

Olympic Update

Because you play to win...



Column One

Sports WHIZZ KID

SPORTS WHIZZ KID competition-47

Tick the Correct Answers

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

1. Number of players in a basketball team is	Eight	Five	Six
2. The number of jumping events in decathlon are	Two	Three	One
3. The sport badminton was first originated in	England	India	Iran
4. The number of Bangladesh athletes participating in the Atlanta Olympic Games are	Three	Seven	Four
5. The present Brazilian football coach is	Zagallo	Pires	Santana

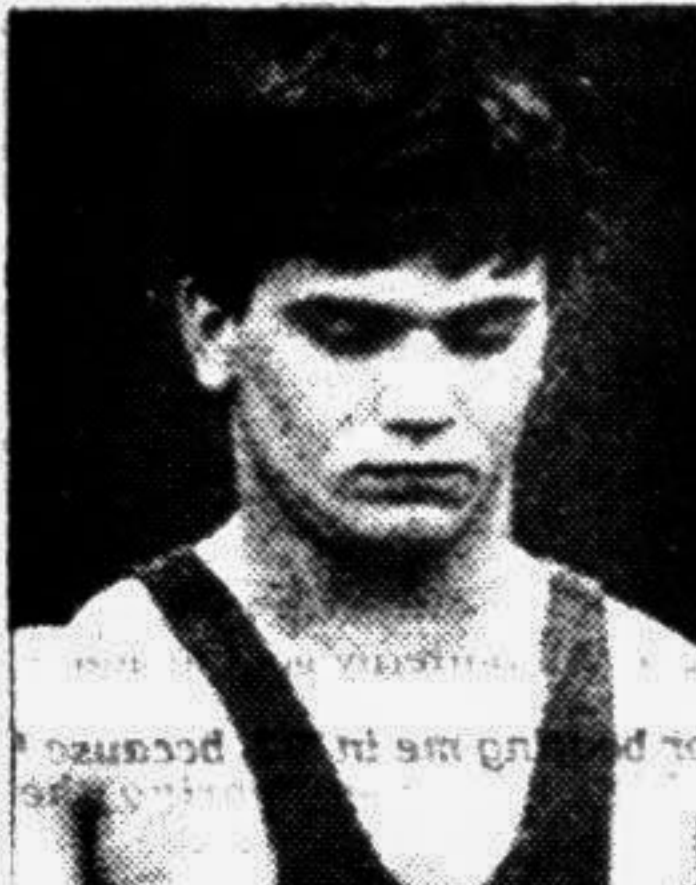
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SPORTS TALK



Naim Suleymanoglu
(Turkish legendary weight lifter)

"I want to continue. I am getting a little older, but I want to continue. I don't know if I will be good enough to be in the next Olympic Games."

After winning his third successive Olympic gold.

Soccer league deferred

The Senior Division football league, scheduled to begin on August 7, has been deferred by five days. This was decided in the league committee meeting of the DMFA on Tuesday.

The change of the schedule was made following an appeal from almost all of the 20 Senior Division outfits, who wanted the time for a better preparation.

Meanwhile DMFA has also struck a deal with Partex Group, a local business house, will be sponsoring the Senior Division football league this year. It was learnt that Partex will provide the DMFA Taka fifteen lakhs for the sponsorship rights for one year.

Wang again wilts under pressure

ATLANTA, July 24: China's Wang Yifu, who collapsed after a blunder cost him an Olympic gold on Saturday, was out of medals and on Oxygen again when he returned to the shooting range in the 50-metre free pistol event, reports Reuter.

But Roberto di Donna, the Italian who took advantage of Wang's astonishing error to win the air pistol event, himself wilted under pressure on Tuesday and allowed Boris Kokorev to claim Russia's third shooting gold of the Games.

Kim Rhode, who celebrated her 17th birthday a week ago, won the women's double trap, which US officials said made her the youngest woman to win an Olympic shooting title.

Clammy menu

ATLANTA, July 24: An Atlanta restaurant has added an unusual touch to its menu — its manager asks customers to help Cubans defecting to the United States, reports Reuter.

"Every citizen is responsible for the safety of a possible political refugee. If asked, you must isolate and help that person," said Luck Alvarez in a note on the menus of her Manabo Restaurante Cuba.

One Cuban security official was amused by the feature. "I loved it so much, I stole your menu," he said.



SUPERB SEVEN: The victorious US gymnastics team waves to the audience from the podium at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on July 23. — AFP/UNB photo

USA's unique resilience

ATLANTA, July 24: With an extraordinary display of courage Tuesday, the US women gymnasts ended an Olympic dynasty dating back deep into the Soviet days. Alexander Karelin, the greatest wrestler of all time, made sure another Russian streak remained intact, report agencies.

US swimmers added three more golds to give the host nation a total of five Tuesday, pulling level with Russia atop the standings with nine each after four days of competition at the Atlanta Games.

None was more dramatic than in the women's team gymnastics. Trailing the Russians at the beginning of the day, the Americans built a lead that seemed insurmountable until their final vaults.

Two falls by tiny Dominique Moceanu left it up to Kerri Strug, who also fell on landing in her first vault and injured her left ankle. "I can't feel my leg," she told coach Bela Karolyi.

"Shake it off, shake it off," he encouraged her. With the home crowd cheering, she nailed the final vault of the competition, then collapsed in agony on the landing mat.

"I heard it snap," she said later, sitting in a wheelchair with her bandaged foot propped up.

No matter that her ankle was badly sprained, or that the United States would have won even if Strug never tried the final vault. It was the first US team gold in women's gymnastics.

tics and ended four decades of east European dominance.

Russia finished second, the first time since gymnasts from the former Soviet Union started participating in 1952 that they failed to win the gold when they competed. When the Soviets boycotted in 1984, Romania won the gold.

"We made history," US assistant coach Mary Lee Tracy said.

Alexander Karelin of Russia won the gold medal Tuesday in the 286-pound class of Greco-Roman wrestling.

Matt Ghaffari of the United States (Colorado Springs, Colo.) won the silver and Sergei Mouretko of Moldova won the bronze.

"I wanted victory," said

Leader also won his second gold, adding the 400m freestyle to his win in the 200m freestyle Saturday night.

But the home team was still dominant in the water. Jeff Rouse successfully defended his Olympic title in the 100m backstroke, while Amy Van Dyken and Angel Martino won gold and bronze in the 100m butterfly and the US men's 400-metre freestyle team easily beat Russia.

China got a big boost from Zhan Xugang for its second weightlifting gold medal. On the way, Zhan set three world records — in the snatch, in the clean-and-jerk and the totals category.

The US success on the medals table failed to overshadow the continued criticism of Atlanta Games organizers. Transportation and computer problems continued on a wider scale than at any recent Olympics, causing delays and disruptions for athletes, spectators and the media.

On top of that, Atlanta organizers had trouble explaining how a man carrying a loaded gun slipped into Olympic Stadium before the opening ceremony last Friday.

Kim Rhode also had a loaded gun, snap, but the 17-year-old Californian made history with it, winning the first Olympic gold medal in women's double trap shooting.

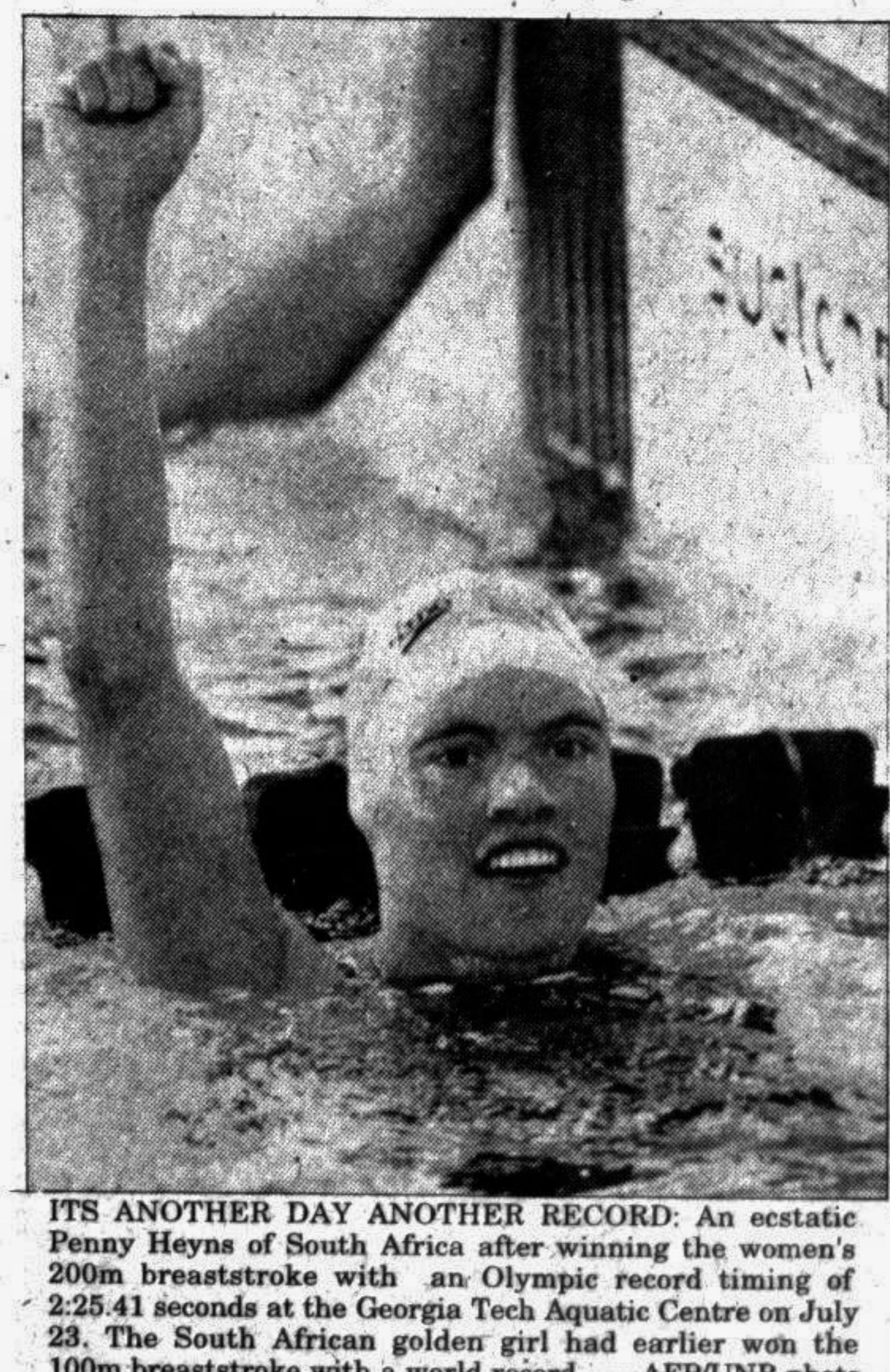


Karelin, 28, who won his ninth consecutive world-level championship. "I was determined to win."

Ghaffari said the loss "rips my heart out. This is my house, my country, and I wanted to beat him here. But I lost to a better man."

In the pool, South Africa's Penny Heyns won her second gold medal of the Olympics — and her nation's second gold in the post-apartheid era — by setting an Olympic record in the 200-metre breaststroke. Heyns won the 100-metre breaststroke gold on Sunday.

New Zealand's Danyon



ITS ANOTHER DAY ANOTHER RECORD: An ecstatic Penny Heyns of South Africa after winning the women's 200m breaststroke with an Olympic record timing of 2:25.41 seconds at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Centre on July 23. The South African golden girl had earlier won the 100m breaststroke with a world record. — AFP/UNB photo

ATLANTA SNIPPETS

ONLY WOE

Uta Pippig, the hot favourite for the women's Olympic marathon gold, will miss just one thing during the race — men. The German, fresh from winning her third Boston marathon in a row earlier in the year, said: "I will miss the men during the race. I like men."

RIMOLDI PLAYS ON REGARDLESS

Jorgina Rimoldi did not miss a beat when her skirt slipped and was left in her wake as she ran at the defence in Argentina's hockey tie against Germany. She played on regardless until the next stoppage, then returned to pick up the discarded article. She then got dressed in full view of the stands. The Germans were unfazed — they won 2-0.

NO FONDNESS FOR VILLAGE

The US women's gymnastics team who won the gold medal, relegating the Russians and the Romanians to second and third place, share no fondness for the Village.

They lived together in a rented house before their event and Martha Korolyi, wife of legendary coach Bela Korolyi said it did wonders for morale and performance. "It was an advantage because you have to learn to be together, to be part of a team," she said.

A VILLAGE GIRL TO THE CORE

American long-distance star Lynn Jennings is a bit confused about her accommodation in the athletes' Village. The former world cross-country champion, due to run the 5,000m at the Olympics, says: "I know superstars aren't meant to be living in the Village but I have managed it. I settled in very well." (Source — AFP)

BDR nat'l wrestling champs

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Rifles emerged champions in the sixth national spare wrestling championships while Dhaka District Sports Association won the 12th junior title at the NSC gymnasium yesterday.

On the third and final day of the three-day meet, Bangladesh Rifles captured four of the eight golds decided in the spare division to establish their supremacy in the intermediate section of the wrestling.

On the other hand Dhaka DSA claimed three gold in the junior sections to pip Jessore to the post after a heady battle.

In the junior section, Mizanur Rahman (58 kg), Didar Hossain (68 kg) and Rabiul Islam (74 kg) won the gold for Dhaka while Babar Ali (46 kg) and Rabiul Islam enabled Jessore to finish second in the 12-team standings with two golds. Mohammad Harun and Nazir Mia of Narail and Comilla won the other two golds in the 55kg and 63kg categories respectively.

In the spare group, riflemen Nazrul Islam (57 kg), Mustafizur Rahman (68 kg), Zamir Uddin (74 kg) and Abdul Maleque (90 kg) bagged gold in their respective categories. Narail finished second with two golds which came through Abu Zafar (48 kg) and Akhter Hossain (82 kg). Ansa's Mohammad Kamal (62 kg) and Jessore's Ziaul Haque won the remaining two golds.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader distributed prizes among the winners.

Schools TT

Ratna lifts singles title

Sports Reporter

Ratna of Narail won the girls' singles title of the Green Delta Insurance national schools table tennis championships to extend the complete dominance of the southern district outfits at the NSC wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Ratna, who had earlier helped her team on its way to win both the team events title on Tuesday, added another laurel for Narail on the penultimate day of the five-day meet by defeating Jemi of Gaibandha in the final 21-14, 21-15, 21-17.

Besides, Narail, a breeding pocket in the country's table tennis circuit, have also confirmed clean sweep in the meet when Pappu and Adison set up an all-Narail boys' singles final by winning their respective semifinals yesterday.

Pappu eliminated Babu in the first semifinal 21-4, 21-2, 21-5 while his teammate Adison outclassed Rajib of Khulna 21-15, 21-12, 21-7 in the other semifinal. The final will be held today, the concluding day of the meet.

Brazil regain composure



ATLANTA July 24: Favourites Brazil revived their hopes of an Olympic quarterfinal place by beating Hungary 3-1 on Tuesday but fellow soccer giants Italy crashed out after losing 3-2 to Ghana, report agencies.

World champions Brazil, beaten 1-0 by Japan in their opening Group D game, scored through Ronaldo, Juninho and Bebeto.

It was more than just a victory for Brazil. The 23-and-under team was roundly criticized in its homeland for its loss to Japan. Players were seen in practice Monday hanging their heads and trying to come to grips with their loss.

Coach Mario Zagallo reportedly made his team watch all 90 minutes of the Sunday night loss. Zagallo himself was the target of barbs from angry Brazilian fans during the match and thereafter.

In Brazil's Group D, Nigeria were atop the standings with their second straight victory after a 2-0 victory over Japan. The two sides meet on Thursday.

Mexico and South Korea were atop Group C after playing to a scoreless draw.

Brazil, aiming to become

the first country since Italy in the 1930 to hold both world and Olympic titles, took a 35th minute lead in Miami when PSV Eindhoven's striker Ronaldo dribbled into the box to shoot a long, looping pass from Ze Elias.

Once again, the Brazilians were victimised by a freak goal, much like the one Japan scored in their upset victory. In the 57th minute, Hungary's Tibor Dombi and Brazil's Aldair were chasing the ball near the Brazil goal. Dombi got his head on it first although colliding with Aldair and Brazilian goalkeeper Dida. The ball trickled into the net.

Brazil needed a touch of inspiration and it was Juninho, who plays for England's Middlesbrough, who supplied it.

The impish midfielder sent a sweet volley into the roof of the net in the 61st minute after a fine run by Flavio Concacaco.

There was no way back for Hungary once defender Vilmos Sebok had been sent off and captain Bebeto sealed victory with a swerving shot from the edge of the penalty area six minutes from time.

Ghana capped a miserable few weeks for Italian soccer when they ended the hopes of the European under-21 champions, who have no chance of qualifying after two successive defeats in Group C.

Italy suffered similar disappointment last month when their senior side failed to qual-

ify for the latter stages of the European Championships.

In a hot-tempered, foul-filled game in Washington, Christian Sabah scored twice for 1992 bronze medalists Ghana.

But it was Augustine Arhinful's 63rd minute penalty that turned the game around. Italian defender Fabio Galante was given a red card for wrapping his left arm around Arhinful and pulling the Ghanaian forward down in front of the goal.

Arhinful converted the penalty by lofting the ball into the upper right-hand corner of the net to tie the score at 2-2, and Italy were forced to play the rest of the match with 10 men.

Ten minutes later, the man advantage helped Sabah find enough space for the winning goal.

The game was marred by 11 yellow cards, including six for Ghana. The referee had to separate the teams after an intense exchange in the 34th minute.

Marco Branca scored twice for Italy, with a superb piece of ball-handling in the 8th minute and on a penalty one minute before halftime.

Italian coach Cesare Maldini said he was unable to figure out exactly how his side lost.

"Regrets? No. Painful? Yes," he said when asked how he felt. "We weren't up to par. We knew their strengths and we didn't underestimate them."



Kenneth Wark (L), the gangling Australia clears the ball past a watchful onlooker Kang Kong-Wook (C) of South Korea during their preliminary round hockey league match in Atlanta on July 23. Australia won 3-2. — AFP/UNB photo

Australia bounce back



ATLANTA, July 24: Jay Stacy rammed in a rebound from just inside the circle with just under seven minutes remaining to give Australia a 3-2 victory over South Korea on Tuesday night in one of the premier preliminary-round matches in men's Olympic hockey, report agencies.

The goal completed Australia's rally from a 2-1 half-time deficit. Paul Gaudoin scored off a penalty corner in the 39th minute and Korea all but sealed their own fate when Yoo Myung-keun was yellow carded in the 64th, forcing them to play the next five minutes a man down.

Meanwhile South Africa rallied to share four goals with Malaysia in their second Group B match at Clark Atlanta University.

William Fulton scored with a sweeping shot in the 64th minute off the last of eight South African penalty corners, rallying his country to a 2-2 draw.

After a disappointing 1-1 draw with South Africa in its opening match Sunday, Tuesday's victory against one of Australia.

The clearly partisan Australian crowd began celebrating as the clock wound down in the final minute, singing "Waltzing Matilda" as the scoreboard hit zero.

Stacy's goal came after Paul Lewis dribbled down the left side of the circle and got off a hard backhanded shot that Korean keeper Koo Jin-soo got a pad on but could not control. The rebound ricocheted out to the top of the area where Stacy stepped forward to score.

Stephen Davies gave Australia the lead in the sixth minute, stealing the ball from Jeon Jong-ha at the 25-yard line, driving into the area along and blasting a shot over

Koo. Shin-heum tied three minutes later on a penalty stroke and Shin Seok-kyo put Korea ahead in the 17th off a penalty corner.

Both sides had several chances to take the lead after Gaudoin's goal. Kang Keon-wook hit the post with a wide in the 49th minute and wide open Davies just wide left a minute later.

South Africa took the early lead on Greg Nicol's penalty corner goal in the 26th minute, but had to rally after a pair of goals by Mirnawan Nawawi in the second half.

Besides the eight penalty corners, South Africa played with a two-man advantage for three minutes near the end of the first half, and had another man advantage in the second half but could not capitalise.

"Effectively, we drew the game in the first five minutes of the second half," South Africa's English coach Gavin Featherstone said.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: KANGAROOS ARE POGO STICKS WITH THEIR OWN POCKETS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: L equals F

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that K equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.