

Johnson Brings Down Curtain With Third Gold

GOTHENBURG, Sweden - American Michael Johnson capped the greatest week of his career when he won his third gold medal in the 4x400 meters relay, the final race of the fifth world athletics championships which ended on Sunday.

Johnson, the first man ever to pull off a 200 and 400 metres double, wrapped up the championships with another gold as he anchored the United States to victory in two minutes 57.32

seconds, the sixth fastest time ever run.

The victory wrapped up a great last day for the United States who won three more titles to take their tally to 12 golds, 10 more than any other nation. They also won the women's 4x100 and 4x400 meters relays.

There were tears of joy from Gwen Torrence who bounced back from the disappointment of losing her 200 metres title after a disqualification by anchoring the

American 4x100 relay team to victory for her second gold of the championships. She triumphed in the 100 meters on Monday.

Her great rival Jamaican Merlene Ottey chased her down the home straight in the last leg of the relay but could never quite close the gap she had inherited on the final changeover and had to be content with the silver.

It was Ottey's third medal of the week following the gold she won in the 200 metres and the

silver in the 100. It was also her record 13th overall world championship medal and her 30th major championship medal over the past 16 years. Like Torrence, Canadian Donovan Bailey added a relay gold to his individual 100 meters crown.

Canada's victory in the event was the first by any country other than the United States since the championships began 12 years ago.



Michael Johnson falls to the track after winning 200-meter

NBC Pays \$1.27 Billion For Olympic TV Rights

NEW YORK - NBC agreed Monday to pay a stunning \$1.27 billion for U.S. television rights to the Olympic games in Sydney in 2000 and the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002.

The deal, put together in under a week as a pre-emptive, take-it-or-lose-it proposition to the International Olympic Committee and the two national organizing groups, shuts out Fox Television and other U.S. networks without hope of a counterbid.

NBC next year will broadcast in the United States the 1996 summer games from Atlanta.

Network President Robert Wright said his company would not have paid \$715 million for the Australian events and \$555 million for the U.S. games separately, but believed the two together constituted a profitable

package.

By contrast, NBC agreed during 1993 bidding among all the U.S. networks to pay \$454 million for the U.S. rights to the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Those games are expected to draw unusually strong U.S. audiences.

Wright told reporters after announcing the deal that NBC had sold more than 80 percent of its advertising slots for the 1996 Olympics and had grossed over \$600 million so far.

NBC is owned by General Electric Corp.

Wright and Olympic officials said a key demand from the Olympic committee was that U.S. television coverage involve additional distribution on cable channels beyond the roughly 100 hours usually carried on a broadcast network.

NBC, Wright said, will carry

extensive coverage during both the Sydney and Utah games on its CNBC and America's Talking cable services. NBC also agreed to carry a weekly program on the Olympics for four years beginning in 1996. Olympic officials said the \$1.27 billion was much higher than either the Sydney or Utah organizers expected from the rights sale.

Fox, the U.S. network owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp Ltd., had been expected to be a strong bidder for the Sydney Olympics during competition among the four leading U.S. networks that had been expected to begin next month.

Murdoch shook up U.S. television two years ago by outbidding CBS Inc. for National Football League game rights, a move that strengthened the Fox network.

National Sports Briefs

Florida State tops pre-season USA Today/CNN Poll

Florida State edged Nebraska for the number-one ranking in the 1995 pre-season U-S-A Today/C-N-N Coaches college football poll released last week.

Florida State, which was ranked fifth in the final 1994 coaches poll and won the national title in 1994, edged the defending national champions by one point in the pre-season poll of football coaches.

The Seminoles received 28 first-place votes to Nebraska's 17 in one of the two major polls that determine the national champion of college football. Texas A&M, Penn State and Florida round out the top five

and all received first-place votes from the coaches.

Shell blasts former assistant coaches with Raiders

Former Raiders coach Art Shell blasted three assistant coaches who served under him as coach of the team, calling them "backstabbers."

Shell, who is the offensive line coach with division rival Kansas City, said that three assistant coaches went to owner and General Manager Al Davis and criticized Shell, according to the Los Angeles Times.

While Shell would not say who the coaches were, the Times reported two of them to be offensive coach Tom Walsh and special teams coach Steve Ortmyer.

Johnson wins sprint double at World Track

Michael Johnson of the United States completed an unprecedented double when he captured the gold medal in the 200 meter final at the World Track and Field Championships at Gothenburg, Sweden.

Johnson won today's race in 19.79 seconds and became the first man to win both the 200 and 400 meter titles at the World Championships.

The 27-year-old Johnson won the first half of the double Wednesday when he successfully defended his men's 400 meter title in 43.39 seconds, the second-fastest time in history. The world record of 43.29 seconds was set by Butch Reynolds in 1988.

Local League Announcements

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Wallyball leagues are forming through Aug. 1 at the Chuck Minek Sports Complex, 275 N. Mojave Road.

The City of Las Vegas-sponsored league, which costs \$40 per team, is open to all teens and adults.

Competition begins Aug. 3 and continues thereafter at 6:30 p.m. on random weekdays.

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Coed volleyball teams are being organized for a cost of \$160 at the Minker Complex. Leagues are open teens and adults.

Beginners play Tuesdays and intermediates compete Thursdays, both starting at 6:30 p.m.

Call 229-6563 for additional information on the ten-week league format.

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The City of Las Vegas Dula Gymnasium, 441 E. Bonanza offers a variety of opportunities for the mature population that would enjoy

fitness activities.

Specializing in Active Sports For Seniors, Dula offers the game of indoor paddle tennis on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Games and instruction take place from 9-11 a.m. Registration is \$1.

From 9-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the program changes to table tennis. There is no charge for table tennis.

Dula also offers Yoga classes Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Suzanne Barnes teaches the class by introducing a system of exercises for attaining physical and mental control. Classes are \$3 weekly.

All programs are designed for seniors, 55 or older. Call 229-6307 for details.

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Local organizations in need of facilities to sponsor sports tournaments, competitions or exhibitions, can now rent the gym at the City of Las Vegas Chuck Minker Sports Complex, 275 N. Mojave Road. Groups may reserve the facility for exclusive use at a cost of

\$20/hour during business hours or \$30/hour at other times.

The facility is open weekdays, 7 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sundays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Possibilities for use may include, but are not limited to, basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, dances, seminars, or workshops. Groups must include ten or more individuals. Call 229-6563 for reservation details.

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Please send your announcements to:

Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice League Announcements, 1201 South Eastern Ave. Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. Please include any age requirements for activity, dates for sign-ups as well as dates that activity will begin, phone number and any other pertinent information.

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