

**Qiao, Deng win TT doubles gold**

BARCELONA, Aug 3: Qiao Hong, who twisted her ankle seconds before the start of the all-Chinese women's doubles final, helped Deng Yaping win a surprise Olympic table tennis gold medal on Monday, reports Reuters.

Quao and the effervescent Deng beat Gao Jun and Chen Zhe, the world champions and favourites here, 21-13, 14-21, 21-14 21-19.

Qiao had just entered the playing arena before the final when she decided to return to the changing room for some water.

On turning round she tripped over a small step at the edge of the stage and fell to the floor, clutching her right ankle.

She lay sobbing as a Chinese team doctor strapped her leg heavily. Qiao tested her leg gingerly but was obviously still in pain as the scheduled start of the final came and went.

Officials decided to delay it for 10 minutes to give Qiao, the number two singles player in the world, a chance to compose herself.

Qiao's ankle was treated again as she and Deng went on to avenge their defeat in the 1991 World Championships final.



**OLYMPIC SPECIAL**



**BARCELONA BRIEFS**

More fun than fitness

BARCELONA, Aug 3: (Reuters) Olympic organisers are concerned that fun is taking over from fitness as the keynote of life in the Athletes' Village, organising committee chief Jose Migel Abad said on Sunday.

Assessing the success of the Games organisation at the half-way stage, Abad said many athletes had already finished their competition and it was difficult to preserve a balance between relaxation and training.

"This is a matter of concern. It is hard to preserve a proper balance between training and recreation when you have athletes who have finished their competition but many others who are still in full training," he told a news conference.

Abad said the organising committee would raise the problem with the Olympic Committee (IOC) today.

"We will be asking the IOC to consider how to tackle this matter so that the relaxed atmosphere is not ruined for some while the necessary conditions are retained for those still in training."

Abad said the Organising Committee would not be making concrete recommendations on solving the problem. It saw this as a matter for chefs-de-mission of the individual teams resident in the Village.

"On the overall success of the Games so far," Abad said, "Everything is going very routinely, which is exactly how it should be."

Logistical problems which had surfaced, especially in transport for athletes and other members of the Olympic family, had been solved effectively and fast, he said.

A total of some 1.5 million tickets has so far been used for sports events, representing 86 per cent of spectator capacity, Abad said. But he acknowledged that while mass appeal venues had been much lower.

**Rumours denied**

Rumours that Barcelona Olympics organisers plan to break with tradition and cancel the athletes' march-past at the closing ceremony, were firmly denied on Monday.

In fact, for once, the athletes will have the best of both worlds, the Organising Committee believe.

Spokesman Pedro Palacios said: "For the first time the athletes will be able to watch the show from the stands and then at the end they will be invited to take to the field and join in the farewell procession."

In previous Games, competitors have had to wait outside the locked stadium doors before they joined the march past.

**Volunteers dead**

TWO Spanish volunteers working at the Barcelona Olympics have died and organisers put flags at half mast at their venues as a mark of respect.

Officials said on Monday that a 29-year-old man working at the water-polo venue was killed in a motor cycling accident.

A 73-year-old volunteer working at the airport accreditation centre died of a heart attack.

About 50,000 people are working as volunteers at the Games, being staged in the Spain for the first time.

**Aid convoy to Sarajevo**

THE Olympic city of Barcelona will send an aid convoy to embattle Sarajevo in mid-August after a cry for help from the mayor of the Bosnian capital, officials said on Monday.

City officials said food, blankets and other aid would be sent in a convoy of lorries.

They plan to send the convoy first to the Slovenian capital of Ljubljana and then on to Sarajevo by forest tracks to beat the Serbian siege of the city.

The mayor of Sarajevo, which hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics, came to Barcelona last week and appealed for urgent help, saying his city was in ruins.

"Hardly anything is left that is not destroyed. All the facilities from 1984 are destroyed," mayor Muhamed Kresevic said.

Apart from the convoy being sent by Barcelona, a meeting of 60 European mayors here last week pledged aid and help in the eventual reconstruction of Sarajevo.

They asked Barcelona's inhabitants to send money as well as material aid and opened special bank accounts where a Sarajevo fund will be collected.



Gold winning Chinese table tennis pair Deng Yaping (L) and Qiao Heng jubilate after scoring a point in the women's final in Barcelona yesterday. — AFP photo

**Susanti in final**

BARCELONA, Aug 3: China's misery deepened at the Olympic badminton hall on Monday when their second ranked women player Huang Huo was thrashed 11-4, 11-1 by top seed Susanti of Indonesia, reports Reuters.

After a black weekend in the men's singles when all three Chinese, including world champion Zhao Jianhua, were beaten, China were hoping for better things from the women on semifinals day.

But Susanti had other ideas. Playing her very best badminton, she raced into a 5-0 lead in the first game and Huang, possibly troubled by a knee strain, was never allowed into the match.

The first game lasted 12 minutes and the second just 11. Chinese hopes in the women's singles now rest with world champion Tang Jiahong who was playing South Korea's Bang Soohyun later on Monday.

**Indonesians crowd the semis**

BARCELONA, Aug 3: World champion Zhao Jianhua slumped to a shock defeat on Sunday as Chinese hopes of Olympic gold in the men's singles disintegrated, reports Reuters.

The top seed saved five match points before succumbing to Indonesia's Hernawan Susanto 15-2, 14-17, 17-14.

Badminton is making its Olympic debut in Barcelona and there could hardly have been a more stirring advertisement for the sport than this remarkable encounter.

Zhao's defeat, coupled with reverses on Saturday for team mates Wu Wenkat and Liu Jun, means there are no Chinese left in the men's singles. They were overwhelming favourites

for gold after getting three of the world's top players to Barcelona.

Zhao was totally out of touch in the first game, taking nine minutes to register his first point.

At 9-14 in the second, the Chinese looked headed for a swift execution, but he pulled back to 14-14, saving two match points on the way.

Calling on his deep reserves, Zhao went on to win the next three points and square the tie.

The odds looked long against Susanto at that stage, but the experienced Indonesian, joint fifth seed, kept his nerve and stretched slowly into a 13-7 lead.

Zhao clawed his way back to 14-14 after being match point down at 14-8. But Susanto, smashing as if for his life, proved the stronger when it mattered.

China's bad night contrasted with the Indonesian camp who were celebrating having three semifinals.

Earlier, Ardy Wiranata beat European champion Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen of Denmark 15-10, 15-12 and Allan Budi Kusuma defeated South Korea's Kim Hak-Kyun 15-9, 15-4.

The other surprise semifinalist is Denmark's Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen who scored a rousing 15-12, 15-8 win over number two seed Rashid Sidek

of Malaysia after earlier disposing of Liu, joint fifth seed.

In Monday's semifinals he plays Kusuma, while Susanto lines up against Wiranata in an all-Indonesian affair.

The Indonesian's bold show will be substantial compensation for their Thomas Cup team final defeat by Malaysia in May.

The demise of Zhao and his team mates may also cause some satisfaction following allegations of rigging by the Chinese at the All England Championships. Liu's victory over Zhao in the final shot him up the world rankings and ensured a third Chinese player in Barcelona. China has always firmly denied rigging claims.

Susanto's victory over Zhao was his first in eight meetings. The jubilant Indonesian said: "I did begin to lose confidence when he pulled back in the second game, but it came back.

The key to the match was the fast rhythm I had. I knew if I could keep up that all the time I could win."

Wiranata, one of the game's finest exponents, said of his victory over Hoyer-Larsen: "I thought the match would have been harder but the technique I used worked well."

Hoyer-Larsen said: "Ardy was very aggressive in his game, much more than the last time we met."

**NEW OLYMPIC RECORDS**

BARCELONA: Following is a list of the Olympic records set or equalled by competitors in various disciplines at the XXV Summer Games, as of Sunday, Aug 2 — after eight days of competition:

**SET**

**CYCLING:**

- Men: 4,000-metre team pursuit—Australia, 4:10.438; old record, 4:13.31 Soviet Union, 1988.
- 4,000-metre team pursuit—Germany, 4:08.791; old record, 4:10.438, Australia, 1992.
- 1-Kilometre Time Trial—Jose Moreno, Spain, 1:03.342; old record, 1:03.91, Pierre Trentin, France, 1968.
- Individual Sprint Prelim—Jens Fiedler, Germany, 10.252 seconds, Olympic record; old record, 10.359, Lutz Heschlich, East Germany, 1988.

**Women:**

- Individual sprint Prelim—Ingrid Haringa Netherlands, 11.419 seconds; old record, 11.527, Erike Salumae, Estonia, 1988.
- Individual Pursuit—Kathryn Anne Watt, Australia, 3:41.686; old record, 3:46.956, Leontie Van Moorsel, Netherlands, 1992.

**SWIMMING:**

- Men: 50 freestyle—Alexandre Popov, Unified Team, 21.91 seconds; old record, 22.14, Matt Biondi, Castro Valle, US, 1988.
- 100 backstroke—Mark Tewksbury, Canada, 53.98; old record, 54.51, David Berkoff, US, 1988.
- 100 breaststroke—Nelson Diebel, US, 1:01.50; old record, 1:01.65, Steve Lundquist, US, 1984.
- 200 backstroke—Martin Lopez-Zubero, Spain, 1:58.47; old record, 1:58.99 Rick Carey, US, 1984.
- 200 breaststroke—Mike Barrowman, US, 2:10.16; old record 2:11.48, Barrowman, 1992.
- 200 butterfly—Mel Stawart, US, 1:56.26; old record, 1:56.94, Michael Gross, West Germany.
- 200 freestyle—Evgeni Sadovyi, Unified Team, 1:46.70; old record, 1:46.72, Sadovyi, 1992.
- 400 freestyle—Evgeni Sadovyi, Unified Team, 3:45.00; old record, 3:46.95, Uwe Dassler, East Germany 1988.
- 400 individual medley—Tamas Darnyi, Hungary, 4:14.23; old record, 4:14.75, Darnyi, 1988.
- 800 freestyle relay—Unified Team (Dmitri Lepikov, Vladimir Pychonenko, Veniamin Taisarovitch, Evgeni Sadovyi, 7:11.95; old record, 7:12.51, United States, 1988.
- 1,500 freestyle—Kieren Perkins, Australia, 14:43.48; old record, 14:58.27, Vladimir Salnikov, Soviet Union 1980.

**Women:**

- 50 freestyle—Yang Wenyi, China, 24.79; old record, 25.49, Kristin Otto, East Germany 1988.
- 100 backstroke—Krisztina Egerszegi, Hungary, 1:00.68; old record 1:00.85, Egerszegi, 1992.
- 100 freestyle—Zhuang Yong, China, 54.51; old record, 54.64, Yong 1992.
- 200 backstroke—Krisztina Egerszegi, Hungary, 2:07.06; old record 2:07.34 Egerszegi, 1992.
- 200 individual medley—Lin Li, China, 2:11.65; old record, 2:12.59, Daniela Hunger, East Germany, 1988.
- 200 breaststroke—Kyoko Iwasaki, Japan, 2:26.65; old record, 2:26.71, Silke Hoerner, East Germany.
- 400 medley relay—United States, 4:02.54; old record, 4:03.74, East Germany, 1988.

**WEIGHTLIFTING:**

- 123-pound Snatch—Chun Byung-Kwan, South Korea, 292 (132.5); old record, Oksen Mirzoyan, Soviet Union, 1988, 127.5.
- 198-pound Snatch—Serguei Syrtsov, Unified Team, 419 pounds (190.0 kilograms), old record, 187.5, Anatoly Khrapaty, Soviet Union, 1988.

**TIED:**

- 115-pound Clean And Jerk—Ivan Ivanov, Bulgaria, 331 (150.0); set by Svedalin Marinov, Bulgaria, 1988.
- 149-pound Snatch—Israel Miltosian, Unified Team, 342 pounds (155.0 kilograms); set by Miltosian Israel, Soviet Union, 1988.
- 198-pound total—kakhi Kakhiachvili, Unified Team, and Serguei Syrtsov, Unified Team, 909 (412.5); record set by Anatoly Khrapaty, Soviet Union, 1988.
- 220 pound-Snatch—Victor Tregubov, Unified Team, 419 pounds (190.0 kilograms), record set by Pavel Kuznetsov, Soviet Union 1988.

**Gatien ends Yoo's reign**

BARCELONA, Aug 3: Yoo Nam-Kyu of South Korea saw his four-year reign as Olympic table tennis champion come to a spectacular end here on Sunday when he lost in five sets to gold medal favourite Jean-Philippe Gatien of France, reports AFP.

Gatien won 22-24, 25-23, 21-19, 17-21, 21-19.

In a long drawn out thriller that all hinged on the final few points, Yoo, the world number 10 who won the title in his home city of Seoul, made a magnificent effort to hold on to it, and looked as though he might create an upset when he served at 18-17 in the final game.

But suddenly Gatien, the world number one, found ways to nudge tight replies to Yoo's spin serves that had been troubling him.

These set up the chance for spectacular forehand top-spin loop attacks which had 4,000 spectators thundering their excitement as Gatien squeezed to a last-gasp victory.

"At 17-18 I was quite nervous because in the fifth game I had been having trouble with his service," admitted Gatien. "But some how I made the returns, and after that we played couple of crazy points

and I was able to make it with some forehands."

Gatien might not have done so had he not bravely saved two crucial game points against him in the second to avoid going 2-0 down.

He might also have had a third game point to save, had Yoo succeeded with a vigorous protest that his shot had touched the edge of the table at 21-21.

The point was awarded to Frenchman but the defending champion appealed to Gatien, complained to the umpire, and turned to his coach.

After a one minute delay and a storm of booting from the crowd, the point that had been awarded to Gatien stood, and Yoo played on.

"I just could not tell if it got a faint touch or not," said Gatien. "But it was an important point."

Gatien's reward for his near-wracking victory is a quarter-final with a surprise survivor, Ding Yi, for the honour of a medal.

Ding, the former Chinese soldier who now lives in Vienna, upset Jean-Michel Saive, the world number six from Belgium, in straight games, 21-17, 21-17, 21-15.

**ROK archers' 1-2**

BARCELONA, Aug 3: South Korea, the dominant force in women's archery, completed a gold and silver Olympic double in the women's individual event on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Formidable archer Cho Youn-Jeong added the Olympic title to the three world records she has broken in Barcelona and beat her team mate Kim Soo-Nyung, the Seoul gold medalist, into second place.

Both women burst into tears after their final and Kim was still scarcely able to speak for sobbing at the post match press conference.

Bronze medalist Natalia Valeeva of the CIS team had no such problem. She grinned happily and admitted she was surprised to have won a medal.

Earlier in the competition, Cho, 22, set world records for the individual Olympic FITA round, the 70 and 50 metre events.

In the final, conducted under a new knock-out format to try to draw up public interest in the sport, Cho beat Kim by 112-105.

Cho held her concentration much better from the start and scored five perfect 10's from her 12 shots with six nines and one eight.

Kim apparently disturbed by nerves, fell behind on the third shot with a seven and could manage only three bull's eyes.

Valeeva, from the republic of Moldova, testified to the dominance of the South Koreans, who have perfected techniques for holding concentration and consistency.

**Games drugs-free, so far**

BARCELONA, Aug 3: Olympic sprint gold medalists Linford Christie and Gail Devers were drug-free, along with all other athletes tested so far at the 1992 Games, the International Olympic Committee said Monday, reports AP.

In all, 1,049 drug tests done during the Games through Saturday turned up negative, the IOC said.

Spokeswoman Michele Verdier confirmed the results included the men's 100, where Ben Johnson of Canada was stripped of the gold medal in Seoul for steroids. This time, the question didn't arise because he failed to reach the medal race.

But Christie, a Briton who was tainted by drug allegations four years ago, turned up clean, Verdier said.

So did the winners in the women's 100, where US sprinter Gwen Torrence accused some unnamed runners of using performance-boosting drugs. Torrence finished fourth in the race won by her compatriot Devers.

Ten athletes, five of the weightlifters, were expelled from the Seoul Games in 1988 for doping offences.

The IOC said a total of more than 1,800 tests would be carried out in Barcelona.

**Devers, Privalova were the targets of Torrence taunt**

BARCELONA, Aug 3: Gold medalist Gail Devers and Irina Privalova apparently were the sprinters Gwen Torrence referred to when she accused two of the top three finishers in the women's Olympic 100-metre final of being on drugs, reports AP.

Torrence made the accusation Saturday night after finishing fourth, behind Devers, her US teammate, Jamaica's Juliet Cuthbert and Privalova of the Unified Team.

Cuthbert said Torrence approached her at the practice track before Monday's first round of the 200 and admitted "she wasn't referring to me, but to Devers and the Russian."

Torrence refused to talk with reporters after her 200 heat.

Devers and Privalova were not immediately available for comment.

Cuthbert said she and Torrence spoke earlier this year about drug users. I told her today (Monday), "You're a hypocrite. If you're going, to point fingers, call names."

That's apparently when Torrence exonerated Cuthbert and accused Devers and Privalova.

"She came to me, probably because she heard I was going to confront her," Cuthbert said. "I've worked too hard. I've been in the back too long, since 1978. Now it's my time. I've earned my silver medal."

"I think it's very unfair. She basically tarnished my name."

Cuthbert's teammate, Merlene Ottey, the fifth-place finisher in the 100, said Torrence probably made the accusations because she didn't win a medal.

"She's just jealous," Ottey said. "She's a sore loser. She ran a very fast time. She should be very happy with it."

The race was one of the fastest in history, with the first five finishers breaking 10.90 seconds—the first time that ever happened.

Devers won in 10.82, followed by Cuthbert in 10.83, Privalova in 10.84, Torrence in 10.86 and Ottey in 10.88.

"We all ran 10.80s," Cuthbert said. "If one person is (on drugs), I guess we all use it... Call ran a great race. You can't take that away from her."

"I was happy to see Irina get the bronze medal," Ottey said. "I didn't want Owen to get it."

Torrence made similar drug accusations about Kirtin Krabbe after finishing second to the German in the 100 and 200 at the 1991 world championships in Tokyo.

Krabbe never tested positive for drugs, but early this year, she and two other German sprinters were suspended for allegedly manipulating their urine samples during an out-of-competition random test while training in South Africa.

The three later were reinstated because of technicalities involving the testing.

**Archery gold for France**

BARCELONA, Aug 3: Sebastian Flute of France defeated Chung Jae-hun of South Korea 110-107 Monday for the gold medal in Olympic men's individual 70-metre archery, reports AP.



Yelena Romanova of the Unified Team raises her arms as she crosses the finish line of the 3000 m run to win the gold Sunday in Barcelona.

**Abduvaliyev redeems**

BARCELONA, Aug 3: Andrei Abduvaliyev made up for past disappointments by winning gold as the CIS swept the medals in the hammer on Sunday, reports Reuters.

The 26-year-old from Tajikistan won with a throw of 82.54 metres on the fourth of six efforts to leave European champion Igor Astapkovitch with silver and Igor Nikulin with bronze.

Abduvaliyev had seemed fated to fare badly at major meetings after winning his way into the former Soviet squad.

He was injured while warming up for the European Championships in Split two years ago and placed only fifth in the World Championships last year in Tokyo.

It was the fourth time in a row that athletes from the former Soviet Union have swept the medals in the hammer at an Olympics in which they have taken part.

In future, however, the three medalists will be competing for different republics.

American Jack Pierce gave a clear warning to British favourite Colin Jackson that the 110 metres hurdles gold medal may not be his just for the taking.

Pierce, silver medalist at last year's World Championships in Tokyo, hurdled superbly to beat Jackson by a clear four metres in the second round, clocking 13.17 second into a slight headwind compared with 13.57 to the Briton.

Jackson, hugely impressive in the morning's first round with a fastest time of 13.10 seconds, hit the second hurdle as the American began to move away from him.

The Briton, Olympic silver medalist four years ago, hit two more hurdles as he struggled to get back before casing off to move into the semifinals by placing second in the heat.

**STEVE LEWIS ON CUE**

American Steve Lewis, Olympic champion four years ago in Seoul, produced the best time in the second round of the men's 400 metres, winning his heat comfortably in 44.54 seconds.

European champion Roger Black of Britain led into the final bend but Lewis stormed through and was two metres clear going into the straight.

Black finished third in 54.28 behind Roberto Hernandez of Cuba in 44.84, both going through to the semifinals with Simon Kemboi of Kenya, who was fourth.

But Thomas Schoenlebe of Germany, the 1987 World Champion, placed only fifth and made a surprisingly early exit from the competition.

American Danny Everett, who has been recovering from a leg injury, went perilously close to failure, placing only fourth in 45.76 in a heat won by Briton Derek Redmond in 45.02.

The final heat was won by Samsun Kitur of Kenya in 44.66. American Quincy Watts, one of the gold medal favourites, was second in 45.06.

**ERENG'S DECLINE**

Olympic champion Paul Ereg of Kenya faded badly in his 800 metres semifinal and trailed in last.

Ereg tucked in behind leader Jose Luis Barbosa of Brazil for the first lap but then became involved in a barging match with Dutch runner Robin van Helden on the bend and began to drop back.

Young Briton Curtis Robb stormed past him on the back straight, took Van Helden on the bend and then raced away for a stylish victory, glancing round as he passed Barbosa just before the line. He clocked one minute 45.25 seconds.

**SOTOMAYOR'S SUCCESS**