

U.S. gymnasts win gold, set record

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LOS ANGELES — The United States' deep and balanced men's team won America's first team gymnastics gold medal in Olympic history Tuesday night, performing 33 near-flawless routines to go with three perfect optionals and upset heavily favored China.

The gold, actually garnered on the basis of the 1.05-point margin the Americans took over the 1983 World Champion Chinese in the compulsories Sunday night, brought a spectacular end to the United States' five decades of Olympic gymnastics oblivion. The last U.S. team medal, a silver, came in 1932, also in Los Angeles.

In winning the gold, the Americans broke by two points the Olympic team-score record set by Soviet gymnasts four years ago in Moscow.

The only other men's Olympic gymnastics medal won by the Americans in that 52-year span was an individual bronze by Peter Korman at the 1976 Montreal Olympics in floor exercise.

The bronze medal Tuesday night went to Japan.

Due to the boycott of these Games by the Soviet Union, the Americans came to Los Angeles hoping simply to beat the Japanese for the silver medal. U.S. Coach Abie Grossfeld had said the team's chances of upsetting the Chinese were just a little better than the American hockey team's odds of upsetting the Russians at Lake Placid in 1980.

Like that hockey team, the U.S. gymnasts pulled off their miracle the hard way — by winning the compulsory round Sunday night. No U.S. men's gymnastics team had ever won

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The capacity crowd at Pauley Pavilion was on its feet stomping and cheering at the end when the final results were announced. The gymnasts — Peter Vidmar, Bart Conner, Tim Daggett, Mitch Gaylord, Jim Hartung and Scott Johnson — hugged each other, slapped hands and bounced up and down in delight as soon as they learned they had made American gymnastics history.

The Chinese outscored the Amer-

icans in the optional portion of the competition by .45 of a point Tuesday night, even though the U.S. matched China in perfect scores.

But the ability to throw occasional 10s was not among the Americans' chief strengths. What they had going for them were six solid, evenly matched gymnasts capable of performing routine after routine of consistently strong, if unspectacular, events.

Also working in their favor was

determination, evident in the way they constantly cheered each other and exhorted the crowd to join them. Also very important to their victory was the home court advantage.

Three of the gymnasts — Vidmar, Gaylord and Daggett — actually were performing on the same Pauley Pavilion floor where they competed for UCLA's NCAA champions last winter.

The fans were rewarded when Gaylord performed a perfect routine on the rings, Conner earned a 10 with an original and extremely difficult routine on the parallel bars and Daggett was spectacularly flawless on the high bar.

Vidmar led all individual scorers with 118.55 points of a possible

120.00 through two rounds. China's creative and more spectacular but less-consistent Li Ning, who took six of seven gold medals at the 1982 World Cup, was second with 118.45. Tong Fei of China was third at 118.4, followed by Conner at 118.30.

The American women will try Wednesday night to make a clean sweep of the team gold medals. The U.S. women enter the optional round of team competition trailing heavily favored Romania by .45.

Vidmar, Conner and Gaylord advance to the individual all-around competition Thursday night as the three leading U.S. scorers in the team event. The top 36 scorers in the team competition participate in the all-around, but only three-team may advance.

American swimmers take 5 gold medals

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LOS ANGELES — Gold medal performances by Tiffany Cohen and Rowdy Gaines, along with a surprise 1-2 American finish in the women's 100-meter backstroke, highlighted a United States sweep of all five events in Tuesday's Olympic swimming competition.

The five gold medals in swimming boosted the U.S. total to 11 in that sport and to 15 overall in the first three days of the Olympics.

Cohen set an Olympic record in the women's 400-meter freestyle in taking the gold for the U.S.

Gaines, accused by silver medalist Mark Stockwell of Australia of benefiting from an unfair start, won the gold in the men's 100-meter freestyle. Per Johansson of Sweden took the bronze, repeating his third place finish in the 1980 Moscow Games.

America's Theresa Andrews was a surprise winner of the women's 100-meter backstroke, just barely edging U.S. teammate Betsy Mitchell.

The U.S. women's team was not expected to do well in the backstroke, but Andrews and Mitchell clearly outdistanced pre-meet favorites Carmen Bunaciu and Anita Pa-

trascioiu of Romania.

World record-holder Rick Carey of the U.S. took the gold medal easily in the men's 200-meter backstroke, while the American women's 4 x 100-meter freestyle relay team also turned in a gold medal finish.

Gaines bettered the Olympic record of :49.99 set in the 1976 Montreal Games by American Jim Montgomery with a time of :49.80.

"I didn't know where I was until the last 25 meters," Gaines said. "Then I said to myself, 'I have 25 more meters for the rest of my life and I'll never have to do this again.'"

However, Gaines was accused of starting the last race of his life a little too quickly.

"That was not a fair start," Australia's Stockwell charged. "I didn't know what to expect. I thought the starter would call everyone back. Do they think they can change the rules here in America in order to win or what? I'm trying to be a good sport about this but I really am disgusted."

Stockwell also apologized to Gaines, saying it took nothing away from his victory, but that the Australian Swimming Federation had filed a formal protest.

Cohen, an 18-year-old Californian, set an American record with the best performance of her career. She also broke the previous Olympic record of 4:08.76. Cohen's time of 4:07.12, the second-fastest in history, bettered teammate Kim Linehan's American record of 4:07.20.

Linehan finished fourth in the race with two British swimmers taking the silver and bronze. Sarah Hardcastle set a British record by finishing in 4:10.27 to attain the silver and June Croft captured the bronze in 4:11.49.

Boxing team remains unbeaten at L.A. Games

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LOS ANGELES — Steve McCrory won his first-round Olympic bout in a walkover Tuesday when his opponent was unable to make the weight limit, while American teammate Frank Tate used a more traditional method — punches — to win his first bout of the Games.

The victories left the U.S. unbeaten through six bouts.

McCrory was awarded the victory

when his opponent, Tad Joseph of Grenada, failed to show up after he was unable to make the 112-pound limit in the morning.

Tate, the world champion and top-ranked fighter in the world in the 156-pound division, advanced with a 5-0 win over Sweden's Lotfi Ayed in a decision that brought boos from the American crowd. Ayed disgustedly threw his hands into the air when the decision was announced.

Tate narrowly won the first round, moving and jabbing to pile up points while Ayed landed several good rights. Ayed controlled the second round, driving Tate back with hard rights, and the third round appeared close.

"Maybe if I lost 3-2 or he lost 3-2 but not 5-0," Ayed said. "I took him in the second round. 3-2 to me, 3-2 to him — but he's an American. This is his home, but not 5-0."

Both Tate and McCrory fight out of Detroit's famed Kronk Gym and McCrory said he already can hear the celebrating back home.

"If Frank and I both win gold medals, we'll be like Michael Jackson back in Detroit," he said. "We'll be as big as (super welterweight champ) Thomas Hearns and bigger than Mayor (Coleman) Young."

Rangers squeak by Baltimore

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BALTIMORE — Curtis Wilkerson scored on a wild pitch by Tippy Martinez to snap a 5-5 tie in the eighth inning and the Texas Rangers belted four homers to record a 7-6 victory over the Baltimore Orioles Tuesday night.

Wilkerson led off the eighth with a single against Martinez, 4-7. Wilkerson was sacrificed to second and, after Buddy Bell walked, took third on Gary Ward's single. With Larry Parrish batting, Martinez uncorked a wild pitch to score Wilkerson.

Ward moved to third on the wild pitch and scored on Pete O'Brien's infield out to make it 7-5.

Reliever Odell Jones (2-4) who escaped a bases-loaded, two-out jam in the sixth, got the win.

The Orioles made it 7-6 on a double by Murray and RBI single by Ken Singleton in the ninth to chase Jones. Dave Schmidt came on and retired the side in order for his seventh save.

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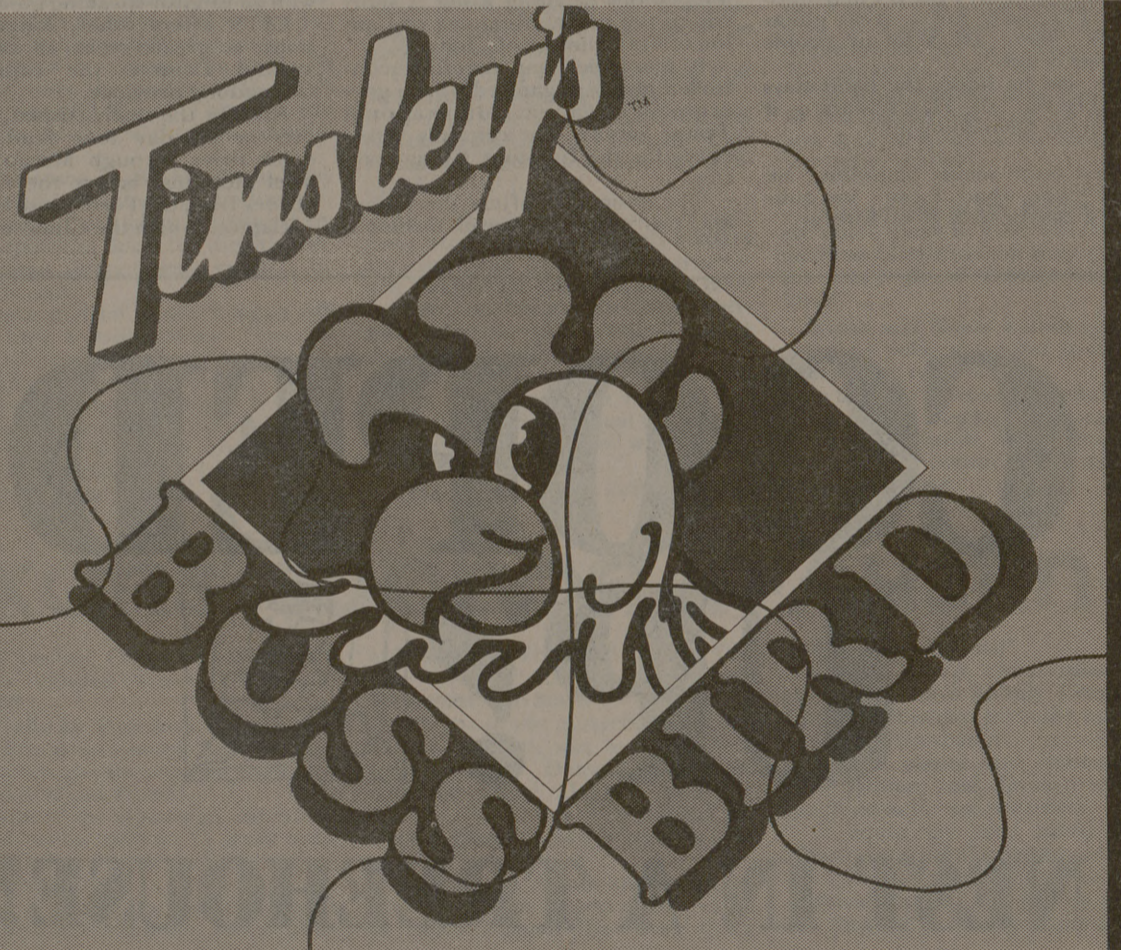
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