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1991 Women's Rankings

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10.79	Merlene Ottey (JAM)
10.91	Katrin Krabbe (GER)
10.94	Carlette Guidry (USA)
10.96	Gwen Torrence (USA)
10.96	Marie-Jose Perec (FRA)
10.98	Irina Privalova (URS)
11.04	Mary Onyali (NGR)
11.06	Sandra Myers (ESP)
11.08	Evelyn Ashford (USA)
11.09	Heike Drechsler (GER)

Merit

1, Merlene Ottey (JAM)
10.79, 10.84, 10.87, 10.87 (10.78w)
3-WC, 1-Zurich, 1-GP Final, 1-Berlin
2, Katrin Krabbe (GER)
10.91, 10.91, 10.94, 10.99, 11.04
1-WC, 2-Euro Cup, 2-Cologne, 3-Lille
(1-1 v Torrence)
3, Gwen Torrence (USA)
10.96, 10.96, 10.97, 10.99, (10.85w)
2-WC, 1-Cologne, 2-GP Final, 2-NC
(1-6 v Ottey)
4, Irina Privalova (URS)
10.98, 11.01, 11.06, 11.10 (10.99w)
4-WC, 1-Euro-Cup, 3-Zurich
(3-1 v Ashford)
5, Carlette Guidry (USA)
10.94, 11.07, 11.09, 11.10
8-WC, 1-NC, 1-Nice
(2-1 v Ashford)
6, Evelyn Ashford (USA)
11.08, 11.09, 11.12, 11.15 (11.06w)
5-WC, 3-NC, 3-GP Final, 4-Zurich
(3-2 v Onyali)
7, Mary Onyali (NGR)
11.04, 11.07, 11.09, 11.10
7-WC, 1-Lille, 2-Nice, 5-Zurich
8, Juliet Cuthbert (JAM)
11.12, 11.13, 11.18, 11.21
6-WC, 3-Nice, 6-Zurich, 4-GP Final
9, Heike Drechsler (GER)
11.09, 11.26, 11.28, 11.31 (11.09w)
5-Nice, 4-Cologne, 3-Koblenz
(4-3 v Cuthbert)
10, Marie-Jose Perec (FRA)
10.96, 11.28, 11.30, 11.37
(beat Krabbe)

ALTHOUGH slipping to third in Tokyo, Ottey won all of her other races and had eight clockings faster than Krabbe's best. The German, magnificent in Japan, did, however, lose five times during the season. Torrence and Privalova were most consistent. Guidry and Onyali lost form in the second half of the year, while Ashford ran a season's best at the World Championships.

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21.64	Merlene Ottey (JAM)
21.96	Katrin Krabbe (GER)
22.07	Gwen Torrence (USA)
22.21	Irina Privalova (URS)
22.24	Dannette Young (USA)
22.26	Marie-Jose Perec (FRA)
22.45	Grit Breuer (GER)
22.49	Galina Malchugina (URS)
22.57	Kim Walker (USA)
22.58	Heike Drechsler (GER)

Merit

1, Merlene Ottey (JAM)
21.64, 21.83, 21.98, 22.05
3-WC, 1-Brussels, 1-Cologne
2, Katrin Krabbe (GER)
21.96, 22.09, 22.12, 22.21

Rankings

Athletics Weekly statistician IAN HODGE presents the year's rankings according to results and performances

KEY

WC	World Championships
GP	Grand Prix
NC	National Championships
WSG	World Student Games
NCAA	National Collegiate Athletic Association (USA)
PAG	Pan-American Games

1-WC, 1-NC, 1-Berlin
Unbeaten in four races
3, Gwen Torrence (USA)
22.07, 22.16, 22.28, 22.34
2-WC, 2-Zurich, 1-Brussels, 1-NC
4, Irina Privalova (URS)
22.21, 22.28, 22.31, 22.37
4-WC, 1-Zurich, 3-Brussels, 2-Berlin
5, Dannette Young (USA)
22.24, 22.36, 22.37, 22.42
6-WC, 2-NC, 3-Zurich, 3-Cologne

6, Grit Breuer (GER)
22.45, 22.55, 22.57, 22.65
2-NC, 2-Cologne, 3-Berlin
7, Galina Malchugina (URS)
22.49, 22.66, 22.76, 22.88
5-WC, 4-Cologne, 4-Berlin
8, Sandra Myers (ESP)
22.62, 22.65, 22.82, 22.91
4-Zurich, 1-Euro Clubs
9, Heike Drechsler (GER)
22.4, 22.58, 22.60
3-Monaco, 3-Linz
10, Carlette Guidry (USA)
22.78, 22.84 (22.44w/22.47w)
4-Linz, 1-NCAA
AS IN the 100 metres, Ottey's only defeat (in a final) was in Tokyo, and once again her overall season puts her top, although it's closer here. One-lap specialists, Breuer and Myers, regularly beat finalists from Tokyo.

400

49.13	Marie-Jose Perec (FRA)
49.42	Grit Breuer (GER)
49.61	Ana Quirot (CUB)
49.66	Lillie Leatherwood (USA)

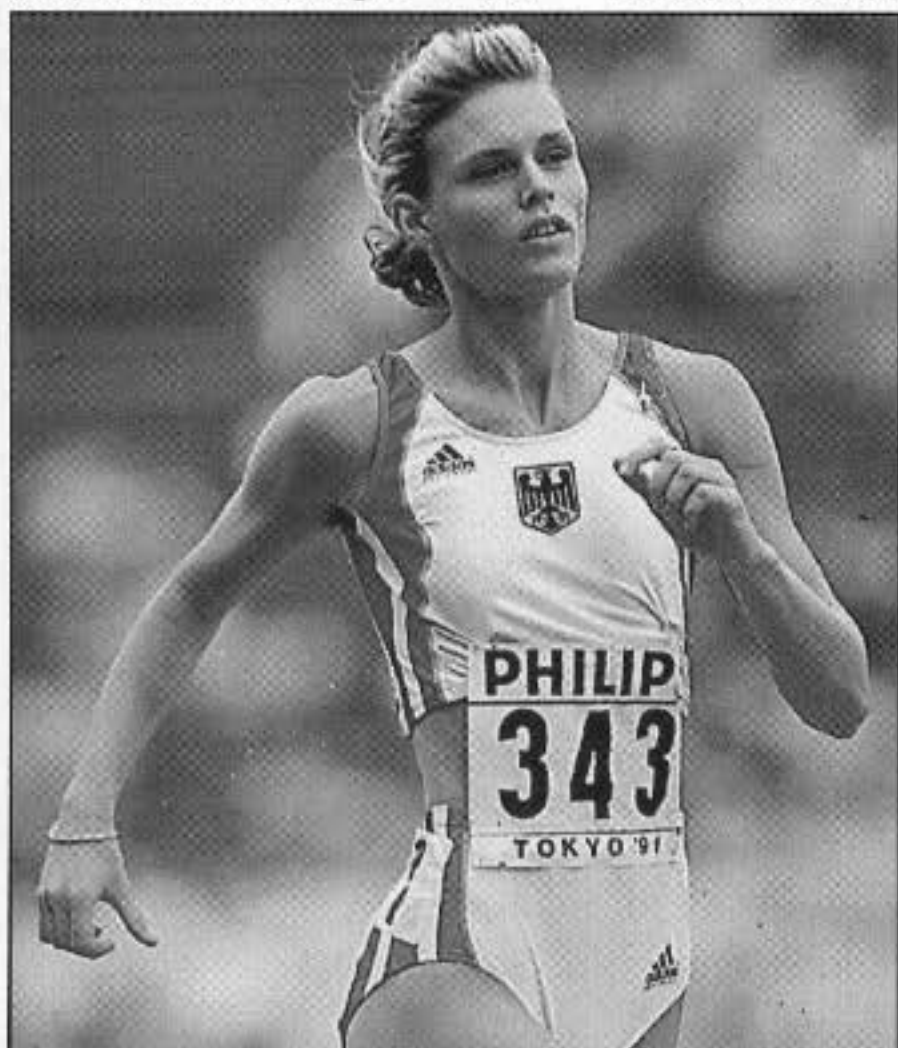
49.67	Sandra Myers (ESP)
49.82	Olga Bryzgina (URS)
50.14	Ximena Restrepo (COL)
50.19	Jearl Miles (USA)
50.30	Diane Dixon (USA)
50.33	Maicel Malone (USA)

Merit

1, Marie-Jose Perec (FRA)
49.13, 49.32, 49.76, 49.99
1-WC, 1-Euro Cup, 1-Nice
(Unbeaten)
2, Ana Quirot (CUB)
49.61, 50.02, 50.38, 50.43
1-PAG, 2-E Berlin, 1-Duisburg
(Lost only to Leatherwood)
3, Grit Breuer (GER)
49.42, 49.87, 50.03, 50.14
2-WC, 2-Euro-Cup, 3-E Berlin, 2-Oslo
(0-1 v Quirot)
4, Sandra Myers (ESP)
49.67, 49.78, 50.63, 50.64
3-WC, 1-Oslo, 1-London
(1-1 v Breuer)
5, Olga Bryzgina (URS)
49.82, 50.26, 50.48, 50.55
4-WC, 2-Duisburg, 7-E Berlin
6, Lillie Leatherwood (USA)
49.66, 50.14, 50.28, 50.59
7-WC, 1-NC, 1-E Berlin, 1-Zurich
(2-1 v Breuer/2-3 v Bryzgina)
7, Jearl Miles (USA)
50.19, 50.50, 50.58, 50.79
5-WC, 2-NC, 3-PAG, 3-London
(1-3 v Leatherwood)
8, Maicel Malone (USA)
50.33, 50.39, 50.47, 50.60
4-NC, 2-London, 1-WSG
(1-1 v Miles)
9, Ximena Restrepo (COL)
50.14, 50.66, 50.79, 50.82
1-NCAA, 6-WC, 2-PAG
10, Fatima Yusuf (NGR)
50.41, 50.6, 50.71, 50.91
sf-WC, 1-Lausanne, 2-Nice
THE top placings were determined by the World Championships. Quirot, having earlier beaten Breuer, maintained a high standard throughout. The German failed to win a race all season. Leatherwood disappointed in Tokyo but holds off the strong American challenge. Yusuf narrowly takes 10th ahead of Dixon and Keough.

800

1:57.23	Svetlana Masterkova (URS)
1:57.34	Ana Quirot (CUB)
1:57.50	Lilia Nurutdinova (URS)
1:57.58	Ella Kovacs (ROM)
1:57.63	Lurdes Mutola (MOZ)
1:58.07	Lyubov Gurina (URS)
1:58.10	Doina Melinte (ROM)



RUNNING CLOSE: Katrin Krabbe capped 1991 with her Tokyo golds

53.54 Sandra Farmer-Patrick (USA)
53.98 Kim Batten (USA)
54.08 Margarita Ponomaryeva (URS)
54.25 Anita Protti (SUI)
64.27A Myrtle Bothma (RSA)
54.77 Heike Meissner (GER)
54.88 GOWRY RETCHAKAN

Merit

1, Sally Gunnell (GBR)
53.16, 53.62, 53.78, 54.24, 54.28
2-WC, 1-Brussels, 2-Euro Cup, 1-Zurich
2, Sandra Farmer-Patrick (USA)
53.54, 53.61, 53.74, 53.77, 53.95
4-WC, 2-Brussels, 1-GP Final, 1-London
3, Janeene Vickers (USA)
53.47, 53.71, 54.07, 54.63, 54.85
3-WC, 2-GP Final, 2-Zurich, 3-NC
(6-3 v Batten)
4, Kim Batten (USA)
53.98, 54.18, 54.20, 54.25, 54.70
5-WC, 1-NC, 4-Zurich, 2-Sheffield
5, Tatyana Ledovskaya (URS)
53.11, 54.36, 54.82, 54.94, 55.34
1-WC, 7-GP Final, 7-Brussels, 3-Sheffield
6, Margarita Ponomaryeva (URS)
54.08, 54.25, 54.42, 54.68, 54.76
1-Euro-Cup, 3-Zurich, 8-WC, 5-GP Final
7, Anita Protti (SUI)
54.25, 54.26, 54.48, 54.53, 55.75
6-WC, 5-Zurich, 5-Brussels
8, Myrtle Bothma (RSA)
54.27A, 54.33A, 54.37A, 54.48A, 54.98A
(Unbeaten)
9, Heike Meissner (GER)
54.77, 55.16, 55.26, 55.64, 55.81
7-WC, 3-Euro Cup, 2-Gateshead, 4-Koblenz
(2-2 Retchakan)
10, Gowry Retchakan (GBR)
54.88, 54.95, 55.29, 55.67, 55.77
sf-WC, 1-Gateshead, 3-Koblenz
ALTHOUGH losing 3-2 in 1991 to Farmer-Patrick, Gunnell's better performance in Tokyo was the decider, the American's loss of form being crucial. Ledovskaya's season reads: ran 12, lost 11. The world champion could only muster 58.03 three weeks after Tokyo! Bothma was not tested and her best marks were altitude-assisted.

HIGH JUMP

2.05 Heike Henkel (GER)
2.03 Stefka Kostadinova (BUL)
2.02 Inga Babakova (URS)
1.99 Yelena Rodina (URS)*
1.98 Svetlana Leseva (BUL)
1.98 Yelena Yelesina (URS)
1.96 Sue Remhao (USA)
1.96 Beata Holub (POL)
1.95 Gai Kapernick (AUT)
1.95 Svetlana Lavrova (URS)
1.95 Vanessa Ward (AUS)
1.95 Yolanda Henry (USA)
1.95 Heike Balck (GER)
1.95 Tamara Bykova (URS)
1.95 Tatyana Shevchuk (URS)

*Rodina later suspended

Merit

1, Heike Henkel (GER)
2.05, 2.04, 2.02, 2.02, 2.02
1-WC, 1-Monaco, 1-GP Final, 4-Euro-Cup
2, Inga Babakova (URS)
2.02, 2.01, 1.99, 1.99, 1.98
3-WC, 2-Berlin, 2-Cologne
3, Stefka Kostadinova (TCH)
2.03, 2.00, 2.00, 1.98, 1.97
6-WC, 2-GP Final, 1-Nice, 1-Rome
4, Birgit Kahler (GER)
1.94, 1.93, 1.93, 1.93, 1.92
5-WC, 3-NC, 3vGBR

5, Yelena Yelesina (URS)
1.98, 1.95, 1.90, 1.90, 1.90
2-WC, 8-NC, 4-WSG, 4-vGBR
6, Heike Balck (URS)
1.95, 1.94, 1.94, 1.94, 1.93
12-WC, 2-vGBR, 2-NC
(2-2 v Kahler)

7, Tamara Bykova (URS)
1.95, 1.94, 1.93, 1.91, 1.91
7-WC, 2-NC, 2-Nice

8, Svetlana Leseva (BUL)

1.98, 1.97, 1.96, 1.93
2-Euro-Cup, dnq-WC
(1-1 v Bykova)

9, Yolanda Henry (USA)
1.95, 1.95, 1.94, 1.93, 1.93
dnq-WC, 2-Rome, 1-NC

10, Beate Holub (POL)

1.96, 1.92, 1.92, 1.90

4-WC, 1-NC

INCLUDING indoor competitions, Henkel lost just once in 32 meets in 1991. Twelve times over 2.00, she won in Tokyo by 7cm. Babakova rarely dropped below 1.95 and Kostadinova's good form in September was a welcome return. The top three were considerably superior to the remainder.

LONG JUMP

7.37A Heike Drechsler (GER)
7.32 Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA)
7.24 Larisa Berezhnaya (URS)
7.20 Yelena Senchukova (URS)
7.00 Susen Tiedtke (GER)
6.95 Inessa Kravets (URS)
6.95 Lyudmila Ninova (AUT)
6.94 Olga Khlopotnova (URS)
6.89 Chunfang Wang (CHN)
6.87 Yelena Pershina (URS)
6.87 Yelena Belevskaya (URS)

Merit

1, Heike Drechsler (GER)
7.37A, 7.32, 7.29, 7.25 (7.39w)
2-WC, 1-Euro Cup, 1-NC, 1-Brussels
2, Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA)
7.32, 7.13, 6.91, 6.87 (6.91w)
1-WC, 1-NC
3, Larisa Berezhnaya (URS)
7.24, 7.13, 7.11, 7.11, 7.10 (7.19w)
3-WC, 2-Euro Cup, 2-NC, 1-Zurich



LONG LEAD: Heike Drechsler

4, Yelena Senchukova (URS)

7.20, 7.16, 7.12, 7.04, 6.80

4-WC, 1-NC, 1-Edinburgh

5, Inessa Kravets (URS)

6.95, 6.95, 6.94, 6.87, 6.84

1-WSG, 3-Zurich, 8-NC

6, Susen Tiedtke (GER)

7.00, 6.94, 6.77, 6.70 (6.85w)

5-WC, 3vGBR, 3-London

7, Lyudmila Ninova (AUT)

6.95, 6.87, 6.84, 6.73

7-WC, 2-Zurich

(1-1 v Kravets)

8, Marieta Ilici (ROM)

6.77, 6.75, 6.73, 6.72

6-WC, 5-Zurich

9, Yelena Belevskaya (URS)

6.87, 6.83, 6.73, 6.70 (7.21w)

8-WC, 3-Edinburgh, 4-NC, 3-Brussels

10, Fiona May (GBR)

6.82w, 6.77, 6.75, (6.91w)

dnq-WC, 4-Edinburgh, 2-vGER, 2-London

(3-1 v Tiedtke)

ALTHOUGH winning the world title by 3cm, Joyner-Kersey competed only three times. Drechsler won 21

out of 23 (her two defeats being Seville and the World Championships) and was over 7.00 in 17 meets. There was a gap after the top four and the overall standard was lower.

TRIPLE JUMP

14.95 Inessa Kravets (URS)
14.42 Huirong Li (CHN)
14.35 Yelena Semiraz (URS)
14.09 Natalya Kayukova (URS)
14.08 Sofia Bozhanova (BUL)
14.05 Inna Lasovskaya (URS)
14.04 Galina Chistyakova (URS)
13.85 Tatyana Matyashova (URS)
13.84 Svetlana Davydova (URS)
13.84 Zhanna Gureveva (URS)

Merit

1, Inessa Kravets (URS)
14.95, 14.59, 14.44, 14.40
1-NC, 1-Moscow, 1-Malmö
2, Li Hui Rong (CHN)
14.42, 14.20, 14.20w, 14.04
1-WSG, 1-NC
3, Yelena Semiraz (URS)
14.35, 13.75, 13.74
2-NC, 2-WSG, 3-Malmö
4, Inna Lasovskaya (URS)
14.05, 13.97
3-NC, 2-Moscow
5, Galina Chistyakova (URS)
14.04, 13.68
2-Malmö, 2-Linz
KRAVETS overtook former world record-holder Li, although the Chinese was also unbeaten. The lack of international competitions prevented a meaningful top 10 being produced.

SHOT

21.12 Natalya Lisovskaya (URS)
20.83 Huang Zhihong (CHN)
20.40 Zhou Tianhua (CHN)
20.36 Svetlana Krivelyova (URS)
20.06 Zhen Wenjua (CHN)
19.80 Stephanie Storp (GER)
19.74 Claudia Losch (GER)
19.74 Svetlana Mirkova (BUL)
19.72 Sui Xin Mei (CHN)*



SUPERIOR HEIGHTS: Heike Henkel lost just once during the year

19.67 Astrid Kumbernuss (GER)
*Xin Mei later suspended

Merit

1, Huang Zhi Hong (CHN)
20.83, 20.60, 20.58, 20.26, 20.20
1-WC, 1-GP Final, 1-Asian Games
2, Natalya Lisovskaya (URS)
21.12, 20.60, 20.29, 20.23, 20.15
2-WC, 1-Euro-Cup, 2-GP Final
(3-4 v Huang)
3, Svetlana Krivelyova (URS)
20.36, 20.27, 20.26, 20.16
3-WC, 1-NC, 1-WSG
4, Claudia Losch (GER)
19.74, 19.65, 19.50, 19.46
4-WC, 1-NC, 1-Duisburg
5, Zhou Tian Hua (CHN)
20.36, 19.93, 19.64, 19.23
5-WC, 2-NC, 2-WSG
6, Astrid Kumbernuss (GER)
19.67, 19.44, 19.43, 19.31
2-Euro-Cup, 2-Duisburg, 3-GP Final
(2-2 v Krivelyova)
7, Stephanie Storp (GER)
19.80, 19.50, 19.08, 18.98
6-WC, 2-NC, 3-Duisburg
8, Zhen Wenjua (CHN)
20.06, 19.40, 19.30
3-NC
9, Marina Antonyuk (URS)
19.55, 19.54, 19.33, 19.20, 19.12
2-NC, 7-WC, 5-GP Final
10, Belsis Laza (CUB)
19.54, 19.36, 18.95, 18.87
9-WC, 1-PAG
HUANG's clear win in Tokyo over
Lisovskaya sealed matters. The
Soviet's victory in Frankfurt,
however, was clearly the year's best
performance. As usual, Losch
competed rarely, while
Kumbernuss lost form, only to
regain much of it in September.

DISCUS

71.02 Tsvetanka Khristova (BUL)
69.20 Larisa Mikhailchenko (URS)
69.12 Ilke Wyludda (GER)
67.42 Barbara Echevarria (CUB)
67.20 Hilda Ramos (CUB)
67.14 Martina Hellmann (GER)
66.74 Chungfeng Min (CHN)
66.06 Daniela Costian (AUS)
65.72 Stefania Simova (BUL)
65.66 Maritza Marten (CUB)

Merit

1, Ilke Wyludda (GER)
69.12, 68.82, 68.78, 68.70, 68.50
2-WC, 1-NC, 1-Euro-Cup
2, Larisa Mikhailchenko (URS)
69.20, 68.94, 68.26, 67.94
3-WC, 2-Euro-Cup, 1-NC, 1-Koblenz
(2-1 Khristova)
3, Tsvetanka Khristova (BUL)
71.02, 67.10, 66.86, 66.64
1-WC, 3-Koblenz, 3-Berlin
(3-0 v Hellmann)
4, Martina Hellmann (GER)
67.14, 66.62, 66.32, 66.22
4-WC, 2-NC, 2vGBR
5, Daniela Costian (AUS)
66.06, 64.98, 64.86, 64.98
5-WC, 3-Duisburg, 2-Hengelo
6, Min Chun Feng (CHN)
66.74, 65.56, 65.24, 64.94
6-WC, 1-Asian Games, 2-Beijing
7, Irina Yatchenko (URS)
64.92, 64.60, 63.00
7-WC, 2-NC
8, Ellina Zvereva (URS)
63.80, 63.62, 63.50, 63.22
9-WC, 3-NC, 4-Duisburg
9, Xiao Yanling (CHN)
64.36, 63.05, 62.68
11-WC, 1-WSG, 3-Beijing
10, Zhao Yong Hua (CHN)
64.28, 63.62, 61.98, 61.50
8-WC, 4-NC, 4-Beijing



CONSISTENT SEASON: Petra Meier in the javelin

KHRISTOVA's return to form in Tokyo was arguably the most unexpected result of the Championships, beating Wyludda, who despite twice improving her seasonal best, lost for the first time in three years. The German also lost to Mikhailchenko in Koblenz, but was much the most consistent. The Tokyo contest was the most competitive ever seen at international level for this event.

JAVELIN

71.44 Trine Hattestad (NOR)
70.20 Karen Forkel (GER)
69.66 Petra Meier (GER)
68.78 Xu Demei (CHN)
68.34 Silke Renk (GER)
67.32 Natalya Shikolenko (URS)
66.84 Anna Verouli (GRE)
66.14 Paivi Alafranti (FIN)
65.96 Genowefa Patla (POL)
65.32 Dulce Garcia (CUB)

Merit

1, Petra Meier (GER)
69.66, 68.68, 68.26, 67.64, 67.34
2-WC, 3-Euro-Cup, 1-GBR, 1-Beijing
(3-3 v Forkel)
2, Karin Forkel (GER)
70.20, 70.18, 68.32, 68.14, 68.04

12-WC, 1-NC, 2-Oslo, 1-Helsinki
(6-3 v Renk)
3, Trine Hattestad (NOR)
71.44, 68.98, 67.54, 66.94, 66.92
5-WC, 1-Oslo



STAYING CLEAR: Heptathlete Jackie Joyner-Kersey

4, Silke Renk (GER)
68.34, 67.72, 66.80, 66.56, 66.40
3-WC, 2-NC, 3vGBR
5, Paivi Alafranti (FIN)
66.14, 66.12, 65.84, 65.36, 64.58
8-WC, 3-Oslo, 2-NC
6, Xu Demei (CHN)
68.78, 65.44, 64.98, 63.90
1-WC, 2-Beijing, 6-Helsinki
7, Natalya Cherniyenko (URS)
65.22, 64.64, 62.40, 60.90
4-WC, 2-NC
8, Natalya Shikolenko (URS)
67.32, 66.52, 65.62, 64.58
11-WC, 1-NC
(1-1 v Garcia)
9, Dulce Garcia (CUB)
65.32, 64.78, 62.68, 62.42
7-WC, 1-PAG
(2-0 v Alafranti)
10, Heli Rantanen (FIN)
64.66, 63.74, 63.44, 63.32
9-WC, 1-NC, 1-Euro-Cup "B"
THE co-favourites in Tokyo, Forkel and Hattestad, both had off-days, while Meier's silver medal underlined her consistency. A week later she defeated the almost unknown world champion, Xu. The Chinese girl's mediocre season included an adverse win-loss record against the No.10, Rantanen.

HEPTATHLON

6878 Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA)
6672 Sabine Braun (GER)
6494 Peggy Beer (GER)
6493 Liliana Nastase (ROM)
6448 Irina Byelova (URS)
6425 Ursula Włodarczyk (POL)
6419 Birgit Clarius (GER)
6404 Satu Ruotsalainen (FIN)
6392 Yasmina Azzizi (ALG)
6370 Tatyana Zhuravlyova (URS)

Merit

1, Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA)
6878
1-NC, dnf-WC
2, Sabine Braun (GER)
6672, 6534
1-WC, 1-Gotzis
3, Liliana Nastase (ROM)
6493, 6482, 6466, 6460, 6405
2-WC, 3-Gotzis, 2-Talence
(2-1 v Beer)
4, Peggy Beer (GER)
6454, 8383, 6380, 6318
7-WC, 2-Gotzis, 1-Euro-Cup
(1-1 v Azzizi)
5, Ursula Włodarczyk (POL)
6425, 6391, 6374, 6319, 6272
6-WC, 1-Talence, 2-WSG, 4-Euro-Cup
6, Satu Ruotsalainen (FIN)
6404, 6221
4-WC, 6-Euro Cup
7, Irina Byelova (URS)
6448, 6270, 6197, 6103
3-WC, 4-Talence, 6-Gotzis
8, Tatyana Zhuravlyova (URS)
6370, 6226, 6219, 6205
8-WC, 4-Gotzis, 5-Talence
9, Yasmina Azzizi (ALG)
6392, 6114, 6114, 6043
5-WC
10, Birgit Clarius (GER)
6419, 6000
1-WSG
DESPITE her unfortunate injury in Tokyo, Joyner-Kersey had achieved enough in her only other heptathlon to hold on to No.1 spot. The days when Germans regularly scored 6600pc-plus have gone and it was encouraging to see Algeria and Finland (three over 6,000) making progress.

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CLASS ACT

*How Eamonn
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**LIVINGSTON
AND YATES
TAKE GOLD
IN GENOA**

**FOCUS ON
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CIS CHAMPIONSHIP MOSCOW 22-24TH JUNE

THIS WAS the first and probably the last Championships of CIS because it is unlikely a similar event will be organised in the future as the athletic federations of the former Soviet republic, now independent countries, became IAAF Members and earned the right to compete as independent teams from 1993.

However, the All Russia Athletic Federation, for example, is willing to make the Russian Championships open for everyone and to invite athletes from CIS countries. But this is some way in the future.

Meanwhile, at the championships, which was also the Olympic trials, Russia won by a head and as a result, got the majority of places in the combined team going to Barcelona.

Russian athletes were the first in 22 out of 37 events (nine men, 13 women). Ukrainian athletes won six events, Belorussia - four, Uzbekistan - two, Kazakhstan, Kirgizia and Moldova, one each. Among the prize winners were athletes from Tadzhikistan and Turkmenia, so no national team was left without rewards.

Four of CIS records, including equalling a European record, were broken. Irina Privalova broke two records, unequalled since 1980 in the 100 metres (10.81) and 200 metres (22.14).

Two records also fell in the javelin. Natalia Shkolnikova threw 70.36 metres to beat the 12-year-old previous best and Victor Zaitsev threw 87.20 metres in the men's event.

The CIS team is confident of winning between 25 and 28 medals including nine or 10 gold ones. The main forces of the male team are traditionally pole vaulters, with Sergey Bubka as the leader, and hammer throwers and walkers.

The CIS also have high hopes for the women's team. Apart from the high jump and heptathlon, the women's team is very strong. Names to look out for include Irina Privalova, Ljudmila Narozhilenko, Tatiana Ledovskaya, Natalia Lisovskaya, Natalia Shkolnikova, with Lili Nurutdinova and Tatiana Dorovskikh heading the middle distance runners, as well as very strong and stable relay quartets in the 4x100 and in particular the 4x400 metres, all gunning for gold medals.

Men
100: 1. V Savin (Kazakh) 9.84s; 2. P. Bakht (Rus) 10.12; 3. A Fedorov (Rus) 10.27
200: 1. C Ivanov (Rus) 20.52; 2. I. Smolov (Ukr) 20.71; 3. M. Vdovin (Rus) 20.90
400: 1. D. Kosov (Rus) 45.97; 2. D. Mijer (Rus) 46.09; 3. D. Golevostov (Rus) 46.22
800: 1. A. Olegov (Rus) 1:50.54; 2. S. Kamanov (Turk) 1:50.61; 3. C. Stepanov (Rus) 1:50.86
1,500: 1. A. Chernokozov (Ukr) 3:43.77; 2. F. Gashulin (Rus) 3:43.98; 3. V. Gogolev (Rus) 3:44.01
5,000: 1. A. Tikhov (Rus) 13:38.43; 3. F. Knyazhin (Rus) 13:39.04; 3. O. Shkurenkov (Rus) 13:41.18
10,000: 1. M. Khramov (Rus) 28:55.38; 2. V. Gusev (Kazakh) 29:07.20; 3. P. Shkurenkov (Ukr) 29:32.17
110H: 1. S. Usov (Uzbek) 13.34; 2. V. Shishilin (Rus) 13.46; 3. V. Kutev (Rus) 13.47
400H: 1. V. Zaitsev (Moldova) 49.82; 2. O. Tverzhitskiy (Ukr) 50.51; 3. N. Khramov (Rus) 50.83
3,000ST: 1. K. Kozlov (Rus) 8:36.81; 2. V. Gales (Rus) 8:38.15; 3. V. Ponomarev (Rus) 8:39.50

OVERSEAS RESULTS



Men
100: 1. I. Pavlin (Kirgiz) 9.29; 2. A. Brodin (Rus) 9.29; 3. K. Matusevich (Ukr) and J. Sergiyenko (Ukr) 9.30
200: 1. M. Tarasov (Rus) 19.90; 2. I. Trandenkov (Rus) 19.95; 3. V. Bubka (Ukr) 19.96
400: 1. A. Bagrationov (Rus) 48.27; 2. V. Ivanov (Rus) 48.03; 3. S. Lazevsky (Ukr) 48.97
800: 1. A. Kovalev (Rus) 1:37.32; 2. I. Moloshin (Rus) 1:37.27; 3. V. Sokol (Rus) 1:37.06
1,500: 1. A. Ruchchenkov (Ukr) 3:40.60; 2. V. Lychev (Rus) 3:40.53; 3. A. Kinenko (Ukr) 3:40.49
5,000: 1. V. Zaitsev (Ukr) 13:50.00; 2. D. Shkolnikova (Rus) 13:51.16; 3. D. Kozlov (Ukr) 13:51.72
10,000: 1. A. Kuznetsov (Belarus) 28:34.2; 2. A. Kuznetsov (Rus) 28:34.16; 3. I. Kuznetsov (Rus) 28:34.16; 4. I. Kuznetsov (Rus) 28:34.16
20,000: 1. V. Zaitsev (Uzbek) 57.20; 2. O. Poluyndin (Uzbek) 57.74; 3. A. Shvachuk (Rus) 57.75
40,000: 1. E. Mamalinen (Belarus) 1:14.84; 2. R. Gansel (Uzbek) 1:15.03; 3. V. Radchenko (Ukr) 1:15.06

Women
100: 1. I. Privalova (Rus) 10.81; 2. G. Malchugina (Rus) 10.96; 3. O. Bogdanovskaya (Rus) 11.07; 4. M. Trandenkov (Rus) 11.08; 5. N. Vorobova (Rus) 11.11
200: 1. I. Privalova (Rus) 22.14; 2. M. Trandenkov (Rus) 22.73; 3. O. Shkolnikova (Rus) 23.03
400: 1. O. Nazayeva (Ukr) 50.29; 2. O. Bryzina (Ukr) 50.45; 3. E. Ruzina (Rus) 50.78
800: 1. I. Reganov (Rus) 1:57.93; 2. E. Zayadskaya (Ukr) 1:59.36; 3. I. Kamenova (Rus) 1:59.71
1,500: 1. N. Artyomova (Rus) 4:05.57; 2. I. Borison (Rus) 4:10.33; 3. N. Betshtina (Rus) 4:11.58
5,000: 1. O. Gurbannova (Rus) 15:58.03; 2. T. Kaba (Ukr) 15:58.03; 3. Z. Karmalova (Ukr) 15:58.21
10,000: 1. E. Vasylova (Ukr) 32:09.87; 2. O. Bondarenko (Rus) 32:10.10; 3. L. Mavrina (Rus) 32:10.84
20,000: 1. M. Azylova (Rus) 12.76; 2. N. Shigurova (Ukr) 12.78; 3. N. Kolyanova (Ukr) 12.81
40,000: 1. M. Ponomareva (Rus) 54.03; 2. V. Ordina (Rus) 54.58; 3. N. Tashina (Kazakh) 55.43
2,000SC: 1. S. Ragova (Rus) 6:19.46; 2. I. Rukhina (Ukr) 6:21.15; 3. I. Rukhina (Rus) 6:24.71
HJ: 1. O. Turchak (Ukr) 1.92; 2. T. Shvachuk (Belarus) 1.90; 3. O. Bolshova (Moldova) 1.90
LJ: 1. I. Kravets (Ukr) 7.04; 2. L. Belogoraya (Ukr) 7.01; 3. I. Michalova (Rus) 6.96
TJ: 1. G. Chishakova (Rus) 14.39; 2. N. Kapulova (Rus) 14.30; 3. I. Lazareva (Rus) 13.93

SP: 1. N. Lisovskaya (Rus) 20.39; 2. S. Kravtchev (Rus) 20.20; 3. V. Pavlysh (Ukr) 19.86
DT: 1. E. Zverev (Belarus) 68.82; 2. L. Kozlovskiy (Rus) 67.72; 3. O. Burenko (Rus) 65.16
HT: 1. O. Kuznetsov (Rus) 63.86; 2. L. Vasylova (Rus) 58.04; 3. N. Vankova (Ukr) 51.48
JT: 1. N. Shkolnikova (Belarus) 70.36; 2. I. Kostyuchenko (Ukr) 69.16; 3. E. Shkurenkov (Uzbek) 61.76
HEPT: 1. I. Belova (Rus) 6523; 2. A. Atroschenko (Belarus) 6202; 3. T. Gubarenko (Belarus) 6191

MIDSUMMER GAMES LAPINLARTI, FINLAND 21ST JUNE

(Finnish unless stated)
Men
100: 1. T. Jackson (US) 10.40; 2. T. Eriksson (SWE) 10.44; 3. J. Vahakangas (FIN) 10.48; 4. S. Lamsanen (FIN) 10.57; 5. T. Rintanen (FIN) 10.67; 6. G. Oken (NGI) 10.73
400: 1. M. Suderman (FIN) 47.48; 2. A.

Ojasto (EST) 47.68; 3. K. Lourenco (48.32); 4. J. Niemela (48.64); 5. J. Ouli (48.64); 6. D. Haglund (SWE) 49.00; 7. J. Vahakangas (49.61); 8. J. Kertula (49.85); 9. V. Pasi (50.11)
3,000: 1. P. Clode (NZL) 8:04.82; 2. P. Hupworth (AUS) 8:17.36; 3. K. Pietarinen (8:21.27); 4. R. Ylonen (8:24.05); 5. M. Edlund (SWE) 8:24.76; 6. S. Vainala (8:37.68); 7. J. Hosten (SWE) 8:26.50
130H: 1. V. Kurash (CIS) 13.89; 2. D. Rukov (CIS) 13.77; 3. A. Haapakoski (13.77); 4. J. Geiger (AUS) 13.84; 5. A. Bryggere (14.03); 6. M. Kallapaa (14.27)
HJ: 1. J. Sotomayor (CUBA) 2.20; 2. H. Steins (LAT) 2.20; 3. M. Drake (CUBA) 2.20; 4. K. Kallan (CIS) 2.10; 5. V. P. Kallan (2.10); 6. A. Momen (2.05)
TJ: 1. M. Ueki (M. Villala 2.05); 9. J. Savimainen (2.05); 10. J. A. Hama (M. Uestinen, A. Laitinen, M. Jari 2.00); 14. M. Hannekin (19); 15. M. Hama (2.00)
PJ: 1. S. Fortenke (CIS) 5.52; 2. V. Bakrejev (EST) 5.40; 3. I. Bagrela (HUN) 5.30
SP: 1. S. Kieles (LITH) 19.93; 2. V. Miesus (LITH) 18.78
JT: 1. T. Petronoff (SA) 83.84; 2. G. Lovagrove (NEW Z) 80.68; 3. H. Hakkarinen (74.48); 4. M. Strobinski (73.82); 5. A. Parvainen (73.04); 6. S. Sakala (72.56); 7. M. Kubar (EST) 71.84; 8. J. Kontinaho (70.12); 9. J. Hemonen (69.84); 10. K. Kinnunen (68.50); 11. D. Kula (68.26); 12. M. Kallio (67.24)
5kmW: 1. K. Nurmi 19:52.25; 2. E. Pijeta 19:58.65; 3. J. Lintinen 20:03.47; 4. A. Uusimäki 20:31.46; 5. M. Hakkila 20:40.51

Women
100: 1. C. Ajuwa (NGI) 11.08; 2. S. Hannekin (11.28); 3. S. Hannekin (11.53); 4. M. Tennvaara (11.68); 5. K. Simola (11.96)
400: 1. S. Pasi (50.50); 2. A. Hannekin (54.19); 3. R. L. Bevelin (54.98); 4. J. Salminen (55.42); 5. M. Simola (55.98); 6. A. Lindholm (56.36); 7. M. Oskanen (56.42); 8. S. Lindgren (57.32); 9. M. Pijpetan (57.42); 10. S. Hannekin (58.16); 11. E. Simola (58.25)
1,500: 1. P. Tikkonen (413.52); 2. E. Kiplagat (KEN) 4:15.82; 3. M. Hennholm (4:17.12); 4. A. Siltala (4:26.00); 5. A. Mätilä (4:32.74); 6. S. Laakkola (4:35.81); 7. V. Karpinen (4:38.21); 8. J. Ranta (4:37.38)
LJ: 1. V. Pershina (CIS) 6.45; 2. M. Gelmova (LAT) 6.09; 3. A. Kallan (EST) 5.07; 4. R. Karkkainen (5.94); 5. S. Savolainen (5.90); 6. S. Valonen (5.57); 7. A. Pellenen (5.42)
TJ: 1. O. Kallan (13.00); 2. M. Salminen (12.68); 3. S. Suonen (12.65); 4. A. Paananen (12.34); 5. P. Simola (11.97)
SP: 1. A. Oskala (17.36); 2. M. Tuomi (16.09); 3. M. Nussainen (15.16); 4. K. Sedermalm (14.93)
JT: 1. H. Rantanen (61.70); 2. P. Aaltonen (59.18); 3. H. Tikkonen (55.95)
3kmW: 1. S. Essayah (12:04.78); 2. A. Perttola (14:40.30); 3. T. T. Stenwall (14:54.40); 4. S. Melken (15:11.62)

INTERNATIONAL MEETING HENGLO, HOLLAND 27/28TH JUNE

Men
100: 1. V. Savin (CIS) 10.21; 2. C. Smith (US) 10.34; 3. P. Savens (Rus) 10.46
Women
100: 1. Neighbours (USA) 11.41; S. Kool (Ger) 11.43; 3. N. Rose-Cookson (Holl) 11.46
3,000: 1. S. O'Sullivan (IRL) 8:39.67; 2. M. Kerec (ROM) 8:40.97; 3. E. Meyer (SA) 8:42.98
400H: 1. V. Ordina (CIS) 64.65; 2. I. Toer (ITA) 55.53; 3. A. Meinhout (Bel) 56.76

AFRICAN CHAMPS PORT-LOUIS, MAURITIUS 27/28TH JUNE

Men
5,000: 1. S. Senger (Ken) 13:24.63; 2. W. Bakha (Zim) 13:25.98; 3. J. Machuka (Ken) 13:28.85
20kmW: 1. C. Bntz (SA) 1:29:58; 2. J. Moelek (SA) 1:30:54; 3. R. Bignout (SA) 1:31:39
HJ: 1. V. Mousa (Alg) 2.21; 2. O. Bellas (Alg) 2.18; 3. K. Kallan (Maur) 2.15
HT: 1. H. Touni (Alg) 69.80; 2. S. E. Haniway (Egypt) 68.08; 3. C. Koen (SA) 63.14
DEC: 1. B. Moelek (Alg) 7.457; 2. G. Antoine (Maur) 6.803; 3. P. Logiano (Maur) 6.798
Women
10,000: 1. T. Derabi (Eth) 31:32.26; 2. L. Cheromei (Ken) 31:41.09; 3. Y. Lachin (Eth) 32:28.85
TJ: 1. A. Drom (Sen) 12.47; 2. N. Kossou (Ken) 12.41; 3. S. Agbessi (Rwanda) 12.17
DT: 1. L. Eliebeth (SA) 54.84; 2. N. van der Walt (SA) 53.40; 3. Z. Laseoun (Maur) 52.74

BRUGGE VETERANS GRAND PRIX BELGIUM 21ST JUNE

KENNY WOODHOUSE (10km) and Dave Hill (25km) posted good second places in the 19th staging of the popular Brugge Road Races, Martin Duff reports.

Woodhouse was narrowly headed by the Russian, Michael Ulymov on a course re-measured and lengthened after the 1991 10km was discovered to be substantially underdistance.

The Salford man's time of 31:56 was just ten seconds down, as Malcolm Martin also took silver in the M45 class, with 33:18. Ted Isaacs clocked 35 minutes exactly to win the M50 section, but there were further silvers for Dave Starland (M50) and Doug Linton, with a good M60 time of 37:49.

Pat Gallagher, putting in the miles for an attack on the World Road Championships at the NEC over the August Bank Holiday, convincingly won the women's section in 37:22 from Diane Underwood's 38:08. Both, however, took first place age awards, Gallagher in the W45s and Underwood in the W35s.

All of the women's titles actually found their way back to Blighty as Carol Wright (W40), Marjory Scott (W50), Margaret Simpson (W55) and Betty Forster (W60) also scored.

Dave Hill, who won the 25km race last year, was unable to score a repeat win as he found M45 Omer van Noken at his best. The Belgian, warming up well for the European Track and Field this week, won in convincing style, in 1:18:37, with the Thames Hare and Hounds runner just outside 80 minutes.

Hill did, however, take the M40 award, joining the now-confirmed London Marathon M50 winner, Peter Andrews and Derek Wood (M60) on the gold standard.

Barry Watson (M45, 3rd), Mike Hawkins (M50, 2nd), Ron Parnell (M55, 2nd) and George Scutts (M70, 2nd) were among other British medallists.

Men (10km)
1. M. Ulymov (URS) 31:48; 2. K. Woodhouse (UK, Salt) 31:56; 3. V. Kiselev (URS) 32:17; 4. V. Benekuh (URS, M45) 32:21; 5. V. Ermolov (URS) 32:49; 6. M. Martin (UK, Sheffield, M45) 33:16; 7. V. Kun (URS, M50) 33:25; 8. V. Cockhett (BEL, M45) 33:30; 9. T. van Doorn (HOLL) 34:19; 10. V. Suddenkov (URS, M45) 34:53; 11. E. Isaacs (UK, Wilt, M50) 35:00; 12. P. van Kerssem (HOLL) 35:03; 13. P. Depret (FRA, M45) 35:23; 14. J. Shirley (UK, Barn, M45) 36:00; 15. K. Space (THA, M55) 36:04

M50: 2. D. Starland (GUKE) 37:14; 3. B. Femea (UAS-ex-Pol) 37:44
M55: 3. L. Bailey (UK, MV) 38:10
M60: 3. S. Demin (URS) 38:22; 2. D. Ushin (Wim) 37:49; 3. I. Forster (UK, Barn) 38:08; 4. R. Franklin (UK, TVH) 42:24
M65: 1. G. de Backer (BEL) 38:39; 2. R. Bolenberg (BEL) 40:58; 3. M. Stewart (UK, E. Chas) 41:58
M70: 1. E. Pauwels (BEL) 45:45; 2. J. Stancombe (UK, Barn) 52:43

Women
1. G. Gallacher (UK, West, W45) 37:22; 2. D. Underwood (UK, Camp) 38:08; 3. C. Wright (UK, White Star, W40) 38:40; 4. G. Schult (GER) 41:27; 5. N. van Noken (HOLL) 41:28; 6. M. Robinson (UK, Ports, W40) 42:29; 7. E. Turner (UK, Hill, W40) 42:55; 8. M. Madsen (UK, E&E, W40) 43:05; 9. W. Rowles (UK, Trent Pk, W45) 43:49; 10. A. Nichol (UK, E&E, W40) 46:17
W50: 1. M. Scott (UK, NV) 49:00; 2. D. Johansen (GER) 49:10; 3. A. P. Reil (UK, Bell) 49:19
W55: 1. M. Simpson (UK, Nov) 50:42; 2. A. Simonszkiene (LTH) 51:35; 3. S. Smith (UK, NV) 57:35
W60: 1. B. Forster (UK, SBH) 49:20; 3. B. Nott (UK, Wilt) 51:51

TEAM: 1. Russia 1:36:24; 2. United Kingdom 1:40:14; 3. Holland 1:47:31; 4. Belgium 1:48:44; 5. France 1:51:40; 6. Germany 1:58:49
CLUB TEAM: 1. Moscow, Barcelona Marathon 1:37:27; 2. Russian Team 1:40:12; 3. Bernet & Dietrich 1:51:55; 4. A.V. Dynamo (Holl) 1:54:40; 5. Hamburger T.V. (Ger) 2:01:12; 6. Epsom & Ewell 2:01:44

Men (25km)
1. O. van Noken (BEL, M45) 1:18:37; 2. D. Hill (UK, THH) 1:20:20; 3. J. Mapien (BEL) 1:20:28; 4. J. van der Water (BEL, M45) 1:21:07; 5. W. van Oij (HOLL) 1:23:01; 6. B. Watson (UK, E Kent, M45) 1:23:04; 7. C. Hughes (UK, THH) 1:23:29; 8. N. Zudin (UKR) 1:23:58; 9. C. Fairbrass (UK, Inv) 1:24:21; 10. F. Andrews (UK, Duke, M50) 1:24:34; 11. G. Poncelet (BEL) 1:25:00; 12. M. Hawkins (UK, B&R, M50) 1:25:06; 13. F. van Camp (BEL, M45) 1:25:25; 14. K. Kuzmin (URS) 1:25:40; 15. B. Baruzdin (URS) 1:26:07; 16. I. Linton (UK, Barn, J. M45) 1:26:13; 17. V. Katalikov (URS, M50) 1:26:17; 18. A. N. Oiler (BEL, M45) 1:26:43; 19. A. Gysels (BEL) 1:26:55; 20. G. Delenue (FRA, M45) 1:27:49; 21. J. Neyt (BEL) 1:28:01; 22. M. Hurd (UK, Wilt, M45) 1:28:04; 23. M. Vervagt (BEL, M45) 1:28:14; 24. M. Edge (UK, N. Fyde, M50) 1:28:49; 25. G. Maurice (BEL) 1:28:52

M55: 1. E. Knecht (BEL) 1:31:03; 2. R. Parnell (UK, Barn) 1:31:40; 3. P. Hampton (UK, Sw) 1:31:43; 4. J. Wright (UK, Duke) 1:31:50; 5. R. Siewe (UK, Inv) 1:32:49
M60: 1. D. Wood (UK, Barn) 1:35:52; 2. O. Willett (UK, MV) 1:38:33; 3. N. Stuart-Thorn (UK, Sw) 1:40:32
M65: 1. L. de Boue (BEL) 1:55:18
M70: P. Heulemans (BEL) 1:56:46; 2. G. Scutts (UK, Ports) 2:05:59

Women
1. V. Hannekin (BEL) 1:38:10; 2. L. de Voigt (BEL, W45) 1:41:58; 3. M. Chippendale (UK, Stock, W45); 4. M. Goyender (UK, Barn, W45); 5. P. Beckett (UK, Hallam, W45) 1:47:50; 6. M. Leneef (UK, Kipp, W50) 1:48:27
W50: 2. H. Morah (UK, Abbey) 2:03:26
W55: 1. S. Machin (UK, Spem) 1:59:20; 2. M. Wood (UK, NV) 1:57:47
W60: 1. B. Depreyer (BEL) 2:00:33; 2. G. Quinton (UK, Hoes) 2:00:47
TEAM: 1. Belgium 4:08:12; 2. United Kingdom 4:09:53; 3. Russia 4:18:04; 4. Holland 4:28:15; 5. France 4:28:38
CLUB TEAM: 1. Reebok RC (Bel) 4:11:32; 2. Thames Hare and Hounds 4:19:18; 3. Russian Team 4:22:12; 4. North Fyde 4:27:52

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Elana Meyer (left)
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3,000m victory at
Gateshead on
Friday.

INSETS: Roger
Black (above), a
central figure on
and off the track,
and Noureddine
Morceli (below),
big hopes for
Olympic glory.
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staging of the distance in Seoul, is virtually certain to be beaten.

Of the rest of the contenders, Britain's Jill Hunter and the relatively inexperienced Andrea Wallace, Uta Pippig and Kathrin Ulrich of Germany, plus the world silver and bronze medallists from China, Zhong Huandi and Wang Xinting, would seem to be competing for the other medal.

MARATHON

THE queen of marathon running, Rosa Mota, who once held the world, Olympic and European titles at the same time, has failed to finish her last two runs over the distance and has stomach problems. Even so, she will be the one everyone else wants to beat and is likely to dictate the pattern of the race if she makes the start line.

Lisa Ondieki, silver medallist in Seoul, is in good form, with a 31:11.72 10,000m this season, and Katrin Dörre proved her consistency by winning the London Marathon two months after placing third in Osaka.

Now emerging are the Japanese, spurred on by the tradition of the men and the world silver medal of Sachiko Yamashita on home territory. Their three are likely to be well prepared and may work together to ensure they take home at least a medal between them.

100H

AMERICAN Gail Devers has the chance to record an unusual 100/100H double, having won the US Trial in 12.55 in what is shaping up to be yet another US v CIS confrontation. Devers was 0.04sec behind Lyudmila Narozhnikenko in the World Champs and the battle in Barcelona is sure to be just as close, with Tokyo bronze medallist Natalya Grigoryeva also showing good form this year with a 12.60 clocking in Seville on 6th June.

Second in the US Trials, LaVonna Martin will be a threat, as will Lynda Tolbert, who ran a wind-assisted 12.66 in Lille on 6th July.

400H

SALLY GUNNELL, Britain's best over sprint hurdles as well as one lap judging by her Trials win, has ambitions to go one better than her silver medal in Tokyo. It won't be easy because all the major forces are in form, including the American, Sandra Farmer-Patrick, who blew out in Japan.

Farmer-Patrick won the US Trials in 53.62, beating Tonja Buford (54.75) and world bronze medallist Janeene Vickers (54.80) and went on to beat Gunnell on the European circuit. Margarita Ponomareva of the CIS, along with team mate Vera Ordina, look like potential medallists with sub-54.50 times this season. However, Gunnell has the technique and speed to beat them all. Gowry Retchakan should make the final.



HIGH HOPES: Heike Henkel

HIGH JUMP

THE contest between world record-holder Stefka Kostadinova and world champion Heike Henkel should be one of the highlights of Barcelona. Until a couple of weeks ago, Henkel, equal 11th at the 1984 Games but who failed to qualify for the final jump-off four years ago, would have been clear favourite. But an Achilles injury has been troubling the German since the indoor season.

In Lausanne, she failed to clear 2m - a very unusual occurrence for the 28-year-old, who didn't display her normal composure. Kostadinova won with 2.01. More importantly, it consolidated the Bulgarian's 2.05 in San Marino the previous weekend - the best outdoor mark of the year and the 27-year-old's best since clearing 2.07 in 1988.

Both women have won world and European titles and now chase the ultimate goal. Kostadinova, second in Seoul, missed 1989 and 1990 through injury, but has an iron will. Henkel will come under further pressure, as her supporters demand she carry on the tradition of the great Ulrike Meyfarth, twice winner of the Olympic crown.

The bronze medal is wide open. Neither Yelena Yel'sina or Inga Babakova, second and third in Tokyo, made the first three in Tokyo. This might allow the Cubans, Ioanar Quintero and Silvia Costa, an opening.

LONG JUMP

WHEN Heike Daute won the inaugural world title in Helsinki in 1983, aged only 18, East Germany had discovered another superstar. Since then, many honours, including long jump and 200m world records, have come the way of the now Mrs Drechsler. However, since 1987 there has been one major obstacle barring her way - Jackie Joyner-Kersey, who beat Drechsler in the 1987 and 1991 world long jumps and also at the last Olympics.

Their clash will be one to remember. Drechsler showed with the equal second longest jump in history (7.48) when winning the

Lausanne Grand Prix, that she is in the finest form of her life.

Joyner-Kersey, however, is a tough competitor. Her best of the year might only be 7.17, but that was achieved at the New York Grand Prix into a 1.4m/sec wind. The Olympic record of 7.40 held by the American, will be under real threat. Indeed Galina Chistyakova's world mark of 7.52 set in Leningrad prior to the last Olympics could fall.

Behind the big two, there are another five jumpers over 7m. Larisa Berezhnaya should repeat her third place of Tokyo, but don't rule out her CIS team mate Inessa Kravets, the triple jump world record-holder. Fiona May and Yinka Idowu will do well to make the final.

SHOT

HER convincing win in the CIS Champs by defending Olympic champion Natalya Lisovskaya shows she has continued her form since winning the European Indoor title last March. However, the world record-holder will be wary. China's Huang Zhihong dictated to her in Tokyo and the Cuban Belsis Laza has had a sound season, including a 20.84 in Havana on 13th May.

Svetlana Krivelyova, awarded the World Student Games title after the positive drug testing of China's Sui Ximei, should repeat her bronze in the World Championships. European champion Astrid Kumbernuss will miss the Games with a knee injury.

DISCUS

ILKE WYLUDDA had her series of 41 successive victories broken in Tokyo last year when Bulgaria's Tsvetanka Khristova beat her with a 71.02 last round throw, the only 70m-plus performance of 1991. So far this year, five women have attained the mark, although we are unlikely to see throws of over 73m, so common until four years ago.

Wyludda starts favourite, but her



FAVOURITE: Ilke Wyludda

German colleague Martina Hellmann will not easily surrender her title. There will obviously be a CIS threat, and Khristova, third in Seoul, must not be ignored.

JAVELIN

PETRA MEIER is fighting to recover from a knee injury to defend her title. After Barcelona, the German world record-holder will retire.

Natalya Shukolenko of the CIS, 11th in Tokyo, has been the pace-maker this year, but in recent weeks, Trine Hattestad, after being reinstated from an illegal drug suspension, has raised Norwegian hopes with a string of Grand Prix wins. European silver medallist Karen Forkel, a disappointing 12th after a 68.14 qualifier in Tokyo, is also back at her best. Tessa Sanderson will make her swan song in Barcelona and the 1984 champion is determined to retire in style.

HEPTATHLON

ALTHOUGH world champion Sabine Braun, who failed to finish in the first three at the German Champs, leads the rankings with 6985pts, defending Olympic champion Jackie Joyner-Kersey starts favourite. But it is about what happens on the day, as JK's injury in Tokyo showed.

Liliana Nastase and Irina Byelova, continually swapped the world indoor pentathlon mark earlier this year, while Kamelia Dimitrova set a Bulgarian record of 6685 behind Braun in Gotzis on 31st May.

10KM WALK

IN THIS inaugural event, Heana Salvador has been the pacesetter this year, but one suspects Alina Ivanova, winner of the World Championships, will again be the one to beat. Germany's indoor world record-holder, Beate Anders, tends to fade at this distance, but Tokyo silver medallist Madelem Svensson, of Sweden, has shown good form recently.

4X100

IT IS America, winners of the last two Olympic titles, versus the CIS, who ran 43.04 in Duisburg on 7th June, versus Germany, Olympic winners in 1972/76/80. Only a change-over disaster will prevent them filling the medal positions. The lack of world-class sprinters or even top-class in depth means Great Britain has not sent a team.

4X400

AMERICA versus the CIS again with Germany and Great Britain making a bid for honours. The result of the individual event will influence the final placings, but the British squad, which includes Sally Gunnell and Phyllis Smith, should steer safely to the final and then have the chance to sneak into the medals.

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OLYMPIC COUNTDOWN: PREVIEWS

right time and Lewis is sprinting well again so Beamon's legendary 8.90 Olympic record is in danger.

The bronze is available for half a dozen athletes to fight over and it could be a clean-sweep for the USA if Joe Green is in form. The USA celebrations could be spoilt by the 20-year-old Cuban, Ivan Pedrosa.

In Mark Forsythe, Britain have a solid competitor who, after overcoming early-season injury, is looking like eight-metre man again. It will take around 8.05 to qualify and he always gives value for money in the big meets, so I expect him to squeeze through on the day.

TRIPLE JUMP

THE USA field a strong trio of jumpers that does not even include world champion Kenny Harrison.

Mike Conley won a silver back in 1984 and has the experience to jump well on the day, as does Charlie Simpkins, who won the US Trials with 17.88.

World silver medallist Aleksandr Kovalenko leads the CIS challenge and should be capable of the mid-17m range required. The defending champion, Khristo Markov, has started to jump well and will be there or thereabouts on the day.

Jon Edwards is my outside bet for a medal, having jumped a legal 17.28 and has the ability to compete well. To progress through to the final, around 16.90 will be required and Julian Golley has this distance within his range if fully fit.

SHOT PUTT

THE shot looks like a one-man show, with Werner Gunthor way ahead of the world and looking to win by a clear metre.

The USA duo of Doehring and Stulce look formidable but, if they turn up, they will be left fighting for silver. The CIS pair of Klimenko and Lykho seem as likely as anyone to putt the 20.50-21.00m necessary, although I take an outside bet on Ron Backes (USA), an experienced rotational shot putter.

Sixteen years after winning gold in Montreal, Udo Beyer (GER) will end a distinguished career, but will be content to make the final.

Defending champion Ulf Timmermann will probably be nearly two metres down on Seoul.

Paul Edwards is now consistent enough to make the final, which will require a putt of around 19.20, and could be inspired to go over 20m. Then, even a bronze medal is possible.

DISCUS

LITHUANIAN Romas Ubartas and Vaelavis Kidikas are long on distance and I expect them to medal.

Their task is made easier by the fact that this season only 70m man Kami Keshmiri is facing drug suspension and will not compete.

The strong German pair of Lars Riedel (world champion) and Jurgen Schult (Olympic champion) should decide gold and silver at 67/68m, but any one from at least eight throwers could come through, especially one of the CIS trio.

My outside bet is the Dutch thrower, Erik De Bruin, who has competed well at recent major games (silver in Split and Tokyo).

Unless the German authorities relent, Wolfgang Schmidt will not be seen in Barcelona, where he really should be on merit.

Simon Williams will need to throw around 62m to progress to the final and it is asking a lot of anyone to contemplate a PB in such circumstances, but remember he did throw 60m in Tokyo.

HAMMER

WITH no Sedykh or Litvinov, the Olympics will have a strange feel. The old school, however, will be represented by Igor Nikulin (CIS), who first beat 80m in 1980 as a 19-year-old. This year, he has thrown 83.44, but he should not trouble the favourite, Igor Astapkovich, who has been dominant this year.

The third CIS athlete, Audrey Abduvaliyev, should ensure a clean-sweep.

The only men capable of breaking the CIS domination are the Hungarian, Tibor Gecsek and Juri Tamm of Estonia, who was previously part of the Soviet domination.

The USA trio look good on paper, but I see only Lance Deal making any impression.

After a season subdued by illness, Paul Head will have his work cut out to repeat his Split form, but in top condition he can produce his potential under pressure.

JAVELIN

FORGET about the Nemeth factor, if Jan Zelezny turns up in his Oslo form, he will be almost impossible to beat, whether he throws a Nemeth, Apollo, Sandvik or a weightlifting bar!

Steve Backley has been very consistent without being at his best, but is the top bet to throw 90m on the day - the mark needed to win.

The Finn pair of Juha Laukkanen and Seppo Ratty look like potential medallists. My outside bet for gold is Tokyo gold medallist Kimmo Kinnunen, who was been injured during the winter but is ready again to throw late-80s.

I always think Mick Hill will throw 87/88m on his next throw and perhaps Barcelona will see this happen. I hope so since he has managed to overcome so many setbacks. Nigel Bevan has competed well in major competitions and I predict he will reach the final.



EARLY FORM: Jan Zelezny



GAMES DEBUT: David Biggam

DECATHLON

WITH Dan O'Brien missing, the gold should be won by either Dave Johnson (USA) or Robert Zmelik (TCH). Zmelik has posted some impressive results and could start favourite since this 23-year-old has a habit of setting personal bests in major games (4th Split, 4th Tokyo).

Dave Biggam will enjoy the experience of the Olympic stadium and hopefully be able to break the 8,000-point barrier which could place him in the top 12.

WOMEN

HIGH JUMP

A MONTH ago, the gold medal had Heike Henkel's name on it, but recently Stefka Kostadinova, the consistent Bulgarian (she has cleared two metres on 80 occasions), has jumped 2.05. The duel with Henkel will be one of the highlights of the Games, although the German might be a little hampered by a heel injury.

The bronze medal appears to be up for grabs and the USA trials' winner, Tanya Hughes, having cleared 1.97, is as close as anyone.

At their best, Britain's Debbie Marti and Jo Jennings could qualify, with 1.88 sufficient to progress to the final.

LONG JUMP

IN TOKYO, Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA) defeated Heike Drechsler by 3cm after the German had been the more consistent all season. The 1992 season is a repeat, with JJK having fewer quality marks (due to heptathlon preparation) and Drechsler posting outstanding jumps. The final will be close, with perhaps Drechsler just ahead.

The CIS duo of Kravets and Berejnaya should challenge for bronze. One to watch is 21-year-old Chioma Ajunwa (Nigeria), who has improved half a metre this year to jump 7.06 into a headwind.

With 6.60/6.70 required in qualifying, all three British girls are capable of reaching the final.

SHOT PUTT

IN SEOUL, Natalya Lisovskaya (CIS) reached 22.24 to win and did not even break the Olympic record

(22.41 in 1980). In Barcelona, the winning distance could be two metres lower.

Lisovskaya may start favourite, despite a remarkable loss of distance (20.39 in the trials). World champion Zhi Huang (China) is way below her 1990/91 levels and only threw 19.56 in the Chinese Championships.

My outside bet is Svetla Mitkova (Bulgaria), who has never finished higher than ninth in a major championship, but a recent 20.41 makes her at long last a medal contender.

Myrtle Auguee has had a subdued year and will need to throw well over 18m to qualify for the final.

DISCUS

STANDARDS have fallen dramatically and one should remember that in 1988 Ilke Wyludda could not make the GDR team despite throwing over 74m! In Barcelona, 70m should be more than enough to win and Wyludda is favourite.

The main challenge should come from the CIS trio and the defending champion, Martina Hellmann (GER) will use her experience to be in at the death.

An outside bet for a medal must be Daniela Costian, a surprise fifth in Tokyo, who has competed well in Europe this summer. Costian is remembered for a drug suspension in 1986 and for defecting to Australia from Romania via Turkey.

It will take the best part of 60m to make the final and Jacqui McKernan will need a PB to do so. A return to early-season form would make this more realistic.

JAVELIN

GOLD will be a certainty for anyone who can beat 70m. Natalya Shikolenko (CIS) is my favourite for the gold, having thrown consistently in the 68-70m zone and chalked up an impressive competitive record on the European circuit.

Trine Hattestad (Norway) seems to compete well at home, but since her fifth place at the Los Angeles Olympics (1984), has a very poor major games record. The German trio of Meier, Renk and Forkel are all capable of winning, with perhaps Forkel having the most to prove since her demise in Tokyo.

Tessa Sanderson competes in her fifth Olympics and is showing her best form for several years. Her season's best is 64.88, but often at a major games she manages to throw several metres better. It would be a fitting if she could end her career with a medal and realistically we can expect Sanderson to be throwing distances to make that possible.

HEPTATHLON

THIS should be a straight-forward duel between world champion Sabine Braun (Germany) and Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA), the Olympic champion. Braun, after her 6,895 points at Gotzis, is now on a par with Joyner-Kersey, who is not quite the dominant force she was.

The bronze medal should be a closely-fought affair between Dimitrova (Bulgaria), Natase (Romania) and Byelova (CIS).

Clova Court is in form to break new ground and will certainly be looking for a top 12 placing.

OLYMPIC COUNTDOWN: RANKINGS

31:42.70	Albertina Dias (POR)	Helsinki	30 Jun
31:42.83	Rosario Murcia (FRA)	Lommel	26 Apr
BRITISH			
32:21.61	Andrea Wallace		
33:03.46	Sue Crehan		
33:16.03	Suzanne Rigg		

MARATHON

2:23:43	Olga Markova (CIS)	Boston	20 Apr
2:26:25	Madina Biktagirova (CIS)	Los Angeles	Mar
2:26:26	Yuki Kikamo (JPN)	Osaka	26 Jan
2:26:26	Yoshiko Yamamoto (JPN)	Boston	20 Apr
2:27:02	Akemi Matsuno (JPN)	Osaka	26 Jan
2:27:12	Uta Pippig (GER)	Boston	20 Apr
2:27:34	Kathrin Dörre (GER)	Osaka	26 Jan
2:27:42	Manuel Machado (POR)	Boston	20 Apr
2:28:11	Malgorzata Birback (POL)	Boston	20 Apr
2:28:12	Ramila Burangulova (CIS)	Los Angeles	1 Mar
BRITISH			
2:31:32	Andrea Wallace		
2:33:36	Sally Eastall		
2:34:39	Marian Sutton		

100 METRES HURDLES

12.26	Lyudmila Narozhilenko (CIS)	Seville	6 Jun
12.55	Gail Devers (USA)	New Orleans	28 Jun
12.60	Natalya Grigoryeva (CIS)	Seville	6 Jun
12.71	LaVonna Martin (USA)	New Orleans	28 Jun
12.71	Lynda Tolbert (USA)	Lausanne	8 Jul
12.72	Tatyana Reshetnikova (CIS)	Seville	6 Jun
12.76	Maya Azyahine (CIS)	Moscow	23 Jun
12.77	Kim McKenzie (USA)	Walnut	18 Apr
12.79	Michelle Freeman (JAM)	Nashville	17 May
12.80	Monika Taylor (USA)	New Orleans	28 Jun
BRITISH			
13.06	Kay Morley-Brown		
13.13	Sally Gunnell		
13.19	Jackie Agyepong		

400 METRES HURDLES

53.62	Sandra Farmer-Patrick (USA)	New Orleans	21 Jun
54.03	Margarita Ponomareva (CIS)	Moscow	23 Jun
54.40	SALLY GUNNELL (GBR)	LONDON	10 JUL
54.44	Vera Ordina (CIS)	Reims	3 Jul
54.74	Tonja Buford (USA)	New Orleans	21 Jun
54.76	Janeene Vickers (USA)	Lausanne	8 Jul
54.89	Kim Batten (USA)	New Orleans	21 Jun
55.04	GOWKY RETCHARAN (GBR)	BIRMINGHAM	28 JUN
55.09	Heike Meissner (GER)		21 Jun
55.10	Silvia Rieger (GER)	Leverkusen	6 Jun
BRITISH			
56.26	Louise Fraser		



LAP TIME: Young Olympian Louise Fraser

HIGH JUMP

2.071	Heike Henkel (GER)	Karlsruhe	8 Feb
2.051	Stefka Kostadinova (BUL)	Sofia	1 Feb
2.00	Inga Babakova (CIS)	Nice	15 Jul
1.98	Joana Quintero (CUB)	Worms	30 May
1.97	Tanya Hughes (USA)	Eugene	22 May
1.961	Tatyana Shevchik (CIS)	Berlin	21 Feb
1.961	Angie Bradburn (USA)	New York	28 Feb
1.95	Tatyana Blokhina (CIS)	Rostov-on-Don	23 May
1.95	Charmaine Weavers (USA)	Bloemfontein	12 Apr
1.95	Silvia Costa (CUB)	Havana	21 May
1.95	Sarka Novakova (TCH)	Kerkrade	30 May
1.95	Svetlana Leseva (BUL)	Caserta	11 Jun
1.95	Lucienne N'Da (CIV)	Port Louis	27 Jun
1.95	Galina Astafei (ROM)	Lausanne	8 Jul
1.95	Alison Inverarity (AUS)	London	10 Jul
BRITISH			
1.921	Jo Jennings		
1.911	Debbie Marti		
1.901	Lea Haggett		

LONG JUMP

7.48	Heike Drechsler (GER)	Lausanne	8 Jul
7.17	Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA)	New York	24 May
7.14	Mirela Dulgheru (ROM)	Sofia	5 Jul
7.091	Inessa Kravets (CIS)	Moscow	2 Feb
7.081	Larisa Berezhnaya (CIS)	Moscow	2 Feb
7.06	Chioma Ajunwa (NGR)	Lagos	12 Jun
7.04	Yelena Sinechukova (CIS)	Duisburg	7 Jun
6.98	Marieta Ilcu (ROM)	Fieschi	13 Jun
6.95	Yelena Khlopotnikova (CIS)	Bordeaux	31 May
6.92	Lyudmila Ninova (AUT)	St Denis	4 Jun
BRITISH			
6.73	Fiona May		
6.67	Yinka Idowu		
6.57	Joanne Wise		

TRIPLE JUMP

14.41	Li Huirong (CHN)	Nanjing	18 May
14.41	Inessa Kravets (CIS)	Oslo	4 Jul
14.40	Galina Chistyakova (CIS)	Oslo	4 Jul
14.30	Helga Radtke (GER)	Rostock	20 May
14.23	Sheila Hudson (USA)	New Orleans	20 Jun
14.211	Natalya Kayukova (CIS)	Moscow	28 Feb
14.131	Inna Lasovskaya (CIS)	Moscow	19 Jan
14.07	Eljona Echevarria (CUB)	Havana	14 May
13.981	Sofia Bozhanova (BUL)	Genoa	29 Feb
13.911	Yelena Semiraz (CIS)	Kiev	18 Jan
BRITISH			
13.56	Mary Berkeley		
13.501	Michelle Griffith		
13.302	Ashia Hansen (12.92)		
13.09	Rachel Kirby		

SHOT PUTT

20.84	Belsis Laza (CUB)	Havana	13 May
20.701	Natalya Lisovskaya (CIS)	Genoa	1 Mar
20.41	Svetla Mitkova (BUL)	Schwechat	1 Jul
20.30	Valentina Tedyushina (CIS)	Rostov-on-Don	24 May
20.25	Natalya Akhmerko (CIS)	St Petersburg	24 May
20.20	Svetlana Krivelyova (CIS)	Moscow	21 Jun
20.031	Astrid Kumberuss (GER)	Bad Segeburg	25 Jan
20.011	Anna Romanova (CIS)	Volgograd	18 Jan
19.70	Kathrin Neimke (GER)	St Niederrhein	23 May
19.66	Viktoria Pavlysh (CIS)	Moscow	24 Jun

BRITISH

18.15	Myrtle Angee
16.46	Yvonne Hanson-Nortey
16.131	Maggie Lynes (15.94)

DISCUS

71.88	Irina Khval (CIS)	Rostov-on-Don	24 May
71.68	Xiao Yangling (CHN)	Beijing	14 Mar
71.30	Larisa Korotkevich (CIS)	Sochi	24 May
70.96	Ilke Wyludda (GER)	Seville	6 Jun
70.88	Hilda Ramos (CUB)	Havana	8 May
68.94	Ellina Yatchenko (CIS)	Seville	6 Jun
68.38	Olga Burova (CUB)	Havana	14 May
67.80	Svetla Simova (BUL)	Star Zagora	27 Jun

BRITISH

57.82	Jacqui McKernan
53.38	Sharon Andrews
52.80	Debbie Callaway



LONG LEAD: Heike Drechsler of Germany

JAVELIN

70.36	Natalya Shkolnikova (CIS)	Moscow	24 Jun
69.58	Karen Forkel (GER)	Halle	9 May
69.50	Trine Hattestad (NOR)	Oslo	15 May
68.10	Yekaterina Ivakina (CIS)	St Petersburg	24 May
67.54	Teresa Nekrosaitė (LIT)	Duisburg	7 Jun
67.50	Petra Meier (GER)	Sao Paulo	17 May
66.50	Silke Renk (GER)	Jena	28 May
66.06	Paivi Alafranti (FIN)	Tornio	14 Jun
65.88	Antoneta Selenska (BUL)	Star Zagora	9 May
64.88	TESSA SANDERSON (GBR)	LONDON	10 JUL

BRITISH

57.82	Amanda Liverton
5.32	Shelley Holroyd

HEPTATHLON

6985	Sabine Braun (GER)	Gotzis	31 May
6685	Kamelia Dimitrova (BUL)	Gotzis	31 May
6675	Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA)	New Orleans	21 Jun
6594	Liliana Nastase (ROM)	Tokyo	13 Jun
6523	Irina Byelova (CIS)	Moscow	23 Jun
6478	Birgit Clarius (GER)	Gotzis	31 May
6460	Peggy Beer (GER)	Bernhausen	21 Jun
6448	Tatyana Blokhina (CIS)	Rostov-on-Don	23 May
6407	Urszula Włodarczyk (POL)	Warsaw	21 Jun
6384	Zhu Yuying (CHN)	Nanjing	19 May

BRITISH

5846	Clava Court
5685	Denise Lewis
5495	Charmaine Johnson

10km WALK

42:071	Ileana Salvador (ITA)	Sesto San Giovanni	1 May
42:111	Beate Anders (GER)	Rana	15 May
42:131	Madelein Svensson (SWE)	Rana	15 May
42:23	Kerry Saxby-Jones (AUS)	Rana	15 May
42:40	Yelena Nikolayeva (CIS)	Moscow	26 Apr
42:46.71	Chen Yueling (CHN)	Jinan	15 Mar
42:46.71	Cui Yingxi (CHN)	Jinan	15 Mar
42:47.61	Li Chunxiu (CHN)	Jinan	15 Mar
42:48	Alina Ivanova (CIS)	Sochi	22 Feb
42:49.71	Gao Hongmiao (CHN)	Jinan	15 Mar

BRITISH

46:04	Vicky Tipton
46:42	Betty Sworowski
47:44	Lisa Langford

4x100 METRES RELAY

42.85	Mazda TC (USA)	Walnut	18 Apr
43.04	Unified Team (CIS)	Duisburg	7 Jun
43.24	Germany	Duisburg	7 Jun
43.54	Holland	Duisburg	7 Jun
43.74	Guangxi (CHN)	Nanjing	21 May
43.84	Australia	Sydney	25 Jan

4x400 METRES RELAY

3:26.97	Reebok (USA)	Walnut	18 Apr
3:28.14	Germany	Duisburg	7 Jun
3:28.36	CIS	Duisburg	7 Jun

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WHAT A FINALE!

*Record-breaking end to
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**SOMETHING TO
CELEBRATE:**
Carl Lewis won his
eighth Olympic gold
medal in the world
record-breaking
4x100m relay, while
Sally Gunnell won
gold and bronze for
Great Britain.
Pics by ALLSPORT



NO matter who you are, you can have a bad day at the office." So said Carl Lewis, a man who knows what he's talking about. Remember, he flopped at the US Olympic Trials and didn't make the team in the 100 metres, the event where he holds the world record.

What the man who now owns eight Olympic gold medals couldn't have foreseen, though, was so many calling in sick at the XXV Olympiad.

If the Barcelona Games had been a giant conglomerate, millions of dollars would have gone down the drain and the stockmarket collapsed if their workers had had days like some here. As it was, personal fortunes, in terms of athletics appearance fees, fluctuated wildly.

In addition, more than one shoe company was feeling hot under the collar as hyped-up, sponsored athlete after advertising campaign-based-around athlete flopped.

Reebok has spent millions of dollars on their Dan and Dave campaign about Dan O'Brien and Dave Johnson, two of the best decathletes in the world. They had managed to wriggle out of the fact that world champion Dan missed out on the team with some slick advertising. But when Dave fouled out in the shot putt, things truly looked laughable.

And with Susie Favor-Hamilton, reportedly paid \$80,000 a year by the company, a sorry 11th (and therefore a non-qualifier) in the first heat of the 1,500m, a consolation came when Johnson was reinstated and salvaged some pride in third.

But who'd have thought that Sergey Bubka, a man generally considered unbeatable, and tagged The Guru of Gravity by Nike, wouldn't even clear a height in the pole vault?

The crowd certainly couldn't. He was booed and whistled after missing his last attempt. They had paid good money to see Bubka clear six metres, not stumble at 5.75m.

Whether he'll be worth as much again is debatable. Certainly, he'll have to do something special to make the crowds flock to see him as they had in Barcelona. Little else was on the programme the day he jumped, but still the stadium filled. Would it without him?

"To me, it looked like the watch was running faster than usual," he offered lamely. "But, of course, it could have been my nerves playing me up."

That seems more likely. Colin Jackson, for instance, ran a superb 13.10sec in his sprint hurdles heats, but looked a nervous man in the final, the pressure of being favourite, plus that niggling injury, laying heavy on his shoulders.

The Olympics is about being relaxed under pressure - like Linford - and more than one cracked.

Favourites are top of the flops

The Barcelona Games, rather than being a crowning glory for the likes of Michael Johnson, Sergey Bubka and Werner Gunthor, turned into a graveyard for the red-hot favourites, as PAUL LARKINS reports

Michael Johnson, the hottest of all individual track favourites, offered illness to an unbelieving huddle of television and newspaper reporters as his excuse. Possible, but he wasn't flowing. He was tense and looked nervous. Don't be surprised to see him run fast in some unimportant grand prix later this month.

Mike Powell, second in the long jump, agreed that you need that something extra at the Games and if it's not there, then the performances won't come. He eventually forced it out of himself, the mark of a true champion, but too late for gold.

But at least he got a medal. Leroy Burrell, a former world record-holder and favourite for the 100m, found the tension induced by a false start too much of a burden and finished out of the medals. Likewise, Merlene Ottey, expected to win either the 100, the 200, or perhaps even them both, again failed at a major championships and will perhaps never receive the acclaim her record of consistency deserves.

Complacency also had a role to play. There are always athletes ready to steal the show if a favourite shows the least chink.



LIZ LOST: McColgan finished fifth in the 10,000m

Who'd have thought Kevin Young would shatter the world record in the 400m hurdles? But without world champion Samuel Matete to worry about - he was eliminated after being disqualified in the semi-final - he could concentrate on his own race.

Free-flowing and relaxed, Young broke the 47sec barrier, the individual performance of the Games.

Significantly, tactics also play a big role. Why telegraph what you're going to do to your opponents? Liz McColgan and Yvonne

Murray didn't actually run badly, but they probably both missed a medal because they ran too predictably.

Had McColgan chosen to sit in for 10 laps or so and then surged, which, judging by her race, she is easily capable of, she may have been in with a shout at the bell. After all, she continued to fight hard after being passed at 6km. Obviously, she was still feeling reasonably strong, she just employed the wrong tactic.

Likewise, 1992 world leader Murray could have employed other tactics. Easy to say, of course, from the comfort of the stands. But a more urgent pace early on was surely worth considering, with so many famous kickers in the race.

The same goes for Noureddine Morceli. Despite not looking super-sharp pre-Barcelona, Nike had hoardings saying: "Never heard the Algerian anthem? You will."

We did, after Hassiba Boulmerka won the 1,500 metres, not after Morceli allowed a slow race to develop, which gave anyone with a sprint finish a chance. With 60,000-plus Spaniards, and the King, in the stands, willing him to win, that's just the encouragement Permin Cacho needed.

World champion Yobe Ondieki, having seen his wife, Lisa, favourite for the marathon, drop out, didn't rescue family pride in the 5,000 metres.

He pursued his usual front-running tactics, having only got to the final as a fastest loser, but didn't press the pedal hard enough, falling victim to the last-lap burn-up once again.

The throwers did not escape the malaise, either. Werner Gunthor was the overwhelming favourite in the shot putt, but finished out of the medals. Even winner Mike Sulez conceded: "Gunthor is still top dog. Everyone has his down days."

On the women's side, Ilke Wyludda, backed to make up for her World Championship disappointment in the discus, tried the big one with her third throw and fouled, ending up ninth. Another shock was world record-holder Natalya Lisovskaya failing to even make the shot putt throw-off.

Of course, the pressure of producing the goods year-in, year-out, affects everyone, with only three world champions taking home Olympic gold. Two of those, Boulmerka and Marie-Jose Perec, have raced very sparingly this year.

But, as Michael Johnson, who went on to win a gold medal in the 4x400 metres relay, said: "There will be stars in the sky tonight, and the sun will shine tomorrow. It's only a race, after all."



BUBKA BOOB: Sergey did not clear a height

CHANCE VICTORY: Maksim Tarasov rises to win a surprise pole vault gold



Tarasov takes the gold as Bubka bows out

Men Pole Vault final

WHEN Sergey Bubka entered the competition at 5.70m, no one even considered the world record-holder would fail to make the height.

Three jumps later the impossible had occurred yet again in these Games. The defending champion and overwhelming favourite was out.

Many will suggest he should have come in earlier. The Ukrainian will reply that if he can't clear 5.70, he shouldn't be in the game. In the past, at non-championships, he has sometimes left his entry to 5.90.

Here he got it wrong, just as he nearly did in 1988. In Seoul he opened at 5.70, passing through the heights to 5.90.

After two failures he was on the verge of exiting the competition in equal fourth place. But the 28-year-old got over, establishing an Olympic record.

Four years on, he was following a well-rehearsed routine, indeed in last year's World Championships 5.70 was his opening height.

If Bubka is to be criticised, it can only be for ignoring the conditions. Montjuïc Stadium has a deep bowl and, as the sprints showed, the wind constantly changes. Bubka was aware of this. He was also rattled when the time clock was down to three seconds for his first attempt, where he failed to get any height.

The second wasn't much better

and Bubka had the bar raised five centimetres. Again, he was unsuccessful.

He made no excuses for his disastrous exit. "Most of us had problems with the swirling wind around the field and the run-up, and I was definitely one of them," he said.

"Maybe I took too long to prepare for each jump. To me, it looked like the watch was running faster than usual.

"But of course it could just have been my nerves playing me up.

"The biggest mistake I made was not using a hard enough pole in my third attempt, at 5.75."

With the world record-holder departed, the competition centred around Igor Trandenkov, Maksim Tarasov, Dave Volz, Kory Tarpenning and the Spaniard, Javier Garcia.

Tarasov was clear on 5.60 and passed 5.70, as did Tarpenning. Both Trandenkov and Garcia cleared first attempt.

At 5.75, Volz and Asko Peltoniemi went out.

Garcia, whose PB is an indoor 5.77, got over second attempt, Tarpenning needing a third.

With the bar at 5.80, Tarasov attempted the height at which he still holds the world junior record. The 21-year-old soldier sailed over first time.

Trandenkov also made it with his final vault, but Garcia and Tarpenning were eliminated. The

Spaniard took the bronze medal on countback.

Neither CIS man cleared the Olympic record of 5.80, victory going to Tarasov, who only had two jumps in the whole competition.

What should have been one of the showpieces of the competition ended in a damp squib. Certainly Bubka's charisma was missed - and it showed.

Tarasov, the Tokyo bronze medallist and winner of the CIS trial, said: "I just took my chance. The wind was against us and that's why I'm so satisfied with the win.

"Sergey Bubka's elimination was a big surprise to all of us. I think he's physically very well prepared and after the Games will prove it."

Trandenkov expressed sympathy to his training partner Bubka then attacked the judges.

The 25-year-old said: "All three of us from the CIS team were very dissatisfied with the judging, especially concerning the time allowed for each vault."

1, M Tarasov (EUN) (5.60, 5.80, xxxat5.90) 5.80; 2, I Trandenkov (EUN) (5.50, 5.70, xx5.80, xxxat5.90) 5.80; 3, J Garcia (ESP) (5.40, 5.60, 5.70, x5.75, xxxat5.80) 5.75; 4, K Tarpenning (USA) (5.60, xx5.75, xxxat5.80) 5.75; 5, D Volz (USA) (xx5.50, 5.65, xxxat5.75) 5.65; 6, A Peltoniemi (FIN) (xx5.40, xx5.60, x-at5.70, xxxat5.75) 5.60; 7, P Collet (FRA) (5.55, xxxat5.70) 5.55; 8, E Krastov (ISR) (x5.40, xxxat5.50) 5.40; 9, J Bagyula (HUN) (xx5.20, 5.30, xxxat5.40) 5.30; 10, A Rusa (ESP) (xx5.30, xxxat5.50) 5.30; S Bubka (EUN) (xx-at 5.70, xxxat5.75); T Bright (USA) (xxxat5.60)

Telles) 3:01.38; 2, Italy (Almas, Vaccari, Grossi, Nuti) 3:02.09; 3, Morocco (Kasbane, Gouriguer, Bel Caid, Lahlou) 3:02.28; 4, Spain (Sanchez, Cornet, Moreno, De Las) 3:04.60; 5, Qatar (Jumah, A-Rahman, Ismail, Ali) 3:07.26; 6, Papua New Guinea (Neuendorf, Selot, Manana, Babo) 3:13.35; Germany dnf. Jamaica dnf.

Women Shot Putt final

NO SOONER had Sergey Bubka been eliminated from the pole vault, than another major upset rocked the camp of the Unified Team.

World record-holder Natalya Lisovskaya, favourite to retain her title, failed to make the throw-off for the leading eight.

The Russian has competed sparingly this year, but when winning the European Indoor title with 20.70 earlier this year she had looked good. The 30-year-old also threw 20.39 when winning the CIS title.

Svetlana Krivelyova led with a first round 20.34. Huang Zhihong, the world champion, was the only other 20m-plus thrower, her best being 20.47 in the third round.

Seoul silver medallist Kathrin Neimke was lying third, with an opening 19.61.

But Krivelyova, at 23 the baby of the field, was looking the best. Her fourth effort was a centimetre under 20m, as her Chinese rival got out to 20.11.

She savoured winning bronze in Tokyo last year and here took the ultimate award with her last throw of the competition.

The Russian, who last year was awarded the World Student Games title after the disqualification of drug-taker Sui Xinmei, could not have wrapped up the competition in a more fitting manner.

For the first time in her life, Krivelyova breeched the 21m barrier, improving her best for the eighth successive year.

By the standards of the huge throws which were customary before drug enforcement became a reality, her 21.06m only ranks her 24th on the world all-time list.

Huang Zhong never improved on her third round best, although her five valid throws were all over 20m.

Neimke, a 21.21 thrower in the good old days, improved with a final 19.78 to add the bronze medal to her 1988 silver.

Krivelyova, who revealed Lisovskaya had been carrying an injury, said: "My only goal since Tokyo has been to win gold in Barcelona. I'm not excited and I am saying with a cool head that I was perfectly prepared."

Neimke, still only 26, revealed before the Games she would have been happy to finish in the first eight. "I thought the bronze medal would be possible with a throw of around 20.50. But as you can see, the standard of shot putting is not very high nowadays," she said.

1, S Krivelyova (EUN) (20.34, 20.09, x, 19.99, 20.89, 21.06) 21.06; 2, Huang Zhihong (20.25, 20.19, 20.47, x, 20.11, 20.44) 20.47; 3, K Neimke (GER) (19.61, 18.56, 19.56, 19.22, x, 19.78) 19.78; 4, B Laza (CUB) (18.78, 19.70, x, x, 18.69, 18.75) 19.70; 5, Zhou Tianhua (CHN) (19.11, 18.66, 18.64, 19.26, 18.34, 18.57) 19.26; 6, S Mitkova (BUL) (19.23, x, x, 19.09, 19.21, 19.19) 19.23; 7, S Storp (GER) (17.58, 19.10, 19.08, x, 18.96, 18.43) 19.10; 8, V Pavlych (EUN) (18.69, x, x, x, 18.61, x) 18.69; 9, N Lisovskaya (EUN) (18.60, x, x) 18.60; 10, K

Danilczyk (POL) (17.51,17.89,18.29) 18.29;
11, R Page (USA) (18.24,18.04,17.21) 18.24;
12, Zhen Wenhua (CHN) (17.55,17.81,x)
17.81

Men 4x100m semi-final

CUBA headed the USA for three of the four legs, but never looked like repeating their first round victory.

Carl Lewis was waiting on the anchor and he easily pulled back the lead, passed his man and strode away for a comfortable victory. Surprisingly, the much-feared French quartet failed to advance.

John Regis came in for Jason John and helped the British to the final behind a slick Nigerian quartet.

"We're here for a medal," Regis said. "And we want the shiniest one."

Ht 1: 1, USA (Marsh, Burrell, Mitchell, Lewis) 38.14; 2, Cuba (Simon, Lamela, Iasi, Aguilera) 38.49; 3, Unified Team (Glavin, Ivanov, Fedorov, Savin) 38.69; 4, Japan (Aono, Suzuki, Inoue, Sugimoto) 38.81; 5, France (Moriniere, Sangouma, Quenheve, Marie-Rose) 39.02; 6, Ghana (Myles-Mills, Akogpyram, Tuffour, Boateng) 39.28; 7, Sierra Leone (Keita, Guy-Williams, Parkinson, Turay) 40.46; Mexico Df.

Ht 2: 1, Nigeria (Giyode, Inoh, Adeniken, D. Eziwa) 38.21; 2, Great Britain (Tony Jarrett, John Regis, Marcus Adams, Linford Christie) 38.64; 3, Austria (Postinger, Renner, Berger, Ratzenberger) 39.34; 4, Ivory Coast (Waotta, Zirignon, Bogui, Lagazane) 39.46; 5, Spain (Arques, Talavera, Trapero, Lopez) 39.62; 6, Thailand (Nakom, Boonrat, Piyapan, Watsarasut) 39.73; 7, Togo (Aholou, Lawson, Amegninan, Akoto) 39.84; Canada DNF

Women Long Jump final

HEIKE DRECHSLER arrived in Barcelona having completed her preparations with a huge jump of 7.63 in the altitude of Sestriere. That 25 feet clearance was aided by a wind of 2.1m/sec, just over the permitted level.

Drechsler entered the stadium having cleared the seven-metre mark 14 times this season. The German was aiming for the only honour that has eluded her, an Olympic title.

Now 27, Drechsler made it plain to everyone that this year, she would not mix sprinting with her speciality.

She might run a leg of the 4x100 final, but wouldn't frown if not called upon. Last year, she carried the can after a bad final change-over saw Germany relegated to third in the World Championships.

If Drechsler had a worry as she prepared for her first jump in the Montjuic Stadium, it would have been Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

The American has been a thorn in her flesh since the 1987 World Championships. At every major gathering since then, she has denied her German rival the gold medal.

This time Drechsler was sure her dreams would be answered. Consistency has been her key as she has travelled the European Grand Prix circuit. Apart from her Sestriere leap, a 7.48 legal clearance in Lausanne was only 4cm short of Galina Chistyakova's four-year-old world record.

And, of course, Joyner-Kersey, conscious of how she must look after herself for the heptathlon, has competed sparingly in the long jump this year.

Drechsler's nerves must have been twitching after the first round.



TREBLE TOPS: The Kenyan trio dominated the steeplechase and took all three medals

She only managed 6.34 for eighth place, as Inessa Kravets, the triple jump world record-holder, led with a season's best of 7.12.

Joyner-Kersey, jumping last, opened with 7.07 to go second.

Drechsler discovered her form in the next round, moving to third with a 6.99 leap, a distance also credited to Kravets.

It was a good improvement but she still didn't look happy. After a disappointing 6.85 in round three, a smile didn't appear on her face until after her next jump.

By her own standards, her 7.14 wasn't brilliant, but it gave her the lead, if only by a two-centimetre cushion over Kravets.

It proved to be the winner. There are moments every athlete cherishes. In Drechsler's case it might have been when she ran over and embraced her family, but one suspects when Jackie Joyner-Kersey shook her hand, that will have meant much to her former East German.

Drechsler said afterwards: "It was a very hard competition for two reasons. First, psychologically, and second, the conditions having the wind against us most of the time."

"I thought that 7.40 would be the winning result, but under these conditions the only important thing was to win."

Joyner-Kersey said: "Today I am satisfied with the bronze medal. But I know for sure that tomorrow I will realise what I've missed out on."

Ht 1: 1, H Drechsler (GER) (6.34,6.99,6.85, 7.14,6.97,x) 7.14; 2, I Kravets (EUN) (7.12, 6.99, 6.94,6.91,6.88,7.00) 7.12; 3, J Joyner-Kersey (USA) (7.07,x,6.91,7.00,5.17,6.90) 7.07; 4, N Medvedeva (LTU) (x,6.66,6.70, 6.73,6.68) 6.76; 5, M Dulghera (ROM) (6.51, 6.54,6.71,6.32,6.31,6.36) 6.71; 6, I Muchalova (EUN) (6.51,6.56,6.68, 6.67,8, 6.43) 6.68; 7, B Conch (USA) (6.26,6.32,6.66, 6.15,6.11,6.17) 6.66; 8, S Echols (USA) (6.51,6.62,6.61,x,6.64) 6.62; 9, S Tierdike (GER) (6.48,x,6.60) 6.60; 10, P Hysciuth (ISV) (6.24,6.36,6.52) 6.36; 11, A

Kaczmarek (POL) (6.41,6.38,6.35) 6.41; 12, R Nielsen (DEN) (5.98,6.06,5.95) 6.06

Women 4x400 round one

THE colours may not be the same, but the racing was, as the Unified Team in green - formerly the Soviet Union in red - and the USA once again posted the best 4x400 times at a major championships.

The USA ran effectively what was a time trial in the first race to set the fastest time in the world this season (3:22.29).

Then the Unified Team came out and did almost the same, running just 0.62sec slower.

Britain were in their heat and qualified easily for the final in second, Sally Gunnell barely raising a sweat on the anchor.

Ht 1: 1, USA (Hill, Miles, Young, Kaiser) 3:22.29; 2, Jamaica (Soom, Rattray, Williams, Campbell) 3:25.55; 3, Australia (Andrews, Poetschka, Freeman, Lock) 3:25.68; 4, Canada (Edels, Clarke, Noel, Grinck) 3:26.09; 5, Hungary (Molnar, Kozary, Barati, Pongacs) 3:33.81; 6, Thailand (Srinak, Sang-Ngeun, Chimruk, Phimphe) 3:35.48; Cuba Df.

Ht 2: 1, Unified Team (Shonina, Dzulgaleva, Ruzina, Nuritdinova) 3:22.91; 2, Great Britain (Sandra Douglas, Phyllis Smith, Jenny Skoute, Sally Gunnell) 3:25.20; 3, Germany (Rohlander, Meisner, Kizabka, Rucker) 3:26.25; 4, Portugal (Moreira, Coelho, Amaral, Jardim) 3:29.38; 5, Switzerland (Lurki, Scalabrin, Grossenbacher, Burkart) 3:31.26; 6, Spain (Lahozm, Perez, Ferrer, Merino) 3:31.35; 7, Bolivia (Soliz, Anielo, Burgos, Galeovic) 3:53.65

Men 3,000SC final

IF there's one safe bet in athletics, it must be that a Kenyan would win the steeplechase - and the other two will come in second and third.

It took no more than half the distance for that to become a certainty as Mathew Birir, Patrick Sang and William Mutwol broke away from the chasing pack.

After a slow first lap, Mutwol hit the front, turning what was beginning to look like a tactical race into

a test of endurance.

Almost instantly, the field began to string out behind him as first the kilometre passed in 2:44.86 and then two in 5:31.86.

Britain's Tom Hanlon was running a sensible race, attempting to stay out of trouble and give himself a clear shot at the barriers. Early on, he hung back and then moved into a covering position on the shoulder of Birir.

But when the Kenyans struck out in earnest he had nothing to offer.

"The barriers weren't going too well, which made things more difficult," he explained. "But I felt easy until two to go."

The Kenyans, meanwhile, looked, as well as felt, easy.

"We planned to run that way," Sang, the silver medallist, said. "We knew if we ran very fast from the beginning we would be in the first three."

That looked doubtful at one point when Birir, unusually for a Kenyan steeplechaser, was lagging down the field.

"It took two kilometres to get back into the race," he said. His shoe, he said, had been torn off on the first lap and he had almost fallen.

"But the only thing I thought of was winning the gold. The Kenyan runners decided to run as a team, but my fall on the first lap almost upset that plan," he added.

They had an extra reason as well. Sang said, "After the 10,000, we were very disappointed and determined to win this one."

Ht 1: 1, M Birir (KEN) 8:08.84; 2, P Sang (KEN) 8:09.55; 3, W Mutwol (KEN) 8:10.74; 4, A Lambroschini (ITA) 8:15.52; 5, S Brand (GER) 8:16.60; 6, T Hanlon (GBR) 8:18.14; 7, B Diemer (USA) 8:18.77; 8, A Beahmi (ALG) 8:20.71; 9, W Van Dijk (BEL) 8:22.51; 10, F Khamis (MAR) 8:23.82; 11, C Lopes Do Carmo (BRA) 8:25.92; 12, R Vera Rebollo (CHI) 8:26.35

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3,000 METRES

1, Yelena Romanova (EUN) 8:33.72; 2, Tatyana Dorovskikh (EUN) 8:42.45; 3, Sonia O'Sullivan (IRL) 8:57.92; 4, Elana Meyer (RSA) 8:38.45; 5, PattiSue Plumer (USA) 8:40.98; 6, Angela Chalmers (CAN) 8:42.85; 7, YVONNE MURRAY 8:36.63; 8, Margareta Keszeg (ROM) 8:39.94; 9, LIZ McCOLGAN 8:41.07; 10, Yelena Kopytova (EUN) 8:47.21. ROMANOVA was unchallenged as No.1, having the season's fastest time and beating Dorovskikh by the narrowest of margins in Barcelona.

O'Sullivan showed splendid post-Olympic form with second place in Cologne and a victory in Brussels. Meyer, a very impressive winner in Stockholm and third in Cologne, would probably have ranked higher with more performances outside of South Africa.

10,000 METRES

1, Deratu Tulu (ETH) 31:06.02; 2, Elana Meyer (RSA) 31:11.75; 3, Lynn Jennings (USA) 31:19.89; 4, Zhong Huandi (CHN) 31:12.08; 5, LIZ McCOLGAN 31:26.11; 6, Wang Xuting (CHN) 31:28.06; 7, Lisa Ondieki (AUS) 31:11.72; 8, Uta Pippig (GER) 31:21.36; 9, Judi St Hilaire (USA) 31:38.04; 10, Helen Kimalyo (KEN) 31:38.91.

THE Olympic final dictated the majority of the rankings, Tulu with victories in the African and Olympic championships, plus her World Cup win, being an easy choice.

Ondieki slipped in by virtue of her fast 10,000m in Helsinki.

100M HURDLES

1, Gail Devers (USA) 12.55; 2, Paraskevi Patoulidou (GRE) 12.64; 3, Lyudmila Narozhilenko (EUN) 12.26; 4, LaVonne Martin (USA) 12.69; 5, Lynda Tolbert (USA) 12.71; 6, Yordanka Donkova (BUL) 12.67; 7, Michelle Freeman (JAM) 12.75; 8, Alluska Lopez (CUB) 12.87; 9, Anne Pépière (FRA) 12.85; 10, Natalya Kolosanova (EUN) 12.81.

DEVERS was heading for a unique 100/100H double until hitting the last hurdle in the Olympic final. However, her overall Grand Prix success and unbeaten record apart from Barcelona, ranked her No.1.

Narozhilenko, prevented from competing in the Olympic semi-final through injury, had six times quicker than her nearest rival, Devers. Indeed, the Russian ran the two fastest ever times (12.28 and 12.26 in Seville), since the inception of the Grand Prix series. She almost made second on these achievements. However, Patoulidou, who went into hibernation after her Olympic success, gains it by that unexpected achievement.

400M HURDLES

1, SALLY GUNNILL 53.23; 2, Sandra Farmer-Patrick (USA) 53.59; 3, Janette Vickers (USA) 54.31; 4, Tatyana Ledovskaya (EUN) 53.55; 5, Margarita Ponomareva (EUN) 53.66; 6, Vera Ordina (EUN) 54.37; 7, Kim Batten (USA) 54.35; 8, GOWDY RETCHAKAN 54.63; 9, Tanya Buford (USA) 54.75; 10,

Myrtle Bothma (RSA) 54.53.

THE fastest woman in the world and winner of the Olympic gold medal gained Gunnell top spot. Farmer-Patrick did beat her on three occasions (Stockholm, Lille and Zurich), but also began her preparations long before the Brighton woman.

Retchakan proved she is also now a world-class performer.

HIGH JUMP

1, Heike Henkel (GER) 2.04 (2.07D); 2, Stefka Kostadinova (BUL) 2.05; 3, Galina Astafei (ROM) 2.00; 4, Ioannet Quintero (CUB) 1.98; 5, Inga Babakova (EUN) 2.00; 6, Sigrid Kirchmann (AUT) 1.94; 7, Silvia Costa (CUB) 1.95; 8, Allison Invernizzi (AUS) 1.95; 9, Olga Turchak (EUN) 1.95; 10, Svetlana Lesyeva (BUL) 1.95.

AN Achilles injury suggested Henkel might struggle in Barcelona against her main rival, Kostadinova, but the German got it right and by the season's end was 4-2 ahead of the world record-holder.

Babakova, sixth in the Unified Team trial, missed the Olympics, but her 2.00m clearance in Nice merits a fifth position.

LONG JUMP

1, Heike Drechsler (GER) 7.48 (7.53w); 2, Inessa Kravets (EUN) 7.37; 3, Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA) 7.17; 4, Mirela Dugheru (ROM) 7.14; 5, Lyudmila Ninova (AUT) 6.92 (7.00w); 6, Larisa Berezhnaya (EUN) 7.01 (7.15w); 7, Yelena Senechukova (EUN) 7.04; 8, Yelena Khloptsova (EUN) 6.95; 9, Irina Mushakova (EUN) 6.89; 10, Susan Tidrick (GER) 6.74.

MANY would argue that Drechsler was the women's athlete of the year after a scintillating season. She had one "bogeywoman" - Inessa Kravets, who beat her on three occasions (Lille, Zurich and Rieti).

No one else did as she became the first woman to clear 25 feet, albeit windy and at altitude. In 28 contests she cleared over 7.00m on 23 occasions.

TRIPLE JUMP

1, Li Huirong (CHN) 14.55; 2, Galina Chistyakova (EUN) 14.62; 3, Inessa Kravets (EUN) 14.61; 4, Sheila Hudson (USA) 14.23; 5, Helga Radtke (GER) 14.30; 6, Natalya Rayukova (EUN) 14.20 (14.21); 7, Eloisa Echegarria (CUB) 14.07; 8, Inna Lasovskaya (EUN) 14.07 (14.10); 9, Sarka Kasparikova (TCH) 14.00; 10, Yelena Senechukova (EUN) 14.09.

LI HUIRONG was unbeaten in five major contests and her victory over Chistyakova in the World Cup gave her No.1 spot ahead of the Russian.

Hopefully, the future will see more triple jump competitions now that it is a recognised event.

SHOT PUTT

1, Svetlana Krivelyova (EUN) 21.06; 2, Huang Zhong (CHN) 20.47; 3, Beate Laza (CUB) 20.84; 4, Kathrin Neimke (GER) 19.78; 5, Svetlana Mitkova (BUL) 19.23; 6, Natalya Lisovskaya (EUN) 20.39; 7, Zhou Tianhua (CHN) 19.45; 8, Stephanie Stoep (GER) 19.59; 9, Viktoriya Pavlysh (EUN) 19.66; 10, Valentina Fedyushina (EUN) 20.30. KRIVELYOVA won the Olympic title and was the only thrower over 21 metres.

Laza gets ahead of Neimke, who beat her for the bronze medal in Barcelona, by virtue of her 20.84m effort (second on the world list) in Havana.

DISCUS

1, Maritza Marten (CUB) 70.68; 2, Ilse Wyludda (GER) 70.96; 3, Tsvetanka Khristova (BUL) 67.78; 4, Daniela Costian (AUS) 66.24; 5, Larisa Korotkevich (EUN) 71.30; 6, Olga Burova (EUN) 68.38; 7, Irina Vatchenko (EUN) 68.94; 8, Hilda Ramos (CUB) 70.88; 9, Stefania Simova (BUL) 67.80; 10, Larisa Mikhailchenko (EUN) 67.08.

MARTEN comfortably defeated Wyludda in the two competitions that mattered during the summer the Olympics and World Cup. However, Wyludda had an impressive competitive record despite shinning to ninth in Barcelona.

Korotkevich had the furthest throw of the year to rank ahead of Costian, who beat her for Olympic bronze. But Khristova, whose best throw of the year came when winning silver, pushes her out of third position.



SUPER SEASON: For Heike Drechsler

JAVELIN

1, Natalya Shikolenko (EUN) 70.56; 2, Silke Renk (GER) 68.54; 3, Karen Fowke (GER) 69.58; 4, Trine Hattestad (NOR) 69.50; 5, Petra Meier (GER) 67.50; 6, TESSA SANDERSON 64.88; 7, Heli Rantanen (FIN) 65.98; 8, Päivi Alafrantti (FIN) 66.06; 9, Dulce Garcia (CUB) 64.18; Terese Nekrosaitė (LIT) 67.54.

SHIKOLENKO lost to Renk in Barcelona but otherwise was dominant over the German as she swept to the overall Grand Prix title.

Hattestad was brilliant before Barcelona, losing only once to Shikolenko in Helsinki. Although she won the Grand Prix final, her lapse in Spain holds her down to fourth spot.

HEPTATHLON

1, Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA) 7044; 2, Irina Byelova (EUN) 6845; 3, Sabine Braun (GER) 6985; 4, Liliana Nastase (ROM) 6619; 5, Svetla Dimitrova (BUL) 6685; 6, Peggy Beer (GER) 6460; 7, Birgit Clarus (GER) 6478; 8, Urszula Włodarczyk (POL) 6407; 9, Sami Ruoskalainen (FIN) 6362; 10, Cindy Greiner (USA) 6300.

JOYNER-KERSEY won IAC and Olympic titles with ease and the result of the latter competition almost exactly reflects the rankings of the athletes.



FINAL BARRIER: Gail Devers was set for a 100/100H double in Barcelona before falling in the final of the hurdles, where she is still top-ranked