

Olympic Update

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Column One

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-48

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(Competition closes: 8 p.m. August 2, 1996)

- Which country won the first gold in Atlanta Olympics?
Poland Holland Finland
- In weightlifting, who is called as "Pocket Hercules"?
Mito Sotomayor Lander
- The first ever Belgian to win Olympic gold in swimming is
Borghese Popov Perkins
- The century Innam scored in the Lord's Test was his
Seventh Fourth Fifth
- When did Mohammad Ali win his light-heavyweight Olympic gold?
1964 1958 1960

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SPORTS TALK



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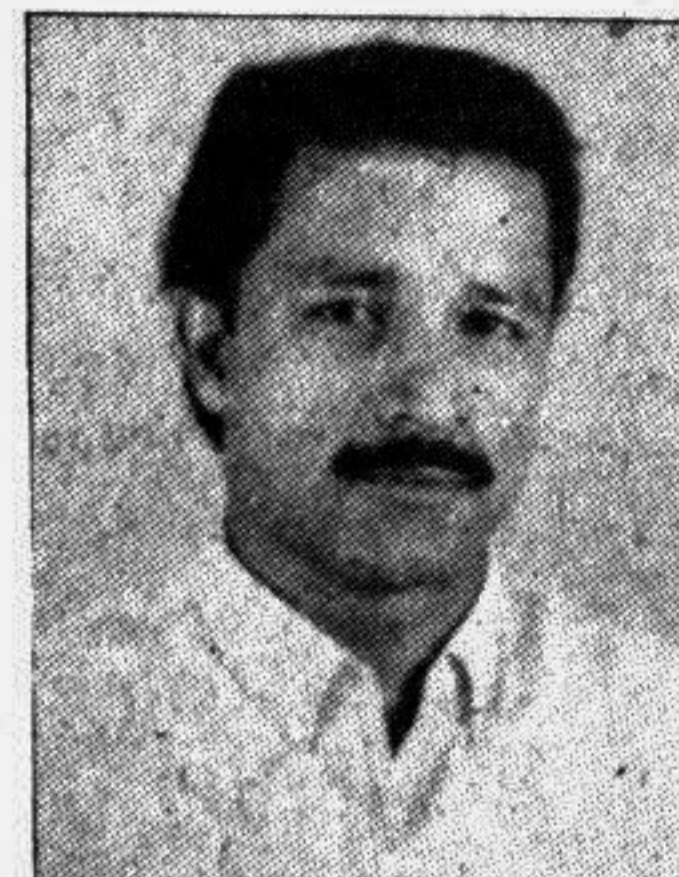
(American sprinter)
"It's time for me to be joyful about what I did, but it's also a time for sadness. I want to extend my sympathies to the victims of the bombing and let them know they're definitely in my prayers."
After winning her second successive Olympic gold in 100 metres sprint.

Schools & madrasa sports from Aug 24

Sports Reporter

The 25th national schools and madrasa swimming, football and basketball championships, under the auspices of Secondary and Higher Education Board, will commence from August 24.
The summer tourneys will be held in five phases. The thana level meet will be held from August 24 to September 1 followed by the district level competitions, scheduled to begin from September 3.
The sub-zonal level competitions will start from September 9 while the zonal level fray will begin from September 16.
The final phase or the national meet will be held from September 20 to 25.
The first four phases will be played on knock-out bases from where teams will qualify for the national level, to be held on a league basis.

Iqbal BU Boss



Sports Reporter

Iqbal Ahmed has been appointed acting president of Brothers Union. This was unanimously decided in the executive meeting of the club yesterday, says a press release.
Iqbal, the former vice-president of the Gopibagh-based outfit, will replace his father Amanullah at the top spot. Amanullah, a leading businessman of the country, died early this month.



American Shannon Miller performs in the balance beam competition at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on July 29. Miller scored 9.862 points on her way to win the gold in the event.

— AFP/UNB photo

Top guns rule the track

ATLANTA, July 30: He no longer can outrun his rivals, but he still can outjump them. Carl Lewis marked his final Olympics with his fourth consecutive long jump triumph Monday, bringing his total Games haul to a record-tying nine gold medals, report agencies.

Michael Johnson, trying for an unprecedented sweep of the 200- and 400-metre gold medals, had no trouble with the first half — victory in the 400m, and in an Olympic record time.

France's Marie-Jose Pécé, seeking a women's 400-200 metres double, became the first repeat champion in the women's 400m. Her time of 48.25 was an Olympic record and the world's fastest by a woman since 1986.

The victories by Lewis and Johnson helped maintain the US lead in the overall gold medals race. With four events remaining Monday night, the Americans had four for the day and 24 in all.

Russia had three for the day and 18 in all, followed by France with 13 and China and Italy with 10 each.
Mike Powell, the world-record holder and silver medalist at the previous two Olympics, limped away in agony from his final jump after hurting his right leg on his fifth try. He finished fifth.

Immediately after Monday's race, he dedicated the victory to Alice Hawthorne, the woman killed in the bombing at Centennial Olympic Park early Saturday.

Hailie Gebreselassie of Ethiopia took the first half of a planned Olympic double with a perfect strategic race in the men's 10,000 metres.

The Ethiopian, world record holder in the 10,000 and in the 5,000 which he will also race in Atlanta, stayed just off the pace throughout and was the only runner able to react when Kenyan Paul Tergat made a break with six laps to go.

Gebreselassie tracked him right to the bell then sprinted away to win in an Olympic record of 27 minutes 7.35 seconds with Tergat taking silver less than a second behind.

Another Johnson, Allen, led a 1-2 US finish in the 110-metre hurdles, setting an Olympic record of 12.95.

Russian Svetlana Masterkova surprised the favourites in the women's 800m, winning in 1 minute, 57.73 seconds. Ana Quirot of Cuba and Maria Mutola of Mozambique took the silver and bronze medals.

Another Russian, Yelena Nikolayeva, won the women's 10-kilometre walk, completing the distance in 41 minutes, 49 seconds.

Germany's Ilke, Wyludda

BGIC v'ball final today

Sports Reporter

Holders Bangladesh Navy and challengers Bangladesh Army set up a clash for the men's title of the BGIC national volleyball championships today after eliminating their respective semi-final opponents at the National Indoor Stadium yesterday.

In the first match, defending champions Navy recorded a hard-fought 15-11, 12-15, 15-8, 15-2 win over Bangladesh Rifles in the gruelling four-setter while Bangladesh Army earned a facile 15-7, 15-7, 15-4 win over Bangladesh Air Force en route to the final to be held at the same venue today at 4:30 pm.

The deciding match of the eyes section between reigning champions Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation and Ansars will also be held today prior to the men's final.

won the women's discus with a heave of 69.66 metres (228 feet, 6 inches).

Ukraine weightlifter Timur Taimazov, who took a year off from competition, came back with a gold medal and world record in the 108-kilogram (238-pound) division. The 1992 Olympic silver medalist and 1993 and 1994 world champion lifted a total of 430 kilograms (947.75 pounds).

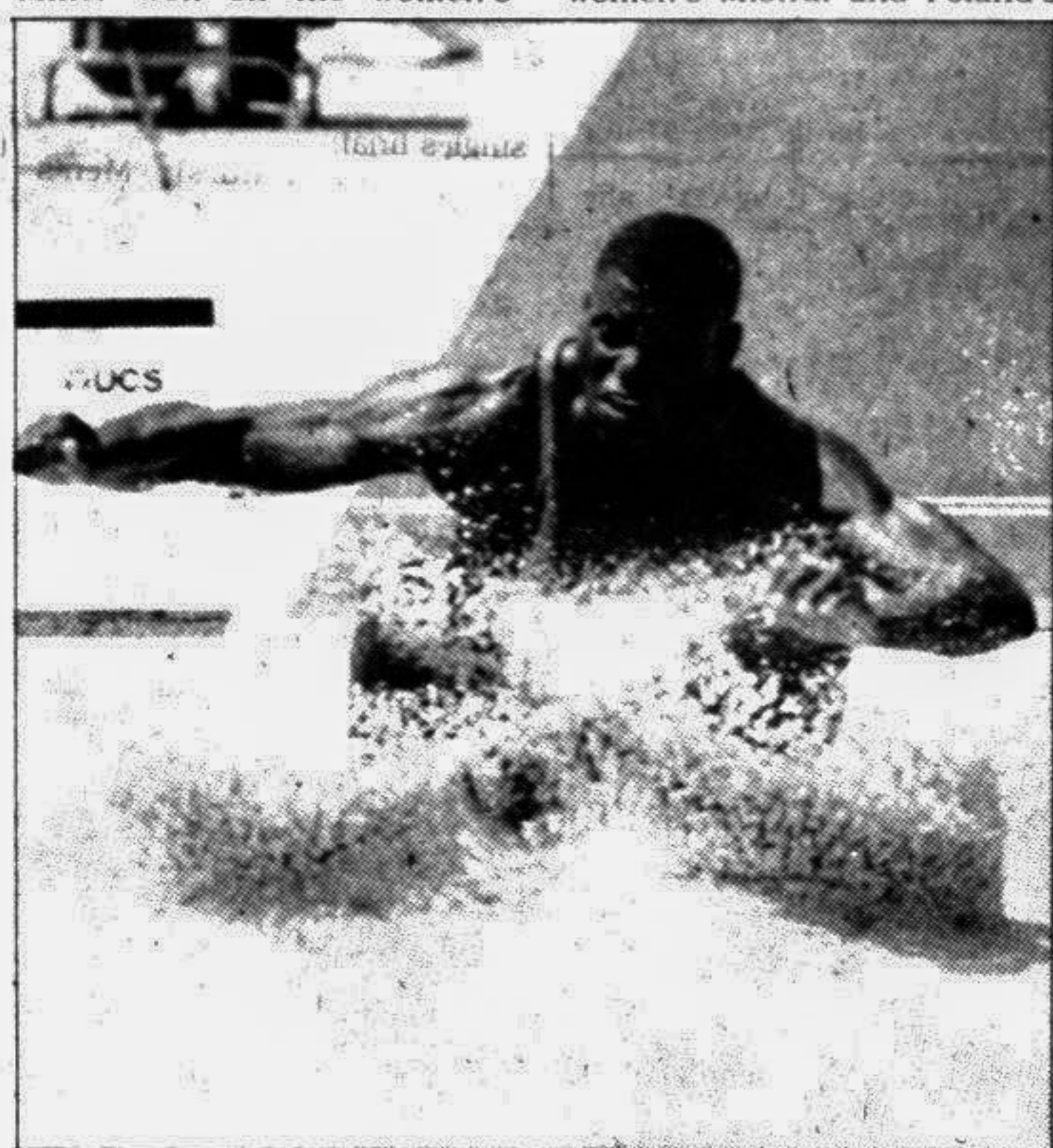
In gymnastics, Russian Alexei Nemov won the men's vault, Ukraine's Rustam Sharipov won on the parallel bars, and American Shannon Miller won on the women's

took the bronze in both the vault and parallel bars.

China's Xiong Ni, denied gold by the great Greg Louganis eight years ago, finally claimed an Olympic crown when he held his nerve to win the men's three-metre springboard title.

In Monday's final races in four sailing divisions, Brazil's Torben Grael and Marcello Ferreira won the Star class gold medal and world champion windsurfer Nikolaos Kaklamanakis of Greece won in the men's Mistral class.

Hong Kong's Lee Lai-shan in women's Mistral and Poland's



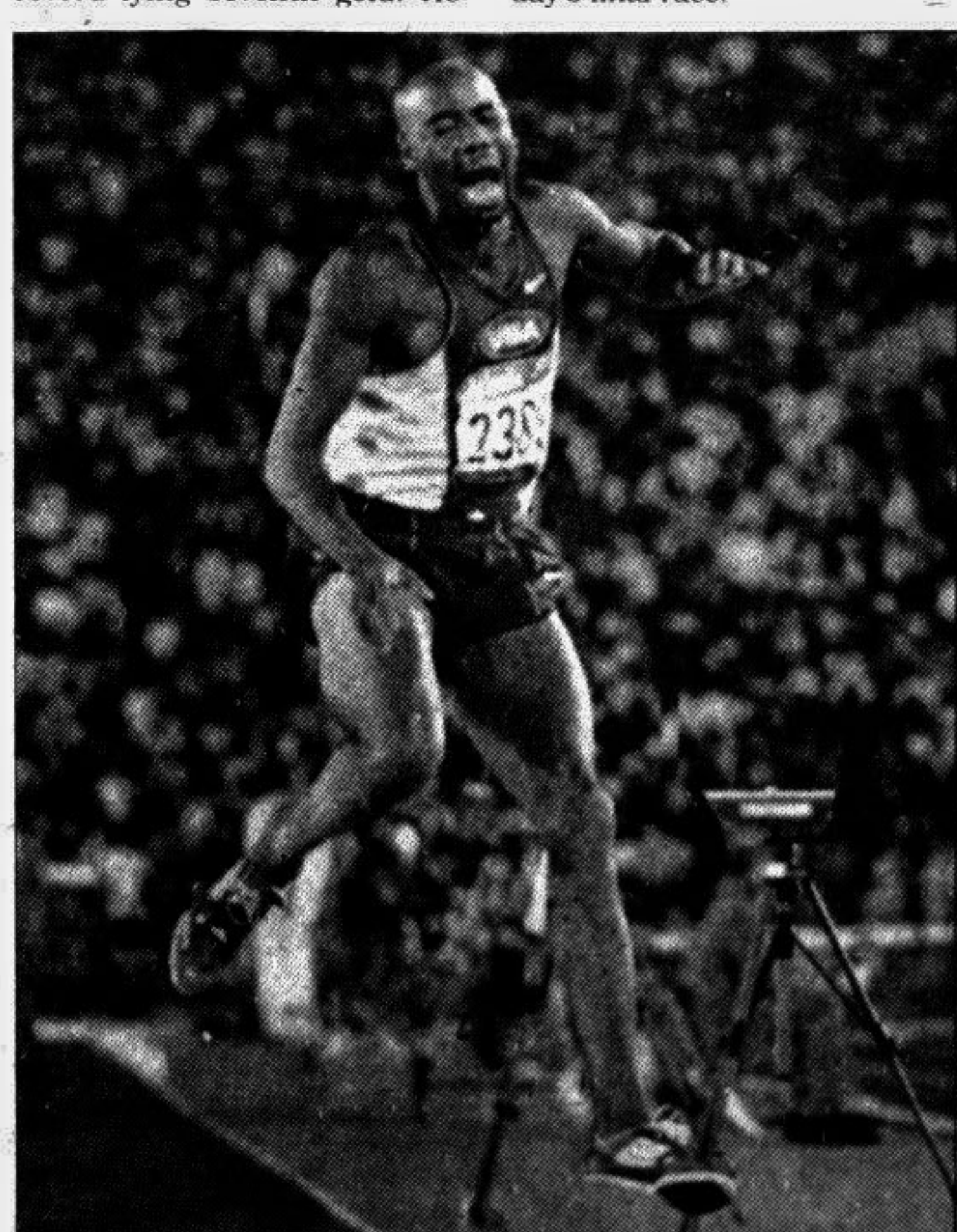
CARL LEWIS ... in a league of his own

balance beam.
Miller, twice world all-around champion, captured the title with an elegant beam routine capped off by a spectacular dismount.

Belarus' Vitaly Scherbo, a sextuple gold medalist in 1992, fell short in his latest attempt for a gymnastics record-tying seventh gold. He

Mateusz Kusznierewicz in the Finn class already had clinched golds. Lee didn't even bother to join in her division's final race Monday.

Spain's Jose Luis Ballester and Fernando Leon clinched the gold in Tornado class sailing, leaving the silver and bronze to be decided in Tuesday's final race.



World record holder Mike Powell of the United States screams in agony after hurting his leg during the final attempt of the men's long jump at the Olympic Stadium on July 29. Powell eventually finished with a sedate fifth position.

— AFP/UNB photo

Bangladesh mau Maldives

Sports Reporter

A brilliant hatrick by substitute Tipu steered Bangladesh into the finals of the 30th Asian youth (under-19) football championship when they crushed hosts Maldives 5-0 in their second group VI qualifying round engagement in Male on Monday.

Bangladesh, fresh from their 3-0 win over the lowly Maldives in their first match on Saturday, went into the match for at least a draw for a passage into the final phase, but returned with basketful of goals.

According to a faxed message received here Monday night, Bangladesh led the first half 3-0.

Midfielder Iqbal opened the flood-gate with a well-judged angular pile-driver five minutes into the first half and Askar Babu headed home the second in the 15th minute.

But it was Tipu, the youngster from Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, who stole the show by punching the last three goals to record a unique treble. Coming in to substitute an injured striker Don in the 35th minute, Tipu, who joined Brothers Union this year, opened his account at the stroke of the breather.

A marauding Bangladesh continued to press for more in the post-noon session with Tipu completing his hatrick by scoring in the 48th and 60th minutes.

With this win Bangladesh earned a berth in the ten-team final round of the championship, scheduled to be held in Seoul in October.

The Bangladesh team is expected to return home tomorrow afternoon.

The victorious team: Tony, Nazrul, Prodip, Faisal, Hasan-al Mamun, Shahjada, Azim (Nayan), Maksudul Amin Rana (Saurav), Iqbal, Don (Tipu) and Askar Babu.

Jewel in MSC's crown

Sports Reporter

National defender Jewel Rana has been named captain of Mohammedan Sporting Club for the coming Premier Division football league while custodian Ponir will act as his deputy, said a press release issued yesterday.

Meanwhile, the football committee of Mohammedan Sporting Club, one of the two heavyweights in the domestic circuit, appointed Imtiaz Sultan Johnny the manager of the team.

Johnny, a former national defender, will replace Badal Roy who has been made one of the two joint-secretaries in the new ad-hoc committee of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

On the other hand, Abul Hossain, the long-serving Mohammedan defender, will serve as the deputy of Man Young Kang, the Korean coach of the black and whites.

Besides, Mohammedans, as appointed Hamidul Huq as the club's representative in the league committee dropping Fazlur Rahman.

Olympic h'ball results

ATLANTA, July 30: Sweden, Croatia and France reached the semifinals of the team handball competition Monday, with Egypt and Spain set up to fight for the last berth in Olympic team handball, reports AP.

France beat Egypt 25-20 to take command of Pool B and Spain kept their chances alive with a 27-17 win over Brazil. Locked together with 3-1 record, the head-to-head between Spain and Italy will decide the group.

Sweden and Croatia have a perfect 4-0 record and insurmountable lead in Pool A, and will fight it out for the top spot on Wednesday. Sweden beat Kuwait 33-18 and Croatia edged Russia 25-24.

Roba does 'em proud

ADDIS ABABA, July 30: Jubilant Ethiopians celebrated on Monday over Fatuma Roba's unexpected marathon victory at the Atlanta Olympics, reports Reuter.

Fatuma, a 25-year-old police officer, became the first woman from Africa to win a medal in the marathon, winning on Sunday in a personal best time of two hours 26 minutes 05 seconds. People filled bars to watch television replays of her victory.

"She really pulled a very pleasant surprise... we did not expect her to win gold," said Eshetu Gossaye, secretary-general of the Ethiopian athletic federation, who hailed Roba as a heroine.

Fatuma's victory was the first by an Ethiopian in an Olympic marathon since the 1960s when Abebe Bikila (1960 and 1964) and Mamo Wolde (1968) won the men's race in successive Olympics.

Johnson halfway home



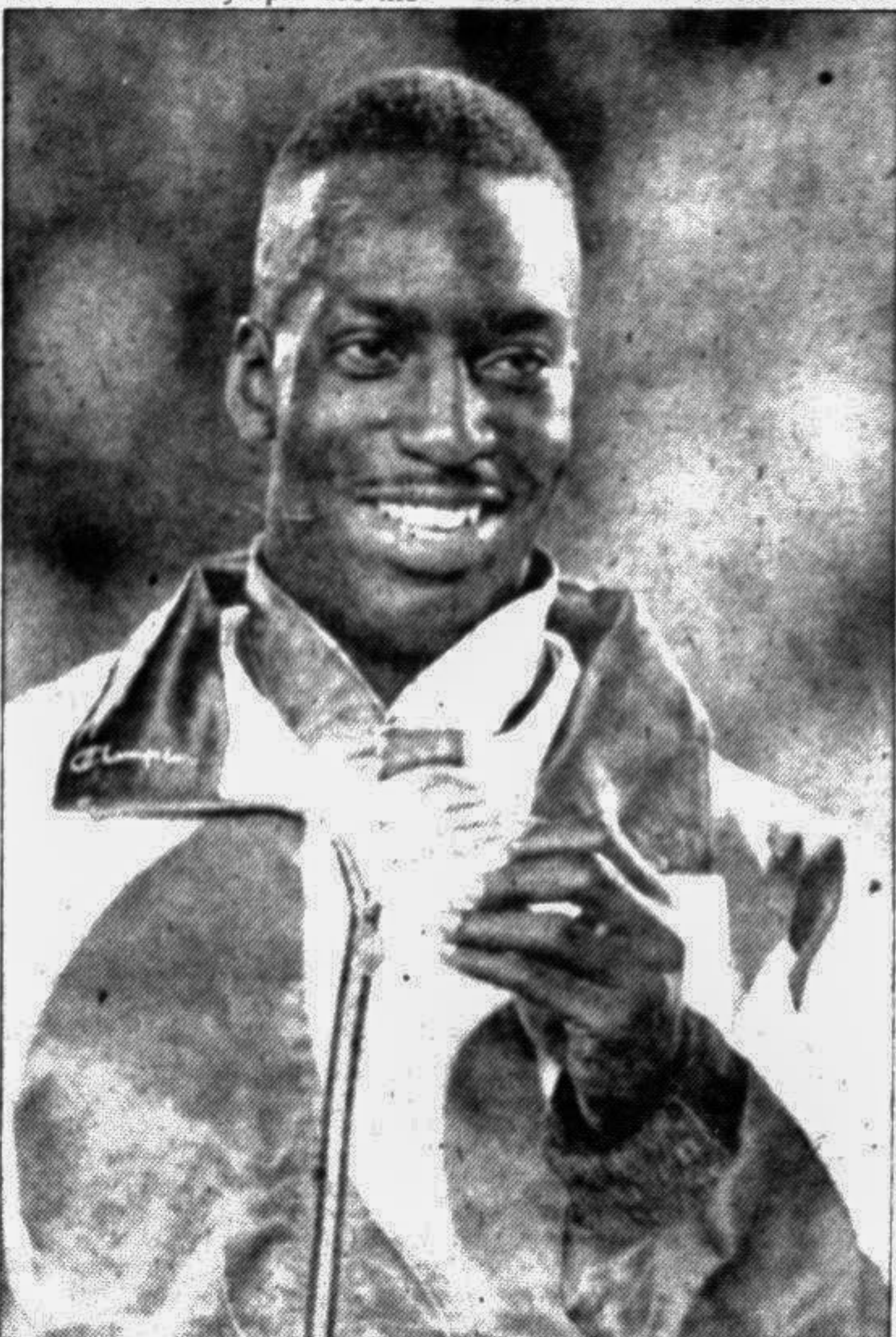
ATLANTA, July 30: The celebration was subdued. There is still work to be done. Now, Michael Johnson moves on to the 200.

In a classic performance of methodical domination, Johnson won the Olympic 400-metre

how to celebrates. He tentatively grabbed an American flag and held it awkwardly above him.

Halfway around his victory lap, he stopped to lend a hand to injured US teammate Mike Powell as he tried to life himself from the sand of the long jump pit.

This is no wild egotist. This is a man with an economics degree from Baylor who approaches his sport with the organisation of an accountant.



Michael Johnson, of the United States, the winner of the 400m sprint, displays his gold on the podium at the Olympic Stadium in Atlanta on July 29. Johnson clocked 43.49 seconds, a Games' record, but missed the worldmark by two tenths of a second.

— AFP/UNB photo

re gold medal Monday night, reaching the halfway point in a quest for an unprecedented 200-400-metre double, report agencies.

Johnson won the 400 metres in 43.49 seconds the third fastest time run.

The American, running in gold shoes, finished well clear of Britain's Roger Black, who took silver in 44.41 and surprise bronze medalist Davis Kamoga of Uganda, third in 44.53.

Johnson quickly closed the stagger on Jamaican Rort Martin, running in the lane beside him and by the halfway mark clearly had the race won.

When it was over, Johnson almost seemed not to know

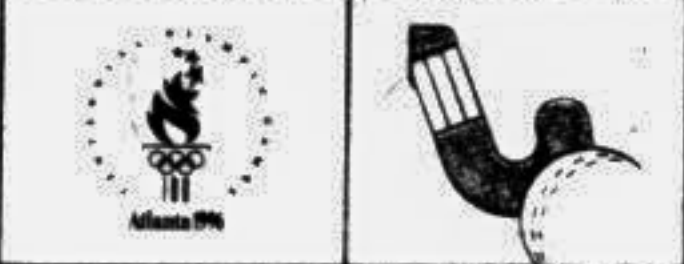
and deadly seriousness of a soldier, with just a little flair tossed in.

He had thrown his first, pair of gold shoes away to the crowd after Sunday night's semifinals. But he had a new pair on Monday and they sparkled under the bright Olympic Stadium lights.

As usual, he left the field far behind on the third 100 metres, his arms, churning, the gold chain around his neck beating against his chest, his torso almost perfectly upright in a style reminiscent of Jesse Owens.

Thens of thousands of flash bulbs went off in the stands as Johnson stretches the lead to at least 10 metres at the finish.

Aussies in final four



place with five points.

Australian coach Frank Murray said his plan to tighten up the defence to keep Giles away worked well. "He has been in good form in this tournament and it was important not to let him take penalty corners."

"We succeeded in that because he managed only two in the entire match and was thwarted both times," he said. Murray added he was not worried at playing defending champions Germany in the semifinals.

"You can't choose your opponents, so there's no point worrying," he said.

"We are confident of playing anyone. We've beaten Germany in the past, so it's okay."

"Spain can be equally tough as they've shown in this tournament by winning four of their five matches, and, that

includes Germany."

Britain will now take part in the play off for the fifth place. Earlier on Sunday Olympic champions Germany guaranteed themselves a place in the semifinals with a 3-0 win over hosts United States.

Goals from their first three corners, two by Carsten Fischer and one from Christian Blunck, in the first 27 minutes allowed them to coast through the game.

STANDINGS

Final league standings in the Olympic men's hockey tournament after Monday's last round of matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Group A

Spain	5	4	1	14	5	8
Germany	5	3	1	11	3	7
India	5	2	2	1	8	3
Pakistan	5	2	1	2	11	5
Argentina	5	2	2	3	9	4
United States	5	0	5	3	23	0

Group B

Netherlands	5	4	1	14	6	9
Australia	5	3	1	11	7	7
Britain	5	3	1	8	8	5
South Korea	5	1	2	12	13	4
South Africa	5	0	3	2	7	3
Malaysia	5	0	3	7	15	2

Semi-final line-up: Spain v Australia; Netherlands v Germany.

Women's b'ball US in last eight

ATLANTA, July 30: Japan needed overtime to survive into the quarterfinals of the Olympic women's basketball tournament. Now it has to play the unbeaten United States, which has scored more than 100 points in three of its five victories, reports AP.

The Americans stopped South Korea with a dominating defense on their way to a 105-64 victory Monday.

From the same pool, Ukraine and Cuba advanced with victories Monday. Ukraine beat Australia 54-48 and Cuba downed Zaire 73-59. Australia advanced despite its loss.

Brazil stayed unbeaten in the other pool by edging Italy 75-73 on Janeth Arcain's 4-metre (13-foot) jump shot with three seconds. Russia defeated China 94-78 and also advanced, along with Italy.

In the quarterfinals, Brazil meets Cuba, Russia plays Australia and Ukraine faces Italy.

His time was 43.49 seconds, and Olympic record, but short of Butch Reynolds' world record of 43.29.

It was his 55th victory in a row. He hasn't been beaten since February 24, 1989.

Johnson, who set a world 200 metres record at the US trials on the same track last month, came into the race unbeaten in 54 successive 400 metres finals since his last defeat in February 1989 at the American indoor championship.

His winning streak began that April and his most significant victory until his golden triumph on Monday came in Gothenburg on August 9 last year when he won the world title in 43.39 seconds.

That win set him up to complete the 200-400 double with victory in the half lap race two days later. That achievement helped convince the authorities to change the timetable in Atlanta to enable him to go for an identical Olympic double.

Now it's on to the 200, where it should be a lot tougher because waiting will be Frankie Fredericks, who beat Johnson last month.

Four years ago, Johnson came down with food poisoning just before the games in Barcelona and failed to make it past the 200 semifinals.

Johnson would not be the first to complete the 200-400 double. American Valerie Brisco-Hooks did it in the Los Angeles Games in 1984, but some of her top competitors weren't there because of the Soviet-led boycott.

Johnson is running against the entire world. For the first time, every country in the Olympic movement is participating in the competition.

And no one had a chance in the 400.

Sino duo in TT semis

ATLANTA, July 30: China's Deng Yaping and Qiao Hong retained their Olympic doubles crown on Monday and moved closer to repeating their Barcelona medals sweep by winning places in the singles semifinals, reports Reuter.

Deng and Qiao, the world champions, beat compatriots Liu Wei and Qiao Yunping 18-21, 25-23, 22-20, 21-14.

Later both Deng and Qiao Hong advanced to the semifinals of the women's singles, in which they won gold and silver medals respectively in Barcelona.

Women's hockey Australia in final

ATLANTA, July 30: World Cup holders Australia reached the women's Olympic hockey final with a 4-0 win over the United States on Sunday, reports Reuter.

ATLANTA, July 30: Fu Mingxia of China, the world's supreme woman's highboard diver since she was 12, retained her Olympic 10-metre platform title on Saturday, outclassing all her rivals, reports Reuter.

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