

Carl Lewis even faster than Muhammad Ali

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LOS ANGELES — Muhammad Ali used to say he was so fast he could hit the light switch, dash across the room and be in bed before the room got dark.

Using that as a guideline, Carl Lewis can probably hit the switch, dash across the room, get in bed and fall asleep before the room gets dark.

If Lewis had antlers, there'd be an open season on him. If he ever took up swimming you'd be able to water ski behind him.

He is, quite simply, the world's fastest human. In the past three years he has proven beyond a doubt that he is the most consistently brilliant sprinter on the planet.

The books show Calvin Smith of the U.S. as the world record holder in the 100 meters and Pietro Mennea of Italy as the world record holder in the 200. But Smith has fallen a long way from his brilliance of a year ago, missing the U.S. Olympic team this year, and Mennea is no longer considered much of a threat.

It seems only a matter of time before Lewis shreds both world marks. He went up against most of the top sprinters in the world, his American teammates, last week at the U.S. Olympic trials, and he made them look like children chasing a man in both the 100 and 200.

But his best event remains the long jump, an event he has dominated as thoroughly as any man in history. In the final of the Trials, his nearest competitor could only come within 18 inches of Lewis' leap of 28-7.

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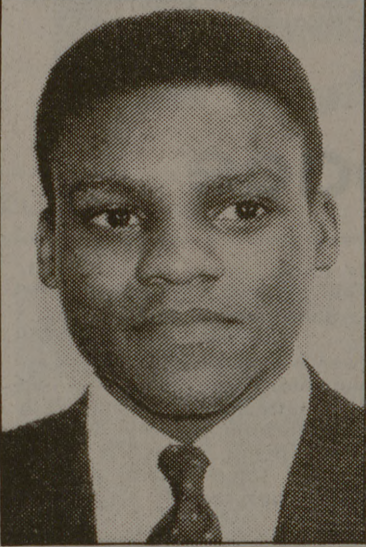
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"I feel a 30-foot long jump is very possible under the right conditions," he boldly predicts. "And I definitely feel I can run faster than both of my times in the sprints."

Lewis, who possesses what is possibly the most powerful and graceful stride of anyone who has ever run, has grown accustomed to his dazzling accomplishments. While others gasp at his speed, he prepares for the next race.

"I'm not surprised anymore by what I do," he said. "Once an athlete gets confidence in what he can do, then there are no more surprises."

"The Trials were not a big surprise to me. I was happy with the results, but not surprised by them. I knew I was ready."

In five brief days in the Trials, Lewis put himself in position to run and jump with a legend, Jesse Owens, who won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics. Lewis, who will also run on the American 4 x 100 relay, knows the same feat is well within his reach.

"All I have to do is compete well, as well as I did here, and it can happen," he said. "There's no reason why I can't do it."

After the Olympics, Lewis said he'll leave it up to others to discuss his place among the immortals of track and field.

"If I win four gold medals, then people can say that I set my goals high and achieved them," he said. "They can say that I endured many, many days of training, of hard work and sacrifices."

"But any talk of being the greatest ever, well, that's above me. If I keep being the best I can be, that's all I want. If someone some day says, 'He was the best,' that's fine. But that's out of my control."

Third time's a charm; Larry Bird named MVP

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SALT LAKE CITY — Larry Bird, the supremely gifted and versatile forward who led the Boston Celtics to the NBA championship, Monday was named the league's Most Valuable Player.

Bird, who finished second in the MVP balloting in each of his last three seasons, earlier was named MVP in the league's championship playoff against the Los Angeles Lakers. The Celtics defeated the Lakers in seven games.

The MVP Award was announced at the league's annual meetings.

Bernard King of the New York Knicks finished second and the Lakers' Magic Johnson was third. The nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters gave Bird 652 points to King's 373 and Johnson's 305.

Bird receives the Maurice Podoloff trophy, named after the league's first commissioner.

Rounding out the top 10 vote-getters were: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of Los Angeles, a six-time winner who received 153 points; Isiah Thomas

of Detroit, 115 points; Julius Erving of Philadelphia, 98 points; Adrian Dantley of Utah, 88 points; Sidney Moncrief of Milwaukee, 70 points; Jeff Ruland of Washington, 38 points; and Moses Malone of Philadelphia, the MVP the last two years, 35 points.

Bird earned 52 first-place votes, King received 11, Johnson had five and Abdul-Jabbar, three. Thomas, Erving, Dantley, Moncrief and Ruland each had one first-place vote.

Bird, an outstanding passer with uncanny court sense, averaged a career-high 24.2 points a game, seventh in the NBA. He was also 10th in the league in rebounding, averaging 10.1 rebounds a game. He also led the NBA in free throw percentage at .888 and led the Celtics with 6.6 assists and 1.82 steals per game.

Bird is only the third non-center in the past 25 years to be chosen MVP. The others were Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati in 1964 and Erving in 1981.

He entered the NBA in 1979 after earning All-America honors at Indiana State. In his first season with

Boston the Celtics went from a 29-53 record to a 61-21 mark. Bird was voted Rookie of the Year that season.

The annual meeting in Salt Lake City also focused on the NBA Competition and Rules Committee discussion concerning instituting penalties to curb flagrant fouling.

The committee also considered changing the homecourt rotation format used for seven-game playoff series.

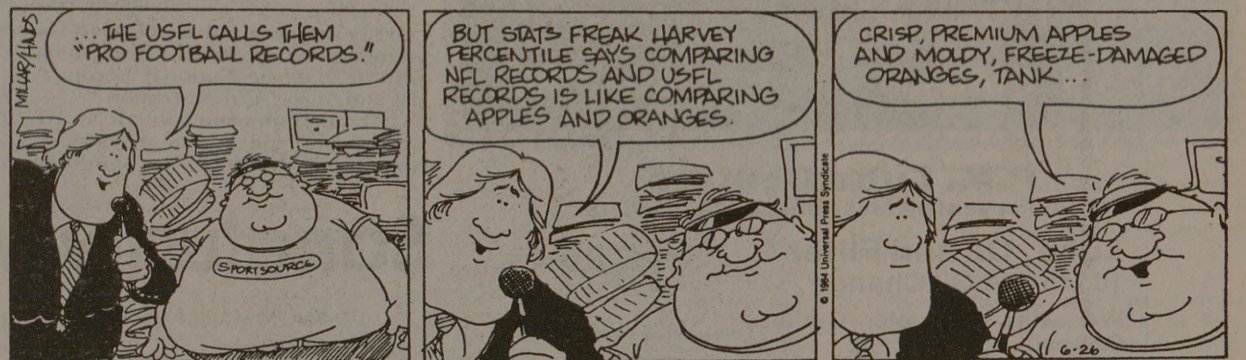
The committee will decide whether to recommend those rule changes to the Board of Governors at a meeting Monday, said Chairman Jerry Colangelo, general manager of the Phoenix Suns.

"The one matter that took the greatest amount of time ... was the contact that was so evident during the playoffs," Colangelo said. "We feel we have to come up with something."

Colangelo was referring to fouls committed by Los Angeles and Boston in the championship series in which players were knocked down and stopped from making a layup.

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McEnroe wins quietly, then blasts British media

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WIMBLEDON, England — Quietly and efficiently, with nary a whisper of discontent, John McEnroe opened defense of his Wimbledon championship Monday with a four-set victory over Australian Paul McNamee.

Then, having lulled everyone into believing all was serene, McEnroe lashed out at British television and refused to allow them at his news conference.

"It's really a shame the way things are done over here," McEnroe said following his hard-fought 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-1 victory over McNamee. "There's no sense of caring for you as a human being. It's hard to understand. I really can't put into words how I feel about this."

While McEnroe was fuming about the way he continually is misrepresented by British media, second seed Ivan Lendl was struggling for survival against 33-year-old Dick Stockton, a wild card entry who says he was here, "playing for laughs."

Lendl, the only man to beat McEnroe this year, had to fight for 2 hours and 37 minutes before subduing Stockton, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. Stockton, who has played only

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two singles matches since the U.S. open, said that when he was accepted by Wimbledon, "I almost got a heart attack. I went on a crash exercise program."

Third seed Jimmy Connors, like McEnroe a two-time Wimbledon champion, reached the second round with a 7-5, 7-5, 6-4 victory over fellow American Lloyd Bourne, and indicated it wasn't as easy as the score suggests.

"It was a pretty long match," Connors said. "The most important thing is that I hit the ball well, I hit the ball solid."

McEnroe, who has reached the Wimbledon final in each of the last four years, was all business against McNamee, a tough opening round foe. In fact, at No. 26, McNamee is ranked higher than Chris Lewis, the man McEnroe defeated in last year's final.

The top seed broke service in the ninth game of both the first and second sets and seemed ready to complete the job in straight sets when he jumped to a 5-2 lead in the third set tie-break.

But the 29-year-old McNamee, twice winner of the Wimbledon doubles championship, staved off two match points,

then took the tie-break 9-7 after McEnroe was guilty of a double fault at 7-7.

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