Joyner-Kersee — athlete with a difference



NEW YORK, Oct 6: Jackie Joyner-Kersee has a simple philosophy. "If you give the world the be-

st you have, the world will give back to you," she says, quoting from a mid-1800s poet. Madeline Bridges, reports AP.

The self-effacing Joyner-Kersee has given the world her best on the athletic field and her rewards have been plenti-

The most recent honour came Monday when Joyner-Kersee was named Amateur Sportswoman of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation. It was the third time she won the award. Her previous selections were in 1987 and 1988.

"I didn't think I would win this award," Joyner-Kersee said. "When I read the list of nominees. I gave it to everyone

The voters, however, disagreed.

They considered Joyner-Kersee's accomplishments from August 1991 to July 1992, plus the events at the Barcelona Olympics, better than any other woman amateur. At the Games, she won the heptathlon gold medal for the second consecutive time with 7.044 points, the sixthhighest score ever (she also owns the top five), and took the bronze medal in the long

During the voting period. she also won the long jump at the 1991 World Championships and set the American

with next week's World Cup

qualifying matches, Scotland

manager Andy Roxburgh

warned on Monday, reports

problem" because Leeds cap-

tain Gary McAllister is in the

squad he named for Scotland's

game against Portugal at in

whether the midfielder will

join the squad on Saturday as

planned, or be involved in the

European Cup game with

Stuttgart. Saturday is the

But Roxburgh is unsure

Glasgow on October 14.

He said his side faced "big

The European

Cup replay bet-

ween Leeds Uni-

ted and Stuttgart

could play havoc



Schedule poses problems for Scotland

indoor record in the long

Despite all the miedals, all the records and all the accomplishments. Joyner-Kersee isn't overwhelmed by her performances. She has mot let athletics monopolize her life.

favourite for the Leeds-

describes this situation accu-

rately," said the Scots man-

ager. "There are mamy ramifi-

cations about this and it is very

worrying - a big big problem

just Scotland but also England.

Wales and Switzerland who

have players involved in both

thetical at the moment but we

are facing a very complex

problem. For example, I don't

want to damage our

relationship with Leeds or the

morale of Gary MicAllister.

their club captain, by

demanding his release."

"I know everything is hypo-

UEFA's decision affects not

"The word "mess" hardly

Stuttgart play-off.

She is deeply concerned about what is happening off the playing field, worrying about the poor, underprivileged youngsters in her native East St Louis, III, and the nation's homeless and starving people. "Helping the youngsters is

"It is such a big event for

Leeds that I would prefers to

avoid any friction but if that

game goes ahead on Saturday.

our international committee

are sure to look closely at in-

Scotland faced Switzerland.

voking FIFA rules."

something I always enjoy doing, because I want to. It's not for publicity. I find satisfaction in doing it.

not a mission," she said. "It is

"I try to tell them I started where they are now and that I persevered.

"I could have retired after the '88 Olympics (when she won gold medals in the heptathlon and the long jump), but wagted to meet the challenges of '92. I'm not going to give up easily.

"My long-term goal is to finish my athletic career on American soil."

For the 31-year-old Joyner-Kersee, that means competing in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. She figures that will be fitting, since she began her distinguished Olympic career by winning a silver medal in the heptathion, missing the gold by only five points, at the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

"If Atlanta wasn't there. don't think I would continue. the multi-faceted Joyner-Kersee said. "The '96 Games being on American soil is a blessing."

Meanwhile, Joyner-Kersee will continue her quiet crusade to help the nation's less fortunate people.

"What I have done for my country is very little," she said. "I've accomplished some things in athletics, but there are so many people homeless and starving.

"When I'm speaking (before a group). I hope my small voice can get across to others, so we don't have people homeless and starving.

both looked a bit jaded."

i have a practice match

lined up for Ibrox on Saturday

and I want Gary to be there if

possible. He is important at

our set pieces and the last

Cantona back in French squad

PARIS, Oct 6: French football coach Gerard Houllter has persuaded temperamental striker Eric Cantona to return to the national team for next week's World Cup qualifiers. reports AFP.

The Leeds United star has not played for France since the European Championships in June. After his country were beaten in Bulgaria last month. Cantona said he wanted a rest from international football.

But Cantona was named by Houllier on Monday in the 17 man squad to take on Austria in Paris on October 14. The match is crucial after France lost their opening Group Six qualifier in Sofia and extended their run without a win to nine

The coach said: Cantona's case has been resolved. He is coming back definitively, and that is a good thing.

"This presence will be an enormous boost for us. I am excepting a lot of him and Jean-Pierre Papin."

Caen striker Xavier Gravelaine was given his first call up on his 24th birthday. Monaco striker Jerome Gnako is also called up.

Former Formula One champ dies

BATHURST, Australia, Oct 6 Former Formula One world driving champion Denis Hulme of New Zealand died Sunday after suffering an apparent heart attack during the Toohey's 1.000-kilometres endurance race, reports AP.

Race officials said the 56year-old Hulme, who won the 1967 Formula One driving championship in a Brabham Repco, was dead on arrival at a nearby hospital. They said it appeared he suffered the attack before crashing his BMW on lap 33 of the 161-lap race. Observers said the BMW

coasted gently off the circuit in a rain-soaked race at the end of Conrod Straight, where emergency crews found him unconscious. He as taken by ambulance to Bathurst hospital. Doctors failed in a bid to resuscitate him.

The only other death in the 30-year history of the race occurred in 1986, when Australian driver Mike Burgman crashed into a wall. Race chief medical officer

Bill Croker said at a news conference that it appeared Hulme died almost instantly.

The rescue crews arrived there in two minutes and at that point in time he was dehe said. "Resuscitation was commenced for about 45 minutes but there was no response at

Only seconds earlier, Hulme reportedly radioed trough to his pit crew and said he was having difficulty with his vision, but it was not known whether that was due to the torrential rain or his medical

Dr Croker said he was un sure whether Hulme had a history of heart problems or whether he was not well prior

Dutch soccer federation Oct 6: Rudd Gu- spokesman said. Gullit, who produced a typillit's decision to

Boris Spassky (R) passes a sheet of paper with journalists' questions to his rival Bobby

Fischer during a press conference after their "World Championship" game in Belgrade on

Gullit's decision reaps no

immediate result

Monday. Fischer leads the series five games to three.

quit international

soccer has not

helped his cause

to secure a regular first-team

place at AC Milan, who have

dropped him for Wednesday's

Italian Cup tie with Cagliari.

told reporters on Tuesday he

hoped Gullit would change his

mind and return to the na-

tional side for their World Cup

His unavailability for the

game in Turkey in December.

Netherlands has not helped

Advocaat, whose side for next

week's World Cup qualifying tie

against Poland is all the

weaker for the midfielder's ab-

changes to the squad on

Tuesday after his team's shock

21 defeat in Norway in their

Gerald Vanenburg in place of

Genoa winger John van't

Schip, after the two settled

their differences, and dropped

Ajax defenders Danny Blind

and Frank de Boer for PSV de-

fender Berry van Aerle and

would return to the Dutch

squad only if he would play

from the start. "It must have

been a good discussion," a

Vanenburg had indicated he

Ajax midfielder Wim Jonk.

He recalled PSV captain

opening qualifier.

Advocaat made several

Dutch coach Dick Advocaat

reports Reuter.

cally influential performance in Milan's 7-3 victory at Fiorentina on Sunday in his first league game of the season. told Advocaat of his decision to quit international soccer last week.

"I am not going back (to play for the Netherlands).



RUUD GULLIT

had a long chat with the coach last week and I told him that I would not play in Rotterdam against Poland," he said on Monday.

Devoy flies off the handle

"My reasons are personal and I won't say any more." His reasons are widely considered to have been forced on him to ensure Milan have no

- AFP photo

excuse to drop him. But despite scoring twice against Fiorentina and playing in last week's European Cup tie at Uijimpia Lubjiana, Gullit will be rested by coach Fabio

Capello dropped in favour of

Frenchman Jean-Piere Papin. Milan's other two Dutchmen, Frank Rijkaard and Marco van Basten are expected to play in the side restricted by Italian rules from fielding no more than three foreigners.

TEAMS

NETHERLANDS: Stanley Menzo. Ed de Goey. Sonny Silooy, Berry van Aerle, Ronald Koeman, Frank Rijkaard, Geraid Vanenburg, Rob Witschge, Wim Jonk, Arthur Numan, Jan Wouters, Aron Winter, Dennis Bergkamp, Peter van Vossen, Wim Kieft, Marco van Basten.

POLAND: Jaroslaw Bako. Jozef Wandzik, Fadam Matysek, Marek Kozminski, Andrazej Lesiak, Marek Rzepka, Roman Szewczyk, Tomasz Waldoch, Piotr Czchowki, Dariusz Adamczuk, Jerzy Brzeczek. Robert Warzycha, Krzysztof Warzycha, Andrazej Juskowalak, Roman Kosecki, Jacek Ziober, Wojciech Kowa-

Sweden keen to end Bulgaria's run



Oct 6: Sweden be probing chinks in Bulgaria's unbeaten defence, de-

prived of star Nikolai Illiev. when the two sides meet in a World Cup qualifying tie on Wednesday, reports Reuter. Illiev and Barcelona striker

Hristo Stoichov are both suspended for the European Group Six match after two bookings each.

But the Bulgarians, top of the group after two wins and without a goal against, are confident of at least a draw.

We will take at least one point from Sweden," said goalkeeper and captain Borislav

Bulgarian coach Dimitar Penev said; "We will play for a victory in Stockholm. Sweden are second in the

group with two points after a 1-0 win away to Finland. The forwards will often be

forced to fall back and help the defence. We expect rmany high balls in front of my goal."

bound for Sweden's tall forward Kennet Andersson, a specialist in the air, who scored for Sweden in a 2-0 victory the last time the two teams met in a fritendly at home in 1990.

Andersson said hie was not distracted by financial wrangles with his Belggian club Mechelen. "All I'm thinking about now is the national team The rest I'll take care of

Sweden will also be short of key players sidelimed by injury including veteran keeper Thomas Ravelli, Dynamic Striker Thomas Brolin and defender Janne Eriksson. Coach Tommy Svensson

said beating Bulgaria would be a considerable task, but not impossible. "It will be tough. It will

seem hopeless at times because they have seven or eight defenders. Our players will Mikhailov said. have to shoot from a distance The high crosses will be and be prepared for a counter attack. It will happen quickly."

TEAMS

SWEDEN: Lars Eriksson, Pal Lundin, Patrik Andersson, Joachim Bjorklund, Magnus Erlingmark, Roger Ljung. Roland Nilson, Klas Ingesson, Stefan Landberg, Anders Limpar, Stefan Pettersson, Stefan Schwartz, Jonas Thern, Kennet Andersson, Martin Dahlin, Hans Eklund,

BULGARIA: Plamen Nikolov. Antonio Ananiev, Borislav Mik hailov, Isanko Isvetanov, Zaprian Rakov, Emil Kremenliev. Irifon Ivanov. Dimitar Mladenov, Ziatko Yankov, Ilian Kiriakov, Georgi Yordanov, Krasimir Balakov, Nasko Strakov, Lyuboslav Penev. Emil Kostadinov, Ivailo Yordanov, Stanimir Stoilov. Petar Alexandrov

conduct a soccer school there.

South Korea, China, Malaysia, and Saudi Arabia have also expressed an interest in

as hubby pays to get in

VANCOUVER. Oct 6: World squash champion Susan Devoy made scathing criticisms of the to-

urnament that has helped make her famous before starting the defence of her

yesterday, reports AFP.

The New Zealander, who is one of the greatest women players of all time, said: "There is virtually no prize money. NO hotel bonus and this isn't even like an A grade tournament."

But what really spoilt Devoy's day, despite her comfortable 9-0, 9-1, 9-3 first round victory over Germany's Sabine Baum, was that husband coach John Oakley had to pay to get in. "It's a disgrace," said Devoy.

"It's the first time I have known this to happen. It's the "It makes you ask why are

you here. Can you imagine that happening at tennis, or to Jahangir Khan or Jansher Khan?"

"Of course they want to make money out of this tournament. But they shouldn't do it at our expense. "When John and I ques-

tioned them at the door, they said to us do you think you are any different? I said that if you are number 64 in the world you should have the right to bring a coach in free." "They said to us we ex-

pected you would be our greatest challenge. It's not the money that is the problem, it's the principle." Oakley was asked to pay 30

Canadian dollars, compared with the cost of 100 or 200 which the public is being 6-4. charged for seats. We had to have a control

mechanism over the numbers coming in, and this was how we decided to do it." plained the chairman of the organising committee John Furlong.

"If we didn't do this we would have 100 to 150 seats for which we could not take money and the tournament cannot afford that." "We discussed it with

squash Canada, the sponsor. unicorn, and the silver women's International Squash Players Association, and they all agreed with the decision"

"This is not a money-grabbing exercise. This is only a 300,000 dollar (41,500 dollars in prize money) tournament and we are on a tight budget."

"The last World Open lost about 60,000 dollars and we cam't let that happen here."

"I wish it was different but that is the system. Once we had established it, I would buy John a path out of my own pocket rather than break the integrity of the system."

Furlong added that the couple had been treated with special respect during the week they spent in Vancouver prior to the World Open.

Both had been upgraded in the hotel, and Devoy had been given additional physiotherapy and special practice matches against the best local men.

The top seed looks in fine shape and must be a hot favourite to make it four world titles in her last five attempts.

Today she plays the South African Claire Nitch, with a possible meeting with last year's British Open champion Lisa Opie as her reward.

Brad Gilbert in Toulouse Open second round

TOULOUSE, France, Oct 6: Brad Gilbert of the United States, third seeded in the dirs 315.000 Toulouse Open tennis tournament, won in the first round Monday beating Christan Miniussi of Argentina. 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Another Gilbert, Rodolphe of France, also won. He beat Nicklas Kulti of Sweden, 6-3,

Jonas Svensson of Sweden eliminated Stefano Pescosolido of Italy, 6-4, 6-2; Arnaud Boetsch of France downed Andrei Chesnokov of Russia, 6-3, 6-2 and Amos Mansdorf of Israel, No. 4 seed, beat Alberto Mancini of Argentina, 6-0, 6-3 in other opening round matches.

Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia, the top seed, and Guy Forget of France, the defending champion, play on Tuesday.

Grewal loses

VANCOUVER, Oct'6: India's Misha Grewal lost in the first round of the women's World Open squash championship here last night, reports Reuter.

England's Linda Charman routed the young Indian 9-0. 9-0, 9-1 to move into the next round.

Lure of lucre for Holyfield



LONDON, Oct 6: Promoter Mickey Duff has offered world heavyweight boxing champion Evander Ho-

lyficid five militon pounds (8.5 million dollars) to fight Britain's Frank Bruno in London next year, reports AFP. Duff said he wanted Holyfield to put his title on the line at Wembley Stadium in late April or early May

The offer is conditional on Bruno convincingly winning his third comeback fight against South Africa's Pierre Coetzer in London on October 17 and Holyfield making a successful defence against Riddick Bowe in November.

Duff believes he can cut across the title ambitions of Lennox Lewis, also of Britain. who is looking for a world

Mungai pockets \$ 20,000

MINNEAPOLIS. Minnesota. Oct 6 : Kenya's David Mungai. running the distance for the first time, won the Minneapolis marathon here on Sunday. reports AFP. He clocked 2 hrs 15 min

compatriot and trainer Joseph Nzau (2:16.12) and pocketed the 20,000 dollar winner's cheque. The women's event was

33 sec to come home ahead of

won by local dentist Janis Keckler (2:36.50).

chance by beating Canada's Razor Ruddock here on October 31.

He said: "Withoust jumping the gun. Bruno would be the most viable oppoment for Holyfield from a finamcial point



EVANDER HOLYFIELD

"I understand his people feel he is not obliged to fight the winner of Lewis and Ruddock and I know Holyfield himself will count time money before looking at the site."

Bruno, who lost previous world title challenges to Mike Tyson and Tim Withheerspoon said: "With Tyson out of the reckoning things are wide Tm a more matuure fighter

now - mentally and physically - and I feel this is may time." "It's a nice carrot to be dangled in front of me, lbut at the thoughts of Holyfield out of my

"I have to concentrate 100 percent on Coetzer. If my mind starts to wander everything could go out the win-

Duff, who envisages a plus crowd at Wembley, said Bruno would earn two million pounds. Duff's offer to Bruno was

swiftly dismissed as "a cheap publicity stunt by Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager. "I have got a signed contract that Holyfield or Bowe will fight Lewis or Ruddock before April 1993. It is a legal

document which I have had

since July," said Maloney.

Olympic gold winners to be in China's Who's Who

BEIJING, Oct 6: All Chinese athletes who won gold medals in the 25th Olympic Games and their coaches will be listed in 'China's Who's Who', reports Xinhua. According to GU Boping.

Secretary General of the research centre for Chinese and foreign celebrities, the centre will present the athletes and their coaches with an illustrated book entitled 'China Spirits' compiled by the centre, to commend them upon their excellent performance in the Olympic Games.

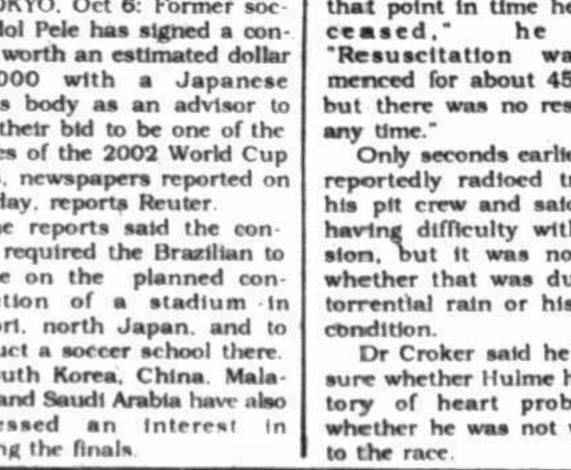
thing we need is to have the This entire episode could preparation interrupted. Its cause havoc," added Roxburgh. bad news and very annoying." Roxburgh has made four who declined to invoke those changes from last month's rule last month when McAllister and Brian McClair squad, with the Hearts pair of were involved in a league John Robertson and Craig game just four days before Levein returning with lan Ferguson of Rangers and The Scots lost 3-1 in Bern Celitic's John Collins. and Roxburgh said: " I feel that Out go Richard Gough, suswe suffered because we didn't pended for one game because invoke FIFA rules. These two of his handling offence in players played on Sunday and Switzerland but injured in any arrived drained before travelcase. Gordon Durie of Totling on Monday. I think that tenham, Aberdeen's Stewart took the edge off them. They McKimmte and Duncan Ferguson of Dundee United. Pele's new job

cer idol Pele has signed a contract worth an estimated dollar 200,000 with a Japanese sports body as an advisor to help their bid to be one of the venues of the 2002 World Cup finals, newspapers reported on

TOKYO, Oct 6: Former soc-

Tuesday, reports Reuter. The reports said the contract required the Brazilian to advise on the planned construction of a stadium in Aomori, north Japan, and to

hosting the finals.





India's Geet Sethi, 31, holds up his trophy after defeating defending champion Mike Russell, 23, of Britain for the title in the World Professional billiards championships in Bombay on Sunday. AFP photo