

German girls shock champs

TERRASSA, July 30: Germany upset defending Olympic champions Australia 1-0 with a late penalty corner goal in a women's hockey match at the Barcelona Games on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

German midfielder Britta Becker flicked high into the net in the 63rd minute from the set-piece after a match in which defenders on both sides stifled attempts at attacking play.

"I was very surprised to beat Australia," said Rudiger Hanel, coach of the German side which came fifth in the 1988 Olympics and has patchy form since.

He predicted Germany, which drew 2-2 with Spain on Monday, would be one of two teams to qualify for the semifinals from Group A after their final pool match against Canada on Sunday.

In the other Group A match, Spanish forward Teresa Motos scored both her team's goals as the host team beat Canada 2-1 to score their first victory at an Olympic Games.

Each side scored once from penalty strokes awarded after players deliberately brought down attackers about to shoot. Debra Covey, one of two players given yellow cards, scored for Canada.

Motos is the top scorer in the women's competition. She scored both her country's goals against Germany on Monday.

In Group B, Britain beat Seoul silver medalists South Korea 3-1.

British coach Dennis Hay said the victory was the team's most inspired performance since he took over as coach before the last Olympics.

Forward Jane Sixsmith created numerous chances and scored two goals for Britain, who were fourth in Seoul.

On Monday, South Korea hammered New Zealand 5-0, while Britain lost 2-1, to the Netherlands.

Australian coach Bryan Glencross said he had not given up hope of qualifying for the semifinals despite Wednesday's shock defeat.

Australia beat Canada 2-0 on Monday and face Spain on Sunday.

"We dominated the midfield but we couldn't penetrate the German defences," he said. "We didn't get many shots on goal."

"We'll be determined to get the right result against Spain."

Poles pocket pentathlon gold

BARCELONA, July 30: Poland's reigning world champion Arkadiusz Skrzypaszek took the individual gold in the Olympic modern pentathlon on Wednesday, helping to propel his teammates to the cherished team title, reports Reuter.

After the final horse-riding event, Hungary's Attila Mizser took the individual silver medal and Eduard Zenovka of the Commonwealth of Independent States the Bronze.

Silver and bronze in the team event went to the CIS and Italy, who climbed from seventh place into third with a superbly consistent display of jumping at Barcelona's Royal Polo Club.

Zenovka, the runaway overnight leader after four events, started off his jumping round well, but his horse fell after the 10th jump and made continuous errors thereafter.

Final scores in the team event: Poland 16,018, CIS 15,924, Italy 15,760. Individual: Skrzypaszek 5,559, Mizser 5,446, Zenovka 5,361.

Fischer-Spassky match Sept 2

BELGRADE, July 30: Twenty years to the day after his last public contest, chess maestro Bobby Fischer will meet old adversary Boris Spassky here on September 2, organisers announced on Wednesday, reports AFP.

The American, thought by many to be greatest chess player ever, chose to make his comeback here, where he now lives, to draw international attention to the situation in Yugoslavia and to express his disapproval of international sanctions against Serbia, the organisers said.

The proposed encounter will be in breach of the UN imposed sanctions.

On September 2, 1972, in Reykjavik, Fischer, now 49, wiped out Spassky, then a citizen of the Soviet Union, in one of the most famous chess encounters of all time and one which was inevitably seen as a trial of strength between the two superpowers.

Fischer resigned his world chess title in 1974 following a long dispute with the International Chess Federation and has lived the life of a virtual recluse ever since. His involvement with a religious sect reportedly left him ruined.

The winner of the September contest, scheduled to begin in an island of the Adriatic coast and be completed in Belgrade, will get 3.65 million dollars, the loser 1.35 million.



OLYMPIC SPECIAL



Britain bury Indian hopes

TERRASSA, Spain, July 30: Britain restored their hopes of retaining the men's Olympic hockey title by beating eight-times Olympic champions India 3-1 at the Barcelona Games today, reports Reuter.

Britain scored twice in the last 10 minutes to clinch victory over an Indian side which has now virtually lost all chance of advancing to next week's semifinals.

Britain's Rob Hill opened the scoring with a shot from a penalty corner in the 19th minute - Britain's only penalty corner of the match. It was his third goal of the tournament and 13th in Britain's last 12 internationals.

India improved in attack in the second half and Jude Felix equalised in the 53rd minute at a long corner.

Britain shifted to a more attacking style. Forward Sean Kerly, the top British goalscorer at the last two Olympics, scored from a pass

by Rob Thompson in the 60th minute and Thompson himself scored three minutes later.

"There was a total lack of mental concentration in our team," said Balkishen Sing, coach of the Indian team who have not won a major tournament since the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

India have lost two of three pool games so far and own one, against Argentina. Britain have won twice, losing the other 2-0 to favourites Germany. Both India and Britain have two more pool games.

"It was vital for us to win this match to stay in with a chance," said British coach Norman Hughes.

It was only Britain's sixth win over the Indians in 31 matches and followed three successive defeats.

PAKISTAN ON COURSE

Three times Olympic champions Pakistan overwhelmed the CIS 6-2 yesterday after coming back from a shock CIS goal in the second minute.

Pakistan, among the favourites for gold, have won three matches out of three and are strongly placed to reach the semifinals with two more pool games to play - against world champions the Netherlands and hosts Spain.

Igor Ulchjev gave this CIS a surprise lead in the second minute, slamming in the first penalty corner of the match. Pakistan levelled the scores but Ulchjev struck again 15 minutes later - from a shot which Pakistani players said was too high.

The CIS, including veterans of the team who won bronze at the 1980 Moscow Games, tired rapidly in the second half and the Pakistanis cut through their increasingly ragged defence.

Pakistan scored four times from penalty corners - specialist Khalid Bashir struck in two cannonball shots, one in each half. Tahir Zaman snapped up the other two from close range, once after the ball had bounced off Vladimir Plechakov, the CIS



Pakistani player Farhat Khan (L) charges past an unidentified Unified Team player in the men's hockey match in Barcelona yesterday.

goalkeeper. Musaddaq Hussain and Shahbaz Ahmed scored the other Pakistani goals. "We had a very bad start,

but in the second half we played our best hockey of the tournament so far," Pakistani manager and coach Islahuddin said.

"Our players are perhaps too old and we have had too little time to prepare for the Olympics," said CIS coach Oleg Ossintsev.

Abahani play in Hyderabad today

Sports Reporter Navana league runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra, now in Hyderabad, India, take on a Maldives Club in their opening match of the Moinuddiniah invitational cricket tournament today.

Should Abahani win, they will clash with the victors of the match between MRF XI and Modi and Hedge in the quarter finals.

Abahani left Dhaka on July 26 to take part in the 16-team knockout competition organised by the Hyderabad Cricket Association.

Niaz off to Oslo

Sports Reporter Niaz Morshed, country's number one chess player left Dhaka for Oslo, Norway yesterday to take part in two invitational chess tournaments beginning from today in connection with the traditional Gausul festival.

Niaz, who had his status as the best chess player of Bangladesh reconfirmed by the International Chess Federation (FIDE) recently will take part in a second tournament beginning from August 9.

The first tournament ends on August 8.

Tamasha' at Dhaka Stadium today

Sports Reports The soccer 'tamasha' between the Football Players' Association and Bangladesh Movie Artistes' Association (BMAA) to raise funds for the distressed footballers and actors will be held today at the Dhaka Stadium at 5:30 pm.

National TT date re-fixed

Sports Reporter The week-long seventeenth national table tennis competition under the aegis of the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF) will now begin from September 1, instead of August 12 as was earlier scheduled, says a press release.

Organisations and clubs affiliated with the BTTF have been asked to send their entries by August 20.

Schools chess

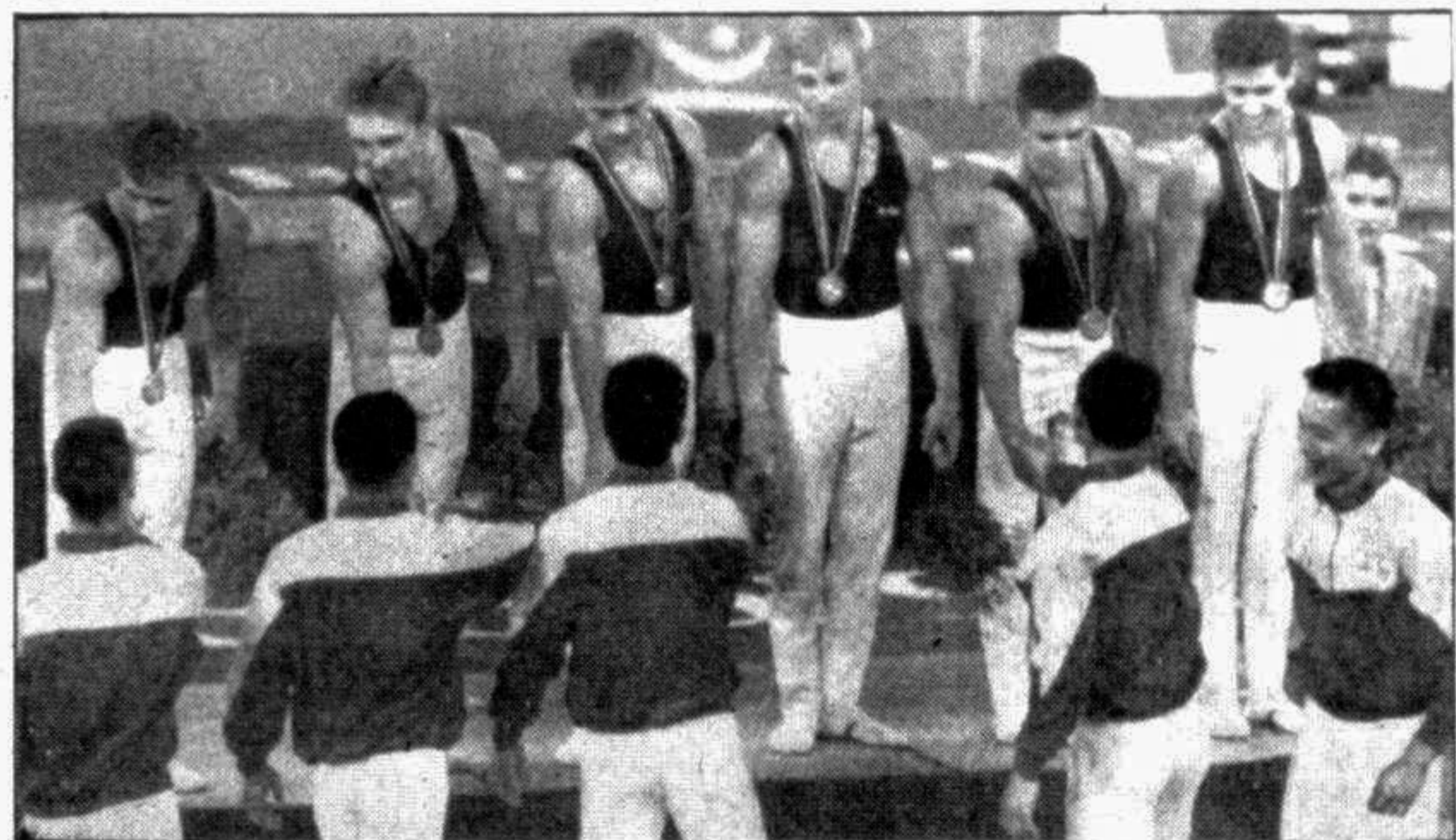
Sports Reporter Ten students with full three points jointly led the table in the seventh Bata schools chess competition after the completion of the third round matches at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

They are Pallab, Arif, Nazrul, Shifat, Bobby, Shakil, Mottakin, Shahadat, Selim and Hassan Imam.

Arif and Shabbir, who have two and a half points each, follow them. Ninety students representing 65 schools of the country are taking part in the eight-round Swiss league meet organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation.

Handball results

Sports Reporter The league matches of the 1992 Phoenix Insurance handball competition ended yesterday with Bangladesh Ansars and Bangladesh Police finishing as the Group B champions and runners-up respectively.



Members of the Chinese men's gymnastic team congratulate the Unified Team of the CIS for winning team gold on Wednesday. China took the Silver.

Cuban, Pole win golds

BARCELONA, July 30: Cuban Odalis Revé Jimenez beat world champion Emanuela Pierantozzi of Italy

in a grueling women's middleweight judo final on Wednesday and Poland's Waldemar Legien won his second Olympic gold in the sport, reports Reuter.

Legien, who won the light-middleweight event in Seoul, moved up a category in Barcelona and crippled his way to victory over Pascal Tayot of France in the up to 86-kg event.

Cuba's Revé Jimenez, who lost to the Italian in the World Championship final last year in Barcelona, pirouetted around the mat and off into the arms of her teammates after beating Pierantozzi with a series of superior moves.

The referee called her back to the mat to bow respectfully to the Jury.

Kate Howey of Britain won a bronze by beating France's Claire Lecat, who fought with her head swathed in bandages following a clash of skulls in a preliminary bout in the up to 66-kg event.

Gooch's purple patch

LONDON, July 30: England captain Graham Gooch hit his second match-winning century in five days to lead Essex to a six-wicket victory over Gloucestershire in the Natwest Trophy quarter-finals on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Gooch, whose heroic hundred set up England's fourth Test win over Pakistan at the weekend, struck and undefeated 105 off 159 balls for Essex, who top the English county championship.

Gloucestershire's total of 236 for seven wickets looked inadequate. But it might have been different if West Indian Test bowler Courtney Walsh had enjoyed some luck during a fiery opening spell.

The fast bowler came close to dismissing Gooch three times in his first two overs and then had Paul Prichard dropped on nought at short leg. Prichard made the home side pay for that lapse by contributing 58 to a second wicket stand of 96.

As Gooch steadily gained in confidence Prichard's dismissal and a rare failure from Mark Waugh, who managed

only nine runs in his last match before returning home to Australia, could not halt Essex's relentless progress.

Gooch brought up his century with a glorious on-driven six off Walsh and then hit a ninth four to settle the contest with 17 deliveries to spare.

Gladstone Small, England's forgotten World Cup pacesetter, provided the decisive burst to take Warwickshire nearer to the Lord's showpiece final in September.

Small, who played in five World Cup matches earlier this year but was dropped for the final against Pakistan, took three for 18 in a nine-over opening spell to leave Kent reeling at 35 for four in their quarter-final at Edgbaston. He ended with three for 28 from his 12 overs.

Chasing Warwickshire's 224, Kent never recovered on a pitch which contained the pace and bounce for the home county's high-class fast bowlers to exploit, finally scraping to together 161 to lose by 63 runs.

In the other quarter-finals, Leicestershire beat Durham by 45 runs at Leicester and Northamptonshire beat Glamorgan by 83 runs at Swansea.

Scherbo leads CIS to gold

BARCELONA, July 30: Vitaly Scherbo led the Unified Team to a team gold medal in men's gymnastics Wednesday night scoring 117.875 of their 585.450 points, reports AP.

The Unified Team, made up of athletes from the former Soviet Union, went into the optional round with a solid 2,525-point lead thanks to Scherbo who had the high scores in five of the six events in Monday's competition.

It is the fourth time since 1952 that Soviet athletes have won the men's title.

China, with impressive marks in all six events, took the silver medal with 580.375 points. The bronze went to Japan with points 578.250.

Germany finished fourth with Italy fifth and the United States sixth.

Oldies meet in welfare cricket

LONDON, July 30: Ex-Test captain Mike Brearley is to lead a side of former England players against West Indies in two-one-day international in Bridgetown, Barbados, on October 30 and November 1, reports Reuter.

The inaugural international cricket masters' games, featuring teams of ex-Test players aged over 35, will raise money for a fund to help retired professional cricketers.

Brearley's squad is: Dennis Amis, Phil Edmonds, Derek Randall, John Embury, Ronald Butcher, Derek Underwood, Wayne Larkins, Clive Radley, John Lever, Paul Allott, David Bairstow, Geoff Arnold and Bob Woolmer.

Clive Lloyd leads the West Indians, who have named: Gordon Greenidge, Alvin Kallicharran, Collis King, Seymour Nurse, Andy Roberts, Joel Garner, Michael Findlay, Charlie Griffith, John Shepherd, Vanburn Holder and Ranji Nanan.

Injury keeps Millns out of Oval Test

LONDON, July 30: Un-capped pace bowler David Millns, widely tipped for selection in England's squad for the final cricket Test against Pakistan next week, was ruled out through injury on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Millns, the country's leading wicket-taker this season, with 69 victims, sustained a foot injury during Leicestershire's defeat of county championship leaders Essex on Monday.

Boardman wins Britain's first gold

BARCELONA, July 30: Chris Boardman won Britain's first gold of the 1992 Olympics on Wednesday in the 4,000 metres individual pursuit, British cycling's first individual Olympic gold for 84 years, reports Reuter.

He stormed around the Vall d'Hebron track on a revolutionary Lotus superbike to catch world champion Jens Lehmann with two laps of the 16 still to race.

Lehmann won the world title in Stuttgart last year when Boardman was only ninth fastest on an indoor track, but after the Briton's first record ride in Barcelona admitted: "He is out of my reach."

Commonwealth pursuit champion Gary Anderson of New Zealand took the bronze

as the fastest losing semi-finalist. Britain last won individual cycling gold medals at the London Olympics of 1908.

AP adds: Olympic record holder Chris Boardman lapped defending world champion Jens Lehmann of Germany to win the gold medal in cycling's individual pursuit at the Summer Olympics on Wednesday.

It was the first time a race had been lapped in the gold medal race since the event was introduced in the Tokyo Games in 1964.

Boardman passed Lehmann with one lap remaining in 4,000-meter event, in which riders start at opposite sides of the track and try to catch each other or post the fastest time in 16 laps.

Boardman, who set an Olympic record in the event on Tuesday, beat Australia's

Mark Kingsland one semifinal earlier Wednesday, and Lehmann beat Anderson in the other race.

Unlike previous Olympics, in which the semifinal losers raced for the bronze, Anderson won that medal by virtue of heaving a faster losing time in the semifinal, beating Kingsland's time by nearly two seconds.

Kingsland had eliminated American Carl Sundquist in the quarterfinals.

On Tuesday, Boardman was clocked in 4:24.496, beating the Olympic record he had set a day earlier with a timing of 4:27.357 in the event.

Qualifying continues Thursday with five medal races set for Friday, in the men's and women's sprint, the women's individual pursuit, and the men's team pursuit and points race.



Cyclist Christopher Boardman of Great Britain rides to take the gold medal in the men's individual pursuit in Barcelona Wednesday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a solution key at the bottom.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with a 11x11 grid of numbers and letters.

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