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Leroy's bane Lewis' boon

ATLANTA, Aug 2: Leroy Bur-rell opened the door for his Santa Monica track club teammate Carl Lewis to win a record 10th Olympic gold medal on Thursday when he withdrew from the US 4x100 metres relay squad through in-jury, reports Reuter.

A statement from Lawrence Magee, physician to the US athletics team, said Burrell was suffering from acute Achilles

"He will not compete based on medical recommendations.

Head US track coach Erv Hung said American officials would be examining other op-

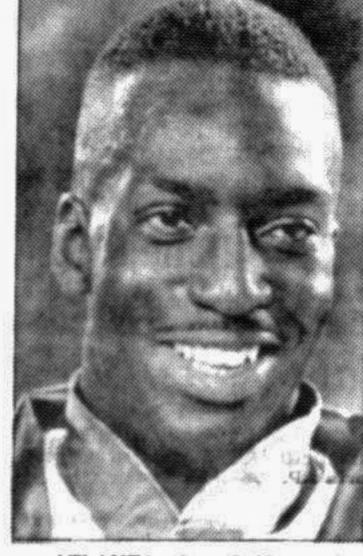
the team and the country.'

Montgomery, Tim Harden, Jeff Williams and Dennis Mitchell for Friday's first two rounds of the relay.

metres champion Mike Marsh. also from the Santa Monica Club, is scheduled to run the third leg in Saturday's final.

to the squad as a replacement on Friday as one of the six runners from which the final be selected.

Johnson at a glance



ATLANTA, Aug 2 (Reuter) Brief profile of Michael Johnson of the United States. Olympic gold medal winner in the men's 200 metres on Thursday:

ond (world record 1996)

gold 400 metres Atlanta 1996, gold 4x 400 metres relay Barcelona 1992, gold medals World Championships 200 metres 1991, 400 metres and 400 metres relay 1993: 200, 400 and 4x 400 metres relay 1995. Unbeaten in 400 metres finals since 1989. Set world 200 metres record of 19.66 in June.

Texan who was born and bred in Dallas. Marketing degree from Baylor University. First man to win gold in both and 400 metres at Olympics and at World Championships. Eliminated in seminals of 200 metres at Barcelona Olympics when suffering from food poisoning. Golden shoes in Atlanta have become his trademark.

Nagar Khanpur Reds top Nuruddin soccer

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, August 2: Nagar Khanpur Shapla Krira Sangsad red team clinched the third Nuruddin Mia Smriti football trophy after beating the green team of the club at the local Gymkhana ground here today.

The match was tied 3-3 during the stipulated time. In the penalty shoot-out, the red side converted four out of five while their rivals could score only twice.

With eight goals. Reaz of the champions emerged as the highest scorer of the 12-team meet while Shipon from the green team was adjudged foot baller of the tourney.

Shadab turns up heat

EDINBURGH, Aug 2: Pakistan's 18-year-old emerging batting talent Shadab Kabir stroked 135 in 139 balls to set up a 108-run win over Scotland in a one-day match on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Kabir, fresh from his Test debut in the opening match of the series against England at Lord's last week, spurred Pakistan to 286 for five in their 50

The Scots never came to terms with the required run rate, lost wickets at regular intervals, and were all out for 178 in 45.3 overs.

Opening the innings, Kabir completed his half-century in the 26th over before stepping up the pace.

He passed three figures in the 41st over off 119 balls, and when he was caught by Bruce Patterson off Kevin Thomson at deep mid-wicket he had hit 20 fours.

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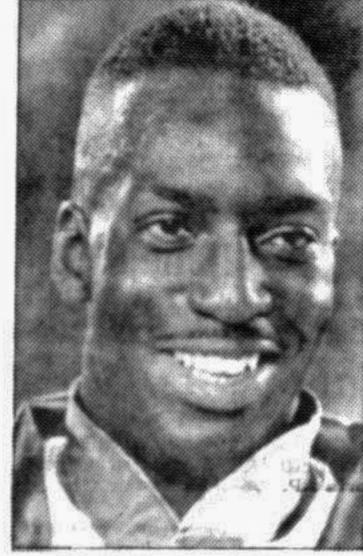
Magee said.

"We will do what's best for Burrell was named along

with Jon Drummond, Tim

Defending Olympic 200

Lewis can either be added for Burrell or named by noon quartet for Saturday's final will



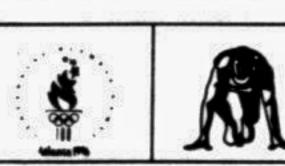
Personal best: 19.32 sec-

Previous Record : Olympic Physically heaving with Olive crown, Ottey's only irony

RACING TO GLORY: France's golden girl Marie-Jose Perec hurtles into history by winning the 200m gold ahead of perennial Jamican also-ran, Merlene Ottey at the Atlanta track on August 1. Perec became only the second female in

history to clinch the 200m and 400m golds at the same Games. AFP/UNB photo

Marie-Jose a la Johnson



ATLANTA, Aug 2: The only person to beat Michael Johnson at these Olympics is Marie-Jose Perce of France.

Fifteen minutes before Johnson pulled off his historic double Thursday night, winning the 400 and 200 metres at the same Games, the Frenchwoman nicknamed "The Gazelle" already had accomplished the feat, report agencies.

With a great finishing kick. the long-legged Perce won the women's 200 with a time of 22_13 seconds, beating out Jamaica's perennial also-ran Merlene Ottey, who picked up her second silver of the

Perce was only the second woman to win the 200 and 400 at the same Olympics, but her accomplishment was more impressive because the world's top runners were all in Atlanta. When Valerie Brisco-Hooks of the United States accomplished the double at Los Angeles in 1984, two of her chief rivals did not participate because of the Soviet-led boycott.

ATLANTA, Aug 2 (Reuter):

After five Olympic Games in 16

years which have brought her

four bronze medals and one

silver. Merlene Ottev was just

20 metres away from finally

have been yelling inside it's

mine, it's mine" someone else

reached out and grabbed it

from her grasp - which is

what has happened every four

years since she first competed

in the Games as a 20-year-old

200 metres final around the

top bend, down the home

straight and all the way to the

faint broken markings on the

track that indicate to the run-

ners they are just 20 metres

Ottey's dreams faded and died.

at the age of 36, for the last

running two lanes inside her.

came up on her left and her

long legs carried her past the

tiring 36-year-old who had to

In the moments immedi-

settle for the silver instead.

It was at that point that

Marie Jose Perec of France.

On Thursday she led the

And then, just as she must

winning her first gold

in Moscow in 1980.

from home.

emotion and looking shell shocked with the enormity of her achievement, she clearly found it hard to express her feelings.

Laughing with almost embarrassed modesty she said, "At the moment I am in the clouds. All this is incredible. It is very hard to explain, I am very moved.

Composing herself, she explained, "I knew I was strong at the end and wasn't frightened to Merlene's finish and it all worked out as planned. waited for the right moment and didn't get worried."

Ottey led by a couple of feet coming off the turn while Perce bunched together with four other runners. But Perce. her beautiful strides never wavering while the others began to struggle, overtook Ottey in the final 20 metres and won by at least five feet.

Ottey was second in 22.24 seconds, while Mary Onyali of Nigeria took the bronze in 22.38.

On Monday night, Perce won her second straight Olympic gold in the 400, setting an Olympic record of 48.25 — the world's fastest time in 10 years

Perce, 28, has been as dominating on the women's side as Johnson has been among the men - especially in the 400.

Joyner-Kersee back on her feet

ATLANTA. Aug 2: American Jackie Joyner-Kersee gritted her teeth and went back in Olympic action here on Thursday, just six days after being forced out of the heptathlon with injury, reports

The three-times Olympic gold medalist lined up for the start of the long jump quali-

string in the first heptathlon event, the 100m hurdles, last pulled out.

The 34-year-old won the heptathlon gold in 1988 and 1992. She also won the long jump title eight years ago.

moment

ATLANTA. Aug 2: Dan O'Brien's biggest day began in a downpour and ended, 13 1-2 hours later, in exhausted elation and tears.

the decathlon that everyone thought O'Brien would win four years ago finally was his Thursday night, reports AP O'Brien finished with 8.824

of all time. Germany's Frank Busemann, who had four personal bests and tied two others, took the silver at 8,706. Tomas Dvorak of the Czech

Steve Fritz for the bronze with 8,664 points. When O'Brien crossed the finish line at the end of the

last event, the 1,500 metres, he dropped to his knees and began to sob. Then there were hugs all. around - from competitors.

O'Brien and from teammate Michael Johnson, who had just been awarded a gold for his phenomenal world record performance in the 200 meters. Most of the doubt about who would win ended in the ninth event, after darkness fell.

soon as he let it loose, he knew it was a long one. O'Brien had hardly shown any emotion throughout the day, but now he jumped up and threw his fists in the air The throw was 219 feet, 6 inches (66 meters), the only

O'Brien had a 209-point lead over Busemann entering the 10th event, the 1,500 meters, always his worst. But he only had to come within 40.5 seconds of Busemann to clinch the gold.

race, but mounted a final kick to end to pull close enough. "I heard the crowd chanting USA, USA, O'Brien said. "It's

A nightmare in New Orleans four years ago haunted O'Brien until Thursday night. He already was the world champion. but O'Brien failed to make the U. S. team by crashing out of the pole vault competition.

O'Brien went on to set the world record just a few weeks after the Olympics, then won two more World Championships. But everything wasn't set right until Thursday night. When the day began in a driving rain. Busemann broke

man had cut O'Brien's lead to 71 points The sun had broke through by the time O'Brien padded the margin back to 142 with a 160-foot (48 meter) discus throw

Adkins' finest hour

ATLANTA, Aug 2 : American Derrick Adkins won an Olympic gold medal in his home town on Thursday, leading throughout the men's 400 me-

tres hurdles, reports Reuter. Adkins, world champion last year, went out fast and looked to be heading for a comfortable victory until a faltering stride over the final hurdle allowed arch rival Samuel Matete of Zambia to come back at him.

But the Atlantan dug deep into his reserves to surge towards the line, equalling his best time of 47.54 seconds and leaving Matete with the silver medal in 47.78.

Matete also took the silver behind Adkins at the World Championships in Gothenburg. Sweden, last year.

American Calvin Davis just edged out Swedish veteran Sven Nylander on the line for the bronze medal, clocking 47.96 to 47.98 for the Swede.

Nylander a top class hurdler for 15 years, set a personal best but missed out narrowly on a medal as he did in the 1984 Olympic final in Los Angeles when he also came

Poland picks 50-km walk gold

ATLANTA, Aug 2: Robert Korzeniowski of Poland won the men's 50-km walk gold medal at the Olympics today. Mikhail Shchennikov of Russia took the silver medal and Valentin Massana of Spain the bronze, reports Reuter.

Cubans in command

ATLANTA. Aug 2: Cuba advanced four boxers into gold medal matches on Thursday, while the United States lost its three semifinal bouts, report agencies. Reigning champion Felix

to the Olympic heavyweight final without throwing a punch after his German semifinal opponent Luan Krasnigi failed to show-up.lunt ... i main Krashiqi had an injured hand and a cut under his eve

Savon of Cuba walked through

and did not turn out for the weigh-in earlier. He still wins a bronze medal as a losing semifinalist Savon, five times a world

champion and unbeaten for 10 years in international competition, now meets Canada's David Defiagbon for the gold medal on Saturday.



MEDALS TABLE

ATLANTA, Aug 2: Medals table at the end of the 13th day of competition at the Atlanta Olympics on Thursday (tabulated

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Derrick Adkins (R) of the United States celebrates his gold in the 400m hurdles alongwith compatriot Calvin Davis (L) and Zambian Samuel Matete at the Olympic Stadium in Atlanta - AFP/UNB photo on August 1.

Bubka in twilight zone? Normally when you warm pics more than ever before.

KIEV. Aug 2: Mystery over world pole vault champion Sergei Bubka swiftly dissolved on Thursday when the Ukrainian turned up at a news conference in Atlanta expressing worries about his sporting future, reports Reuter.

Mikhail Tyutyunyk, com mercial director of Bubka's sports club in the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk, had suggested Bubka's whereabouts were not known and that he had left Atlanta to get over the disappointment of Wednesday when he had to quit his event with an Achilles tendon injury. Bubka, holder of 35 world

records over 13 years, had been warming up for the final with the bar set at 5.70 metres, but picked up his belong ings and walked out of the arena He told reporters on

Thursday the injury might finish his sports career. "It's tough to recover if your Achilles is broken," Bubka, 32

said. "I will have some checks." Now the only solution is rest. Bubka said he had been given a series of injections to combat the pain and had hoped he would feel ready to compete on Wednesday after up your Achilles gets better Bubka said. But this new pain is completely different. It's Tyutyunyk said earlier Sergei knew before Atlanta

we knew it too. He started to hurt in April. "He have taken on a huge physical load and was training

that his health wasn't right and

harder than he ever had. He wanted to win at these Olym-



SERGEI BUBKA

But it wasn't to be. There is something fateful about the Olympics for him. Bubka missed the 1984 Los Angeles Games because of the Soviet boycott, but won gold

four years later in Seoul. In

Barcelona, he failed to clear a height after being bothered by high winds. In addition to running a pole vault club in Donetsk, the grimy centre of the Donbass coalfield. Bubka organises an annual tournament there of the

sport's top stars and is viewed

as a hero. He spends most of his time in Germany and Monaco. 'All of Donetsk is in a kind of mourning," Tyutyunyk said. "People are turning up at the club and flooding us with calls

to find out just what hap-Bubka said earlier this year he intended to compete for two more seasons and Tyutyunyk warned against premature conclusions that the pole

vaulter's career was now over. "He is not the sort to throw in the towel. Don't believe rumours or hearsay until he tells you what he intends to do," he said. "But maybe being a champion for 13 years is enough."

ately following the race Ottey's face was a study in disbelief. Perec. who became only the second female athlete in Olympic history to win the 200-400 double celebrated her success modestly. "I have too much respect for Merlene to have erupted with joy," she said afterwards. The race — without a strong American presence - represented Ottey's last realistic chance of an individual gold.

"At this stage of my career I guess it is very hard to run two races like the semifinal and final in quick succession like that," said Ottey afterwards. "Of course I wished I had an

individual gold medal, but two silvers are not so bad after all. and anyway. When I realised back in May that Marie-Jo was probably going to run the 200. I knew she would be very hard to beat. I knew it was going to be a tough one.

Ottey missed out on a gold in Saturday's 100 final to American Gail Devers on a photo-finish decision, even though both were given the same time.

There was no doubt in the

end about the 200 outcome

with Perec emerging the clear

winner by 12-100ths of a sec ond, clocking 22.12 to Ottey's 22.24. Nigerian Mary Onyali was third in 22.38. But despite the fact she did

not capture the gold - which she could still win in the 4x100 metres relay - Ottey has re-written the Olympic

All season long Ottey has been questioned about her future plans and whether this season would be her last

She took gold at the 1991 and

1995 World Championships in

addition to the 1992 Olympic

400 at a major meet in order

to run the 200. She finished

fourth and decided to start fo-

cusing on both events.

In 1993, Perce skipped the

Now, she's already pounder-

"Maybe one day I will race

ing the possibility of adding

another event to her reper

toire before the 2000 Sydney

at 800 meters, she said

"Maybe in four years, when I'm

older people will see me at

that distance, because I'm sure

I have not used all of my po-

week she did not at first re-

alise the extent of her talent

But she told reporters this

week, "I am exceptional, I re-

track in Atlanta, not too many

her-even though in Los Ange-

les where she is coached by

Smith she attracts little atten-

famous as Michael Jordan. In

La I can walk down the street

and no-one recognises me

she said. "Maybe that will

"At home in France I am as

people would disagree with

After her victories on the

Perce admitted earlier this

tential." he said.

ally am.

'I'm not thinking about it too much right now," she said on Thursday. "And anyway there's still a chance for the gold in the relay, right?"

Dan O'Brien of the United States acknowledges the cheer from the stands after winning the Olympic decathlon event on August 1. AFP/UNB photo

She had wrenched a ham-Saturday and immediately

O'Brien's of joy

The Olympic gold medal in

points, the sixth-highest score

Republic edged American

from his adoptive father Jim

when O'Brien lined up for his final throw of the javelin. As

all-time personal best he man aged in the two days of competition.

His faced contorted, he faded midway through the

what I'd thought about when I was jogging back home.

his own world best in the 110metre hurdles, winning in 13.47 seconds. O'Brien was timed in 13.87, but the Ger-

the warm up