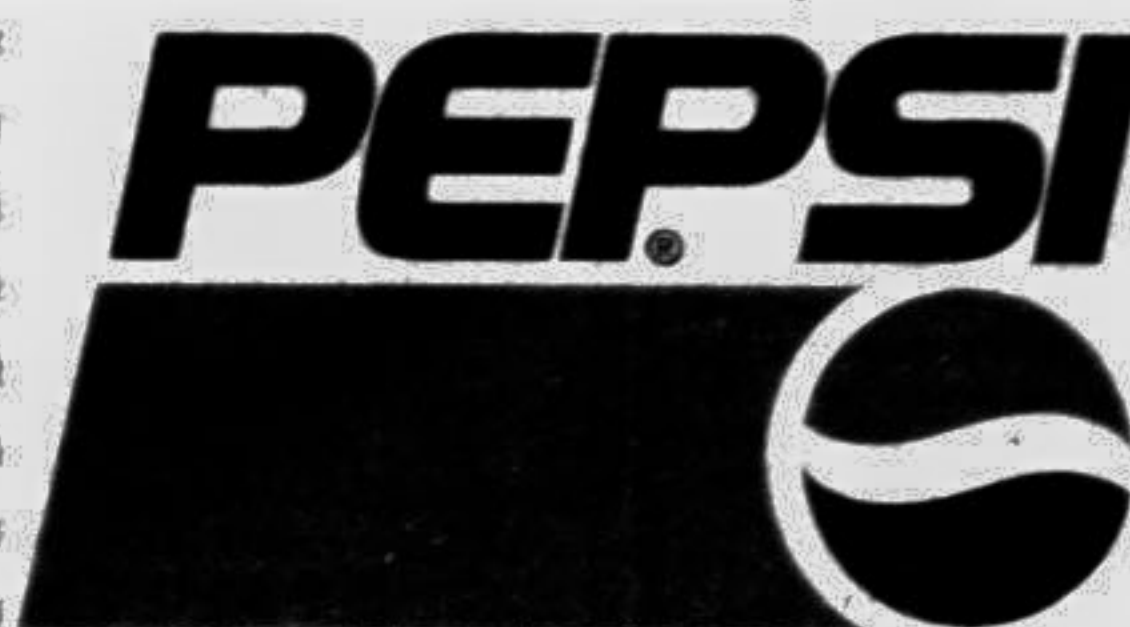


Olympic Update

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Column One

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

1.	Double Olympic gold medalist Marie Jose Percec is	French	American	Japanese
2.	The electronic timing devices were first introduced in	Tokyo	Stockholm	Barcelona
3.	Which country leads the opening ceremony march-past in every Olympic Games?	Hungary	Albania	Greece
4.	The number of gold US swimmer Mark Spitz won in the 1972 Olympics were	Eight	Five	Seven
5.	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.

However, the county side slipped to 92 for three, but thanks largely to captain Mike Roseberry's 93 not out they managed to post a reasonable first innings total.

"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 Guliyov, 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

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, 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.

Nouredine Morceli of Algeria, a three-time world champion who was hampered by injury before the 1992 Games, won his gold this time, crushing in .62 seconds head of Spain's Farmin Cacho, the 1992 winner.

Russia's Svetlana Masterkova, already the 800 metre champion, won her second gold, in 1500 metres, beating Romania's Gabriela Szabo by .71 seconds. It was the first women's Olympic double in 20 years.

Gabriela Szabo of Romania, who tried to stay with her round the final bend before falling back on the home straight, took silver in 4:01.54, with Austrian Theresa Kiesel collecting bronze in 4:03.02.

Masterkova's double was the

first in the middle distances since Soviet Athlete Tatyana Kazankina achieved the same feat at the Montreal Olympics in 1976.

Jan Zelezny of the Czech Republic became the first man to repeat as javelin champion since 1924. He won with a throw of 88.16 metres (289 feet, 3 inches).

Venuste Niyongabo won Burundi's first Olympic gold medal, beating Paul Bitok of Kenya by .20 seconds in the men's 5,000.

In the women's high jump, Bulgaria's Stefka Kostadinova cleared 2.05 metres (6-8 3/4) for gold and an Olympic record.

The 31-year-old Kostadinova, Second at the 1988 Seoul Games and fourth in Barcelona four-year ago, produced a superb series of jumps to dominate the competition and win with 2.05 metres, an Olympic record.

Greek Niki Bakogianni, the only jumper who could have deprived the Bulgarian of the gold in the climax of the competition, took silver with 2.03 metres, with Ukraine's Inga Babakova collected bronze with 2.01 metres.

Germany dominated the day's six canoe and kayak finals, winning three golds and a silver. Other golds went to Italy, the Czech Republic and Norway, whose Knut Holmann won the 1,000-metre kayak race and crased memories of losing the gold by .24 seconds in 1992.

German rider Isabell Worth of Germany won the equestrian individual dressage competition, with Dutch riders second and third.



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 Theresa Kiesel won the bronze. — AFP/UNB photo

ATLANTA SNIPPETS

FASTEST TRACK UP FOR SALE

ATLANTA, Aug 4 (AP): The world's fastest track is going on the chopping block, part of an Olympic souvenir sale.

Olympics organisers plan to slice 50,000 square yards (42,000 square metres) of the red rubber track where Donovan Bailey and Michael Johnson smashed two world records into 100,000 bits of memorabilia. Prices range from 19.96 dollars to 49.96 dollars.

It's part of a 'Remains of the Games' sale, to be held by the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games in late August.

Street banners and other "Look of the Games" decorations will be sold in ACOG souvenir stores for as yet-undetermined prices. Office furniture will be auctioned.

"We're giving people a week or two to get pumped for it," said Jack Daley, director of merchandising in ACOG's games services division.

Cities looking for a velodrome can talk directly to Dale Hughes, the Michigan entrepreneur packing up his Olympic bicycle track and searching for a buyer with deep pockets.

Cuban spikers clinch gold

ATLANTA, Aug 4: Cuba beat China three sets to one in the Olympic women's volleyball final here on Saturday, reports AFP.

The outcome was uncertain until the final set of a white-knuckle game for the world and Olympic champions who took the title 14-16, 15-12, 17-16, 15-6.

Mireya Luis, the superstar of women's volleyball who played in Japan last season, opened Cuba's attack with her trademark high jumps and rapid-fire arm swings.

But, powered by Barcelona Olympic survivor Sun Yue, China came back from 0-6 down to tie at 7-7 in the first set and force Cuba to the brink at 9-14.

Cubans battled back to 14-14 but their chase ended when Maglys Carajal was penalised for reaching over the net at 14-15 down.

China, who beat Cuba in a friendly match at home this year after finishing third at the World Cup last year under new coach Lang Ping, also staged a thrilling comeback in the second set — from 5-9 to 12-11.



A BEAMING QUARTET: The victorious US Olympic women's 4x100m relay team proudly display their national flag after winning the event at the Olympic Stadium in Atlanta on August 3. — AFP/UNB photo

Ali steals the spotlight



emotion but Ali raised both arms in the air to acknowledge the cheers.

Many had tears in their eyes as Samaranch hung the medal round his neck. Ali kissed the IOC president on both cheeks and then kissed the medal, a replica of the one he tossed into the Ohio River in disgust after he and a friend had been chased away from an all-white restaurant.

Winners' podium

ATLANTA, Aug 4: Antonio Rossi of Italy won the men's 500 metres single kayak gold medal at the Olympics today, reports Reuter.

Knut Holmann of Norway took the silver and Piotr Markiewicz of Poland the bronze.

Rita Koban of Hungary won the women's 500 metres single kayak gold. Caroline Brunet of Canada took the silver and Josefa Idem of Italy the bronze.

While Germany won the men's 500 metres kayak doubles gold, Italy took the silver and Australia the bronze.

Sweden won the women's 500 metres kayak doubles gold, Germany took the silver and Australia the bronze.

Martin Doktor of the Czech Republic won the men's 500 metres single canoe gold, Slavomir Knezovicky of Slovakia took the silver and Imre Pulai of Hungary the bronze.

Hungary won the men's 500 metres canoe doubles gold, Moldova took the silver and Romania the bronze.

QUIPS & QUOTES

ATLANTA, Aug 4 (AFP): Best quotes of what they said at the Olympics:

"It is his definition of hell. I think he is in shock."

Lawyer for Richard Jewell, the number one suspect for the Olympic Park bombing after the FBI took 11 hours to search his apartment.

"No comment."

Chinese table tennis star Wang Tao's smiling reply when asked what he does with all the money he earns playing professional table tennis in Germany.

"Running fast into a brick wall."

Jan Zelezny of the Czech Republic explaining what it feels like to hurl a javelin.

"It's not easy to lose a match after being 3-1 up, but we managed to do even that. Wonder what's next?"

Indian hockey coach Cedric D'Souza after losing 5-3 to South Korea.

"I saw a lot of movies in Russia about US police. Here they respect the police. It is not so in Russia. When you become a policeman, it's embarrassing."

Russia's Andrey Cheremkin, a 24-year-old police academy student, after winning the super heavyweight weightlifting gold, making him the strongest man in the world.

"I don't know that much about the Olympics. I have never even seen them on television before coming here."

Ethiopia's Fatuma Roba after winning the women's marathon at the first attempt.

"African soccer was a surprise for me. I didn't think they were that good."

Brazilian World Cup star Bebeto after his side beat Ghana 4-2 in the football semifinals.

"I admire the way you've handled all the crap that's been thrown at you."

President Bill Clinton talking to swimmer Michaela Smith about the drug slurs made against her.

"Being famous takes some getting used to."

World triple jumper Jonathan Edwards after finishing well down in qualifying.

"At its worst, the sport can result in serious, life endangering physical and emotional disabilities."

US doctors writing in the New England journal of medicine about gymnastics.

"I have got no strategy. I'm just going to run like hell. People talk about my slow starts — it's not how you start, it's how you finish."

Former 100 m champion Linford Christie on his race strategy.

"One mistake and you're history."

Olympic 100 metre gold medal hopeful Frankie Fredericks on why he doesn't like the race.

"The truth is, the Americans are more interested in money than the athlete's welfare."

Chinese Olympic Committee spokeswoman He Huixing on the Atlanta Olympics.

"The quantity and quality are fine. It just tastes awful. They have Chinese chefs in the village, but they have all been assigned to cook western food, which is plainly absurd."

We on life in the Athletes Village.

"The Olympic Games is the premier sporting event in the world, not the premier security event. We could do a lot better if there were no spectators."

Bill Rathburn, head of Olympic security trying to explain how an armed convicted criminal got past security and into the opening ceremony.

Thugwane the toast of Africa

ATLANTA, Aug 4: Josia Thugwane became the first black South African to win an Olympic gold medal when he triumphed in the closest ever finish to a men's marathon today, reports Reuter.

Thugwane, winner of last year's Honolulu marathon and this year's Cape Town event, clocked two hours 12 minutes 36 seconds, just ahead of South Korean Lee Bong-Ju.

Eric Wainana of Kenya took bronze and Martin Fiz, world and European champion and favourite for the Olympic title, placed fourth.

Thugwane, the first African to win the Olympic marathon since Mamo Wolde of Ethiopia in 1968, broke away after 30 km of the race through the suburbs of Atlanta on a mild morning in which the 123 runners were not unduly bothered by the summer heat.

Meanwhile, President Nelson Mandela congratulated Thugwane calling him an example to black youth and "South Africa's golden boy."

But it was only when the "Dream Team" basketball players surged towards him and hugged him that Ali's face burst into the big, wide smile of delight that used to come so readily during the height of his career.

Ali, dressed casually in a blue shirt and brown trousers, also posed with the Yugoslavia team for photographs and blew kisses to the crowd.

"Dream Team" player Anfernee Hardaway summed up what many in the crowd were feeling. "I think when Mr Ali came out the emotions were shown for everything he did back then. He got the applause he deserves for all the struggle he had to through back then."

"He's still the greatest in our hearts."

Teammate Reggie Miller said: "For Americans he's a role model for a lot of guys on our team. To get to touch him, gave me a lot of joy. He's the greatest champ of all time. To be in arm's reach was very special."

Coach Lenny Wilkens said: "He's the most principled man I've ever met. He had the courage of his convictions in a very difficult time. People today recognise that and were certainly very proud of him."

Ali used his fame as a boxer to become a symbol of black pride and a vice for the oppressed.

He became a Muslim after winning the world heavyweight title as Cassius Clay in 1964 and refused to fight in the Vietnam war. He was stripped of his title but this only served to increase his standing among blacks.

'Dream Team' pass the test

ATLANTA, Aug 4: The "Dream Team" won their gold medal, but not without a fight from Yugoslavia, reports Reuter.

"We did what we needed to do," said power forward Karl Malone. "We won the gold medal and that is what matters."

The Americans finally broke free in the second half for a 95-69 victory on Saturday while Yugoslavia, with a silver medal, won the real competition below the unbeatable US NBA all-stars. Lithuania took the bronze beating Australia.

The Yugoslavs led for much of the first half, trailed by five points at halftime and were just one point down with 14.03 to go before the Americans, led by San Antonio Spurs centre David Robinson, embarked on one of their familiar second-half runs to pull away.

Robinson scored 28 points, 10 of them in the key 28-5 burst, and Reggie Miller had 20 points in a battle of the last two undefeated teams in the Olympic basketball tournament.

"Any one of these guys could have stepped up, that is why they call this a 'Dream Team,'" said Robinson. "I am glad it was my opportunity tonight. It was a lot of fun."

"We were a little bit tight in the first half and I could tell we needed a spark and I just tried to come off the bench and give us that."

In a game that saw a lot of complaining to the referees, Charles Barkley's fifth and final foul was a technical. "I was thrown out of the game because I said what country you are from, Yugoslavia?"

Shocking!

ATLANTA, Aug 4: One off-duty national guardsman was shot dead and another injured early Sunday morning after finishing Olympic security duty, police said here, reports AFP.

The two men, in civilian clothes, were leaving a restaurant in Doraville at 3.25 a.m. and were on their way back to their base camp when the shooting occurred.