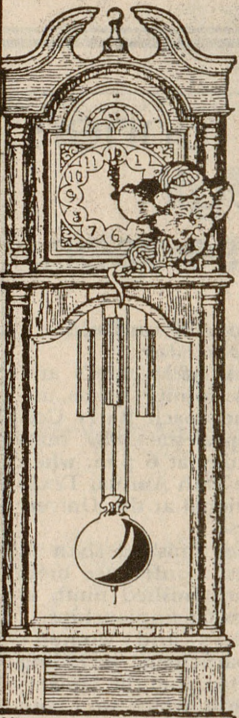


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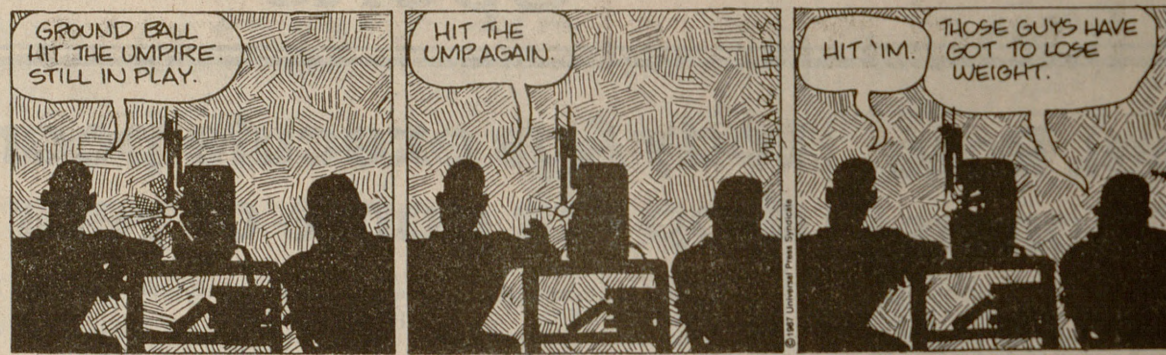


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100-meter record, African runners highlight world championships

ROME (AP) — The second World Track and Field Championships will be remembered for Ben Johnson's world record in the 100 meters and the emergence of African runners, who swept the men's distance races. There were also some stunning upsets, two coming on Sunday, the final day, when Abdi Bile of Somalia took the men's 1,500 meters and little-known Douglas Wakihuru of Kenya beat the muggy weather and 66 others to win the men's marathon through the streets and past the ancient sites of Rome. East Germany dominated the eight-day meet, winning 31 medals, 10 gold. The Soviet Union was second with 25 medals, seven gold, while the United States, the leader at the inaugural championships four years ago in Helsinki, Finland with 21 medals, was third with 19, seven gold.

But Kenya, whose men captured three golds, and other African nations established themselves as major threats in men's distance races. In addition to Wakihuru, two other Kenyans won gold medals in the meet: Billy Konchellah won the 800 and Paul Kipkoech the 10,000. On Sunday, the African sweep was completed when world record-holder Said Aouita of Morocco cruised home in the 5,000 meters. The Americans won only one sprint, Calvin Smith holding on to his 200-meter title in a photo finish. Johnson beat Carl Lewis in 9.83 seconds, while Thomas Schoenlebe of East Germany upset Innocent Egbunike of Nigeria and Butch Reynolds of the United States to win the 400. On Sunday, the United States improved its final showing by winning three of the four relays — the men's

and women's 400 and the men's 1,600. Other winners Sunday, all in championship records, were Sweden's Patrik Sjoeborg in the high jump at 7 feet, 9 3/4 inches; Britain's Fatima Whitbread in the women's javelin at 251-5; and East Germany in the women's 1,600 relay in 3:18.63. Bile, a former soccer player who turned to running only five years ago and won NCAA championships in 1985 and 1987 while at George Mason University, easily defeated world mile record-holder Steve Cram of Britain. Bile waited until the final turn before accelerating past the front-running Cram to win in 3:36.80 to give Somalia its first gold medal at a world championship or Olympic Games. Cram finished eighth.

Landry pessimistic about offense before Cowboys' season opener

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Coach Tom Landry has the most successful opening-day record in NFL history, but he said Tuesday he isn't very optimistic about Sunday's opener in St. Louis against the Cardinals. "I had hoped we would be in better shape to start the season, but we will be slower starting than normal and that's unfortunate," Landry said. "I'd say a 9-7 season would be a reasonable goal." Dallas scored only three touchdowns during a 1-3 preseason, and Landry said "we're going to have to win by defense and a good kicking game until our offense can get going. I didn't see anything from the preseason that shows we can win a high-scoring game. The most points we scored were 13." Landry said the Cowboys need to average 24 points and the defense needs to average holding a team to 20 points.

"The four games we played in the preseason doesn't get you too optimistic about our offense," Landry said. "However, we do have the tools to get better." The Cowboys will be getting back a big weapon in their offense against the Cardinals. Herschel Walker, who missed every preseason game with a strained knee ligament, has been looking good in practice. "Herschel is back 100 percent with no pain," Landry said. "He ran without pads all of last week. Of course, you don't know what will happen in a game. We feel he is ready to go. It will be like he is playing in his first preseason game." Landry said he will use Walker at a variety of positions, including fullback. Top draft choice Danny Noonan of Nebraska, a 42-day holdout before he signed a contract, will not

play. The defensive lineman won't be activated until the Cowboys' second game against the New York Giants. "I don't see myself activating him this week," the coach said. "He's probably not mentally ready yet. He does have the speed, quickness and strength we are looking for." Landry will start rookie cornerback Ron Francis, a second-round pick from Baylor. "Ron came in and played extremely well," Landry said. "We know the Cardinals will give him a lot of action, but we feel he can hold up to it. Playing cornerback in the NFL is one of the toughest jobs you can have, but we have a lot of confidence in Ron." Landry said the Cardinals under his former assistant Gene Stallings are vastly improved.

NFL players say they will strike Sept. 22 if no progress is made

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NFL Players Association said Tuesday it will strike on Sept. 22, after the second week of the season, unless there is considerable progress toward a new contract with the owners. "Management left us no choice but to set a strike deadline," Gene Upshaw, the executive director of the players association, said after the 24-4 vote by the player representatives of the 28 teams. "We're willing to bargain, but we can only do that at the bargaining table. And by setting a deadline, we hope to get management to talk with us," Upshaw said. Jack Donlan, executive director of the Management Council, said in a statement released by spokesman John Jones that the sides would set a date for resumption of negotiations Friday, the day after the owners meet in Chicago to discuss the situa-

tion. Upshaw said he hoped the talks could resume on that day. The two sides have met for just 4 1/2 hours since Aug. 14 and the contract expired Aug. 31. Each side has accused the other of not wanting to bargain face-to-face. "Right now we know what the deadline is," Upshaw said. "Jack and I have to work against that deadline, and if we don't meet that deadline the next step will be taken, which is a strike." Asked if the strike deadline was firm, Upshaw replied: "At this point the date is there, but everything is negotiable." The current deadline is the same as it was five years ago, when the players struck after the second week of the regular season. The walkout lasted 57 days, eliminating seven games of the 16-game regular season. In fact, the last four negotiations

with the union have resulted in strikes, the previous ones during the exhibition season. "The history of this union is to put negotiations in crisis," Donlan said in his statement. "They've never had a negotiation without a strike. Now that we know what their strike agenda is, what is their bargaining agenda?" The announcement of the strike came following a meeting between the NFLPA executive board and most of the league's player representatives. Upshaw said that after being briefed on the progress of talks between the union and management, the full board voted unanimously to declare a strike date and 24-4 on the Sept. 22 date. The announcement comes one day after management delivered its "proposal for settlement" to the NFLPA. After reading the outline Monday, Upshaw called it "garbage."

3 RBI by Stubbs lifts Dodgers to 4-3 victory over struggling Cincy

CINCINNATI (AP) — Franklin Stubbs drove in three runs with a triple and a single Tuesday night, giving the struggling Los Angeles Dodgers much-needed 5-3 victory over the fast-sinking Cincinnati Reds. Stubbs, who has been mired in

an 0-for-33 hitting slump, keyed a four-run third inning with a two-run triple that was misplayed by Reds' center fielder Leo Garcia. Stubbs also singled home another run in the sixth off starter Ron Robinson, who's record fell

to 6-4 with the loss to the Dodgers, as Los Angeles won for the second time in the last 12 games. The Reds took a 2-0 lead in the first inning as Kal Daniels continued his success against Los Angeles right-hander Orel Hershiser.

OU, Husker still on top in AP poll

Oklahoma, Nebraska and UCLA remained the top teams in The Associated Press second college football poll year while Auburn moved fourth after its 31-3 victory over Texas. The Sooners were named on 54 of 58 ballots cast nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters and Tuesday. Oklahoma received points to 1,054 for the week which got three first-place votes after a 56-12 victory over State. The other first-place vote went to No. 3 UCLA, a 41-7 tor over San Diego State. The opener, which had 947 points. The only movement in the poll came when Auburn moved up one spot to fourth with 937 points, while Ohio State, which has not opened its season yet, fell one spot with 857 points. The rest of the Top 10: Louisiana State, 821; Miami, 792; Florida State, 744; Texas, 723, and Clemson, 671. Last week, it was LSU, Michigan State, Florida State, and Florida.

The Second Ten conference, Penn State, Washington, Texas, Tennessee, Arizona, Notre Dame, Michigan, Pittsburgh, Alabama, Georgia. Last week's Second Ten conference, Penn State, Arkansas, West Virginia, Texas, Iowa, Tennessee, Notre Dame, Southern Cal and a tie between Florida and Georgia for 11th. Michigan State, Pitt and Texas were the newcomers in the poll, while Texas A&M, Southern Cal and Florida State were the ones to watch. Michigan State moved up 17th with a 27-13 victory over Southern Cal. Pitt beat Arizona 27-17, and Alabama agents won 33-17 over Southern Mississippi. Texas A&M fell out after a 3-3 loss to LSU, and Florida State fell 4-0 to Miami, Fla. Iowa was the kickoff classic opener to the week, but the Hawkeys lost 23-22, the week before.

Rain delays U.S. Open quarterfinals

NEW YORK (AP) — Rain delayed play at the U.S. Open tennis tournament Tuesday, halting women's quarterfinals between seeded Helena Sukova and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch. Sukova had won the first set and was trailing 1-2 in the second when a downpour stopped the National Tennis Center after noon. A fourth-round men's match between second-seeded Stefan Edberg and unseeded Jonas Svensson was stopped, with Edberg leading 2 in the first set.

The rain had stopped about a half hour before the women's quarterfinals were scheduled to begin. The forecast called for rain throughout the day and Wednesday. By late afternoon, tournament officials had not made a decision whether to call off the dogs. In addition to the Sukova-Kilsch match, second-seeded Martina Navratilova was scheduled to play No. 8 Gabriela Sabatini. Four fourth-round men's matches were also scheduled to be played between No. 3 Andrei Medvedev and unseeded Ken Flach and Mark Woodforde, and between Andrei Chesnokov and Krishnan. On Monday, No. 4 seeded Becker and Hana Mandlikova were ousted from the tournament.

American Brad Gilbert from a two-set deficit to beat while Kohde-Kilsch defeated Sabatini in a match that featured game penalty against the American as she slammed her racket against the scoreboard. Gilbert, the No. 13 seed, inspired by a flag-waving crowd included his parents, his brother and many of his friends. "The crowd was going wild," he said. "It was the greatest feeling I've ever had that feeling in my life."



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