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No distinction in their minds

PENSACOLA, FLA. - My Russian. His Russian. Your Russian.

That's how the United States freestyle wrestlers conjugate the dual meet coming up in South Korea next September. Officially, it is called the Olympics. In the minds of the U.S. wrestlers, however, it is the United States versus the Soviets.

The Soviets. Everyone on the U.S. freestyle wrestling team has his own Soviet to worry about, ponder, brood over and analyze.

Don't say it, I know what you're thinking, and you're absolutely right. Not everyone who lives in the Soviet Union is a Russian. You got your Lithuanians, your Ukrainians, your Armenians, your Georgians, your Byelorussians, your Moldavians, your others.

Most wrestling types, I believe, realize there's a distinction. They just don't care to acknowledge it. As far

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as they're concerned, you can take your distinction and gut-wrench it. They have more pressing concerns.

At the Olympic trials Saturday, Mark Schultz beat Rico Chiapparelli in three rugged matches. Afterward, he had to weigh in for the next day's championship round. He had 12 pounds to lose and 90 minutes to do it.

Schultz made it with just 10 seconds to spare. And he did it without ridding himself of a major limb.

Schultz even tried to throw up at one point, though unsuccessfully. Several observers reportedly were closer to losing it than he was.

It was a bizarre scene. A crowd of people kept sweeping this sweatstained, exhausted, hooded figure from the weight scales to the stationary bike.

This is a gruesome sport sometimes. You should have seen Randy Lewis gamely dragging his useless right knee along with him as he pursued world champion John Smith in their second match Saturday.

Later, the attending trainer said Lewis had a torn ligament. But still he continued.

"I shot in and heard his knee pop," Smith said afterward. "It was a gross sound. I knew it was serious."

It happened with 2 minutes 11 seconds to go and Smith leading, 4-2. The match went for another 1:15

before the referee made Lewis stop. The point here is that these aren't the kind of guys you want to split hairs with. Even Pavel Katsen, the coach of the U.S. Greco-Roman team, calls the bad guys the Russians — and he spent most of his life in Russia.

Russians is better in a wrestling context anyway. Grittier. Sweatier. Earthier. More sinister.

His Soviet, my Soviet, your Soviet doesn't work. Too gentile, too polite, too prissy. There also seems to be a question as to whether that's technically correct.

After the Olympics, we promise to revert to proper etiquette in this matter. At least some of us do.

In the meantime, this get-together in Seoul isn't a summit meeting. The theme isn't trust but verify. It's search and destroy.

The question isn't whether the Unites States and the Soviet Union can resist the urge to eradicate the human species. It isn't how well the wives of the two coaches get along.

On the wrestling mat, the Evil Empire lives.

Three Soviets have been unbeatable. They are Sergei Beloglazov at 125.5 pounds, Arsen Fadzaev at 149.5 and Makharbek Khadartsev at 198. No one has been able to beat them, or pronounce their names.

As it happens, the Olympians with Iowa ties, Barry Davis and Nate Carr, compete in two of those divisions.

Davis was a three-time NCAA champion at Iowa and silver medalist in 1984 when the Soviets boycotted the Olympics. His Soviet is Beloglazov, winner of seven world titles. Beloglazov pinned Davis at the world championships last August.

Carr was a three-time NCAA champion at Iowa State and an Olympic alternate last time. His Soviet is Fadzaev.

The encouraging news for the United States is that Andre Metzger has had some tight matches with Fadzaev. At the Olympic trials, Carr gave Metzger two straight spankings.

Must have thought he was a Soviet.

Collegiate sports ready to fight GFA

Big-school plan angers small-school officials

By TOM WITOSKY

Register Staff Writer ORLANDO, FLA. - College officials drew the battle lines Monday for a war over control of major college athletics, including the NCAA basketball tournament.

"We are prepared to fight again and hard if we are not going to be given the consideration we deserve," said Victor Bubas, commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference. "We won't be part of a divide and conquer move-

Meanwhile, a longtime athletic director accused the College Football Association of creating the financial problems and controversies besetting major college athletics.

"The CFA was the organization that broke up the good thing we had in televised football, and now they seem to intent on doing it to basketball," said Dick Young, athletic director at Florida International University. "They are a threat to the NCAA and continue to be."

Young, former athletic director at Bowling Green, Oklahoma State and Washington State, also charged the CFA is interested in financial prosperity for its members, and little else. "More and More Money"

He said the CFA operates too often in secret and forces NCAA members into areas of little benefit.

"All they want is more and more money," Young said. "The CFA represents only about a half-dozen schools, and the rest are along for the ride. The Big Eight doesn't exist in this. You've got Oklahoma and Nebraska, and the other six have been dragged along for the ride."

Both Bubas' and Young's comments were made after proposals by CFA executive director Charles Neinas, who suggested reducing the number of schools participating in Divi-

NCAA

Strange triumphs at Open

Captures first major in playoff over Faldo

From Register Wire Services BROOKLINE, MASS. - Hale Ir-

win was right three weeks ago when he said Curtis Strange is the best golfer in the world.

Strange proved it Monday when he came back to The Country Club for

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an extra round and beat Nick Faldo by four strokes in an 18-hole playoff for the U.S. Open title.

Strange, who never trailed Monday, scored even-par 71 over the 7,000-yard course. Faldo, last year's British Open champion, shot 4-overpar 75. They had finished the regulation 72 holes Sunday tied at 6-under

As he walked off the 18th green after sinking his final putt, Strange met his wife, Sarah, with a big hug, lifting her off the ground. Then, trying to hold back tears, he said: "I have to thank my dad. This is for my dad. I've been waiting a long time to do this. I screwed up the '85 Masters, and this is for Dad."

Strange's father, Tom Strange, was a golf professional who taught Curtis the game before dying of cancer when Curtis was 12. There to welcome the new champion Monday was his twin brother, Alan.

Golf's Best

There are three standards for naming golf's best: Number of victories over a given period of time, the strength of the fields in those tournaments, and the difficulty of the courses.

Finally achieving his first triumph

in one of golf's four major professional championships, Strange gained his seventh victory over the last 11 months and his sixth on the PGA Tour. It was also Strange's third tri-

umph in the last 80 days. Among his victories since last July were the Canadian Open, the World Series of Golf, Houston Open and the recent Memorial, all played on difficult courses. No other golfer playing the major

world circuits has won as often over world's best just minutes after the last year. On Monday, Strange beat one of of South Africa.

Curtis Strange watches his birdie putt on the 13th hole roll into the cup

Monday en route to an 18-hole playoff victory over Nick Faldo in the U.S.

Open golf tournament. It was the first major championship for Strange.

the other leading players in the world. And he achieved it under heavy pressure directly attributable to Irwin's remarks.

Irwin, a two-time U.S. Open champion, said May 29 his friend was the

Strange won the Memorial by two strokes over Irwin and David Frost But Faldo wasn't so sure.

"That's a tough one," Faldo said.

"Sandy Lyle won three times this U.S. OPEN

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WIMBLEDON, ENGLAND (AP) At Wimbledon, where the serve is king, Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker were the royal masters Monday.

Each player had 20 aces in his opening-round victory on the slick grass courts of the All England Lawn Tennis Club.

Lendl, the top seed, breezed past Britain's David Felgate, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3, in 84 minutes.

"I just couldn't pick his serves up," said Felgate, ranked 362nd in the world. "I couldn't figure where they

were going. I tried everything, but it didn't make any difference. He was just pounding them down."

Becker, the champion in 1985 and 1986, did some pounding of his own against Australian John Frawley, who was beaten, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

"I'm very satisfied with the way I started today," said Becker, who was upset in the second round last year by Peter Doohan. "It could not get any better than that."

Defending champion Pat Cash, playing the first match on Centre

Court, downed 17-year-old Todd Woodbridge, 6-1, 6-1, 6-2. Cash had only one ace against his fellow Australian, but his service returns were

"I just returned so well today and that set everything up," Cash said. "The court is pretty slow, so you have some time to get the ball back."

Other seeds advancing to the second round were No. 3 Stefan Edberg of Sweden, No. 7 Henri Leconte of France, No. 10 Tim Mayotte of the United States, No. 11 Anders Jarryd

Associated Press



Australia's Pat Cash stretches to keep his balance while returning a shot to Todd Woodbridge in a first-round

match Monday at Wimbledon, England. Cash, the defending champion, won in straight sets.

of Sweden, No. 13 Emilio Sanchez of Spain and No. 15 Amos Mansdorf of

In women's play, seventh-seeded Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria was beaten by Pascale Paradis of France, 6-4, 6-3. No. 12 Zina Garrison and No. 14 Katerina Maleeva, Manuela's younger sister, advanced in straight

In a history-making match, 16year-old Michael Chang of the United States beat countryman Glenn Layendecker, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2, to become the youngest player to win a men's singles match at Wimbledon since World War I.

Rain Delays

Showers and a couple of long matches backed up the schedule and forced officials to postpone 10 contests, including fifth-seeded Jimmy Connors' opener against Leif Shiras of the United States.

Connors, second-seeded Mats Wilander and No. 8 John McEnroe are scheduled to play today. McEnroe's opening match also was moved back a day because his opponent, Horst Skoff of Austria, was involved in a tournament in Athens, Greece, until late Sunday. Most of the women's seeds, includ-

ing No. 1 Steffi Graf and eight-time champion Martina Navratilova, also begin play today. Like Wilander, Graf is halfway to a Grand Slam after winning the Australian Open and the French Open.

Lendl, runner-up at Wimbledon the past two years, was pleased with his opening-round play.

"I served quite well, which I didn't

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night game set for Aug. 8

Cubs to meet Phillies when era ends in Chicago

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP) - The first night baseball game at Wrigley Field is scheduled for Aug. 8, and opponents of lights at the home of the Chicago Cubs vowed to keep fighting to turn them off.

Team officials said Monday that the first night game at the park will

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be against the Philadelphia Phillies - more than 40 years after the Detroit Tigers became the last team to install lights.

The announcement ended weeks of suspense over when the lights would be turned on.

At least one practice session is scheduled under the lights before the first game ends a 72-year tradition of playing baseball only in the sunshine at the second-oldest park in the major leagues.

Heated Battles

"It is a historic event for our club and fans," said Don Grenesko, who is in charge of the team's business operations. "This is an opportunity for more fans to experience Cubs baseball, and a positive step to ensure that our club remains competitive."

The owner of the team, the Tribune Co., has fought heated battles with city officials over ordinances, with state legislators over statutes and with neighborhood groups in court since acquiring the club and the park

A City Council vote in February removed the final roadblock, even while limiting the team to eight regular-season night games in 1988 — although the Cubs will play just seven this season — and 18 games each season for the next 14 years.

Few signs of the neighborhood's once-formidable community opposition were visible Monday, but Charlotte Newfeld, one of the leaders of the opponents, said the fight over lights isn't over.

She said one tactic being considered is a petition drive to get the precinct around Wrigley Field "dry," meaning no liquor could be sold there.

"If lights can be turned on," she said, "they can also be turned off."

Other Night Games

The first night game will be telecast by WGN-TV, the television station owned by the Tribune Co., and the following night's contest against the New York Mets will be shown nationally on NBC.

Wrigley Field's seating capacity is 39,012, and about 13,000 tickets remain for the Aug. 8 game. Sales for that game were frozen by the club Friday as word circulated that it would be the date of the first night game and the remaining tickets will be sold through a telephone lottery. More than 15,000 seats were still

available for the Aug. 9 game, as well as for night games Aug. 22 and Aug. 23 against the Houston Astros; Sept. 6 against the Phillies; Sept. 7 against the Mets; and Sept. 20 against the Montreal Expos. About 100 people crowded outside

the box office at Wrigley Field on Monday to buy tickets. "I'm really a White Sox fan," sales-

man Tim Lynch said. But Lynch said he came all the way from his home on the South Side -

where Comiskey Park and the Chicago White Sox of the American League draw their following - because "this really is a bit of history. "Besides," he added, "seeing the

Cubs will be something of a novelty

for me. I work days and so right now, I've got to take vacation to come Broadcast and published reports have said Cubs officials are attempting to get President Reagan to throw out the first ball and possibly do an inning of play-by-play broadcasting,

reprising a job he did at radio station

WHO in Des Moines in 1930.

MORNING REPORT

UNCOVERED. Howard Robertson's holein-one at a benefit golf tournament in Hattiesburg, Miss., won him a \$10,000 prize and left a surprising hole in the Hattiesburg Sertoma Club budget. The club member assigned to buy insurance to cover the cost of anyone winning the prize purchased a policy that was good only for be.' the first day of the event. Robertson got his ace on the second day. The tournament was being held to raise money for the club.

STILL CHAMPION. UCLA, which won NCAA championships in golf and track, was judged the all-sports champion by the Knoxville Journal of Knoxville, Tenn. It was UCLA's ninth all-sports title since the newspaper began its rankings in 1971, and the first time any school has won three in a row.

THAT'S THAT. New Jersey Athletic Commissioner Larry Hazzard, tired of bickering over the length of the June 27 heavyweight fight between champion Mike Tyson and Michael

Spinks, set the bout at 12 rounds on Monday and criticized boxing's three sanctioning bodies for failing to settle the issue. "I think it has become an embarrassing situation," Hazzard said. "You have an event such as this . . . and a week before the fight, no one knew how many rounds it would

BIG BILLS. Former Miami Dolphins linebacker Nick Buoniconti testified in Charleston, S.C., that medical and other bills for his son, Marc, who was paralyzed in a 1985 football game, have exceeded \$1.3 million. Marc Buoniconti is suing The Citadel and the school's football team doctor and trainer. He broke his neck while making a tackle.

ATHLETES TO TESTIFY. Star running backs Brent Fullwood of Auburn, Ronnie Harmon of Iowa and Paul Palmer of Temple are among 40 to 45 college athletes who will enter a pre-trial diversion program to avoid being charged in the federal grand jury investigation of

two sports agents, according to a published report by The Atlanta Constitution. The athletes also agreed to testify in any possible trial of agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom and perform 100 to 250 hours of community service.

CBA TEAM TO CEDAR RAPIDS. A Continental Basketball Association team will begin play in Cedar Rapids next season, officials announced Monday. The Krause Gentle Corp. of Hampton will relocate the defunct Cincinnati Slammers in Cedar Rapids.

ALLISON IMPROVED. Stock car driver Bobby Allison's condition was upgraded from critical to stable Monday after a crash in Sunday's 500-mile race at Pocono. Allison, 50, suffered a contusion to his brain and required surgery Sunday night to relieve pressure. Allison also suffered a broken left leg, broken ribs and a bruised heart. He had been unconscious since arriving at Lehigh Valley Hospital Center at Allentown, Pa., until early Monday.

TV Today

12 p.m. (ESN) Golf U.S. Open, final round. (Tape)

4 p.m. (HBO) Wimbledon Tennis early round matches. 6:30 p.m. (17) Baseball St. Louis at Montreal. (Live)

6:30 p.m. (WGN) Baseball Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia. 8 p.m. (8) Pro Basketball NBA championship, game seven: Detroit at L.A. Lakers. (Live)

9:30 p.m. (TBS) Baseball Atlanta at Los Angeles. 2 a.m. (ESN) Auto Racing NASCAR Budweiser 400. (R)

4 a.m. (ESN) Auto Racing Barber Saab Pro Series. (R)

Quote of the Day

"The fans really get into the games. They throw everything on the floor - glass, chairs, benches, whatever they can get their hands on. Bobby Knight throwing a chair is nothing compared to some of the things they'll do." - Former owa basketball star Greg Stokes on basketball conditions in Italian leagues.