

Olympic gold medalist American Carl Lewis (C) crosses the finish line in the men's 200-metres at the New York Games on May 21. Lewis finished first with a time of 20.28 seconds while Koji Ito (L) of Japan sixth and Bahamas' Andrew Tynes (R) fourth. — AFP/UNB photo

Lewis' perfect riposte

NEW YORK, 22: Eight-time Olympic champion Carl Lewis answered his critics and reassured himself here on Saturday, winning the 200m in 20.28 seconds at the New York Games IAAF Grand Prix athletics meeting, reports AFP.

Guidry White and Nigerian Mary Onyiah by four metres off the bend to win in 22.04. Torrence said she knew she was approaching a time in the low 22s when the Grand Prix season kicked off at Sao Paulo last week.

longest jump in the world this year, jumping 8.56m with an assisting wind of 1.9 MPS just inside the limit. Australian Cathy Freeman finished out of the medals in fourth place in the 200, but followed up with a victory in the 400m in 51.52sec.

France world h'ball champs

REYKJAVIK, May 22: France beat Croatia 23-19 (halftime 11-6) in Sunday's final to win the men's handball World Championship, reports Reuter.

The French victory was virtually secured midway through the first half when Stephane Stoecklin and Gregory Anquetil scored three successive goals between them to give France a five-goal advantage.

The top four teams are joined by Russia, Egypt and Switzerland as the top seven to qualify for the Atlanta Olympics in 1996.

China clinch Sudirman Cup

LAUSANNE, May 22: China's Sudirman Cup victory over Indonesia at the World Badminton Championships here on Sunday was marred when a Chinese flag thrown by a spectator sparked off pushing and shoving between the delegations, reports AFP.

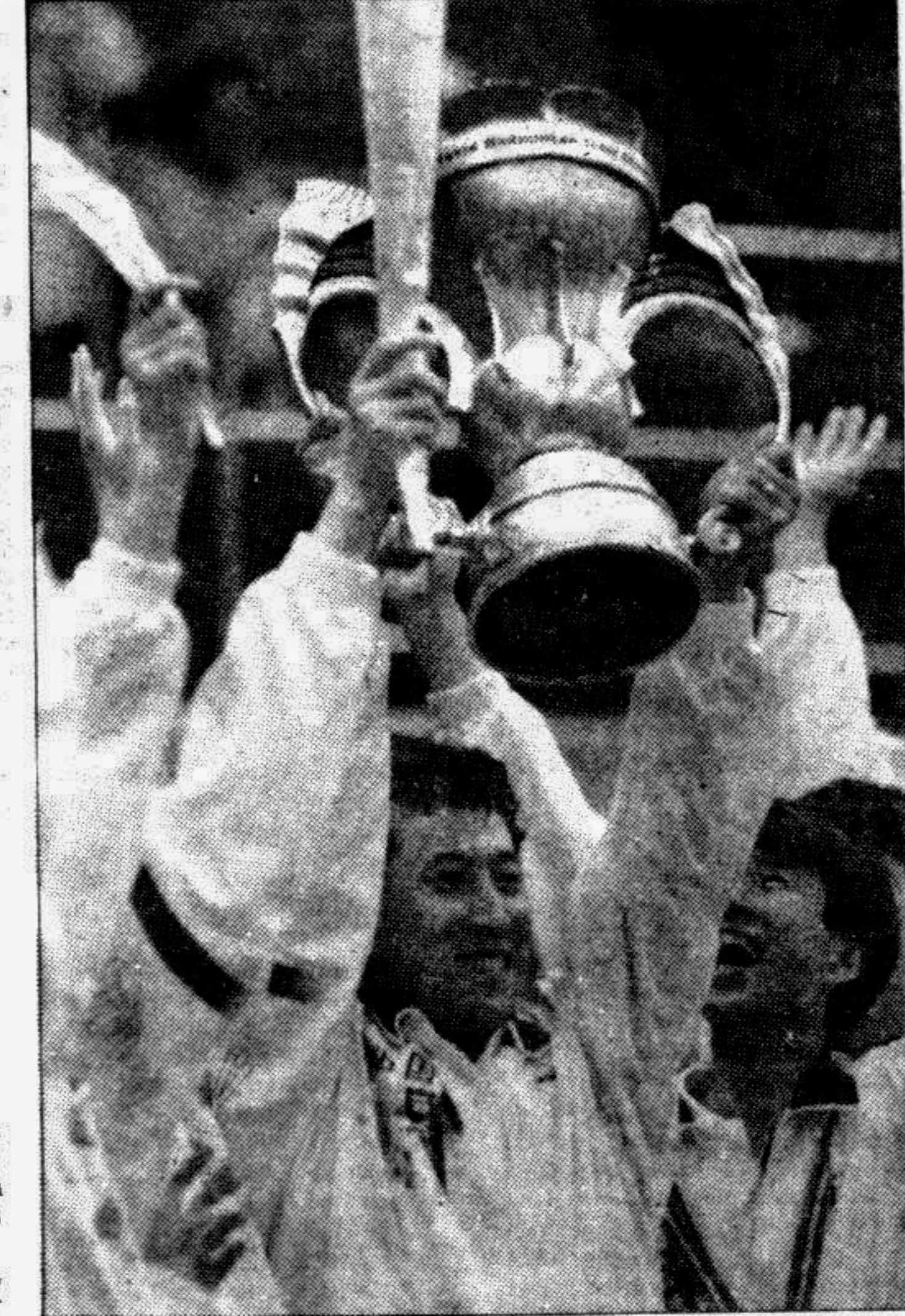
Moments after Sun Jun had clinched a 3-0 winning lead for China in this world mixed team event, an Indonesian official was hit by the flag.

But Roy Ward, Chairman of the International Badminton Federation publicity committee, with strong support from Kare G Sorensen, Chairman of the sports committee of the Norwegian Federation, wants a radical change.

Victory ends in acrimony

China had never reached the final of this biennial event which was first held in Indonesia in 1989. Indonesia, who hold the Thomas Cup, the men's World Team Championships, and the Uber Cup, the women's equivalent, failed to add this mixed World Team Championship trophy to their collection.

China won the opening women's doubles as expected— then went from strength to strength. World number one pair Ge Fei and Gu Jun beat Zelin Kesiana and Elisa 15-9, 15-10 in 50 minutes.



Chinese coach Li Yonobo flanked by ecstatic players holds aloft the Sudirman Cup after beating Indonesia 3-1 in the final of the World Badminton Championships in Switzerland on May 21. — AFP/UNB photo

Agassi, Arantxa top seeds at French Open

PARIS, May 22: Andre Agassi, the winner of the last two Grand Slam tournaments, was named top seed to the French Open on Monday, although Thomas Muster may be the favorite when the two-week tournament starts May 29, reports AP.

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the French Open defending champion, was named as the women's top seed. She and Agassi were given the top spots by the organising committee based on their No. 1 world rankings.

Muster is unbeaten on clay this year, extending his streak to 28 matches and five tournaments after winning the Italian Open on Sunday over Bruguera.

OCA on horns of dilemma

SEOUL, May 22: The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) faces a delicate decision over the venue for the 2002 Asian Games at a meeting here this week, report agencies.

both sides have complained about the other's tactics. International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch is in Seoul for the OCA's 14th general assembly and much behind-the-scenes bargaining has been going on in recent days, Asian sports officials said.

Kaohsiung the event in 2006. The IOC president has insisted that he will remain neutral. Kaohsiung has been strongly lobbying Southeast Asian and other countries for support.

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Wu is head of the 22-member Taiwan delegation attending the three-day OCA meeting. Taiwanese delegates have complained of "various little back-stabbing acts" by its opponent city, Taiwan press reports added.

Badminton under pre-Olympic trial

LAUSANNE, May 22: The youngest Olympic racket sport of badminton is examining its scoring system which could be introduced in time for the 2000 Games in Sydney, reports AFP.

Four years earlier in Seoul, tennis and table tennis were adopted as full medal sports. Following Olympic inclusion, the IBF's 62 members of 1985 increased to the 120 it now boasts.

Ward believed badminton's expansion needs further impetus from a new scoring format. He believed shorter games made the sport easier to package for television. And he claimed improved television coverage would attract audiences and money.

He feared the average American viewer at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 would be put off by the system now used. The main culprit is "settling", Ward added, where players can choose how they want to finish the game when they are tied.

Muster clay court maestro

ROME, May 22: Austrian Thomas Muster extended his remarkable winning run on clay to 28 matches to clinch the Italian Open title with a 3-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-3 win over Spaniard Sergi Bruguera in Sunday's rain-delayed final, reports Reuter.

The victory gave seventh-seeded Muster, his fifth clay title of the year, and confirmed his status as one of the favourites for the French Open which begins on May 29.

Bruguera, seeded eight but the winner of the last two French Opens, faded out of the contest between arguably the world's top clay court players after the super-fit Muster took the second set on a tie-break to level the match.

The final, which began almost four hours late after a downpour, lasted two hours 50 minutes, much of it played under floodlights on a chilly evening.

Bortova sets new mark

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia, May 22: Daniela Bortova of the Czech Republic broke the women's pole vault world record with a leap of four metres 10 cms on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The previous record was set last Thursday in Taiyuan in China when compatriots Sun Caiyun and Zhong Guiling both cleared four metres eight cms.

Vohland widens lead

VANTAA, Finland, May 22: Marnick Bervoets of Belgium won both races Sunday while American Tallon Vohland earned a fourth and runner-up place to increase his overall 250cc World Motocross Championship lead by four points, reports AP.

Vohland increased his point total to 162, 23 ahead of Belgium's Stefan Evers, and Bervoets, who moved from sixth into a tie for second.

"I'm satisfied with the second overall position in this event," Vohland said. "I went to the season with a strategy of not risking too much in the seven first events, just trying to hold on to good placings and pick up points in every heat. It is my fourth year in the World Championship circuit, and in the years passed I tried harder than the limits."

Vohland has not been out of the points in a single race this year, with one win and five second-place finishes among his 12 races.

AAAC attempts to head off boycott threat

NAIROBI, May 22: African athletics chiefs are to intervene this week over a threat by Kenyan athletes to boycott the World Championships because of the sacking of Chief Coach Mike Kogel, reports Reuter.

"We recognise the role Kenyan athletes play in world arena and we will not sit back and watch them execute their threat," Nelson, from Ghana, told reporters in the Kenyan capital.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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