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# U.S. cager's edge Puerto Rico 95-94

MONTREAL (AP) - Phil Ford's two free throws with nine seconds remaining lifted the United States to a 95-94 comeback victory over Purerto Rico yesterday in men's Olympic basketball.

Puerto Rico's Butch Lee, a New York City native who starts at Marquette University. had a shot roll around the rim and off, just before Ford provided the winning margin from the free throw line.

Puerto Rico got its final basket at the buzzer, a short jump shot by Neftali Rivera, a 27-year-old veteran competing in the Olympics for the third time.

. Until those closing seconds, the United States, which trailed by seven points with less than nine minutes remaining, appeared headed for only its second defeat in Olympic history

The first one, a one-point loss to the Soviet Union in the finals at Munich four years ago, cost the Americans the gold medal.

Ford, from the University of North Carolina, led the Americans with 22 points. Mitch Kupchak, also from UNC, added 17 and Adrian Dantley of Notre Dame had 16. Lee scored a game-high 35 points for Puerto Rico.

It was the second victory for the Yanks. Puerto Rico fell to 0-2 in the round-robin tournament.



The Puerto Ricans were leading 78-71 with 8:35 remaining before the Americans began chopping away behind Ford and Kupchak.

The United States took its first lead since early in the second half on a layup by Dantley with just over four minutes remaining.

Puerto Rico again took a three-point lead on two occasions before Quinn Buckner and Ford connected on consecutive baskets for an 89-88 American lead.

Rivera twice put Puerto Rico ahead in the final minutes before a tip-in by Dantley of Buckner's missed shot gave the Yanks a 93-92 lead with a half a minute to go. They stayed in front the rest of the way.

The comeback left the United States with an all-time Olympic record of 65-1, having had its 63-game winning streak stopped in Munich when the Soviet Union scored its controversial victory.

### Montreal Olympic results

MONTREAL (AP) - Brian Goodell and John Hencken continued America's world record-shattering domination of men's swimming events in the Summer Olympics yesterday. But American Shirley Babashoff lost her bid to beat East German Petra Thumer and break East German domination of women's swimming.

Goodell won the gold medal in the 1,500 meter, freestyle and Hencken won the 100meter breaststroke gold, making five straight U.S. victories in as many men's swim events. But Miss Babashoff failed in a stretch duel with Miss Thumer in the women's 400 freestyle.

Goodell, of Mission Viejo, Calif.; was timed in 15:02.40 in the 1,500 meter freestyle. Bobby Hackett of Yonkers, N.Y., won the silver in 15:03.91 and Steve Holland of Australia was third in team gold medal in gym-15:04.66. All three were under Goodell's previous world record of 15:06.66 for this metric mile event.

Hencken, of Santa Barbara, Calif.; produced his third world record time in two days in winning the men's 100troke in 1:03.11.



David Wilkie of Great Britain was second in 1:03.43 and Arvidas Iuozaytis of the Soviet Union was third in 1:04.23. Hencken, 22, tied his world mark in Monday's preliminaries and then

lowered it to 1:03.62 in Monday night's semifinals. In the women's 400 meter swim, both Miss Tumer and Miss Babashoff broke the world record of 4:11.69, Miss

Thumer was timed in 4:09.89 and Miss Babashoff in 4:10.46. Shanon Smith of Canada was

third in 4:14.60. honor for athletes. The Japanese men won the nastics, with the Soviet Union taking the silver medal and

### East Germany, the bronze. New 1 184 1 1 1 1

Nancy Dunkle and Gail Roberts led a second-half surge that carried the U.S. lvmnic

team to a 95-79 victory over Bulgaria yesterday. The victory evened the American women's record at 1-1 and kept alive their medal hopes in the six-team roundrobin tournament.

### Russian pentathlon competitor Boris Onischenko, who was thrown out of the Olympics Monday for using a cheating device on his foil, caught a plane for the Soviet Union yesterday after he was dropped from the Soviet team. A Russian official said the incident was "a very sad matter and he will probably be stripped of all his medals and honors back home.' Onischenko was a master of sport, the Soviets' highest

Egypt and Morocco joined the Olympic boycott yesterday bringing to 30 the number of countries who have walked out because a New Zealand rugby team is touring segregationist South Africa. The latest count showed 28 African countries

plus Guyana and

Irag.

**Bucs jump on Houston** Al Oliver, the league's leading hitter, was Mannv

Mitch Kupcheak (15), of the U.S., rejects shot by Puerto Rico's Jimmy

PITTSBURGH (AP) Sanguillen's three-run triple keyed a six-run first inning which carried the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 9-5 victory over the Houston Astros in the first game of a doubleheader last night.

Thordsen (11). The U.S. won the game 95-94.

Losing pitcher Tom Griffin, 5-3, gave up a walk, hit a batter and allowed three singles before he was lifted with one out and two on in the first. Joe Sambito, pitching in his first major league game, gave up another run and the triple to Sanguillen.

Jerry Davanon slammed a three-run homer in the fourth for Houston. John Candelaria, 10-4, was the winner with relief help from Kent Teculve in the sixth.

Frank Taveras stole two bases, raising his total to 29, only one behind league leader Cesar Cedeno.

one for five in the first game, while Bill Robinson, who entered the game batting .344, good enough for second in the league, went one for three.

CINCINNATI (AP) - New York's Jerry Koosman fired a five-hitter last night and won his fifth straight game with a 2-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Koosman, 11-6, got all the runs he needed in the first inning when the Mets scored twice off Gary Nolan, 8-5.

night for his seventh home run.

## Nadia finds her new fame hard to contend with

MONTREAL (AP) - Romania's Nadia Comaneci is the world's Olympic darling but she also is a tired little girl of 14, embarrassed by all the attention she is getting-and homesick "I want to go home," the doll-like gymnastics marvel replied when asked if she planned to follow her Montreal

adventure with an exhibition trip around the world.

She also said that gymnastics, which were "fun --- like a game," when she started at the age of 7, had now become very demanding.

"It is work," she says now. She never idolized — or copied — Russia's Olga Korbut. If she has an idol at all, it is Alain Delon, the French movie actor. She enjoys school, specializes in the French and English languages, but likes French best. She dislikes to answer questions in English. Her favorite

English words are "hamburger" and "okay."

These were a few of the tidbits that emerged from Nadia's first in-depth press conference since arriving in Montreal and capturing the hearts of spectators and the world's TV millions with her fawn like grace, her daring and childish charm.

She appeared timid when she was ushered into a room adjacent to the Romanian headquarters at the Olympic Village and was immediately surrounded by newsmen and photographers, with shutters snapping and bulbs flashing.

She was accompanied by her 15 year-old teammate, ( Teodora Ungureanu, and her coach, Bela Karolyi, a handsome man of 35 who could not hide his pride.

Nadia sat straight in her chair, showing no nervousness and letting her brown eyes search those of every questioner. She rarely smiled. When she did, it was a tight-lip smile.

She looked like a little girl who was desperately anxious to run away and play. She even admitted this to be true.

"I came here prepared to do gymnastics, not to be interviewed," she said when asked if the situation made her uncomfortable.

Questions were asked in several languages, mostly English and French, and translated by an interpreter.

One British television man asked Nadia if she would please say something to Britain in English.

Nadia pondered a moment, blushed for the first time and replied: "I would prefer to say it in French."

San Diego 3, Phillies 0 St. Louis at Los Angeles, n

Chicago at San Francisco, n

### Major League Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE East					AMERICAN LEAGUE East						
	W	L	Pct.	GB			1/4	L	Pct.	GB	
Phillies	59	28	.678		New York		55	32	.632		
		38	.563	10	Baltimore		44	44	.500	11/2	
Pirates	49				Cleveland		42	44	.488	121/2	1
New York	49	45	.521	131/2		×					·
St. Louis	40	48	.455	191⁄2	Detroit	•	41	44	.482	13	,
Chicago	36	53	.404	24	Boston		41	46	.471	14	٠
Montreal	26	57	.313	31	Milwaukee		36	.49	.424	18	
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	West			•		W	/est		1		1
Cincinnati	57	35	.620		Kansas City		56	34	.622	-	-
Los Angeles	50	41	.549	61/2	Texas		46	42	.523	9	÷
Houston	47	46	.505	111/2	Oakland		48	44	.522	9	4
San Diego	46	47	.495	111/2	Minnesota		41	48	.461	141/2	14
Atlanta	42	48	.467	14	Chicago		40	47	.460	141/2	
San Francisco	39	54	.419	181⁄2	California		39	55	.415	19	
Yesterday's Games										•	
Late games not included				Yesterday's Games							
Pirates 9-3, Houston 5-4				Oakland 7, Cleveland 4							11
				Baltimore 10, Kansas City 3							•
Atlanta at Montreal, n				Milwaukee 6, California 2							
New York 2, Cincinnati 1											
San Diego 3, Phillies 0				New York at Chicago, n							

Detroit 8, Minnesota 3

ton at Texas. n

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Pete Rose hit Koosman's first pitch of the

