



THE SCOREBOARD SAYS IT ALL: Ivan Pedroso of Cuba, stands beside the scoreboard that reads 8.96m which is the new world record he set for the long jump at an athletics meeting in Italy yesterday. Pedroso broke American Mike Powell's 1991 by one centimetre.

Pedroso leaps past Powell



SESTRIERE, Italy. July 29: Ivan Pedroso of Cuba set a world long jump record of 8.96 metres (29 feet, 4 3/4 inches) at the Sestriere high altitude meeting Saturday, ending a long-lasting domination by US athletes, reports AP.

The 22-year-old Cuban improved by one centimetre (1/4 inch) the previous world record of 8.95 metres (29 feet, 4 1/2 inches), set by American Mike Powell at the 1991 World Championships in Tokyo.

Pedroso, who will be fighting Powell and Carl Lewis for a gold medal at the World Championships in Gothenburg next month, was off in the competition, in the Italian Alps at 2,035 metres (6,676.5 feet) of altitude, with an impressive wind-aided leap of 8.89 metres (29 feet, 2 inches).

Organisers said the wind was blowing within the allowed limit 1.2 metres per second — when Pedroso made the record jump on his sixth and last attempt in adverse weather conditions — fog and only 13 C (55.4 F).

One Italian judge reported that some people were standing close to the anemometer when Pedroso made his record jump, but did not elaborate on whether the wind measurement could have been altered. There was no official complaint.

Measures and times are not considered world records if wind blows at more than 2 metres per second.

Wind was at more than four metres per second when American Gwen Torrence and Nigerian Olapade Adeniken sprinted to victory

in the 100-metre races.

Torrence, who will shoot for gold in the 100 and 200 metres at Gothenburg, took the women's race here in 10.83 seconds. Fellow American Carlette Guidry finished second in 11.10.

Jamaican Merlene Ottey did not show up at the start.

Adeniken was timed in 9.92 seconds as he edged Canadian Bruny Surin in the men's sprint.

Surin was clocked in 9.96 seconds, ahead of Americans Mike Marsh and Jeff Williams who placed third and fourth respectively.

Pedroso, a university stu-

who had best leaps of 8.29 metres (27 feet 1 1/4 inches) and 8.20 metres (26 feet 11 inches).

"I knew I could set a world record, after barely missing 9.03 metres (29 feet, 7 1/2 inches) at the Pan-American Games (last March) ... I realised immediately I had made an impressive jump, as soon as I landed on my last leap. I'm overjoyed. The World Championships will say if I'm really the best world jumper. Let's wait for the Gothenburg event," Pedroso said.

The Cuban long jumper had already showed his impressive form at Salamanca last July 18 when he had a season best of 8.71 metres (28 feet, 7 inches).

Born at Ciudad Habana, Pedroso equalled the Cuban long jump record in 1992 and missed the 1993 World Championships due to an injury.

The record jump at Sestriere earned him the top prize of the meet — a Ferrari sports car worth 130,000 dollars. He said he planned to take the luxury car to Cuba, but disclosed he had not driving license, at the moment.

Sergey Bubka, the "flying Ukrainian" who had won another Ferrari car at Sestriere last year by setting a world pole vault record of 6.14 metres (20 feet, 1 3/4 inches), barely missed three attempts at 6.15 (20 feet, two inches) in Saturday's meet.

He still won the event with 6 metres (19 feet, 8 1/4 inches), his best mark this season.

Young South African Okkert Brits also cleared 6 metres (19 feet, 8 1/4 inches) to become the third athlete ever to have reached such measure.



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dent, ran along the track screaming with joy as the board flashed the new world record measure and about 1,500 fans applauded him wildly.

In the event he beat Cheikh Tidiane Toure of Senegal and American Kareem Streete-Thompson

Heike on a new mission



BONN, July 29 (Reuters): As Heike Drechsler flung pebbles in to the sea on a scenic Portuguese beach recently it was difficult to recall how the former East Germany's strict sporting regime once dominated her life.

The days when GDR officials ruled Drechsler's personal and professional life are long gone and the German's preparations for next week's Gothenburg World Championships have been organised on her own terms.

The Olympic long jump champion now preparing to take on American rival Jackie Joyner-Kersey in the heptathlon for the first time, has completed a training camp on Portugal's Algarve Coast with friends and her five-year-old son Toni. The training was hard but the atmosphere relaxed.

Drechsler admits she was happy in the old Communist days even though officials tried to persuade her against having a baby before the end of her career, she eventually got her way and gave birth to her only son in November 1989.

"I was convinced that what was happening was right — of course in my area of life," she said. "I had no reasons to complain. I could travel abroad, doors were open for me to develop."

Drechsler, who once held a seat in East Germany's Parliament, has been the GDR's biggest athletics success story since the fall of the Berlin Wall turned her life up and down in late 1989.

As she enters the final years of her career, the 30-year-old Drechsler, youngest gold medalist at the 1983

World Championships, is determined to win gold in the long jump and provide a major challenge in the heptathlon.

"I was looking for a new challenge and the heptathlon came just right," said Drechsler, who set a year's leaving her mother to bring up four children on shift work.

The long jumper soon found her way in the commercial West, employing a manager, attracting sponsors and making sure she earned the right appearance money at meetings.

With the 1992 Olympic gold medal around her neck, Drechsler has developed a hard business sense. She left her club Jena after 15 years at the start of the 1995 to take up an attractive offer at Chemnitz which included a deal with a health insurance company.

"I was patient (at Jena) for many years and ran for nothing. But ... when you get an offer you have to take it. It's the same in other professions," she said.

Drechsler's build-up to Gothenburg has not been all breeze.

In May, the German papers were full of stories about her break-up with husband Andreas and a new relationship with French decathlete Alain Blondel, Drechsler is learning French.

The split put her husband's father, Erich Drechsler, who is her coach, in a difficult position. But Erich stayed loyal to the athlete who gave him the security of a job in days of high unemployment in the East following unification.



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For Yeltsin tennis out of question

MOSCOW, July 29: Russian president Boris Yeltsin may be back at work, albeit at a rest home, but his doctors have served him with strict instructions to give his favourite sport a rest. Interfax said Friday, reports AFP.

Yeltsin, sidelined by a heart-attack on July 10, left hospital Monday for a rest home outside Moscow, where doctors are permitting him to work and hold court with visitors.

But tennis has definitely been given the elbow.

When one of his usual tennis partners, Sports Minister Shamil Tarpishev, went to visit him two days ago and proposed a few games, the burly president had to yield to doctors who said it was too soon to let him loose on court. Tarpishev told the news agency Friday.

However, he added: "The president told me he would certainly be able to play when he takes holidays in Sochi in the autumn."

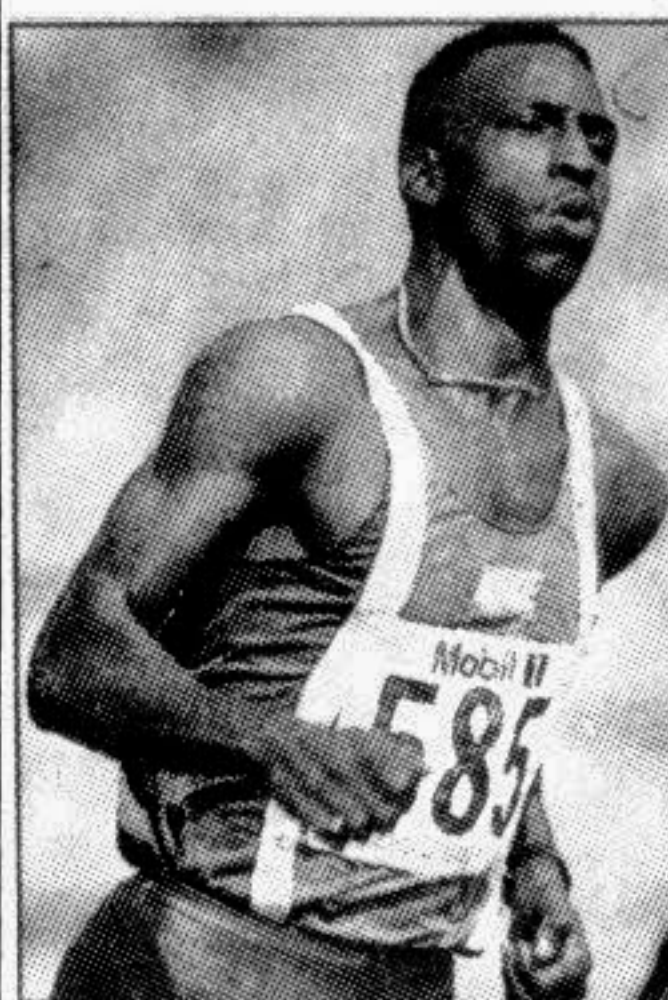
Two men on different paths



GOTHENBURG, July 29: One is a powerful sprinter from the United States, the other a slightly built

distance runner from Algeria. Together, they have dominated men's athletics like few ever have.

Michael Johnson, aiming for an unprecedented sprint double, and Noureddine



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Morceli, perhaps the greatest middle-distance runner of all-time, will be the stars to watch at the World Championships starting Aug. 4, reports AP.

About 1,900 athletes from 193 countries will be competing at the fifth World Championships, including most of the big names. Some, including Johnson and Morceli, already have a bunch of titles.

Carl Lewis, who has three world 100-metre titles, failed to qualify for the sprint this year but will compete in the long jump against two time defending champion Mike Powell. Lewis, succeeded as sprint champion by Britain's Linford Christie, also has two long jump titles.

Sergey Bubka goes for his fifth straight pole vault title, and Dan O'Brien for his third consecutive decathlon championship. Jackie Joyner-Kersey aims to add to her two titles in the long jump and two titles in the heptathlon.

But Johnson and Morceli look capable for something even greater than simply defending their titles.

While the American seeks to become the first man ever to sweep the 200 and 400 metres, Morceli is in shape to break his own world record in the 1,500 (he also holds world records for the

mile, 2,000 and 3,000).

Although Johnson doesn't hold an outdoor world record yet, he back in getting closer to Pietro Mennea's 19.72 seconds for the 200, set back in 1979 at altitude, and Butch Reynolds' 400 time of 43.28, clocked seven years ago.

Johnson has over 200-metre races all over Europe in the run-up to Gothenburg, including a wind-aided 19.96 in Lausanne on July 5 against a field that included some of his World Championship rivals: Christie and defending champion Frankie Fredericks of Namibia.

He is unbeaten in 45 races at 400 metres and left world record-holder Reynolds well back at the Bissett Games at Oslo on July 21 in a time of 43.86 seconds.

"There are a lot of people who want to see me trying to do something no one has ever done," Johnson said. "I'm in very good form. I'm sharp right now."

Morceli, who is trying to beat every world mark from 800 to 10,000 metres, has been in record-breaking form this season.

The Algerian broke his own 1,500-metre mark in Nice two weeks ago, running 3:27.37 and bettered the 2,000-metre record with a 4:47.88 clocking at the beginning of July. At Monte Carlo on Tuesday, he nearly beat the 1,500 mark again, running 3:27.52 with no one challenging him for the last 700 metres.

The run in Nice carved 1.49 seconds off his previous record and Morceli now has run the distance more than two seconds faster than anyone else in history.

"All my records are precious to me," said the Algerian, who has gradually erased the famed Moroccan, said Aouita, from the record books. "But the 1,500 is very special."

The only man in Morceli's class this year has been Brundian sensation Venuste Niyongabo.

Niyongabo has entered both the 1,500 and 5,000 events for the worlds. With Morceli expected to run the 1,500, they may not face each other.

Johnson is not the only athlete attempting a double.

Marie-Jose Percec of France, champion over 400 metres in 1991, hopes to capitalise on the absence of injured hurdler Sally Gunnell to win both the 400 and 400

hurdles.

Russian sprinter Irina Privalova is going for the 100 and 200 double. At one stage, she said she was keen to add the 400 as well but has only entered the shorter races.

But Gail Devers, who won both the 100 and 100-metre hurdles at the last worlds in Stuttgart two years ago, is defending only her hurdles title.



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That means the women's 100 will have a new champion with the battle featuring three of the greats, Jamaica's Merlene Ottey, Gwen Torrence of the United States and Privalova.

Christie's main rival in the men's 100 appears to be a Canadian, rather than an American.

Donovan Bailey has the best time of the year, 9.91, set in the Canadian national trials two weeks ago, when countryman Bruny Surin ran 9.97 in the same race.

Mike Marsh, the Olympic 200-metre titlist, was the surprise 100-winner at the US trials, with Lewis and world record-holder Leroy Burrell failing to qualify.

The 110-hurdles is weakened by the absence of Colin Jackson, the defending titlist and world record-holder. The Welshman has a groin injury.

That leaves the door open to the Americans to try to take the title back. Allen Johnson is one of the favourites but Roger Kingdom has returned to form after his two-year absence because of knee injuries and has a good chance of adding a World Championship, to his two Olympic titles.

Fordham's timely ton

LONDON, July 29: Northamptonshire opener Alan Fordham scored an unbeaten century to keep his side's victory hopes alive in the English county top-of-the-table clash with Warwickshire at Edgbaston on Friday, reports Reuter.

Fordham hit exactly 100 in 320 minutes to steer Northamptonshire to 254 for six in their second innings for an overall lead of 182 against the leaders and champions.

The second-placed visitors looked destined for defeat when they lost three wickets in clearing their first innings arrears of 72.

But Fordham, who survived a sharp chance on 11 off South African paceman Allan Donald, held firm and received support from skipper Allan Lamb (22), Kevin Curran (30) and Richard Warren (25 not out) in half-century stands.

Earlier, Warwickshire were indebted to a splendid innings from Roger Twose for earning their first innings advantage, despite a career-best bowling performance of 7-44 from David Capel.

McKoy sidelined



VIENNA, July 29: Australian Mark McKoy, the Olympic 110 metres hurdles champion, is out of next month's World Championships with hip and Achilles tendon injuries, reports Reuter.

Robert Wagner, the ex-Canadian's manager, said on Friday that because of the injuries, which worsened during a training session on Thursday, McKoy would not be able to train for the next 10 days.

Meanwhile, it was re-

ported from Bonn that Germany's Olympic high jump champion Heike Henkel and world heptathlon silver medalist Sabine Braun maybe forced out of the championships.

Henkel, who has been struggling with a back problem and has failed to reach top form this season, will make her decision after competing at a domestic meeting in Norderney today, her coach said.

Braun has been unable to train fully for the past four weeks because of back and leg pains, she was undergoing treatment with a leading German doctor on Friday ahead of the Gothenburg World Championships which start on August 4.

German chief coach Gertrud Schaefer said Braun would make a final decision the start of next week but added: "Everything is not lost."

German marathon star Uta Pippig is expected to withdraw from the 10,000 metres because of a calf problem.

The team have also lost former world champion Thomas Schoenlebe from the men's 4x400 metres squad because of an Achilles tendon injury.

Asian women's basketball

SHIZUOKA, Japan, July 29: Thailand outscored Hong Kong 84-45 for their fifth straight win to finish top of the second league of the Asian women's basketball championships today, reports AFP.

The Thai women, who were sixth at the Hiroshima Asian Games last year, led 43-22 at half time.

In other games at the Kusanagi Gymnasium, central Japan, Malaysia edged past the Philippines 74-72, while Jordan squeezed through with a 58-55 win over Indonesia.

Hong Kong, the Philippines and Malaysia ended the Group B tournament with identical 3-2 win-loss records with Hong Kong taking second place due to a better points average, the Philippines third and Malaysia fourth.

Jordan stood with 1-5 at fifth, followed by winless Indonesia. No playoff matches for the top league were scheduled to be held.

Women's world jr volleyball

BANGKOK, July 29: Russia, Brazil, Japan and China advanced into the semifinals of the 8th women's junior World Volleyball Championships here Friday, reports AFP.

In the quarterfinals, Russia beat Netherlands, 15-8, 15-4, 15-10 in only 54 minutes while Brazil edged out South Korea 15-12, 10-15, 11-15, 15-8, 15-13 in one hour 54 minutes.

In the same round, Japan defeated Germany 15-8, 14-16, 15-10, 15-7 in one hour 38 minutes and China thrashed Italy 15-7, 15-9, 15-9, in 60 minutes.

Shalimov on the move

MILAN, July 29: Russian midfielder Igor Shalimov has agreed to join Switzerland's FC Lugano from Internazionale on a one-year loan deal, the Italian club said on Friday, reports Reuter.

Dalmiya reelected CAB chief

CALCUTTA, July 29: Jagmohan Dalmiya was unanimously re-elected president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) at its annual general meeting here yesterday, reports PTI.

Prabir Mukherjee and Chittrak Mitra were also unanimously elected joint secretaries at the annual general meeting which lasted for over two hours at her Dr BC Roy club house.

Asok Ray, Sachchidananda Chatterjee and Gobinda Prasad Roy were elected vice-presidents after one of the candidates withdrew his nomination while Indranath Day retained his post as the treasurer.

Scindia clarifies

MADRAS, July 29: Union Human Resource Development Minister and president of Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka Joint Committee, (PILCOM), Madhavrao Scindia, today said there was no room for any dispute in selection of Indian venues for the coming World Cup cricket, reports PTI.

Selection of venues were based on the technical committee report to the BCCI, which was placed before PILCOM and accepted by it. Scindia told PTI at Madras Airport while responding to a question on the controversy over Guahati not being selected as a venue.

He said PILCOM had gone purely by the report but the report on Guahati was unfortunately not good. "We have nothing against any particular cricket association."

There were only 17 matches to be played in India and therefore, requests from all the venues could not be entertained, he added.

Asked about the security and safety aspects in conducting matches in Pakistan and Sri Lanka — both facing ethnic strife and players' safety, Scindia said the issue was in the hands of member countries.

Both the countries must have considered these factors before selecting the venues, Scindia added.

Law, Hayden hit hundreds

SOUTHAMPTON, England, July 29: Stuart Law and opening batsman Matthew Hayden both hit centuries as Young Australia dominated the opening day of their four-day match with Hampshire here at Southampton on Friday, reports AFP.

Hayden, dropped when he had scored only 17 went on to make 146, while Law hit 134.

Pace bowler Cardigan Connor had Hayden's opening partner Matthew Elliott leg before wicket to the third ball of the day without a run on the board.

Hayden, who toured with the victorious Ashes winning Australian team in 1993, was then missed at square leg by Jason Loney off a simple opportunity and Martin Love escaped when Connor dropped a head-high return catch.

Love struck nine boundaries in a rapid 42 before he edged spin bowler Shaun Udal to John Stephenson at slip with the score on 71.

But then Hayden and Law came together in a stand of 239 for the third wicket in 57 overs.

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