BARCELONA, July 28: David Khakhaleichvili of the Unified Team won the men's judo heavyweight gold medal Monday over Naoya Ogawa of Japan,

reports AP. David Douillet of France and Imre Csosz of Hungary tied for the bronze medal.

Zhuang Xiaoyan of China won the first gold medal in womens event, defeating Estela Rodrigueaz Villanueva of Cuba for the heavyweight division championship.

Natalia Lupino of France and Yoko Sakaue of Japan tied for the bronze medals.

Womens judo was a demonstration sport in 1988 and was upgraded to medal status for these Olympics.

Chinese on target

BARCELONA, July 28: China's Zhang Shan, who had a perfect score through the semifinals, won the gold medal in the open skeet shooting Tuesday, reports AP.

Juan Jorge Giha Yarur of Peru took the silver and Bruno Mario Rossetti of Italy the bronze.

It was China's second gold medal of the day. Wang Yifu won the men's air pistol.

Earlier, Wang Yifu of China won the men's air pistol event with an Olympic record 684.8 points.

Serguei Pyjianov of the Unified Team took second and Sorin Babi of Romania captured the bronze.

CIS handballers outclass Germans

BARCELONA, July 28: The Unified Team, opening its defence of the gold medal won by the Soviets in 1998, outclassed Germany 25-15 in men's handball at the Olympics on Monday, reports AP.

Talantibragimovich Douichebaev blasted home seven goals, including three penalty throw, for the ex-Soviets, who led 12-7 at halftime in the Group A preliminary round match.

Germany led only once when Stephan Hauck's line shot gave them a temporary 3-2 lead after the eight minute of

Iceland, runnerup in quali fying paly involving Yugoslavia, replaced the Balkan squad and beat Brazil 19-18 in its debut.

German unification combined two handball nations of varying fortunes. West Germany won the men's handball silver medal at the 1984 Olympics boycotted by most of the former East Bloc. East Germany finished seventh in the 19988 tournament, where West Germany was not in the running for medals.

Sweden, considered among the medal contenders, got seven goals from Pierre Thorsson and overwhelmed Czechoslovakia 20-14 in a Group A preliminary round

When too much sun isn't good

BARCELONA, July 28: Team bosses have told athletes to keep off the beach at the Barcelona Olympic Village if they're serious about winning a medal, reports Reuter.

While tourists in the Catalan capital bask in the temperatures of around 30 Celsius, athletes have been told - sunshine can sap your energy.

"in many cases the athletes have been banned from going to the beach because it's not conducive to their performance," said British team spokeswoman Coroline Searle.

"Physiologically, it's not good to spend along time in the sun. It just drains your energy," she added.

Norway's team administrator Atle Schjott said some of the fair-haired Norwegian contingent had been using the Villages's two private beaches for an hour or so a day.

But he said: "They've all been told to take care and not spend too long in the sun. We're just not used to

Heiner Heinze, a German official, said German team bosses did not consider it democratic to tell athletes

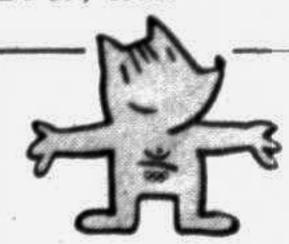
what not to do. But he added: "Most athletes are pretty careful not to go out there until they've

finished competing. Everyone wants to do their Not all the athletes need a warning, however. British

Virgin Islands official Brian Penn said it was 'not a major concern" that his five athletes spend too long on the beach.

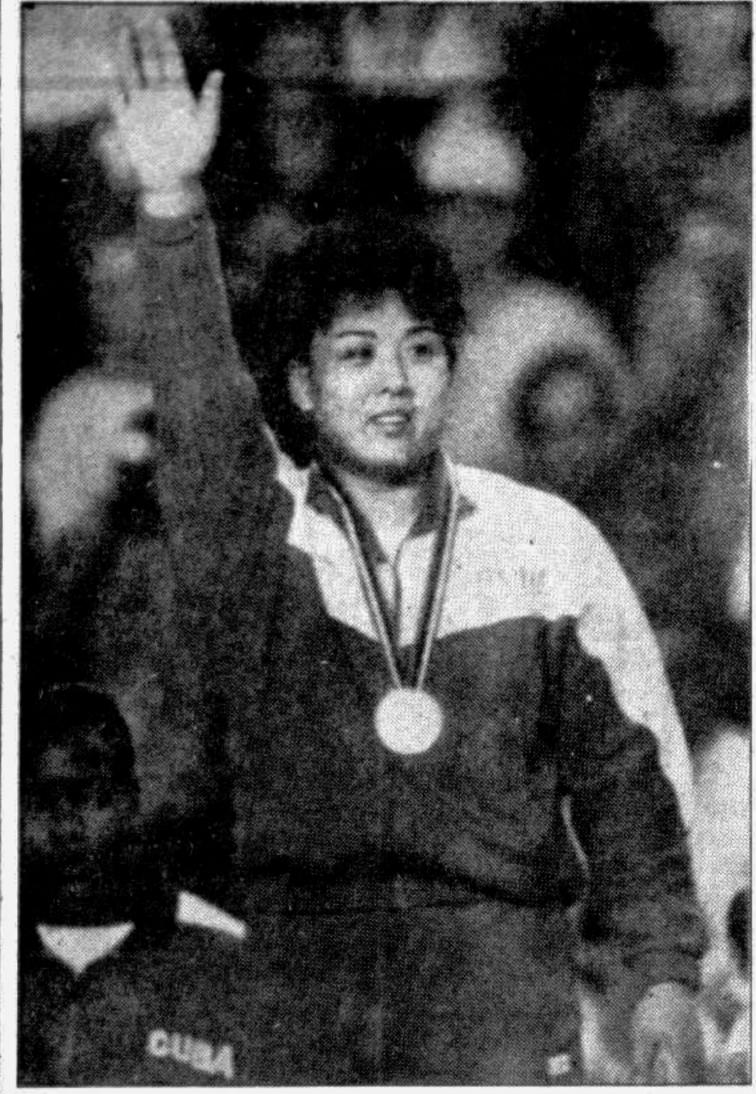
Four of them spend most of the day at sea practising for the team sailing. The fifth, high-jumper Karl Scatliffe, prefers to 'check out the Village" or listen to

reggae music. We live down in the tropies where it's 86 degrees Fahrenheit (28 Celsius) almost every day of the year. We know all about the sun," Penn said.



OLYMPIC SPECIAL





Chinese juduka Zhuang Xiaoyan waves after winning the heavyweight gold in Barcelona Monday. - AFP photo

Pargat India's hero



TERRASSA, Spain, July 28: Eighttimes Olympic champions India squeezed past outsiders Argen-

tina 1-0 in an Olympic men's hockey match today after captain Pargat Singh slammed in an early goal from a penalty corner, reports Reuter.

India, the most successful hockey nation this century but without an Olympic win since 1980, failed to score from a series of chances as they pressured the tightlyguarded Argentine goal from long stretches.

Penalty corner expert Pargat scored in the fifth minute from the set-piece, with his shot bouncing off two defenders before going in. Argentina, eighth in the

Scoul Games and the Pan-American Champions, concentrated on defence and rarely got within striking district of the Indian goal. "We're very pleased, we got

our two points even though we missed a lot of chances," said Indian coach Balkishen Singh after the match in Terrassa, outside Barcelona In their first match on

Sunday, India lost 3-0 to Germany, the favourites for the Olympic crown. Other teams tipped for gold include Australia, Pakistan and The Netherlands.

The CIS men's team came from behind to thrash fellow outsiders Malaysia 7-3 on Tuesday, wrapping up the game with five goals in a blistering spell in the last 22 min-

The game was almost a repeat of the two teams' previous match in last year's Olympic qualifying tournament when the CIS, bronze medallists in the Moscow Olympics, beat the

AUSSIES WIN

BARCELONA, July 28: Australia, led by two goals from Lee Bodimeade, came back easily from an early deficit and downed Egypt 5-1 in a Group A preliminary match at the Olympic field hockey tournament, reports AP.

Malaysians 6-2 in the sem-finals.

Malaysia, the more skilful side, dominated large stretches of today's game and led 3-2 at half time.

But the CIS made their more direct style tell after the break. Sergei Plechakov, Berik Sexenbaev and Igor Ultchiev scored twice for the CIS, while Yevgeni Netchaev scored once. Mirnawan Nawawi, Chiow

Lim and Nor Saiful Nasiruddin scored for Malaysia. Malaysia lost 4-1 to Pakistan

on Sunday in their first Olympic game



Women's 200m freestyle swimming champion Nicole Haislett of the United States celebrates on the podium in Barcelona Monday. - AFP photo

A wide open field opens Friday Poles shock fancied Italians onships - a fact he was not BARCELONA, July



BARCELONA, July 28: American sprinters, African distance men and European field exponents could carve up the medals when the

Olympic men's athletics competition starts on Friday, reports Reuter. The United States will be represented by Michael John-

son, the man who has replaced

Carl Lewis as the world's top sprinter. Kenya will field world 5,000 metres champion Mobes distances Ondieki at the head of a supremely talented middle distance squad. And Europe supplies the greatest field ath-

pole vaulter Sergei Bubka. Johnson is on course to become only the second man to set a world record in an

Olympic 200 metres final. His 19.79 seconds for the 200 metres in the least favourbale lane at the US trials was the fourth fastest run of all time and if Johnson is in any sort of form at all the remainder of the field will be running

for silver. Ondieki believes he is in better shape than last year when he won the World Championship with a bold, and typically Kenyan, run from the

Bubka is beatable, as he showed when losing his European title in Split, Yugoslavia, two years ago, but he has broken the world record yet again this year and nobody can seriously doubt that he is in a different class from any of his opponents.

WIDE OPEN FIELD

Since the failure of defending champion and world record holder Lewis to qualify for the Olympic team, the 100 metres has been thrown wide

Leroy Burrell, silver medal list behind Lewis at last year's World Championships, should be the favourite but there are scrious doubts about his form since the US trial. And world bronze medallist Dennis Mitchell, the new American champion, has been regularly defeated on the European circuit since the trials.

So, veteran Briton Linford Christie could become the oldest 100 metres gold medallist at the age of 32 while Olapade

Ben back in Barcelona

BARCELONA, July 28: Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, who cast a long shadow over the Seoul Olympics by failing a drugs test has arrived in Barcelona, reports AFP.

Johnson, whose whereabouts had been a mystery to outsiders, turned up on Monday for his accreditation, the Canadian delegation said Tuesday.

Like many of the leading attractions here, the fallen ido will not be staying in the Olympic Village.

He opens his campaign for the 100m gold on Friday, along with current Canadian number one Bruny Surin, who has also turned up in Barcelona after rumours that he had pulled out through injury.

Adeniken heads a Nigerian challenge.

The Americans should sweep the 400, the 800 may be a battle between the gifted but infuriatingly erratic American Johnny Gray and the Kenyans while the 1,500 is anybody's race.

KENYAN PRESERVE

Kenyans have made the 3,000 steeplechase their preserve and Africans are likely to handle the pressure and the Spanish heat better than any of their opponents in the long

Six times champion Lewis, suffering a virus at the US trials, may be absent from the 100 and 200 metres but he lete of them all in Ukrainian has still qualified for the Olympics in the long jump.

Lewis put together the greatest series in history in the Tokyo World Champi-

slow to point out - but lost to the inspired Mike Powell who jumped a world record 8.95 metres.

Powell, aided by an excessive following wind, leaped 8.99 metres in Sestriere, Italy, last week and his duel with Lewis could be the competition of the Games.

Standards are not what they were in the men's throwing events, attributable according to some athletes to stricter drags tests.

British javelin thrower Steve Backley is determined to atone for his failure in the World Championships against challenges from the Finns and Czechoslovakia's world record holder Jan Zelezny while Switzerland's world champion Wener Genthoer should win the shot put.

Is it the end of Aouita?

RABAT, July 28: Morocco's Said Aouita, a dominant figure in middle -distance running since the mid-1980s, has pulled out of the Barcelona Olympics because of injury, a close friend said on Tuesday.

reports Reuter. Najib Salmi, a newspaper sports writer, told Reuters Aouita was suffering from painful muscle contraction in his right thigh. He developed the injury during a month's high altitude training in the French Pyrenees.

The world 15000-and 5,000-metre record holder had hoped to run in Barcelona over one or both of the dis-

Aouita, 32, won the 5,000-

metre gold in Los Angeles in 1984. But after operations on his calves, he won only a bronze in the 800 metres at Seoul and dropped out of the 1,500 metres after qualifying for the semifinals.

On March 11, after setting a world indoor record over 3,000 metres in Athens, he told critics he was back in top shape. "I would not like to say this

is the end of his career, but I am afraid it might be", Salmi

Aouita was going to Barcelona in any case to give moral support to the Moroccan team, which includes two of his potential successors, Khalid Skah and Rashid Labsir.

28: It didn't take long for Poland to score - about four minutes. It didn't take a

stunned Italy much longer to fall apart - about 48 minutes, reports AP.

Led by a goal by Andrzej Juskowiak on the first shot of the game, Poland outmuscled and then outplayed Italy on Monday, shocking the European Under-1 Champions 0-3 to take control of Group A in the Olympic soccer tourna-

The Poles went to the attack early, testing the left side of the Italian defence and scoring in the fourth minute. They took control on a 48th minute tally by Ryszard Staniek and then outlasted the gold-medal favourites in a game with 51 fouls, 10 yellow cards and two ejections.

The victory gave Poland a 2-0-0 record in the first round, needing only a draw against the United States on Wednesday to qualify for the quartersi-

The United States moved into second place in the group, ahead of the Italians on goal differential, rallying with three second-half goals to beat Kuwait 3-1 earlier Monday. The loss, Kuwait's second in as many games, eliminated the Arab nation from medal contention.

Italy will face Kuwait in their final game on Wednesday. In Group B, Spain became the first country to clinch a berth in the quarterfinals with a 2-0 victory over Egypt. Hosts Spain improved to 2-0-0 with

four points, while Qatar virtu-

days, get free tickets

Olympic events, free shipboard

meals - "lavish and often," says

spokesman Art Berka - and

free time to stretch out by the

ship's two pools or to tour the

bottom line from future adver-

tising is profitable. Berke said.

Prince Albert of Monaco noted

that the Barcelona Games have

a more festive atmosphere

member of that exclusive 94

member club known as the In-

ternational Olympic Commit-

tee. In town for the past two

weeks to attend the IOC's an-

nual session, he was joined at

He should know. He's a

than previous Olympics.

It costs millions, but the

At a recent party on board.

vancing by tying Colombia 1-1 to improve to 1-1-0 and three points. Egypt's second loss elimi-

ally assured themselves of ad-

nated them while Colombia have only one point and a minus-three goal differential. Qatar, who play Spain in their first-round finale on Wednes-

day, have a plus-one. After scoring twice in the first 22 minutes against the United States in their 2-1 victory in the tournament opener on Friday, Italy looked flat while the Poles pushed from the kickoff.

"The idea was to get a goal in the first few minutes for a psychological advantage," said Polish coach Janusz Wojcik. It worked. It took heavily favoured Italy 27 minutes to get a shot on

goal, and even then, the ground-hugging free-kick by Demetrio Albertinin looked more like a pass than a scoring attempt. But it was in the second half

that Poland really took charge. Staniek outraced Luca Luzardi to a long, low pass down the middle of the field in the 48th minute, eluded Luzardi's last-ditch slide tackle attempt at the top of the penalty area and calmly beat Francesco Antonioli with a 10meter drive under the Italian

goalkeeper to his right. That seemed to be all the

Italians could take. Luca Luzardi, who pulled down Piotr Swierczewski in the 20th minute for his first yellow card, was sent off in the 60th after bringing down Staniek.

Then captain Eugenio Corini drew a red card after he

members Princess Nora of

Lichtenstein and the Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg. Princess Anne, the Queen of England's daughter, also at tended and stayed on to catch the England-Netherlands field

hockey match.

King Carl Gustaf and his wife Queen Silvia are also coming, bringing the kids - Prince Bertil and Princess Lilian. They'll be staying on a ship the Svea '92 - chartered under the king's patronage to help Swedish firms draw business from other European companies using the Olympics as a magnet.

Ted Turner, owner of the 24 hour US news channel CNN, has also been spotted around town, scoping out the lay of the land in preparation for the 1996 Olympics in the US city of Atlanta - CNN's **AUS** Olympic Committee

party the other night was flowing with former celebrities one-time Secretary of State George Shultz and one-time Treasury Secretary Bill Simon. Another George was there, too. Looming tall above the other rich and famous are the

NBA pros who turned amateur

to steal the limelight at the 25th Summer Olympics. And where Magic Johnson goes, Jack Nicholson follows. He's expected to slip quietly into town for a front row seaty at the Aug 8 basketball finals.

nine men the rest of the way, threatened only once. "We reacted well in the first

argued a call, Italy, down to

half," said Italian coach Cesare Maldini. He said the game was over for Italy when the score was 2-0 and they had two players expelled. Poland received three of

the game's 10 yellow cards. "We expected a rough

game," Wojcik said. "I'm happy we didn't take the provocations of the Italians." US BEAT KUWAIT

In Zaragoza, Dario Brosc, Manuel Logos and Steve Snow scored in a 28-minute span to rally the United States and reinvigorate their chances of reaching the quarterfinals.

Ali Al-Hadiyah gave Kuwait the lead in the 16th minute on a header off a pass from Abdullah Saihan and it looked as though the Americans would once again fail to advance past the first round at the Olympics.

But Brose tied it on a freekick in the 56th minute and Lagos scored off a rebound off another shot by Snow to put the United States ahead. Snow added his insurance goal in the

SPAIN BEAT EGYPT

In Valencia, the Spain dominated Egypt, controlling 64 per cent of the possession and corners to the North Africans

But they, still took 56 minutes before Roberto Solozabal headed in Alfonso Perez's pass and gave Spain the lead. Francisco Soler added the insurance in the 73rd minute, blasting a shot from outside the

penalty area. **QATARIS UNBEATEN**

In Sabadell, Mahmoud Soul scored with an assist from Fahad Al-Kuwari with two minutes remaining in regulation play to give Qatar the draw.

Colombia, pounded by Spain 0-4 their opener, took the lead in the 72nd minute from a header by Victor Aristizabal. Qatar beat Egypt 1-0 in their opening game.

Ticket tangle

BARCELONA, July 28: Two hundred people turned up to watch the Olympics this week and found their seats already occupied because tickets had been printed twice, reports Reuter

Pedro Palacios, spokesman for the organising committee, told a news conference today a fault in the ticket printer had led to 200 being duplicated. He did not give details of

which event was involved but said the problem was settled amicably with places found in other seats. Palacios also said organisers

solving the problem of seats being left empty despite a sellout of tickets. This is caused by sponsors

were trying to find a way of

buying blocks of tickets for corporate guests who then do not turn up.

Palacios said the organisers

were considering a proposal under which the managers of cach venue would have the power to let the public into empty seats free of charge as long as they agreed to vacate them if ticket-holders turned

'It's not true'

D ARCELONA, July 28 (Reuter) : The president of Panama's Olympic committee on Monday denied reports by Spanish police he was caught selling tickets this weekend.

"I'd just come from watching the wrestling where the Panamanian wrestlers Ramon Mena and Luis Sandoval were competing and I was carrying a bag with a camera and 152 tickets in it." Meliton Sanchez told reporters. "I was heading for the

Palau Sant Jordi (the main stadium) when a policeman asked to look in my bag. As there were lots of people around he must have thought I wanted to sell them."

Spanish police said earlicr they had seized 300 tickets from Sanchez on Sunday.

Nuns wish rains away N UNS are working over I time to make sure it doesn't rain on the Olympics.

The 25 sisters of the Pedralbes Convent near Barcelona are praying to their founder Saint Clara for good weather after Games organisers sent them a basket of several dozen eggs.

The gift is an ancient custom among Spaniards who believe prayers to Saint Clara whose name means egg white in Spanish, can bring clear skies.

"A very pretty basket it was too," said Sister Clara, impressed by the gift from Barcelona Mayor and Olympic Organising Committee president Pasqual Maragall.

The nuns of the catholic Clarissa Order say the prayers do not always work. This time, though, they seem to have come up trumps after one of Barcelona's wettest Junes on record.

Saturday's opening ceremony televised worldwide, stayed dry and Monday was the hottest day of the year - a scorching 33 degrees Celsius.

Dreams washed out

T URKISH rower Ali Riza Bilal's Olympic dreams were all washed out on Monday when he made a bad stroke and fell in the Lake Banyoles halfway through his heat.

Bilal, Turkey's only rower at the Barcelona Games, capsized his boat when his blades got caught in the water and a rescue launch had to pluck him of the water and return him to

Bilal, was last after 1,000 metres of his single sculls heat, a length behind Greece's Konstandinos Karyotis but nine seconds off leader German Thomas

'Repulsive' relic

US member of the In ternational Olympic Committee(IOC) has attacked the display of a desiccated African warrior at an Olympic site, calling it "repulsive" IOC executive committee

member Anita Defranz said the dried out 19th century warrior exhibited at a museum in Banyoles was an insult to Olympic athletes. .She said the refusal of

the museum to put the warrior under wraps "seems to me to be totally repulsive. I regret it for Spain". The museum at Banyoles. site of the Olympic rowing, has firmly resisted mount-

ing pressure to have the

Botswana tribesman,

dubbed "El Negro" by the local press removed and buried in Africa. The campaign against the exhibit has caused a reaction in the town, which resents outsiders telling it

what to do. The museum has doubled the price of entry and now local shops are selling shirts and lapel pins bearing the warrior's image.

Boxing's Big Noise

T HE Dominican Repub lic's Sports Minister is not joking when he says he is a big noise in boxing.

Every day, whenever a Dominican fighter is in the ring, Cristobal Marte Hoffiz can be found standing in the upper area of the Olympic boxing venue shouting his head off.

"I enjoy my work," he said on Monday after compatriot Hector Avial stopped Gang Liu of China in the second round of their flyweight bout. Yesterday we won, today we won, tomorrow we will

win," he blasted in a near frenzy of excitement. "We are going to win the gold medal. We have been preparing for this for nearly two years."

Barcelona '92 — name dropper's paradise



BARCELONA, July 28: Gold isn't the only thing glitte-

ring at the Olym-Kings, queens; princes and dukes; divas and tenors; models and mayors; champions and stars - just about everyone who's anyone is here, was here or will be here.

reports AP it's a name-dropper's paradisc. Fidel Castro. Nastassia Kin-

sky. Nelson Mandela. Princess

Anne. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Up at the Palau Nacional that's the National Palace for those of you not on the glitterati circuit - King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia have invited 1,800 of their closest friends to a reception. It's not really a palace, just a stunning domed neo-classical building that serves as a museum.

Victoria de Los Angeles, a legend in opera circles, is singing. Jose Carreras, a native son and one of the world's most renowned tenors, is a guest. So is Irene Papas - you know, the widow from Zorba the Greek. Down the mountain from

the museum, in the azure waters of the Mediterranean, the cruise ship Vista Fjord is hosting model Kathy Ireland, music and film stars Quincy Jones, Nastassia Kinsky and Connie Sellecca, and boxing great George Foreman. The gleaming white hulk

has been chartered by Time Warner, one of the 10 interna tional sponsors of the 1992 Olympics. Alongside loll Coca-Cola's Crystal Harmony, Kodak's Cunard Princess, IBM's Daphne and five other gleam-

ing behemoths. As the evening breeze lifts the day's heavy heat, the ships blaze into light and the soft sounds of party music waft on the night air.

hotels, the corporate world is entertaining advertisers, businessmen and celebrities. For instance, Time and its sister publication Sports Illus-

trated, have invited more than 2.000 guests for the 16-day

Guests, invited for four

Aboard the luxury floating



Britain's Princess Anne (R) answers journalists questions while attending the men's free pistol competition in Barcelona Sunday. - AFP photo