Kathy wowed Olympic fans with 'silver' jump effort

By Sam Lacy

MONTREAL — Obviously you weren't in Olympic Stadium Friday afternoon. If you had been there you wouldn't be reading this.

And since you were not it is your misfortune. Being a sports fan wasn't needed. All that was necessary was to be human with emotions — high or low, deep or shallow — and you would have been caught up in the electricity generated by a little black girl from North Carolina.

I know you probably caught her act on television and that you may have read numerous accounts of how Kathy McMillan captured the silver medal in the women's long jump of the 1976 Olympic Games. But believe me even I, a fellow black with long years of experience at putting words together, feel at a loss as to how to adequately describe the gutsy performance of this 126-pound high school girl under pressures that can't possibly be realized unless you were present.

In the first place it was her first essay in the world's most gigantic sports event. Perhaps you'll say it was the first Olympiad for many of the contestants, and that is true.

But Kathy was the youngest of the three American entries in the event. She had watched her teammates veteran Martha Watson and her senior by two years, Sharon Walker, eliminated in quick order. And in her anxiety to do well in an event in which the U.S. never has won a medal she fouled on takeoff and tumbled head first outside the landing pit.

Now faced with the need to regain her composure she began a steady and miraculous advance, managing to clear 6.25 meters the second lowest score among the qualifiers then improving with each leap to gradually move up among the survivors.

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There can be no doubt that the tension for the young high school hopeful was missed by an overwhelming percentage of those watching the event at home.

For instance, it may have been passed unnoticed that Kathy drew No. 12, the last turn down the runway. As a result, she had to wait out what must have been an interminable period while other world-class jumpers posted what seemed like unreachable figures on the scoreboard.

Before she was able to attempt her first legitimate jump for example Kathy was looking at scores of 6.72 and 6.51 (twice) by veteran contestants from East Germany and Hungary and a 6.46 by Russia's bronze medalist of Munich.

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In sixth place at the beginning of the finals McMillan went from 6.31 to 6.43 to 6.47 each time accompanied by a tumultuous roar from the 70,000 stadium spectators.

Again the long wait, with Kathy wrapped up with her back against the siding, head held in hands resting on her knees in a posture of weeping.

She was completely alone, her two teammates having long since left the scene and her rivals in a cluster of incompatible languages well off to her left.

But really, Kathy had many friends - perhaps as many as 70,000. Because from the moment she took her stance at the head of the shoot until she came down in the landing pit some 40 meters away, the roar from an encouraging crowd was deafening.

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And when the Hoke County High School urchin, her spectacles fogged by tears and sweat unleashed a 6.66 leap that vaulted her into second place, this edifice that is as new as yesterday, rocked to the rafters.

The evidence was clear that Kathy has turned on the stadium crowd in much the same way Nadia Comaneci of Romania had electrified the Forum with her gymnastic talents earlier in the week. And Kathy responded with a similar turn-on.

But maybe this, too, was added pressure for the little American.

With the throng's urging rising in crescendo Kathy stormed down the runway on her final spin toward the gold—and fouled.

Observers were convinced that the effort was good for at least 6.74 which would have bettered winner Angela Voight of East Germany by two one-hundredths of a meter, but it was not to be. An intrusion by one-eighth of an inch at the takeoff board brought the red flag that nullified the jump.

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SUGAR SCORES AGAIN — USA's "Sugar" Ray Leonard (L), Palmer Park, Md., mixes it up with East Germany's Ulrich Beyer, in their Olympic 1/4 finals, 63.5 kgs. category bout. Leonard won.

(UPI Telephoto)

Gold, gash are Dantley's mementos

MONTREAL — Adrian Dantley will carry two remembrances with him from his final basketball game as an amateur, a seven stitch gash in his right eyebrow and a gold medal.

The gash, in fact, almost deprived him of that gold medal.

Dantley scored a game high 30 points Tuesday night to lift the United States Olympic basketball team to a 95-74 victory over Yugoslavia in the championship game to return the gold medal to America after a four-year absence.

Dantley hit 13 of 19 shots with Cosic's hand in his face and grabbed four rebounds to help the Americans win their 69th Olympic game in 70 tries. Their only loss was in the 1972 championship game to Russia, 51-50, which snapped a string of seven straight gold medals.

"We didn't have the gold medal for the last four years and in order to have it this time, each one of us had to sacrifice part of his game," said center Mitch Kupchak. "We had our goal and we each gave up little things that we could do to accomplish it."

Kupchak and May each added 14 points to the U.S. cause while Drazen Dalipagic topped Yugoslavia with 27.

Earlier in the day, Russia claimed the bronze medal with a 100-72 victory over Canada behind Alexander Belov's 23 points and 14 rebounds.

On the other hand, dropped three decisions — to Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and the undefeated Soviets.

As a consequence, the American gals collected silver medals Monday night behind Russia's gold and before Bulgaria's bronze.

So, congratulations, Lusia and Patricia (Head) and Cindy and Ann and Susan and Nancy (Dunkle) and Gail and Julie and Pat (Roberts) and Mary Anne and Charlotte and Nancy Lieberman.

You made a liar of me and thanks . . . SAM.

Fencing member eliminated

MONTREAL — Nikki Tomlinson Franke, the lone black member of the U.S. women's fencing team, was eliminated in the first round of competition Friday.

The Brooklyn (N.Y.) 25-year-old American foils champion bowed out with two victories against five defeats in her opening matches . . . . LACY

While he was gone, he poised Americans fell apart as Yugoslavia rallied to outscore the U.S. 14-4 to pull within 10 at 66-56 with 12 minutes to go. But the momentum shifted just as quickly when Dantley came jogging back out of the tunnel toward the U.S. bench with a bandage over his eye.

He was placed in the game nine seconds after he sat down and proceeded to score six points to help the Americans reconstruct a 19-point cushion. The game was never again in doubt.

"This has got to be my greatest performance ever," explained a jubilant Dantley. "No way was I going to stay out of that game. It has meant too much to me. I worked all summer for this. I wouldn't let anything stop me.

"I wasn't stunned (by the injury). I wanted to play the game. I didn't want to leave. I told the doctor to hurry because I wanted to get back."

Dantley, who decided to pass up his senior season at Notre Dame this winter in favor of turning pro, was matched against players five and six inches taller than his 6-5 frame throughout the entire tournament and Tuesday night was no exception as he traded elbows under the basket with 6-10 center Kresimir Cosic, who played for Brigham Young University in Utah.

U.S. coach Dean Smith decided to take advantage of the great talent at Dantley's disposal and for the first time in the tournament, ordered one of his players to abandon the team concept and engage in playground basketball.

"We wanted whoever Cosic guarded to go one-on-one with him," explained Smith. "He's 6-10 and quick for his size but he can't keep up with our guys."

"We had the best forwards in the country," added Dantley. "Scott May and me. You won't find better."

Thanks, gals for making Sam Lacy eat his words

By AFRO Correspondent

MONTREAL — On the evening after the first game in Olympiad XXI, I wrote that American chances in women's basketball could be given either of two classifications: slim or none.

It was in the wake of an humiliating loss to Japan that I wrote a cover story under the title "U.S. men's basketball maybe; women, no way."

But Uncle Sam's nieces went on to lose only one more game in the round-robin tournament, that to Russia. The Japanese, on

Jackson was examined at Sinai Hospital but was not held overnight. He will not make the trip for the club's two games in Detroit and a club spokesman said, "Reggie could play here over the weekend but no one is sure when."

Intentional beanball okay: Jim Palmer

BALTIMORE (UPI) — Jim Palmer added a new chapter to this year's fury over beanball pitches when he defended a pitcher's right to intentionally throw at a batter.

After Baltimore slugger Reggie Jackson was hit in the face by a pitch from New York's Dock Ellis in the eighth inning of a 4-1 Orioles' win over the New York Yankees Tuesday night, Palmer retaliated the next inning and beaned leadoff batter Mickey Rivers.

"I don't want to hit anybody but our best player got hit in the face. Who knows how long he could be out, he could have been out for the year. Under those circumstances, I think our guys expected me to do something, but ever since I've been here we've never thrown at hitters."

Not one to let things lie, New York's fiery manager Billy Martin vowed after the game that, "I owe Earl (Baltimore manager Weaver) one and we'll pick a spot."

Meanwhile, Dr. Leonard Wallenstein, Orioles club physician announced Reggie Jackson would miss at least the next two games as a result of the Dock Ellis beanball pitch.

"It appears the x-rays are negative. His ear is fine and the orbital bone is not fractured but there is extensive soft tissue injury and a marked swelling of the face," Wallenstein said.

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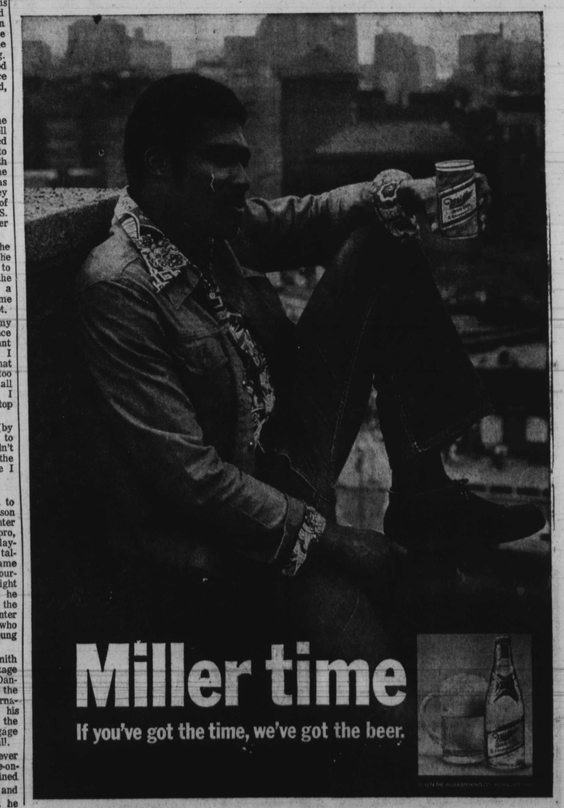
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"Hello, Bill Russell."
"Ugh."
"Hi, Curt Gowdy."
"Hey, Lacy, how've you been?"
"Hello O. J. Simpson."
"My Man, what's happenin' in Baltimore?"
"Hi Bill Russell." "Ugh."
Well, you can't win 'em all.

Rumor here is that the 1976 Morgan-Gramblng football game is being considered for Tokyo . . . It doesn't seem they should have to go that far to escape the fumes from the last one, that 40-7 lark in D.C.

I suppose it won't hurt now to sort of toot an AFRO horn . . . This paper's correspondent to the Olympic Games was issued accreditation No. 10002, that "2" at the end indicating that we were the second newspaper in the world accepted for coverage of the games of the 21st Olympiad.

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Mention of the accreditation serves to recall that Wyomia Tyus, the only woman in Olympic history to win back-to-back golds (1964-68) comments on 17-year-old Chandra Cheeseborough: "She has that fluid action of Wilma (Rudolph) and by 1980 in Moscow she can be unbeatable."

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Because of the great demand for press spaces at the men's basketball semis and finals, the international press chief required that special credentials be distributed on a priority basis. Jesse Abramson of New York, who handled the small U.S. allotment, saw the AFRO in line and said: "Heck, I guess we have to take care of you." Eight members of the 12-man American team are black.

When Valery Borzov, the 1972 double sprint champion from Russia, scratched from the 200 without explanation, Black Athletes Hall of Fame director Charlie Mays had one for him: "He probably saw enough of Hasely (Crawford) and Don (Quarrie) yesterday (Saturday)."

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Anthony Hall, another Norfolk State product (sprinter Steve Riddick is the other) was one of the rare blacks in Olympic javelin circles. He fought an achilles tendon injury as far as the semi-finals, but it took its toll. "It is in my left ankle and I couldn't plant it for a best effort," he said. Throughout the competition he came out heavily taped then iced it down after each throw.

related to Boston Red Sox pitcher Ferguson Jenkins, a native of Chatham, Ontario.

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A note to Detroit readers: Remember the little incident reported in the (1972) "Memo from Munich?" Well, apparently your man hasn't changed in four years. The other day, a group of foreign writers sitting behind me on the press bus was kept entertained throughout the trip to the press center by a guy telling ethnic stories and making anti-racial remarks. As we left the vehicle, my suspicions were confirmed: It was the Free Press guy, Joe Falls.

The youth of this U.S. Olympic team continues to amaze even the most critical observer. Lee James, the surprise silver medalist in weightlifting is just 22. Ed Moses, who captured the gold in a world record 400-meter hurdles effort, won't be 21 until Aug. 31. And Millard Hampton and Dwayne Evans, the silver and bronze medalists, respectively, at 200 meters, are 19 and 17 years of age.

Gold motivation aimed at cagers who didn't go

By Sam Lacy

MONTREAL — At least two American basketball players did not need the 24 hours I had given them to get back to earth from the cloud on which their gold medal had placed them Tuesday night. They were poised and well within themselves as I encountered them at the Olympic Village post office Wednesday.

"A lot of people are still talking about revenge," one said, "but I think we can speak for our whole group — coaches included — that revenge for the Munich thing was one of the smaller motivations."

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The "Munich thing" was reference to the controversial loss to Russia in that disputed final of 1972. Many writers from all over the world had contended before the Olympic Games began that the U.S. team would be inspired by a hope that it would meet the Soviets in the championship game and thus would have an opportunity to avenge the rooking the 1972 team received.

Some even went so far as to describe as "pathetic" the Russian loss to Yugoslavia in the semi-finals, thus fanning the flame that had built in America for a USA-USSR showdown.

But the US athletes denied that a confrontation with the 72 adversary was what they wanted most. There were two great motivations, I was told, and neither was related to the so-called "Munich thing."

Instead it was a burning desire "to prove (1) that we were good enough and (2) that we didn't need them."

"Them" were the ballplayers who passed up the trip to the Games for one reason or another. These included All-American Richard Washington from UCAL, John Lucas of Maryland, and Leon Douglas of Albama; Marques Johnson from UCLA, and Bo Ellis of Marquette.

"These cats are great ball players and there's no doubt the squad could have been improved talent wise, but by their actions, you'd have to feel that their willingness to adjust to them play such as we had here might be suspect.

"I have to make it clear," the fellow continued "we would prefer that you're not specific about who is talking.

"We're good friends with a lot of these guys and we wouldn't want them to think we're putting the knock on them for doing what they think is best for them.

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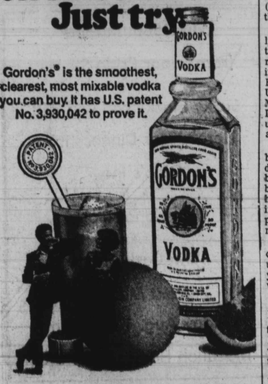
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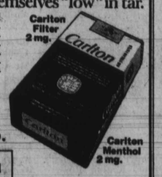
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Briton shows class in loss

MONTREAL — There are many displays in athletic competition which fall in the category of "good sportsmanship."

Most of these are little more than exhibitions, but some are genuine.

One of the latter occurred as an aftermath of Ed Moses' 400-meter hurdles world record last Saturday afternoon.

Alan Pascoe, a British competitor who finished last in the race, waited at the finish line for the better part of 10 minutes while Moses and U.S. teammate Mike Shine jogged around the track in celebration of their gold and silver achievements.

They were delayed in mid-stretch by a presentation ceremony which they elected not to intrude upon. But Pascoe was still waiting to offer his hand to Moses in congratulation . . .

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It is learned that labor, business people and tax payers are not the only Montrealers unhappy with their government. Local golfers want to be counted among the disenchanted. They say the Olympic Stadium was built on land that had been the largest municipal course in eastern Canada until Trudeau and his cohorts took it three years ago.

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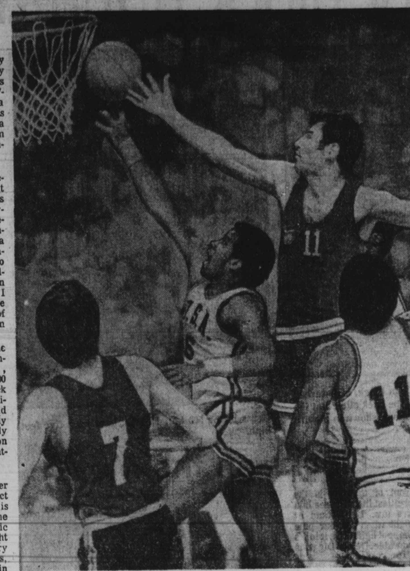
There is a distinct difference in the way things are done in this town. As witness a sign on a mid-city display window.

It advertises in large letters: "Pregnancy Test," but it doesn't say which of the two offices that are adjacent handles the test—the pharmacist or the dentist. . . . LACY.



GETTING THE GOLD — USA's Adrian Dantley (6), Washington's and Yugoslavia's Kresimir Cosic (11) jump for ball. In foreground are Yugoslavia's Rajko Zizic (7), left and USA's Scott May (11) Bloomington, Ind., at right. U.S. won and returned basketball gold medal to this country.

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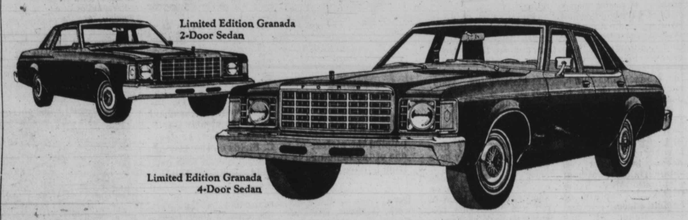
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