American ever to qualify for the Olympic team in the 100-meter dash and 100-meter hurdles.



MICHAEL JOHNSON

After finishing second to Gwen Torrence in the 100 June 20, Devers blazed over the hurdles Sunday in 12.55 seconds, the second-fastest performance ever by an American, and the second-fastest performer in the world this year. Her 12.48 last Sept. 10 is the best time ever run by an American.

Devers blasted out of the blocks quickly and sprinted away from the field.

Jackie Joyner-Kersee, the 1988 Olympic gold medalist in the heptathlon and long jump, earned the right to defend both titles by winning the long jump Sunday at 23 feet, 2 3/4 inches (7.01 meters, 6.98 cms). She reached that distance on her first jump, then passed her final five attempts.

Earlier in the meet, she easily won the heptathlon.

Torrence, who earlier won the 100 meters, took the 200 in a swift 22.03, the fastest in the world this year.

Last year, she finished second in both and 100 and 200 to Germany's Katrin Krabbe at the World Championships.

Price-Smith, who won the discus earlier, took the women's shot put at 62-6 1/2 (18.91 meters, 16.51 cms), the best by an American this year, in becoming the first to win both events at the trials since Earlene Brown in 1960.

Kingdom, the two-time Olympic gold medalist, and Foster, the 1984 Olympic silver medalist and three-time world champion, both ran out in the 110-meter hurdles, won by Jack pierce in 13.13, a meet record.

Foster finished fourth in 13.32 just behind Tony Dees (13.23) and Arthur Blake (13.30), while Kingdom, trying to battle back from reconstructive knee surgery and two hamstring injuries, crashed at the 10th hurdle and did not finish.

PattiSue Plumer the 3,000-meter champion, made the team in her second event by finishing second to Regina Jacobs in the 1,500 meters, as Slaney wound up fourth.

In Sunday's other final, Hollis, Conway, the 1988 Olympic silver medalist in the high jump, won in a meet-record 7-8 1/2 (2.1 meters, 21.59 cms), the best by an American this year. Darrin Plab, the NCAA champion from Southern Illinois, finished second, also at 7-8 1/2 (2.1 meters, 21.59 cms), a personal best, but lost out to Conway on misses.

Monsoon handball

The 1992 monsoon handball tournament under the aegis of the Bangladesh Handball Federation will begin in the city from July 15.

The tourney, sponsored by Phoenix Insurance Company Ltd, will remain open to all.

Interested clubs and organisations have been asked to contact the federation for registration by July 10.

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CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

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1 Dressed
5 Skip stones on water
8 Eternities
12 "...so — as a day in June?"
13 Spanish queen
14 Partly fused glass mixture
15 Leave out
16 "The —" (Bob Hope film)
18 Once, a man's overcoat
20 Gentleman's gentleman
21 Camp bed
22 — -tac-toe
23 Social division
26 Sicilian seaport
30 Sioux Indian
31 Fruit preserve
32 Rower
33 Gentle saddle horse, once
36 Maxim
38 Lease
39 Deceive playfully
40 Possession of value
43 Artist's color board
47 In ancient Greece, a public place
49 One of a Norse trio
50 Guinness
51 Actor Lowe
52 Cleaner's target
53 Comedienne Martha
54 Doctors' org.
55 Italian noble house

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1 Equestrian's need
2 Tibetan monk
3 Seed covering
4 Catch or discover
5 Warehouse
6 Med. school subj.
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8 Wipe out
9 Kind of exam
10 French resort port
11 Let it stand
17 Anagram of vile
19 Water tester?
22 Highland cap
23 Beat walker: slang
24 One — time
25 The sun
26 Settle the bill
27 Decompose
28 Small rug
29 Gold, in Seville
31 Word before set or stream
34 Swindle
35 Soaks flax
36 Wire measure
37 Danish seaport
39 Sacred shrine at Mecca
40 On — (equal to)
41 Spanish room
42 Weaver's reed
43 School dance
44 Spinners
45 Jog
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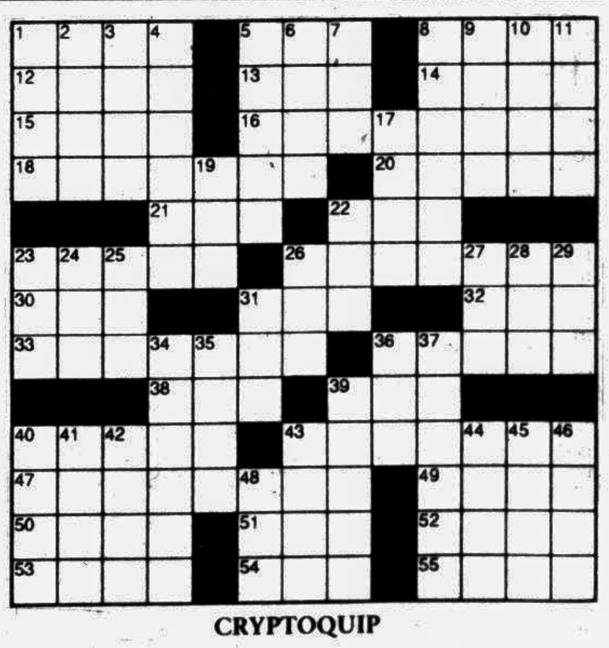

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals L

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.