

GERMANY CREATES A COMMISSION TO REVIEW 1972 MUNICH OLYMPICS INCIDENT

German Interior Minister Nancy Faeser announced on Friday that Germany has formed an eight-person commission to review the attack on Israeli athletes and team members at the 1972 Munich Olympics in order to address any outstanding issues. The project is a component of a larger government initiative to work towards rapprochement with the impacted families, which also includes a \$30.67 million (\$28.6 million) in compensation. On September 5, 1972, Palestinian militants from the Black September gang kidnapped members of the Israeli Olympic team. After the bombings, the Games went on as scheduled in 1972, and it took the IOC over 50 years to grant families' pleas for an official act of memory at an Olympic event.



GLOBAL CHESS LEAGUE SET TO BEGIN FROM JUNE 21

The Global Chess League (GCL), a partnership between Tech Mahindra and world chess organisation FIDE, released its official logo on Wednesday. The design is a representation of a chess board with 64 squares.

The logo was unveiled 64 days before the first-ever GCL began operations, a figure that is well-known in the chess community. This year's GCL, the biggest and first league-styled chess competition ever, will run from June 21 to July 2. Six teams with six players each, including a minimum of two female players and one icon player per side, will compete in the first GCL.

In the competition, each team will participate in 10 matches in the fast style on each of the six boards. The victorious team will be proclaimed the global champion franchise team. The top two teams from the round-robin format will advance to the final on July 2.



SWIMMING SENSATION

RUSSIA'S CHIKUNOVA SETS 200M BREASTSTROKE RECORD

At the FINA World Swimming Championships in Kazan, Russia, swimming prodigy Evgeniia Chikunova broke the women's 200m breaststroke world record. Tatjana Schoenmaker of South Africa had previously held the record, but the 17-year-old Russian swimmer destroyed it with a shocking performance of 2:18.46.

The way Chikunova performed in the pool was quite impressive. She took the lead early on and never let up, dominating the entire race. The youngster glided effortlessly through the water and kept up a steady pace all the way to the conclusion, swimming with outstanding technique and accuracy. She pushed herself to the finish line, leaving her rivals far behind as her remarkable strength and stamina were on full display.

It took years for Chikunova to succeed in Kazan. She started swimming at an early age and soon demonstrated her incredible talent. She has improved with each passing year, proving that her commitment and diligence paid off. The time she set earlier this year for the 200-meter breaststroke was 2:19.64. She broke a new world record in Kazan, surpassing that benchmark and ensuring her place in history.

As a result of her accomplishments, the young swimmer has emerged as a global role model for aspiring swimmers, particularly young females. Her accomplishment has demonstrated that anything is achievable with commitment, effort, and tenacity. Chikunova's triumph also serves as a tribute to the swimming community in Russia's plenty of skill and potential.

The 2023 Russian Swimming Championship underwent in Kazan, Russia, from April 16 and will conclude on April 21.

Russia and Belarus were disqualified from the upcoming FINA international swimming competitions in March, according to World Aquatics (FINA until December 2022).

Russian and Belarusian athletes should not be allowed to compete in international competitions, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) recommended on February 28, 2022, citing Moscow's special military operation in Ukraine.



IIS WRESTLERS EXCEL AT WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the young wrestlers from the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) who competed at the recent Senior Open National Ranking Championship and U17 Cadet National Wrestling Championships held in Uttar Pradesh on April 16 and 17, it has been a green patch. The wrestlers won eight medals in total.

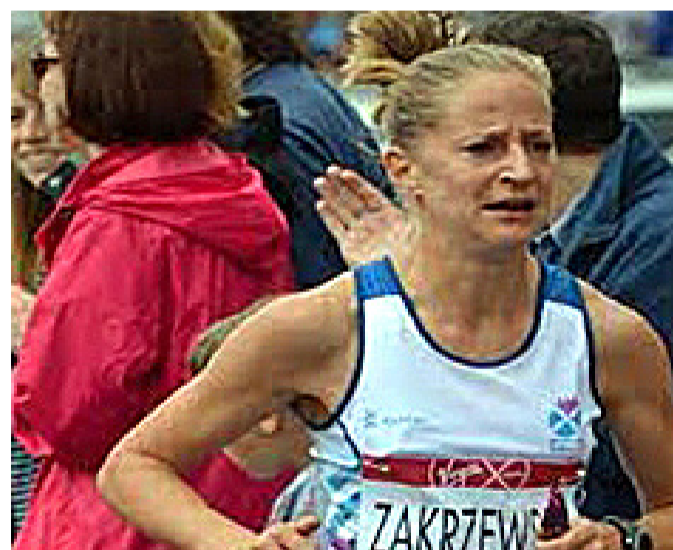


The wrestlers won two gold medals and four bronze medals in the U17 Cadet Championship, respectively. Karnataka-born resident IIS wrestler Shweta Sanju Annikeri (49 kg) won gold in her weight division. After winning bronze at the Cadet National Championship in 2022 and the Sub-Junior National Wrestling Championship in 2021, this is her third big national championship medal.

Liza Tomar, who competed in the 61 kg division, took home the second medal in the girl's division—a bronze.

Sonu Hooda won gold in the

boy's event for the 60 kg weight class. Harshvardhan Bhojar (65 kg), Mohammed Shazad (71 kg), and Ashvani Yadav (71 kg) took home the final three bronze medals. The honours extended beyond the Cadet championships. Pushpa Yadav (53 kg) and Harshita (72 kg), two up-and-coming women's wrestlers from IIS, won two silver medals in the Senior Open National Ranking Championship, which was held concurrently at the same location.



SCOTTISH RUNNER BARRED FROM ULTRAMARATHON FOR "USING VEHICLE"

A Scottish runner's third-place finish in an ultramarathon was revoked after data revealed that she had used a vehicle for a portion of the course, according to the race director.

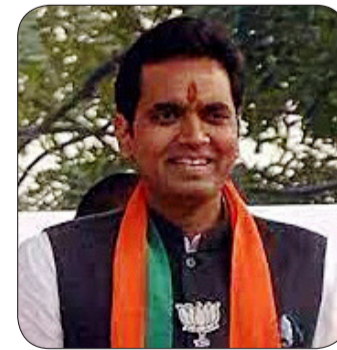
The BBC claimed that Joasia Zakrzewski, who competed for Scotland in the marathon at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, hired a car for a 4 km section of the GB Ultras Manchester to Liverpool 80 km race on April 7.

Wayne Drinkwater, the director of the race, reported that he had learned of a runner who had obtained a "unsporting, competitive advantage during a section of the event."

Zakrzewski has not made any public remarks regarding the event, and Reuters was unable to reach her for comment right away.

PANKAJ SINGH TO LEAD INDIAN CYCLING FEDERATION

Pankaj Singh, a Noida MLA for the BJP, is expected to be named the Cycling Federation of India (CFI)'s president on Saturday after emerging as the only contender. In addition to Pankaj, each of the other 24 members of the CFI executive council will be chosen without opposition at the election meeting on Saturday in Nainital, Uttarakhand. Parminder Singh Dhindsa, a former Punjab minister, will be replaced by him. Parminder has served three terms (12 years total since 2011) as the head of CFI, making him unable to run for re-election under the Sports Code. In April of last year, Pankaj, the son of Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, resigned from his position as president of the Fencing Association of India, citing his "commitments as a legislator" in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly. As the only candidate for the position, incumbent Maninder Pal Singh will also be chosen to serve a second straight term as secretary general. Kerala native Sudeesh Kumar will serve as treasurer.



BRITISH BOXER CONOR BENNHAS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED



UK Anti-Doping has announced an interim suspension of Conor Benn from boxing, the organisation said on Thursday.

October of last year's catch-weight "grudge" fight between Benn and British foe Chris Eubank Jr was scrapped after traces of the fertility medication clomiphene, which is known to increase testosterone levels in men, was discovered in Benn's sample.

Benn had denied intentionally or knowingly swallowing any prohibited substances. However, after testing positive, Benn gave up his British boxing licence, and the BBBofC can ask other governing bodies to forbid the Londoner, who is unbeaten, from competing abroad.

The boys agreed to a catch-weight of 157 pounds (71.2 kg), which would have required Benn to move up two weight divisions and Eubank to reduce three pounds in order to prolong the family rivalry.



NEW ZEALAND MULLS MAKING A 2034 COMMONWEALTH GAMES BID

The New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) has shown interest in hosting the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand for a fourth time in 2034, the organisation announced on Wednesday.

In addition, New Zealand held the multi-sport competition for largely former British colonies in Christchurch in 1974, Auckland in 1950, and 1990.

The proposed candidature, according to the NZOC, has support from the

government and has been inspired by the new hosting strategy adopted by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), which enables more "flexible and innovative" Games.

The Australian state of Victoria will host the following Commonwealth Games in 2026, and India and the Canadian province of Alberta have both indicated interest in hosting the 2030 Games, which would mark a century since the first British Empire Games.