Krabbe & Co banned for 2 years

STUTTGART, Germany, Aug 23: The International Amateur Athletic Federation banned German sprinter Katrin Krabbe for two years effective Sunday for bringing the sport into disrepute, track sources said, reports AP.

Krabbe, winner of the 100 and 200 at the 1991 World Championships, was suspended for four years after failing an out-of-competition drug test last year.

In contradiction of IAAF sanctions, the German federation DLV reduced the suspension to one year. The DLV said it had no provisions for out-of-competition testing in its won rules and that German courts don't accept a four-year ban.

In May, the IAAF Council said Krabbe would remain suspended until it decided whether the case needed to go to arbitration.

The German federation has been pushing the IAAF Council to make a final decision or take the case to arbitration.

To avoid arbitration, the council decided to suspend Krabbe for two years for bringing the sport into disrepute, but not on doping charges. No arbitrating can be called in case an athletes is suspended on disrepute charges, said the sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The ban means Krabbe will not be able to compete at the 1995 World Championships in Goteborg, Sweden, just as she missed the worlds that ended Sunday in Stuttgart.

Thorsten Heuser, Krabbe's legal adviser, said he would put pressure on the German federation to request arbitration. But Heuser spoke before it became clear that Krabbe was being banned on disrepute charges, not for doping.

German tract sources have said that the IAAF council feels it would lose its case before an arbitration panel.

Krabbe already won an earlier doping case that went to arbitration.

The IAAF two-year ban also covers two other German sprinters Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr.

The sources said Krabbe and the two other sprinters had admitted taking clenbuterol, and had made hostile statements directed at the IAAF, providing the reason to ban them for bringing the sport into disrepute.

Krabbe admitted taking asthma medicine which contained clenbuterol, but said she didn't know it was illegal. The IAAF considers clenbuterol a banned substance.

When the German federation banned Krabbe for a year, it said she was guilty of "medication abuse."

The German ban was to have expired on Aug 14, when the World Championships began in Stuttgart.

The IAAF Council at the beginning of the championships rejected a German federation proposal to introduce a more flexible suspension scale that it feels it could defend in German courts. German courts are believed to hold four-year bans for too long for professional athletes who make their living from the sport.

Three other doping cases were on the agenda of the council, but no decision was immediately known.

John Ngugi, the five-time world cross-country champion from Kenya, was banned for four years after refusing to submit to an out-of-competition test earlier this year. The Kenyans are pressing for an arbitration hearing in the case.

Iris Biba, a German 10,000-metre runner, is contesting a drug ban on grounds of "exceptional circumstances."

So is Russian hurdler Lyudmila Narozhilenko, who claims that her estranged husband put steroids into her prescribed medication.

"Usually if a person outside your knowledge gives you something this is not regarded as exceptional circumstances," IAAF secretary general Istvan Gyulai said.

As of Sunday, three positive doping cases had been announced at the World Championships.

The latest involved Olympic discus champion Romas Ubartas of Lithuania, who finished fourth here. The IAAF said he tested positive for the anabolic steroid boldenone and faced a four-year ban.

Javelin thrower Dmitry Polyunin of Uzbekistan and 800-metre runner Lilia Murutdinova of Russia also faced four-year suspensions after testing positive for the anabolic steroid stanozolol.

AFP file photo dated May 27, '93 of German athlete Katrin Krabbe who faces a two-year ban starting Aug, 22, according to International Amateur Athletic Federation sources. Krabbe, 23, won the both 100m and 200m at the Tokyo World Championships in 1991 but tested positive for clenbuterol, an anabolic steroid, last year.

STUTTGART NOTEBOOK

STUTTGART, Germany, Aug 23: "Who needs Carl?" was the question after the US sprint relay team equalled the world record without Carl Lewis. The Canadians can now say "Who needs Ben?."

The Canadian relay team set a national record without Ben Johnson Sunday to clinch the bronze medal in the 400-metre relay, reports AP.

Robert Esmie, Glenroy Gilbert, Bruny Surin and Atlee Mahorn ran the relay in 37.83 improving on the old mark of 38.43 set by the Canadian team set in 1982, at high altitude. Johnson was the leadoff man on that team

Johnson was banned for life earlier this year after he was caught a second time for drug use. Meanwhile, Johnson started his belated soccer career with a team in Canada this weekend.

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CHEERS FOR THE CROWD: The Fourth World Championships drew the biggest crowd since the event was inaugurated in 1983.

In all, 584,450 fans saw nine days of competition, according to Rainer Voegele, vice-president of the organizing committee. This represented 69 per cent of the 737,800 tickets available.

The previous attendance record was 581,000, in Tokyo in 1991.

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SUNNY CHAMPIONSHIPS: The World Championships hit it lucky with the weather.

While many parts in Europe are suffering through one of the worst summers in a long time, the sun was out virtually the entire 9-day competition.

Blue skies reigned and temperates hovered around 25 degrees Celcius (77F) on average and reached 32 C (90F) on Sunday.

Stuttgart Mayor Manfred Rommel called the good weather "a heavenly reward for quality work."

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IF IT'S 37.77 IT MUST BE STUTTGART: Colin Jackson's hectic weekend ended with a silver medal. He should have gotten a gold for effort.

Jackson led off the 400-metre relay for Britain Sunday on only two hours of sleep.

Jackson won the 110 metres hurdles gold medal late Friday. From Stuttgart, he flew to a Saturday wedding of a friend in Worcester, England.

The Welshman then returned home to Cardiff for a short nap.

Sunday morning, he drove to London to catch a plane for Stuttgart, just in time for the relay final.

Jackson ran the first leg and relaxed as he watched his teammates help set a new European record in 37.77.

"It's all been great fun. I wouldn't have missed it. Another medal for the team — and a European record to go with it."

IAAF fears legal bickering

STUTTGART, Aug 23: International athletics chiefs admitted on Monday they could face a battle in the civil court over a decision to impose a new two-year ban on German sprinter Katrin Krabbe for admitting to taking drugs, reports Reuter.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) announced it was banning Krabbe and teammates Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr, who have already been suspended for the past year, for two further years from Monday.

But IAAF doping panel chief Arne Ljungqvist admitted the sport's governing body did not analyse the specific legal implications of imposing the new ban when it made its decision at a short council meeting on Sunday.

Asked if he feared Krabbe might resort to the civil court to fight the ban, Ljunqvist said: "That could be the situation .... The council did not get legal advice on the two years. The two years came up in the conversation.

"Council believed that people involved in this kind of matter should be seriously punished".

The IAAF was unable to enforce its minimum four-year ban under its doping rules because of a legal loophole and acted under its rules of unsportsmanlike behaviour.

The three former East Germans, who admitted to taking the drug clenbuterol after positive tests on Krabbe and Breauer in July last year, had brought the sport into disrepute by doping, it said.

But the decision to impose such a large ban is sure to bring the body further legal problems. The German Athletics Federation (DLV) said immediately it would not accept the ruling and would call the IAAF arbitration panel into action.

"We will call the arbitration panel into action immediately. This is a strange decision. It does not meet with German or international law," DLV general secretary Jan Kern said.

"A total of three years for unsportsmanlike behaviour would not get past a German court."

Last September the DLV recommended a four-year ban on Krabbe, the 1991 world 100 and 200 metres champion, Breuer, who won 400 metres silver at the last World Championships, and Derr.

But in March a German arbitration panel, cut the bans on Krabbe and Breuer 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 as a result of out-of-competition test.

The DLV, which had to follow German law to avoid action in the civil courts, was only able to act against the athletes under its rules of unsportsmanlike conduct.

The IAAF accepted the legal loophole and also resorted to its own rules for unsportsmanlike behaviour.

Ljungqvist said the IAAF had commissioned a report on the German legal problems which was discussed at the meeting.

Record breakers ring the bell

STUTTGART, Aug 23: The Americans sent the world 4X400 metres relay record tumbling on Sunday but the breakthrough the team wanted to talk about involved money and power not time on a stop watch, reports Reuter.

"I had a great time," said anchorman Michael Johnson after the US quarter slashed the world record to two minutes 54.29 seconds in the concluding race of the fourth World Athletics Championships.

"But I still think athletes should have a say on whether there are going to be World Championships every two years.

"If there are, we should at least get some money".

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) has steadfastly refused to pay athletes to compete in the championships.

Instead, gold medalists collect a Mercedes car worth 30,000 dollars.

Johnson said the situation had to change before the next championships in Gothenburg, Sweden, in 1995.

"I would hate to have to miss that," Johnson said. "But if that's what it takes to get what needs to be done in this sport, that's what I'll do.

"I think as soon as the athletes realise that if we come together and do what Noureddine (Morceli) was trying to do as a group, then we will have a lot more power."

Morceli, the world 1,500 metres record holder, had threatened to boycott the championships unless he was paid prize-money. He relented last week and successfully defended his title on Sunday.

"What Morceli was trying to do was to get some rights," said Butch Reynolds, who has been locked in a protracted battle with the IAAF after testing positive for a banned steroid in 1990.

"I hope I made a statement that all athletes deserve rights," said the American, who has been awarded 27.3 million dollars, in damages by a US court for his 2-1/2 year doping suspension.

"It feels great after 2-1/2 years to come back and break a world record," he said. "That should stand 20 years from now."

The US team comprised lead-off Andrew Valmon, Olympic champion Quincy Watts, world record holder Reynolds and world champions Johnson.

"I knew as soon as I handed the stick to Michael, it was over," said Reynolds, who clocked 43.23 for his leg.

Johnson ran the fastest 400 metres relay split ever, clocking 42.94 seconds.

Carbajal's father dead

PHOENIX, Aug 23: Manuel Carbajal, the father of pro boxing champion Michael Carbajal, has died after suffering an apparent heart attack at his home here. He was 61, reports AP.

Family members said the elder Carbajal apparently died in his sleep. He was discovered dead Saturday morning when his wife, Mary, tried to wake him.

"It was very unexpected," said Danny Carbajal, adding that his father had appeared to be in good health.

He said paramedics transported his father to Maricopa Medical Centre and the exact time of death will be determined by the county Medical Examiner's office.

Manuel Carbajal, who was an amateur boxer in the 1950s, has been credited by Michael as being an inspiration for his career.

Michael Carbajal, a silver medalist at the 1988 Summer Olympics, now holds both the WBC and IBF light flyweight championships and has 29-0 record as a pro with 17 knockouts.

Painful pull-out for US baseballers

MANAGUA, Aug 23: The US baseball team withdrew from the World Baseball Championship qualifying tournament on Sunday after two players were injured when a man shattered a window of the team's bus Saturday night, reports AP.

The motive for the attack was not immediately clear, but authorities said it may have been a robbery and appeared to be unrelated to the taking of about 70 hostages by rival rebel groups.

The team's bus was attacked as it was getting ready to leave Managua stadium after being defeated 6-1 by Nicaragua's team. The single assailant fled after he smashed the window with a rock, and has not been arrested.

Two players were cut by flying glass but not seriously injured, said team spokesman Mike Lantz.

"The team called us this morning and told us they would no longer be playing because they feared for their security," said a tournament spokeswoman Rosario Montenegro to the Associated Press.

US sprinter Malcel Malone (R) passes the baton to Natasha Kaiser-Brown during the women's 4x100 relay race at the World Athletics Championships in Stuttgart on Aug, 22. The combination of Torrence, Malone, Kaiser-Brown and Miles won the gold ahead of items from Russia and Great Britain. — AFP photo

Amazing Americans crown the end

STUTTGART, Aug 23: The United States 4X400 metres men's relay team rounded off a dazzling World Championships on Sunday by shattering the world record they set at last year's Olypics, reports AP.

The strongest quarter of one-lappers, the Americans have ever sent out, took almost one-and-a-half seconds off their Barcelona time, clocking two minutes 54.29 seconds to a deafening roar of applause from an ecstatic Stuttgart crowd.

Individual 400 metres gold winner Michael Johnson ran a storming final leg, unofficially timed in 42.9 seconds, the fastest single lap ever recorded as the US team set the fifth world record of the week.

World record holder Butch Reynolds, who ran the third leg, said: "As soon as I handed the baton to Michael I knew it was over. I think this record will stand for 20 years."

Algeria's Noureddine Morceli, who arrived at the last minute in Germany after threatening to boycott the championships, raced to a comfortable victory in the Blue Riband event, the men's 1,500 metres.

But there was controversy in the men's 10,000 metres.

Defending champion Moses Tanui lost a shoe on the last lap and was beaten in the sprint by young Ethiopian Haile Gebresilasie, who had appeared to touch the Kenyan's shoes.

Double gold medalist Gail Devers was involved in another dramatic photo-finish, this time losing out to the Russians in the women's 4X100 metres relay.

Merlene Ottey picked up yet another bronze medal after anchoring the 1991 champions to third place.

But the crowning moment of the day and perhaps of the whole championships was the amazing relay record.

Johnson's final leg beat the 43.1 second lap of Olympic champion Quincy Watts in Barcelona where the American team ran 2:55.74.

Andrew Valmon gave the US team a first lap lead, allowing Watts and Reynolds, individual silver medalist in Stuttgart, to open up a huge gap before handing on to Johnson for a triumphant final circuit.

Johnson, who plainly did not agree with Reynolds' assessment of the record, said: "If we get together again, I think we can better it. I think I can run faster."

Reynolds, serving a doping ban last year, had come in for Steve Lewis in the only change from the Barcelona quartet.

Kenya were more than five seconds behind, winning the silver in 2:59.82 from Germany.

Morceli made amends for a rare defeat in the Olympic final last year, running a flawless race to win in three minutes 34.24 seconds. The Algerian moved in front just before the bell and eased up a gear to open a big lead up the back straight.

By then the rest were racing for silver and it was Olympic champion Fermin Caho of Spain with a typical late burst of speed who took it in 3:35.56 from Somalian Abdi Bile.

The 20-year-old world junior champion Gebresilasie won the first ever World Championship gold for Ethiopia by resolutely settling in behind Kenyans Tanui and Richard Chelimo as the other runners failed to stay the pace in the 10,000 metres.

An irritated Tanui signalled the Ethiopian to pass with six laps to go and got even angrier on the final lap when Gebresilasie appeared to step on the back of his left shoe.

Tanui kicked off the shoe and set out for the line but Gebresilasie caught him in the final sprint to win an unexpected gold in 27 minutes 46.03 seconds.

The Ethiopian tried to apologise after the race but Tanui was in no mood to be appeased, picking up the shoe and shoving it towards Gebresilasie's face in an angry gesture.

Tanui and Chelimo took silver and bronze.

The Kenyan team protested that Gebresilasie had obstructed Tanui but their appeal was rejected by race officials.

Gebresilasie said he did not know what happened in the shoe incident. "When the bell rang, I wanted to start my sprint. I saw him having problems with his shoe and then he kicked it off."

Devers, who beat Ottey in a controversial end to the women's 100 metres final, finished in a virtual dead-heat with Russian Irina Privalova in the 4X100 metres relay final.

The photo-finish verdict this time went against the American, robbing her of a third gold. "We're not disappointed," she said. "It was a great race."

Jamaica took third place, giving Ottey her 10th bronze medal in Olympic and World Championships.

The American men's sprint relay team had been expected to break the world record after equaling it in Saturday's semi-finals in 37.40 seconds but won comfortably in only 37.48.

China won a third gold in the women's middle-distance events when Liu Dong raced away to victory in the women's 1,500 metres from Ireland's Sonia O'Sullivan and Olympic champion Hassiba Boulmerka of Algeria.

American Jearl Miles, the individual 400 metres champion, won a second gold when she anchored the women's 4X400 metres relay in which Gwen Torrence completed her medal collection. She had earlier taken silver in the 200 metres and bronze in the 100.

Chronology of feats

STUTTGART, Aug 23: Evolution of the men's 4x400 metres world record (Tabulate under — time, country (team), venue, date).

3:02.37	United States (Yerman, Young, Glenn Davis, Otis Davis)	Rome	8.9.60
3:00.7	United States (Cassell, Larrabee, Williams, Henry Carr)	Tokyo	21.10.64
2:59.6	United States (Frey, Evans, Smith, Lewis)	Los Angeles	24.7.66
2:56.16	United States (Vince Matthews, Ron Freeman, Larry James, Lee Evas)	Mexico City	20.10.68
2:56.16	United States (Danny Everett, Steven Lewis, Kevin Robinzine, Butch Reynolds)	Seoul	1.10.88
2:55.74	United States (Andrew Valmon, Quincy Watts, Michael Johnson, Lewis)	Barcelona	8.8.92
2:54.29	United States (Valmon, Watts, Reynolds, Johnson)	Stuttgart	22.8.93

MEDALS TABLE

Final medals table of the World Athletics Championships which ended on Sunday (Tabulate under gold, silver, bronze):

United States	13	7	6
China	4	2	2
Russia	3	8	5
Kenya	3	3	4
Britain	3	3	4
Germany	2	2	4
Spain	2	1	2
Cuba	2	1	0
Finland	1	2	0
Jamaica	1	1	3
Ukraine	1	1	1
Ethiopia	1	1	1
Namibia	1	1	0
Japan	1	0	1
Algeria	1	0	1
Tadjikistan	1	0	0
Czech Republic	1	0	0
Switzerland	1	0	0
Norway	1	0	0
Mozambique	1	0	0
Italy	0	3	1
Belarus	0	2	2
Zambia	0	1	0
Portugal	0	1	0
Poland	0	1	0
Kazakhstan	0	1	0
Ireland	0	1	0
Australia	0	1	0
Somalia	0	0	1
Romania	0	0	1
Hungary	0	0	1
Netherlands	0	0	1
Denmark	0	0	1
Canada	0	0	1
Bulgaria	0	0	1
Austria	0	0	1

Note: Two bronze medals awarded in pole vault.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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7 Etna spillover
8 Finger paint
10 Like an otary
11 "The Birthday Party" playwright
13 Miami Sound Machine singer
16 Comprehended
17 Persian cats?
18 Goose, in Guadalajara
19 Recent Spielberg movie
20 Quarry
21 Pal
23 Takes it out on the door
25 Closed
26 Item in Bell's serendipity
27 Intention
28 Rattler's weapon
30 Oklahoma city
33 "Revolution From Within" author
36 Menial
37 "— no questions..."
38 Superman comparison
39 Limpwatch painter
40 Perp. to vert.
41 Pinkerton logo

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1 Pack to the future?
2 Finished
3 Unger's roommate
4 "Witness" sect
5 Fred Mertz's income
6 Allie's ally
7 French composer
8 Command to Fido
9 Jane Addams' goal
10 Potential penguin
12 End of a Marx Bros. title
14 "Yo, crew!"
15 Yea canceler
19 Stylish, and then some
20 Tablet
21 The French Chef
22 Backfence exchange
23 Highlander
24 Summertime cooler
25 Droop
26 Photographer Adams
28 Homebody's rental
29 Rarin' to go
30 A really low joint
31 Bruce's Mrs.
32 Clooney hit, "Botch-—"
34 John Goodman role
35 "— a Little Prayer"

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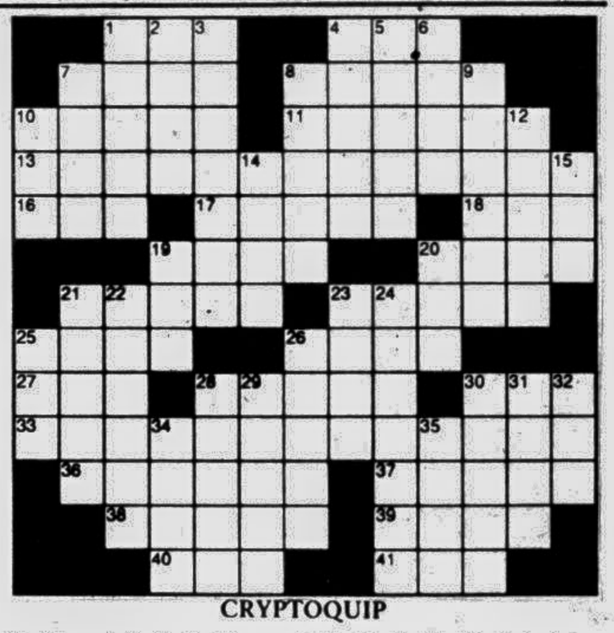

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OUR LOCAL SUGAR GROWER IS CONSIDERED WILD SINCE HE RAISES CANE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals C

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.