

Ataur gets on Glamorgan's nerves

PONTYFRIDD, Wales, June 30: Pacesman Ataur Rehman took four for 82...

Aamir and fellow opener Saeed Anwar then hit 74 without loss before the close...

The Glamorgan batsmen, with several players rested for the county championship...

England batsman Matthew Maynard hit 40 before he was caught by Rashid off Rehman...

Waqaar returned to dismiss two of the tail-enders and Wasim the other...

Indians get cold feet

LONDON, June 30: India's preparation for next week's third and final Test against England received a jolt...

India were coasting at 207 for one in Southampton when James caused a sensational collapse by dismissing Vikram Rathore...

The 35-year-old gentle medium pacer became only the third Englishman since the War...

Saurav Ganguly and Anil Kumble (59) put on an unbroken stand of 155 runs for the sixth wicket...

Someone in the crowd asked me, after the hat-trick ball, if I had ever done three in three before...

Sino bonus for winners

BELJING, June 30: China to offering free life insurance to Chinese athletes who win medals in next month's Olympic Games...

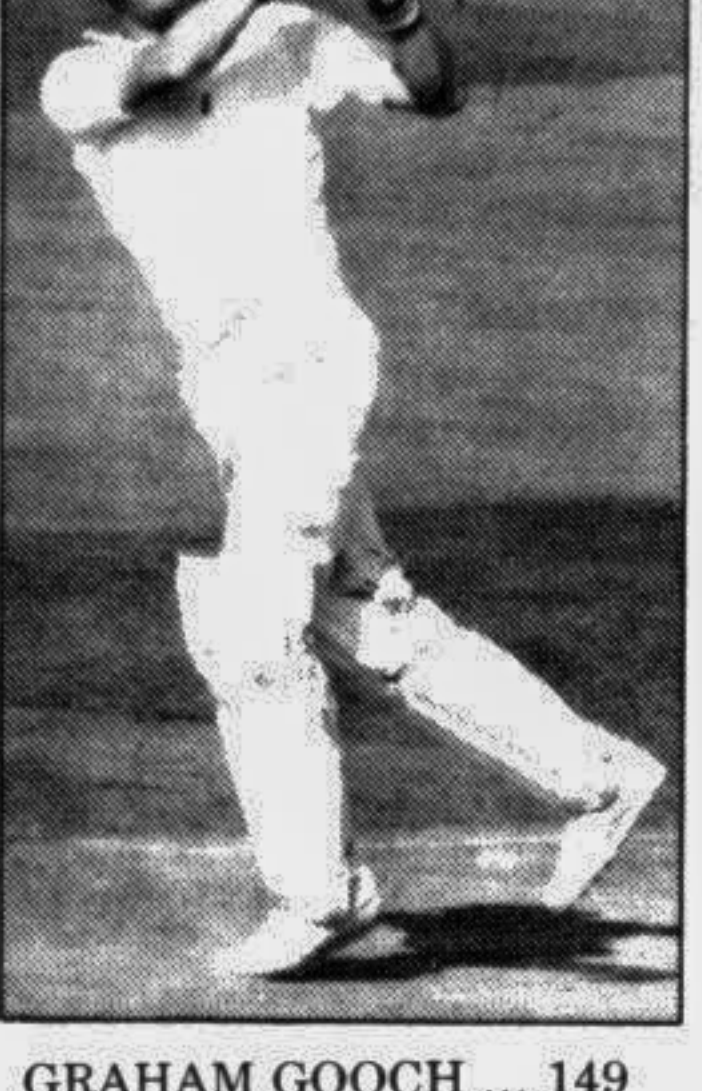
The PICC would also pay indemnities for any injuries suffered by Chinese team members during the two-week event...

Gooch enters elite club

LONDON, June 30: Former England captain Graham Gooch moved into the top 100 century-makers on Saturday...

Yorkshire returned to the top of the championship table with seven bonus points against Worcestershire at New Road...

But Yorkshire's chances of victory were dampened by 21-year-old Reuben Spiring, who hit his second century in only six championship matches...



GRAHAM GOOCH ... 149

Gooch's 149 contained two sixes and 14 boundaries and enabled Essex to reach 425 for the eighth at the close...

He teamed up with Australian all-rounder Stuart Law (125) in a fourth-wicket partnership that yielded 232 in 62 overs...

West Indies pacesman Curtly Ambrose claimed six for 55 to set up Northamptonshire's four-wicket victory over Derbyshire at Northampton...

Derbyshire were dismissed for 239 in their second innings, leaving Northants just 128 to wrap up their first championship victory of the season...

Ambrose finished with match figures of 11 for 70.

UEFA now plans to rein in card-happy refs

LONDON, June 30: UEFA president Lennart Johansson said on Saturday that European soccer's governing body planned to look at the idea of introducing a second match referee on the pitch...

fire at Euro '96 for decisive errors, notably the 'goal' scored by Romania against Bulgaria which was disallowed although replays showed the ball had clearly entered the net...



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Johansson, admitting there had been refereeing errors at the Euro '96 tournament, said he hoped UEFA would soon try out a second referee experiment in top-class soccer...

But the UEFA boss, speaking at a news conference, said there was no support within his organisation for the idea of using video replays during matches...

The idea of having two referees for every match may be looked at again, he said. 'It would be good if experiments could be made in competitions in major countries.'

Johansson defended referees at the tournament, who have also been attacked for showing too many yellow cards for trivial offences...

Veracity dawns on Perec

PARIS, June 30 (Reuters): Marie-Jose Perec, still restless for further success, has set her sights on a target she previously considered unattainable...



MARIE-JOSE PEREC

Eleven years ago, East German Marita Koch clocked 47.60 seconds over 400 metres at the Canberra World Cup, obliterating the previous world record...

Koch retired in 1986, four years before East and West Germany united, but her mark still endures...

Perec has long maintained that Koch's record is unbeatable, citing as evidence subsequent revelations that systematic drug use was an integral part of the East German success story...

A year later, Perec has apparently changed her mind. 'You always have something to prove,' she said recently. 'I will go on running because I want to break the world record.'

'I think it is accessible if you work hard on speed by running 200 metres.'

Much of the credit for transforming the Guadeloupe native from a temperamental under-achiever into the Olympic and world 400 metres champion must go to her Californian coach John Smith...

Smith, possibly the world's premier sprint coach, is obviously adroit at handling his sometimes difficult charge and has apparently also convinced Perec that Koch's record is not out of reach...

For now, though, Perec is concentrating on next month's Atlanta Olympics where she will attempt to become the first woman to retain the 400 metres title...

'There can't be that many athletes who have won two Olympic golds in a row,' she said. 'If I win, I'll make history. That's why I'm going to Atlanta. I want to make history.'

The bad news for her rivals is that she plans to be around for at least the next four years, including the 2000 Games in Sydney...

'I definitely want to go to Sydney,' she said.

Keetch no more

LONDON, June 30: Bobby Keetch, one of England's most colourful characters on and off the football field, died here on Saturday night, after suffering a stroke at the age of 54...

Keetch's name became synonymous with the new mood that swept through professional football in the swinging sixties. A former West Ham apprentice, he joined a Fulham side that included Johnny Haynes, Johnny Byrne, Jimmy Hill and Bobby Robson...

Pakistan squad sans Shahbaz

KARACHI, June 30: Former captain Shahbaz Ahmad has been dropped from the 16-member Pakistan Olympic hockey squad...

Shahbaz was recently involved in a row with PPHF officials over team management and refused to play in four-nation tournaments in England and Holland...

Goalkeeper Mansoor Ahmad will instead lead the squad to Atlanta, where the Olympics start July 19. The team will play practice matches in Canada before...

Mansoor Ahmad (capt), Khalid Mehmood, Muhammad Danish Kaleem, Naveed Alam, Rana Mujahid, Muhammad Usman, Muhammad Khalid, Shafiqat Malik, Irfan Mehmood, Tahir Zaman (vice-capt), Kamran Ashraf, Muhammad Shahbaz Jr, Muhammad Sarwar, Aaleem Raza, Muhammad Nadeem and Rahim Khan.

ROAD TO WEMBLEY

LONDON, June 30 (Reuters): Path taken by the Czech Republic and Germany to Sunday's European Championship final at Wembley...

June 9: Germany, Old Trafford, lost 0-2, attendance 37,300.

June 14: Italy, Anfield, won 2-1 (Pavel Nedved, Radek Bejbi), 37,320.

June 19: Russia, Anfield, drawn 3-3 (Jan Suchoparek, Pavel Kuka, Vladimir Smicer), 21,128.

June 23: Portugal, Villa Park, won 1-0 (Karel Poborsky), 26,832.

June 26: France, Old Trafford, drawn 0-0 aet, won 6-5 on penalties, 43,877.

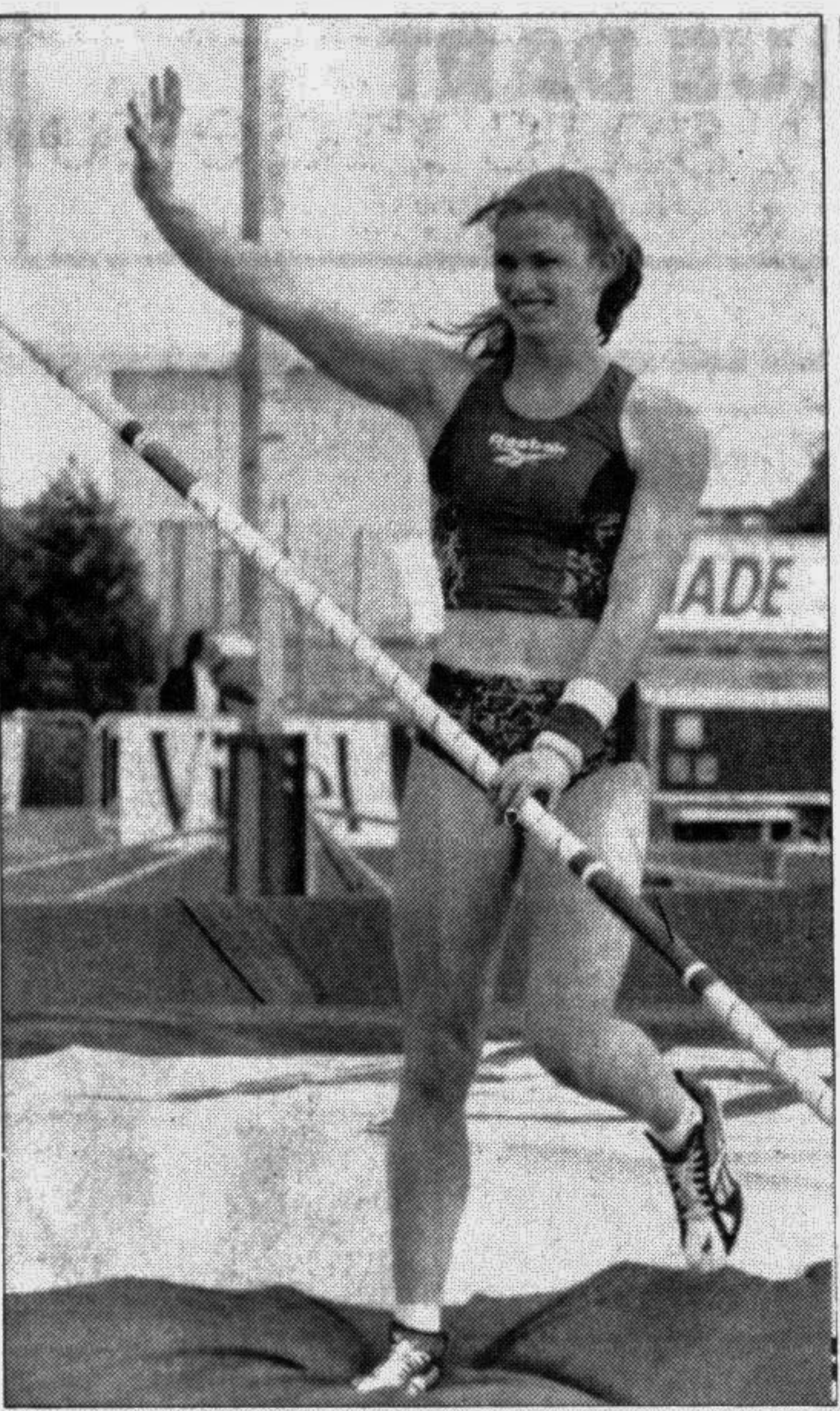
June 9: Czech Republic, Old Trafford, won 2-0 (Christian Ziege, Andy Moller), 37,300.

June 16: Russia, Old Trafford, won 3-0 (Matthias Sammer, Jergen Klinsmann 2), 50,760.

June 19: Italy, Old Trafford, drawn 0-0, 53,740.

June 23: Croatia, Old Trafford, won 2-1 (Klincic, Pasic), 43,412.

June 26: England, Wembley, drawn 1-1 aet (Stefan Kuntz), won 6-5 on penalties, 75,862.



Australian pole vaulter Emma George, a top bet in the forthcoming Atlanta Olympics, acknowledges the crowd applause after improving her world record by one centimetre with a 4.42m jump at Remis, France on Saturday.

Emma's new mark

REIMS, France, June 30: Australian pole-vaulter Emma George bettered her own world record by one centimetre at the women's athletics meet here on Saturday...

George said afterwards that she had come with the intention of clearing 4.25 metres and was particularly happy with her performance far in excess of that...

The Australian also indicated that she hopes to do even better when she has recovered from the long flight to Europe...

Women's pole-vault will be introduced as an Olympic sport for the first time at the Sydney Games in 2000.

A 'no-lose' situation

LONDON, June 30: A punter will win at least 100,000 pounds (150,000 dollars) whether Germany or Czech Republic wins today's Euro'96 final, reports AFP...

Bookmakers William Hill revealed a middle-aged man, who wants to remain anonymous, placed a 50,000 pound bet on the Czechs at odds of 9/4.

The man is also set to win 201,069 pounds if Germany seize the trophy at Wembley.

He staked 122 pounds with Hills on April 2 on nine different sporting events — and the first eight have all won.

His extra gamble on the Czechs means he ends up 150,000 pounds better off if Germany win and more than 100,000 pounds to the good if the Czechs win.

Americans at a low ebb

BOSTON, June 30: Spills, skids and face plants — not exactly a promising start for the men's Olympic gymnastics team, reports AP...

15 spills throughout the night, as well as countless botches and hops.

John Reothlisberger scored a 9.375 in the vault, his final event, to seal first place and a spot on his second Olympic squad Saturday...

Peter Kormann, the Olympic coach, said he wouldn't make too much out of the mishaps. The men fared even worse in last year's World Championship trials...

Reothlisberger, who started the night with a 1.2-point lead, finished with 228.873 points. Blaine Wilson was second with 228.159.

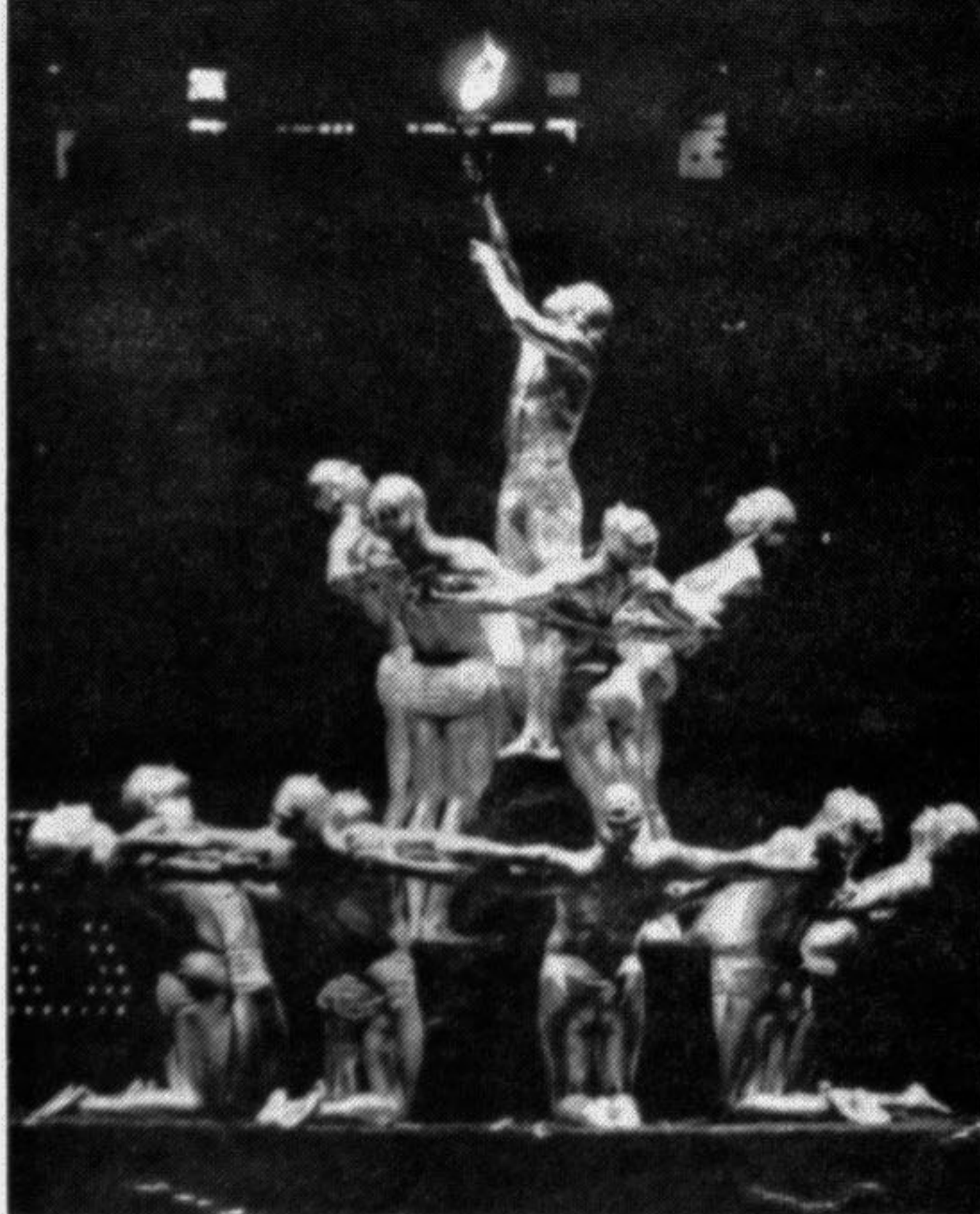
When I competed in the Olympic trials, I did horribly. And when I competed in the Olympics, I hit every routine...

The remaining five members of the Olympic team — Mihai Bagiu, Jair Lynch, John Macready, Kip Simons and Chayne Umphrey — fell into place — literally. There were

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Members of the Springfield Massachusetts College Gymnastics team, painted in silver, form a human Olympic Torch during the closing ceremony for the 1996 US men's team trials at the Fleet Centre in Boston on Saturday.

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