

It's Lewis, Powell is after



ST PETERSBURG, July 27: World record holder Mike Powell, stood up by Carl Lewis in the Goodwill Games long jump, vowed to limp down the runway if necessary to compete against the Olympic champion in Sestriere on Sunday, reports Reuters.

"I just hope that he goes," Powell said after winning Tuesday's Goodwill Games gold with his last jump of 8.45 metres. "Even if my hamstring is hurting I'll limp down the runway and try."

Powell chastised Lewis at length for not competing against him in St Petersburg and said the magical nine-metre barrier could finally fall in the high-altitude Italian ski resort this weekend.

"In 1992 I jumped (a wind-aided) 8.99 metres with the same hamstring hurting and if I go there healthy I believe I could jump 9.14 or 9.15 it's absolutely the best place in the world to jump."

Powell set the present mark of 8.95 metres when he broke Bob Beamon's 23-year-old mark at the 1991 Tokyo World Championships.

Lewis, fourth in the 100 metres on Monday, decided not to compete in the long jump because of a sore back.

But Powell said his right hamstring injury did not stop him from jumping.

"I jump whatever the situation is, if it's cold, if it's windy, if it's wet, if my hamstring is sore, if my back is sore, if I'm unmotivated or whatever, I still compete," Powell said.

"I just don't think it's good that the Olympic champion won't go out there and defend his Olympic title."

Powell said on Monday there had been only a 50-50 chance that he would jump because of continuing problems with his right hamstring.

"I got a lot of therapy, but in my warm-ups the hamstring was very tight. I could run but not sprint."



MORCELI

But after three jumps he decided to extend himself even if the hamstring pulled.

"I ran faster, and the hamstring hurt, but I didn't pull," Powell said.

"Now I plan to go for that 30-foot (9.14 metre) jump at Sestriere if my hamstring will allow it."

MORCELI'S BEST

Meanwhile, world record holder Noureddine Morceli, spurred by the promise of a cash bonus, set a year's fastest time for the mile.

Urged on from the stands by his agent Aamer Brahnia, Morceli clocked three minutes 48.67 seconds with help of two fellow Algerians acting as pacemakers.

Afterwards Brahnia said money had been promised to Morceli in a deal struck with the organisers.

"The organiser asked to set up the race with TV," Brahnia said.

Asked if major championships should have pacemakers, Brahnia shrugged his shoulders and said: "Why not?"

In another deal, which further diminished the credibility of the Games as a global championship, world 3,000 metres steeplechase champion Moses Kiptanui made an unsuccessful attempt on the world 5,000 mark.

Before the race television sources said Kiptanui would be attempting the world record and this was quickly confirmed when his fellow-Kenyan Kipuego was followed by Ireland's Frank O'Mara, although a strong wind in the back straight was already troubling the runners and the pace began to slip behind record schedule.

Kiptanui eased into the lead when O'Mara dropped out with four laps to go but never threatened the world record, although his finishing time of 13 minutes 10.76 seconds was almost 10 seconds ahead of second-placed compatriot Paul Bitok.

"I was planning for a world record," Kiptanui said. "We set it up although we knew the conditions were so windy we wouldn't do it."

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ROK judokas' run end

ST PETERSBURG, July 27: South Korea failed to extend their dominance of the Goodwill Games Judo competition on Tuesday as Germany and Belgium took gold against the odds and Japan won their only gold, in the blue-ribbon heavyweight class, reports Reuters.

Germany's Detlaf Knorrek defended his 1990 light-heavyweight (under 95 kg) title in a world-class field, beating Leonid Svirid of Belarus by accumulating fewer stalling penalties.

European bronze medalist Svirid had already taken one of the most spectacular scalps of the day by dumping Hungary's reigning world and Olympic champion Antal Kovacs flat on his back with an ippon-throw.

"It's a good win but I would be even nicer to do it in the World or European Championships," said Knorrek, a former European bronze medalist.

In another major surprise, Belgium's European champion Ulla Werbrouk outpointed South Korean Kim Mi-Jung, the women's light-heavyweight Olympic champion and world bronze medalist, with a yuko-throw.

Kim's defeat deprived South Korea of another gold medal to add to the four they won in the first two days, underlining their claim to be one of the world's major judo nations.

Completing a good day for Germany, Silke Gerdes and Volker Heyer took bronze in the women's under-72 kg and men's heavyweight classes respectively.

Belgium's European silver medalist Harry van Barneveld took bronze in the heavyweight class.

For Japan, the nation which gave judo to the world, there was the major satisfaction of gold in the heavyweight category for Yoshiharu Makishi.

He outpointed Estonia's Indrek Pertelson, who had earlier unceremoniously twice dumped Hungary's Olympic bronze medalist Imre Csosz on his backs.

France squeeze into final

ST PETERSBURG, July 27: France clawed their way to the Goodwill Games handball finals on Tuesday by beating Spain 25-22 in a dramatic overtime showdown, reports Reuters.

It earned them a place in today's final against Russia who earlier beat Korea by the same score. Korea and Spain will play off for third place.

After being all-square 20-20 at full-time, France snatched victory through three overtime goals by Stephane Stocklin.

Vladimir Maximov, Russia's head coach, said he was excited at the possibility of his team winning the title.

"In the Perestroika years, they promised us apartments," Maximov said. "Now the Games organisers promise us money."

"I hope there will be lots for first place, because I haven't been paid my salary in two months."

Indians prefer grass to clay

NEW DELHI, July 27: India sprung a surprise today by opting to play on grass their Davis Cup World Group play-off tie against South Africa, reports AFP.

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) chose the grass courts of The Jai Club in the Northern city of Jaipur as the venue of the September 23-25 tie, the first meeting between the two countries in 27 years.

Many expected India to opt for clay since South African number one Wayne Ferreira, ranked 18th on the ATP computer, is one of the best grass players in the world.

AITA president R K Khanna said the decision to play on grass was taken by team coach Jaideep Mukherjee after consulting with main hope Leander Paes.

"Jaideep spoke to Leander in the United States and both felt comfortable to play on grass since it was their favourite surface," Khanna said.

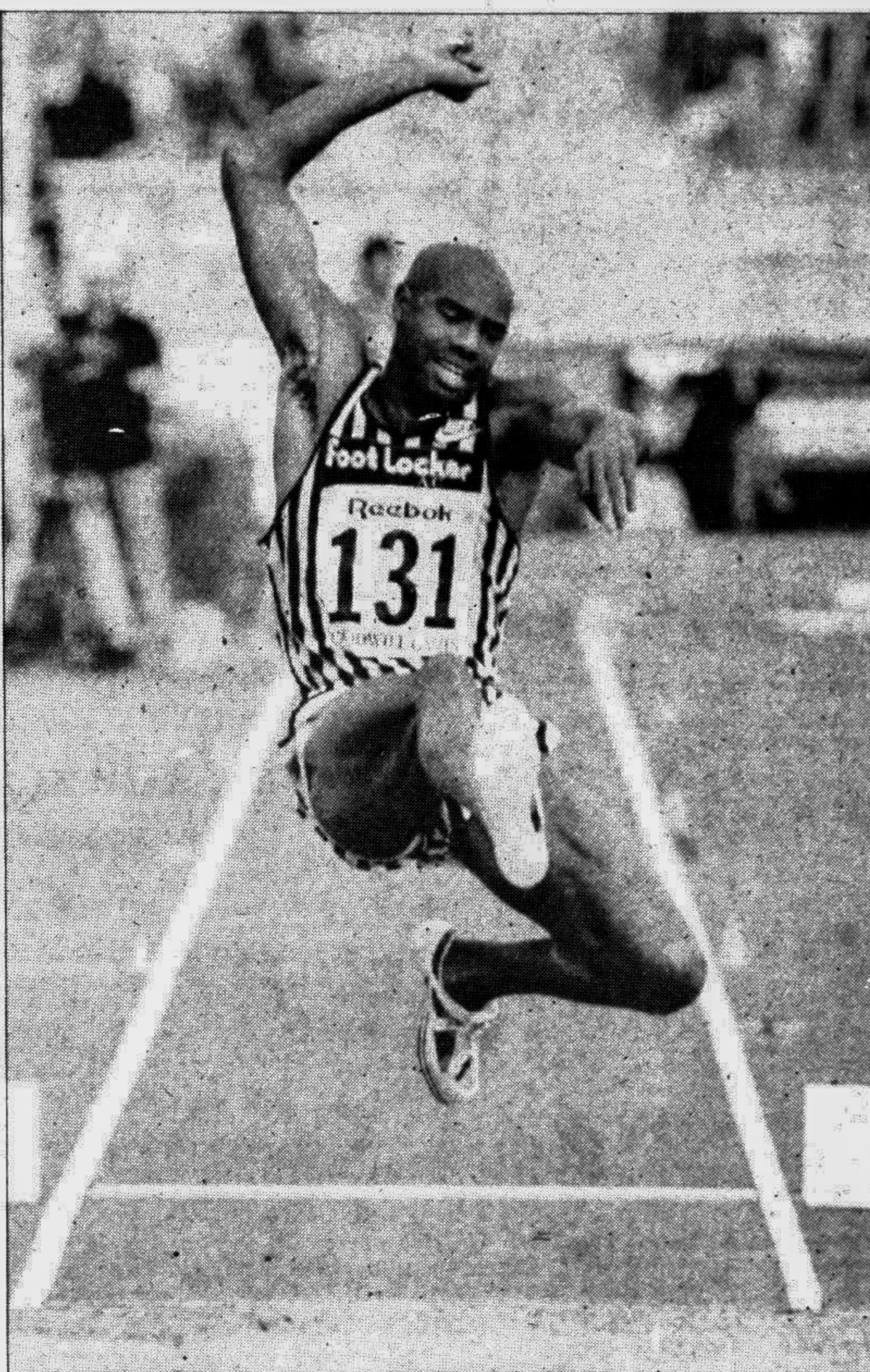
India last played South Africa in the inter-zone semi-final in Spain in 1967 and suffered a 5-0 drubbing.

The two teams were again drawn to play each other in the inter-zonal final in 1974, but India opted out of the tie in protest against South Africa's apartheid policies.

Paes, a former Wimbledon and US junior champion, leads India's feeble challenge after the retirement of touch artist Ramesh Krishnan last year.

India, semifinalists in the 1993 competition, suffered a 5-0 rout at the hands of the star-studded United States in this year's first round in January.

A defeat for the Indians against South Africa would relegate them to the Asia-Oceania Group for the 1995 event.



American long jump world record holder Mike Powell takes a giant leap to win the event with a jump of 8.45m at the Goodwill Games in St Petersburg on July 26. — AFP photo

Goodwill Games revelation

ST PETERSBURG, July 27: Goodwill Games president Jackie Kelly confirmed on Wednesday that its mile champion Noureddine Morceli was one of several athletes paid extra money for exceptional performances in the competition.

Morceli clocked the year's fastest time of three minutes 48.67 seconds as he won the title on Tuesday night.

Kelly said he did not believe pitting designated pacemakers in both the mile and 5,000 metres had cheapened the events.

"I think people came to watch a good race at the finish. They came to watch good times, and I think they got what they came to see without cheapening the sport," Kelly said in an interview.

Pacemakers, who start but rarely ever finish races, are common on the Grand Prix circuit when a runner has arranged a world record attempt.

But they do not appear at major world competitions such as the Olympic Games or World Championship where the runners in finals must get through a series of qualifying rounds.

The Goodwill Games feature finals only with runners selected by invitation, although the organisers have been promoting the meeting as a genuine global championship.

Kelly said he did not know the exact figure Algerian world record holder Morceli would be paid but added he expected the amount would be in four figures.

"It would not be tens of thousands of dollars," he said. Asked why the organisers bothered to have medal ceremonies if the outcome of races had been decided in advance by pace-setting Kelly replied: "I don't think they were pre-determined. It was not decided who was going to win."

But Kenya's world 3,000 metres steeplechase Moses Kiptanui said on Tuesday he had arranged for compatriot Kipuego Kororia and Ireland's Frank O'Mara to pace him in a world 5,000 metres world record attempt.

Television sources said the day before the race Kiptanui would go for the record. The attempt failed, primarily because of windy conditions.

Kelly said he was not worried by pacemakers at an event promoted by the organisers as major global competition.

"Do you see many races where there's not pace-setting?" He responded. "I was at the World Championship last year and clearly there were a couple of runners from the same country who had their own strategies on how they wanted to encourage each other and maximise their MGN times."

"I don't think that's out of character," Kelly, head of the company which organises the Games and enlists their participants, said the extra money for year's bests was offered during negotiations with athletes' representatives and their federations.

"We say, let us compensate you at a minimum level, but in the event that you set a world record or run the fastest time of the year, then we will provide additional incentives," Kelly said.

"We think that works out better than saying to someone, come, here's cheque. We don't care how you do."

"We do care how they do."

Cubans' halted

ST PETERSBURG, July 27: US super-heavyweight Ed Mahone stopped the Cuban boxing juggernaut in its tracks at the Goodwill Games on Tuesday when he floored Leonardo Enrich with a blow to the head in the third round, reports Reuters.

Enrich staggered to his feet but the referee D E Cidedhe was not fit enough to continue.

The quarter-final victory was a big morale booster for a struggling US team. Prior to the battle of the big men, the Cubans had suffered just one defeat in 10 bouts.

American joy was complete when two of their fighters, Shane Swarts and Stephen Beets, made the semifinals of the middleweight division and another, Benjamin McDowell, advanced in the light-heavyweight division.

Enrich peppered Mahone with punches in the opening round but by the second the American was holding his own as the big Cuban tired.

In the third Enrich shook his head in disbelief as the referee made him to take a standing count after a Mahone right jab found its mark.

A few seconds later a heavier punch to the head felled the Cuban and the fight was over.

The victory prompted Mahone to try an ill-advised back somersault in his corner which brought him crashing to the canvas as loudly as Enrich had done a few moments earlier.

Mahone's semifinal opponent will be Russian champion Alexey Lezin who has already beaten him once.

Lezin's quarter-final was a rematch of his championship bout against the 2.1-metre tall Nikolai Valuev.

Lezin, at almost 40kg lighter than Valuev, was undaunted at seeing Valuev looking 15 cms above him. He weaved and bobbed around his opponent's lumbering punches to earn a clear points victory.

Cuba's light-heavyweight champion Dibosvany Vega successfully came through a tough slugging match on points against Russian champion Yevgeny Makarenko and world middleweight champion Ariel Hernandez was another Cuban winner.

He pummeled South Korea's Han Yong-Tack into submission inside a round.

Hernandez will face Russia's Nimble veteran Alexander Lebyakin the semifinals.

Sampras, Graf head the field

NEW YORK, July 27: Defending champions and world number one Pete Sampras and Steffi Graf lead the entry lists for the US Open tennis championships, reports AFP.

Organisers said here Tuesday that 97 of the top 100 women and 94 of the top 100 men in the rankings of July 18 are in the field for this year's Open, which begins August 29.

Sampras, who has won four of the past five Grand Slam events, tries to become only the third man to win US Open and Wimbledon titles in consecutive years.

Other past US Open winners in the field include 1991 and 1992 champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden, 1989 winner Boris Becker of Germany and three-time winner Ivan Lendl.

The men's field also includes second-ranked Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, number three Michael Stich of Germany, French Open champion Sergi Bruguera of Spain and fifth-ranked Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine.

Jackie Kersee in a welter



ST PETERSBURG, July 27: Jackie Joyner-Kersey was crying. She was being accused of using illegal javelins during the Goodwill Games heptathlon, and on the verge of being disqualified, reports AP.

Not only was her chance of winning a third consecutive Goodwill title in jeopardy, so was her reputation.

"I don't allow my athletes to be called cheaters under any circumstances," an angry Bob Kersey, Joyner-Kersey's coach and husband, said Tuesday amid the controversy. "I'm not going to have Jackie wrongfully accused of any wrongdoing."

"He (referee Albert Kalin) either apologises or he officially disqualifies her."

Kalin did not apologise. Instead, he still insisted she was breaking the rules, but gave her a warning and let her continue.

The shaken Joyner-Kersey barely finished the competition.

One more event remained, the 800 metres. And, bothered by a bad asthma attack, she struggled home in last place in the eight-woman field in 2 minutes, 26.76 seconds.

That gave a total of 6,606 points for the seven-event, two-day competition — the lowest winning score of her illustrious career and the lowest overall since finishing second to Australia's Glynis Nunn with 6,520 at the 1984 Olympics. That performance 10 years ago also was the last time Joyner-Kersey, the two-time Olympic gold medalist, lost a heptathlon that she completed.

"The Case of the Wet

Javelins" began when a spectator spilled a liquid, apparently beer, on the implements before the heptathlon javelin. Nevertheless, they passed inspection by meet officials and were allowed to be placed into the javelin pool for the competition.

Just as in the discus and shot put, implements, when



JACKIE KERSEE

approved are for use by any competitor in the competition.

Joyner-Kersey said that when she saw her two javelins placed into the pool, she warned the other throwers about their dampness.

"Why would anyone want to use a wet javelin?" she said.

She said she didn't use them, nor did any of the other heptathletes.

However, when the javelin

competition ended, Joyner-Kersey said she was told — through a translator — that Kalin was disqualifying her.

"I said, 'It's not fair... no, no, no,'" Joyner-Kersey said.

"I found Bobby (Kersey) and told him the official said I was being disqualified because I broke the rules of the game and I was out."

"He said I had used the beer to get the javelins sticky in order to get a better grip."

Kersey immediately stalked over to the officials and straightened out the sticky situation, with the chiding from Kalin.

"I wanted to continue," Joyner-Kersey said. "But I was so upset, I was shedding tears."

"It was uncalled for," Kersey said about the disturbing incident.

"At first, it seemed that Jackie was going to be disqualified for bringing out a wet javelin. I took the possibility of a disqualification very seriously and very personally. For someone to do that to her in the middle of the competition was wrong."

"It wasn't Jackie's fault. It was the fault of the officials."

Jane Frederick, former world record-holder and the coach of American heptathlete Kym Carter, agreed the incident was unnecessary.

"The official's remark was inappropriate," said Frederick, who had taken Joyner-Kersey's javelins to be impounded for inspection. "She was in tears when she went to the practice track (before the 800)."

"My feeling was that someone tried to shake her up. I think she was treated very unfairly. It was an ugly incident."

Beach v'ball gets big break

ST PETERSBURG, July 27: Irina Pavlycheva came to Tuesday's Goodwill Games beach volleyball gold medal game to catch some rays. She didn't even catch the final scores, reports AP.

"Have they finished? Who won?" asked Pavlycheva, a St Petersburg resident. "You can see, this is my first match. I just came to have some fun and see something new to break the routine."

She wasn't alone. For the tanned, hardcore fans it mattered that the women's gold medal went to the winningest pair in women's pro beach volleyball — Americans Karolyn Kirby and Liz Masakayan. They beat Monica Rodrigues and Adriana Samuel of Brazil 12-9, 12-1.

But for many it mattered more that Ted Turner and Jane Fonda showed up to watch the men's final won by two California-type beach boys from Norway — Jan Kvalheim and Bjorn Maaseide.

Even the women's gold medalists reverted to being just autograph seekers when they bashfully asked Turner — the Games' founder — to pose for a photo with them.

Beach volleyball hit the big-time in the Goodwill Games,

its first inclusion in a major international event. The finals drew a capacity of 2,000, among the most popular sports in the lightly attended Games. Now come the 1996 Olympics where it is included for the first time.

"For Karolyn and I, at the beginning of the year we had prioritised this event as our No 1 goal. It is similar to what we're going to see in the Olympic games," Masakayan said.

The competition in the finals was serious, but it was also a light-hearted day for fans catching rays and players getting rare attention on the international sports stage.

"If you want to call us the Vikings of the sand, that's fine with me," said Maaseide, who attended UCLA. "I can assure you we do have sand beaches in Norway."

The Norwegians defeated the American pair of Jeff Williams and Carlos Briceño 12-8, 12-6.

The nuances of sand occupied the attention of the American women. The sand at the Goodwill venue, located in the city centre on the banks of the Neva river, was apparently harder than usual. It was brought in from outside St

Petersburg.

"The sand was not like sand in California or Rio de Janeiro. It's very specific to Russia and we enjoyed it very much," Kirby said. "The sand isn't very deep here. You can come out of the sand higher than when it's really deep."

Kirby used the firmer sand to jump higher and get a sharp angle on her blistering serve.

Masakayan noted the downside of the sand.

"This (sand) is really rocky and coarse, so it doesn't give you a good feeling to be diving all over."

A breathtaking moment came in the women's final when an ear-deafening cannon was fired at the Peter and Paul Fortress, a daily fixture at noon.

"It's an old tradition here, but it's always a surprise when it goes off," said Pavlycheva, the playwright. "It's expected daily but it's always frightening. It's what Peter the Great liked — kind of a practical joke."

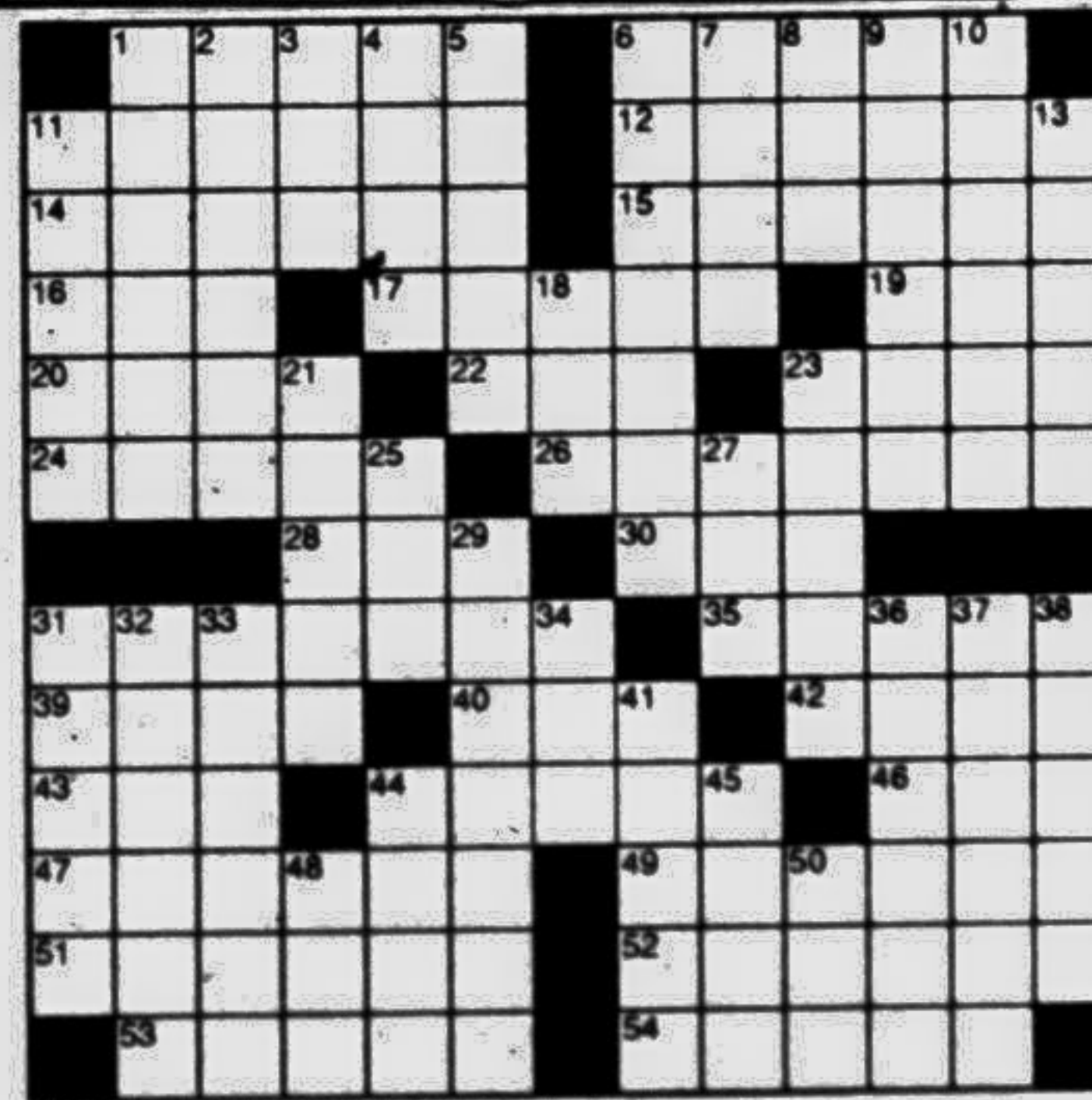
The venue, circled by signboards advertising everything from American motor oil to beer, and the assorted hoopla made for good television but grated a bit on Pavlycheva.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: E 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.