

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 Reuter.

"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.



MORCELI

Jackie Kersee in a welter



ST PETERSBURG, July 27: Jackie Joyner-Kersee 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 Kersee, Joyner-Kersee'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-Kersee finally 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 was also the last time Joyner-Kersee, the medalist, lost a heptathlon that she completed.

The Case of the Wet



JACKIE KERSEE

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 Carolyn Kirby and Liz Masakayan. They beat Monica Rodriguez and Adriana Samuel of Brazil 12-9, 12-11.

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-

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 Brahimia, Morceli clocked three minutes 48.67 seconds with help of two fellow-Algerians acting as pacemakers.

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

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

Asked if major championships should have pacemakers, Brahimia 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 Kororia strode to the front from the gun.

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."

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

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 Reuter.

Germany's Detlef Knorre defended his 1990 light-heavyweight (under 95 kg) title in a world-class field, beating Leonid Svirid of Belarus in the blue-ribbon heavyweight class, reports Reuter.

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 Knorre, a former European bronze medalist.

In another major surprise, Belgium's European champion Ulla Werbrouck 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.

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

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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 Stoecklin.

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."

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