Olympics competition moves into final stage

Medals awarded in equestrian competition

By LIZ PANZICA
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In the finals of the Equestrian dressage competition Wednesday, Oregon's Darrell Sander took the gold, Louisiana's Michelle Browne received the silver, and Vince Malloy of Pennsylvania captured the bronze.

Highlighting the Intermediate division action in Class 31A, Dorell Lawrence of Jamaica won the gold; Beth Ann Howe of Connecticut took the silver and Virginia Lichnovsk of California received a bronze.

In Class 31B of the Intermediate division, Sabrina Pulling received a gold and Joyce Bobbitt of the Pennsylvania delegation was second. Bruce Adelburg from Florida took the bronze for his third place finish.

Dressage competition involves a set routine of walks, trots, and turns similar to the compulsory exercises in figure skating.

The advance and intermediate divisions differ by the amount of direction the rider receives while performing. While the intermediate rider needs to be told what action comes next, the advance rider will usually have memorized his routine, though he still has the option of having some one call out directions.

All the horses used in the Equestrian events were loaned to the Summer Games by area breeders. The horses are stabled in a temporary tent on the St. Mary's Campus. Olympians are riding a variety of breeds in competition including Arabians, Appaloosas, Paints and Quarter Horses.

Dr. Ecker, a local veterinarian, was impressed by the special olympians' skill. She said, "Putting them on horses they have never seen before is tough. When you talk about regular competition, the Olympic riders ride for years on the same horse, so this is phenomenal."

"The coaches try hard also. You have to compare the horses, the riders and the coaches as a team," she said.

Ecker was thrilled when Dorell Lawrence won a gold medal while riding her horse, Fay. She said to Dorell, "Thank you for making my horse look so good.

Dorell had only been riding for 18 months but handled her mount with skill. The head of the Jamaican delegation called Dorell's performance the "best birthday gift I have ever wanted. What else could I have desired."

After the competition there was a parade of horses, their grooms and attendants. Ecker said, "The Jamaican delegation took such good care of my horse there isn't a spot on him."

Wednesday was the final day of equestrian competition. About 34 Olympians competed in the demonstration sport, including riders from Jamaica and Belgium.

Table tennis divisions determined

By PETE GEGEN
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Preliminary matches in Table Tennis competition were held Wednesday morning to determine the four divisions.

The highlight of the morning games was a match pitting Hua Long-Bing of the People's Republic of China against Cheng Yuehs Ting of Hong Kong. Only matched, Long-Bing won the match, 24-22, 21-19.

Long-Bing stayed on the defensive, cutting his shots, which many times caused Ting to overshoot, sending the ball over the end of the table.

Victor Nee, manager for the Table Tennis competition, pointed out that both players were cutting the ball, but when Ting tried to take the offensive, he had to hit the ball higher to get it over the net, and usually the ball would fly over the end of the table.

"Table Tennis is a demonstration sport this year for Special Olympics. Nee, an engineering professor at Notre Dame and the South Bend area champion in the sport, has coordinated Table Tennis competition for the Junior Olympics in the past, and is now trying to promote the sport at Special Olympics.

"It is becoming very popular in the United States," said Nee, "because the '88 Olympics are being held in Korea and for the first time table tennis is an official Olympic sport."

"In the U.S., tennis is a social game as opposed to a sport," added Nee. "But for us, it is just like a racquetball game."

In fact, the racquetball mentality is making a mark in the Americanization of table tennis. Most American players use a regular racquet grip, as opposed to the penholder grip popular among most foreign players.

The final rounds of the competition, which began yesterday, continue this morning in the auxiliary gym above Gate 10 of the Joyce ACC.

N.C. leads wheelchair competition

By JIM RILEY
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North Carolina wheelchair athletes collected a silver and three gold medals during the last two days of competition.

In Wednesday's 100m wheelchair competition, Keith Bordeaux of Wilmington took the gold medal in the 17-21 age group with a time of 51.1 seconds. Bordeaux hung the medal around his neck along with the other gold he won Tuesday in the 25m race.

Michael Lee of Johnston Co. won the silver medal in Wednesday's 100m competition in the 14-16 age bracket. His time was 55.6 seconds.

Lee also now has two medals to his credit, having won the gold medal in the 25m race in his age group Tuesday with a time of 12.9 seconds. The athletes will compete today in the 50m slalom at 2:30 p.m. Jesse Spain also will compete today in the motorized wheelchair division.

Motorized wheelchair athletes race over a 21m obstacle course, according to Howard Campbell, the North Carolina coach. He said the course begins with a 360 degree turn in a small marked area. The athlete then maneuvers through two sets of cones which are 1m apart. He finishes up with another 360 degree turn and a 10m sprint to the finish line.

Campbell, who has worked with special athletes for 17 years, said his team is made up of "kids who have won local or state competitions." The team tries to pick athletes from all over North Carolina, Campbell said.

Bordeaux had to race Wednesday without the gloves he usually wears to protect his hands, having left them behind at his room. But he may race without them again today. "I had a better grip without the gloves," he said.

Both Bordeaux and Lee said they were more than merely try to win medals today. "What do you mean try?" Bordeaux said. "I'm gonna get 'em."

And Lee raised his right arm and said, "I will bring home the gold again."
Aquatic
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
Head Coaches meeting  
9:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Finals  
25m Freestyle  
100m Backstroke  
4 x 50m Freestyle Relay  
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Finals  
25m Backstroke  
15m Unassisted Swim

Athletics
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
Athletics Coaches  
Meeting (astro-turf)  

Finals  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
110m Race Walk  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Shot Put (Pentathlon)  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
800m Run  
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Ball Throw (astro-turf)  
10:30 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.  
High Jump (Pentathlon)  
(4 pits)  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
100m dash  
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
30m Wheelchair Slalom  
Race  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Frisbee Throw for Distance (softball sectors)  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
100m dash  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Shot Put (4 circles)  
Wheelchair Shot Put (astro-turf)  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
1500m Run

Basketball
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Team Competition  
Darden School  
Clay High School  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Team Competition  
St. Joseph High School  
1:15 p.m.  
Clinics  
ACC

Soccer
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Medal Games  
7:00 p.m.  
Highlight Night-Parade of Champions

Softball
10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Tournament Competition

Bowling
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Team Competition

Rollerskating
8:00 a.m.  
Volunteer Check In  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Finals  
300m  
500m  
12:00 p.m. - Lunch break  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Finals  
200m  
3:00 p.m. - Session over

Clinics
Rowing (Open)  
St. Mary's Lake  
9:00 a.m. - noon  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Sailing (Open)  
St. Joseph's Lake  
9:00 a.m. - noon  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Team Handball (Open)  
St. Mary's Field  
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Raquetball (Athletes Only)  
ACC Raquetball Courts  
10:00 a.m. - noon  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Athletics (Athletes-Coaches)  
Softball Venue  
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Softball Throw  
Baseball Field  
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
Racewalking Technique  
Cartier Field (Astroturf)  
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
Pentathlon Training  
Aquatics (Open)  
Rolfs Aquatics Center  
noon - 1:00 p.m.  
Let's Play To Grow

Gymnastics
8:30 a.m. - Gymnastics  
opens for warm-ups  
9:50 a.m. - Parade of Athletes  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Finals - Level I AA  
Compulsories  
Floor Exercises  
Vault  
Uneven Bars  
Balance Beam  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Clinic (Rhythmic)  
12:30 p.m. - Gymnastics  
opens for warm-ups  
1:50 p.m. - Parade of Athletes  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Finals - Level II AA  
Compulsories  
Floor Exercises  
Vault  
Uneven Bars  
Balance Beam  
Parallel Bars  
High Bars  
5:30 p.m. - Gymnastics  
opens for warm-ups  
6:50 p.m. - Parade of Athletes  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Finals - Level III AA  
Options  
Floor Exercises  
Vault  
Uneven Bars  
Balance Beam  
Parallel Bars  
High Bars  
Rhythmic  
Pommel Horse  
Highlight Night

Golf
Burke Putting Green  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Basic Skills  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Exhibition  
Equestrian  
H. Fair  
6:30 p.m.  
Jumping/Vaulting  
Exhibition

Circular Zoneball  
Saint Mary's Field  
9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Instructional Clinic  
(Staff/Public)  
Saint Mary's Field  
10:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Question/Answer Session  
(Public)  
Saint Mary's Field  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Training Clinic (Special Olympians)

Saint Mary's Field  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Staff/Volunteer  
Exhibition Game  
Basketball  
ACC  
1:15 p.m.  
Ball Handling  
Exhibition  
Gymnastics (Athletes)  
ACC  
noon - 1:30 p.m.  
Rhythmic  
Let's Play To Grow  
Expo Center Room 114  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Introduction  
South Dining Hall  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Demonstration (Outdoor Games)  
Expo Center Theatre  
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Demonstration (Music/Movement)  
ACC  
6:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
Highlight Night  
(Movement Exploration)  
Soccer  
Covalesky Baseball  
Saint Mary's Field  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
All-Star Game  
Tennis (Open)  
Courtney Tennis Fields  
Basic Skills
Gymnast stars provide clinics for athletes

By KIM YURATOVAC
Observer Staff

Seven special olympians practiced stretches, splints, and straddles in yesterday's gymnastics clinic at the ACC. Leding the event were Olympic gymnasts Bart Conner, Mary Lou Retton and Tracee Talavera, as well as Pan American Games gymnasts Robert Brown and Mike Rice.

The clinic began with a warm-up which reinforced the correct ways of stretching, jumping and tumbling. The workout progressed into other floor exercises, including forward rolls, backward rolls and cartwheels.

Robert Brown is an alternate to the Pan American gymnastics team. He took a break from practicing for the Pan American Games to participate in yesterday's clinic and last night's exhibition. The clinic was Brown's first experience with Special Olympics, but he doesn't think it will be his last.

"I hope I get a chance to do more things like this. I wish I had as much energy as these athletes. Their reactions are always positive. They're always thumbs up and all smiles."

According to Brown, the most important factor in gymnastics clinics is safety. "Most of the athletes are aware of safety factors, but we have to make sure that they all know the proper procedures so that when they fall, they don't get hurt."

Scott Berndt, special olympian Don Berndt was especially impressed with Bart Conner. "I just met him and he acts like he's a friend of ours like we want to school together or something."

Berndt, who has already earned three gold medals and one silver at the Games, sings the praises of Special Olympics: "It makes me feel like I belong as a human being in the world. It's touching to have people to make me feel like I belong. It's great to have a few days like this, but I wish the world could always be this way."

Berndt, at age 35, is the oldest male gymnast competing in the Games. He still comes to compete in the rest of the Level II finals which resume today. Finals for Level I, II and III finish today.

Olympic medal victory adds to country's rich image

By TRIPP BALTZ and LIZ PANIZCA
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Virginia Gianaccelli stands proudly on the winners platform and receives a gold medal in athletics. With her victory the tiny republic of San Marino adds another treasure to its nation's rich image.

San Marino is a miniscule land-locked country confined in the borders of Italy. It has a population of 22,332 and covers an area of only 12 sq. miles.

Yet, from San Marino comes a formidable delegation of 11 athletes who have already racked up 6 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze medals.

"We're very pleased with everything," said Nubbia Reggini, a San Marino coach.

The team has athletes competing in cycling, gymnastics, swimming and track and field events. One athlete, Monica Ghilotti, alone has captured 2 gold medals and one silver.

Reggini said the team was very pleased with its performance in Wednesday's swimming events: they earned three silver medals. One of the medals was won by Pier Giorgio Giovagnelli in the 25 meter freestyle, who was proud of his performance Wednesday night. Giovagnelli won the silver medal for both the 25 and 50 meter events at the 1985 Special Games in Dublin.

This is the second time San Marino has participated in the International Games. At the 1985 Games in Baton Rouge, coach Renata Ferrari helped guide the team. She approves of this year's site as well. "It's beautiful," she said. "The people here are nice."

Reggini, who coaches cycling as a substitute, said San Marino's swiftest bike racer was disoriented by an incident in Monday's 5 kilometer race that may have cost him a medal in the race. Roberto Gattei started the race as directed by a track official, then was told to wait because a fire truck was crossing the race path. Reggini said it caused Roberto to get off to a bad start.

Gattei still had a reason to celebrate: his teammate, Antonio Guerra, won the gold in that race. Reggini said Gattei and Guerra have been working very hard the last few months, having started training for the Games in November. San Marino is characterized by hilly landscape, she said. The two cyclists practiced on the high inclines as well as flatter ground. As the bikers work out, Reggini follows them in a car. "Sometimes their practice is all uphill," she said. Reggini said her car would be in first gear as the bikers rode up these inclines.

The Federation of the Disabled of the Republic of San Marino was founded in 1984. Its purpose is to sponsor and support the athletes. The athletes on this year's team practiced in state-owned facilities in San Marino.
Record setting athlete shows quality of Games

By PAT HANNON
Observer Staff

The International Summer Special Olympics Games is known as a festival that brings numerous athletes from all over the world together to compete, but this is not to say that the field lacks athletes of high quality.

Eric Ramon Tosado stands as testimony to this fact as he ran to an unofficial record time of 9:38 in the 3000m run.

Despite the fact that he has only been running for three years, this 18-year-old representative of the Puerto Rican delegation has an affinity for setting records. His history includes a past record of running to a 1983 400m mark of 53.06 seconds, winning 47 trophies through local road races, and, just recently, setting an unofficial Special Olympics record of 9:38 in today’s 3000m run.

Under the guidance of coach Tomas Morales, Tosado has overcome a history of discrimination because of his disability and has come to find that running is a central component of his life.

Carmen Arzan, executive director of the Puerto Rican delegation, stated, “Running is his life. He will sleep just four hours and not eat so we can train.”

Morales, his coach, said, “He’s a very organized athlete, intense in participation, and will do it better the next time. He has worked hard and is well prepared.”

Tosado follows a regimen of running twice a day and alternates between running 10 miles on the track and running 12 miles cross country. In addition, due to Morales, he keeps a detailed log of his miles in order to chart his progress while tapering for the more important races by increasing his speed workouts.

Tosado has come a long way, although he claims to run “in order to clear my mind and compete.” Arzan said, “He runs to compete and get better. He doesn’t run to win, but he has the ability, so he does.” Arzan added, “He has discovered a new world in distance running.”

As a gifted athlete, Tosado runs to compete against the other athletes but finds just as much satisfaction in the fact that he runs for his country. Arzan said, “He feels honored to represent Puerto Rico and appreciates the opportunity to compete. His family helps him.”

Athletics for Tosado, from a family of four children, is not a matter of personal records and trophies, but rather an opportunity to run for his country and family.

Marilu Roman, his mother, said, “I’m proud of him. He always liked to run, and it’s the biggest thing that he runs well.”

With that, Tosado will attempt to break the 4:22 unofficial record in the 1500m run at 6 p.m. today on Monogram Track.

Tosado’s strategy, Arzan said, “will be to study the athletes in front of him and decide what to do when he sees the others breathe hard.”

He may be tired from his 3000m performance, but Tosado said he will, with the help of his family and friends, “shoot for the record.”
Coolness brings relief, top awards
BY SUSAN MULLEN
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The onset of cooler temperatures not only brought relief from the heat, but it also marked the end of long hours of anticipation for participants in the track and field events as medals and ribbons were awarded to top competitors in the 30m wheelchair slalom, the 400m dash, 2k walk and 400m walk.

The two tents behind Cartier Field acted as transition points where athletes were ushered immediately after their events. There, they cooled down as escorts and buggers offered them cold drinks and prepared the Special Olympians for their short march to the winners' stand.

Each group of athletes beamed with pride as they paraded across the grass to take their respective positions on the award platform. Amid the cheers and hoots of families, friends, coaches and fans, these spectacular athletes' medals and ribbons were hung proudly around their necks.

Patsy Coriz, silver medal winner in the women's 400m dash, typified the sentiment of most of the winners with her comment, "I was so excited. This is wonderful!"

Whether Olympians were standing in seventh place or first, their smiles were just as shiny as the medals proudly displayed around their necks.

As the Olympic Theme blared in the background and a group of top competitors posed with arms raised victoriously above their heads, a teary-eyed mother turned and said, "This is the proudest moment for my son--well for both of us."

Finalists determined in softball
BY MARY HOWENSTINE
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Division 5 softball teams New York and Connecticut will meet in the championship game Thursday at 1:00 p.m. New York was victorious over Vermont and Connecticut beat out Texas on Wednesday to qualify for the finals.

Wyoming and Minnesota, division 6 teams, will also compete for gold and silver medals Thursday afternoon. Wyoming shut out Michigan 20-0 early Wednesday assisted by two homeruns from Dennis Altenberg and one from both Jeff Krebn and Richard Hower.

Minnesota earned a berth in the championship game after battling a full seven innings with the feisty team from Virginia. Hanging on in the late innings, Minnesota was edged by Virginia 16-14, one of the closest softball scores recorded at the 1987 Games.

The New York Raiders charged to an early lead against Vermont. Facing an automatic defeat with the ten-run rule in effect, Vermont scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, closing in on New York's eleven run lead and forcing the game into a full seven innings. New York finally overpowered Vermont 22-11 and moved into the championship game against Connecticut.

Connecticut is definitely the team to watch. They have allowed only five runs in the three games they have played in the Special Olympics, posting victories of 29-2, 21-2 and 13-1. Their 13-1 victory over Texas advanced them into the championship finals.

Larry Bissell, third baseman for Connecticut, tripled, doubled and singled in the game against Texas. After the game, Bissell said, "If we just concentrate on our defense, we have a good chance of winning it all. We have some good power hitters."
By BOB TYLER
Observer Staff

Night comes to the Notre Dame campus. It’s hot. The last rays of sun shine above the horizon. Notre Dame’s golden dome becomes a nightlight overshadowing the campus. Its statue of the Virgin, arms outstretched, protects all who focus on its golden glow.

While athletes bear the balmy night westward back to Dillon. The Dome’s glow is a beacon north in the distance.

The clinic has a few large rooms. The main one consists of partitions, cabinets, and supplies. It’s somewhat a cross between an emergency room and a first aid station. Doctors and nurses wait wondering what kind of night this will be.

Nursing coordinator, Sue Sterlone, remarks about the cases at the clinic last night. There were dozens of heat strokes, seizures, sprains, and scrapes to nurse. A few patients were transferred to South Bend hospitals. She says, “Without this medical center, emergency rooms in town would be swarmed.”

Pete Womer, coordinator of the center’s dispatch unit, waits in another room by his phone. His staff of EMT’s and a nurse wonder if their night will be longer than the last. Their job is to answer medical distress calls of olympic athletes on campus and in the South Bend community. With medical supplies, they respond to the athletes’ quarters evaluating and treating the sick and injured. Sometimes, they transport them.

Womer wonders if a cool front will come tomorrow as predicted. Donated electric fans are not decreasing the many cases of heat stroke in unconditioned quarters. Armed with a computer, whose disc contains the medical histories of all registered Olympians, he waits with his vans, portable radios, and staff.

At 9:30 p.m., a dark, cloudless sky covers South Bend. The quiet suddenly breaks. The phone rings. A Brazilian coach has had an apparent heat stroke. Nurses prepare for his arrival. A Spanish interpreter is coming.

A phone call from the fourth floor of Dillon - a Canadian athlete is having a seizure.

The EMT and nurse dispatch team rushes to the door with their equipment. As they do, the Brazilian arrives. Doctor, nurse, and interpreter tend to him. He’s stable and alert as he is placed on a bed for treatment.

The van door slams. Kevin is the EMT. The nurse evaluates.

Kevin’s feet pump through the threshold and fly up the staircase. He has an epileptic history. He carries two boxes of emergency supplies. At the third floor, he is guided to a prostrate young man, an athlete, in the hellish temperature. Someone says, “He’s exhausted from the heat. The same thing happened last night.”

The nurse evaluates.

The Special Olympian is cooled with ice and water. He has an epileptic history. The doctor over the radio decides to call for an ambulance.

Kevin collects his thoughts and supplies,Kevin is startled by another crackle, “Seizure, fourth floor Dillon Hall!”

Ed checks his radio, a Mini Medical Center Volunteer. Ed is the EMT.

Within minutes they pop the doors. Pairs of feet run with the supplies. Their legs pump through Dillon Hall’s main doorway and fly up the stairwell.

Kevin’s feet pump through the hellish temperature. Someone says, “She’s alright, now,” he says.

After Kevin checks her, the crew returns to the van. It’s refreshingly cool leaving the fourth floor behind. A conversation of relief dashed with chuckles breaks between them.

The clinic’s doctor radios that another ambulance should be ordered for the girl’s transport. The McGann’s Ambulance Service soon arrives and takes charge of the patient. As he collects his thoughts and supplies, Kevin is startled by another crackle, “Seizure, fourth floor Dillon Hall!”

The van is unavailable. Kevin again is on the run. However, this Olympic dash seems like 1500 meters. Down the Fisher Hall steps he goes. He sprints the quadrangle sidewalk westward back to Dillon. The Dome’s glow is a beacon north in the distance.

He charges the four Dillon flights. Huffing and puffing, Kevin arrives at the first dispatch site.

A Canadian coach remarks that the Sixth Summer Olympics in Baton Rouge’s hot humidity was more tolerable.

The clinic’s doctor radios that another ambulance should be ordered for the girl’s transport. The McGann’s Ambulance Service comes.

Special Olympics has been hot enough. The night continues hot until a cool front dumps rain on South Bend in the twilight hours of the next morning. A special favor, perhaps, from Our Lady of the Golden Dome.

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Swimmers going for the gold

By MARIA DOTI
Observer Staff

Mark Spitz, eat your heart out.

This thought entered the minds of many spectators as they observed the 25m freestyle and 100m individual medley events at Rolf's Aquatic Center yesterday.

Froelich Miroslaw and Krzysztof Debski, teammates with the Poland delegation, earned a gold and silver, respectively, in the 25m freestyle.

His time of 22.95 meant a second medal for 15-year-old Miroslaw, who had, hours earlier, won a silver in the 50m freestyle. But for Debski, his silver was just a stepping stone.

"I'm very happy with my silver medal," said Debski, who had a time of 17.26 in the 22- to 99-year-old age group. "But I'm striving for the gold."

Twenty-six-year-old Joseph Duo of Gibraltar was modest about his silver in the 25m freestyle, but his coach, Annie Risso, proclaimed his 42.84-second victory with excitement.

"I feel fantastic!" said Coach Risso. "I'm so glad all of Joseph's work has finally paid off."

Hoosier delegate, Rog Durham of Portland, left his competitors in a trail of steam as he went on to win a gold medal in the 100m individual medley with a time of 1:42.57.

Lorrie Woycik, Durham's ISSOG coach sees great potential in his performance as well as those of the thousands of Special Olympics participants.

"Rog's beautiful," Coach Woycik said. "There's no one that works harder or deserves more than these kids. They're terrific!"
All in a day's
work
Conyers helps out by keeping Games rolling

BY BOB TYLER
Observer Staff

University of Notre Dame is busy with crowds of athletes and volunteers attending the Seventh Summer Special Olympics.

It's two o'clock. People are massing around the ACC. Behind it, tennis courts and a track bring crowds for the afternoon events. Under the bright sun, they hustle to places. Some have Cokes in-hand or umbrellas above them.

Just east of the center, there's a bunch of wheelchairs under a tent. All kinds of chairs are parked there: black, blue, and red frames on wheels. There are models ranging from those for racing to those for simple transports. Even a few electrically powered ones sit there.

To a passerby, it may look like a used wheelchair lot instead of the wheelchair garage it is.

Bill Conyers, a balding fortyish technician from the Assisted Devices Resource Center (ADRC) of Memorial Hospital, is working with men from Med Plus, another division of the South Bend hospital. They are volunteers checking wheelchairs and other therapeutic assist devices for Olympians.

"I am enjoying this," Conyers chuckles. "I never thought the work here would be so involved ... so rewarding and fun," the mechanic banters.

He is finishing work on Kip Cartwright's red wheelchair, specially designed for olympic races.

The Utah athlete and his coaches watch as Conyers makes final adjustments. Conyers explains that the chair was too awkward for Cartwright to use efficiently. "He couldn't get leverage on the wheels; so, I adjusted the chair frame and its wheels so Kip could rotate his arms better."

Conyers says he has welded broken frames, tightened spokes, and fixed flat tires. He has even troubleshooted electrical systems.

He expects those problems, but he is pleasantly surprised to encounter problems like Cartwright's. "It gives you a good feeling knowing you're helping the athletes compete and have fun."

Randy Richman, Med Plus serviceman, claims that eighteen wheelchairs have been loaned to the olympic community, thirteen for the USA and five for different countries.

Conyers and the Med Plus men say they are also surprised by one-third of their customers. These have been coming to the tent for wheelchairs, crutches, and walkers.

Somehow, coaches are spraining ankles, suffering falls, and overheating all over campus.

"One of the funniest things," Conyers interjects, "is non-english speaking athletes coming here in great distress. And after trying to decide what their problem is through chatter, hand motions, and body language, the message comes: an exhausted or injured coach, not the athlete, needs help - a wheelchair."

Kip Cartwright is transferred from his loaner to the repaired racing machine. He smiles. Julie Barnes, one of the coaches, is happy that he will be able to compete the next day.

Cartwright and the coaches leave the tent; perhaps, they will put the athlete and his machine through a preliminary trial, putting the chair to the test.

Conyers has a few more chairs to check. It's his last day here.

But the Med Plus workforce will remain through the games' conclusion. There are wheelchairs to attend to. They will be here to keep the frames straight, those bearings slippery, and those rims true.

But most of all, they will be here to provide wheels for people like those downed olympic coaches with places to cruise.

Conyers and his team of Med Plus volunteers inspect wheelchairs for Special Olympics wheelchair events.

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Volleyball bracket action moves to medal rounds

By JUDY MOLNAR
Observer Staff

Volleyball bracket round action resumed Wednesday as teams enter the medal rounds.

In Division I play, Tennessee defeated Missouri, 15-12 and 15-7 to move into the gold medal bracket. Panama will play Tennessee after easily defeating Washington in two games 15-3 and 15-8.

Washington took the bronze in this division with Missouri coming in fourth. Panama will play Tennessee after defeating New York, 15-4 and 15-8.


Arkansas captured the bronze after defeating New York in this division, and their excitement was obvious in the award ceremonies.

In Division III, Ohio defeated Alabama to move to play Kansas for the gold after they defeated United Kingdom.

In afternoon play Alabama defeated United Kingdom to win the bronze medal.

In Division IV play, Louisiana will meet Florida in the gold medal round. Delaware defeated Kentucky to capture the bronze medal in yesterday afternoon's competition.

Arizona and California will go for the gold in the final round of Division V play. Wisconsin defeated Colorado to win the bronze.

Consolation play in Division II matches Georgia against Virginia for fifth place. Georgia beat Indiana 15-9, 19-11 and 15-6 to move into the fifth place round. Virginia made their way in the fifth round bracket by defeated Massachusetts 15-6 and 15-3. Wednesday afternoon, Indiana defeated Massachusetts for seventh place.

In the Division III consolation bracket, Connecticut defeated Illinois, 15-12, 13-15 and 15-10 to capture seventh place.

Today Division III will match North Carolina against Oregon for fifth place. Montana defeated New Jersey to take seventh place in the Division V consolation bracket. Today Trinidad will meet Rhode Island to compete for fifth place.

The Oregon/North Carolina, Georgia/Virginia, and Trinidad/Rhode Island games will begin at 9 a.m. Arizona plays California at noon. Louisiana will play Florida at 1:30 p.m., followed at 3 p.m. with Ohio and Kansas. At 4:30 p.m. Pennsylvania will play West Virginia, and at 6 p.m. Tennessee will face Panama.

On hand to present the awards for Wednesday afternoon's winners were Mark and Anthony Shriver, 1984 former Olympic player Rose Major Powell and Jean Beaudry of the Los Angeles Starlights.

"It is different and enjoyable to watch the athletes play. Whether they win or lose they are so excited," said Powell.

"I have taught at a lot of volleyball clinics and I enjoy teaching to those who want the opportunity to learn the game. Teaching at the clinics will be a great experience for the athletes and me," said Beaudry.

Thursday's clinic from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., will feature former Olympic players Rose Major Powell and Claudia Lee and professional player Jean Beaudry.

From 8 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., guest players will demonstrate serving and setting skills. Friday morning at 9:30 a.m., Chile will play the guest players and a spiking and passing clinic will follow at 10 a.m.

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Austrians feel at home with Corky Patton's family

By SARA MARLEY
Observer Staff

The “crazy house” of George and Corky Patton is a little crazier this week thanks to the four members of the Austrian delegation they are hosting during the Games.

The Pattons credit their daughter Connie with bringing the Austrians to their home. Connie Patton was interested in getting involved with the Games and was asked to serve as “community host” for the Austrian delegation, a role which requires working with the live-in host and the delegation “to make them feel at home.”

Through communication with the Austrians prior to the Games, Connie Patton learned of the additional coaches who were not offered on-campus housing due to limited accommodations. Living in an apartment of her own, Connie Patton was unable to house them herself and asked her parents to help out. One of seven children, only two of which remain at home, Connie Patton knew, “The way our house goes, we’ll just show them where things are and let them help themselves.”

Their hospitality has been warmly received. Guest Axel Weiss, Secretary of Special Olympics in Austria, marveled at the “openness” of the Pattons’ home.

“We were astonished at their friendship and kindness. They are the best hosts. We’re feeling like members of the family,” he exclaimed.

As a host family, the Pattons provide beds, breakfast, and dinner for their guests. “We’ve all just tried to play it loose and let these people do their thing with the athletes,” said Corky Patton.

Some differences in culture have brought unpredicted results. “I bought a ton of breakfast cereal, and they don’t even like it,” laughed Corky Patton. She explained that the Austrians found even bland American varieties “too sweet,” and that they preferred a continental breakfast of rolls or bread. With that exception, “It’s been strictly American food.”

During this week’s heat wave, the Pattons took their guests to a local swimming pool and they are planning a trip down South Bend’s East Race Waterway to try white water rafting. Other than that, the Austrians “haven’t had much time for us to show them around,” said Mary Claire Patton, another daughter who still lives at home.

Just like official members of the delegation, the volunteers staying with the Pattons spend most of their time with the athletes on campus. They rented a car for transportation to and from Notre Dame. The Austrians’ live-in host Kathy Scarbeck claims having part of their group living off-campus has not caused any problems.

“They know when all the events are and they meet us in the morning. In fact, it’s sort of been an advantage because they can use the rental car to run errands for us.”

Although their hectic schedule has not allowed them time for extensive travel, the Austrians have enjoyed their taste of America. This is the first time the nation has participated in an International Summer Games, but three athletes traveled to Utah’s Winter Games. This is Weiss’ first trip to the United States. “I love it.” he exclaimed. “It’s more than I expected.”

To express their thanks to the Pattons, the Austrians brought them gifts from their hometown of Graz. T-shirts proclaiming “Styria - the green heart of Austria” for their province in Austria and an intricate wooden mobile delighted the family.

Most importantly, friendships have been formed which both parties are anxious to continue. The Pattons are welcome in Austria, an offer Mary Claire Patton would like to take them up on.

“They’re so cool. These people would show me a good time,” she exclaimed. “They’re very good-spirited, thank­ful, friendly people,” said George Patton. “I’d love to do it again.”

Athletes pose in front of their temporary home, McCandless Hall at on the campus of Saint Mary’s College.
Zee donates supplies for Games' first-aid

By MATT SITZER
Observer Staff

Irvine California-based Zee Medical, Inc., has been providing quality health care and first-aid products since its humble beginning in the Torrence, California garage of Tom and Violet Zappa in 1982. Today, Zee Medical, a subsidiary of the San Francisco-based McKesson Corporation, employs nearly 800 salespeople and calls more than 300,000 industrial and business firms its customers.

Under an agreement with the International Summer Special Olympics Games Organizing Committee, Zee has donated more than $5,000 in medical supplies to the games. Their local distributing office, run by South Bend residents Chuck and Peggy Endsley, has donated an additional $3,000 worth of supplies in response to additional medical demands caused by the recent heat wave and an unexpected increase in sports related injuries.

"The Organizing Committee called us about a month and a half ago," said Peggy Endsley. "They were desperate to find someone to donate medical supplies for the games. We were more than happy to help them out."

In response to the Committee's request, Zee's national office promptly donated a $5,000 supply of first-aid products to be administered to competitors and spectators suffering from anything from sports related injuries to heat exhaustion.

The first-aid supplies included such Zee products as gauze pads, first-aid cream, splints, bandages, and stethoscopes. Also donated was a Zee Medical van to be used to transport supplies and the injured to and from various locations around the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

After the first few days of competition, it became apparent to Games medical volunteers that more supplies would be needed to accommodate the rising number of heat and sports related medical problems.

"They were getting a lot of heat exhaustion cases, because of the hot and humid weather," said Endsley. "We decided to donate an additional $3,000 worth of supplies to help solve this problem."

Endsley explained that the extra supplies were mainly related to heat exhaustion treatment. "The medics asked for lots of aspirin, antibiotic ointment, eyewash, and 'Sustain,' a drug which replenishes the body's electrolyte table," she said.

"Our company's motto is 'We're there when you need us','" added Endsley. "We hope we've lived up to it this week. Helping out gives us a really good feeling."

In addition to the International Summer Special Olympics Games, Zee Medical has provided first-aid and safety supplies for such national events as Liberty Weekend in New York City, celebrating the 100th birthday of the Statue of Liberty, and the Golden Gate Bridge 50th Anniversary Celebration in San Francisco, California.

Today, Zee Medical, Inc. is the nation's largest supplier of first-aid and safety programs, providing training, information and supplies through its 78 distribution points throughout the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.
Athletes enjoy Notre Dame "dorm food"

By LIZ PANZICA
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The University of Notre Dame Food Service has been serving 5,000 meals a day during the International Games to the athletes, coaches and many staff personnel.

About 2,000 meals are served in the South Dining Hall and another 3,000 are served in the North Dining Hall. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served in both halls.

"Dorm food" often receives criticism from students at universities. Yet, many athletes have said that they have enjoyed their meals at Notre Dame. The Hong Kong delegation members said they enjoyed the typical American food served. But, they said they're "used to hot dogs, but not all the time."

According to William Hickey, director of University food services there were no special foreign dishes planned on the menu because no requests were made before the Games began. Rice was added to the evening meal, however, after the Oriental teams' request this week.

The Hong Kong delegation members said they were pleased that University Foodservice has provided them with a variety of food options. They said, "It's hard to get Americans to cook rice correctly."

Because of the severe heat, medical staff have requested that special menus be prepared for many athletes. The Foodservice is working hard to comply with those requests.

Foodservice has published a guide to nutrition for Special Athletes. It outlines good nutrition and gives guidelines for pre-event meals. It also gives an idea about the liquid requirements for athletes. Copies of the pamphlet can be obtained from the Nutritionist in the basement of the South Dining Hall.

The University Foodservice staff is 475 people strong - much larger than the regular summer staff. University Foodservice also cash operations at The Huddle, LaFortune Student Center, and the Oak Room. Hickey said that business is bustling in cold drink sales because of the heat.

A coach from California said he was incredibly happy with the job the Foodservice has done. He said, "The people in Foodservices are always in good spirits and always willing to help."
Jamaica comes back to beat Guatemala

By PETE GEGEN
Observer Staff

After Guatemala had built a 2-0 lead, Jamaica exploded for three goals in the second half to win 3-2 and take fifth place in the B division of the soccer competition.

Guatemala controlled a physically-played first half, outshooting the Jamaicans 15-2 and scoring twice.

Oscar Aceituno started the scoring when he headed in a crossing pass by Oscar Mejia. Mejia increased the lead to 2-0 when he dribbled in all alone and blasted a shot into the upper left hand corner.

Jamaica tried to mount offensive attacks, but the team was whistled for offside calls in the game. Nicaragua suffered a key injury, five minutes into the second half when Mejia collided with a Jamaican player, splitting the skin on the ridge of his nose. Though wanting to return to the game, he was taken to the Red Cross station for precautionary measures.

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By MARY HOWENSTINE
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Observer Staff

The inside of the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center
at times resembled a huge playground filled with
children jumping rope, tumbling about and racing down
slides Wednesday night.

Not five minutes later the ACC dome became a circus
big top.
Complete with a master of
 ceremonies, pantomiming
clowns, animal acts, waving
spotlights and springy
tumblers who performed with
such precision they looked
like brightly colored tin sol-
diers.

No, the Ringling Brothers
Circus was not in town
tonight. The variety show that
thrilled the audience was the
1987 International Special
Olympics Sports Spectacular,
an event emceed by Jack
Lloyd, Mary Lou Retton, and
Bart Conner.

It was designed to entertain
Olympians and coaches and
to let the Olympians “know
how much the people of In-
diana appreciate you,” as
Indiana Lt. Governor John
Mutz said to the capacity
crowd.

On hand to entertain the
crowd were the Andrews Uni-
versity Gymnastics, a tumbling
team. The team performed
several floor routines involv-
ing somersaults in formation,
backflips in tandem, and
once, four gymnasts per-
formed on balancing bricks
atop twelve foot cylinders.

Local police officer Irv
Sikorski sang his original
composition, “The Magic is
There” while four gymnasts
shadowboxed and pan-
tomimed other athletics.
The tumbling act that stole
the show was performed by a
tiny Special Olympian intro-
duced as “Georgina from
Great Britain.” Georgina
performed a floor exercise
involving somersaults, the
splits and graceful dancing.
She finished to thunderous
applause and a standing ova-
tion from an appreciative
crowd.

Another crowd pleaser was
Paul Hunt, aka Pauletta.
“Pauletta” performed a skill-
ful comedy balance beam act,
wearing two smiles - one on
his mustached face and an-
other painted on the fanny of
his yellow tights. The crowd
enjoyed his performance so
much he returned later in the
show on the tumbling mats.

Medalists from the 1984
Summer Olympics Games
Tracee Talavera and Bart
Conner joined others gym-
nasts in demonstrating basic
skills on the pommel horse,
parallel bars, balance beam
and in power tumbling.

Fans enjoyed much more
than tumbling acts as they
watched dogs Satin and Zack
snatch Frisbees out of the air,
an acrobatic display in itself.

The St. Louis Zips, a 14
member dribbling exhibition
team performed as well with
one member twirling a bas-
ketball behind his back,
switching hands - while
blindfolded.

Atlanta Hawks superstar
Spud Webb, according to Spe-
cial Olympian Bryant
Solomon of Texas, was “no
doubt, the best act of the
night.” Webb delighted fans with a
360-degree tomahawk jam.

Special Olympians from Illi-
nois, Michigan and Trinidad
joined Webb in a two-on-two
match and compared slam
dunks to their hero’s.

Introduced as having per-
formed a heartwarming show
for President Ronald Reagan
in Washington, D.C., the To-
tally Confident Disabled Drill
Team performed for last
night’s crowd, earning the
second standing ovation of the
evening.

Near the end of the ex-
travaganza, one member of
the drill team sang “That’s
What Friends Are For,” while
the audience joined hands and
sang along “Keep smiling,
keep shining.”