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Parade problems prevail R ARCELONA, July 22 (Agencies): Olympic organisers said on Tuesday they were still insisting on a limit to numbers at the traditional opening parade - a decision

that has provoked protests

from leading teams. Josep Miguel Abad, chief executive of the organising committee said teams in the parade on Saturday would be given tickets for all their athletes already resident in the Olympic Village plus six offi-

Tickets not used by athletes would be taken up by officials, he said.

Twenty countries, including sporting superpowers the United States, Germany and the Commonwealth of Independent States, have signed a petition protesting at the Barcelona formula.

They want coaches, doctors and officials to be able to take the place of athletes entered for the Games who have not yet arrived in Barcelona.

Record numbers of athletes and officials will be in Barcelona. Organisers fear 55,000 spectators in the stadium and wreaking havoc with worldwide live television coverage.

Abad said a final decision on the issue would be taken by the International Olympic Committee by Thursday.

First Olympic record!

I EW Zealand's yachtsmen have set up the first drinking record of the 1992 Olympic Games -600 cans of beer in a fraction under two

stay off alchohol before big Barcelona Olympics, her events, yacht racers from all nation were knocking it back at a party thrown by the Kiwis on Monday night.

"We had a rock around the dock party. Fifty dozen cans | feeling much better and is of beer went down in two looking forward to participathours," said New Zealand yachting team manager Mike Clark.

"We do it every year for the other teams as it helps build up a lot of goodwill. You never know when you might need to borrow a screwdriver or might want to ask another team to drop a protest after a race. It all helps."

The Olympic regatta starts next Monday.

Never too old

58-year-old Romanian has A walked 3,300 km (2,000 miles) from Bucharest to Barcelona to be at the Olympics- and prove that old sportsmen can still get up and go.

lon Nelescu, a retired chemical engineer, reached Barcelona on Tuesday after noon 95 days after he set out from the Romanian capital and 11 kilos (24 pounds) lighter. He slept in a tent on the way.

"I came to talk to my compatriots and see the Olympic Games opening ceremony, Nelescu, a competitive walker in his youth, told reporters.

The aim of my trip is to show the retired that it is better to take part in life rather than to stay at home doing nothing'

The price of success

Swiss artist awarded gold medal for his work for the Olympic movement had it stolen 30 minutes later by a mugger in central Barce lona, police said on Tuesday. Artist Hans Erni suffered facial injuries in Monday night's attack and was kept in hospital for observation Police said a 26-year-old Moroccan was arrested shor tly after the incident and the medal was recovered

Erni was walking home through Barcelona, where the Summer Games open on Sat urday after receiving his medal from International Oly mpic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch in a ceremony at the city's Palace of Catalan Music

He was awarded the honour, known as the Olympic medal, for artistic services to the Olympic movement which included the creation of murals for the Barcelona athletes village.

An exhibition of his sporting art opens in Barcelona on Tuesday.

Midnight cowboy

South Korean midnight cowboy surprised security officials at the Olympic show jumping arena by taking his horse out to train in the dead of night.

Three-day event specialist Kim Hyung-Chil, wanting to take advantage of cooler evening conditions, went on the circuit at midnight on Sunday before stewards or dered him out.

Chief steward Paul Weier said he had told Kim to stick to more conventional hours.

From olive wreaths to millions

BARCELONA, July 22: In ancient Greece, Olympic victors won olive wreaths; in Barcelona, a gold medal can turn an athlete into a millionaire overnight, reports Reuter.

With proper grooming by a sports agent who picks the right contracts and markets the winner's personality, Games glory can mean instant riches.

For international basketball superstars Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson, the Olympics are just icing on the cake.

But for strongly-fancied Houston gymnast Kim Zmeskal, a Barcelona gold could make her a household name across America, selling everything from haircuts to orange

Zmeskal, gymnastics' hottest property since Mary Lou Retton burst onto the scene at the 1984 Los Angeles Games, is being carefully groomed for stardom.

"What I am trying to promote is a 16-year-old who is very appealing to mothers and children. We have done a lot of grooming. We have worked on her for a year," said Tim Heath of international management group, whose diverse stable ranges from golf stars to opera singer Jose Carreas.

This is the lull before the that if all take part the pa- storm. Companies want to see rade could drag on boring the how it unfolds. It is most important for us to get two to three-year deals," he added.

"After Barcelona, Kim may mot be on the stage anymore. She will really have to earn her money - attending trade shows, meeting consumers. We have to develop her as a per-

sonality." "It's different from Monica Seles. When she sings a tennis contract, all she has to do is wear the product or the logo and people will be watching round the world at Grand Slam

finals." The first modern Olympics



in 1896 were funded by the sale of souvenir stamps and medals. Barcelona is a millionaire's market place with firms vying for sponsorship. Long gone are the days when founder Baron Pierre de Coubertin declared: "The great thing is to take part, to win."

Disgrace spells disaster. Ben Johnson wept on television when talking of the millions he lost in sponsorship deals after being caught as a drugs cheat in Seoul.

Sports illustrated calculated that 40 companies are spending 40 million dollar in promotion and advertising to connect their names to the US basketball "Dream Team". It is being hailed as the biggest marketing deal in sporting his-

Among the stars at Proserv the sports promotion agency based in Arlington, Virginia, is Michael Jordan.

Proserv spokesman James Jolly said: "Jordan is already world-famous and has earned enough money for the first of his life. But this has got international exposure for the other

players." Swedish tennis star Stefan Edberg is hardly short of cash. But Olympic victory could give him more sponsor clout. "It would boost his international status as a top athlete and could add up to 1 million dollar to his commercial worth, Jolly said.

Stressing that an Olympic medal is worth way beyond its weight in gold, Jolly calculated victory at "anything from 35,00,000 to a million dollars.

In the case of swimmer Janet Evans, bidding for two more golds in Barcelona after scooping up there in Seoul Jolly said.

"People want to be in there

when she wins a gold. That gives her mystique. It could add 500,00000 dollar to her value." But what about lost ideals in

an age when the amateur is just a memory? "The money benefits the athletes," shrugged Jolly. "In the past they just earned national pride but that didn't pay the bills."

Zola fit to run in Olympics



JOHANNESBURG July 22: Controversial South African runner Zola Pieterse, out of form because

Unlike other athletes who of illness, will compete in the manager said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

"I spoke to Zola tonight and she confirmed that after a good track session today she is ing in the 3,000 metres," Brian Levine said.

He said her liver complaint was not bothering her as much as before and she would fly to Barcelona on Thursday.

Earlier in London, Pieterse, who ran for Britain under her maiden name of Budd, said she did not know if she would be fit enough to travel to Barcelona after the liver trouble was diagnosed at a London hospital

"Actually the illness is getting better - it's just that I don't know whether I'll be fit enough," she said after a training run.



BUDD-PIETERSE

Levine said the liver disorder affected Budd only if she dug deep into her reserves during races.

"Her training sessions are

saga began on Tuesday morning when the South African team arrived in Barcelona for their first Olympics since 1960. Pieterse was a notable absentee.

The "will she, won't she"

Pieterse has been the centre of controversy since she was granted British citizenship in 1984 to allow her to take part in the Los Angeles Games.

The move angered antiapartheid campaigners and she was again unwittingly in the middle of another storm when she was involved in a collision with Mary Slaney in the 3,000 metres final, resulting in the American gold medal favourite tumbling to the track. Pieterse returned home in

1988 and made her first appearance as a South African in Britain at the London Grand Prix on July 10.

Five protesters ran on to the track during 2,000 metres race and Pieterse later dropped out during the final

'Mothers' have a stake in the Olympics

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sumed training.

22 : Ever since nancy. Fanny Blankers Koen, Dutch housewife and mother of two, won

four gold medals at the 1948 London Olympics, athletes have been aware that having children may improve athletic performance, reports Reuter.

Scientific proof is still laking but if Liz McColgan, Lisa Ondieki, Gwen Torrence and Evelyn Ashford win medals at the Barcelona Games, child bearing will merit a chapter in training manuals.

"In east European countries 10 years ago I heard them say they like their athletes to have one child, or preferably two as it made them better competitors," says Dr Craing Sharp, consultant physiologist to the British Olympic team.

Pregnancy provides every mother with physical benefits such as high vitamin retention. Athletes in events such as distance running can also benefit from the 25 to 30 per cent increase in blood volume which accompanies pregnancy."

That increase in blood volume is exactly what happens in those who take part in endurance events," Sharp said.

"If an athlete gets in training shortly after childbirth, she can maintain those higher levels of (enriched) blood."

A recent American study also showed women who began training soon after childbirth could benefit from boosted Max VO2 the maximum amount of oxygen the body can process during exercise.

After training until the last month of pregnancy Britain's McColgan, the world 1,000 metres champion, restarted exercise just days after the birth of daughter Eilish in November 1990. Within 14 weeks she was winning races

Australian swimmer Lisa Curry Kenny, a mother of two who won four gold medals at the 1990 Commonwealth Games, says she felt having children cleaned her body out and stimulated hormones that would otherwise have lain dormant Many women athletes be-

lieve carrying a child for nine months strengthened their pelvis and legs while muscle capacity also increases around

BARCELONA, July three per cent during pregbest marathon time, continued running twice a day until the Scientists may have diffiweek before her son Gaute was culty in evaluating the exact born. His arrival led to a

physical pluses of childbirth change in her attitude to sport. but women athletes have no "After I had Gaute, life took doubt about the psychological on a whole new meaning. It's advantages. easy to keep your feet on the ground when you know that an American Mary Decker ice cream can have as much Slaney is not alone in believing importance as winning first the sheer pain of childbirth prize," said Kristiansen, who put everything she had ever will miss the Games through

> "Having a baby has been a big positive," says Australia's Ondieki, marathon silver medallist in Seoul and mother of Emma.

"She's wonderful distraction. When I come home from training, I have Emma to absorb my time— it's a nice balance."

However, it's not all sunshine and roses. Training, competition and traveling have to be fitted into the needs of unpredictable children.

Sleepless nights play havoc with the next day's performance and an ill child means training has to wait. Ondieki missed the 1991 World Championships after she injured slipping on spilt milk while filling her baby's bottle in the

Many mothers feel guilty about the lack of time they can spend with their children and cannot concentrate as well. When away from them Blankers Koen wept during the 1948 Games whenever she thought of her children back in the Netherlands.

"But over all motherhood appears to be a good thing. I've never heard anyone say it was detrimental to have a child," Sharp says. The only trouble is they might opt to retire when they have had them."

Otake stands tall

Japan's tallest man was the focus of a thousand cameras in Barcelona as he walked around the athletes' Olympic Village, reports Reuter.

and athletes had their pictures taken next to the 2.08 metres tall volleyball player.

for Shiny Wilson

NEW DELHI, July 22: Ace middle distance runner Shiny Wilson will be richer by rupees three lacs if she wins a gold at the Barcelona Olympics beginning on July 25, reports PTI.

A silver medal will fetch Shiny two lacs and bronze one lac, according to a press release of a private firm which has also announced sponsorship for her till the Asian Track and Field meet in 1994.

Indian to reach the Olympic semifinals in Los Angeles, will receive Rs. 50,000 if she repeats the feat, and Rs. 75,000 for entry into the 800m final. The 400m ATF gold medallist is competing only in 800m

nal stage. 60,000 per annum for the next two years to help her prepare

Shiny a few days earlier had told PTI that she would most probably be quitting after the ATF meet.

Wind takes away Drechsler's

SESTRIERE, Italy, July 22: Heike Drechsler and Mike Powell recorded the longest jumps in history on Tuesday with wind-assisted leaps of 7.63 and 8.99 metres respectively at an international athletics meeting here, reports

Germany's, European women's champion Drechsler was denied a remarkable world record by a wind reading just



lowable limit of two metres a second.

She jumped 7.63 meters with her fourth attempt - 41 centimeters further than Russian Galina Chistyakova's fouryear-old world record - only to see the wind gauge recording 2.01 meters.

disappointed Drechsler said. Powell, who broke Bob Beamon's 23-year-old long jump world record with a leap of 8.95 at last year's Tokyo World Championships, came

Aided by a following wind of 4.4 meters a second Powell leaped 8.99 meters.

"I 'll break the world record in the Barcelona Olympics" he

qualify for either the 100 or 200 metres in Barcelona, clocked 9.98 seconds to win the 100 ahead of fellow Americans Leroy Burrell and Mark Witherspoon who are both in the US team.

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hockey team struck gold at the

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Britain, whose men's

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TERRASSA, Sp-Munawar Uz-Zaman, whose ain, July 22: India country has netted three and Pakistan, the Olympic gold medals and is traditional superstill among the favourites this powers of world year. "It's very costly to have hockey, will be such pitches. starting their Olympic cam-

Smooth artificial surfaces have taken much of the frustrations out of playing on bumpy grass, attracting more players in developed countries like Britain and Australia to the At the same time, the pro-

hibitive cost means many players in poorer nations still play on grass except in international competitions when they meet players more accustomed to the fast pace of plastic.

Artificial surfaces were introduced to the Olympics at the 1976 Montreal Games and have now become the international standard. "On grass, nothing is pre-

dictable, here the ball turns true and players can develop more of their skills," said Bryan Olencross, coach for the Australian women's team, the defending Olympic champions. "It also means a much better spectacle," he added.

The state of the art artificial green pitches at the Olympic venue at the town of Terrassa outside Barcelona come from German firm Balsam, which says the pitches and related equipment cost about 700.000 US dollar each.

On top is a layer of green pitches, with just one each. tufted plastic grass and below a special sponge laid on concrete. The grass is watered heavily with about 40,000 to 50,000 litres - to allow players to slide, without the water,

players risk falls and friction burns.

Indian trainer NP Katare said artificial pitches had helped improve the quality of the game in rich countries, allowing them to rival the standards of the traditional super-



"Every country is becoming

said, "The lack of artificial pitches is huge disadvantage, but we don't want to use that as an excuse. That's the way the modern game is. We just

In South America, where

"We don't mind competing on real grass, but no one will

Indians irked by flight delay Games where two five star ho-BARCELONA, July



22: India's Olympic team reached Barcelona 24 hours late and cursing Air India for robbing them of valuable acclimatisation time in

Barcelona, reports AFP. "We have lost one whole day of practice," blasted chef de mission Asoke Ghosh, who was also furious that team members had to carry their own

"Air India had three months' notice they were carrying the national contingent and should have ensured the flight originated in right conditions. This is sheer carelessness," he raged.

"The team's flight from Bombay to New Delhi on Saturday was one hour late, making them miss a subsequent plane from Paris to Barcelona and stranding them a night and the better part of a day in transit", Ghosh said.

The hassle was terrible. We

gage ourselves. By the time we landed here, the boys were in no condition to go in for immediate practice." Ghosh had more problems on arrival, having to run

had to carry 98 pieces of lug-

around arranging soap and towels and a separate vegetarian table at the Olympic Village's dinning hall. "For some reason, the towels in the village were not

soaking up the water," he said. Though the Olympic Village offers a wide variety of cuisine, the Indian team is already missing home food, like it did at the 1990 Beijing Asian

tel cooks had to be flown in from India.

Pakistan tune up on a high note

TERRASSA, Spain, July 22: Pakistan tuned up for their assault on the Olympic men's hockey title with a blistering 8-1 victory over unfancted Argentina on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

But India, the world's most successful hockey nation with eight Games golds, were unimpressive as they succumbed 5-1 to hosts Spain. "We're pleased with our

performance and I'd say the pitch is perfect," said Pakistani coach Munawaruz Zaman after the match on the artificial Olympic surface at Terrassa. "We have no injury worries."

Khalid Bashir, Pakistan's best penalty corner-taker in years, scored twice. Pakistan, who last won

Olympic gold in 1984, are among the favourites in the 12-team competition along with Germany, Australia and the Netherlands. Reigning champions Britain are seen as relative outsiders.

Indian manager NP Katare dismissed the defeat by Spain as a low-key warm-up. He said his players were not willing to risk injury by running too hard.

"We've just arrived here. This is our first game. We'll try to regain our past glory," he

India play Germany in their opening game on Sunday and Pakistan face Malaysia.

However, no-one is blaming the Olympic organisers and

weightlifting coach. "All types of food are available here but not cooked the way we like it." Not included among the 60 team members who have

Hockey is again seen as offering India the best chance of

Ghosh is trying to arrange a practice session under flood lights for Pargat Singh's squad, to prepare them for evening matches, but otherwise there are no problems, "touch wood".

UK TV wants to wire soccer refs

LONDON, July 22: It's been done in America's National Football League for years; now English television wants to wire soccer referees for sound,

British Sky Broadcasting, the satellite station which has exclusive rights to show English Premier League games live, put the proposal to referee representatives in London

"We want the fans to hear Sun newspaper. "That is the should have and we are trying to give it to them."

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BARCELONA, July 22: Hideyuki Otake stood pa-

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Retired German, swimmer Michael Gross, known as the albatross because of his size, was dwarfed.

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reports AP.

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