

American kids stun 'em all



ATHENS, Aug 4: Marion Jones transformed raw talent into a World Championship gold medal on Sunday at the start of what promises to become a new era for American sprinting, reports Reuters.

On an unexpectedly cool, cloudy evening, Jones and Maurice Greene clinched the first US 100 metres double in six World Championships and the first at any global competition since the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Jones, who returned to athletics this year after a successful college basketball career, defeated Ukrainian Zhanna Pintushevich by the thinnest of margins to win the women's title in 10.83 seconds.

Pintushevich, convinced she had won, danced along the track and was halfway down the backstraight when Jones was officially awarded the race. "I thought I had got her but then she started celebrating," Jones said. "Then I looked over and some of my American teammates gave me the thumbs up."

Jones, who has a chance of two further titles in the long jumps and 4x100 metres relay, is the most exciting sprinter-long jumper to emerge from the

United States since Carl Lewis announced his presence at the 1983 World Championships. Lewis was the last American

World round-robin chess from Aug 3

WARSAW, Aug 4: A total of 360 players from more than 20 countries and regions will take part in the eighth World Chess round-robin tournament slated from August 3 to 13 in Koszalin, Poland, reports Xinhua.

Among them are 23 international Grand Masters including Colin MacNab of Scotland, Olivier Renet of France, Gilberto Milos of Brazil, Darryl Johanson of Australia and Mark Tajmanow of Russia.

All the 23 Grand Masters have scored at least 2500 ranking points.

Winner of the 10-day event will be rewarded with 2,500 pounds top prize.

Martial arts meet on

A three-day martial arts competition began yesterday at the National Sports Council gymnasium organised by the Bangladesh Martial Art Confederation (BMAC), reports BSS.



American Maurice Greene (R) storms ahead of his rivals to claim the world 100 metres title in Athens on Aug 3. Defending champion Donovan Bailey (C) of Canada finished second. — AFP/UNB photo

Athens' fans irk IAAF

ATHENS, Aug 4: Athletics officials may be forced to take action against supporters of Athens' bid for the 2004 Olympics after scores of people held up a huge banner during Saturday's opening day of the World Championships, reports Reuters.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) does not allow advertising from any of the five cities bidding for the Games in the stadium at the championships.

But spectators held up a banner promoting the Athens bid over scores of seats which was clearly visible on live television around the world.

Although the people who held it above their heads were not directly linked to the Athens bid, IAAF general secretary Istvan Gyulai described the banner as "excessive."

"If it happens again in the future we will have to discuss it," Gyulai said. "There is no rule on this, but our policy is not to accept advertising from a bidding committee. But there has been no official protest to Athens."

Athens, which is bidding against Rome, Buenos Aires, Cape Town and Stockholm for the Games, said it believed the supporters were volunteers from a local newspaper which is backing the bid.

"It has nothing to do with the Athens bidding committee. They bought the tickets and put up the banner," an Athens 2004 official said. "I believe they have the right to do that."

Athens is staging the most prestigious athletics event outside of the Olympic Games at a key moment in the bidding process. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will decide next month on the hosts of the 2004 Summer Games.

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The Indian Top 10 4:00
Turn On T.V. 6:00
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By Demand VJ 8:00
Trey Live 8:00
Turn On T.V. 9:00
Simply South 9:30
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Liberty First Day First Show 10:30
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70's Rewind 11:30
Turn On T.V. 12:00
Haysak VJ Denis 2:00
By Demand VJ 3:00
V Hour 4:30
The Oprah Winfrey Show 5:30
First Day First Show 5:30
Freestyle

Years 6:30pm

Yan Can Cook 7:00
Janata Ki Adalat 7:30
Star News (Hindi) 8:00
Small Wonder 8:30
Kya Baat Hai 9:00
Meri Awaz Suno 9:30
Star News 10:00
Some Mothers Do Awe 10:30
Space: Above And Beyond 11:30
The Bold & the Beautiful 12:00
Santa Barbara 1:00
Star News 1:30
Baywatch 2:30
Dynasty 3:30
Vega 4:30
The Oprah Winfrey Show 5:30
21 Jump Street

Champions Cup 97 2nd Semifinals

9:00 The Castrol St Leger
9:30 FIM World Motorcycle Rpt
10:00 GP HL 11:00 Australia v South
12:30 ASP World Championships Rpt
Curv St Leger Pro 2:00
Kuala Lumpur Super 8's Day 2

STAR MOVIES

7:30am Family: Gypsy 15 (Arabic Subtitles)
9:30 Film Club: The Mambo Kings 11:30
Thriller: Watchers 11:30
Comedy: The Mask 15 (Hindi Subtitles)
Action: Under Fire 15:30
Action: The Magnificent Butcher 15 (English Subtitles)
7:30 Film Club: The Journalist 15:30
El Features 10:00
Action: Marked For Death 15 (Hindi Subtitles)
12:00 Thriller: The Lawnmower Man 18:20
Horror: Critters IV 18:40
Action: Black Cobra 18 (English Subtitles)
5:30 Film Club: Love & Betrayal: The Mia Farrow Story 15 (Arabic Subtitles)

STAR SPORTS

7:30 ABC Champions Cup 97 1st Semifinals
9:00 World Wrestling Federation Live Wire
10:00 Trans World Sport 11:00
Inside PGA Tour 11:30
Superbike World Championships 1997
European Grand Prix Highlights
1:00 ABC Champions Cup 97 1st Semifinals
3:00 Marlboro League 97 CNFL 4:30
Cliffhangers on Wheels 5:30
Ice Landic Motorsports 1:30
ASP World Championships Rpt
Curv/St Leger Pro 7:30 ABC

STAR PLUS

6:30 Nanaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:00
Business Agenda 9:30
Nine To Five 10:00
Yan Can Cook 10:30
El TV 11:00
The Wonder Years 11:30
The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:30
The X Files 1:30
Santa Barbara 2:30
The Bold & the Beautiful 3:00
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Sungurhar 4:00
Tu Tu Main Main 4:30
WWF Superstars 5:30
Doogie Howser MD 6:00
The Wonder

PTV

08:00 TILAWAT AUR TARJUMA
HAMD NAAT 08:20
CARTOON 08:30
KHAIRAIN 08:45
BEAUTY CARE 08:50
Fun Kadha 09:10
Dhanak & Health Tips 10:05
HAR TAAN HEY DEEPAK 10:30
ENGLISH FILM: Home Improvement 10:55
MILLI NAGHMA 11:00
KHAIRAIN 11:10
Serial 12:00
SPORTS HOUR 12:55
QURAN-E-HAKEEM 01:25
BISMILLAH 01:15
THE SCIENCE SHOW 02:00
Yeh Jahan (Music Video) 02:25
Animated Classics 03:15
Geography & Sammar School 04:20
Mini Song 05:00
Allah Huma Labbaik 05:25
Serial 06:25
AIOU COURSES 07:00
Serial 07:45
ENGLISH NEWS 08:15
UN Quiz 08:45
Serial 09:00
Break for Headline News 10:00
Khabarnama & Commercial News & Khushal Pakistan 11:20
VCD Top Ten (Pakistani Video Countdown) 12:30
Dr. Quin: Medicine Women (Jean Saylor)

EL TV

07:00 Yeadon Ki Barai 07:30
Stand By (Trailer Show) 07:40
Amritabha Specials 08:20
Haseen Pal 08:30
Positive Health Show 09:00
Chehre 09:30
Teen Do Panch (Serial) 10:00
Hindi Feature Film 01:00
Jaguar Its My Choice 01:30
Si-yarams Kamal Kombination 02:00
Gujral: Sapna Na Vaveler 03:00
No Problem 03:30
Anuraag 04:00
Tanav 04:30
HFF 07:30
Serial: Campus 07:50
Huseen Pal (Trailer Show) 08:00
Hindi Feature Film 10:30
Stand By (Trailer Show) 10:45
Hindi Feature Film 01:30
Ten V Chup 02:00
The Real Countdown 03:00
Punshikhetra 04:00
Hindi Feature Film (BDV)

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10:30 Janmadin (Birthday Greetings) 10:35
Daily Sope: Rajeshwari 11:30
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Tea / Parliament Hour 12:30

SONY ET

08:30 Khoya Khoya Chand (Hit Songs Show) 09:00
Spoon (Slicom) 09:30
Dennis The Menace (Hindi Dub English Film) 10:00
Dream Of Jeannie (Hindi Dub English Film) 10:30
Premier (Latest Film Songs) 02:00
Surf-Wheel Of Fortune (Game Show) 02:30
Closed

ZEE TV

06:00 Jagran 06:30
A to Z of COMPUTER-The Management Course 07:30
Zee Business Show 08:00
Zee News & Business 08:30
Special Report 09:00
Disney Hour (Cartoon)

Schillaci homesick

MILAN, Aug 4: Italy's 1990 World Cup star Salvatore "Toto" Schillaci said today he has had enough of the J-League and a "monotonous" life in Japan and wants to return to Europe, reports AFP.

Schillaci, top goalscorer at Italia '90 and famous for his wide-eyed expression after scoring, said he has no regrets about moving to Japan — but is nevertheless glad to be leaving.

"I've not regretted the choice I made. I've earned money, I've played a lot and scored a lot of goals in a different kind of football, one which is easy — but not that easy," said the Jubilo Iwata striker.

"Certainly, life in Iwata is difficult... I've spent the time with my girlfriend watching English Pay-TV and videos," he told the Gazzetta Dello Sport.

"Life is so monotonous that even if you tried to do something, you'd never manage it."

The Sicilian striker went on: "Japan is the last place to go and live. They only think about work, there, you're a number in a company."

"I can't take it any more. In December, I'm going back to Palermo."

Schillaci, currently suffering from back trouble, was speaking during a brief visit to Sicily for physiotherapy.

Though his future is uncertain, "Toto" insisted: "Football-wise, I still feel that I've got it in me. If the back problem gets sorted out, I could still play my part."

"I've only received one offer — from Derby county, we'll see. I'd like to play in Italy, but I could only continue if I'm fully fit."

"For the moment, there are only two things that are certain about my future — Palermo and my football school at Ribolal, which is where I started out."

"I want to do something for the youngsters, perhaps find another Schillaci, may be a better one."

After being the toast of Italy at the World Cup, Schillaci struggled with injury and a loss of form for two seasons with Juventus and another two with Inter Milan before leaving for the J-League.

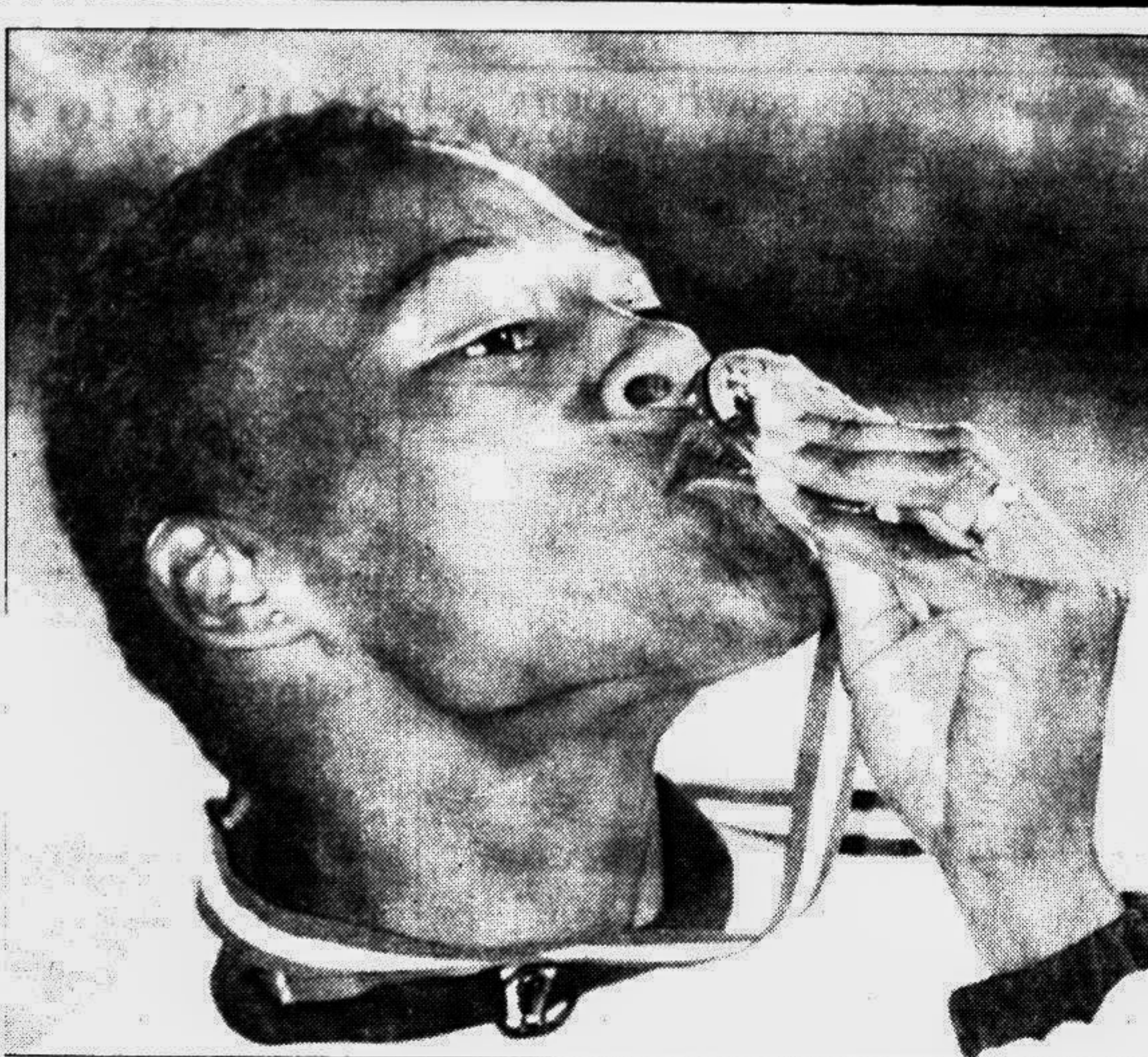
Barisal soccer

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 4: Mohammedan Sporting Club beat Barisal District Police by 5-0 goals in the Ema Overseas First Division football league at the local stadium this afternoon.

Sukhan of Mohammedan made hat-trick while Kamal and Harun scored once each for the winners.

Tomorrow's match: 7th Armed Battalion vs Udayanee Club.



American Marion Jones kisses her gold medal after winning the 100m final in Athens on Aug 3. — AFP/UNB photo

Gun gives Merlene hell



ATHENS, Aug 4: Legendary Jamaican sprinter Merlene Ottey can thank a barely audible starting gun for blowing away the last realistic opportunity she had of claiming an elusive 100 metres gold medal here on Sunday, reports AFP.

The 37-year-old sprinter, who failed to add to her record World Championship medals haul of 13, fired out of the blocks in the women's 100 metres final and sprinted 60 metres down the track before realising that there had been a false start.

However, it later transpired that the starter had been slow to fire the mandatory second shot to stop her sprint to disaster — she fought valiantly in the return but faded to finish seventh and disappeared without a word afterwards.

It had been an accident waiting to happen as the starting gun had already caused a lot of anxiety among the sprinters with several complaining that it was very hard to distinguish despite having microphones built into their starting blocks.

American sprinter Chryste Gaines, who finished last in the final, said that the gun had caused her problems throughout the event and was bemused that despite a similar problem in Gothenburg two years ago nothing had been done.

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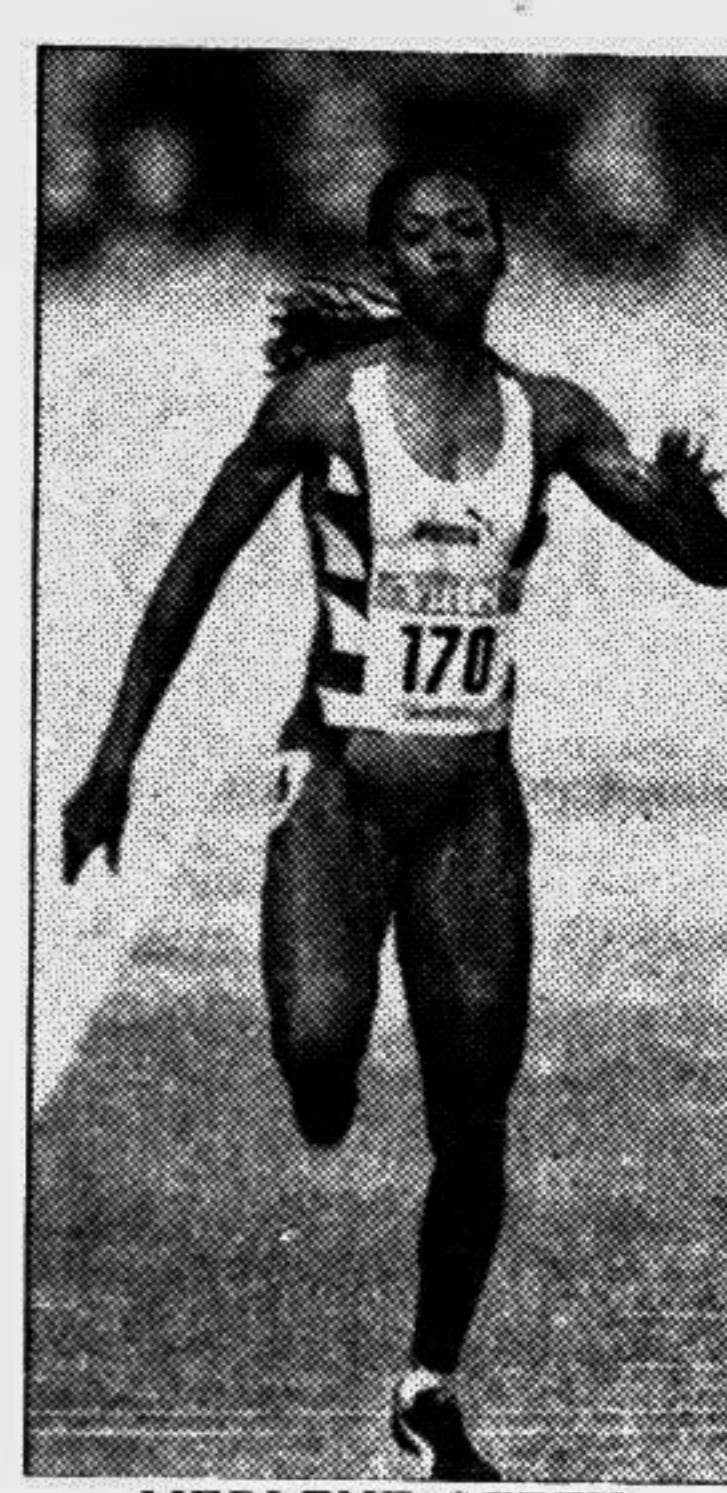
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Bailey down but not out



ATHENS, Aug 4: Olympic champion Donovan Bailey, defeated by Maurice Greene in Sunday's world 100 metres final, will seek compensation by further reducing his own world record this season, reports Reuters.

"Get healthy again and lower my record before the end of the season is what I intend to do now," said Bailey, who set the current mark of 9.84 seconds at last year's Atlanta Olympics.

Canadian Bailey, troubled by cramps on Saturday, had to settle for second place with 9.91 behind American champion, Greene, who won in 9.86 only Bailey himself and American Leroy Burrell have ever run faster.

Blanc proves his worth

PARIS, Aug 4: France defender Laurent Blanc, newly signed from Barcelona, scored twice in six minutes on his debut as Marseille came from behind to beat Le Havre 3-1 at home in the French First Division on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Paris St Germain also relief on new signings Florian Maurice and Marco Simone for their first goal in a 2-0 home win over promoted Chateauroux, the France striker netting a ball from the Italian in the season than the champions who went down 1-0 at Bordeaux on Friday.

Lens, who beat 1996 champions Auxerre 3-0 at home, have the best record of the opening weekend of the season. Marseille and Guingamp, 3-1 winners against Cannes with two goals from striker Lionel Rouxel, are joint second.

"I've been hurt for the last while," said Bailey. "I've lost 12 pounds (five kg) since I last competed in Europe, yesterday (Saturday) was a struggle but I don't want to get into that. I'm not going to sit here and make excuses. I was second."

Pre-race favourite Ato Boldon, who clocked 9.87 in Saturday's second round before finishing a disappointing fifth on Sunday, also has designs on the world record.

"I was suffering with cramps before the race," said the Trinidadian extrovert. "I've still got another chance, I've got to keep my head on straight for the 200."

Boldon always knew Greene would be a major threat, when Greene joined John Smith's training camp in California in September last year, he lived with Boldon for some time and upset his host by watching videos of his races and correcting his mistakes.

Boldon said before the championships started that if his talent caught up with his ego, he would run 9.69 Bailey did not give a target.

The pair will need to move fast to beat Greene to the record.

Kashima start cruising

TOKYO, Aug 4: Defending J League champion and first-stage winner Kashima Antlers kicked off the second-stage competition on Wednesday night with a 3-1 win against Fukuoka Avispa at the southern Japan city of Hakata, reports Reuters.

Antlers broke a 1-1 deadlock with an individual goal by Atsushi Yanagisawa in the 72nd minute, before Hisashi Kurosaki added the third goal to crush Avispa's resistance.

Man United lift Charity Shield

WEMBLEY, Aug 4: Premier league champions Manchester United got the best of a penalty shootout Sunday to beat FA Cup holders Chelsea in the Charity Shield exhibition, the traditional curtain-raiser of the English season, reports AP.

With the score tied 1-1 after regulation 90 minutes on a Chelsea header by Mark Hughes in the 52nd and equaliser six minutes later by Manchester United's Ronny Johnson, it came down to penalties.

United won that showdown 4-2 as Paul Scholes, Denis Irwin, Roy Keane and Nicky Butt converted. Chelsea's Frank Sinclair and Robert Di Matteo were thwarted by United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel.

Both team had a few chances to score in the first half and the frustration was evident when Dennis Wise of Chelsea and United's new Striker Teddy Sheringham — bought from Tottenham to replace Eric Cantona — picked up yellow cards.

Inzaghi inspires Juve

CESSNA, Italy, Aug 4: New signing Filippo Inzaghi scored twice as Juventus continued their century celebrations with a 3-2 defeat of English side Newcastle on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Inzaghi, who joined the Italian champions after finishing last season with Atalanta as Serie A's top marksman, scored Juve's second and third goals as the Italian champions cruised to a 3-0 half-time lead.

Defender Ciro Ferrara had put the Italian champions 1-0 up after just 55 seconds.

Colombian Faustino Asprilla scored twice for Newcastle after the break — once from the penalty spot and once with a searing strike from 25 metres — but Juventus played out a comfortable victory in front of around 25,000 fans in Cesena, near Italy's Adriatic coast.

Commissioner Gold Cup soccer

From Our Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Aug 4: The Commissioner Gold Cup (Chittagong Division) football tournament '97 begins tomorrow at Rangamati Stadium.

The Commissioner of Chittagong Division and president of the Chittagong Sports Association Sakawat Hossain will inaugurate the meet.

The opening match will be played between Khagrachari and Bandarban district teams. Eleven teams of Chittagong Division will participate in the tournament.

Bonev banks on Stoichkov

SOFIA, Aug 4: Bulgaria coach Hristo Bonev on Friday announced his squad for a World Cup qualifier against Israel on August 20 and said he hoped Hristo Stoichkov would be fit to play, reports Reuters.

Local newspapers said Stoichkov, who plays for Barcelona in Spain, was in hospital with a high temperature.

"I do not know Stoichkov's problems but I hope he will recover quickly and will be ready for August 20," sports daily Meridian Match quoted Bonev as saying.

So far in the European qualifying Group Five, Bulgaria have lost 2-1 to Israel but won their four matches against Cyprus and Luxembourg.

Bulgaria are third in the standings with 12 points from five games while Russia are top with 14 points from six games. Israel have 13 points from seven games.

Bulgaria play Russia in Sofia on September 10 and in Moscow on October 11.

SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Zdravko Zdravkov, Dimitar Popov.

Defenders: Trifon Ivanov, Anatoli Nankov, Ivailo Petkov, Ivailo Yordanov, Georgi Antonov, Goshko Ginchev, Stanimir Gospodinov, Georgi Markov.

Midfielders: Zlatko Yankov, Radostin Kishishev, Daniel Borimirov, Yordan Lechkov, Iliya Gruiev.

Strikers: Krasimir Balakov, Hristo Stoichkov, Lyubomir Penev, Emil Kostadinov, Georgi Donkov.

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