



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

NAIROBI, July 30: World 800 metres champion Billy Konchellah overcame illness and injury to win a place in the Kenyan team for next month's World Championships in Stuttgart on Thursday, reports Reuter.

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



KONCHELLAH that Tanui and Kirui had already proved they were capable of running the qualifying time of 28:07.00. World-cross country champion William Stegi missed selection after he dropped out of the 10,000 metres after 20 laps. Multi-world record holder and defending world champion Moses Kiptanui easily won the 3,000 metres steeplechase in 8:30.80 and then launched a scathing attack on the Kenya Amateur Athletics Association (KAAA) for insisting that he ran at the trails. "What did they want to prove? Running here only makes my knee problems worse. I am the best over this distance in the world and I do not have to come to Nairobi to

"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 I am 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 month.

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 13:50.66. Paul Bitok won the race in 13:32.40, Mike Chesire was second in 13:32.68 and Josephat Machuka third in 13:40.7.

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.

NBC can do without Ted Turner

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.

pay-per-view flop, NBC lost \$100 million at Barcelona. None of the cable networks has made a financial offer yet, and there are reports that Turner 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 unless you can make money.

It's hard to believe Turner would suffer the embarrassment of being outbid in his own backyard, but there are reports that in lieu of money, he might only be able to offer production facilities and personnel.

"I don't think there's any



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

Joyner-Kersey won't take risk

SANTA MONICA, California, July 30: World heptathlon world record holder Jackie Joyner-Kersey 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-Kersey was scheduled 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, Germany.

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: Players from former 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 considered 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 Evocnij Shaposhnikov, the title for boys under 12.

Azerbaijan's Ilahe 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 the championships.

Grossman pushed to her limit

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 30: Ann Grossman, the second seed at the \$150,000 Puerto Rico Open, fought off a tough challenge from qualifier Sonja Jeyeseelan to post a 6-4, 7-5 win and advance to the quarter-finals, reports AP.

Grossman, the 36th-ranked player in the world, needed her best groundstrokes to hold off the 17-year-old Canadian.

The 23-year-old Grossman next takes on another qualifier in Catalina Cristea, who became the first qualifier in three years to reach the quarter-finals at 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, 6-2.

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

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

De los Rios, matched up against Australia's Renae Stubbs, saved five match points in the second set on her way to a 0-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 victory.

The 118th-ranked De los Rios, whose only other quarter-final 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.

Injury also struck on 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 automatically retired her doubles team with Golarsa. They had been scheduled to take on Maureen Drake of Canada and Sabine Lohmann of Germany in the doubles quarter-finals.

Drake-Lohmann have reached the semifinals without even going on court. Their first-round opponents, France's Sophie Amich and Peru's Laura Gildemeister, also defaulted after Amich suffered a back injury in singles play.

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 partisan fans.

Fernandez, the only Puerto 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, England, 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.

Sheffield. Darnyi'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-

The Hungarian swimmer is a two-time world and Olympic individual medley champion. He will be seeking to repeat his exploits of the 1989 European Championships, where he won the 200 metre and 400 metre medley and the 200 metre butterfly.

More than 1,000 competitors 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 Rozsa.

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



TAMAS DARNYI, Hungary's 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

Evans, Rouse reign supreme

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

Evans, Olympic gold medalist in the 400- and 800-metre freestyle and 400 individual medley 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-metre freestyle Monday night.

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), she also bettered her Barcelona silver medal time by a second (4:07.37).

Evans 22, also a gold and silver medalist in 1992, won her 35th national title. She will compete in the 1,500-metre freestyle today.

"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 races like I used to."

Rouse, 23, won the 100-metre 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 always want to prepare mentally for a race like it's the Olympics. This was a mental drill."

World record holder Pablo Morales, 28, finished fifth in the 100-metre butterfly and hinted at retirement. Morales' world record time is 52.84.

"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 break it."

Barbara Bedford, 20, upset current American record holder 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 record.

The five-day meet, which concludes today, is a selection meet for the August 12-15 Pan Pacific Championships in Kobe, Japan and FINA world short course championships in Spain December 2-5.

Bosnich in a mess

ZURICH, July 30: FIFA suspended Australian goalkeeper 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 qualifiers, reports Reuter.

Bosnich had been called up by Australia for the match against Canada in Edmonton on Saturday and the return leg in Sydney on August 15.

FIFA, world soccer's governing body, barred Bosnich from playing for Aston Villa until August 16.

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

Jupina makes Ukraine joyous

SHEFFIELD, England, July 30: Elena Jupina gave Ukraine a flying start to the European swimming championships on Thursday by leading the qualifiers for the women's platform diving final, reports Reuter.

Jupina produced the top-scoring efforts in each of the last three rounds of the six-day series on the 10 metre high-board to establish a big psychological advantage for today's final.

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 away.

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 somersaults.

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 Alla 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 scores 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 are down to compete in the 11-day championships — well up from the 832 from 28 countries in Athens two years ago before the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia fell apart.

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 acting 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 forgo pool begins next Tuesday.

Deng behind Beijing's bid

BEIJING, July 30: China's paramount leader Deng Xiaoping is 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 AP.

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 the International Olympic Committee (IOC), many have visited or are scheduled to visit 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 China's political future after Deng, who turns 89 next 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 wanton interference in urging the IOC 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

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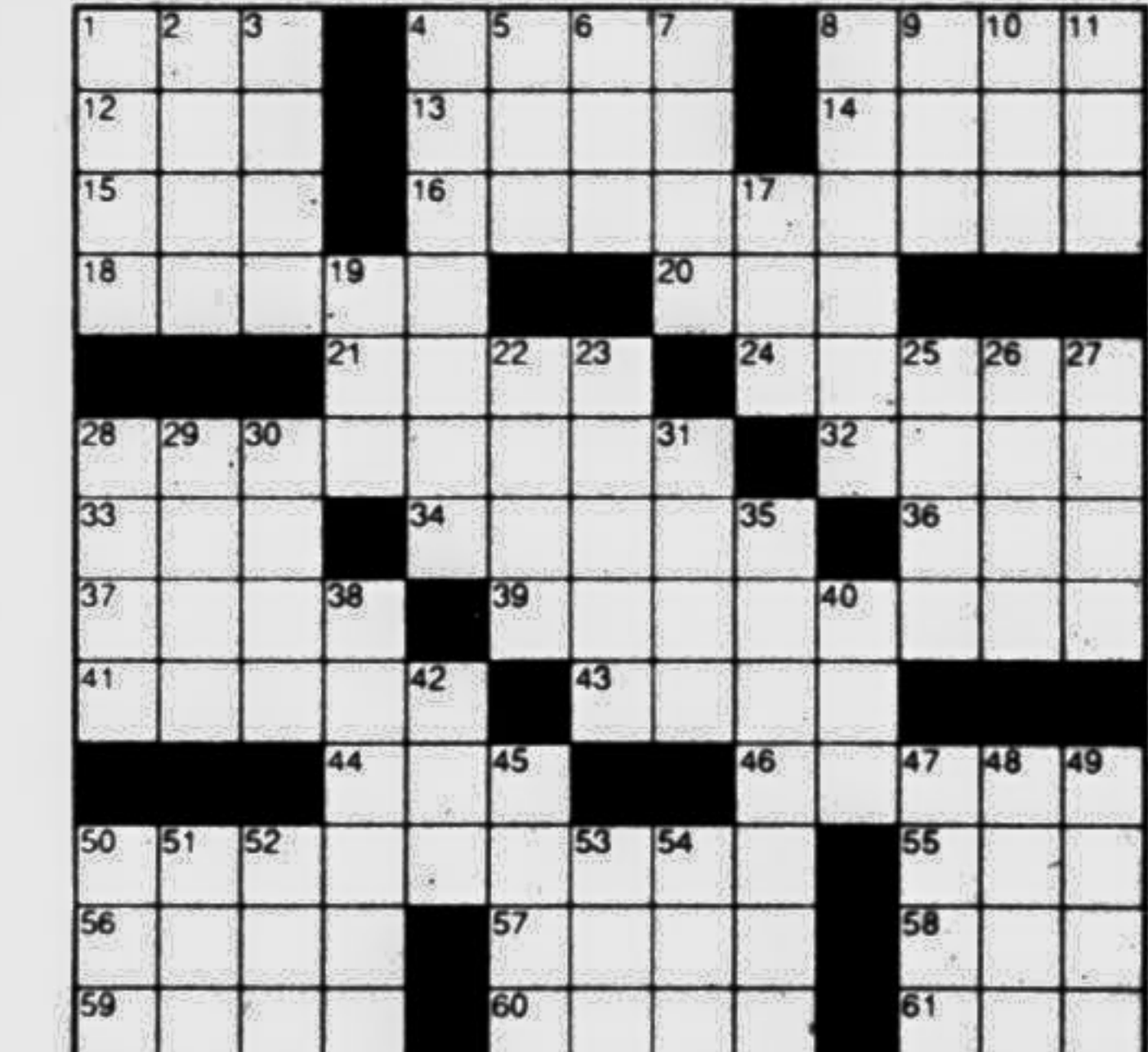
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: PET SHOP PROPRIETOR SAYS, "I HAVE TO TELL YOU, IT'S ONLY PUPPY LOVE."

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.