



American world long jump record holder Mike Powell shows his shoe to the stands after defending his crown at the Stuttgart World Athletics Championships on Friday with a leap of 8.59 metres. — AFP photo

Garcia gets Spain's second gold

STUTTGART, Aug 21: Jesus Angel Garcia gave Spain its second men's walk gold of the World Championships on Saturday when he strode to victory in the 50-km event, reports Reuter.

Garcia, in a six-man group which broke away before the 20-km mark, forced the pace throughout, dropping his rivals one by one to go it alone for most of the latter part of the race.

He came home in three hours 41 minutes 41 seconds, leading silver medalist Valentin Kononen of Finland by about 100 metres at the finish in the Gottlieb-Dimler Stadium.

Kononen, who pulled back to draw level with Garcia briefly a few kms from the stadium, clocked 3:42:02 and Valery Spitsyn of Russia took the bronze in 3:42:50.

Several of the 46 starters were disqualified for failing to make continuous contact with the ground, including defending world champion Aleksandr Potashov of Belarus.

Potashov was ruled out after a third warning while just trailing the leading group at around 20 kms.

Robert Korzeniowski of Poland, who was in the original group of six, was also among those disqualified.

Garcia, a 23-year-old from Madrid, set the fastest time of the year as he followed the success of compatriot Valenti Masana, winner of the 20-km walk in Stuttgart.

"I can't believe it. It's a fantastic time," said Garcia after a race in which he became the ninth fastest walker ever over the distance.

them," he said.

"We'll run our race. Nobody's going to beat us."

The Americans are expected to bring in 100 metres bronze medalist Dennis Mitchell in place of Smith in the final.

Britain qualified without problems though finishing only second in their heat when Christie eased off to let Ibrahim Meite of the Ivory Coast past just before the finish.

The British team of Jason John, Tony Jarrett, Darren Braithwaite and Christie clocked 38.80 seconds to 38.77 for the Africans.

Regis is expected to be in the final team and 110 metres hurdles gold medalist Colin Jackson, who set a world record on Friday, could also be included, chief coach Frank Dick said.

The Russian quartet was disqualified in their heat and Jamaica, unexpectedly, did not send a team out to the start.

Cuba set the second fastest time of the opening round, winning their heat in 38.66 seconds.

On Friday, Colin Jackson bettered the world high hurdles

record, Gail Devers completed a race double and an era ended when Carl Lewis finished only third in the 200 metres final.

In another triumphant night for the British, Jackson answered the critics who had queried his temperament under pressure with a wonderful victory in the 110 metres hurdles.

Thrusting almost desperately for the line after leading from start to finish, Jackson reduced Roger Kingdom's world record by one-hundredth of a second to 12.91 seconds.

It was Britain's third gold medal of the championships and their second world record in consecutive nights following Sally Gunnell's 400 metres hurdles record on Thursday.

"This has been the greatest night for Britain," said team captain Linford Christie, who won the 100 metres title on Sunday.

A night of pulsating athletics before a noisy, appreciative crowd began splendidly with Gail Devers winning the 100 metres title to add to her 100 sprint gold.

Devers won the Olympic 100 gold in Barcelona last year but

crashed into the final flight with the hurdles gold almost within her grasp.

She made no such mistakes on Friday, setting a North American record of 12.46 seconds, and becoming only the second woman after Dutchwoman Fanny Blankers-Koen in 1948 to complete the double.

FREDERICKS' FEAT

In other finals decided on Friday, Frankie Fredericks became the first black African to win a major sprint medal when he clocked 19.85 seconds for the 200 metres. Americans Mike Powell in the long jump and Dan O'Brien in the decathlon both retained their 1991 titles.

For the first time ever, Lewis failed to win a gold medal at a global championships.

The 32-year-old American, who has collected eight world and eight Olympic titles, managed only third place behind Fredericks and Britain's John Regis.

"I will be back next year," said Lewis. But the impression is hardening that time is running out for the greatest sprinter of his time.

Fredericks, who lives and trains in the United States, said he competed against the best week after week.

"If I had stayed in Africa I wouldn't have had this competition," he said.

Powell, who broke the world record in the Tokyo World Championships, was clearly the best in Friday's field, winning with a leap of 8.59 metres against the handicap of swirling winds.

O'Brien, battling a groin injury, needed all his skill and experience to head the challenge of Eduard Hamalainen of Belarus who set four personal bests. O'Brien finally prevailed with a total of 8,817 to Hamalainen's 8,724.

In the end the night belonged to Jackson, who finally showed all his glorious speed and technique when it mattered the most.

DRUGS THE MENACE

Amid the euphoria there was a chilling reminder of the major problem affecting a sport which has blossomed in popularity since Lewis won three gold medals in Helsinki 10 years ago.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation announced that two athletes from the old Soviet Union had tested positive at the championships for stanozolol, the steroid used by Ben Johnson before the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

World men's javelin bronze medalist Dmitry Polyutin of Uzbekistan and 1991 women's 800 metres champion Lilya Nurutdinova are now suspended for four years pending a hearing by their national federations.

Medals table after the sixth day of the World Athletics Championships on Friday (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze).

Powell's golden leap

STUTTGART, Aug 21: Carl Lewis may not have been there but world record holder Mike Powell still found a way to use his compatriot as motivation when he claimed a second world long jump title on Friday, reports Reuter.

"I didn't want to have the shortest winning jump in World Championship history, which was Carl's 8.55 metres in 1983," Powell said.

So, on his sixth and final attempt, Powell sailed 8.59 metres to retain by a margin of 43 cms the world title he won in Japan two years ago.

"I'm very happy to have won," Powell said. "And I'm going to be smiling just as much as I was in Tokyo."

There Powell set the world record of 8.95 metres, breaking Bob Beamon's 23-year-old mark of 8.90 in an electrifying competition with Lewis.

Lewis chose not to compete in the long jump this season and Powell has had to find other challenges to lift himself to compelling performances.

"I didn't exactly set things on fire like 1991," Powell said. "It's been that way all year."

"I don't think it was Carl

Lewis. Nobody was jumping far at this time. It's a matter of timing. There are a lot of people injured this year."

Nor did the weather help.

The wind was changing around so much that it was blowing into my face and then it would turn around," Powell said. "So I was making adjustments like in my normal competition."

"I am not the perfectionist like Carl Lewis. He just comes out and does what he does every time."

"I'm kind of like the workman. I come out there and put on my hard hat and get the job done."

Powell said he wanted to wrap up the competition on his first jump but he fouled.

A safety valve leap of 8.16 on his second put him ahead for keeps and then it was just a matter of how far he would jump.

"On my last jump, the crowd really got behind me, as it had all day. My approach was off a little bit but I was able to pull it out. I think 8.59 under the circumstances was a pretty good jump."

"I only wish we could have the World Championships in the United States and have a crowd like this to get behind us."

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Devers' delightful double

STUTTGART, Aug 21: Gail Devers has to believe in second chances.

The American, whose athletics career was once nearly ended by a crippling disease, completed a rare double at the World Championships on Friday by adding the 100 metres sprint gold she won on Monday, reports Reuter.

That double was last achieved at the 1948 London Olympics by Fanny Blankers-Koen, the flying Dutchwoman who is regarded as one of the greatest athletes ever.

Devers came tantalisingly close to the feat last year when she won the sprint at the Barcelona Olympics but tripped on the final hurdle when in sight of a second victory.

Stuttgart gave her another chance to get it right.

"This means a lot to me, especially after what happened to me last year," Devers said. "I've heard a lot about it, especially from coach Bobby Kersee. It's been along time coming. Everything happens for a reason and for a time. This was just my time."

The 26-year-old Californian

broke her own North American record with a time of 12.46 seconds, 0.02 seconds better than her previous best.

"I got out good but I messed up in the middle," she said. "I hit one hurdle. I wanted to avoid what happened in

caused her weight to fall from 61 to 43 kgs and left her with temporary loss of vision in one eye.

Her thyroid was badly affected and she was close to having both feet amputated.

But Devers fourth back to fitness, resumed an athletics career which seemed over almost before it started and returned to become the greatest sprinter hurdler of modern times.

The American said her main problem in winning a golden double was the switch from sprinting to hurdling. "In the hurdles I can't open my stride to the maximum," she said. "I just rested through the rounds, hoping that when I got to the final I would be a hurdler again."

Devers received a touching tribute from Briton Colin Jackson, who broke the world record in the 110 metres final.

"I train a lot with [Briton] Linford Christie and he's the world and Olympic sprint champion so I know how difficult it is," Jackson said.

"The stride pattern is slightly different. Maintaining speed to the ends very hard."

"For Gail to do that is an awesome thing."



GAIL DEVERS Barcelona and this time I did recover. Recovery is what Devers knows best. Graves disease led her low in 1988 and the radiation treatment she underwent made her hair fall out.

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Note: Two bronze medals were awarded in the pole vault.

US relay team equals world mark

STUTTGART, Germany, Aug 21: The United States team equalled the world record in the 4x100 metre relay by clocking 37.40 seconds in the semifinals of the World Championships Saturday, reports AP.

The record is shared by another US team, set in 1992.

Jon Drummond, Andre Cason, Denis Mitchell and Leroy Burrell ran in the first heat of the semifinal, easily powering into the finals and equalling the record.

Burrell and Mitchell were also in the team that ran the world record time in 1992. It also included Carl Lewis and Mike Marsh.

Gunnell marks up price

STUTTGART, Aug 21: Britain's world 400 metres hurdles champion Sally Gunnell has threatened to boycott an international athletics meeting in Sheffield, England, this month if she is not paid the same money as compatriot Linford Christie, reports Reuter.

British athletics sources said Christie was paid 25,000 pounds sterling (\$37,500 dollars) for last month's Grand Prix meeting at London's Crystal Palace while Gunnell earned only 10,000 pounds (\$15,000 dollars).

Christie, the world 100 metres champion, and Gunnell both won gold medals at last year's Barcelona Olympics.

"I think we should be on a par," Gunnell told a news conference.

"My last big meeting at home this season will be in Sheffield and I want to go in earning the same as Linford."

Gunnell, who broke the world record in Thursday's 400 metres final at the World Championships, was then asked if she would refuse to go to the Sheffield meeting scheduled for August 29 if she did not get same appearance money as Christie.

"Yeah," Gunnell replied. "I think that is the attitude I've got to have now. I've got to toughen up a bit."

Emotive return for Wenguan

GUANGZHOU, Aug 21: Canada's Commonwealth gold medalist Johnny Huang Wenguan made an emotional return to his native city here Saturday, defeating former compatriot Ma Wenge in the quarterfinals of the table tennis World Cup, reports AP.

Back for the first time here since he quit China in 1987, a fired-up Huang hammered his ex-Chinese national teammate 21-12, 21-7 in the quarterfinal of the 100,000 US dollars tournament.

Huang's win was witnessed by his parents, and immediately after the victory, Huang ran to his mother in the stands.

The other semi-final will be between Croatian Zoran Primorac and Swede Peter Karlsson, both of whom are unbeaten in the tournament.

Karlsson, 24, booked his berth with a comprehensive 21-13, 21-11 win over Chinese-born Austrian Ding Yi.

Karlsson, carrying Sweden's hopes after world number one Waldner pulled out in the preliminary round, with a shoulder injury, completely overwhelmed Ding with his all-round game.

Rafter ends Sampras' reign

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 21: Australian Patrick Rafter fought off 10 break points in the third set Friday and upset top-ranked Pete Sampras 7-6 (8-6), 6-7 (7-3), 7-6 (7-5) to reach the semifinals of the US Hardcourts, reports AP.

Rafter, ranked 139th in the world, took just under three hours to oust the two-time defending champion.

Rafter, 20, saved eight break points in the seventh game of the final set after losing the first three points of the game. He saved two more break points in the ninth game on route to forcing the third tiebreaker of the match.

"He let me off the hook," said Rafter, who had arrived in town thinking he was going to have to qualify for the tournament. He got into the main draw when Anders Jarryd withdrew with a knee injury prior to the start of Saturday's qualifying.

"It was great. It was a good feeling," Rafter said of learning he didn't have to qualify.

The stunning upset by Rafter, who brought a career

match record of only 3-10 into his 11th tour event, cost Sampras the No. 1 ranking and the top seeding in the upcoming US Open.

Second-seeded Jim Courier will reclaim the No. 1 position Monday by virtue of a 6-3, 6-4 victory over No. 7 Cedric Pioline of France in Friday evening's featured match.

It will be the fourth time that Courier has been ranked No. 1. He lost it most recently to Sampras on April 12.

"It feels great, never had a feeling like this," Rafter said after the match, which included only one service break by each player.

Rafter's only wins on the tour this year had come against qualifiers.

"He hit some big serves, played smart," said Sampras, who was 20-2 lifetime in the tournament until he met Rafter.

Sampras lost despite winning 10 more points, 141-131. He struggled with his serve, recording nine double-faults.

"I just haven't been playing all that great. I have been playing pretty well, but I am just not getting the breaks," Rafter said.

Sampras said.

Rafter had a chance to win the match in straight sets. The second set was tied 5-5 and Sampras was serving at 15-40 when Rafter had an open court. But he put a forehand into the net and Sampras came back to hold.

In the final set, Rafter charged back from a 3-1 deficit in the tiebreaker.

Sampras missed a volley on the next point and Rafter then took the lead for good at 4-3 with a backhand to the corner.

A service winner put Rafter up 6-3. Sampras then got back in the tiebreaker with a service winner and an ace, but he couldn't handle a serve to his backhand and blocked it long.

Becker was an easy 6-4, 6-3 winner over No. 11 Richey Reneberg.

Courier will attempt to nail down his second straight Hardcourt finals berth on Saturday against Luiz Mattar of Brazil. Mattar defeated qualifier Jimmy Arias 6-2, 6-2 Friday to reach the semifinals in his first Indianapolis appearance.

Korda, Black, Medvedev in semis

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug 21: Petr Korda beat the rain, Byron Black outlasted it and Andre Medvedev escaped it — and another close call — to advance to the semifinals of the Volvo International, reports AP.

The match between Ivan Lendl and Andre Agassi was suspended until Saturday following a 5-hour rain delay with three false starts. Agassi led 5-3 and was serving for the first set.

Black waited out the delay then used strong groundstrokes to beat eighth-seed Mark Woodforde 6-3, 6-3 to advance to his first semifinal in an ATP championship tournament.

"It was tough all day waiting for something to happen," Black said. "I think Mark got a little frustrated."

Woodforde said he thought it was unfair that Lendl and Agassi were allowed to go home while he and Black had to continue.

"I think they're trying to look after their top players because they lost so many seeded play-

ers," he said. "I'd really like to get a decent answer, but I don't think I will because I don't think there is one."

Tournament officials said they needed to let one set of quarter finalists leave because of the possibility of more rain. They said if Agassi and Lendl stayed much later they couldn't have been ready to play at 10:45 am Saturday and that could have reined the day's schedule.

"We just try to be fair to the guys and to the tournament and I think we did that," ATP supervisor Mark Darby said.

Medvedev beat Jonas Svensson 7-6 (8-6), 1-6, 6-4, depending on his serve, with 10 aces, in the first set then preserving Svensson's serve in the final set.

Medvedev struggled for a second straight day yet still managed to pullout a victory.

"This is a week I won't forget," he said. "Fighting back two days in a row gives me confidence I can do this."

Korda advanced with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Stefan Pescosolido, who had upset two

seeds on his way to the quarter finals. Despite breaking Korda in the second set — the first time this tournament Korda has been broken — Pescosolido failed to pressure Korda.

"I played bad the whole match," Pescosolido said.

The lone break against Korda came in the fourth game, when he disputed several line calls. But he broke back in the seventh and ninth games to win.

The line calls "pumped me up more and more," Korda said. "It's the reason I was able to break him and break him again."

Korda, who was in seven finals last year — winning three — is seeking his first final this year. He'll play Black in the semifinals.

Korda was slowed by a heart inflammation in February and hasn't played as well this summer as last. But he said he feels his game coming back. He reached the semifinals of the Canadian Open two weeks ago before losing in the second round last week to Brad Gilbert in the ATP Championships.

Fernandez left in the cold

TORONTO, Canada, Aug 21: Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland upset fourth-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States 6-4, 6-4 in the quarter-finals of the 750,000 dollar Canadian Open on Friday, reports Reuter.

Two other semifinalists were determined when top-seeded Steff Graf of Germany defeated Nathalie Tauziat of France 6-2, 7-5 and second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain eliminated seventh-seeded Anke Huber of Germany 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

American Jennifer Capriati, the sixth seed, advanced without having to take to the court when her opponent, unseeded Julie Halard of France, had to withdraw due to a back injury.

At dusk in the 10th game of the second set, Maleeva-Fragniere appeared to have reached match point for the

fifth time when her opponent missed a smash into the net.

However, Fernandez claimed that she had been bothered by a mistaken 'out' call on her previous shot and, after much discussion and a courteous visit from referee Brenda Perry of New Zealand, the point was replayed.

The umpire and virtually no one in the crowd had heard the linesman. Nonetheless, the proper ruling was to play the point over.

When Fernandez faulted on her first serve, many spectators cheered and applauded because they sympathized with Maleeva-Fragniere and disagreed with the decision. That may have bothered the American as she badly misfired on a forehand in the ensuing rally to set up the Maleeva-Fragniere's fifth match point.

The 26-year-old Swiss finally won with a forehand placement to earn her first victory over Fernandez after five consecutive

loses dating back to 1990.

Normally a calm, composed competitor, Maleeva-Fragniere was very upset by the ruling to replay the point.

"How could the umpire make a judgment that the linesman's call disturbed Mary Joe if he didn't hear it and had announced the score as 'advantage Maleeva-Fragniere'?" she (Fernandez) had not missed the overhead, if she had hit a winner, would she have complained?"

Maleeva-Fragniere has said she will leave the tour after next year's Australian Open, but day's like Friday make her think about reconsidering.

"When you play matches like this one, in front of good crowd like the one here, you don't feel like stopping," she said. "These are the moments that you enjoy most. I've had a lot of good moments like this. When I have doubts about retiring, it's because I know I'll never live them again."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: AFTER HE FINALLY HIT THE LOTTERY, SIGN ON HIS DOOR SAID, "GONE WITH THE WIN."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals G

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.