

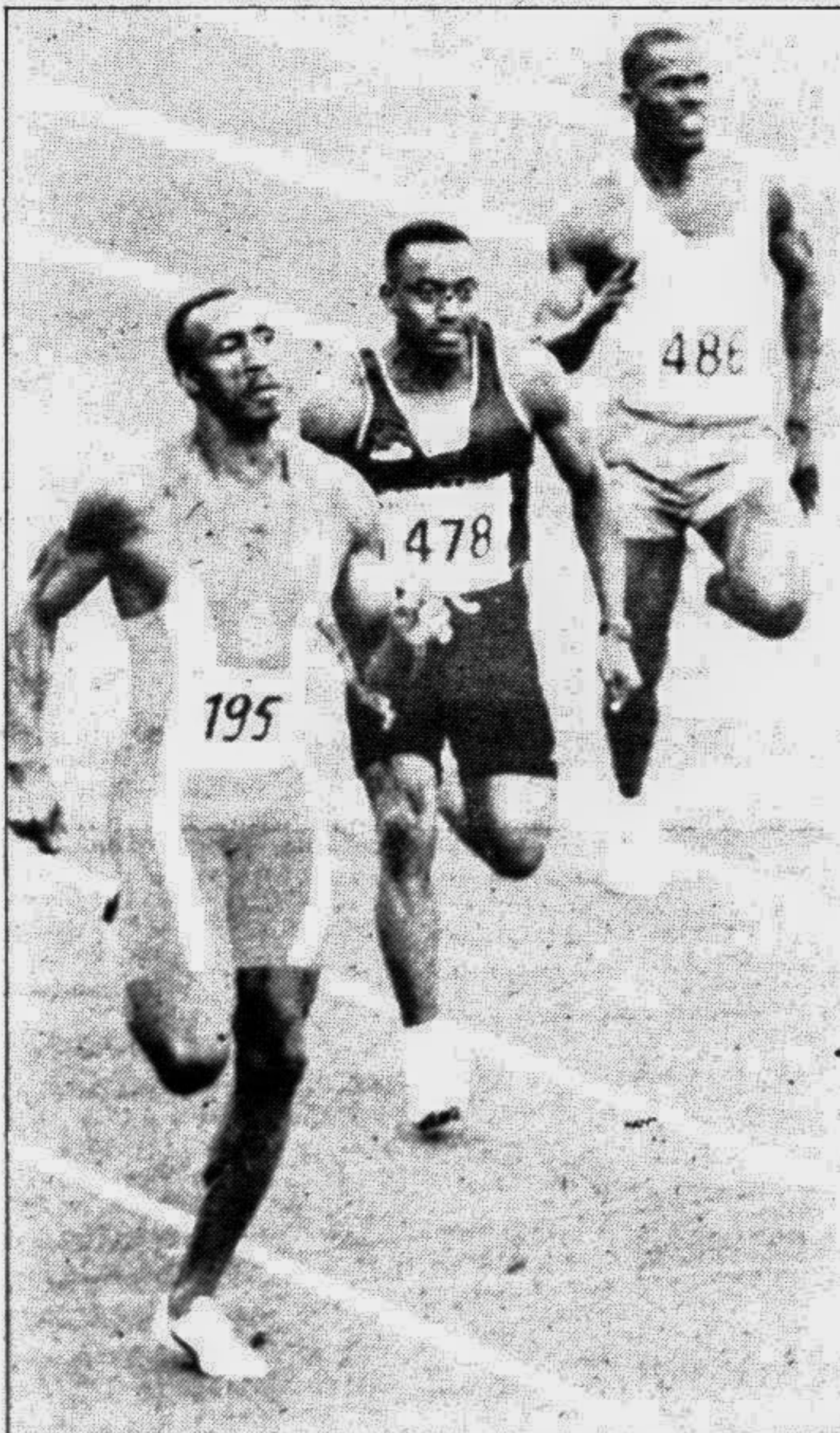
Colour clamour at ringside

VICTORIA, Aug 23: One of Tanzania's top boxing officials accused Commonwealth Games judges of racial bias on Monday after a gold medalist suffered a controversial points defeat by a Scottish opponent, reports Reuter.

The 11-8 verdict brought a chorus of boos from the crowd and the dejected Matumala was given a standing ovation as he left the arena.

Stars start without fuss

VICTORIA, Aug 23: Colin Jackson and Tony Jarrett, the 1-2 finishers in the 110-metre hurdles at the 1993 World Championships, and Linford Christie, the Olympic and world champion in the 100, breezed through their first races at the Commonwealth Games Monday, reports AP.



Jackson, the world champion and world record-holder with a time of 12.91 seconds, ran one of his poorer races in recent years. But the Welshman still won his semifinal heat in 13.51 at rainy, cold conditions at Centennial Stadium, scene of last week's opening ceremonies for the Games.

Of most interest to Surin was the fact that he ran without pain. Namibia's Frankie Fredericks, the Olympic silver medalist, won his heat in 10.14 and

Britain's Linford Christie (L) breezes to victory in his 100 metres preliminary race ahead of Denton Guy-Williams (C) of Sierra Leone and Dexter Brown of St Vincent at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria on August 22.

Only last month, he had surgery to remove debris from cartilage in his left knee.

Christie, coming off three standout performances — winning the European title for a third consecutive time and big Grand Prix meets at Zurich, Switzerland, and Brussels, Belgium — ran easily from lane eight in winning his opening-round heat in 10:39.

Surin was exceptionally pleased at the reception from the fans. "That gives me more motivation to run faster," he said.

England dazzle S Africa

PENANG, Malaysia, Aug 23: England produced a dazzling display of attacking hockey to rout South Africa 5-1 in their third round-robin match of the Sultan Raja Azlan Shah men's tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

South Africa had chances but could not score until the 65th minute when Gary Bodington, a player with experience of English hockey, scooped one over substitute goalkeeper Jimmy Lewis, who had just come on for his international debut.

Wilander gets wild card

WHITE PLAINS, NY, Aug 23: Former world number one Mats Wilander of Sweden, the 1988 US Open champion, was among 13 players awarded wild card entries into next week's US Open.

Father Benedict memorial soccer from Friday

A football tournament in memory of late teacher and student counsellor of Notre Dame College, Father Benedict, will kick off at the college ground from next Friday.

BGF talent-hunt begins today

A four-month talent-hunt scheme under the aegis of the Bangladesh Gymnastics Federation (BGF) will be unveiled at 5 pm at the NSC gymnasium today.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALS TABLE

Table with 3 columns: Country, Gold, Silver, Bronze. Includes countries like Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand, India, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Cyprus, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Malaysia, Pakistan, South Africa, Guernsey, Hong Kong, Zimbabwe.

Eternal antinomy

VICTORIA, Aug 23: Athletes at the Commonwealth Games eat well, but the city's homeless are being left out in the cold when it comes to the left-overs, reports AFP.

Lewis won't go to Gothenburg

GOTHENBURG, Aug 23: Former Olympic champion Carl Lewis won't compete in an international athletics meeting here on August 24 because of a nagging bacterial illness, reports AFP.

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LEAP OF GOLD: Britain's Annika Reeder performs during the women's individual floor exercise at the Commonwealth Games on August 22. Reeder bagged the gold medal her compatriot Jacqueline Brady claimed the silver and Canada's Lisa Simes the bronze.

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Perkins came a close second. "It's not fair," said Jerry Jack, 45 and homeless. "The Games are for the rich people and the poor people. Together we are human beings. This is what the Games are all about."

Perkins said afterwards. "The 21-year-old distance swimmer said he should be able to clock a good time in the 1,500 metres on Wednesday.

The Commonwealth breast-stroke races appear to be personal battles between Gillingham, Rogers and Canada's Jon Cleveland, the defending 200 champion.

Perkins' teammate Samantha Riley came close to the seven-year-old record of German Silke Hoerner in the 100 metres breast stroke with a time of 1:08.02.

They can take part

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Aug 23: Palestine and Malaysia will be accepted for the Asian Games football tournament in October following the withdrawals of four countries, the organising committee said Tuesday, reports AP.

AFC general secretary Peter Velappan has said Palestine and Malaysia could take the places of Indonesia and Brunei in the existing draw.

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Odessa Lee Grady Clay, who died Sunday at the age of 77, was her son's biggest booster during his rise to the heavyweight championship.

During the days when women were a rare sight in boxing, Clay went into every greasy little gym she could to see him fight, said her niece, Coretta Bather. "She decided to break the rules."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for ACROSS and DOWN. Includes a solution time of 23 mins and a solution key at the bottom.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with a key: TYK FRTHRYQLMK ZF, RHYM, MZLDRIRQW XZ, ULJ LH I, XLF HXZ, DLJH UYMF.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals Z. 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.