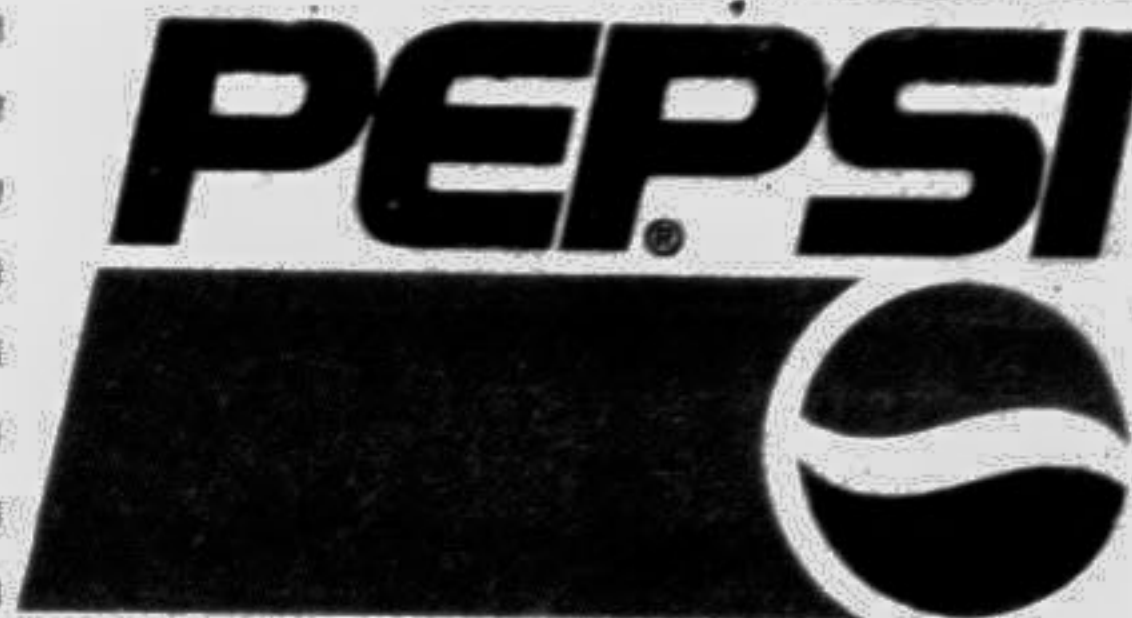


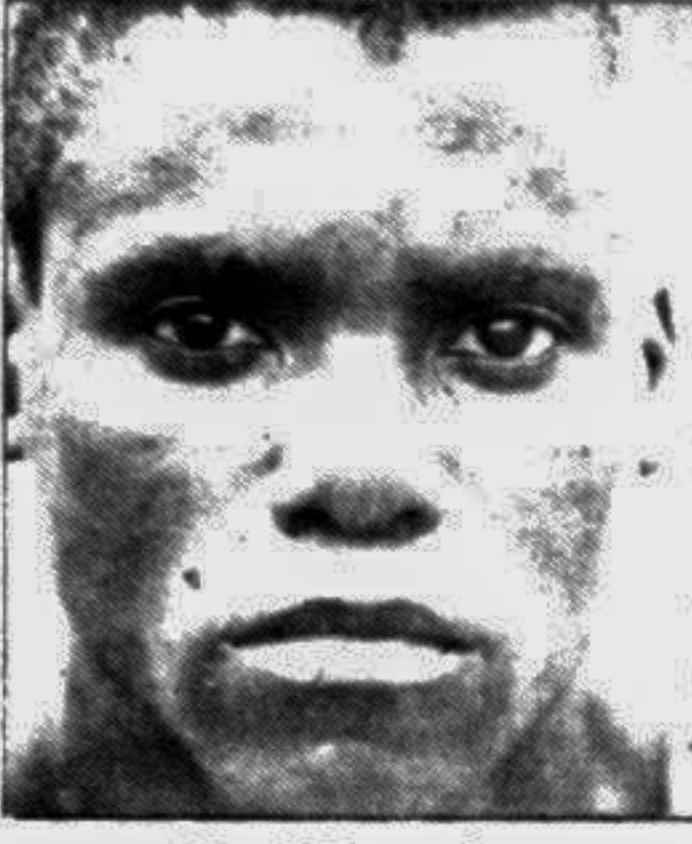
# Olympic Update

# Because you play to win...



## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Carl Lewis**  
(US Athlete)  
"The one American they are trying to build up in Michael Johnson and he's not doing anything for them. I guarantee that if I was in the 100 metres it would sold out."



COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. July 26, 1996)

- Number of players in a basketball team is
 

Eight	Five	Six
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- The number of jumping events in decathlon are:
 

Two	Three	One
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- The sport badminton was first originated in
 

England	India	Iran
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- The number of Bangladesh athletes participating in the Atlanta Olympic Games are:
 

Three	Seven	Eight
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- The present Brazilian football coach is:
 

Zagal	Pires	Santana
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### Maradona fever sweeps Chengdu

CHENGDU, China, July 22: Maradona fever and a flourishing black market in match tickets are gripping the southwestern Chinese city of Chengdu ahead of a friendly next weekend in which the Argentine soccer great is due to play, reports Reuter.

Diego Maradona's Boca Juniors take on locals Sinchuan Quanning on Saturday in the second game of a Chinese tour that opens in Beijing on Thursday.

Despite steep prices, a full house of 40,000 is expected. They will start queuing for tickets after supper on Monday and stay the whole night," said Wang Qiong, on guard outside the Chengdu City Sports Stadium ticket office. "I expect several thousand to queue up during the night."

Tickets go on sale on Tuesday morning at between 70 and 600 yuan (8 to 72 US dollars). The average monthly income in Chengdu is about 600 yuan and tickets for regular weekly Chinese domestic league games cost between 15 and 80 yuan (2 to 10 US dollar).

"It will be a sell-out, no matter the prices," said a young man drinking coffee at the stadium. But not everyone is elated about Maradona's arrival. Commentary in Saturday's China Business Daily asked readers consider Maradona's record of drug abuse and shooting at reporters outside his home in Argentina, his infamous "hand of God" goal against England in the 1986 World Cup, and his failures to attend training.

### Saqlain elan restricts Kent

CANTERBURY, England, July 22: Pakistan off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq underlined his growing potential by capturing four for 63 to complete a seven-wicket match haul against Kent on Sunday, reports Reuter.

## Asians dent biggies' ego



MIAMI, July 22: Brazil's place in the soccer world is without question: Its future in the Olympics is up for debate.

The country that has produced four World Cup champions saw its 23-and-under Olympic team suffer a 1-0 loss to Japan Sunday in an opening-round match before 46,713 at the Orange Bowl, report agencies.

Teruyoshi Ito got the soccer equivalent of a basketball breakaway slam dunk, scoring in the 72nd minute on a Brazilian mistake.

In two other upsets, European under-21 champions Italy lost 1-0 to unfancied Mexico and African powerhouse Ghana, 1992 Games bronze medalists, slumped 1-0 to South Korea.

Brazil, attempting to become the first country to hold both the World Cup and Olympic title since Italy in the 1930s, were rocked by an under-rated Japanese side whose heroic goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi made a series of fine saves.

Brazilian defender Aldair was apparently attempting to chest the ball to goalkeeper Dida. Instead, he collided with

the goalies, leaving the ball free and giving Ito the easy shot.

Japan then survived a flurry of close-in shots by the Brazilians to pull off one of the early surprises of the soccer competition. When the game was whistled over, the small number of Japanese flags waved proudly as the Brazilian flags hung limp and hidden.

Japan's defence continually frustrated the Brazilians. At the same time, Brazil looked like a team that hadn't played together for very long. They have been practicing as a team since last November.

Carlos Roberto attempted a pair of 40-metre (yard) free-kicks in the 28th and 30th minutes, but each of his volleys was snatched up by Japan's goalkeeper. Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi.

Brazil had a score in its sights in the 31st minute, but Juninho's kick from five metres (yards) away was smothered by Kawaguchi in front of the left post. Juninho had a free-kick in the 50th minute, but it sailed left of the net.

Brazil's fans arrived early, helping to boost the attendance at the preceding match between the women's teams from Sweden and China. They flooded the neighborhood surrounding the Orange Bowl with displays of the country's green and yellow flag. Once in-

side the stadium, they hung flags and banners from railings, giving their young heroes a home-field edge.

Japan, who were well organized and highly mobile in midfield, share top spot in Group D with Nigeria, who beat Hungary 1-0 in Orlando, Florida.

Italy, fielding World Cup goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca as one of their three over-age players in a tournament otherwise restricted to under-23s, went down to a late sucker-punch after having been content to defend for most of their Group C game in Birmingham, Alabama.

Francisco Palencia ghosted into the box to meet a cross from the left. Unmarked, he took his time to pick his spot and deliberately placed the ball past Pagliuca.

The Italians, whose senior side had a disastrous European Championship campaign last month, had restricted Mexico to long-range shots for most of the match.

In the other Group C match, highly-fancied Ghana — built around players from their under-17 World Championship-winning sides of 1991 and 1995 — lost to a goal four minutes from half-time in Washington.

Woon Jong-Hwan was the goalscoring hero for South Korea.

## OLYMPIC EXTRACTS

ATLANTA, July 22: Sixteen years ago the New York governor called a state of emergency when the buses left people freezing in the snow at the Lake Placid Olympics. Now the Olympic family is heating over in the tropical heat as they try to get somewhere while out-of-town bus drivers take the scenic route.

**SINO PROTEST**  
The Chinese team in Atlanta is up in arms at their treatment by their American hosts, complaining of harassment, racism and a mentality that puts profit ahead of athlete's welfare.

**TWO TESTS FOR IT**  
Olympic table tennis players will be subjected to two tests, one for drugs in their system and the other for banned glue on their bats.

**IOC TO BACK IAAF**  
The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said on Monday it would support any decision on the doping cases involving Australian sprinter Dean Capiobanco and Italy's high jumper Antonella Bevilacqua.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) will consider both cases at a council meeting on Thursday, the day before the Atlanta Games' athletics programme begins.

### Cricketers back home

The Bangladesh cricket team returned to the capital yesterday after a month-long tour of the United States and Canada.

Four members including one official of the 18-member squad did not return with the team yesterday. Golam Faruque Apa, the associate manager and three cricketers — Athar Ali, Minhazul Abedin Nannu and Faruque Ahmed, will be falling back later.

### Nat'l schools TT results

Narail District and Khulna District moved into the boys' team event final of the Green Delta national schools table tennis championships winning their respective semi-finals at the wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

In the first semi-final, Narail District eliminated Jessore District by 3-0 sets. Narail's Pappu won the first match against Jessore's Bappi 21-9, 21-14, while his teammate Hasan tamed Royal in the next engagement 19-21, 21-10, 21-10. In the final match, Adison of Narail beat Saidur of Jessore 21-7, 21-10.

Khulna District won the next semi-final against Narail High School by 3-1 sets.

In the girls' team event, Jessore and Narail districts will vie for the title after they won their semi-finals yesterday.

### Waqar fit for first Test

CANTERBURY, England, July 22: Pakistani pacesman Waqar Younis has been given the all-clear to spearhead his country's attack in the first Test against England at Lord's beginning Thursday, reports AP.

Younis had caused concern for Pakistan after he strained his hamstring and limped off the field during the tourists' seven wicket defeat against Warwickshire at Edgbaston last week.

He was left out of the current match against Kent at Canterbury, but after a hard workout Monday, was cleared for action at Lord's, where he will resume a lethal opening combination with Pakistani captain Wasim Akram.

Waqar has been taking a full part in training, said Dan Kiesel, Pakistan's Israeli-born physiotherapist. "He was left out of this match purely as a precaution."

Star batsman Saeed Anwar, who hit his third century on tour against Warwickshire, was waiting Monday for the results of a consultation with a London specialist amid fears of a recurrence of the typhoid-type complaint which sidelined him for most of last season.

After scoring his dazzling 131, Anwar suffered an overnight stomach upset, but blood tests revealed nothing and he was sent to London for a further examination. Pakistan needed 269 for victory on the final day's play against Kent, and after 12 overs was 41 without loss. Aamir Sohail was unbeaten on 27 and Shadab Kabir not out 17 with a minimum of 78 overs to be bowled.



ONE OF THE MANY MODES OF CELEBRATION: Hamaza Yerlikaya of Turkey somersaults after defeating Thomas Zander of Germany to claim the 82kg Greco-Roman wrestling gold on July 21. — AFP/UNB photo

## Plucky Poles take lead

ATLANTA, July 22: Get the oxygen, Poland, a nation unaccustomed to lofty Olympic heights, set atop the gold medal table after the first two days of competition at the Atlanta Games, Report agencies.

With four golds so far, including three on Sunday, the Poles lead the other 196 nations taking part in the largest Olympics in history. They also have one more gold than they won in all of the Barcelona Games four years earlier.

Coming two days after the head of the Polish Olympic team, Eugeniusz Pietrasik, collapsed during the opening ceremony and died of a heart attack, the triumphs have been particularly poignant.

"It is mobilising all the athletes to show our best and do even more because we know the Mr Pietrasik is up there looking down on us, inspiring us and cheering us on," said Pawel Nastual, a judo gold medal winner.

The US team, largest in the Games with more than 600 athletes, led all countries in total medals with 10, including its first two golds Sunday night in the men's 800-metre swimming relay and the 400-metre individual medley, by Tom Dolan.

France was doing better than expected, currently second in the medal standings with three golds, Russia and China also have three golds.

Such results added "surprising" to other often-used adjectives such as "hot" and "chaotic" in describing early days of the Centennial Olympics.

Costa Rica's Claudia Poll upstaged world champion Fanziska van Almsick to clinch the Olympic women's 200 metres freestyle title on Sunday.

Poll went one better than her sister Silvia, who took the silver medal in the event at the 1988 Seoul Olympics. She fully deserved her victory over the German favourite. She wept at the medals ceremony while her country's national anthem was played.

Penny Heyns won South Africa's first post-apartheid gold medal in the women's

100-metre breaststroke. Her winning time was slightly slower than the world record of 1 minute, 7.02 seconds she set in her qualifying heat earlier in the day.

The weather stayed steamy, with a high of 91 Fahrenheit (33 Celsius) and periodic rain that made for very humid conditions.

Chaos in the form of transportation problems and a breakdown of the system for reporting results caused the International Olympic Committee to chastise Atlanta organizers Sunday.

"The message we gave them



Chinese weightlifter Tang Ningsheng, however, totaled 307.5 kilograms (677 3-4 pounds) in the 59-kilogram (130-pound) division to win the gold medal and set a new world record. The previous world record of 305 kilograms (672 1/4 pounds), was set by Nikolay Pechalov of Bulgaria in 1993.

Yuri Melnichenko of Kazakhstan won his country's first Summer Olympic gold on Sunday and robbed the United States of a home victory by defeating world champion Dennis Hall in the 57-kg class Greco-Roman wrestling.

The Polish onslaught Sunday began with Nastula winning the gold medal in the light-heavyweight division of men's judo and Ryszard Wolny grabbing gold in the 68-kilogram (150-pound) lightweight class of Greco-Roman wrestling.

Wolny celebrated his win with a back flip, and soon his teammates were tossing him in the air. Andrzej Wronski capped it off with another gold in the 100 kilograms (220-pound) weight class of Greco-Roman.

French cyclist Jeannie Longo-Ciprelli, a five-time world champion, finally won her first Olympic gold medal in the women's cycling road race, capturing the only prize that had eluded her in her 18-year career.

She won in 2 hours, 36 minutes, 13 seconds — 25 seconds ahead of silver medalist Imelda Chiappa of Italy over the 104.3-kilometer (64.8-mile) race along residential roads and downtown streets in downpours that caused several spills.

Russia won gold with Olga Klocheva's triumph in women's air pistol shooting, while Belgium's Ulla Werbrouck defeated Japan's Yoko Tanabe in women's light-heavyweight judo for the top prize.

Russia's second gold came from individual fencing when Stanislav Pozdnyakov defeated teammate Sergey Sharikov 15-12 in the men's sabre final Sunday.

Second-seeded Dmitriv Shevchenko of Russia goes for the gold Monday in the third and final individual competition: men's foil. Team competition in all three events begins Tuesday.

Australia's Michael Diamond took the trap shooting gold, the nation's first in a shooting event in 96 years.



China's Tang Ningsheng on his way to winning the 59kg weightlifting gold of the Atlanta Olympics on Sunday. The 25-year-old is also the 1996 Asian Games champion. — AFP/UNB photo



Argentine superstar Diego Maradona with a Chinese kid at a hotel in Beijing on July 22. The soccer idol of millions is now in this part of the world along with his team Boca Juniors on a week-long tour. — AFP/UNB photo

## Hager bails Aussies out



ATLANTA, July 22: Having been outshot 10-2, and having given up seven penalty corners, South Africa looked all but beaten when Mark Hager poked in a rebound to put Australia ahead with nine minutes remaining, report agencies.

"Not at all," said South Africa's coach Gavin Featherstone.

"We planned it that way." It may have been planned, but definitely not this way. Gregory Nicol rammed in a shot from 10 yards in the 65th minute Sunday night to give the upstarts South Africans a stunning 1-1 draw with Favourites Australia in the opening match in Group B of the men's field hockey tournament.

Australia are considered by many to be the best team in the world and the gold medal contender. It was less than two months ago when the Aussies routed South Africa 8-

0 in Brisbane in the Four Nations tournament. Later in that tournament, South Africa managed to fall by only a 2-0 score in a rematch.

"Everybody talks about that 8-0," Featherstone said. "The true indicator of this match was that 2-0."

Much of South Africa's credit had to go to goalkeeper Brian Myburgh, who seemed under siege, particularly early in the second half when he faced three consecutive penalty corners.

Australia were constantly frustrated, and finally, was relieved when Hager got to the rebound off Grant Smith's initial shot.

In other men's games, South Korea rallied to draw with Britain 2-2 and the Netherlands shut down Malaysia 2-0.

In women's play, it was Germany 2, Spain 1, and Britain 1, Netherlands 1.

While not listed as a win, South Africa celebrated at the final whistle as if it was.

"We just didn't covert our opportunities," said Australian coach Frank Murray. "We just didn't covert."

**South Korea 2, Britain 2:** A penalty three minutes from time, converted by South Korea captain Shin-Heum Park, denied Britain a win which two corner Goals by Calum Giles appeared to have earned them.

Park's smart conversion brought Korea level at 2-2 — the score between the teams when they met in the opening match of the Seoul Olympics eight years ago. On that occasion Britain went on to win the gold medal.

**Netherlands 2, Malaysia 0:** Marcus Delissen scored in the 10th minute and Leo Klein added another six minutes before halftime to lead the Dutch.

Captain Delissen, playing his 255th international, set up the second for Leo-Klein. The Dutch then appeared, content to play the ball around and it was just as well that their goalkeeper Ronald Jansen was at his best. Three times Jansen saved his side when Malaysian forwards broke through.



A FEEL OF A FABULOUS FEAT: French cyclist Jeannie Longo looks at her Olympic road race gold on the winners podium in Atlanta on Sunday. It was Jeannie's first Olympic gold after three successive abortive attempts. — AFP/UNB photo

### US women cagers win opener

ATLANTA, July 22: Overcoming a sluggish start, the US women's basketball team rolled past Cuba 101-84 Sunday in their Olympic opener, reports AP.