

Germany's Andre Schiefer (R) and Walter Drenth (L) of the Netherlands battle for the ball during a Champions Trophy hockey tie on July 9 in Kuala Lumpur. Germany beat the world champions 3-2. —AFP photo

### Raymondo leaves Sabatini shocked

TOKYO, July 10: Top seed Gabriela Sabatini was upset by Lisa Raymond in the semifinals of the 250,000 dollar international indoor tennis tournament in Osaka, western Japan, today, reports Reuter.

In the women's first semifinal match, unseeded Raymond, ranked 49th in the world, posted a 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 victory over the fifth-ranked Argentine who was forced to give up playing a mixed doubles match on Friday due to fever.

On Thursday, French Open runner-up Mary Joe Fernandez, seeded second, made an early exit when she suffered a straight-sets loss to Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria.

### Karel Novacek in Swiss Open final

GSTAAD, Switzerland, July 10: Karel Novacek continued his career-long jinx on Thomas Muster as he scored his fourth victory in a row over the Austrian to reach the Swiss Open final here on Saturday, reports AFP.

Novacek, the third seed from the Czech Republic, frustrated clay court specialist Muster as he found the lines on the big points almost at will for a 6-3, 7-6 (7/5) victory.

The second seeded Austrian needed heat cream treatment on his left shoulder after the first game of the second set, but the most successful clay court player this year still couldn't hide his frustration afterwards.

"He was magic today," the Austrian said. "He found the line on almost every big point. What can I do about that?"

Novacek, ranked 14th in the world, moved into his fifth final of the year and credited his win to using a tried and tested strategy against his rival.

"I played him exactly as I have played him before," said the 28-year-old. "I kept the points short and didn't let him get into any big rallies."

### Universiad info system never so clumsy

BUFFALO, New York, July 10: Three days into the World University Games, organisers were still unable to provide promised computerised results and start lists, leaving frustrated journalists scrambling for information, reports Reuter.

The Games, which are being held in the United States for the first time, officially opened on Thursday night and preliminary competition began on Wednesday.

Reporters trying to cover the 12-sport Games have so far been provided with hand-written, photocopied results from Wednesday and Thursday with computerised information nowhere to be found.

"We've still got to iron out a few problems with the results," George Russell, media relations manager for the Games, told Reuters.

"Of course, we are concerned. We're trying to get everything sorted out. At this stage, I'm not able to say exactly what the problem is."

The Buffalo Games official media handbook advises: "A specially-designed results system provided by Digital Equipment Corporation will provide start lists prior to the competition and results of individual events as well as summaries of competition sessions."

A journalist with China's Xinhua news agency who covered three Olympic Games and three previous World University Games said he was amazed at the inefficiency of the Buffalo organisation four years after the city was awarded the Games.

"It's the worst," said the journalist, who asked that his name not be used.

"I thought it would be better than Sheffield (1991) and Duisburg (1989). The volunteers are very friendly. But smiles mean nothing when there's no information."

### BDR wrestling ends

Kushtia Sector became champions and Khulna runners-up in the inter-sector wrestling competition of Bangladesh Rifles '93 which concluded yesterday at the central training shed at Peelikhana, reports BSS.

Kushtia got five gold and one silver medals while Khulna bagged two golds in the six-day competition organised by State Signal Sector.

Two hundred and thirty-nine wrestlers from 9 BDR sectors participated in 10 different weight categories. Lance Naik Zahid Sikder was adjudged the best wrestler.

Major General Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Director General of Bangladesh Rifles witnessed the competition as chief guest and distributed the prizes among the participants.

## Chinese gymnasts dethroned

NIAGRA FALLS, New York, July 10: Italy surprised the favourites on Friday by taking the gold medal in men's team gymnastics competition at the World University Games, reports Reuter.

The Italian team total of 165.800 pushed the favoured Chinese into second place, while the highly-regarded gymnasts from the former Soviet Union put on disappointing performances.

China took the silver with 165.562 and the United States grabbed the bronze with 165.050 points.

Yuri Chechi, world champion on the still rings, led the

Italians by posting the top score of the event, a 9.675.

Chechi also had the second highest total all-around score with 55.400. Chen Xian of China led all competitors with a 55.575.

Olympic all-around champion Vitali Scherbo had the day's third highest all-around score despite a major break on the pommel horse and in the floor exercise.

"My performance was very bad, so bad," said Scherbo, winner of six gold medals at the Barcelona Olympics. "I prepared for this competition very late. Began working only one week ago."

Scherbo, who has lived in the United States since February, was a surprise last-minute entry for Belarus.

Igor Korobchinski, 1989 world all-around champion, packed the team from the Ukraine, which finished a disappointing eighth of the 18 nations in the final.

Their medal hopes were dashed when Alexandr Svetlichny fell off the horizontal bar and could not continue in the remaining five disciplines.

Svetlichny received stitches to close a one-inch cut on his chin. His withdrawal means he is ineligible for further individual competition.

## In with bang out with whimper

BUFFALO, New York, July 10: Elena Rudkovskaya fought her way to the starting line at the World University Games on Friday, but the Olympic gold medalist from Belarus was beaten to the finish on the first day of competition, reports Reuter.

Rudkovskaya, the only Olympic swimming champion entered in an individual event at the Games, had to settle for third in the 100-metre breaststroke.

The race was won by Gylaine Cloutier of Canada in one minute, 10.91 seconds. Ukraine's Svetlana Bondarenko was second in 1:11.02, followed by Rudkovskaya in 1:11.47.

Hours earlier, an American protest over Rudkovskaya's unexpected late entry nearly lost her a chance to compete, but the protest was denied.

The only Belarusian swimmer at the Games, Rudkovskaya surprised officials when she arrived before the morning heats asking for an entry well after Thursday's pre-race draw for lane assignments.

After considerable haggling in several languages, including some choice words better left untranslated, Rudkovskaya convinced officials to let her enter the first heat. She won that race in 1:12.33, the morning's third-fastest time.

The US protest was denied only five minutes before the race began.

"This has taken a lot of energy to get here, with not much energy left for swimming," Rudkovskaya said. "This event is not the same event as Barcelona."

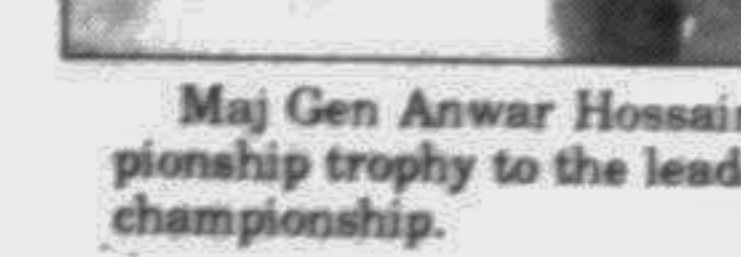
Rudkovskaya arrived with a coach and team official just before dawn on Thursday morning. Unable to find transportation to the swim venue, Rudkovskaya tried frantically to phone swimming officials before the draw but gave up after officials at the village gave her several wrong numbers.

"Somebody, I'm not sure who, did not fill out the necessary papers from home," Rudkovskaya explained. "I will find out. The people here, it's not their fault. They did not ex-

## Morrison to test Lewis' mettle

NEW YORK, July 10: Tommy Morrison, who earned a title shot with his victory over George Foreman last month, on Friday said he will fight World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis of Britain later this year, reports Reuter.

Morrison, who won the lightly-regarded World Boxing Organisation crown with his decision over Foreman on June 7, released a short statement saying that he planned to meet Lewis in Las Vegas in October or November.



Maj Gen Anwar Hossain, Director General of Bangladesh Rifles, handing over the championship trophy to the leader of Kushtia sector, the winners of the 1993 inter-sector wrestling championship. —Star photo

## Legal wrangle over Krabbe & Co case DLV for rapid IAAF action



DUISBURG, Germany, July 10: Germany's top athletics official on Friday called on the sport's governing body to speed up a decision on the drugs ban on Katrin Krabbe, Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr because of increasing legal problems, reports Reuter.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) decided in May to postpone a decision about the case until its November council meeting.

All three women have admitted taking the drug Clenbuterol but a combination of both civil and sporting laws have turned the case into a legal marathon.

But German Athletics Federation (DLV) president Helmut Digele has called on the IAAF to decide on the case before the World Championships start in next month.

"We want the council to come to a decision at a meeting just before the championships. Otherwise we could get legal problems. I think it would be in the interests of fair play to get a decision made quickly."

But at that meeting the IAAF are planning only to discuss last-minute technical matters relating to the organisation of the championships.

The DLV is concerned that the athletes could take their controversial bans to the civil courts and win injunctions to run because the suspensions not to comply with German law.

Last September the DLV recommended the IAAF statutory four-year ban on Krabbe, the world 100 and 200 metres champion, Breuer, the world 400

silver medalist, and Derr, a member of the East German gold medal-winning 4x400 metres squad at the 1990 European Championships.

But in March a DLV arbitration panel was forced to reduce Krabbe and Breuer's ban to one year and Derr's suspension to eight months because the DLV was found to have no legal clause in its rules allowing it to ban athletes for out-of-competition tests.

The DLV could ban the athletes only for unsportsmanlike conduct, Krabbe and Breuer's ban is due to end on August 14 — the day of the first two finals in the World Championships, while Derr's suspension finished at the end of April.

Under IAAF rules, the former East Germans have no right to run until the final council decision. Any athlete who ran against them, would also be banned for four years.

But the trio's adviser has threatened to fight the cases in court. Digele said Derr had tried to compete at the national championships, the German trials for the World Championships, which began on Friday.

"Derr wanted to run here. We only managed to refuse her because she missed the deadline for registration," Digele said.

"If that had not happened we would have had to tell her that

she could not run because she was suspended under IAAF rules. But our arbitration panel would probably then have ruled that she was allowed to run."

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### US State Dept stands firm by its decision

WASHINGTON, July 10: The US State Department is standing by its decision to effectively bar 79 Libyan athletes from competing at the World University Games, a spokesman said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

"The decision stands," State Department spokesman Joseph Snyder said at a briefing. "The Libyan team represents the government of Libya. Libya's involvement in international terrorism has made it the subject of sanctions imposed by the UN Security Council."

"Our decision is consistent with our position that Libya cannot expect to be treated as a normal member of the international community until it fulfils its obligations under the UN Security Council resolutions."

Citing economic sanctions imposed on Libya in 1986 and after the 1988 Lockerbie bombing, the State Department on Friday recommended that the Treasury Department refuse the Libyans licences to spend money in the United States.

Snyder said officials had reviewed new information about the Libyan athletes provided by organisers of the Games, but this did not change the decision.

The Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire (FISU), which is organising the Games, attacked the US decision on Saturday in Buffalo, New York, where the Games will be held starting on Thursday and ending on July 18.

### Heike Henkel's prediction

BONN, July 10: Germany's Olympic high jump champion Heike Henkel predicts that some athletes at next month's World Championships in Stuttgart will be using performance-boosting drugs, reports AFP.

"Some people will still be full of them," she has told Monday's issue of Der Spiegel magazine. "There will be a lot of negligence in the controls."

But she sympathised with Germany's reigning 100m and 200m world champion, Katrin Krabbe, who had been banned for one year after failing a dope test.

"I sympathise with Katrin Krabbe because her life has been destroyed," she said.

As for Henkel, her husband and coach Rainer Henkel said the 29-year-old star has never used drugs.

"She has never taken, does not take and will not take a banned substance," said her husband, a former world swimming champion.

The Stuttgart Championships run from August 14-22.

### Sydney hopes still alive

BERLIN, July 10: Sydney has made the best case to host the Olympic Games in 2000, according to a leaked report by International Olympic Committee inspectors on Thursday, reports AFP.

Sydney is in a six-way race with Beijing, Manchester, Brasilia, Istanbul and Berlin for Games. The 91 members of the IOC will make their decision at a meeting in Monaco on September 28.

But the 66-page report, whose contents were leaked to the German news agency DPA, shows that inspectors who have visited every candidate city gave the Australian entry top marks.

It stops short of recommending that Sydney host the Games, but it makes it clear that the city is the most suitable in all areas.

The inspectors, whose report was due to be made public next week, believe that "the conditions offered by Sydney go beyond what the IOC is asking for," DPA said.

They said reservations about all the other five cities, and went so far as to recommend outright rejection of Brasilia, which they felt was particularly ill-equipped to handle the Olympics.

Beijing's bid was considered "realistic" and "solid", but suffered from a number of weaknesses, notably over the sporting facilities and telecommunications network.

### Lure of lucre

NEW YORK, June 30: New York City Marathon organisers announced on Tuesday that US citizens who finish in the top five will receive cash bonuses, including 100,000 dollar for winning, reports Reuter.

American men and women who finish in the top five in the November 14 race will receive double the normal prize money, currently 20,000 dollar for first place, 15,000 dollar for second, 10,000 dollar for fourth and 2,500 dollar for fifth.

Other incentives including ones based on timing, weather and age are available to all nationalities.



Star file photo shows (from left to right), German double world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe, and her compatriots Manuela Derr and Grit Breuer taking a break during a practice session. DLV on Friday called for a rapid decision regarding their ban for using Clenbuterol.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 Island near the Bay of Naples

6 Short for "The Windy City"

9 Spak in liquid

12 "Back in the Saddle"

13 Camouflaged

14 Moslem commander

15 Right-hand page

16 Rubber band's kin

18 Vacation spot for Fido?

20 Not recorded

21 Pine tree

23 Dawn goddess

24 Musical sounds

25 "Get It for You Wholesale"

27 Gillespie's music

29 Devote oneself.

in days of yore

31 Punish with a fine

35 Tablets

37 Fortune-teller

38 Got along

41 OPEC product

43 Type of neck

44 Mimic

45 Discover

47 See 44

49 Noted isolationist in the Senate

52 History book

53 Map abbr.

54 Last letter

55 Pig's digs

56 Like Leroy Brown

57 Repair a lawn

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1 Game show prize

2 Personal question?

3 Collector of miscellaneous objects

4 Ceremony

5 A hole

6 Mouse trap lure

7 Sledding site

8 Mountain in Crete

9 Dress material

10 Pointed arch

11 Steps

17 Inclines

19 Dynamite inventor

21 Lie

22 Frosty dessert

24 Actor Ewell

26 Household linen

28 Fundamental

30 Type of glove

32 Looks up to

33 Passing grade

34 Before

36 Made off with the spoils

38 Outer surfaces

39 Nautical term

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42 It might be organized

45 Molted rock

46 "You Belong —" (old song)

48 Musical Calloway

50 Past

51 Possessed

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SIGN IN SOFA STORE: "HEADQUARTERS FOR HINDQUARTERS."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals R

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.