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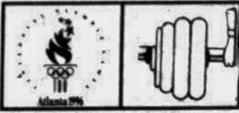


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Pocket Hercules perks up



ATLANTA, July 18 (Reuter): Naim Suleymanoglu is on the verge of making Olympic history as the first weightlifter to win three golds — in spite of his habit of breaking off training for a quick drag of filterless Turkish cigarettes.

It's a problem, he says. But his heavy shoulders have shrugged off greater loads — from the six world-record weights he hoisted in Seoul for his first Olympic title, to the burden of being a persecuted ethnic Turk in his native Bulgaria.

With opponents now breathing down his neck in an

event where he has had things all his own way since 1983, how does he rate his chances of winning?

"Ninety-nine percent is my chance," he says without a flicker of irony, smiling engagingly and putting his hand on his heart to show where his belief comes from. "No one has ever won three golds before," he adds with disarming certainty.

Suleymanoglu may be just 1.53 metres (4 feet 11 inches) tall and competing in the 64 kg featherweight division, but his tree-type legs give him the proportions of a barrel.

He earned his nickname of "Pocket Hercules" with his phenomenal performance at the 1988 Olympics.

Four years later he was almost as devastating.

became only the second man in history to lift three times his bodyweight.

He could now be competing for his fourth gold medal if Bulgaria had not joined the eastern bloc boycott of the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles when, aged 17, he was the firm favourite.

Political leaders also reared their ugly head in the shape of Bulgaria's persecution of its 900,000 strong Turkish minority.

It all became too much when the communist authorities, not above altering the names on Turkish gravestones to Bulgarian spellings, changed his name to Naum Shalamanov.

"When they changed my name, I had to go," he said. At the 1986 World Championships in Melbourne, with the title in his pocket, he defected. Within a day he was on a plane to Turkey.

Assured of hero-status in his adopted homeland, he became an idol — and a wealthy man — when he won gold in Seoul, Turkey's first for 20 years. The Prime Minister had him flown home on a private jet.

He also brought a new sport to Turkey, which now boasts at least two other gold medal hopefuls in Atlanta.

"They learned how to do it from me," he said. "It makes me proud."

Paradoxically, he now faces perhaps his greatest challenge from another exile, Greece's Valerios Leonides.

Leonides, who moved from Russia to lift for Greece, went as close as anyone could to deposing Suleymanoglu at the World Championships last November, matching him pound-for-pound and losing only on higher bodyweight.

He had the further audacity to steal Suleymanoglu's snatch record, in a lift not counted for the final result.

If it's the pressure that makes Suleymanoglu light an extra cigarette, he is not letting on. "Ninety-nine per cent," he says again.



SULEYMANOGLU

With the weight on the bar being raised all the time, he waited until all his opponents had made their lifts before taking the stage himself — the equivalent of Sergei Bubka entering the pole vault with the bar at 5.90 metres.

Suleymanoglu has been used to begin the best since his childhood in a small Bulgarian mountain village.

At 14 he was world junior champion, at 15 he set his first world record and at 16 he

Evans set for swan-song!

ATLANTA, July 18: Triple world record-holder Janet Evans vows she will not swim again after the Atlanta Olympics — not even for fun, reports Reuter.

"I want my shoulders and muscles to shrink so I can wear sundresses," said the 24-year-old Evans who will compete in the 400 and 800 metres freestyle events in Atlanta. The pressure of Barcelona, where she won the 800 freestyle but lost the 400, are gone, said the triple gold medalist from the 1988 Olympics.

"My attitude is lie it was in 1988," said Evans. "I have a chance to do well... the last few months have been a dream come true."

But she said she has no ambition to join speed skater Bonnie Blair as the most prolific female gold medal winner in American history.

"It's not something I'm striving for," said Evans who has four golds in two Games, one less than Blair.

Having fun, though, is a goal for Evans in her third Olympics and a big sister relationship with 14-year-old US breaststroker Amanda Beard is providing a major left.

"She has put a lot of the joy



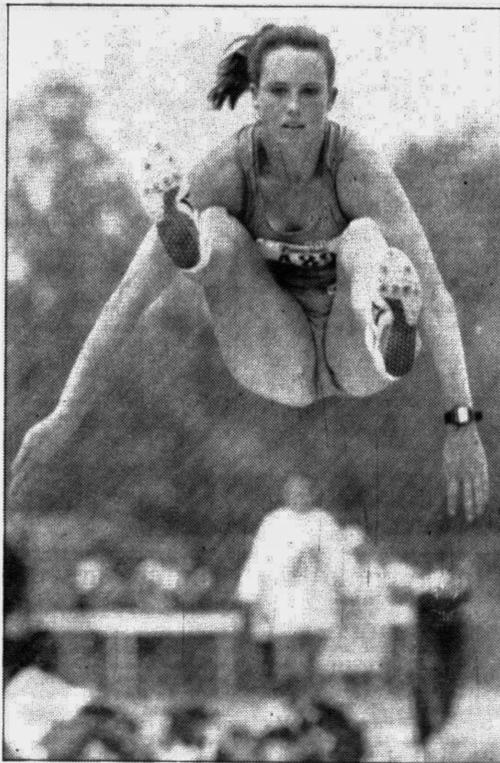
JANET EVANS

back into the Olympics for me," said Evans. "When you are young don't realise the whole scope of the Olympics. She's naive in that sense."

"It's good to be either really experienced or really naive. I remember back in '88, I said, 'OK here are all of these big east Germans. I'll just go out and swim.'"

"But in '92 I felt the pressure. I thought too much about it. I lost the joy for sport because I had to defend my title. When I touched the wall in the 400 (freestyle) and finished in second place, I thought, well, there goes my chance for another four years."

Evans would like to run a marathon in Los Angeles next year as her next athletic achievement and she has been counting down the days until her swimming career is over.



Australian long jumper Jane Jamieson shaping herself up for the big occasion during a practice session at the Life College in Marietta, Georgia, on July 17. —AFP/UNB photo

Anwar carves third ton

BIRMINGHAM, July 18: Pakistani opener Saeed Anwar blazed a century before lunch against Warwickshire at Edgbaston Wednesday delighting his tour manager Yawar Saeed, reports agencies.

Anwar's 131, his third century since arriving in England, took his tally for the tour to 568 at an average of 113.60. His breath-taking hundred was compelled at a run a ball and included three sixes and 20 boundaries.

"He is in tremendous form and a very stylish player,"



SAEED ANWAR

Yawar said after the first day of the three-day match.

"He still has a little way to go to reach Lara's level but he is a tremendous player to watch."

His innings should have laid the foundations for a huge Pakistan score, but instead the tourists floundered during the second session, losing eight wickets for 75 runs, before being dismissed for 297.

The country lost an early wicket but by the close they had reached 99 for two thanks to a dogged 42 not out from England opener Nick Knight.

Despite the later collapse, the batting of Anwar watched with interest by England coach David Lloyd, dominated the day. His hundred included 14 fours and three sixes.

He was finally caught behind by Michael Burnes.

Shocking!

ACRA, July 18: The man considered to be Ghana's greatest athletics coach, AO Lawson, died of a heart attack at Frankfurt airport, Germany, while en route to Atlanta, the ministry for sport announced here on Thursday, reports AFP.

The 70-year-old, who competed at the Helsinki Games in 1952, collapsed on Monday and was taken to a local hospital, where he died 24 hours later.

Organisers get into hot water

ATLANTA, July 18: The Atlanta Olympics has been swamped by more than 10,000 competitors than expected who have confronted the event with its first major problem.

Phil Coles, an Australian member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said Wednesday the Atlanta organisers had been "caught with their pants down" over the tourists now overflowing out of the athletes Village.

"It is a major problem," Coles said as he announced that the IOC had set up a special committee to stop a "numbers blow out" also hitting the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

The IOC had set a limit of 10,000 athletes for the Games, which Open in the Georgia capital on Friday. But Coles said IOC members had been told that up to 11,200 athletes had already arrived.

"It has been a big surprise for them, they have been caught with their pants down," said the Australian.

Hundreds of athletes and accompanying athletes and officials have been moved into emergency accommodation and there have already been complaints from teams.

Coles said some Australian coaches and officials had been put up in a part of Atlanta that the delegation considered dangerous.

There have also been complaints about lost baggage and accreditation jams among the thousands of people converging on Atlanta for Friday's gala opening ceremony.

THE OLYMPIC NOTEBOOK

ATLANTA, July 18 (AFP, AP): Olympic dairy on Tuesday: **94-YEAR-YOUNG VOLUNTEER**

The army of young volunteers are a halavah of every Olympics, but not all are wet behind the ears. Certainly not Charles Fram, who joined the ranks on July 6, his 94th birthday. A former publisher, Atlanta's oldest volunteer is working in the religious centre of the Olympic Village, a part of the Georgia Tech College which he first attended in 1919.

NO TERRORISTS PLEASE

Atlanta security officials have asked athletes not to hang their national flags outside the windows of their apartments in the Olympic Village, so as not to make them easy target for terrorists. With the same security fears in mind, the official street plan only gives the outline of the Georgia Tech campus where the Village is located, without giving details of wall ways.

NOISY NUISANCE:

Tunisia's soccer coach says the beds are bad and the rooms noisy at Mount Vernon College, and that's why his team left the Washington DC, version of Olympic Village.

"If you go to the bathroom, everybody wakes up," coach Henry Kasprczak complained Wednesday, a day after the

team moved out.

"If you take a shower, that makes noise, and that disturbs people. The beds are uncomfortable, and therefore you cannot rest and recuperate properly."

The team plays Portugal in a first-round match Saturday at RFK Stadium.

The Washington Post, quoting two unidentified sources, said Wednesday that the Muslim players on the team were uncomfortable with sharing the dorm with players of the opposite sex — the Brazilian women's team.

Ambassador Azouq Ennifar termed that "absolutely wrong."

DRUG DILEMMA

China's swimmers have been subjected to drug tests "1,000 per cent or more" times greater than competitors from other strong swimming nations, the head of the Chinese Olympic Committee says.

At a news conference Wednesday, Chinese Olympic Committee general secretary Wei Jizhong also accused critics of political bias and harassment.

"This is a kind of ideological discrimination! The fact is that use of drugs is universal," Wei said. He noted that since 1995, no Chinese athlete flunked a drug test, while swimmers from the United States and Australia have tested positive.

The image of Chinese athletes suffered when 11 Chinese swimmers failed drug tests at the 1994 Asian Games. In the world championships that year, tests found some positive results among Chinese winners.

ATLANTA BETTER!

No one's saying much about NBC's telecast of the 1996 Olympics' opening ceremony — except that it will beat Barcelona.

The centerpiece of the 1992 opening ceremony was the bow and arrow lighting of the Olympic torch. Without giving away any secrets, producer David Neal promises that Friday night's opening will be more exhilarating.

"I've sensed some trepidation from the folks in Atlanta about how they could equal Barcelona," Neal said.

"After Friday, they'll never have to worry again. Barcelona was great. This will be better."

PRINCESS TOPS PARTY STAKES

For the social elite of the Olympic the most sought object is not a gold medal but an invitation to a charity gala dinner with Britain's Princess Anne. The tickets are 1,000 dollars apiece and the bash, at a top-secret location will include an auction of 40 unique items donated by famous celebrities — in favour of two animal charities.

Mike to join the dock



LONDON, July 18: England cricket captain Mike Atherton is to be asked to give evidence on ball-tampering in the High Court libel case brought by Ian Botham and Allan Lamb against Imran Khan, it was revealed Wednesday, reports AFP.

Imran's lawyer, George Carman, said he would be asking Atherton to comment on remarks contained in his 1995 autobiography, "Mike Atherton: A test of cricket — know the game" which includes a chapter headed "Ball tampering."

The appearance comes at a very bad time, being likely to take place on the eve of the first Test between England and Pakistan at Lord's next Thursday.

In his book, Atherton said that players used all kinds of agents — including hair oil, sun cream and vaseline — to affect the ball's condition.

He then described how players picked seam with a thumb nail so it protruded above the surface of the ball and helped the swing.

He wrote: "There is nothing new in players trying to alter the condition of the ball by picking the seam."

Botham said: "I personally have not done it, you would have to ask Mike Atherton who he was referring to."

Botham went on to disagree with Atherton's claim that the laws should be changed to allow "certain actions which the players tacitly accept as part and parcel of the game."

"But the rules haven't been changed, sir," it's against the law, it's cheating, I think he's got it wrong that it's part and parcel," Botham said heatedly.

Botham and Lamb are suing Khan over an "offensive personal attack" on them in "India Today" magazine which called them "cheats and unprincipled."

Botham alone is suing over a May 1994 story in The Sun, which he says, accused him of ball tampering — something he says he has never done.

Imran, who denies libel, says that his words were taken out of context and that he was only trying to defend himself.

Moving on to David Lloyd,

Mr Carman asked Botham about comments he made about ball-tampering in a book about the art of after-dinner speaking.

He wrote: "I think we are making mountains out of molehills — we've all been there, done it and ticked it off."

He told a story about veteran umpire Bill Alley's comment to Lancashire bowler Peter Lee on the subject of his seam-picking: "If you don't take seven wickets with a ball in that condition, I'll report you."

Lloyd went on to say that "in vogue" shining aid was lip salve.

Asked whether he agreed



MIKE ATHERTON

such things went on, Botham replied that he played for Somerset and not Lancashire, and Mr Carman would have to ask Lloyd who had been subpoenaed to attend.

Earlier, Botham admitted that he demanded 500,000 pounds (750,000 dollars) tax free to tour South Africa in 1989. He also wanted proper compensation for any contracts and endorsements he might lose because of the venture.

"It's quite obvious you had no objection to going to South Africa if the money was right," said Mr Carman.

"No, it says quite clearly in my autobiography that I ended up saying no because I changed my mind. You won't find any

reference to finance. Race was the reason at the end of the day why I didn't go."

He told the Justice and the jury that he listened to the invitation by the South African cricket board "out of pique or spite" because he was not included in England's team for the winter tour of the West Indies.

Sussex restrict Surrey hope

LONDON, July 18: An excellent start by Surrey's England "big guns" Graham Thorpe and Alec Stewart in the English county championship match seemed to be cementing a big first innings total, yet disciplined bowling from Sussex swung the balance here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

On the first day of the only county match currently being played, tight bowling from the Sussex pace trio of Jason Lewry, Paul Jarvis and Danny Law, saw Surrey fold from 251 for two to 300 for eight with six batsmen departing for the addition of just 49 runs in 21 overs.

By the close Graham Kersey (13 not out) and Martin Bicknell (12 not out) had guided Surrey to 317 for eight 104 overs, although they would admit this was woefully short of expectations.

The foundation for what promised to be a big score had been laid with half-centuries by Mark Butcher (57), Stewart (74) and Thorpe (66) plus 48 by opener Darren Bicknell.

Watching England selector Graham Gooch must have been impressed with in-form Butcher, son of Essex second-team coach Alan who used to open for Surrey.

The youngster displayed immaculate timing and footwork and played some stunning shots, as did Stewart and Thorpe.

Leg-spinner Ian Salisbury bowled with commendable control and will have reinforced England's regard for him but he was limited to just one wicket while conceding 53 runs from 25 overs.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Friday 19th July (All programmes are in local time. We recommend programmes printed in bold. There may be changes in group programmes)

BTV
Morning Session
8:00am Opening Announcement
8:10 News in Bangla 8:15 Aor Disha 8:40 Aye Pripti 9:05 Educational film: The World of Mathematics/Numbers and Figures 9:30 Comedy series: Murphy Brown 10:00 News 10:05 Moner Mukure: Rerefcast of Selected Drama 11:15 Cartoon 11:40 Prescription 11:55 Shiksha-Dhaka 12:30 Evening Transmission

BBC
6:00am BBC Newsroom inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 Under The Sun 10:00 BBC Newsday 1:00 BBC World Headlines 1:05 Under The Sun 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out : Food And Drink 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Time Out: The Contenders: 4:00 BBC Newsdesk 6:00 BBC World Headlines 6:05 Under The Sun 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC Newsroom Asia and Pacific 8:30 Time Out : Tomorrow's World 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 Under The

CHANNEL V
7:00am Revind VJ Sophia 8:00 Jump Start VJ Trey 9:00 Frame by Frame 12:00noon The Vibe VJ Luke 1:00 By Demand VJ Trey 2:00 Revind VJ Sophia 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 By Demand VJ Trey 5:30 Billboard US Countdown 7:30 First Day First Show 8:00 Indian Top Ten 9:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 10:00 The Ticket 10:30 First Day First Show 11:00 Revind VJ Sophia 11:30 Club X VJ Sean 12:30 Music Master Bos Shoal 1:30 Haysah 2:30 Over The Edge VJ Sophia 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 Frame By Frame

STAR PLUS
6:30am Voltron 7:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 7:30 G.I. Joe 8:00 Sabre Rider And The Star Sherris 8:30 The Adventures Of Black Beauty 9:00 Aerobics Oz Style 9:30 Nanny and The Professor 10:00 Mr Belvedere 10:30 The Urban Poasant 11:00 Fashion Television 11:30 Gabrielle 12:30 Santa Barbara 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 3:00 Remington Steele 4:00 The Urban Poasant 4:30 Fashion Television 5:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 5:30 The Adventures Of Black Beauty 6:00pm Lost in Space 7:00 Home and Away 7:30 Charlies In Charge 8:00 MASH 8:30 Hearts Afire 9:00 Grace Under Fire 9:30 Dynasty 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Santa Barbara 12:00pm The New Twilight Zone 12:30 The X-Files 1:30 Empty Nest 2:00 The Golden Girls 2:30 Fashion Television 3:00 Movie "Virus" 5:00 The Sullivans 5:30 Barnaby Jones

STAR Sports
6:00am Futbol Mundial 6:30 World Windsurfing Hit 7:30 The European Tour Scottish Open Day 4 9:00 SEA Touring Cars Rd 5&6 9:30 Super 8's Australia 'A' vs India From Kuala Lumpur 11:30 Super 8's Australia vs New Zealand From Kuala Lumpur 1:30 Super 8's South Africa vs Asia From Kuala Lumpur 4:00 World Cup Classic: Matches 1996 World Cup Classic: Matches 1996 World Cup Classic: North Korea Quarter Final 5:30 World M/Cycle Champs UK GP Preview 6:00 NBA-Inside Stuff 6:30 World Wrestling Federation Action Zone 7:30 Futbol Mundial 28 8:00 World Rally Champs Safari Rally 9:00 The Asian Football Show 9:30 Cricket Week 10:00 Bud Pro PGA Tour 3 11:30 This is The PGA Tour 12:00 World M/Cycle Champs UK Grand Prix Preview 12:30 NBA Inside Stuff 1:00 World Wrestling Federation Action Zone 2:00 The Kickboxing Highlights 3:00 The Asian Football Show 4:00 Cricket Week 4:30

STAR MOVIES
7:30am Adventure: Buffy The Vampire Slayer 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Family Best Shot PG (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Comedy: Shock Treatment PG (Arabic Subtitles) 1:30 Classic: From The Terrace PG (Arabic Subtitles) 4:00 Classic: The Devil Bat 12 (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30 Family A Thousand Heroes 12 (Arabic Subtitles) 7:30 Comedy Ufo Cafe PG (Arabic Subtitles) 9:00 UK Top Ten 9:30 Gold: Hot Shots Part Deux 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Private Eye Week: Backstreet Justice 187 (Arabic Subtitles) 1:30 After Dark: Mafia Docks (Part Of Crime) 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 3:30 Thriller Betrayal Of Silence 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30 Action Never Say Die 18 (Arabic Subtitles)

EL TV
7:00 Best of The Best 8:00 Tarana Aur Fasane 9:00 Music

PTV
8:00am Tawwat Aur Tarjama/Hand/Naat 8:30 Bolkay Haath 8:35 Sada F-Kashmir 9:10 Dastar Khawan 9:35 Karb 11:00 Khabran 11:15 English Film Love 11:45 Sports Prog 2:02 Bismillah 2:15 Fehm-ud-Quran 2:40 Natak Rang 3:25 Ek Raat Ek Kahani 4:40 Sehat Aur Sukoon 5:25 Biology for 10th 5:55 Uffaq 6:25 Anou Courses 7:20 Full House 7:45 English News 8:10 Fun Time

SONY ET
8:30am Game Jaane Maane 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 I Dream Of Jeannie 10:30 Jo Winner Woh Sikandar 11:00 Siddh 11:30 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film 2:30 Kismet (Serial) 3:00 Zaman Aasman 3:30 Mere Message Meri Geet 4:00 Surf Wheel of Fortune (Game Show) 4:30 Jane Kaha Mere Jigar Gaya Ji 5:00 Ape Jayse Types 5:30 The Three Stooges 6:00 Dennis The Menace 6:30 Mere Message Meri Geet 7:00 I Dream of Jeannie 7:30 Premier (Game Show) Wheel Of Fortune (Game Show) 8:30 Cine Prime-Hindi Feature Film 11:30 Chamatkar 12:00 Ghaav 12:30

ZEE TV
6:00 The News (Rpt) 6:30 Jaagran 7:00 A to Z of Computer - The Management Course 8:30 Aap Ki Adalat 9:00 Niralok Ashiana 9:30 Naag 10:00 Game Anjane 10:30 Manas 11:00 Sa Re Ga Na 11:30 Film Chakkar 12:00 Gharonda 12:30 Trade Show

ZEE CINEMA
9:30 Taqatwala 12:00 Apone Paraye 3:45 Gai Aur Gauri 4:30 Emn Nagan 10:00 Man Bahwan 12:45 John Jani Janardan 4:00 Chams

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11:00 Rabindra Sangeet 11:15 Light Instrumental Violin 12:30 Swapner Bazar 01:00 Janani 2:30 Kichu Katha Kuch Gan 3:00 Sur Sangeet 3:30 Dhru 4:00 Janani 5:05 Nagah Prg 5:30 News 5:35 Health Prog-A Programme on Disease of the rainy season 6:00 Palki Katha: Banglar Mukh 6:30 Gaan Neey 7:00 Ek Diner Sultan 7:30 Bangla Sarnab 8:00 Geet Sangeet 8:30 Isha 9:25 Nandanak 10:00 Bengali Movie Club Film Show: Suva Sanghad (Cast: Depankar Day, Rajeswar Bose, Bikash Roy)