

Olympic heroes shine in Sheffield

SHEFFIELD, England, Aug 15: Tired Olympic champions Linford Christie and Sally Gunnell received emotional ovations at an international athletics meeting on Friday after successful returns to a British track, reports Reuter.

But the night's sparkle came from 400 metres hurdler Kevin Young, the only individual world record breaker at the Olympics.

Kevin Young's track career is all about clearing hurdles and breaking barriers. To win the Olympic gold medal in Barcelona two weeks ago, he became the first to run the 400-metre hurdles in less than 47 seconds. The next target is getting close to 46 seconds.

"For years I've looked at the record books and seen Ed Moses' 47.02 as the world record. Now it's my 46.78 that's there," Young said after clocking a seemingly comfortable 47.67 at the Sheffield Invitational meet.

"I know I can run faster and I hope to get the world record down to something like 46.3 or 46.4. But I've got another four years or so to do that," he said of his next target.

After finishing fourth at the Seoul Games four years ago, Young also had to break into the medal ranks in Barcelona. He did it — and then some.

"I expected to become the Olympic champion, but not the world record-holder," he said. "After running that time in Barcelona, to run in the mid-47s seems a lot easier. It might have looked effortless but I tried hard and I'm very pleased with the way I ran."

His time at the Sheffield International Stadium would still have won him the bronze medal at Barcelona. Young recalled how Moses, a two-time Olympic winner who also won a bronze in Seoul, warmly congratulated him after seeing his world mark fall in Barcelona.

"We kind of embraced. I



LINFORD CHRISTIE

felt great," Young said. "He's still the greatest hurdler there will ever be and he set the standards for everyone else."

Fellow American Quincy Watts took the 400 metres, easing up in 44.96.

Ten newly-crowned individual champions from Barcelona were on view, and 32-year-old Christie looked

close to tears as he soaked up the cheers.

But it was a tired-looking Christie who dispatched a mediocre 100 metres field. He got off to a poor start and had to wake up quickly at halfway before casing past American John Drummond to win in 10.35 seconds.

Gunnell also looked as if the



SALLY GUNNELL

exertions of the past fortnight had taken their toll. She powered into the lead early on in the 400 metres hurdles but then began to tire.

Eventually, she battled to victory in 54.69 — almost one and a half seconds slower than her Barcelona time.

Two of the Games' other golden girls, flying

Dutchwoman Ellen van Langen (800 metres) and American Gwen Torrence (200 metres) cruised to comfortable demonstration wins.

Women's 100-metre gold medalist Gail Devers won the 100-metre hurdles, the same event in which she fell only yards (metres) from the finish line while trying for an Olympic double in Barcelona.

Olympic champion and world record holder Jackie Joyner-Kersey finished fifth in the hurdles race won by Devers and two other Barcelona titlists came up short.

In the men's javelin, Olympic form was reversed with Seppo Rataj of Finland beating Barcelona gold medalist Jan Zeleny of Czechoslovakia with a best of 87.04 metres.

European silver medalist David Sharpe picked a meaningless night to give full rein to his talents when he sprinted away from an 800 metres field which included new Olympic champion William Tanui of Kenya and young British hope Curtis Robb.

Briton Sharpe, who failed to qualify for the Games, had six metres to spare over compatriot Steve Heard as he hit the line in 1:46.06. Tanui was a tired fifth.

Long jumper Mike Powell, the other world record holder in action, was trailing with only two rounds to go but passed fellow American Joe Greene with his fifth leap and again on the sixth to win with 27 feet, 2 inches.

At Barcelona, Powell finished second to Carl Lewis, who won the Olympic title for the third time in a row.



Former world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe with Grit Breuer during the international athletics meet in Berlin, Germany. Krabbe and Breuer face a possible four-year ban after testing positive for the banned anabolic steroid Clenbuterol. The analysis of the sample was confirmed on August 14 by the IOC-approved Cologne laboratory. —AFP photo

Grace Kelly of the tracks turns Wicked Witch of East

BONN, Aug 15: Double world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe use old fashioned East German doping techniques to earn new Western wealth, reports Reuter.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall three years ago, the 22-year-old sprinter wasted little time shrugging off the shackles of the former East German's communist regime and cashing in on the commercial benefits of Western life.

But Krabbe was not prepared to eschew the performance-enhancing drugs which underpinned much of the success of the GDR sports machine. After avoiding a ban for manipulating doping samples on a legal technicality in June, Krabbe was nailed as cheat on Friday when random tests taken during training last month tested positive for the anabolic and stimulant Clenbuterol.

Krabbe's career, which began in style with three gold medals at the 1990 European Championships and took her

to the fashion pages of glossy magazines, looked to have reached a premature end among the test-tubes and bottled urine of a Cologne dope-test laboratory.

The German faces a four-year ban which will only end just days before the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Most observers doubt the sprinter will be capable of returning to action at the same level after such a long period away from competition.

The tall, blonde sprinter was an advertiser's dream and she used her photogenic good looks to the full.

Sponsors and advertisers queued up to sign her after she won European gold in the 100 and 200 and 4x100 metres rally in Split, the last appearance of the GDR before unification.

Krabbe signed lucrative deals with an American sports shoe company and a German designer clothing firm and was soon a regular sight on the pages of fashion magazines clad in hip-hugging clothes, gold earrings and painted nails.

Krabbe, who boosted her market value further with gold

in the 100 and 200 metres at last year's World Championships, was seen as the new face of German sport in a fresh era. The press dubbed her the "Grace Kelly of athletics."

But in the end she turned out to be the "Wicked Witch of the East" in the eyes of many of the German public.

Even after Krabbe was cleared of manipulation charges after a four-month saga which began with a four-year ban in February, opinion polls showed many Germans thought she was still guilty of doping.

Some of her black American and Jamaican rivals also expressed their suspicions of what they called the "Big White Hope."

While Krabbe enjoyed the riches of the West, she always stuck closely to her roots in the Drab, eastern city of Neubrandenburg.

The sprinter, who always maintained she had enjoyed her upbringing in the GDR's pressure-cooker sports system, stayed with her training partner Grit Breuer — who has also tested positive — and trainer Thomas Springstein.

Jansher, Martin in Aussie final

MELBOURNE, Aug 15: World number one Jansher Khan, bundled out of the last World Open by eventual champion Rodney Martin, set up a rematch in the final of the Australian squash open here Saturday night, reports AFP.

Jansher, the three-time world champion from Pakistan overcame Rodney's elder brother, Brett Martin, in a semifinal, scoring 15-13, 15-8 and 15-8.

In the bottom half of the draw, third-seeded Martin shrugged off second-seeded countryman Chris Dittmar, with 15-9, 15-6 and 15-12.

Jansher, who has yet to beat Martin on a glass court in Australia, has memories of his three-game quarter final defeat to the 26-year-old Australian in last year's World Open in Adelaide.

Martin went on to defeat Dittmar and squash legend Jansher Khan for his first world title.

The men's final will take place Sunday afternoon, preceded by the women's final between New Zealand world number one Susan Devoy and 19-year-old English surprise, sixth-seeded Cassie Jackman.

Big bonuses for Indonesians

JAKARTA, Aug 15: The chairman of the Indonesian Badminton Association, army Commander-in-Chief Try Sutrisno, handed over Friday two billion rupiah (one million dollars) in prize money to Indonesian Olympians, reports AFP.

Both medalists and coaches were rewarded.

"Considering the unity of the team I decided to share the prize, not only with the gold medalists," he said during a ceremony to award the funds. A group of businessmen led by President Suharto's son, Bambang Trihatmojo, which donated the money, had planned earlier to reward only gold medalists.

Indonesia shuttlers grabbed two gold medals in the men's and women's singles, one silver each in the men's singles and doubles, and one bronze in the men's singles.

Sutrisno gave 450 million rupiah (2,25,000 dollars) each to gold medalists Susti Susanti and Alan Budi Kusuma, her boyfriend.

Silver medalist Ardy Wiranata was awarded 150,000 dollars, the men's double team silver medalists obtained 225,000 dollars, and 100,000 dollars was given to the bronze medalist.

The six badminton coaches were awarded 12,500 dollars each.

McGirt pounds Ponce in mismatch

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. Aug 15: World Boxing Council welterweight champion Buddy McGirt pounded Oscar Ponce en route to scoring a lopsided 10-round unanimous decision Friday in a non-title bout at Trump Plaza Casino Hotel, reports AP.

McGirt, 28, of Brentwood, NY, scored 100-90 shutouts according to judges John Poturaj and Tom Kaczmarek and triumphed 99-91 according to judge Jean Williams. The Associated Press scored it 99-91 for McGirt.

Krabbe & co-cheats face 4-yr bans

COLOGNE, Germany, Aug 15: Katrin Krabbe, who avoided a doping ban because of a legal technicality seven weeks ago, was nailed as a drugs cheat on Friday, reports Reuter.

Krabbe and her teammate Grit Breuer faced four-year bans from competition after random dope tests they returned during training last month were confirmed as testing positive for the cattle-fattening drug Clenbuterol.

German Athletics Federation (DLV) doping official Ruediger Nickel said B samples supplied by the former East Germans had matched positive A samples whose results were announced earlier this month.

Athletes always give two urine samples during tests. Both tests need to be confirmed as positive before any action can be taken against the athletes.

The B tests were analysed

at the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) approved dope-testing laboratory in Cologne on Friday under the supervision of IOC doping expert Manfred Donike and Krabbe's lawyer, Nickel said they all matched.

That confirms that all the tests given by the athletes contained Clenbuterol," Nickel told a news conference.

Nickel said Krabbe, the 100 and 200 metres champion at last year's World Championships, and world 400 silver medalist Breuer would be suspended immediately from competition. But the DLV's board must meet to impose officially the minimum penalty of a four-year ban for a first doping offence on the former East Germans who also have a right to plead their case.

Nickel said he did not think the board would be able to meet before September.

"The athletes have four weeks to appeal against the ban to the Legal Commission (arbitration panel) of the DLV.

If the ban is imposed then the DLV will pass on a report to the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

At the end of June Krabbe, Breuer and Silke Moeller avoided a four-year ban for manipulating dope tests on a legal technicality. They had returned identical urine samples during random tests in a training camp in South Africa in January.

The DLV was found to have no clause in its regulations allowing for out-of-competition tests. But the recent tests were ordered by the German Sports Federation after the athletes began training in their home town of Neubrandenburg and in Zinnowitz, both in the former East Germany.

Dope testing teams turned up at the tracks and took urine samples without giving the athletes any warning.

Nickel said the ban could start from July 2 when the first sample was taken but it may put back to April 16, the point at which Krabbe and

Breuer admitted to having started taking the drug.

Whatever the final start date, Krabbe and Breuer are now unlikely to be able to compete until a few weeks before the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Clenbuterol is a muscle-building drug which has been linked in the past with scandals over its use to improve veal for the dinner table.

It is licensed in some countries to treat asthma and has been recommended in an underground drugs users' handbook as a way to boost performance without getting caught.

Several athletes were expelled from the Barcelona Games after they tested positive for the drug.

After this mess has been cleared up Clenbuterol should disappear as a fashion drug. It can be detected," Donike said. "I don't know where this information came from that it disappears from the body in 24 hours."

Mansell a win away from title

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Aug 15: As feared by championship favourite Nigel Mansell and his Williams-Renault team, Formula One officials have confirmed that only "gas station" fuels can be used at the Hungarian Grand Prix, reports AP.

But that didn't stop Mansell and his teammate, Riccardo Patrese of Italy, from clocking the best times on Friday, potentially putting them in the front row for Sunday's race.

A win would make Mansell the world champion.

The International Federation of Motor Sport (FIS) confirmed in a news release that only fuels of up to 102 octane could be used for the race on the twist Hungarian circuit.

That could squeeze the performance of top constructors such as Williams-Renault and McLaren-Honda, whose cars

run off special hi-tech fuels developed by multinational petroleum companies such as Elf Agip and Shell.

"That will hit us hard, but not other teams," complained Mansell.

But the Williams' duo was still strong on the track during Friday's first qualifying session. Patrese was fastest and clinched provisional pole position with a time of 1 minute, 15.476 seconds round the 2.465 mile Hungarian circuit at Budapest's outskirts. Mansell was less than 2 of a second behind, clocking 1:15.643.

The pole position and the remaining starting grid order will be decided today in a final timed qualifying session.

Reigning world champion Brazilian Ayrton Senna, often disappointed by his McLaren-Honda's performance this season, managed third in 1:16.643, ahead of German Michael Schumacher's Benetton-Ford. Senna's teammate, Gerhard

Berger of Austria, was fifth and Thierry Boutsen of Belgium in a Ligier-Renault placed sixth.

Mansell, 39, a three time World Championship runner up in his 13-year Formula One career, is leading the pack with a nearly unassailable 86 points after nine races and only five to go after Hungary.

Patrese is second with 40 points. "I'm on the front row, and that's all that matters," Mansell said after the timed session. "I'm out to get points this weekend."

In the 1960s and 1970s, Formula One regulations allowed cars to use only regular fuel readily available at any gas station in western Europe. The best grade was 101 octane and a tolerance of one octane was allowed.

During the 1980s, hi-tech fuels designed to give cars optimum performance were introduced, a practice that was in the interests of teams and tolerated by FISA.

Puerto Ricans win condom gold

PONCE, Puerto Rico, Aug 15: The Games of the XXVth Olympiad will also be remembered as the Games of the Licensed Condoms, reports AP.

Or so the Puerto Rican delegation found out when, after traveling to Barcelona with a healthy supply of condoms, it was told that these could not be freely distributed among the athletes.

Eduardo Amy, one of the delegation's medical trainers, said that the Puerto Rican Olympic Committee took the condoms to Barcelona matter-of-factly — "to protect their athletes."

But this no-nonsense approach was in conflict with the Games intricate merchandising and distribution programme, which had sold the rights to operate condom machines in the Olympic Village to a private company.

The company paid for the rights to sell condoms at 75 cents each. Amy said the company protested the decision of the Puerto Rican team to distribute its own condoms free of charge.

Still, the Puerto Ricans prevailed.

"Protest and all, we distributed condoms to the athletes that asked for them," Amy said. "That was just a money-making scheme among many we found there."

The Puerto Rican Olympic Committee had also traveled with a supply of condoms to the 1991 Pan American Games held in Havana.

No complaints were filed then, Amy said. Frequently used to speed the convalescence of players after injury and help build up their muscle strength.

German drugs specialist Professor Manfred Donike confirmed that the drug could be prescribed by doctors in such circumstances but pointed out that players taking the drug could not, under IOC regulations, play in matches or even take part in training.



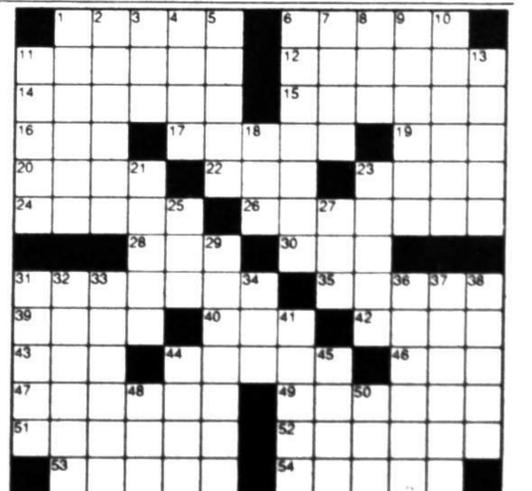
President of Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation (addressing) and Japanese trainers Morio Suganami(C) and Makoto Sakasita(R) at yesterday's press conference at the conference room of NSC. —Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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| 12 Remove weeds | 44 Holes in the head? | 4 "The Fisher —" | 21 Lacking punctuation |
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| 16 Biz exec | 49 New Jersey city | 7 "Since Hector was —" | 27 Herbert of film fame |
| 17 Garb | 51 Pick | 8 Turn on the water-works | 29 Classifies groups of wolves |
| 19 Driver's need: abbr. | 52 Pamphlets | 9 Down Under marsupials | 31 Groups of wolves |
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: K equals W

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.