

AFP library photos show Briton Linford Christie (L) after winning the 100m sprint gold in the Barcelona Games and American Carl Lewis after finishing first in the same event in the World Championships in Tokyo. The two took on each other in a match-awaited showdown in Gateshead yesterday.

Konchellah refuses to give in prove that," He said.



NAIROBI, July 30: World 800 metres champion Billy Konchellah overcame illness and place in the Kenyan team for month's World Championships in Stuttgart on

Thursday, reports Reuter,-Konchellah, who won the title two years ago in Tokyo and also in 1987, clocked one minute 44.40 seconds in Thursday's Kenyan trials behind winner Paul Rute, who was timed at 1:44.20 Olympic Champion William Tanuiwas

"God has many times been unfair to me. I go down with bouts of asthma when I am just peaking. It has been difficult to be consistent," Konchellah told a news conference.

"But lam in great shape, just like 1991, and it will be difficult putting the gold out of my reach," he added.

Tanui said he had interrupted his training due to a hamstring injury but hoped to have fully recovered by next

Kenyan selectors went

against earlier promises to select only the first three at the finish and chose Olympic 10,000 metres silver medalist Richard Chelimo for the 5,000 metres after he came home fourth:in 13:50.65 Paul Bitock won the race in

13:32.40. Mike Chesire was second in 13:32.68 and Josephat Machuka third in 13:40.7.

But Chelimo said later he would not run in that event in Stuttgart but instead would go in the 10,000 metres, which he did not run on Thursday.

Senior athletics sources said Chelimo would trade places with world, 5,000 metres champion and world 10,000 metres record holder Yobes Ondieki, who refused to return to Nairobi for the trials, selectors declined any comment.

The 10,000 metres was won by Chelimo's younger brother Ishmael Kirui, who posted 28:33.70, high school student Musyoka Nguku was second in 28:34.00 and world champion

Moses Tanui third in 8:56.55. But selectors left out Nguku, saying he had not reached the qualifying mark for the Stuttgart event while adding

> Marathon champion — Boniface Merande and Ben Masya. Kenya's only women qualifiers were Sally Barsosio, who won the 10,000 metres, Esther Kiplagat, winner of the 3,000 and Gladys Wamuyu, in the

Olympic champion Mathew

Among others selected were

Birir was second and Olympic

silver medalist Patrick Sang

Mathew Birir's brother Jonah

Briri who won the 1,500 metres,

with David Kibet and Joseph

Chesire competing at the same

distance, and marathoners

Cosmas Ndeti — Boston

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Meanwhile AP adds: Vobes Ondieki, world record-holder in the 10,000 metres, will miss the World Championships in Germany next month because he failed to show up for Kenya's team selection trials. Ondieki became the first

man to run the 10,000 in under 27 minutes in Oslo, Norway, on July 10, finishing in a time of 26:58.38. That broke the record of 27:07.91 set just four days earlier by fellow Kenyan Richard Chelimo. Kenya qualifiers:

100 metres: Kennedy Ondiek, Joseph Gikonyo. 400 metres: Samson Kitur, Kennedy Ochleng, Simon' Kemboi, Abednego Matilu. 400-metre hurdles: Eric

Keter, Barnabus Kinyor, Gideon 800-metres: Paul Ruto, Billy Konchellah, William Tanui.

1,500 metres: Jonah Birir, David Kibet, Joseph Chesire. 3,00--metre steeplechase: Moses Kiptanui, Mathew Birir,

Patrick Sang. 5,000 metres: Paul Bitok Michael Chesire, Richard Chelimo.

10,000 metres: Islmail Kirui Moses Tanui.

While Turner Sports said

Wednesday that it had no

comment, senior vice-president

Kevin O'Malley said recently:

"We're not only a pretty major

sports organization, but we're

also an Atlanta-based company

and we'd like to be involved in

what's going to be the biggest

event in the history of this city."

both remain interested. USA

said it will continue to explore

the possibility, but ESPM could

USA Network and ESPM

worse. I am the best over this distance in the world and I do Marathon: Cosmas Ndeti, not have to come to Nairobi to Boniface Merande.

won't take risk SANTA MONICA, California

Joyner-Kersee

July 30: World heptathion world record holder Jackie Joyner-Kersee has withdrawn from this weekend's US Olympic Festival as a precautionary move after straining her muscle, her physical therapist said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

"It's a little strain, but nothing serious," Robert Forster told Reuters. "It was just too much of a risk to have her compete and have something more serious happen this close to the World Championships."

Joyner-Kersee was sched uled to run the 200 metres and high jump at the US Olympic Festival in San Antonio, Texas, as a tune-up for the World Championships, which begin August 14 in Stuttgart, Ger-

She strained the inner thigh muscle while throwing the javelin in practice late last week and began receiving treatment on Sunday.

"It's already getting better," Forster said

Players from former USSR reap rich

BRATISLAVA, July 30: Plavers from formers Soviet republics won more than half of the titles at the 1993 world junior and youth chess tournament which ended on Thursday in Bratislava, reports Reuter

The tournament is consid ered to be the world's most prestigious chess tournament for young players.

The contestants from 78 countries - 326 boys and 245 girls under the age of 18 - were organised in five age brackets. Russian players won three of

the classes, with Evzhenia Chasovnikova taking the title for girls under 12, Volodia Malakhov, the title for boys under 14 and Evoenij Shaposhnikov, the title for boys under Azerbaizan's Ilaha Kadimova

took the class for girls under 18 while Georgia's Ana Matnadze won the class for girls under 10. The other titles were won by players from Armenia, England,

France, Hungary and Vietnam. The 11-round tournament began on July 17. It was the first time Slovakia had hosted

Grossman pushed to her limit

the championships.

win and advance to the quarterfinals, reports AP.

player in the world, needed her best groundstrokes to hold off the 17-year-old Canadian.

The 23-year-old Grossman this event.

It turned out to be an easy day for third seed Debbie Graham of the United States, as she only needed 42 minutes to dismiss Christine Newman, 6-1,

Graham, ranked 56th, takes on Audra Keller in the quarterfinals. Keller advanced with a 6-1, 6-4 win over France's Nathalie Herreman.

18-year-old Rosanna de los Rios, of Paraguay, became the youngest quarterfinalist at this tournament in three years.

against Australia's Rennae Stubbs, saved five match points in the second set on her way to a 0-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 vic-

Rios, whose only other quarterfinal appearance this year has been at a Futures event in Italy, reached the second round after tournament top seed Brenda Schultz, of the Netherlands, retired in their opening round match.

Thursday as Louise Allen, of the United States, had to pull out of her match against fifth seeded Italian Laura Golarsa.

Her default in singles auto-Sabine Lohmann of Germany in

reached the semifinals without even going on court. Their firstround opponents, France's Sophie Amiach and Peru's laura Gildemeister, also defaulted after Amiach suffered a back in-

In other doubles action, the top-seeded pair of Gigi Fernandez, of Puerto Rico, and Stubbs ousted American sisters Amy DeLone and Erike DeLone, 6-3, 6-4 in front of 1,500 parti-

Rican on the women's tour and the top-ranked doubles player in the world, is seeking her first title in the eight-year-old tournament.

Darnyi ready to get even more



SHEFFIELD, Eng. land, July 30: Tamas Darnyi, widely considered the world's best

all-around swimmer, will aim to add more titles to his world and Olympic honours at the European swimming championships. reports AP

two-time world and Olympic individual medley champion. He will be seeking to repeat his explotts of the 1989 European Championships, where he won the 200 metre and 400 metre medley and the 200 metre but-More than 1,000 competitors

The Hungarian swimmer is a

are expected for the championships, which started yesterday with diving competitions. The swimming events begin next Tuesday.

If Hungary is counting on Darnyi, the team will be without Norbet Rosza

Rosza, the world recordholder and Olympic silver medalist in the 100-meter breaststroke, was included on Hungary's roster. But he became an Australian citizen last week and won't be competing in

Rosza's absence marginally weakens a strong Hungarian team that also includes Kristina Egerszegi, who won Olympic titles in the 100 and 200 backstroke and the 400 individual medley. She also is the defend-



ing European champion in all

three events. Britain's Nick Gillingham,

Olympic bronze medalist in the 200 breaststroke, is favoured to become the first swimmer to win the European title three

Germany's Franziska van Almsick is expected to go home with even more titles, however, before the competition winds up

Winner of four Olympic medals in Barcelona last year at age 14, she has entered four individual events - the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly. She could also collect medals in the relays. Russian freestylers Alex

Popov and Evgeny Sadovyi, who won seven Olympic medals between them in Barcelona, also line up in the Ponds Forge pool. Popov won the Olympic 50

and 100 freestyle titles and collected silvers in two relays. Sadovyi triumphed in the 200 and 400 freestyle events and helped the Russian team win the 800 relay. After the breakup of the

Soviet Union since the last championships in Athens two years ago, this year's event has a record number of competing countries, 36, compared with 28 in 1991.

Croatia, Ukraine and Slovakia have entered teams in the water polo competition for the first time.

Jupina makes Ukraine joyous



SHEFFIELD, England, July 30: Elena Jupina gave Ukraine a flying somersaults start to the European swimming

championships on Thursday by leading the qualifiers for the women's platform diving final, reports Reuter.

Jupina produced the topscoring efforts in each of the last three rounds of the six-dive series on the 10 metre highboard to establish a big psychological advantage for today's fi-

She outscored former European champion Ute Wetzig by more than 20 points to encourage Ukrainian hopes of their first major championship title in the pool now that the Soviet Union has broken up and the Commonwealth of Independent States has faded

Jupina amassed 321.84

points, with the day's highest mark of 67.86 for final effort, a backward piked dive with 2-1/2

Wetzig, who won gold for East Germany in 1989 and bronze for United Germany in 1991, led for the first three rounds and finished with 299.10 points. Svetlana Khokhlova was

third-best qualifier with 283.83 points but fellow Russian Alia Tarasova Lobankina, who won the title back in 1983 and took bronze in 1985, made a hash of her fifth dive and ended up sixth on 263.25. Lobankina can make ample

amends in the final, when the secres return to zero, but experienced German Doris Pecher will have no second chance after a disastrous last dive left her 14th of the 17 entrants and outside the top 12 qualifiers. A record entry of over 1,000

competitors from 36 countries

day championships - well up from the 832 from 28 countries in Athens two years ago before the Soviet Union, Yugoslavi and Czechoslovakia fell apart.

are down to compete in the 11-

The European Swimming League (LEN), the continent's governing body for the sport, on Thursday welcomed the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as its 47th member.

But the LEN said it needed to carry out further investigations before deciding on membership for a federation from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Harm Beyer, the LEN's German acing honorary secretary, said the political situation in the war-torn republic made it very difficult to communicate and not all requirement for membership had been met.

The main swimming programme in the ponds forge pool begins next Tuesday.

break it." Barbara Bedford, 20, upset

current American record holde Lea Loveless in the 100- metre backstroke. Bedford came from behind in the last 25- metres to out touch Loveless in 1:01.58 Loveless was second in 1:01.61, off her 1:00.82 American

meet for the August 12-15 Pan Pacific Championships in Kobe, Japan and FINA world short course championships in Spain

Mark Bosnich from playing for English Premier League Aston Villa for two weeks on Friday after he refused to join his national squad for two World Cup

by Australia for the match against Canada in Edmonton on Saturday and the return leg in Sydney on August 15.

ing body, barred Bosnich from playing for Aston Villa until August 16.

Bosnich no longer intended to play for Australia he must submit his decision in writing to the ASF and FIFA avoid future problems.

NBC can do without Ted Turner

KONCHELLAH

that Tanui and Kirui had al-

ready proved they were capable

of running the qualifying time

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Moses Kiptanui easily won the

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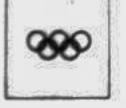
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Multi-world record holder

World cross country cham-

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at the trails.



NEW YORK, July 30: Imagine an Olympics in Atlanta without Ted Turner. The people at Turner

Broadcasting Co can't, but some of his rivals can. And so can NBC, reports AP. "Unless they're willing to put up some money to share the risk, we can't do this." MBC

Sports president Dick Ebersol

On Tuesday, the International Olympic Committee awarded exclusive US rights for the 1996 Olympics to MBC for a record dirs 456 million. At the same time, Pound said the IOC "clearly hopes" MBC will offer some programming to a US cable company.

Besides TBS, the cable companies that have shown interest include such heavyweights as ESPN, HBO, USA Network. Prime Network and Sports-Channel America.

"Right now, he's in charge. This is his ball game," HBO executive producer Ross Greenburg said. "We have to take Dick Ebersol's lead and see what kind of cable window he's going to create, and we'll be right in there pitching."

Ebersol said Wednesday that he was willing to talk to any cable company interested, but there were some conditions.

First, no cable outlet will be allowed to sell local advertising during the Olympics. Second, MBC will not pay anyone "to carry our signal," and third, "we will expect some form of compensation, some form of risk taking from any cable group, Ebersol said.

He said he expected to begin entertaining serious offers after Labor Day and could have an announcement by Nov 1. MBC turned down an offer of

dlrs 75 million from Turner Sports for the Barcelona Games, opting instead to create it's own pay-per-view Triple Cast. Largely because of the pay-per-view flop, MBC lost dlrs 100 million at Barcelona.

has made a financial offer yet, and there are reports that Tugner won't. Turner, who is headquartered in Atlanta, has been told by shareholders: Don't let civic pride cloud your judgment. Don't get involved

It's hard to believe Turner would suffer the embarrassment of being outbid in his own backyard, but there are reports facilities and personnel.

sion viewers than me." Ebersol

None of the cable networks

"I don't think there's any

bigger fan of what Ted Turner has done for American televi-

unless you can make money. that in lieu of money, he might only be able to offer production



The golden BJMC quartet of Lubna, Nasima, Nilufar and Lovely after winning the women's 4X400m relay in the second summer athletics championships which concluded at the Army Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 30: Ann Grossman, the second seed at the dlrs 150,000 Puerto Rico Open, fought off a tough challenge from qualifier Sonja Jeyeseelan to post a 6-4, 7-5

Grossman, the 36th-ranked

next takes on another qualifier in Catalina Cristea, who became the first qualifier in three years to reach the quarterfinals at

In other matches Thursday,

De los Ríos, matched up

The 118th-ranked De los

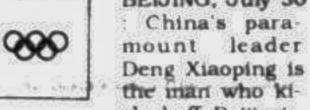
Injury also struck on

matically retired her doubles team with Golarsa. They had been scheduled to take on Maureen Drake of Canada and the doubles quarterfinals. Drake-Lohmann have

jury in singles play.

san fans. Fernandez, the only Puerto

Deng behind Beijing's bid BEIJING, July 30 the International Olympic standards of living and educa-Committee (ICC), many have China's para visited or are scheduled to visit mount leader



the man who kicked off Beijing's push to be named host city for the Olympic Games in the year 2000 and he follows the issue closely, according to a senior Chinese Olympic Committee

official, reports AFP. Chinese Olympic Committee secretary-general Wei Jizhong, in an interview with AFP, said Deng had put the idea to China's Sports Minister at the 1990 Asian Games.

"He has a great interest in

Beijing's candidacy," Wei said Thursday. Beijing is one of the stronger contenders, along with Sydney, Australia, and northern England's Manchester, for hosting

the 2000 Olympic Games.

The year 2000 is a symbolic date for China because it is the target fixed by Deng Xiaoping for achieving the modernisation of China's economy," Wei said.

"If we can also obtain the

honour of organising the Olympic Games, this would be a crowning achievement."

Among the 91 members of

Beijing between now and September 23, when the host city is to be selected. Wei said Chinese officials discussed all topics, including politics, broached by members

of the IOC. Three questions came up regularly: Human rights, Tibet and China's regime after Deng Xiaoping," he said. Much speculation surrounds

month, dies. On Monday, the US House of Representatives voted 287-99 in favour of a resolution opposing Beijing's Olympics bid on human rights grounds. Beijing has accused Washington of want on interference in urging the IOC

China's political future after

Deng, who turns 89 next

to reject its bid. "In the area of human rights, the government has made efforts, but the western conception of the matter is different than that which we have in

Asia," Wei said. "For us, the human rights which take priority are the right to live, eat, have shelter and get an education elevating our tion inevitably go the furthest in promoting democracy." Wei denied accusations expressed in the west that China

was trying to wipe out Tibetan culture and replace it with its There are some two million Tibetans in Tibet and about

60,000, if my memory serves me well. Chinese technicians who are very well paid to work there but would not like to stay in Tibet. The Chinese government is ready to discuss all questions

with the Dalai Lama except Tibetan sovereignty. Extled Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama is a vocal advocate of independence for the Himalayan kingdom of Tibet which has been internationally recognised as part of China for more than 40 years.

International watchdog groups have reported widespread human rights abuses by Chinese forces in Tibet.

Regarding China's future after Deng. Wei said. "It will be impossible to go back on the policy of opening and reforming

the economy.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: PET SHOP PROPRIETOR

SAYS, "I HAVE TO TELL YOU, IT'S ONLY PUPPY LOVE." Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals P

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.

Evans, Rouse reign supreme

AUSTI, Texas, July 30: World record holders Janet Evans and Jeff Rouse won national titles on the fourth nigh of competition at the national swimming championships on

Evans, Olympic gold medalmedley at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, won the 400 freestyle in four minutes, 05.85 seconds. Evans finished four body lengths ahead of the field to win her second title of the meet. She won the 800-metres freestyle

Evans was on world record pace to break her own record of 4:03.85 for the first 300 metres. The time was her fastest since the 1990 Goodwill Games (4:05.84), he also bettered her Bercelona silver medal time by

silver medalist in 1992, won her 35th national title. She will compete in the 1,500-metre freestyle today.

races like I used to." Rouse, 23, won the 100-me-

tre backstroke in 54,21, off his 53.86 world record! It was the eighth fastest time ever. Rouse was the Olympic silver medalist in the 100 backstroke and a gold medalist on the medley relay team in Barcelona. "It was a pleasant surprise to be that fast," Rouse said, "You

tally for a race like it's the Olympics. This was a mental * World record holder Pable Morales, 28, finished fifth in the 100- metre butterfly and hinted at retirement. Morales' world

"I'm not swimming faster and it bothers me," Morales said. "I'll make a decision soon. I still want to see if I can come close to my world record if not

The five-day meet, which concludes today, is a selection

ZURICH, July 30: FIFA sus-pended Australian goalkeeper

FIFA, world soccer's govern-

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Thursday, reports Reuter. ist in the 400-and 800- metre freestyle and 400 individual

Monday night.

Evans 22, also a gold and

a second (4:07.37)

"My training has been a lot less intense this year," Evans said. 'I think it's really made a difference. I tapered for three weeks and I've never done that We figured we'd not experiment with this meet and see what happens. It's so good to be genuinely excited about a swim. That hasn't happened in a long time. I've started swimming my

always want to prepare men-

record time is 52.84.

December 2-5. Bosnich in a mess

qualifiers, reports Reuter. Bosnich had been called up

FIFA said in a statement if