

Column One

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m.

June 21, 1996)

1	The winner of the women's high jump gold in 24th national athletics is	Kajana	Natalia	Rutha
2	The girls' champion in the school badminton tournament '96 is	Barbara	Lucky	Amelia
3	IM Zaur Rahman has won the national chess title	6 times	2 times	3 times
4	Kafelikov won the 1996 French Open tennis title by winning the final against	Santos	Muster	Stich
5	West Germany won the first of their football World Cups in	1934	1954	1964

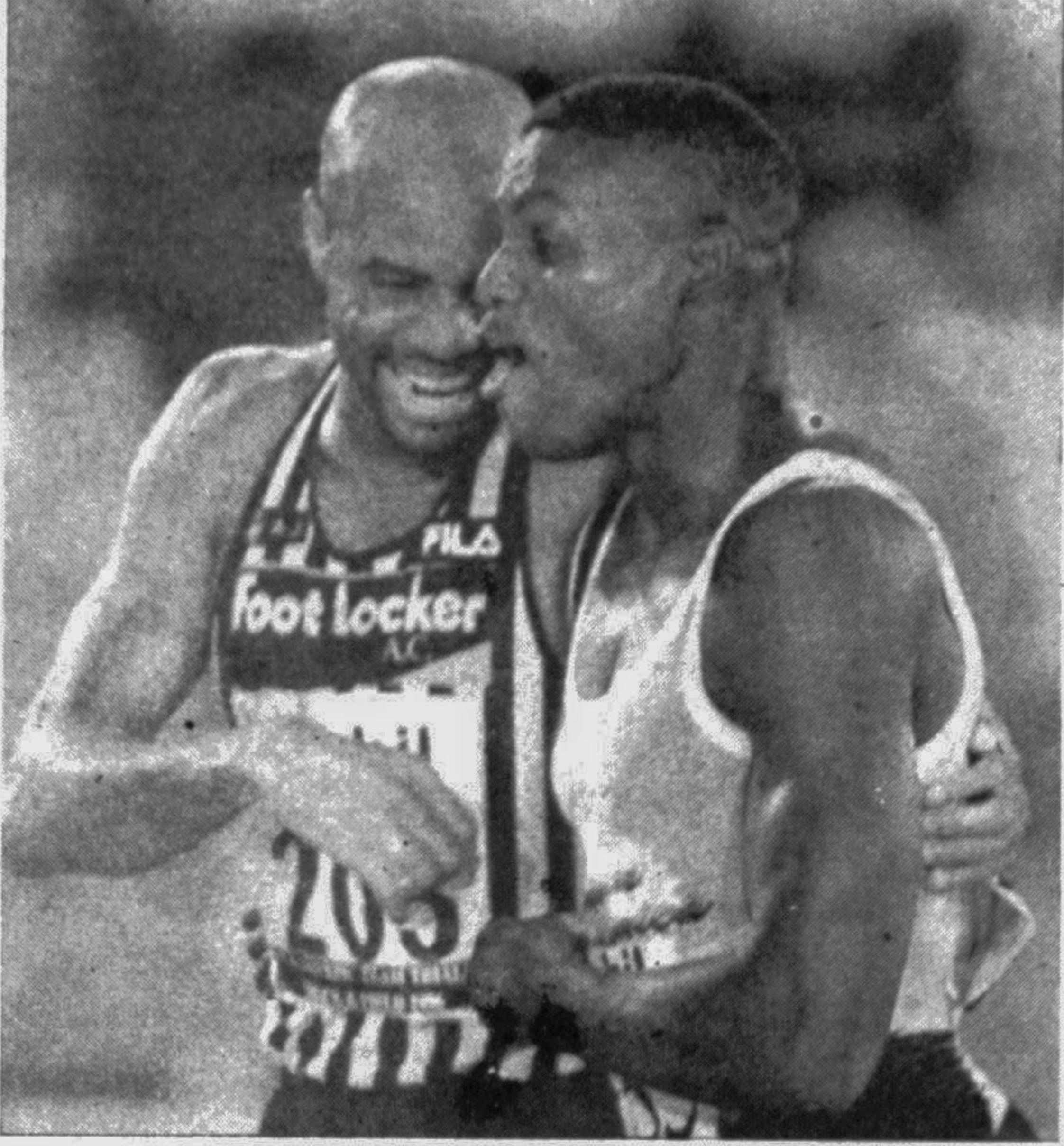
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SPORTS TALK



Mike Powell (L) and Carl Lewis toast after their successful finish in the long jump finals at the US track and field trials in Atlanta on June 19. — AFP/UNB photo

Lewis gets Atlanta pass



ATLANTA, June 20: Carl Lewis turned to the crowd and held up one hand, spreading all five fingers wide.

America's most decorated athlete was an Olympian for the fifth time, reports AP.

He could just have easily held two of his fingers a scant inch (2.5 centimetres) apart for the margin he had for the third and final spot on the long jump team.

Lewis barely made the team after world record holder Mike Powell uncorked a huge leap of 27 feet, 6 1/2 inches (8.39 metres) on his last jump, moving from sixth place to first. That dumped Joe Greene to second place and Lewis and his best jump of 27-2 3/4 (8.30 metres) to third, just ahead of Mike Conley.

Lewis was exhilirated over his recovery after finishing last in the 100 metres and sixth in the first day of long jump reports AP.

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Bowe dares!

NEW ORLEANS, June 20: Five years ago, Riddick Bowe knocked out Bruce Seldon in less than two minutes. On Wednesday, Bowe challenged Mike Tyson to do the same.

Bowe offered to bet Tyson 100,000 dollars that Tyson, the WBC champion, wouldn't knock out Seldon, the WBA title-holder, in less than 1 minute, 48 seconds on July 13 in Las Vegas.

"I'm writing you this letter to personally challenge you to knock out Bruce Seldon — real quickly. Just in case you've forgotten, I knocked Seldon out in 1:48 of the first round," Bowe wrote in a letter to Tyson.

"I'd like to bet you 100,000 dollars that you can't finish off Seldon in less time than I did. I hope you're up to the challenge, Mike, because you're calling yourself the best heavyweight in the world."

Michael Johnson had his own opportunity Wednesday night, a shot at the 400-meter world record that most track

people believe eventually will be his.

The conditions were great, he said. "Everything was perfect, it's nobody's fault but mine that I didn't break the world record."

Johnson won the race, his 53rd consecutive victory in a 400 finals, in 43.44 seconds, a fraction off Butch Reynolds' mark of 43.29 and third fastest of all time. Reynolds was second in 43.91, his fastest time since 1988, when he set the record. Alvin Harrison took the third spot.

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wire-to-wire, but said he made

a mistake at the start that hurt him at the finish. "I didn't get out as hard as I wanted to and it cost me at the end of the race," he said.

"At 200 metres, I tried not to focus on the mistake, just forget it. There's nothing you can do about it. I just thought, 'Am I in position to win the race? Yes.' At that point, I was going for the world record."

The bid ended in the last 40 metres. "You wait and see what happens," Johnson said. "It was out of my hands. It started to jump on my back a little. I tried to overcome. I'm strong, I'm not that strong."

Bowe was happy with his fast time, but unhappy at finishing behind Johnson, who also beat him at the world championships in 1993 and 1995. "He's the only guy who can beat me," he said. "I'm getting tired of being second."

In Wednesday's other finals, American record holder Lance Deal won the Men's hammer throw with a throw of 249 feet, 4 inches (76 metres). In a competition interrupted twice by thunder, lightning and rain, Dave Poperey was second and Kevin McMahon third.

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Johnson claimed his new invention would make chess once again a test of will and strength.

"Look at young players," he said. "They wear thick, heavy glasses because they are spending lots and lots of time in front of computers studying moves. Old chess just isn't fun anymore."

Fischer, himself a grandmaster at age 15, went into section after withdrawing from the world chess championship final in 1975 because several conditions he demanded proved unacceptable to the International Chess Federation.

He emerged in summer 1992 to play another former world champion, Boris Spassky, in a highly publicized match in Yugoslavia.

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