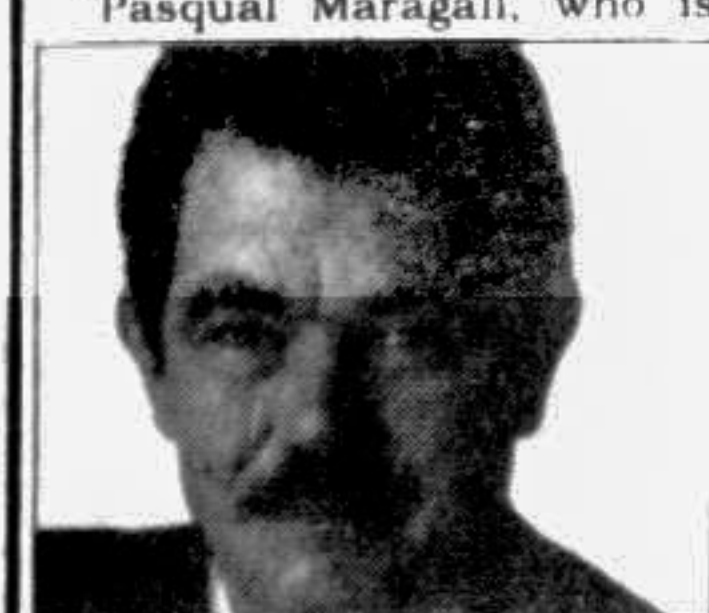


BARCELONA BRIEFS

Maragall's mollifier
BARCELONA, July 19: The mayor of Barcelona called for respect for the Spanish flag on Saturday in an effort to cool Catalan nationalist passions during the Olympic Games, reports Reuter.



PASQUAL MARAGALL

Also president of the Games Organising Committee, said people who wanted to wave the Spanish flag at Olympic events in the Catalan capital had every right.

"It is a common symbol of all the people of democratic Spain and must be respected," he told reporters before a meeting in Barcelona of Spain's ruling Socialist Party.

A bitter political row flared in the run-up to the Games, which King Juan Carlos will open on July 25, about how the Catalonia region should express its identity at the Olympics.

The Catalan yellow and orange striped flag and the anthem will figure prominently at the Olympics and Catalan is an official Games language with Spanish, French and English.

The Catalan autonomous government, while not separatist, placed two-page colour advertisements in European newspapers this week to plug its message that the region is a "country."

The first page shows Barcelona on an otherwise blank map and asks: "In which country would you place this point?"

The answer on the next page is "In Catalonia, of course," described as "A country in Spain with its own culture, language and identity." That is the only time the word Spain appears.

Maragall, a Socialist, distanced himself from the advertising drive.

The good thing is that people know where Catalonia is," he said. "There are many ways of doing that and it remains to be seen which is the best."

Catalan language and culture were driven underground under Spain's dictator Francisco Franco but have been actively reintroduced since his death in 1975. Autonomous government was also restored after the return of democracy.

Rules are rules, Sir

Even the man running the Barcelona Olympics has to obey the rules, reports Reuter.

Organising Committee chief executive Jose Miguel Abad went to inspect the Games ac-



J MIGUEL ABAD

creditation centre recently without the identity tag everyone registered for the Olympics has to wear and a young volunteer turned him away at the door.

"She told him 'If you don't have it, come back tomorrow,'" Pedro Palacios, press chief of the organising committee COOB, said on Saturday.

Abad, who had told the girl who he was, went back the next day—with his tag—and congratulated her, Palacios said.

On lap of luxury

Up to 50,000 people will stay in the lap of luxury during the Olympic Games on cruise liners and yachts moored in Barcelona harbour, organisers said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Some 12,000 a day will be guests on the boats and the floating hotels will be one of the biggest accommodation complexes in Barcelona during the July 25-August 9 Games.

A total of 400,000 people are expected to visit the city for the Games. The floating spectators, mostly guests of big private companies sponsoring the Games, will stay on 12 ocean liners, three large sailing clipper and 500 private yachts, a spokesman for the organising committee said.

They will include the Swedish royal family, the Dutch and Belgian National Olympic Committees and favoured guests of big companies like Mercedes Benz, IBM, and Coca-Cola.

Long jump Lewis' only hope

NARBONNE, July 19: Carl Lewis, his dream of four further Olympic golds rudely shattered in the American trials, is unlikely to be picked for the US 4x100 metres relay team in Barcelona, reports Reuter.

Six-times Olympic champion Lewis failed to qualify for either the 100 or the 200 at last month's Olympic trials although he will defend his long jump title at the Barcelona Games.

And although his sixth place at the US trials in New Orleans was enough to give Lewis a place as an alternate in the relay squad, US head track coach Mel Rosen said on Friday he did not plan selecting the world 100 metres record holder.

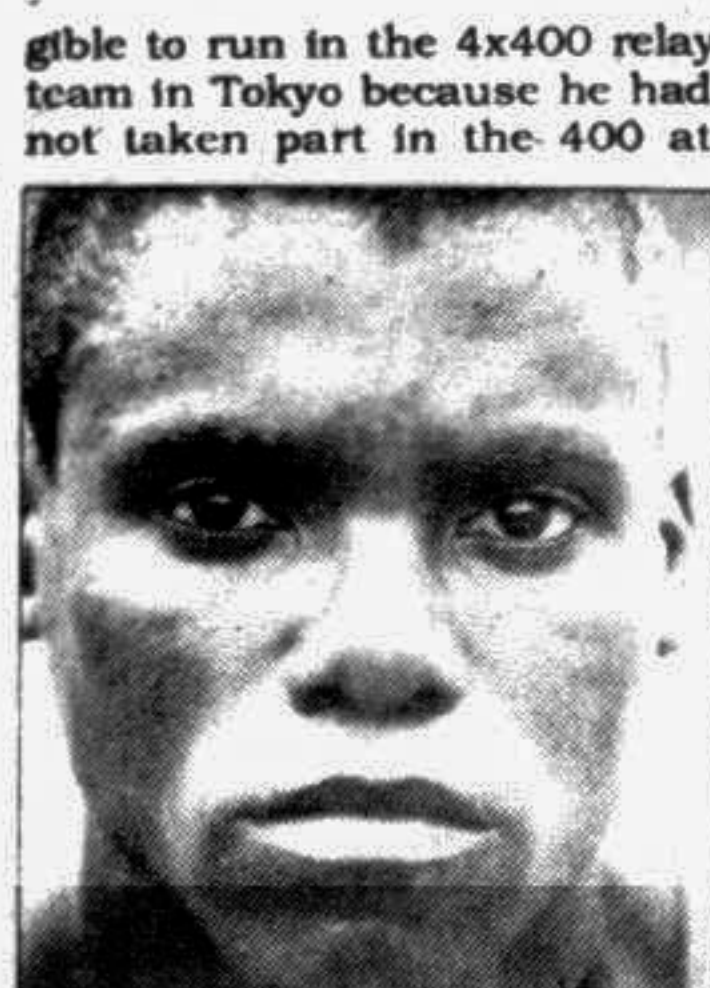
Lewis needs to run in only one of the three rounds to pick up another gold medal if the world champions win the final.

"Right now, the top four in the US trials (Dennis Mitchell, Mark Witherspoon, Leroy Burrell and Mike Marsh) will be included," Rosen said in an interview at the American athletic team's training camp here.

"The same four will run in each round. We'll see in the first week of the Games how they're all running."

Rosen plans to adopt a different strategy for the 4x400 team, who finished second to Britain at last year's Tokyo World Championships. Responding to reports that US 400 metres champion Danny Everett was critical of plans to include Michael Johnson in the final, Rosen said: "Nobody wants to run in the first two rounds but everybody wants to run in the final."

Johnson, the world 200 metres champion, was not eli-



CARL LEWIS

gible to run in the 4x400 relay team in Tokyo because he had not taken part in the 400 at

amended and although Johnson has opted not to run the individual 400 in Barcelona he can be included in the relay team.

"I plan to run all six team members during the three rounds in Barcelona," Rosen said.

Looking ahead to the Olympics, Rosen said he could see the American men's team winning six titles and 15 medals in all.

Bubka's brother wins pole vault
SAPPORO, Japan, July 19: Ukrainian Vassily Bubka won an international pole vault competition Sunday but did not approach his elder brother Sergei's world record, reports AP.

In the Nambu Memorial Track and Field Meet, Vassily cleared 5.60 metres (18 feet, 4 1/2 inches) at the Shibetsu Park Field, in northern Japan. Sergei's world record is 6.11 metres (20 - 1/2).

American Tim Bright was second, clearing 5.50 metres (18 - 1/2). Nambian Frankie Fredericks, who outran Michael Johnson and Linford Christie to win the 200 metres at the Golden Gala meet in early June, won the men's 100-metre dash in 10.16 seconds.

China's Wang Chunfang leaped 6.35 metres (20 - 10) and won the women's long jump. American Julie Bright finished third at 6.50 metres (19 - 10 1/4).

Li Huirong of China jumped 14.55 metres (47 - 8 3/4) for victory in the women's triple jump. American Sheila Hudson was second at 13.96 metres (45 - 9 1/2). Diana Wills Orange of the United States placed third at 13.11 metres (43 - 1/4).

Morceli eyes idol's mantle

BARCELONA, July 19: Noureddine Morceli was the prince-of-the-track who couldn't put a foot wrong last year but this season things haven't quite gone according to plan for the 21-year-old Algerian, reports AFP.

When he won the 1,500 metres title at the World Championships, 24 hours after compatriot Hassiba Boulmerka had won the women's event, Morceli seemed ready to take over from Said Aouita as the undisputed king of middle distance running.

The victory in Tokyo was the high point of an incredible year which saw Morceli win 19 of the 20 races he competed in, indoors and out.

Indoors he set a world 1500m record in Seville, nine days before winning the world indoor title at the same arena. Outdoors he was simply untouchable.

In Tokyo, an outstanding field including Kenyans Wilfred Kirochi and David Kibet and Germans Hauke Fuhlbrugge and Jens-Peter Herold, the European champion, was decimated. Even Aouita, who faded away to finish 11th, was left trailing in his wake. The new king had arrived.

Aouita, who has held the world 1500m record for the last seven years trained with Morceli at altitude in Mexico last year and staggered the young Algerian one night over dinner.

Morceli recalls: "He told me I was the only one running today who could beat his world 1500m record. I was amazed when he said that and even more amazed when he told me he had taped all my races in Europe and then proceeded to tell me my good points and my weaknesses. It proves Aouita is not only a great runner, but a great man."

Morceli runs today very much as Aouita did nearly a decade ago. Both are small, wiry men with huge reserves of strength, energy and speed. Aouita is also perfectly

placed to help Morceli cope with the acclaim and national hero-worship that has come with his success. For Morceli is essentially a shy, unassuming man whose life has been transformed since last summer.

"Aouita told me how to cope with it, what to expect," says Morceli, "and it has been a great help."

Morceli and Boulmerka were both awarded Algeria's Medaille du Merite, the country's highest honour. While some imams were upset by Boulmerka running in a kit they thought sinful for an Arabic woman, there was no condemnation for Morceli.

But despite all the acclaim, Morceli began racing near his home on the Algerian coast but thanks to help from Kenyan Julius Kartuki, the 1988 Olympic steeplechase champion, he gained a place at the Riverside Community College in California.

His coach there, Ted Banks, admits they had many arguments about training schedules and routines. "He's a stubborn, tough, little guy and that is why he's so successful. He also has a huge range of distances, just like Aouita."

At the start of the summer, Morceli was everyone's favourite to add the Olympic title to the world title he won last year, but with less than a month to go before the Olympic start, he faces an uphill battle to be fully fit.

A hip injury early in the season prevented him from training for 45 days, and at the Helsinki Grand Prix meet on July 1, a race he fully expected to end with an attack on Aouita's world record of 3:29.46, ended with him grimly holding on for victory in 3:34.89.

A week later he clocked 3:34.16 in the Lausanne GP meet and still clearly needs to go some way before being in peak condition.

If he fails to recover in time for Barcelona, his opponents will have a collective sigh of relief, but the Olympics would be the poorer without his precocious talent being displayed in its full pomp on the world's greatest sporting stage.

He is basically still the same humble person he was before last year. Even though he now travels the world to train and compete, he has kept close to his family.

His brother Aberahmane, who finished fourth in the 1977 World Cup in Dusseldorf, is his coach, while another younger brother, Ali, has already run 3:47 for 1500m.

One of nine children — he has a twin sister — it was his elder brother who inspired him to take up the sport eight years ago. Aberahmane com-



Akhlas, skipper of Azad Boys Club, receiving the best disciplined team award from State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka at the presentation ceremony of the First Division basketball league trophies at the wooden-floor gymnasium on Saturday.

What's good for the goose isn't good for the gander

JERUSALEM, July 19: Women athletes aspiring to Olympic success in Barcelona later this month will increase their chances of success if they include love-making in their training programmes, according to two Israeli doctors, reports AFP.

Mordechai Halperin and Alexander Olshanietsky, directors of the medical centre for impotence and sexuality here, said a survey involving 84 sportsmen and women had shown women achieved better results after love, though men performed less well.

The experts said their research among 58 male athletes led them to recommend abstinence for men for as long as a week before competing.

However, inquiries among 26 women athletes indicated that their best performances were achieved when they had made love previously.

Orgasm gave a woman greater motivation, strength and alertness, Halperin and Olshanietsky. However, it made men just want to go to sleep.

The doctors, whose clinic specialises in the treatment of ultraorthodox Jews, warned however that their findings did. Not apply equally to all sports.

In sports requiring a high degree of improvisation, such as football and basketball, they said, love making could contribute to a player's fitness for his competition.

Leng's lame luck

BRITAIN'S two-time Olympic silver medalist Virginia Leng was forced to withdraw from the Barcelona Games equestrian events Sunday when her horse was injured, reports AP.

Leng won bronze medals in the individual three-day event in 1984 and 1988, and was a member of Britain's silver medal winning team at the last two Games.

Her horse, Master Craftsman, suffered a slightly sprained left fetlock joint in a foreleg during the final training session at the British squad's camp.

Karen Dixon, riding Get Smart, will replace Leng in the team.

Leng said: "I'm obviously devastated and very disappointed. However, it's very fortunate we have an experienced reserve rider and I wish the team every success."

Jane Holderness-Roddam, chairman of British selectors, said: "We are all very disappointed. However we feel that with the same team as at last year's European Championships we have an equally strong chance of bringing back medals for Britain."

Lemond drops out of Tour de France

ST JEAN DE MAURIENNE, France, July 19: Greg LeMond, three time winner of the Tour de France, dropped out of the race Sunday after struggling with the mountain stages the past two days, reports AP.

Krabbes may come and go but Drechsler endures

BARCELONA, July 19: She may have been overshadowed in the last two or three years by Katrin Krabbe, but elastic-limbed Heike Drechsler was Germany's golden girl of the track long before Krabbe hit the headlines, reports AFP.

Still only 27, Drechsler has been winning sprinting and long jump medals and titles, first for East Germany and now for the united Germany, since 1981.

And she looks good enough to go on competing all the way through to the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 when she would still only be 31.

As long ago as the early eighties, Drechsler, one of the last generation of East Germany's "production line" stars, was big news in both halves of the country.

But she was officially discouraged from speaking with journalists from West Germany, many of whom had come to know her personally since her first international victory in the long jump at the 1981 European Junior Championships.

As one journalist involved in a number of clandestine meetings with her recalls: "The situation at times was ludicrous. For example, I remember after one Grand Prix meet in a foreign country I knew she was going to the post-meet party, but there were several minders with her."

"I ended up doing an interview with her by passing notes under a table with the help of other athletes, she would have been in trouble having to explain what she was doing talking to me, a West German reporter. She would always speak, but it was a question of being very careful about

being caught. Thankfully those times have gone." Just two years after her European Junior victory, Heike Daute as she was then, became the youngest champion at the first World Championships in Helsinki with a leap of 7.27 meters.



HEIKE DRECHSLER ... Germany's golden girl

the second best jump ever by a woman at the time.

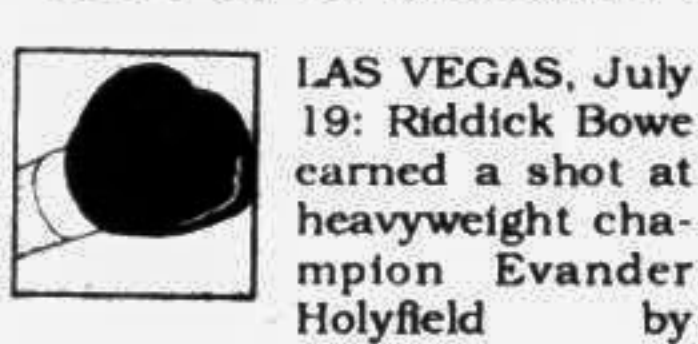
Ironically though her crowning glory came on West German soil when she won the long jump title and the 200m title in a world record time of 21.71 seconds at the European Championships in Stuttgart in 1986.

It was the second time that summer she had run 21.71 seconds to share the record with another East German sprinting legend, Marita Koch.

The following season there was more success with a silver in the 100m in the World Championships final in Rome. But a knee injury cost her the chance to retain her long jump title and she finished third behind her arch-rival Jackie Joyner-Kersey of the United States after having to pull out of her last two jumps.

Going into the Olympics, there is a familiar ring to the names at the top of the world rankings—Drechsler (7.36m) and Joyner-Kersey (7.17m). Get set for another battle royale between the two in Barcelona.

Bowe wins right to challenge Holyfield



RIDDICK BOWE

LAS VEGAS, July 19: Riddick Bowe earned a shot at heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield by battering Pierre Coetzer into defeat in the seventh round of a match that had a little bit of everything Saturday night, reports AP.

Referee Mills Lance stopped the bout with one second left in the seventh round as the crowd of about 4,000 at The Mirage casino-hotel boomed lustily. It appeared Bowe hit Coetzer low just before an onslaught of punches that led to the fight being stopped.

The scheduled 12-round fight between Coetzer, the No 1-ranked boxer from South Africa, and the No 2 Bowe was a World Boxing Association elimination bout. Bowe will now challenge Holyfield for the undisputed title Nov 13 at Las Vegas.

There were no knock-downs but both fighters threw thunderous punches, with Bowe landing the majority. Coetzer was cut under the right eye, over the left eye, in the corner of the left eye and on the nose, and the left eye was almost closed.

Late in the seventh round, Bowe landed a left hook below the belt.

"I saw the low blow and that's not the punch that hurt him," Lane said.

Coetzer twisted his body and seemed to be complaining with his hands low when Bowe nailed him with a right uppercut, a left hook and a right-to-the-head that drove the South African to the ropes. After three or four more punches, Lane stopped the match at 2:59 of the round.

After six rounds, Bowe led by three points on two judges' cards and by one point on the third.

He also led by three points on The Associated Press card. The match preceded an International Boxing Federation Junior welterweight title defence by Rafael Pineda against Pernell Whitaker, the former undisputed lightweight champion.

Bowe, who scored with an excellent left hook and short right uppercut and good 1-2s throughout, boosted his record to 31-0 with 27 knockouts.

Coetzer, who took some tremendous blows fought back gamely throughout, now has a 39-3 record with 27 knockouts.

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