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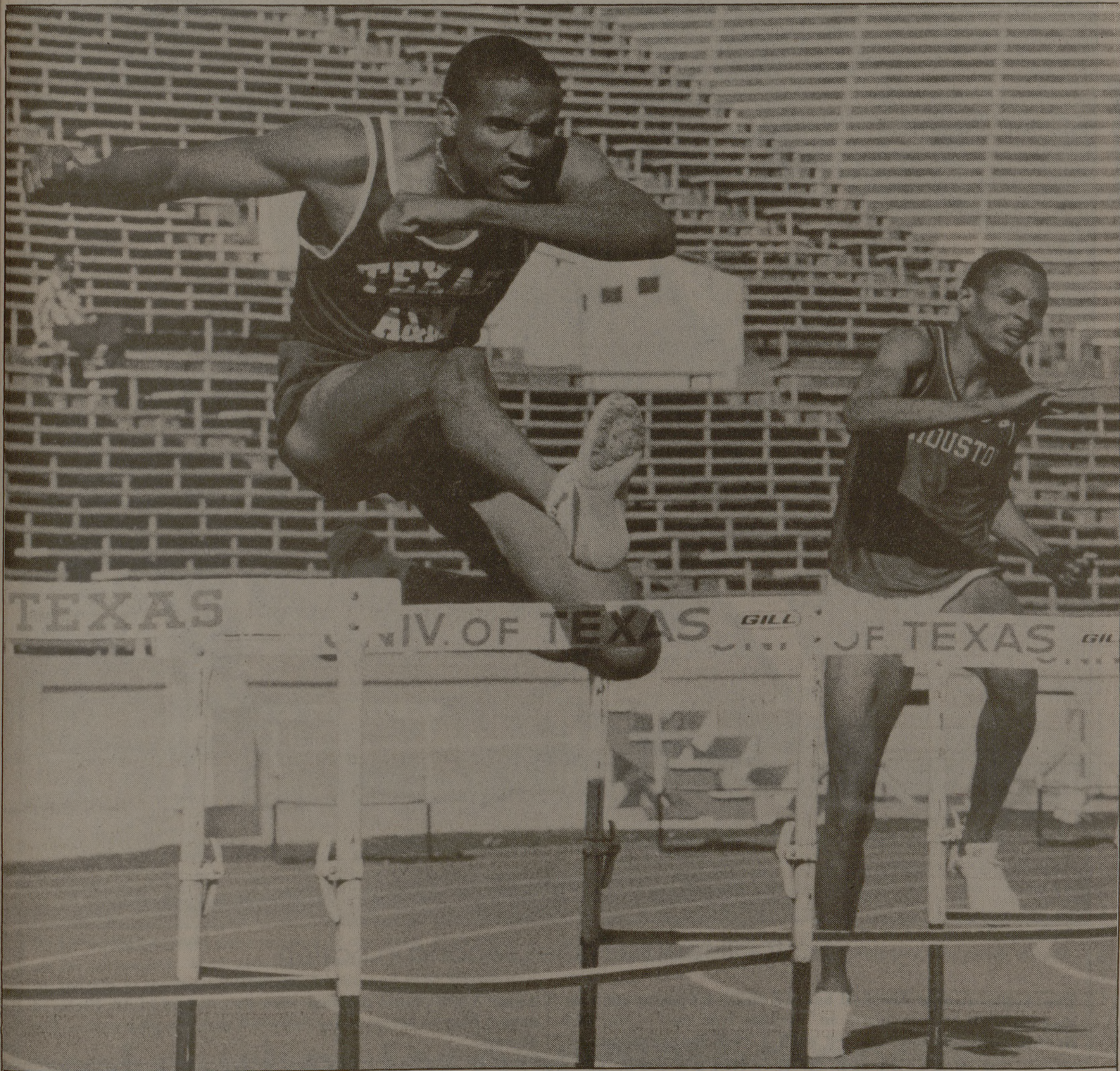


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Henderson leads Aggie track team

Chappelle Henderson placed fifth in the 400-meter hurdles during the NCAA track meet held last week in Eugene, Ore.

Juan de la Garza was seventh in the javelin. Texas A&M finished 36th overall. The championship was won by Oregon.

L.A. confident but not cocky

United Press International

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The Los Angeles Lakers worked on defensive strategy Monday — defending against becoming overconfident.

"I'm concerned about our feeling too good about our game," Los Angeles coach Pat Riley said a day after his team routed the Boston Celtics 137-104 to take a 2-1 lead in the NBA championship series.

"It goes back to (Dave) Cowens and (Bill) Russell," Riley said. "To play the Boston Celtics, we have to be ready physically and emotionally. If you get caught half-stepping with them, you're in trouble."

The Lakers were high-stepping, not half-stepping, Sunday at the Forum in Game 3.

Los Angeles scored 47 points in the third period — breaking the record set 24 years ago by a single point. Magic Johnson set another championship series mark by dishing out 21 assists in orchestrating Los Angeles' fine-tuned running game.

Game 4 in the best-of-seven series is set for Wednesday night in the Los Angeles Forum. Game 5 will see the series shift back to Boston Garden.

"They run on every situation you give them," said Boston's Larry Bird, whose 30 points failed to become a factor in Game 3. "They beat us at their own game. What can you do when they're scoring 3 1/2 points every minute?"

All coach K.C. Jones and his Boston Celtics could do Sunday was watch the Lakers and Johnson rewrite the record book.

"The key to the fastbreak is not to make it fancy," Johnson said. "It's the basic pass, one that just gets it to the man and lets him carry it in."

"I really don't know its impact on Boston, but it gives us a great feel-

ing. It brings everybody up to another level. You want the ball back again so you can continue and keep it going."

Boston center Robert Parish, held to 9 points Sunday, said his team can't keep up with the Laker track stars.

"The difference is they've got more foot speed and more people who can run the court," Parish said.

Parish, outplayed by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in Game 3, admitted he is having a rough time with the NBA's premiere center.

"This is the most doubling I've had since I've been playing," said Parish, an eight-year veteran. "I'm getting shots, but not my shots. Instead of the five or six footers, I'm out eight or 10 feet instead."

Riley said the Western Conference final matchup with the Phoenix Suns prepared Abdul-Jabbar for the pounding he's facing in the title series.

"Having Kareem play against Rick Robey and James Edwards helped him because they are so physical," Riley said. "He and Robert Parish have adjusted. There's a challenge in there. I'm glad they (the referees) are letting both centers play."

Conversely, Riley said, the Celtics didn't face opponents that would have prepared them for the Lakers fast-paced style of play.

"The Celtics played three series against teams that wouldn't run with them," he said. "Milwaukee and New York would try it at times, but Boston had to get used to us doing it all the time."

"But we played as good a running game (Sunday) as we've played all season. There were just a few minutes when they shot and rebounded well."

'84 Games boast largest field ever

United Press International

LOS ANGELES — A record-142 nations will attend the Summer Games despite the Soviet-led boycott that took 16 countries from the field, Olympic organizers said Monday.

Peter Ueberroth, president of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, called the Soviet boycott a "big failure" that hurts only the athletes of the Communist Bloc nations.

He said 7,800 athletes will arrive for the 23rd Olympiad July 28-Aug. 12. More than 9,500 were expected before the boycott was announced last month.

The last 10 countries to formally accept invitations were Burma, Equatorial Guinea, Jordan, Lesotho, Madagascar, Seychelles, Somalia, Tonga, Upper Volta and Angola.

The LAOOC received a telex from the Angolan delegation Monday — nearly 36 hours after the deadline — but Ueberroth said every effort was made to beat the clock.

"The boycott has a single success — it's ability to hurt athletes," Ueberroth said at a news conference. "But otherwise the boycott is a big failure. You only have to meet one athlete of a boycotting country to understand the pain."

Ueberroth said the Soviet Union, which withdrew May 8 accusing the United States of violating the Olympic charter and failing to provide adequate security for its athletes, has continued to pressure African nations to pull out.

"There will be Soviet efforts to force countries to change their mind, which would be against Olympic rules," he said.

The 16 boycotting countries are the Soviet Union, Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, East Germany, Hungary, North Korea, Laos, Mongolia, Poland, Vietnam, South Yemen, Iran and Albania.

"You only have to meet one athlete of a boycotting country to understand the pain," Ueberroth said.

The LAOOC listed two countries as not responding to Olympic invitations — Albania and Iran. Both announced long before the boycott they would not participate.

Bolivia announced Sunday it will not attend the Olympics because of its severe economic crisis and the low quality of its athletes. But Ueberroth listed Bolivia as a participant, saying the LAOOC would help the country seek funds.

French Open quarter-finals set

United Press International

PARIS — Jimmy Connors sleepwalked through the start of his match Monday against Emilio Sanchez before rousing himself for a straight-set victory to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$1 million French Open tennis championships.

After finding his touch late in the first set, the No. 3 seed had no problem with the 19-year-old Spaniard and posted a 6-4, 6-1, 6-1 decision — just before rain caused a delay of 3 hours, 20 minutes.

Only three of the scheduled seven singles matches were completed because of the rain.

The downpour arrived when No. 2 Ivan Lendl was two sets up and 3-3 in the third against Anders Jarryd of Sweden. Lendl showed no signs of rustiness when he resumed, eliminating the No. 11 seed 6-4, 6-0, 6-4.

No. 7 Andrez Gomez of Ecuador

stopped Jan Gunnarsson of Sweden 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 to earn a quarterfinal meeting with Lendl.

"I have never played him before and it took me a little while to get used to his game," said Connors, a point away from trailing 1-5. "But once I got into his game, it was just a case of going out there and playing the kind of tennis I am capable of."

Sanchez, making passes with all the elegance of a matador, delighted the center court crowd at Roland Garros Stadium. And he looked ready for a spectacular, quick kill when he held three break points for a 5-1 lead. But the U.S. Open champion then regained command.

Connors, chasing the only major title to have eluded him in an illustrious career, won 26 of the next 29 points to take the opening set and lead 5-0 in the next.

Connors produced delicate chips,

explosive, double-fisted backhand passes and flowing forehand drives. Sanchez wilted under the onslaught and even laughed in admiration when Connors sent him scampering in the wrong direction with a brilliant finesse shot.

No. 6 Yannick Noah of France, the defending champion, was trailing 3-6, 6-2, 0-1 against Balazs Taroczy of Hungary when play was halted. The fourth-round match between No. 4 Mats Wilander of Sweden, the 1982 winner, and Juan Aguilier of Spain did not get underway.

The quarterfinal match between No. 1 woman Martina Navratilova and Kathy Horvath failed to start and No. 3 Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia led 16-year-old Melissa Brown 6-1, 2-3 in their quarterfinal.

Connors' quarterfinal opponent

Tuesday is No. 9 Henrik Sundstrom of Sweden, who qualified for the last eight Sunday.

"I haven't played him on clay before, just once on grass," Connors said. "But I know his results are good and I'm looking forward to it."

Asked about his chance of becoming the first American to win the French Open since 1955, he said: "I'm still in here but I still have a lot of road to cover, lots of great players to play against."

Lendl, who has never won a major in four finals, took 2 hours 6 minutes to win his rain-interrupted match against Jarryd.

Lendl's serve proved too much for the Swede, whose challenge evaporated after the opening set in which the only service break came in the second game.

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