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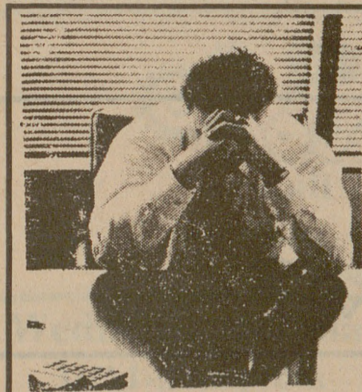
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Americans get even with pair of victories

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The U.S. basketball team and boxer Michael Carbajal both got even Wednesday, even as America began to assert itself at the Seoul Olympics.

The American men scored a 102-87 victory over Brazil, which had sent shock waves through America last year by winning the basketball title in the Pan American Games with a stunning upset of the United States.

Carbajal, meanwhile, moved the U.S. boxing team another step farther from oblivion with a mean victory over a South Korean who beat him last year in a dual meet in Seoul. The Soviets won five medals Tuesday, four gold, to run their leading total to 11, including six gold. China has seven medals, one gold, and Bulgaria has six, three gold. The United States was fourth with five medals, two gold.

Meanwhile, Said Aouita of Morocco sent ripples of disbelief through the world of track and field. Now, it appears he may try for an Olympic triple in the 800, 1,500 and 5,000 — even though the two longer races will be run 20 minutes apart on the next-to-last day of the Games. Aouita is the world record-holder at 1,500 and 5,000 meters.

"He's a fabulous athlete, but his schedule would be absolutely phenomenal," former British running great Steve Ovett said from London.

Greg Louganis of Boca Raton, Fla., five stitches still in his head from a rare blown dive the day before, won the springboard Tuesday, launching himself toward an unprecedented double-double.

"I knew I was going to have to be strong," said Louganis, who hit his head on the board in qualifying and spun into the water like a downed Spitfire. "I was really scared."

With the platform event coming up next week, Louganis now is pointing toward a second straight sweep, something no diver ever has done in an Olympics.

In the pool Wednesday, the U.S. water polo team kept the surge going with a 7-6 victory over defending champion Yugoslavia.

It was a big victory for America's littlest boxer when Carbajal, of Phoenix, Ariz., defeated Oh Kwang-soo of South Korea 3-2 in a 106-pound matchup, giving the United States two straight boxing victories.

Oh, considered a prime gold medal candidate, scored with the harder punches, but Carbajal jabbed and countered well, often scoring with big flurries in a fight marked by a lot of holding and wrestling.

"He's the hometown hero," the 21-year-old Carbajal said. "I had to fight hard because of the crowd."

Kenneth Gould advanced on Tuesday in the 147-pound division after two stunning U.S. losses — a first-round knockout of Keltie Banks and the loss by walkover of Anthony Hembrick.

Gould was camped on the floor of the gymnasium long before his 147-pound bout started. He might not win, but he was going to be there — especially after what happened to Hembrick the day before. Hembrick showed up too late for his bout after a coach misread the schedule.

"It doesn't matter if it's three hours, you just got to get here before the bout starts," Gould said.

Gould, a world champion, outpointed Joseph Marwa of Tanzania.

The U.S. basketball team completed a strong day for America at the Olympics on Tuesday. Going to a weapon not known to be heavily stocked in its arsenal, the 3-point goal, the U.S. team beat Canada 76-70 for its second straight victory.

Matson: Olympics were simpler once

By Sherri Roberts
Reporter

Though payoffs and steroids are common controversies in the world of sports today, one former Olympic athlete remembers when athletics was a little less complicated.

Randy Matson, Class of '67 and Olympic shotput gold medalist, reflected on his memories of the Olympic games Tuesday night in the MSC at a presentation sponsored by the MSC Jordan Institute for International Awareness.

"There is a feeling of unity that takes place at the Olympics," Matson said. "Even though you may not speak the same language or have the same culture, there is a special feeling because you're striving for the same goal."

Matson, who won a gold medal in the 1968 Games in Mexico City and a silver medal in the 1964 Games in Tokyo, said the Olympics have become much more commercialized and politically entangled than when he competed.

"I was very fortunate," Matson said. "I got to compete at the end of the glory years of track and field."

The glory years began to fade, however, as the Olympics became a political chess piece at times. Terrorist attacks, demonstrations and boycotts overshadowed the games in the following years.

Matson said he disagrees strongly with the mixing of politics and the Olympics because it defeats the original purpose of the games — to bring the competitors of the world together to compete and gain a better understanding of one another.

Recalling the closing ceremonies of the 1964 Tokyo Games, Matson said, "I'll never forget the moment when 10,000 athletes marched into the stadium singing 'Sayonara.'"

Matson said he took the place of a Hungarian javelin thrower and of a Russian discus thrower as the athletes joined in a spontaneous unity.

"It hasn't accomplished peace," he said, "but it has accomplished an understanding."

Matson said the issue of doping carried a grave importance among the athletes from the Eastern European countries. Children showing signs of athletic skill are placed in schools or special training facilities at an early age by the government.

Winning is crucial to the government, he added, because it equates the skillfulness of athletes with the superiority of an economic system.

However, Matson said the Soviet athletes resembled the American counterparts by being more interested in sports than government.

"We probably had a better relationship with the Russians than we do with the University of Texas," Matson said.

Matson said that when he competed — Tokyo, Mexico City or Kiev — an Aggie was always in the crowd to support him.

He recalled a particularly memorable moment of competition in Kiev, when, among a crowd of 60,000 Russians, he heard someone yell, "Gig'em Aggies."

Matson returned to College Station in 1972. He currently serves as the executive director of the Association of Former Students.

Batiste

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certain self-impressed quarterback literally ran across the Cain Hall parking lot to avoid answering questions about his pending early departure from the school.

No, Batiste is as easy to find off the field as on.

He contrasts with Roper here as well. Roper was at the press conference too — much to the surprise of the media. It's a rare occasion when the All-American will grace the writers who made him famous with his magnanimous presence.

Yep, he was there all right. Complete with fancy mirrored shades, portable radio, huge earphones and attitude. He read through the sports section of a newspaper and gave mildly interesting answers for about 10 minutes.

But the writers didn't throng him like they did Batiste. Roper might — and we emphasize the word *might* — be a better player, but as far as the press is concerned, Batiste is the team spokesman.

Quite a contrast between the two players, who now are roommates as well.

"I have to sleep with one eye open," Batiste said. "You never know what he's going to do. He might set fire to the room."

But the increased media attention doesn't seem to have affected the senior from Spring. His answers still ring with unusual and refreshing honesty — even the ones that would sound spoon-fed from most other players.

At the NCAA press conference, he said all the things you would expect a coach to want his player to say, but Batiste made it sound like he really meant every word. He probably did.

Most players wouldn't ever admit to being less than completely knowledgeable about the opponent of the week. Not Batiste.

Witness one conversation from Tuesday's interview:
"We've got to stop their favorite plays. We haven't been doing that."

Sherrill

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about the season so far and is anxious to play a home game.

Batiste also said he feels a win in Saturday's game would be a tremendous boost to the morale of the team heading into Southwest conference play.

"We're mad," Batiste said. "We want to play at home. We want to go in to the conference with a victory, so this is a critical game."

The Aggie defense faces the heavy task of stopping an explosive OSU offense that returns six of the top seven rushers and two of four of its four top receivers.

Junior quarterback Mike Gundy leads a unit that amassed 548 total yards against Miami (Ohio) in the season opener two weeks ago. Gundy became the all-time OSU ca-

reer passing yardage leader in the opener with 4,038 yards while completing 56.9 percent of his passes in his career.

In spite of Gundy's impressive numbers, Batiste feels the Aggie defense can stop him.

"He likes to scramble and throw the ball," Batiste said. "We've got some people that can contain him."

Sherrill said the Cowboys' balanced attack makes it harder for A&M to prepare defensively.

"They're extremely balanced," Sherrill said. "It makes it difficult to get ready because a lot of times a team can do certain things in one phase and you can kind of gang up on those things."

OSU also has a player who is perhaps the most explosive performer A&M will face all season in running

Question: "What are their favorite plays?"

Batiste: "I don't know. They've got some. Everybody's got some. Hey, it's only Tuesday!"

Every media representative in the room was rolling. And Batiste was too.

Every player on the team would have watched Southwest Conference football during an off-week, right?

Wrong. "They're gonna do what they're gonna do. It doesn't matter. I like to compare us with the teams we're not going to play."

Consequently he watched Miami-Michigan instead of Baylor-Iowa State. Just like practically every other football fan in the country.

And he was really upset about having to watch football on television last weekend instead of beating up on the University of Alabama, right?

Wrong. "The roughest part about having three weeks off? To tell you the truth, I can't think of anything that's rough about three weeks off."

"I'd like to thank Alabama those two days (of rest). The here four years, and I've been two days."

"I'm kind of expecting we'll about five of 10 (games left) going to have to play Bryan (School) and Consol (A&M gradated High) to beef up our sale."

But that doesn't mean he's serious about football. Or about OSU game.

Batiste almost went to Oklahoma State. But he said A&M's fan and its closeness to home prove much for the Cowboys to count with.

Batiste didn't rule out the idea of spending four years of his Stillwater, Okla. either.

"It's a place," he said. "It's home." And he laughed, as if said it all.

It will be the first time since his recruiting visits that Batiste will Stillwater. And he's hoping to make a bigger impression on Stillwater than it made on him.

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