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# Johnson gets permanent ban from Canadian Olympic team

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Ben Johnson's sentence was life, imprisoned with the memory of ill-gotten gold and 10 seconds that rocked the Summer Games.

"This will change the history of the Olympics," American hurdler Edwin Moses said. "This will change a lot of people's lives."

Caught cheating with one of the most dangerous of all anabolic steroids, stanozolol, Johnson was kicked off the Canadian team for life, and his gold medal in the world's fastest 100-meter dash was given to arch rival Carl Lewis.

So shocked were Olympic officials and athletes that when Greg Louganis made history of a more heroic sort — an unprecedented four diving medals in two Olympics — it was only a sidelight to a grim day in Seoul.

"Our national hero is not a hero anymore," said Johnson's Canadian teammate, fencer Stephen Angers.

And with that, the greatest sprinter in history handed his medal to a Canadian Olympic official, packed his bags and slipped out of the country Tuesday morning.

Lewis appeared at a church service for Olympic athletes Tuesday night and spoke briefly, repeating a story he first told when he lost to Johnson.

"My mother had a dream the other night about my father, who said everything would be all right," Lewis said. "And today, it was."

Earlier in the day he said: "I feel sorry for Ben and for the Canadian people. Ben is a great competitor and I hope he is able to straighten out his life and return to competition."

After 11 days of Games, the medals count looked like this: Soviet Union 80 total, 35 gold; East Germany 71 medals, 29 gold; United States 51 total, 17 gold; and Canada 3 total, no gold.

The boxers assured America's team of at least a few more medals, advancing three into the semifinals — where they will get at least a bronze. And the U.S. women's basketball team moved into the gold-medal game Thursday against Yugoslavia by beating the Soviet Union 102-88.

Meanwhile, two U.S. gold medal-winning swimmers and a friend were questioned by police for six hours Tuesday for removing a marble lion's head from a downtown hotel last Saturday. The swimmers, Troy Dalbey and Doug Gjertsen, were released, and police turned the matter over to the public prosecutor, who will decide whether to press charges.

Alexander de Merode, chairman of the International Olympic Committee's medical commission, called Johnson's Olympic ban a sad day, but added: "Top level athletes... are models for our youth. We can have no exceptions, whatsoever. We want clarity, and we want justice."

# Johnson arrives home with no glory or medal

TORONTO (AP) — Sprinter Ben Johnson, stripped of his Olympic gold medal after testing positive for an illegal drug, arrived home Tuesday under cover instead of exulting to what should have been a hero's welcome.

Johnson, winner of the 100-meter dash in world record time, sat near the cockpit behind a curtain on a flight from New York to Toronto, his adopted Canadian hometown. He said nothing to reporters on the plane and then dodged hundreds of onlookers and TV cameras at Toronto International Airport.

His mother, Gloria, who was given the gold medal by her proud son before it was surrendered in disgrace, gave an emphatic "No" and flashed a look of anger on her dimpled face when asked if her son took steroids.

She and her daughter, Jeanne, accompanied Johnson on the 1 hour, 40 minute flight from New York and during the 14-hour flight from Seoul.

Dr. George Astaphan, Johnson's personal physician, insisted the sprinter had not taken the muscle-building anabolic steroid stanozolol but could not explain how Johnson had tested positive.

"I never gave him any. He never told me he took any. He would have told us," Astaphan said. "Nobody knows what happened. We really have no idea."

Johnson's agent, Larry Heidebrecht, also denied Johnson used stanozolol, despite claims by Olympic officials the test results were indisputable. Use of stanozolol can lead to liver damage and cancer.

There were no cheers and no triumph for Johnson, whose gilded moment of a lifetime was transformed into fool's gold.

He looked stunned as he climbed out of a police car at La Guardia Airport in New York slowly ascending a set of metal steps to avoid crowds inside the terminal. In Toronto, Johnson sought sanctuary inside the cockpit until the plane was empty. He departed in secrecy.

# Soviets beat Americans again 82-76 in long-awaited rematch of '72 final

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — There was no controversy this time, and once again there was no U.S. victory.

In their first matchup since the infamous finish in Munich 16 years ago, the Soviet Union beat the United States 82-76 Wednesday to advance to the gold medal game of the Olympic men's basketball tournament.

The Americans, whose only other Olympic loss was to the Soviets in the Munich gold-medal game, will play for the bronze in Seoul.

In 1972, the losing U.S. players refused to accept their silver medals, claiming they were cheated when the Soviets scored the winning basket after twice getting the clock reset to the final three seconds.

This time, much to their dismay, there was no doubt about the defeat. Danny Manning, the No. 1 pick in last spring's NBA draft, did not score, and the U.S. play-making could produce just four assists.

The U.S. team did get within three with three seconds to go, but a free throw one second later left the Soviets exchanging high fives and the Americans holding their heads in their hands.

At the end, U.S. coach John Thompson shook hands with all the Soviet winners, while the U.S. players walked off the court in shock and discomposure.

The Soviets dictated the tempo of the game, held Danny Manning to no points and never al-

lowed the U.S. team's pressure defense to take control.

The Soviets will face the winner of Wednesday's Yugoslavia-Australia semifinal for the gold medal Friday. They lost to the Yugoslavs in the first round but have won six straight since then.

The United States, now 85-2 in Olympic basketball and 6-1 this year, will face the Yugoslavia-Australia loser for the bronze medal Thursday.

The United States, cold outside and ineffective inside, led just twice, the last time 4-3.

The Americans hit just 27 of 61, while the Soviets were 26 of 59.

David Robinson led the U.S. scoring with 19 points and 12 rebounds, while Dan Majerle and Charles E. Smith were the only other Americans in double figures with 15 and 11.

Arvidas Sabonis, a first-round draft pick of the NBA Portland Trail Blazers, had 13 points and 13 rebounds for the Soviets. Rimas Kourtinaitis had 28 points for the Soviets.

The Americans managed one brief flurry and got to 59-57 with 10:15 left.

The Soviets then went on a 6-0 run and the United States could get no closer than three points the rest of the way.

The Soviets held a 51-37 lead with 18:13 remaining. The U.S. team closed within 2, with a 20-8 run sparked by forward J.R. Reid, who had six points in the spurt and four key rebounds.

The Americans didn't score for 3:02 after that,

and the Soviets converted six straight free throws at one point to take a 67-58 lead with 6:29 remaining. After that, the United States was unable to score on more than two consecutive possessions until the final minute.

The U.S. team managed to get within three points twice in the last minute and a half.

Majerle made the first of two free throws and rebounded his own miss on the second to make 77-74 with 1:21 left.

Kourtinaitis beat the U.S. press with an easy layup 14 seconds later and Willie Anderson steal at midcourt and dunk with 22 seconds left made it 79-76, but the Soviets took possession of the ball rather than shoot free throws and the United States could not capitalize on that difference in international rules.

The U.S. team looked like itself only once in the opening 20 minutes, a one-minute burst when Robinson seemed to assert himself.

He made three free throws, scored on an in-bound shot over Sabonis and then stole an rebound pass that resulted in a three-point play by Majerle that tied the game 27-27 with 7:47 left in the half.

The Soviets then pulled away to a 47-37 halftime lead as Raimondas Marchulionis, who finished with 19 points, and Kourtinaitis hit from the outside and Sabonis was able to control the game underneath, scoring on layups and converting rebounds.

# Credit for division title goes to LA deal-maker

SAN DIEGO (AP) — As the shouts of joy and spray of champagne reached a crescendo, Los Angeles manager Tommy Lasorda wrapped an arm around the man who he says returned the Dodgers to the top of their division.

"This guy here deserves the credit," Lasorda said of Fred Claire, the Dodgers executive vice president of player personnel. "He wasn't afraid to go out and sign the players we needed. He wasn't afraid to spend the money. This is a tremendous organizational victory."

Claire, whose executive duties expanded to include personnel decisions in April 1987 after the forced resignation of Al Campanis, reshaped the Dodgers through the free agent market and trades after losing seasons in 1986 and 1987.

The first of his many moves was the signing of free agent Mickey Hatcher, who was released last year by the Minnesota Twins.

"I could kiss Fred Claire," said Hatcher, who will be in his first play-off series after nine years in the big leagues. He delivered the eighth-inning single Monday night that pro-

duced the winning run in Los Angeles' 3-2 victory over the San Diego Padres.

"Mickey Hatcher's spirit is what this team is all about," Claire said. "It's the team before the individual, and that's what Mickey Hatcher is all about... I was just so happy to see Mickey get the game-winning hit because the first deal that I was ever involved with was the signing of Mickey Hatcher. That was a special satisfaction for me."

The victory allowed the Dodgers to clinch their fourth NL West crown in eight years. They will meet the New York Mets, who won 10 of their 11 meetings with Los Angeles this year, in the NL playoffs starting Oct. 4 at Dodger Stadium.

For Claire, the acquisition of Hatcher was a beginning. Entering the 1988 season, the Dodgers changed seven of their eight starting positions and three-fifths of their starting pitching rotation.

He signed free agent outfielder Kirk Gibson, who became the team's inspirational leader through his pugnacious style while hitting .290 with 25 homers.

# Astros nip Braves in 10th

ATLANTA (AP) — Alex Trevino hit a run-scoring single in the 10th inning Tuesday night, giving the Houston Astros a 3-2 victory over Atlanta Tuesday night, the Braves' seventh consecutive loss.

Rafael Ramirez, a former Brave, led off with a single against Joe Boveer, 0-1. Kevin Bass sacrificed and Trevino, another former Brave, singled to left.

Danny Darwin, 8-13, pitched 1

2-3 innings of hitless relief. Jim Deshaies gave up two hits in seven innings, striking out seven and walking one.

Gerald Perry's sacrifice fly gave Atlanta the lead in the first. Houston went ahead in the eighth on Craig Reynolds' two-run single. Jim Morrison hit his second homer of the season, his first since July 4 against Philadelphia, to tie the score in the bottom of the inning.

# Chisox beat Rangers 3-2

CHICAGO (AP) — Mike Diaz homered on a 3-0 pitch to break an eighth-inning tie and Shawn Hillegas and Tom McCarthy combined on a two-hitter as the Chicago White Sox beat the Texas Rangers 3-2 Tuesday night.

Diaz's homer, his third, came off Texas starter Paul Kilgus, 11-15, who lost his fourth straight decision. Diaz, who entered the game batting .194, also had two singles.

Hillegas worked six innings, allowing just Steve Buechele's third-inning triple and rookie Kevin Reimer's homer in the fourth. Hillegas walked four and struck out six. McCarthy, 2-0, set down the last nine batters in order, striking out two.

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the third on Buechele's triple and Jeff Kunkel's sacrifice fly.

The White Sox got a run in the fourth on a sacrifice fly by Fred Manrique.

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