



Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda reportedly to retire

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda, who underwent an angioplasty to clear a blockage in coronary artery late last month, will reportedly announce his retirement. The Los Angeles Times, quoting an unnamed source, said that Lasorda, the dean of active managers for service with one club, decided he would not resume his duties as manager due to health reasons.

Johnson, Lewis go for the gold

Michael Johnson and Carl Lewis go for gold in track and field and Kerri Strug tries for a dramatic return in gymnastics today at the Atlanta Olympics. The 10th day of competition also will feature the United States' softball team facing China in a semifinal game and the undefeated women's basketball team closing out the preliminary round against Korea. Johnson tries to complete the first half of his gold medal quest and eight-time gold medalist Lewis seeks his fourth straight medal in the long jump. Johnson competes in the finals of the 400 meters after jogging to victory in his semifinal heat on Sunday, setting the stage for tonight, when he will seek his 55th straight victory in a 400 final.

Centennial Park opens Tuesday

Law enforcement officials say "significant progress" is being made in the hunt for the person responsible for the bombing that killed two and caused injuries to more than 100 people early Saturday morning at Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta. No arrests have been made in the Centennial Park explosion and an FBI official would not discuss details of the investigation, but said "significant progress" was being made. Law enforcement officials continued to comb the park over the last two days collecting pieces of the pipe bomb, which exploded at 1:25 a.m. EDT Saturday near a light and sound tower adjacent to a concert stage.

Top pick Keyshawn Johnson, Jets remain far apart in talks

Wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson, the first pick in the 1996 draft, and the New York Jets remain far apart in contract negotiations. The Jets have offered Johnson a six-year contract worth just under \$16 million with a signing bonus of \$4 million. But Johnson's agent, Jerome Stanley, is looking for more since the Baltimore Ravens signed tackle Jonathan Ogden, the fourth overall pick, to a seven-year deal worth \$15.44 million.

Earnhardt released from hospital following Talladega crash

Seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt was released from Carraway Methodist Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama this morning after being held overnight with injuries suffered in a crash during Sunday's NASCAR DieHard 500 at nearby Talladega Superspeedway. Earnhardt sustained a fractured clavicle and sternum in a pileup on the 117th lap of the event. Earnhardt's car took the worst in a collision that was triggered when Ernie Irvan and Sterling Marlin tapped, and Marlin's car was sent into Earnhardt's. Earnhardt's Chevrolet was destroyed as it tumbled onto its roof and continued to spin as it was hit by other cars, involved in the wreck. Earnhardt was able to pull himself from the twisted wreck, but was assisted by track safety workers into an ambulance.

SPORTS



BASKETBALL, TRACK, GYMNASTICS TAKES SPOTLIGHT

After a hiatus, the gymnastics competition resumes and the men's basketball Dream Team faces its toughest test against Croatia Sunday night at the Atlanta Olympics.

The ninth day of competition also included the first loss for the United States in baseball and the debut of four-time gold medalist Carl Lewis on track and field. The Atlanta Olympics also had its first positive drug tests that stripped two Russian athletes of their medals.

After failing to medal in the all-around, the United States seeks gold when the gymnastics competition resumes at the Georgia Dome with five individual apparatus finals. Finals are scheduled in the women's vault and uneven bars and the men's floor exercise, pommel horse and rings.

American Dominique Dawes, who

finished a disappointing 17th in the all-around gymnastics competition, will compete Sunday night in the uneven bars and vault along with the floor exercise on Monday.

The other American women competing Sunday night are Dominique Moceanu in the uneven bars and Amy Chow in the vault and uneven bars.

Kerri Strug, the darling of the Olympics whose final vault secured a gold for the United States in the women's team competition on Tuesday night, has decided to pass on vault due to a severely sprained ankle. Strug, who walked without crutches on Saturday, hopes to compete Monday in the floor exercise.

It is a rematch of the gold medal game from Barcelona in 1992 when the United States men's basketball team closes out its preliminary round



1992 Gold medalist Gail Devers

against Croatia at the Georgia Dome.

The focus of the game will be on the matchup of Dream Team forward Scottie Pippen and Croatia's Toni Kukoc, who helped the Chicago Bulls to the National Basketball Associa-

tion Championship in June.

Four years ago, Dream Team I routed the Croatians in the gold medal game, 103-70, in a game featuring a grudge-match between the two current teammates.

A highly-anticipated baseball matchup ended with Cuba defeating the United States, 10-8, at Fulton County Stadium. The Cubans scored four times in the first and led 10-2 at one point. Fortunately for the Americans, the game had no major implications as both teams already qualified for the medal round.

Johnson easily won his second round heat on Saturday. He has won 54 straight 400 finals and is trying to become the first male to win the 200 and 400 in the same Olympics.

Lewis qualified for his fifth Olympics in the long jump and is still a

gold medal contender at age 35. He has eight gold medals, including three in the long jump. Qualifying in the long jump began this afternoon.

The champion of the heptathlon will be crowned, and for the first time in three Olympics it will not be Jackie Joyner-Kersey. Joyner-Kersey, one of the greatest female track and field athletes in history, withdrew from the competition after one event Saturday due to an injured right hamstring. Natasha Sazanovich of Belarus was the leader of the heptathlon after five events with 4,928 points. The final two events — the javelin and 800 meters — take place tonight.

The first track and field medal of the day went to Fatuma Roba of Ethiopia, who became the first African woman to win the Olympic marathon.

JOYNER-KERSEE OUT OF HEPTATHLON WITH INJURY

Two-time gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey of the United States withdrew from the heptathlon competition due to injury Saturday as the track and field competition continued at Olympic Stadium.

The title of fastest man and human in the world will be crowned Saturday night with the finals of the 100 meters. While a boisterous crowd was expected for the finals, the second day of track competition at Olympic Stadium began before a somber crowd in the wake of the Centennial Park bombing.

Gold medals will also be awarded Saturday night in the triple jump and women's javelin.

Joyner-Kersey won her heat in the 100 hurdles, but was unable to compete in the long jump, the second of the seven-event competition. Joyner-Kersey's leg was heavily bandaged during the 100 hurdles and her leg clipped a hurdle. Despite a rain delay, she was unable to compete in the long jump.

The first two rounds of the men's and women's 100 were held Friday. The semifinals and finals are scheduled for Saturday

night.

Britain's Linford Christie, the 100 champion at Barcelona, advanced with a time of 10.03 while the best time of the day went to Frankie Fredericks of Namibia (9.93). The three Americans in tonight's field are Dennis Mitchell, Michael Marsh and Jon Drummond.

The star-studded field will also include Ato Boldon of Trinidad and Donovan Bailey of Canada.

Atlanta native Gwen Torrence is among the favorites in the women's 100 competition and won both of her heats Friday, including a 10.94 in the second round. Torrence, however, appeared to be bothered by a leg injury.

American Gail Devers, the

1992 gold medalist in the event, and Merlene Ottey of Jamaica also won both of their 100 heats. American D'Andre Hill, the NCAA champion, also advanced.

Michael Johnson of the United States will again be on the track and will compete in the second round of the men's 400. The 28-year-old Johnson led for most of his opening heat Friday and coasted to a second-place finish in 45.80 seconds. Johnson, who has won 54 straight 400 finals, is trying to become the first male to win the 200 and 400 in the same Olympics.

Randy Barnes gave the United States its first track and field gold on Friday night by winning the shot put. Barnes vaulted from sixth place to gold with a throw of 70 feet, 11 inches, leaving

fellow American John Godina (68-2 1/2) with the silver medal. Oleksandr Bagach of Ukraine won the bronze.

Earlier in the day, Jefferson Perez took the first gold track gold medal by winning the 20-kilometer walk. The 22-year-old became the first Olympic medalist from Ecuador in any sport.

Jonathan Edwards of Britain is the top triple jumper and will compete against defending gold medalist Mike Conley of the United States. Edwards, the only triple jumper to bounce past 60 feet, advanced to Saturday's final with a jump of 55-7 1/2, as did the three Americans in the field — Conley, Kenny Harrison and Robert Howard.

Felicia Tilea of Romania was the leader after the women's javelin preliminaries on Friday.

Olympic History

Olympic Motto

The Olympic motto "Citius, Altius, Fortius" is Latin for "Faster, Higher, Braver," but is universally accepted to mean "Swifter, Higher, Stronger."

Olympic Creed

"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not the win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."

Olympic Rings

The Olympic symbol—five interlocked rings—represents the union of the five original major continents (Africa, America, Asia, Australia and Europe) and the meeting of the athletes from throughout the world at the Olympic Games. The five colors of the rings from left to right are blue, black and red

across the top and yellow and green along the bottom. The colors of the rings are thought to have been chosen because at least one of these colors can be found in the flag of every nation.

Olympic Flag

The Olympic Flag has a plain white background with no border. In the center are the five interlocked Olympic rings. At the Closing Ceremonies of the Olympic Games, the mayor of the Olympic host city presents the Olympic flag to the mayor of the next Olympic host city. The flag is then kept in the town hall of the host city until the next Olympic Games.

Year Mascot

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