

Varsity Games open today

FUKUOKA, Japan, Aug 22: A US basketball team is battling for a fourth consecutive gold medal. China's swimmers seek to rebound from a doping scandal, and the host city is providing a 48-kilogram (106-pound) judo world champion.

The World University Games officially open Wednesday with more than 4,300 athletes from 163 nations and territories competing for 144 gold medals in 12 sports in the biggest "Student Olympics" ever, reports AP.

But soccer already was starting Tuesday, with eight preliminary round games at three stadiums in the city of 1.3 million people.

In the last games, in Buffalo, New York, in 1993, the Americans led the medal standings with 75, including 30 gold. Canada followed with 40, Japan had 30 and China and Germany 28 each, although the Chinese were second in golds with 17.

The turn-over is large, however, since the games are limited to college students and recent graduates, and professionals are banned.

Thus in men's basketball, the Americans are sending what used to be their Olympic team — the elite of the college players — before the "Dream Team" of pros took over.

Still, "We set the standard of excellence in the US," said Ray Allen, a guard from Connecticut.

Japanese coach Toshimitsu Kawachi echoed that, saying he hoped his team would do well enough in early games to earn a meeting with

the Americans. US coach Lon Kruger of Florida warned, however, "Any time you go overseas, the concern would be that maybe they (Americans) don't fully appreciate or have an awareness of how good the foreign teams have become."

The Chinese swimmers were barred from last month's Pan-Pacific swimming championships after 11 within a year tested positive for banned drugs. Their team in Fukuoka is led by women's world butterfly champion Liu Lulin.

Also here are two gold medalists from last year's Asian Games in Hiroshima, Japan.

At those Games, seven Chinese tested positive for drugs, including Lu Bin, a three-time world champion, and Yang Aihua, the world 400-metre freestyle champion.

The host city's star is Ryoko Tamura, a 19-year-old, 146-centimetre (4 foot, 9 1/2 inch)-tall female judoist with a 64-match winning streak and gold medals from the world championships and Asian Games.

Despite her formidable record, Tamura is known throughout Japan as "yawarachan," or "Softie," a play on words from judo — the "soft way" of fighting.

The athletes are living in a seaside complex, with its own private beach, in a section of town that features rows of new buildings and shopping strips, a landmark tower and the 2-year-old retractable roof Fukuoka Dome.

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The 52,000-seat dome, home of Fukuoka's professional baseball team, is the site of ceremonies for the opening Wednesday and closing on Sept 3.

Seven newly built stadiums are among the 24 being used for competition in track and field, basketball, fencing, soccer, gymnastics, swimming, diving, water polo, tennis, volleyball, judo and baseball.

To help police protect the Games, organisers decided to mobilise 30,000 private guards after the March 20 nerve gas attack that killed 12 people and injured 5,500 others in the suburbs of Tokyo, 900 kilometres (560 miles) to the northeast. A doomsday cult has been blamed for that attack, and its top leaders are in jail awaiting trial.

In the Games' 36-year history, the biggest previous turn-out was 121 nations for the 1987 competition in Zagreb, Croatia.

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Windies-Essex match drawn

CHELMSFORD, England, Aug 22: Curtly Ambrose was conspicuous by his absence from West Indies' bowling attack on the final day of the drawn game against Essex. But he will be fit to face England in the final Test at The Oval, reports Reuter.

Ambrose, who missed the fifth Test because of a back injury bowled just 11 overs against Essex and spent most of Monday fielding at slip.

But West Indies physio Dennis Waight said: "Curtly is fine and there are no problems about him playing on Thursday. Having bowled on Sunday I just advised him to take it easy today."

With Stuart Williams also recovering from a sore back and Carl Hooper's broken finger now fully mended, only Jimmy Adams, who has a fractured cheekbone, is out of contention for the series decider against England.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul did his prospects of playing at The Oval no harm by scoring an undefeated 103.

The left-hander's third first-class century of the summer included 19 fours. He and Phil Simmons (139 not out) took West Indies to 260 for no wicket when the declaration came at lunch.

Simmons added to the Squad last week to cover for injuries himself in Chelmsford with his two centuries yielding 33 fours and four sixes.

Essex briefly threatened to challenge a victory target of 327 off 61 overs but any lingering hope of an exciting finish disappeared when former England captain Graham Gooch clipped Rajindra Dhanraj to mid-wicket after making 50.

Long assignment awaits Atherton

LONDON, Aug 22: Mike Atherton was reappointed as England's cricket captain Tuesday for the winter Test series in South Africa and the World Cup in Pakistan and India, reports AP.

Chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth confirmed the appointment on the eve of England's series-deciding sixth and final Test against West Indies at The Oval starting Thursday.

"We think he's the best man for the job — it's as simple as that," Illingworth said. "Mike has had a great summer."

England, who last toured South Africa under the captaincy of MJK Smith in 1964-65, will fly to Johannesburg on Oct 18 for five Tests and seven one-day internationals.

England begins their World Cup campaign in India on Feb 14 against New Zealand in Ahmedabad.

England's next four games are all in Pakistan — against the United Arab Emirates in Peshawar on Feb 18, the Netherlands in Peshawar on Feb 22, South Africa in Rawalpindi on Feb 25 and Pakistan in Karachi on March 3.

England has never won the World Cup, having lost in three finals — against the West Indies in 1979, Australia in 1987 and Pakistan in 1992.

Asprilla back at Parma

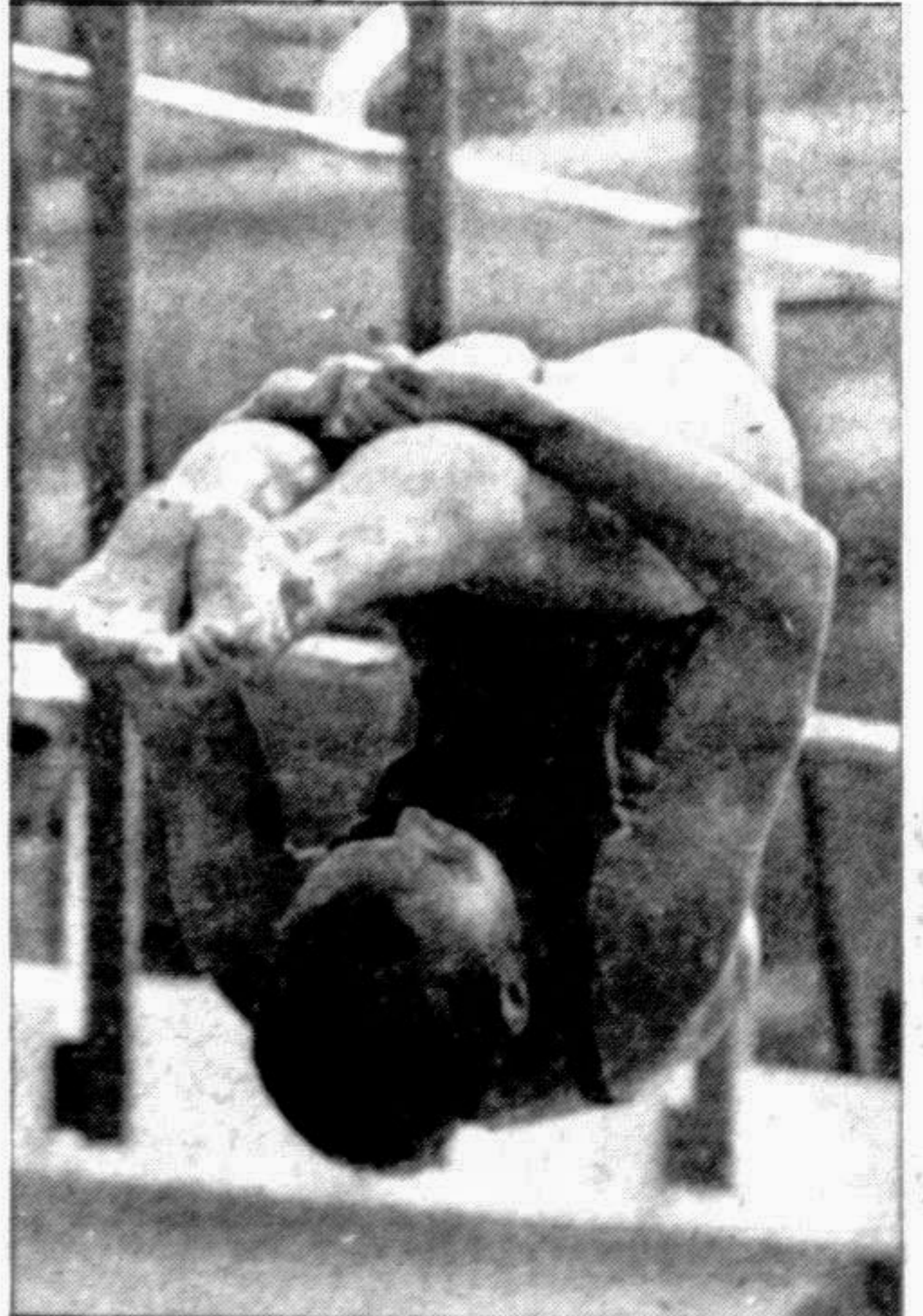
PARMA, Aug 22: Colombian international striker Faustino Asprilla, who vowed in June he would never play for Parma again, reported back for training with the Italian club on Monday after the summer break, reports Reuter.

Asprilla, 25, said in June: "It is over between Parma and me. I will never play for that club again."

WTA top 20

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Aug 22: The top 20 women's tennis players as ranked by the women's tennis association tour, reports Reuter.

1. Steffi Graf (Germany)
1. X-Monica Seles (US)
2. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (Spain)
3. Conchita Martinez (Spain)
4. Jana Novotna (Czech Republic)
5. Mary Pierce (France)
6. Kimiko Date (Japan)
7. Magdalena Maleeva (Bulgaria)
8. Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina)
9. Lindsay Davenport (US)
10. Anke Huber (Germany)
11. Natasha Zvereva (Belarus)
12. Iva Majoli (Croatia)
13. Mary Joe Fernandez (US)
14. Helena Sukova (Czech Republic)
15. Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (Netherlands)
16. Chanda Rubin (US)
17. Naoko Sawamatsu (Japan)
18. Martina Hingis (Switzerland)
19. Nathalie Tauziat (France)
20. Lisa Raymond (US) (x-co-ranked number one for her first six tournaments)



Vera Ilyina of Russia in the midst of her gold medal winning dive during the women's one-metre diving competition at the European Swimming Championships in Vienna on August 21. — APP/UNB photo

No cheers but only jeers

NEW YORK, Aug 22: Mike Tyson's return got Americans talking about boxing again — but the words echoing across the country Monday were farce, fraud, embarrassment and joke, reports Reuter.

Fans were furious about Tyson's 89-second victory Saturday night against nobody Peter McNeely and they vented their anger on street corners and offices around the country.

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Of contrasting comebacks

WASHINGTON, Aug 22: Mike Tyson and Monica Seles received far different reactions to their triumphant comebacks following long layoffs, with both still having something to prove before they regain the status of world champions, reports AP.

Seles won the Canadian Open in a record-low 74 games, dispatching two top-10 rivals at Toronto in winning her first event since being stabbed in the back 28 months ago during a tournament in Hamburg, Germany.

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"In the wake of the travesty that marked Mike Tyson's return the sport has suffered another al black eye, b) blow to its credibility, c) psychological knockout or d) all of the above. Pick one," asked New York Newsday sarcastically.

In contrast, the New York Times positively glowed over Seles' victory saying she had "come back to tennis with the same fearless and unorthodox strokes that had already set her apart from the rest of the pack."

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Sanchez joins MLS bandwagon

LOS ANGELES, Aug 22: Veteran Mexican soccer star Hugo Sanchez has signed to play next year in Major League Soccer, the US Professional League announced on Monday, reports Reuter.

French & the fear!

FUKUOKA, Japan, Aug 22: Worried by outrage in Australia and New Zealand over France's nuclear test plans, organisers of the World University Games have put those nations' delegations on opposite sides of the Athletes' Village, reports AP.

It came as a surprise to the Australians. "There was no official request for that. Our tennis players have been practicing together with the French," said Tritia Evans, public relations manager for the Australian delegation.

"No one has raised the issue," said John Purnell, chief of the 138-member delegation at the Games, which open Wednesday among athletes from nearly 160 nations.

France has announced plans to resume nuclear testing at Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific in September. There have been widespread demonstrations and boycotts of French goods in Australia and New Zealand.

A tactic to taunt Tyson

LOS ANGELES, Aug 22: George Foreman's promoter, saying Mike Tyson "throws punches like a girl now," has an offer he believes Tyson can't refuse — a potential 80 million dollar payday.

Two days after Tyson's first fight in over four years turned out to be an 89-second debacle, Bob Arum proposed that Foreman and Tyson meet in what he believes would be the "biggest fight, by far, of all time," reports AP.

The key element, Arum said, is that a neutral party would handle the money.

"If Tyson's a man, he's going to rise to the challenge instead of fighting guys who are not even professional fighters, like his last opponent," Arum said, referring to Peter McNeely.

Three months ago, Foreman said he wouldn't fight Tyson if Don King was the promoter. King, Tyson's promoter since 1988, and Arum have been bitter rivals for many years.

"Now we've found a solution for that," Arum said before boarding a plane for New York. "My feeling is that anybody can say they're involved or not involved (in the promotion)."

"This is the proposition: We'll let some neutral party come in that everybody respects and handle all the money and make all the arrangements, and that would eliminate George's concern."

The guy that we would suggest does that is Henry Gluck, the former chairman of the board of Caesars World, who's recently resigned. Tyson knows him. Tyson's fought there. King knows him. George knows him. We would certainly accept him as

Edwards lands with a bump

GATESHEAD, England, Aug 22: British triple jumping star Jonathan Edwards came down to earth with a bump on Monday after his record-breaking exploits at the World Athletics Championships two weeks ago, reports Reuter.

The newly-crowned world champion and record holder with a magnificent leap of 8.29 metres could only manage a best of 7.49 metres in Britain's match against an American team.

Though it was good enough to take the event, Edwards fouled three other attempts and passed his remaining two.

But he insisted: "Tonight wasn't about winning or jumping a long way, it was about saying thank you to my local crowd and being able to spend some time with them."

Edwards' victory and a winning performance from Welshmen Colin Jackson, the former world 110 metres hurdles champion who did not defend his title in Gothenburg, helped Britain's men to a 2-0-1-2 victory over an American team missing all their world champions.

Jackson stretched his sprint hurdles mastery over Gothenburg silver medalist Tony Jarrett to 28 races with victory in 13.18 seconds.

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2. Name of work : As described below.
3. Eligibility of contractor : (RHD), General Category contractor as per financial capacity and territorial jurisdiction.
4. Availability of tender schedule : (1) Executive Engineer RHD, Mechl Ferry Divn, Barisal/Khulna (2) Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Mechl Ferry Sub-Divn, Faridpur (Only office hours. No tender will be sold on the date of opening tender schedule).
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