

Olympic Update

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Column One

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(Competition closes: 8 p.m. August 9, 1996)

- Double Olympic gold medalist Marie-José Pérec is French American Jamaican
- The electronic timing devices were first introduced in Tokyo Stockholm Barcelona
- Which country leads the opening ceremony march-past in every Olympic Games? Hosts Albania Greece
- The number of golds US swimmer Mark Spitz won in the 1972 Olympics were. Eight Five Seven
- Cricket was a gold medal sport in 1900 Olympics. Who won the gold? Great Britain Australia West Indies

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SPORTS TALK



Lindsay Davenport

American tennis player

"It's definitely the most proud I've been my life. No matter what happens to me, I'll always be a gold medalist."

On winning the women's singles in Atlanta Olympics.

Saqlain, Nazir restrict Durham

CHESTER-LE-STREET, England, Aug 4: Pakistan's bowling depth was emphasised on Saturday by teenagers Shahid Nazir and Saqlain Mushtaq who played a major part in dismissing Durham for 307 on the first day of their three-day match, reports Reuter.

Pakistan will resume today on 29 without loss.

Off-spinner Saqlain bowled a marathon 34 overs to finish with three for 89, while Shahid claimed three wickets for 17 runs in 26 balls. Spearhead Wasim Akram chipped in with three wickets.

Durham openers Sherwin Campbell (22) and Stewart Hutton (34) were seemingly untroubled by the Pakistan attack minus Waqar Younis and leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed as they raced to 62 without loss.

"Shahid is the most promising fast bowler we have," said tour manager Yawar Saeed after he finished with three for 20.

"He is learning fast and is a great prospect for the future — I would have no qualms about putting him into a Test match if necessary."

Saqlain suffers from Pakistan's current selection policy of only playing one spinner in their Test side.

"I would rate him as one of the best off-spinners in the world but if we are playing only one spinner it is difficult to displace Mushtaq (Ahmed)."

Russia kept waiting

ATLANTA, Aug 4: An arbitration panel reached a verdict Saturday on Russia's appeal against the doping expulsions of two medal-winning athletes but postponed an announcement until Sunday, reports AP.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport came to a decision on the cases of swimmer Andrei Korneyev and Greco-Roman wrestler Zafar Gulyev, who were stripped of bronze medals after testing positive for bromantan.



The Canadian men's 4x100m relay team doing the victory lap with their national flag after winning the gold at the Olympic Stadium in Atlanta on August 3. — AFP/UNB photo



Russian Svetlana Masterkova (L) and Gabriela Szabo of Romania having a victory lap after winning gold and silver respectively in the 1500-metre sprint at the Olympic Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia, on August 3. Austrian Theresia Kiesl won the bronze. — AFP/UNB photo

Canadians humble Hunt

ATLANTA, Aug 4: Carl Lewis didn't get his chance to try for a record 10th Olympic gold medal, and Canada upstaged the US 4x100-metre relay team anyway. But Andre Agassi was good for gold on his first try on a perfect day on the tennis court for the Americans that expanded their lead in the medals race, report agencies.

Even without the world's fastest man, Michael Johnson, in the men's 4x400-metre lineup, the Americans swept the other three track relays.

Germany moved ahead of Russia for second place in total medals, winning four golds with powerful canoe and kayak paddling and stylish horsemanship. Cuba's punch proved too strong in the boxing ring and volleyball stadium as it added three golds to its collection.

Spain's Miguel Indurain won an Olympic gold, gaining some consolation for the recent and of his five-year reign as champion of the cycling showcase, the Tour de France.

The world champion Canadian 4x100-metre relay team, anchored by 100-metre gold medalist Donovan Bailey, finished in 37.69 seconds, the fastest time ever by a non-American team, the sixth-fastest time ever, and .36 ahead of Saturday's American challengers.

Lewis, however, would have run the anchor leg, and US coach Ery Hunt said that would have disrupted the team by forcing two or three runners to switch from their accustomed positions.

It was the first outright loss ever in the Olympics for a US men's 4x100-metre relay team.

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team, not counting three disqualifications and a 1980 boycott of the 1980 Moscow Games.

The American women's 4x100 metre relay team had no such problems. With 100-metre champion Gail Devers, running the second leg, it finished in 41.95, the world's fastest time this year, and beat the Bahamas by .19 seconds.

In the women's 4x400-metre relay, the Americans did have problems, but third leg runner Kim Graham made up a big deficit and they won by .13 seconds over Nigeria.

The Americans also won the men's 4x400-metre relay by .61 seconds over Britain.

Michael Johnson, winner of an unprecedented double gold in the 400 and 200 this week, had planned to run in this race but pulled out with a leg injury suffered in his world record 200 on Thursday.

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CENTENNIAL GAMES CHIPS

A CONFESSION

ATLANTA, Aug 4 (AP, AFP): International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch said on Saturday they had made a mistake in letting a private organisation stage the Atlanta Games.

But he denied the Games had become unmanageable.

"My belief is that the host city, the regional authorities and the national government need to be full partners in future Games to ensure they run properly," he said.

SPIRIT AWARD FOR LEWIS & STRUG

Kerri Strug and Carl Lewis were honoured Saturday with the spirit award as the stars of US Olympic team.

The tiny gymnast and the track legend produced two of the most vivid images of the Summer Games — Strug injurying her ankle nailing the vault that clinched the team gold medal for the US women gymnasts, and Lewis soaring through the air to win the long jump for a record fourth time.

When they met to accept their awards from the US Olympic Committee and sponsor BMW, the winners exchanged congratulations and flattery.

The first thing I wanted when I saw Carl Lewis today was a picture, Strug said. "I've seen him on TV and it's mesmerizing. It's wonderful to share this award with such a high-profile athlete."

Lewis said he was inspired by Strug and her teammates.

"I was at home for the first couple days of the games and watched their performance on TV. That kick-started my excitement for the games," he said.

DEVERS CARES FOR TEAMMATES

Gail Devers' trademark taunts were nowhere to be seen during the 400-meter relay Saturday night.

No, she hadn't cut her long fingernails — she wrapped them in white tape so she

wouldn't slice on her teammates while passing the baton.

Devers, winner of the 100 metres, ran the second leg as the US team won the gold medal.

The Los Angeles sprinter won't let anyone measure her nails, but they're so long they curl around. She has to scrub her fingers together at the start of a race so her nails won't break.

MAYER BILL BLAMES HIMSELF

While relatives and friends gathered Saturday to remember Alice Hawthorne, a downcast Mayor Bill Campbell took responsibility for the bomb that killed her.

About 800 mourners gathered at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church for a funeral service for Mrs Hawthorne, who was buried Saturday in Atlanta.

During the service, mourners stood to recognize about 200 of Mrs Hawthorne's relatives. Among them was Mrs Hawthorne's 14-year-old daughter, Fallon Stubbs, who was one of 111 people injured by the pipe bomb, which exploded during a concert.

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