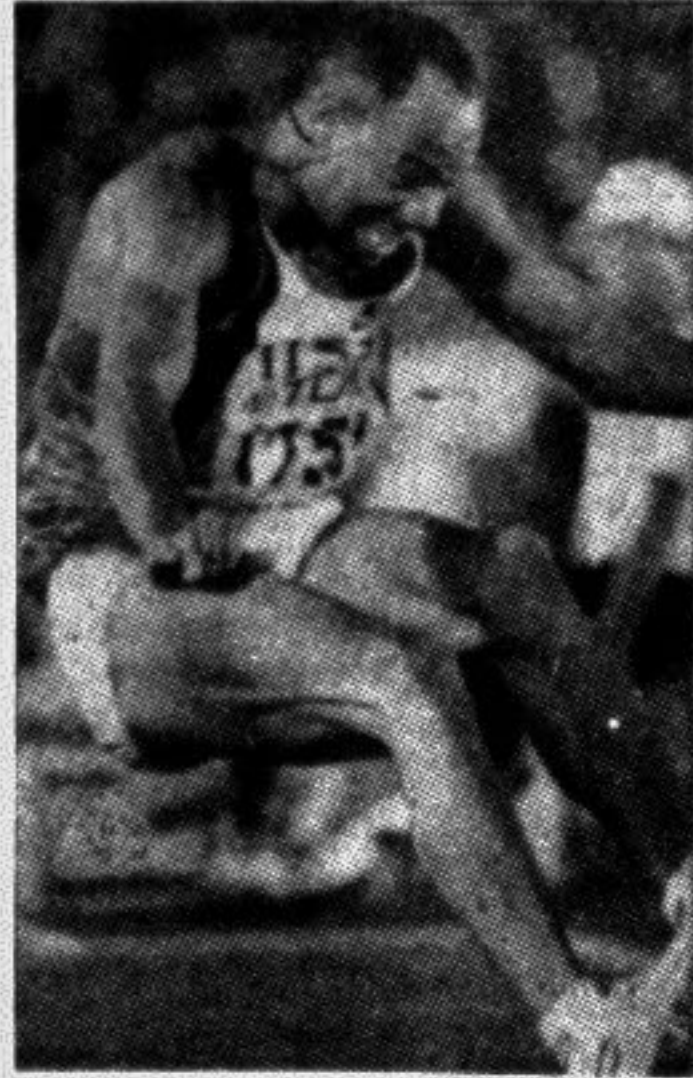


Anguish for Powell, Bubka

TOKYO, Sept 16: World long jump champion Mike Powell staged an extraordinary temper tantrum and world pole vault champion Sergei Bubka said he had been lucky to escape with his life in an acrimonious end to the international athletics season on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Both athletes blamed poor officiating for incidents that Powell said ruined his prepara-



MIKE POWELL

tions for next year's World Championships and Bubka believed cost him a further world record.

Powell lost his temper when his last jump, an 8.31 metres leap which would have won the event, was declared a foul.

For nearly 30 minutes he jumped up and down in the air in rage, threw his shoes into the crowd, angrily knocked over a chair, sat on the track briefly holding up the start of the 100 metres event and argued with officials.

His actions, which in turn stunned, embarrassed and amused spectators, distracted their attention from Bubka's

attempt on the other side of the tracks to set a new world record.

But instead of denouncing Powell's behaviour or saying it had interfered with his record attempt, Bubka defended the American and told his own tale of woe.

"I may be am lucky to be alive," Bubka said. He explained that he broke his pole on his first jump because an official meant to catch the poles of jumpers on release had disappeared from his post.

My pole fell on his chair and broke at the top. If I had not noticed it I might have been killed later," he said.

"I have all the sympathy in the world for Michael. There should be more professional officiating."

Powell, who has struggled with injury all season, managed only one clean jump in his six attempts but accepted all of the decisions until his last leap.

The 8.31 metre leap would have won the competition, instead of placing him second behind China's Geng Huang.

Both Powell and Huang had 7.90 metre jumps but the Chinese athlete won on a count back.

Powell insisted officials misinterpreted the rules in declaring his last jump a foul.

During his argument, Powell repeatedly pointed to

BAF confirms Wariso's ban

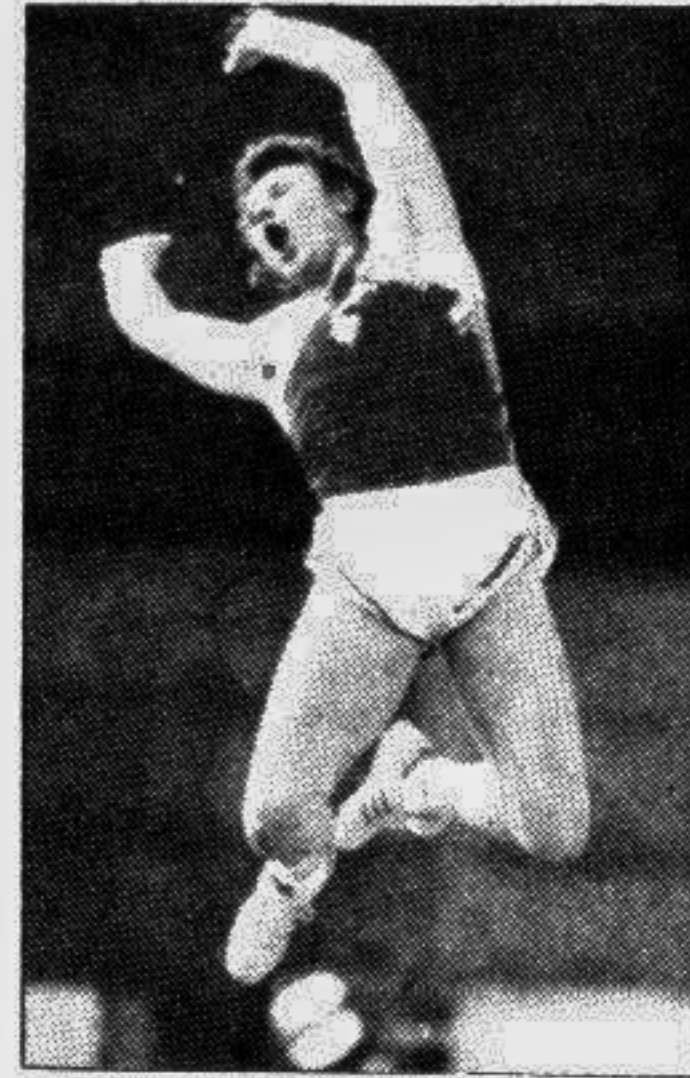
LONDON, Sept 16: British sprinter Solomon Wariso has had a three-month drug ban officially confirmed by the British Athletic Federation (BAF), reports Reuter.

A statement from the BAF on Thursday said a three-man tribunal was satisfied Wariso had contravened International Amateur Athletic Federation rules.

the board to show there was no mark, even though television replays showed the tip of his shoe just over the line.

"It happens all the time," Powell said. "But if your foot doesn't touch the ground it's a fair jump. Everyone knows that."

"I don't take something I don't deserve. It has ruined the end to the season for me and will be on my mind for months. I won't be jumping again in competition until May



SERGEI BUBKA

and I am going to have to live with this."

Bubka said the incident in his case had ruined his concentration for the rest of the event.

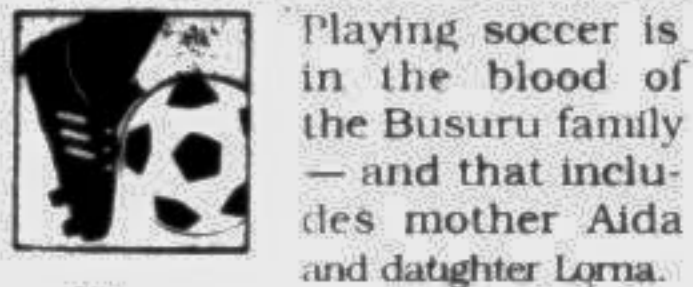
"I was ready to beat my own record today. I know I could have. But after my pole broke I couldn't concentrate."

On the track, world champion Colin Jackson kept his unbeaten record and set a season's best when he clocked 12.98 seconds while his fellow-Briton Linford Christie finished his season with a win over American Dennis Mitchell, who beat the Olympic and world champion in the Paris Grand Prix final.

Mother and daughter try for the national team

By Hezekiah Wepukhulu

Kenya did not feature in the recent Africa Cup of Nations contest, but it has another claim to footballing fame — a mother-and-daughter duo whose ambition is to play together in the national squad in next year's Women's World Championship. Gemini News Service cheers on an unusual combination.



Playing soccer is in the blood of the Busuru family — and that includes mother Aida and daughter Lorna.

They not only both play football, but they both play for the same team, Bata Ngoma, in the Kenya National Women's Football League.

And 32-year-old Aida and 14-year-old Lorna both hope to play for the national team in the second World Cup Championship for Women which will be staged in the Swedish cities of Stockholm, Norrköping, Karlstad, and Västerås in June 1995. The first women's World Cup was staged by China — where it drew large crowds — and was won by the United States.

There is much hope in women's soccer circles that the Cup contest will give a major boost to the women's game internationally. It is already flourishing in Sweden itself, which has 32,000 registered female players over the age of 15. Britain has just appointed a woman to take charge of the female side of the sport.

Aida does not regard her age as a barrier to her World Cup ambitions.

"My intention is to keep on playing until I am 38," she says. "I want to be like Roger Milla of Cameroon who came

back from retirement at the age of 38 and played so well for his country in the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy."

At the other end of the scale, Lorna, too, does not regard age as a problem: "I hope to be more mature by 1995 to be considered for selection for the World Cup team."

Lorna is the more experienced of the mother and daughter duo, joining Bata Ngoma soon after its establishment last year. "I love football so much that I was among the first players to sign for the club. Despite my age and size (she is 5ft 1 inch) I have been picked regularly."

Even if she fails to secure a place in the national team, she stands a good chance of being selected for the national under-16 squad in the Aberdeen International Football Festival in Scotland this year and the Ian Rush International competition in Wales in 1995. Kenya made their debut in the two tournaments last year, finishing third in both.

Her mother, who at school was a talented netball player, took up the game after watching Lorna from the touchlines: "My mother admired the way I played. So she also became interested in playing the game and joined the club."

Aida agrees: "I took up football after being enticed by my daughter whom I had seen

in action." But her interest in the game is not new: "Football is no longer a men-only preserve. It's favourite sport. I've followed it for years."

"The thought of playing alongside my daughter fills me with pride," she adds. "Lorna has more experience but I hope to catch up soon."

Though she has made fewer appearances in national league fixtures, she is fast picking up and has established herself as a centre-back.

Husband and father Wycliffe Busuru, an accounts clerk, played for Bata Bullets in the Kenya National Football League for several years. His eldest brother, Roy, also played for Bata as well as for the national team. His other brother, Nahashon, appeared for Leopards, former League champions.

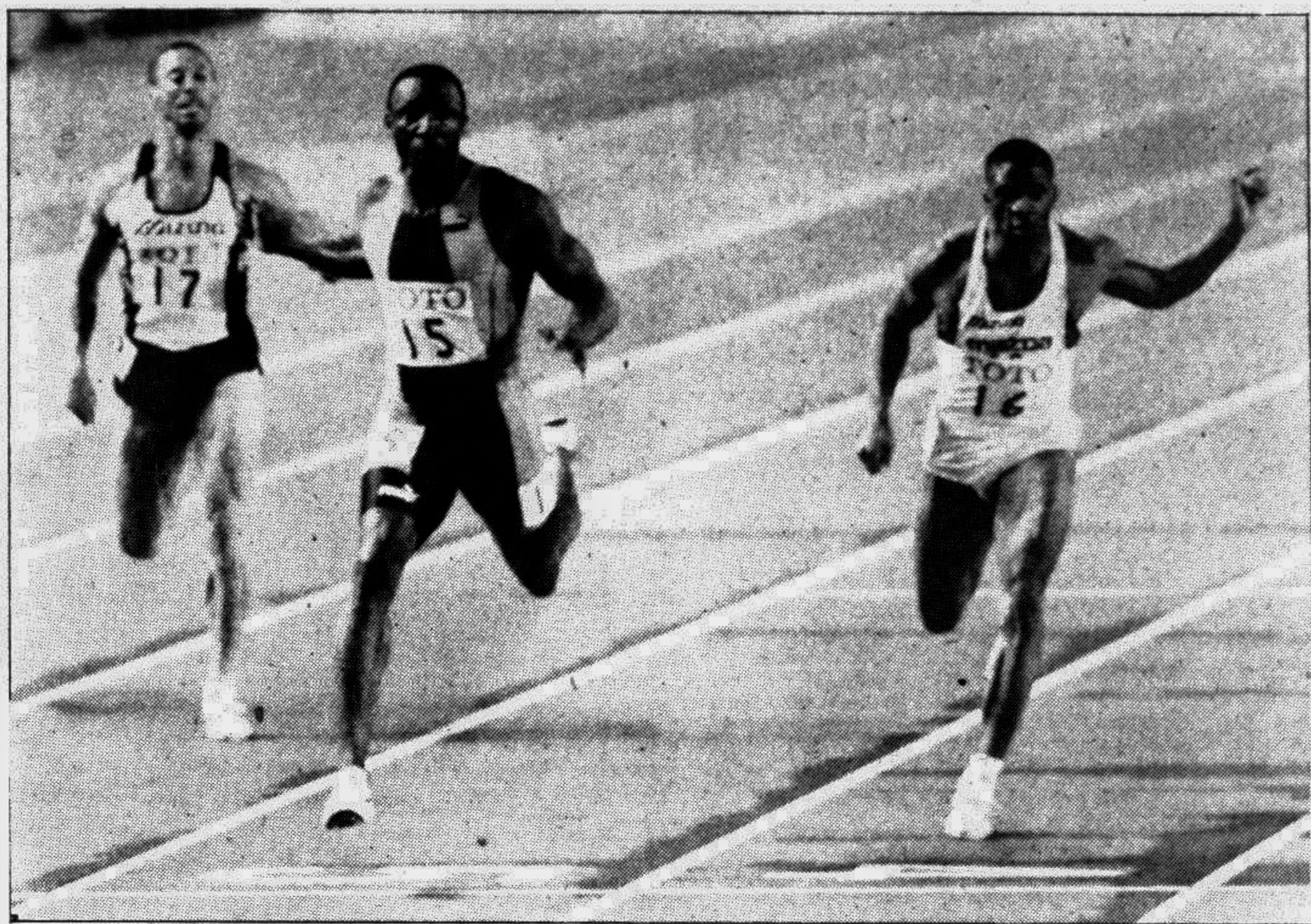
The secretary of the Kenya Women's Football Association, Rebecca Olela, describes mother and daughter as an "enterprising pair—I can't remember a case of father and son or mother and daughter playing either in the same or different teams."

Their case is unique. It is our hope that others will be encouraged to follow their example. — Gemini News

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Aida (right) and Lorna Busuru: Mother-and-daughter combination



Olympic and world champion Britain's Linford Christie (C) crosses the finishing line to win the men's 100m final at the Tokyo's international track and field meet on Sept 15. Christie clocked 10:02 seconds, Dennis Mitchell (R) of United States came second while Austrian Mark McCoy (L) finished third. — AFP photo

A new twist in Taipei tale

TOKYO, Sept 16: Japan said on Friday it would allow Taiwan's Vice-Premier Hsu Li-Teh to attend the Asian Games in Hiroshima next month, despite strong objections from China, reports Reuter.

Chief cabinet secretary Kozo Igarashi said Hsu would visit Japan as chairman of the Taipei 2002 Asian Games special committee and there would be no political motives to the trip or governmental contacts.

China, Asia's top sporting nation, had earlier threatened a boycott over an invitation extended to Taiwanese President Lee Teng-Hui.

The Olympic Council of Asia on Monday withdrew its invitation to Lee, but Beijing is still unhappy about any senior Taiwan politicians attending.

The Chinese government cannot accept the Japanese government deciding to allow Hsu Li-teh and other important political figures from Taiwan to visit Japan, Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang said in Beijing on Thursday.

Beijing has regarded Taiwan as a renegade province since the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949, when the defeated nationalists fled to the island.

Igarashi said the decision to invite Hsu did not constitute any change in Japan's policy towards China.

It would continue to abide by the 1972 Japan-China joint declaration under which Tokyo officially recognised Beijing as the only Chinese government and severed diplomatic ties with Taipei.

Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama said Hsu's visit "does not have a political character."

"Based on the (1972) Sino-Japanese joint communique we hope to bring the Asian Games to a fine finish together with China," Murayama told reporters.

Taiwan has slammed Beijing for mixing politics and sport.

A record 7,300 athletes and officials from 42 nations are due to take part in the event from October 2-16, competing in 337 events in 34 sports.

China, Asian Games champions since 1986, is sending the largest contingent, with 779 athletes and officials. Taiwan's delegation totals 397.

All Blacks need to improve, says coach

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Sept 16: New Zealand will need to improve substantially if it is to mount a realistic challenge for next year's World Cup rugby union title in South Africa, coach Laurie Mains said Friday, reports AP.

Mains said the performance of the All Blacks in 1994, during which the New Zealanders won only two of their six Test matches, was not satisfactory.

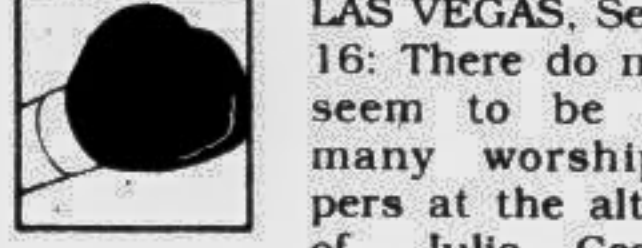
"We have to critically analyse what went wrong and what caused us to drop off the pace," said Mains, who was reappointed as coach Thursday after being challenged for the position by John Hart.

"It could have been better with a bit of luck, but you need to be better than having to rely on an 'if or a but,'" he said.

There were calls from the public and in the media for Mains to be sacked after a home series loss to France earlier in the season, but the coach said he hoped everyone now would work together in the lead up to the World Cup.

"It's a big job trying to unify the country again," Mains said.

Chavez no deity, just a man



LAS VEGAS, Sept 16: There do not seem to be as many worshippers at the altar of Julio Cesar Chavez these days, and the great Mexican fighter wants everyone to know it's all right because, after all, he's just a man, reports Reuter.

"I'm a human being like everyone in this room," Chavez said at a news conference ahead of his title defence rematch against American Meldrick Taylor on Saturday.

Chavez, for years a virtual deity to millions of Mexicans as he built an impressive undefeated record and a reputation as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world, suffered his first loss last January, when American Frankie Randall beat him on a decision.

That was the first official indication that Chavez was not infallible.

But many people thought Chavez really lost his first fight against American Pernell Whitaker last September. Chavez appeared to have been thoroughly outclassed by Whitaker, but the fight was judged a draw.

And then in the rematch with Randall last May, Chavez won back his World Boxing Council super lightweight title after some strange scoring and an equally strange rule that forced judges to deduct a point from Randall after an accidental head-butt in the eighth round.

The WBC rule requires a point be taken from the fighter who does not suffer an injury in an accidental head-butt and the scorecards are then used to determine the winner.

In their first fight in March 1990, Taylor was the first to give notice that Chavez was no longer divine.

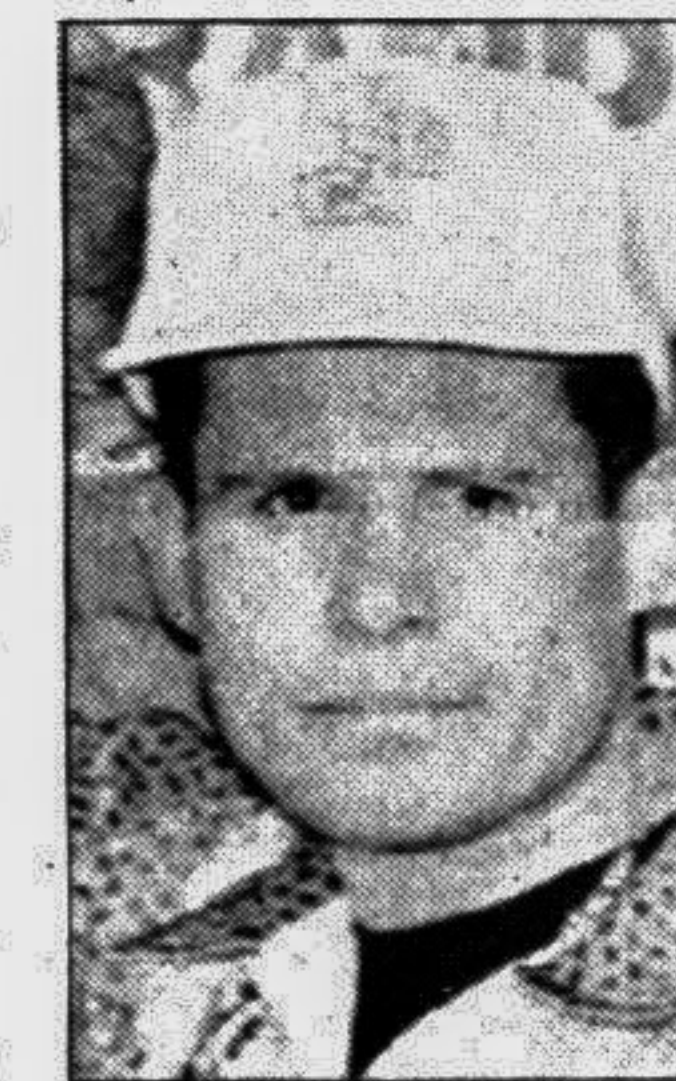
The American fought brilliantly, using the full range of his many talents — slugging it out, throwing deft combinations and moving out of range at other times.

But Chavez caught Taylor in the 11th round and knocked him down. When Taylor did not tell referee Richard Steele that he could continue, Steele stopped the fight with just seconds remaining, giving Chavez the victory.

Perhaps disappointed in the realisation that their hero was indeed mortal, some of his Mexican fans have decided to abandon the faith.

Just last year it would have been blasphemous to even think about booing Chavez, now 90-1-1.

But this summer in Mexico City, at a national football



JULIO CHAVEZ

league exhibition game between the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers, Chavez actually was booed, or in the custom of Mexico, whistled decisively.

The extremely proud Chavez had to be shocked by the reception he received from his compatriots, as were reporters who have covered Chavez for years.

Chavez, 32, usually dismisses questions that make him uncomfortable with the wave of a regal hand. But these days he seems more than a little preoccupied with responding to them.

"I ask the media to come to Mexico to see how the public

responds to me. I may have lost a fight but not the love of the Mexican people," he said through an interpreter at a news conference on Wednesday.

Chavez recently has begun to put a different strain on his less inspired fights.

"I never said I was a robot or a super human being. Why has there been so much controversy over one loss?"

"In the first fight with Frankie Randall, I lost like men do. I forced the fight all the time. I lost but with pride and dignity," Chavez said.

"Please remember that all the greats of boxing have been booed," Chavez said. "I recognise I'm older, but I'm still good. I feel strong and young and I'm in complete control of all my faculties and on Saturday night I'll prove it."

Later on Wednesday night, Chavez told Reuters the reasons for his new public openness.

"I'm a lot more relaxed now. I'm more at ease with myself. What happened was I was wounded by the strong criticism that was directed at me."

"But the public has supported me all along," he insisted. "The people always supported me. There has been some constructive criticism. There are times that I've made mistakes."

If he makes another mistake against Taylor and loses, Chavez, who admits he is not as motivated as he was earlier in his career, said he would seriously think about retirement.

"What can I do? I'll accept it. I'm a human being. If I lose, then Meldrick Taylor is better than I am. If I lose, I would think I would have to think seriously about retirement. But I don't think I will have to think about it," he said.

Asked if he thought he would have any difficulty adjusting to retirement, Chavez said: "I will do very well. Very well. I'm tired of all the publicity."

Tybee Island - Atlanta Games venue no more

ATLANTA, Sept 16: Atlanta organizers on Friday dropped Tybee Island along the state of Georgia's Atlantic coast as the venue for the Olympic beach volleyball competition, and moved the event to suburban Atlanta, reports AP.

The choice of Atlanta Beach, a private recreational facility in Clayton County, was made after the head of the International Volleyball Federation raised concerns about limited access to Tybee.

Tybee Island mayor Pat Locklear, who was informed of the decision by Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games vice president Charlie Battle, said the original site near Savannah fell victim to politics.

"It hurts, I'll be honest with you," Locklear said. "It's not how the game is played that counts, it's how the back room is played."

The new site is about 15 miles (24 kilometres) south of Atlanta. Tybee is about 230 miles (370 kilometres) away.

"We're very excited about having the opportunity to let the world see what Clayton County has to offer," said Clayton Commission chairman Crandle Bray.

Sorenstam leads

KENT, Wash, Sept 16: Annika Sorenstam, a rookie who had to win a qualifying tournament to join the field, shot a 5-under-par 67 Thursday for the first round lead in the 500,000 dollar LPGA Safeco Classic, reports AP.

She holds a one-stroke lead over Michelle McGann, Chris Johnson and Sally Little.

Seven players were tied for fifth at 69, including defending champion Brandieburton and 1992 winner Colleen Walker. Walker withdrew from last week's Ping Cellular-One tournament in Portland, Ore. with a strained knee.

Betsy King, Marianne Morris, Connie Chiles, Alicia Dibos and Hiromi Kobayashi also were two strokes back.

Michelle McGann, Julie Larsen, Dawn Coe-Jones, Rose Jones and Alison Nicholas shot 70. Jones has been runner-up at the tournament the past three years.

Sorenstam, a Swede who lives in Phoenix, finished first in a 17-player qualifying field Monday.

On Thursday, she had four birdies on her final nine at the Meridian Valley Country Club course. She was 1-under for the first time.

She entered the tournament ranked No. 49 on the money earnings list with 98,968 dollars. Her best finish was a tie for second at the British Open last month.

Little, 43, a 24-year LPGA veteran, had six birdies and two bogeys, including a three-put on the 12th hole. Little is coming off her best finish of the year, a tie for fifth at last week's tournament in Portland.

Johnson was 5-under after 16 holes but three-putted the par-3 eighth hole for a bogey. She hit the water on No. 9 but salvaged par. Johnson earlier eagled the 13th with a 50-yard chip from the rough.

Leading money winner Laura Davies, who began on the 10th hole, shot a 42 on the front nine to finish with a 77. She had a triple bogey on the par-4 sixth hole.

First place in the tournament is worth 75,000 dollars.

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 Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals M
 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.