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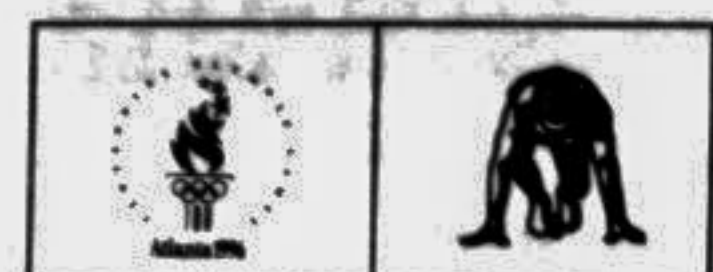


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Sprinters heat the track



Atlanta, July 26: Reigning champion Linford Christie emerged as the major loser here on Friday as the world's top sprinters took aim at each other at the start of their 100m Olympic shoot-out...

World champion Donovan Bailey, meanwhile, clocked the same time but the rangy Canadian, like Boldon, looked as if he was out for an afternoon stroll...

her heat, finishing in 11.11 seconds. The 31-year-old Atlantan was clearly quickest out of the blocks and enjoyed an easy win...



THE GOLDEN SMILE: 16-year-old US swimmer Brooke Bennett at the victory stand after winning the 800m freestyle at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Centre on July 25 in a time of 8:27.89.

Shooting gold for China

Atlanta, July 26: Li Duihong of China won the gold medal in the women's 25 metres sports pistol shooting at the Olympics today, reports Reuter.

Diana Yorgova of Bulgaria won the silver and Marina Lobzhenko of Russia took the bronze.

Perez pockets Ecuador's first Atlanta, July 26: Jefferson Perez won Ecuador's first ever Olympic medal when he raced home in the last kilometre to win the men's 20-km walk on the opening day of the athletics programme today, reports Reuter.

Perez, the reigning Pan-American champion, completed the course in perfect walk weather - cool and cloudy - in one hour 20 minutes 07 seconds to take the first athletics gold ahead of Russian Ilya Markov, took the silver in 1:20.16.

Brazil book qtrs berth Atlanta, July 26: Brazil may have goofed up last week against Japan. But when places in the Olympic men's soccer quarterfinals were decided Thursday, the South Americans qualified while Japan were out, reports AP.

Brazil got a first-half strike from Ronaldo to beat Nigeria 1-0 and win Group C. Even though Japan edged Hungary to finish with an identical record as Brazil and Nigeria, their mediocre goal difference sent them packing.

Suprianto stays on course Atlanta, July 26: Top seed Joko Suprianto of Indonesia crushed Finland's Pontus Jantti 15-1, 15-5 Thursday to reach the last 16 of the men's singles in the Olympic badminton championship, reports AP.

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PEPSI logo and Olympic rings

MEDALS TABLE

Table with columns: Country, G (Gold), S (Silver), B (Bronze), Total. Lists medal counts for various countries.

Note: Two bronze medals awarded in judo.

Two bronze medals awarded in artistic gymnastics women's individual all-round competition.



QUIPS & QUOTES

Atlanta, July 26 (AFP): What people are saying at the Atlanta Olympics. "This is a kid that's 19-year-old and he's taking it real hard especially at this kind of level. It's not like he's been at this level every other day like the Cubans have. It's not like he the end of the world for him."

Trouble for the double



Atlanta, July 26: A string of the world's top athletes stars are asking for double trouble at the Atlanta Olympics. Many, according to their rivals, will regret the decision.

competitor of mine. I would be happy because now there is more work for me to do. I have eight race that week. They have four.

holder over both 3,000 and 10,000m, could pull it off, however, she would earn everybody's admiration - particularly that of the Ethiopians.

Agassi, Seles sail

Frederik Fetterlein. Third-seeded Thomas Agass of Sweden also survived an unexpected struggle with Armenia's Sargis Sargsian before winning 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.

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Of the sizzling seconds



Atlanta, July 26: In the Saturday 100m Olympic final will last less than ten seconds. Blink and you'll miss it. In the Russian roulette of the Games, began months ago, reports AFP.

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BEATEN IN HER OWN GAME: Olympic gold medalist Marie Claire Restoux (R) of France shows the oriental Sook-Hee Hyn of South Korea how it is done in the half-heavyweight 52 kg judo final at the Georgia World Congress Centre in Atlanta on July 25.

CENTENNIAL GAMES CHIPS

Atlanta, July 26 (AFP): Olympic diary for today. AUSSIES PLAY WAITING GAME When the Australian men's basketball team were told their bus would be late in arriving after a practice at Morehouse College, players went in search of outdoor hoops in the area for an informal workout session.