By Don Pierson Chicago Tribune

SAN JOSE, Calif.-Edwin Moses won again Thursday. Carl Lewis got ready to win and win and win. Moses talked; Lewis didn't. Both remained misunderstood. Nothing much has changed in track and field in three years.

In the best meet in this country since the Olympic Games, the USA/Mobil national championships, Moses easily qualified for

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the semifinals in the 400-meter hurdles in 49.82. It was his first outing since his 107-race winning streak was broken in Madrid June

Danny Harris, the man who ended the streak, also qualified for the next round in 48.79, the day's fastest time on the San Jose City College track.

Lewis easily advanced in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and in the long jump, appearing as frisky nearing his 26th birthday as he did when he won four gold medals in the 1984 Olympics.

Ohio State's Harry "Butch" Reynolds ran the fastest qualifying time in the 400-meter dash, 45.09, and appeared strong enough to endure two more fast races in a long, fast season.

Moses tried to explain to questioners that nothing had changed in his mental approach after his first loss since 1977. He ran smoothly and strongly and won easily from the inside lane. Observers have said the loss to Harris has renewed his competitive fire.

"That's what they say," Moses said. "I think the fire has been there for 10 years. If the fire hadn't been there for 10 years, wouldn't have run 122 races [trials and finals] and won. I want to win

every time. It's always the same." Moses was as reluctant to look back at his loss as he is to look over his shoulder during a race.



Qualifying easily in the USA/Mobil national championships Thursday are Carl Lewis (left) with a long jump of 26 feet 111/4 inches and Edwin Moses with a time of 49.82 in the 400-meter hurdles.

During the streak, I never thought about the races I'd already won," he said. "I always look forward to the next race. This is the wrong time to ask me about

Moses admitted his loss probably gave his event its biggest boost since he burst from nowhere to win the 1976 Olympic gold medal. He said public reaction to his defeat has been "great."

"It has solidified the effort of 10 years. The only way to set a precedent sometimes is to lose a

The pressure of dealing with a winning streak of such magnitude was draining, Moses said. "I wouldn't wish it on anybody."

Lewis said nothing after qualifying with astonishing ease in the 200 (20.22), long jump (26 feet 1114 inches) and the 100 (10.06

wind-aided). He appeared a victim of the same poor advice that damaged his image following his marvelous Olympic performance.

With the largest contingent of international press assembled at a U.S. track meet since the Olympics, Lewis chose to stay aloof, calculating and enormously talent-

He will talk before this meet ends Saturday, but his peculiar brand of cooperation only increases his problem.

His coach, Tom Tellez, lamented that Lewis' prowess has not been appreciated.

Lewis' long-jump series at the too. Mt. San Antonio College relays April 26, with six jumps over 28-3%, left no doubt that he is the greatest long jumper ever.

Nevertheless, Lewis apparently is

in the process of being dumped from a lucrative shoe contract by Nike, according to Nike spokesman Kevin Brown, who told the San Jose Mercury-News that Lewis is not living up to the contract. His manager, Joe Douglas, said Lewis still has a contract.

Reynolds remained track's brightest hope for something really new and different before the 1988 Olympic Games.

"I started running 44s in May, and nobody can run 44s that long. But when the competition comes, you've got to do it," Reynolds

Harris noticed some change,

"Instead of coming to a meet and everybody asking me when I am going to beat Edwin, they ask Edwin when he is going to beat me back."

## Rain saves Lendl from a washout

From Chicago Tribune wires WIMBLEDON, England-In a match being played on the install-

ment plan, Ivan Lendl is in danger of early elimination at waterlogged Wimbledon.

When they finally gave up Thursday night, Lendl had lost the first set 6-3 to Italy's Paolo Cane and was tied 5-5 in the second. Lendl, a man of few words and fewer smiles, looked as if he had bitten into a rancid Wimbledon strawberry covered with sour

cream. Lendl looked as if he didn't want to be here, and he won't be much longer if he plays the same way Friday-or Saturday or whenever the courts are dry enough to resume.

Play was suspended twice, although only two matches got underway. When the first drizzle shut everything down after 24 minutes of play, Lendl was trailing the world's 40th-ranked player 5-2 on Centre Court. Martina Navratilova was cruising against Etsuko Inoue of Japan 4-1 on Court 1.

After 3½ hours of loitering about, the contestants were summoned to continue. Navratilova made quick work of Inoue, winning her second-round match 6-1,

"I was lucky to be able to finish," Navratilova said. "It looked like it was going to rain hard. It was ominous looking."

It looked even more ominous for Lendl, who was in the process of squandering two set points at 5-4 in the second. He lost that final game of the day.

More rain may be on its way. Referee Alan Mills said: "The forecast is not too good. It's supposed to get a little better [Saturday]. They're promising us it will be quite nice next week."

The tournament is about two days and 140 matches behind, but Mills said there is no cause for alarm. He also said little chance existed that matches will be scheduled for Sunday, traditionally a day off during "the Fortnight."

"I would think that's totally out of the question," he said. "Things are not that desperate from a tennis point of view at this time. Everybody really deserves a complete day's rest."

With a backlog of almost two days' worth of singles matches, 44 players hadn't completed the first round. Even Navratilova, who has spent less than 11/2 hours of playing time in the tournament, said

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player, a great front-runner. Now,

she's a bit more shaky, but I don't

Theories vary. She hasn't played

enough. Too much rust for a

McEnroe, the same kind of player,

learned how much damage can be

the Italian quarterfinals to Saba-

tini, she demanded a new racket,

just like the one Graf plays with.

She now uses a Graf racket in-

stead of the one she is paid to en-

She isn't single-minded enough.

She donated \$150,000 to the

Women's Sports Foundation after

the death of volleyballer Flo

Too many deep thoughts, fears of

She is panicky. After losing in

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what has happened."

done by inactivity.

her own maturity.

Hyman last year.

the weather was affecting her style. "I don't think I rushed to get the match over with, but I did rush in between the points," she said. "I suppose you can call it

controlled rushing." According to statistics compiled by the British Broadcasting Corp., this year's start is the worst in history. Wimbledon's library said it could not confirm that.

Among the players who haven't seen any action are eighth-seeded Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany, No. 13 Barbara Potter of the United States and No. 14 Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria.

Mills said the courts are holding up despite several weeks of almost daily precipitation. The courts are covered seconds after it begins to

"The covers are working beautifully," Mills said. "When we take off the covers, the courts are playable almost immediately. It's just a matter of giving them some time to breathe a little bit.

"With all this rain and lack of sunshine, they are a little greener than I would like them to be. They are a little more slippery than you would have them in an ideal situation."

Navratilova didn't have a lot to say about her match, simply because there wasn't much to talk about. The occasion did give her an opportunity to address the treatment she has been getting from London's lurid tabloids. With John McEnroe not playing, Navratilova is a ready target.

She knew what to expect when she came here. During a past Wimbledon, she said: "In Czechoslovakia there is no freedom of the press. Here, there is no freedom from the press."

Two tabloids ran headlines Thursday that said "Martina Set To Quit," when she had said nothing of the sort at the previous day's press conference. She had discussed retirement only in the most general, hypothetical terms.

"There are the newspapers, and there are the rag papers," Navratilova said. "I read the newspapers to get news, rather than the lies in the rags. Even if they were going to lie, they should at least be realistic. It's amazing how they can change the things you say, but I should be used to it from the newspapers here.

"It's been pretty low here this year, with the rag papers."

On the other hand, there hasn't

"It just makes you feel so dam-

been a lot of tennis to write about.

## Woodson's loss may be football's gain

By Phil Hersh Chicago Tribune

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Rod Woodson, a football All-America and four-time Big 10 indoor hurdles champion at Purdue, may have fallen into his future career Thurs-

Woodson, who had been trying to balance the possibilities of running track and playing pro football, looked like a man for one season after he lost his footing in the 110-meter hurdles semifinals at the USA/Mobil national championships.

His hopes of representing the United States in the World Championships or Pan American Games are gone. He will have to scramble for entries in other meets this summer.

"It's one race. I'm not making a decision about track because I fell over a hurdle," he said. "It was bad luck."

Woodson skinned both knees while failing to clear the fifth of 10 hurdles and crashing to the track at San Jose City College. But it wasn't as hard a landing as it seemed.

In the medical tent, Woodson eventually collapsed into the arms of Indiana University half-miler Adriane Diamond, who was crying as she hugged him. And he can fall back on the security of the contract money a first-round draft choice with the Pittsburgh Steelers will earn.

Until the past two weeks, Woodson's future was clear. He needed merely to show up in training camp next month to become a starting cornerback.

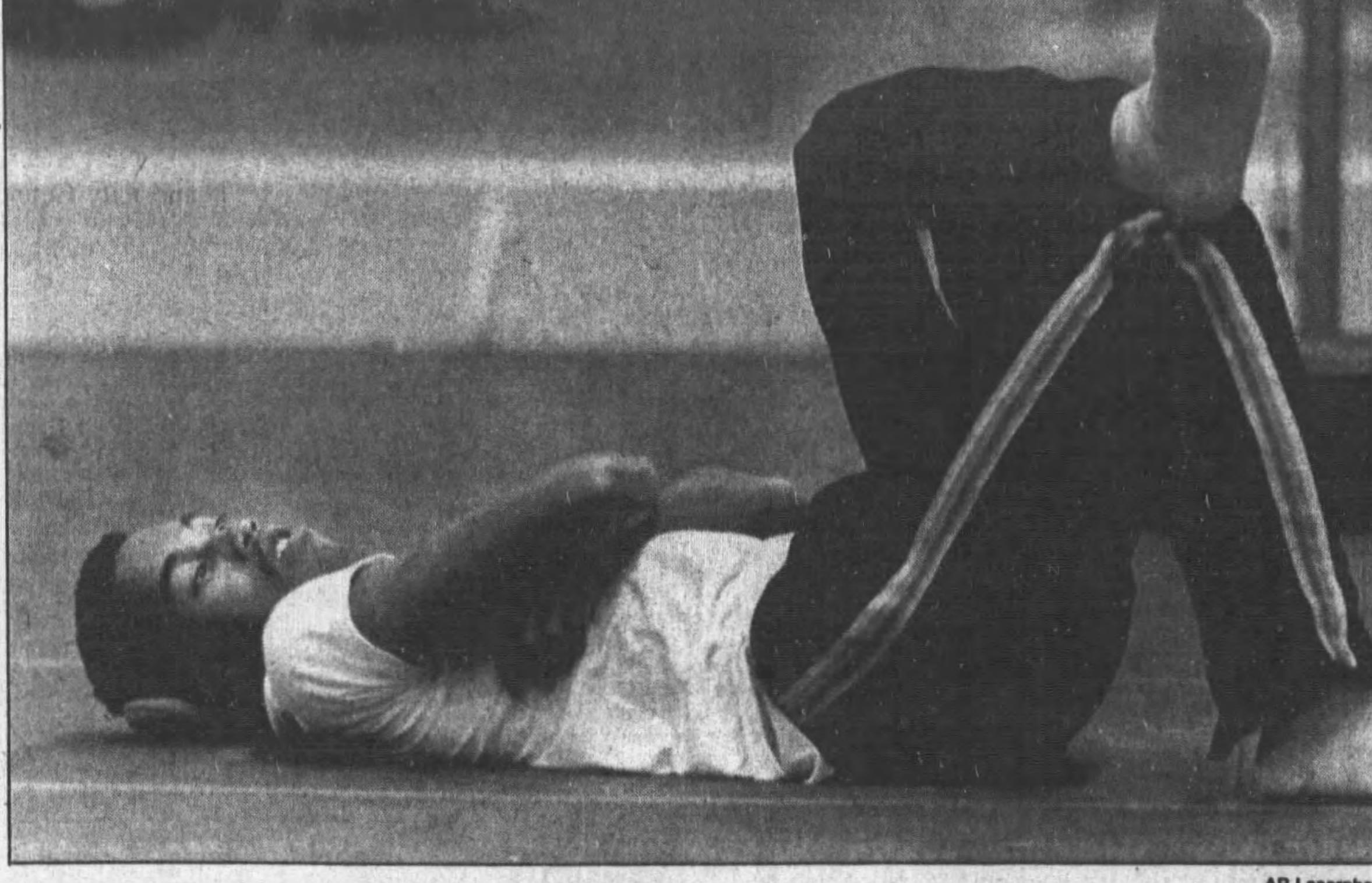
The confusion began when Woodson ran the hurdles in 13.29 seconds at an Olympic development meet June 13. It had been the second fastest time by an American this year.

coach Chuck DeBus: "That shows what a great athlete he is. Rod has the talent to go under 13 sec-Only Renaldo Nehemiah, who

Said Los Angeles Track Club

track, has gone under 13, while setting the world record of 12.93. Woodson joined DeBus in Los

went from track to football to



AP Laserphoto

Rod Woodson may have had his future decided Thursday at the USA/Mobil national championships.

Angeles after he was ruled ineligible for the Big 10 and NCAA championships because of his relationship with agent Norby Walters. This had been his first season of running collegiate outdoor track because of conflicts with spring

"I've gotten more coaching in 21/2 weeks with Chuck than I've had the rest of my life," he said.

It wasn't enough. Woodson's inexperience proved his undoing.

"I've always wondered what I could do in a big meet," he said. "It's neat to be in this competition. It's the biggest meet I've ever

Woodson showed his unfamiliarity with the normal chaos of a major track meet when he failed to make a last-minute check of the draw for the first heat of the hurdles. He had been switched from the fourth heat to the third and was still warming up when officials delayed heat three until Woodson was found.

the opening round of heats and then tried to run too fast in the semis. Being in the next lane to Tonie Campbell, the world indoor champion whom Woodson had defeated in the earlier development meet, was part of the prob-

"I started pushing," Woodson said. "I shouldn't have gotten in a race with Tonie. I was told [by DeBus] to ease off a little, and l

Campbell won the semifinal in 13.20 seconds. Greg Foster of Maywood, the defending world outdoor champion, won the other semi in 13.15, fastest in the world this year. Both times were substantially wind-aided.

"I knew his lack of experience with world-class hurdlers eight abreast would be a problem," DeBus said. "It's hard to hold concentration on your own

"We wanted him to run 90 per-

He ran 13.63 to finish second in cent in the first round, 95 percent in the semis and 99 percent in the final. He isn't ready to run 100 percent technically."

Woodson won't have to worry about the final. Instead he can concentrate on rooting for Diamond, who advanced to the 800-meter semis by finishing second to Delisa Walton-Floyd in her trial heat.

Before Thursday's races, Woodson had said, "Even if I'm terrible here, I'll still consider track."

Woodson cannot sign a football contract if he wants to continue in track. Were he to stay out of football one year, he would go back in the draft. By staying out two years, he would be a free agent.

"The decision was a lot easier when I was running 13.7s," Woodson said. "Football looked pretty great at that point."

From his point of view Thursday, lying in a heap on the track, football may have looked even bet-

ned mortal," she said. "You realize how frail life is. I just think of all the women who never had a simple opportunity." Her return to Prague last year was an emotional worry and left think anyone should exaggerate

"My cousins were grown and

had kids of their own," she said wistfully. "The family dog had serve-and-volley game. John died. I saw my grandma for the last time. She died shortly after.

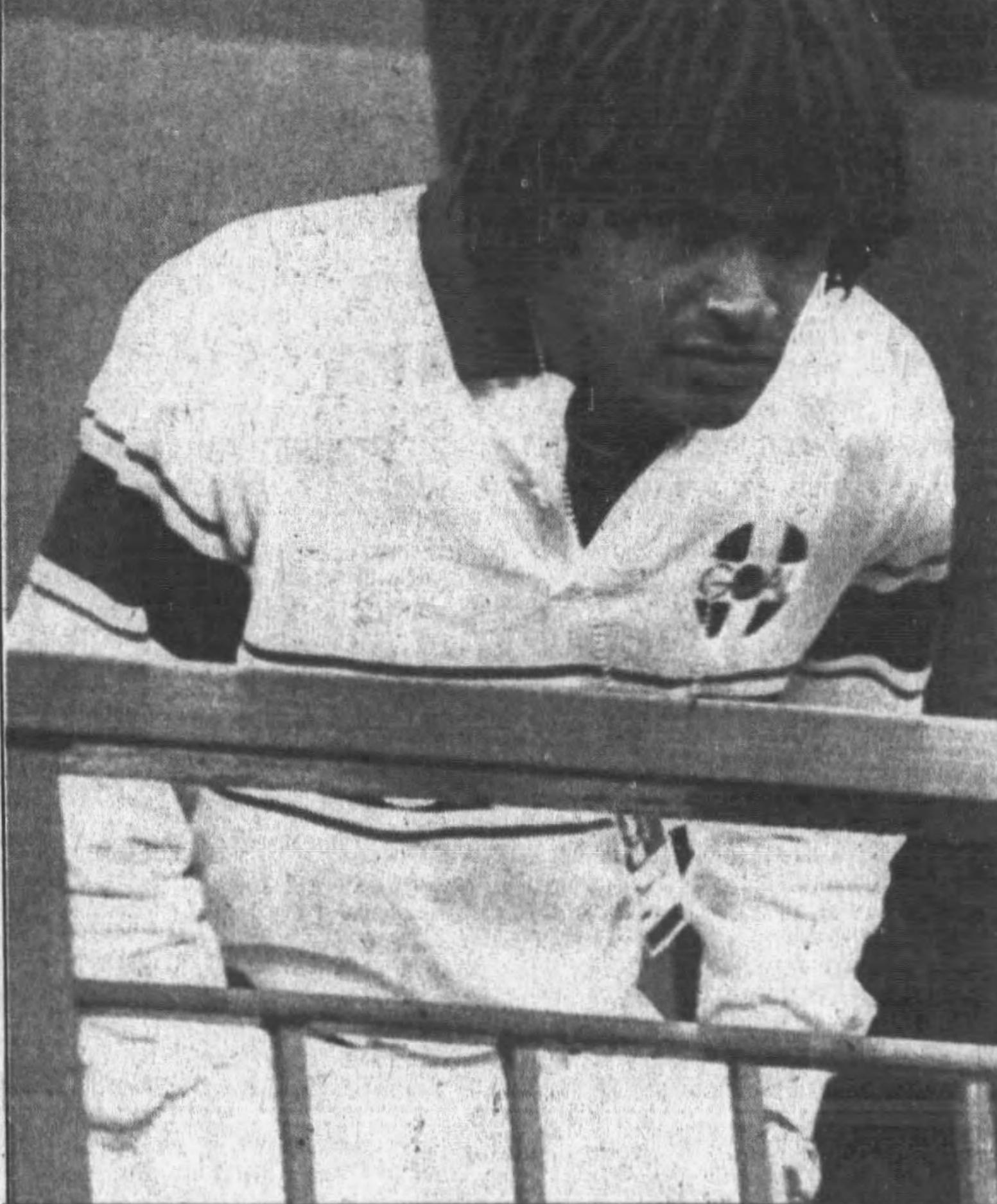
"A boy gave me a silver pendant with an angel on it. It helps me remember I was a fantasy to a lot of people."

And maybe, just maybe, it is

"Now Chris and I are dispensable," Navratilova said. "Once, a few years ago, women's tennis would have been in trouble. Now there is a new wave, and they are ready to take over.

"But I don't think Chris and I are ready to step aside." We would hope they would have

to be pushed.



AP Laserphoto Yannick Noah watches from the players' restaurant as rain pelts the Wimbledon courts Thursday. He was to play Guy Forget.

Notes

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SAN JOSE, Calif.-In Thursday's only final at the USA/Mobil Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Lynn Jennings of Athletics West won the women's 10,000, with veteran Francie Larrieu-Smith second and Lynn Nelson third.

Patty Murray of Western Illinois was fourth and will make a U.S. team for the Pan American Games or World University Games. The first three finishers in the meet qualify for the

World Championships in Rome Aug. 29-Sept. 6. Veteran high jumper Joni Huntley was nursing her baby minutes before her event, qualified with a leap of 5-10, and left the stadium nursing her baby.

Ageless (31) Larry Myricks qualified in the long jump at 27-134, but remained skeptical that he would be jumping behind Carl Lewis in Friday's final. Rules state Lewis, who qualified at 26-11%, has to jump before

"I've never jumped behind Carl," Myricks said. "I'm supposed to, but whether I will remains to be seen. No matter where I go, I'm always right in front of him. If he's going to beat me, he has to jump extremely well. Myricks also was skeptical of the reported 29-1 jump

by Robert Emmiyan of the Soviet Union last month. "I've jumped against the guy and I just don't see him producing a 29-foot long jump. I want to see it outside the Soviet Union," Myricks said.

Brian Oldfield, at 42 no longer ageless, was 21/4 inches short of qualifying for the shot put finals. The Elgin native was competing for the University of Chicago Track Club wearing a wild pair of bloomers that grabbed the attention of the announcer. He tossed 61-51/2.

110-meter hurdles in a wind-aided 13.15 and celebrated the breaking of a jinx. In his last three races in this stadium, he had failed to finish. Former Indiana guarter-miler Sunder Nix from Chicago failed to advance, but 31-year-old Rosalyn Bryant

Maywood's Greg Foster won his quarterfinal in the

from Chicago advanced in her new event, the 400-meter Don Pierson