

Judo results

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

Chinese on target

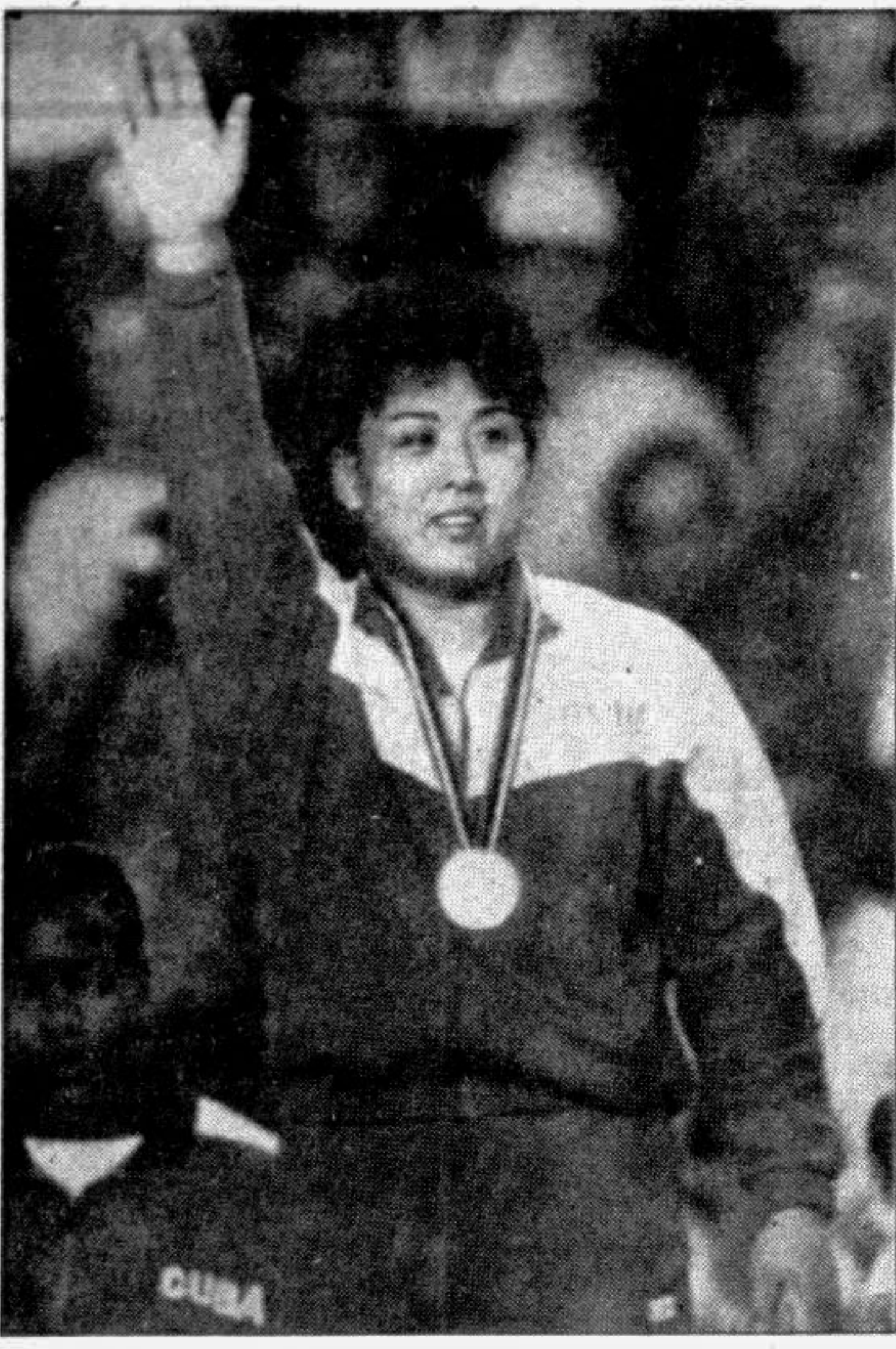
BARCELONA, July 28: China's Zhang Shan, who had a perfect score through the semifinals, won the gold medal in the open skeet shooting Tuesday, reports AP.

CIS handballers outclass Germans

BARCELONA, July 28: The Unified Team, opening its defence of the gold medal won by the Soviets in 1988, outclassed Germany 25-15 in men's handball at the Olympics on Monday, reports AP.



OLYMPIC SPECIAL



Chinese judoka Zhuang Xiaoyan waves after winning the heavyweight gold in Barcelona Monday. — AFP photo

Pargat India's hero

TERRASSA, Spain, July 28: Eight-time Olympic champion India squeezed past outsiders Argentina 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.

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.

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Polos shock fancied Italians

BARCELONA, July 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.

US BEAT KUWAIT

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

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A wide open field opens Friday

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.

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 jumps.

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 Zelezný while Switzerland's world champion Werner 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.

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.

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Ticket tangle

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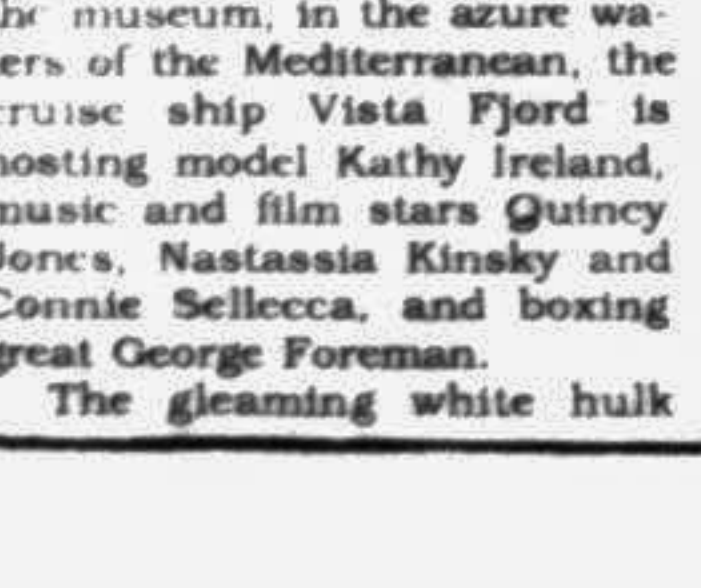
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It's not true

BARCELONA, 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 earlier they had seized 300 tickets from Sanchez on Sunday.

NUNS wish rains away. NUNS are working over 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

TURKISH 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 shore.

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

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A US member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has attacked the display of a desecrated 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 mounting 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

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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 fly-weight 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."