Chinese cagers

maul Mongolia

favourites China offered a tough lesson to inexperienced Mon-

golia, while South Korea pip-

ped North Korea for the sec-

ond straight day on the East

Asian Games basketball court

ons China steamrolled over

Mongolia 163-25 with a 80-10

lead at half-time in their first

match in the seven-way round

South Korea beat North Korea

77-68, after leading 51-35 at

the half, emulating a similar

victory by their women's team

"It was only natural we won.

But the limelight was

We have mostly beaten the

North in past head-to-head

encounters," a South Korean

grabbed by a North Korean

player, 2.32-metre Li Myong-

Hun, who notched up 36

points- more than half his

team's score. Li was roared on

by a small but highly vociferous

group of around 50 North

Korean spectators, beating

traditional drums and cymbals.

the game at 19-19 in the early

stages but the South, led by

Kang Dong-Hee and Huh Jae,

smoothly stepped up a gear

and never let their opponents

within eight points for the du-

The south Korean women

chalked up their second win

ration of the second-half.

The North managed to hold

In another men's match,

robin.

the day before.

coach said.

Asian Games men's champi-

here Tuesday, reports AFP.

SHANGHAI, May 11: Top



Medal winners in the women's 100m freestyle, China's Zhuang Yong (C), Le Jing Yi (L) and Japan's Sumika Minamoto, listen to the Chinese national anthem after having received their medals at the first East Asian Games in Shanghai on May 10. Zhuang took the gold with a time of 55.32 sec and Le finished second. - AFP photo

It's Shanghai entrepreneurship

SHANGHAL May 11: Shanghai's display of entrepreneurship at the inaugural East Asian Games will reach its climax when Julio Iglesias sings love songs at the closing ceremony for free, the organisers said Tuesday, reports

"It was very difficult. We negotiated many times with his manager," said an official in charge of ceremonies at the Games organising committee. "We only reached an agreement 15 days ago."

The organisers had even tried to have US superstar Michael Jackson grace the opening ceremony on Sunday, also free of charge.

"We fatled. We were told he was injured in an accident," said Wang Shaoyun, a spokesman for the committee's department for opening and closing ceremonies.

Iglesias, the Spanish crooner popular worldwide for such ballads as "Natalie", will sing "Baboleo" and "Mona Lisa" alone and then be joined by Chinese songstress Wei Wei in a duet at the 18,000-seat Shanghai gymnasium.

player Renzo Furlan- and a

vocal Rome crowd- on

Monday before winning

through to the second round of

the Italian Open, reports

premier men's ranking from

fellow American Jim Courier

last month, needed to pull out

some big serves in the second-

the world, held set point on

Sampras' serve at 30-40 when

leading 6-5 in the second set

but lost his chance when he

Sampras later declared he

wanted to close the

was happy with his form in his

first match on clay since the

match out in the second set

because he was starting to play

a bit better and the crowd was

had achieved his 1993 goal of

reaching the number one

ranking, he had set his sights

Lendl bows out

Filippini of Uruguay hammered

Ivan Lendi 6-2, 6-1 Tuesday,

eliminating the fifth seeded

veteran in a first round match

at the Italian Open, reports AP.

advanced, defeating Jordi

player in the tournament, was

dominated by Filippini, who

has failed to get past the sec-

ond round in 12 tournaments

The center court crowd at

the Foro Italico whistled its

disapproval as Lendl dropped

11 points in a row in the sec-

the world, won on his first

match point, serving up an ace

to wrap things up in just over

season so far, but recently beat

Michael Stich in straight sets

in the finals in Munich. The

German came back a week

later to beat him in the quar-

Dresden expelled

from Bundesliga

11: Dynamo Dresden, the only

team from the old East

Germany currently playing in

the Bundesliga, have been ex-

pelled from the First Division

for alleged financial irregulari-

ration found Dynamo Dresden

guilty of creative accounting

methods relating to the club's

debts of 15 million Deuts-

The German Football Fede-

DRESDEN, Germany, May

terfinals in Hamburg.

ties, reports AFP.

chmarks.

Lendl has had a mediocre

Filippini, 25 ranked 71 in

Arrese of Spain, 6-2, 6-3,

this year

No. 6 seed Michael Chang

Lendl, at 33 the oldest

ROME, May 11: Marcelo

Sampras said now that he

getting involved," he said.

netted a forehand return.

French Open last June.

The Italian, ranked 50 in

set tie-beak to win 6-1, 7-6.

Sampras, who took over the

Reuter.

World number

one Pete Sampras

was made to

struggle against

Italy's top-ranked

The 880,000-dollar closing ceremony on May 18 will also feature world-famous Hong Kong kungfu film star Chen Long in the entertainment programme combining the typical rituals of a multi-sport

Chinese characteristics.' But why a Spaniard in a regional affair espousing "unity, friendship, progress" in this politically volatile enclave of the post-cold war world."

festival with "traditional

"Iglesias is very famous not only in this country but also all over the world," said Wang, who works for Shanghai televi-

"We want to call attention of the other parts of the world to the East Asian Games."

Iglesias, a former football pro from Barcelona, has performed several times in Beijing, the capital of a China now forging its way to become what it calls a "socialist market economy." But he has never been to this biggest Chinese city, a cosmopolitan port where the biggest game is money-making.

"We are thrilled. He has been very popular here for

Sampras left short of breath

on adding more Grand Slam

titles to the US Open he won

PETE SAMPRAS

the clay here to get prepared

for the French Open in two

weeks," he said. "My goal now

is to maintain my ranking and

try to win some more Grand

Slams - I got close last year,

now I've got to go one better."

second round by fourth seed

Sampras was joined in the

"I really need a good run on

as a 19-year-old in 1990.

many years," said Ying Wei Wei, a volunteer interpreter for

foreign journalists. "But it was more sensational when we learned about the deal with Michael Jackson," said the 23-year-old English major at Shanghai International Studies University. "I was much disappointed when the deal failed."

The 1.7 million dollar opening ceremony lived up to Shanghai's fame as the cradle of entrepreneurship. Shanghai has one of China's two budding stock markets— the other being in the special economic

zone of Shenzen. The 30,000-seat Hongkou Stadium was girdled with advertisement boards pitching goods and services ranging from an evening newspaper to travel packages to children's bicycles, among commercials for traditional multinational

companies. During breaks, thousands of people held up coloured boards to form logos of the main sponsors— a people's insurance firm, a local brewer, a Chinese fountain pen maker and a French cognac dealer.

former title holder Thomas

Muster (13) of Austria and

Frenchman Cedric Pioline

sceds was the number 12,

American Malivai Washington,

who went down to Dutch left-

hander Jan Siemerink 6-4,

said after his three-set victory

over Brazil's Jaime Oncins he

was starting to reach peak

form despite having only a 39

per cent success rate with his

Wimbledon finalist, who has

been bothered by a foot injury

for much of the year, won 6-3,

6-7, 6-3 in his first tourna-

way I'm coming on," he said.
"My game's not 100 per cent

yet but it's much better than at

Monte Carlo where I was

point this year came last

month when he scored a cru

cial Davis Cup victory over

Zimbabwe's Byron Black in

Harare. Croatia, who were

trailing 2-1 at the time, went

introduction of dope tests on

every player competing, the

first time blanket testing has

The tournament sees the

on to win the tie.

Ivanisevic said the turning

"I'm very happy with the

ment for almost a month.

beaten in my first match"

Ivanisevic, last year's

first-serve.

lvanisevic, the fourth seed,

The first casualty among the

US rigid about sex education, says Magic

DEN BOSCH, Netherlands, May 11: Magic Johnson says America has a lot to learn from Europe about sex education, reports

Several days into a European basketball tour the MBA star-turned-AIDS activist said Tuesday that Europeans candid attitude about sex raises awareness about sexually transmitted diseases.

"Sex is being talked about (in Europe). It's a thing that's wide open in terms of talking about it at an early age," Johnson told a news conserence in this southern Dutch city.

"In America we whisper about it, it's part of our society, but we're gonna have to get used to it."

Johnson said the classroom was one place to educate youngsters about the dangers of unprotected sex.

Johnson announced in 1991 that he tested positive for the HIV virus that causes AIDS. The 34-yearold former Los Angeles Laker has since devoted himself to increasing public AIDS awareness and promoting safe sex.

Johnson said promoting condoms, and not preaching sexual abstinence, is the best way to battle AIDS among teen-agers.

In the Netherlands, sex education courses begin in primary school, and birth control devices and information are easily available to minors.

The Dutch rate of AIDS infection is one sixth that of the United States.

"We have not caught up with Europe as far as our openness is concerned, Johnson said.

Johnson and a team of NIBA All-Stars that includes Moses Malone, Kurt Rambis and Bob McAdoo are midway through an exhibition tour that began in Finland and ends this week in Belgium. They play a Dutch All-Star team Tuesday and Wednesday.

Asian giants off to great start in world TT

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, May 11: Asia had a great start at the world table tennis championships here on Tuesday as Japan, China, and South Korea all won their opening matches in the men's team event, reports AFP.

Second favourites China beat Austria 3-1, though they had a slight hiccup when Liu Guoliang lost to Werner Schlager 21-19 in the deciding third set.

Japan had an easier time, beating USA 3-0. Hidefumi Masuda hit a winning forehand to beat American Khoa Nguyen for the decisive shot against the Americans, but Japanese coach Norio Takashma refused to get excited about the vic-

South Korea's Olympic champion in 1988, Yoo Nam Kyu, was pleased the first match - a 3-0 beating of European silver medalists England — was out of the way.

The first match is always hard," said Yoo, who beat Matthew Syed in three games. "I have known Syed him

since he was a junior and he has improved a great deal, but he is not quite world class," he added about the 74th worldranked Englishman.

Syed hit the edge of the table with his backhand to win the second game 21-19, but Yoo ran away to win the third 21-11. However, England number **ACROSS**

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two Carl Prean had an injured wrist, hampering his forehand as he lost to Lee Chul Seung. world-ranked 41, 16 places below Prean.

WTA's top 20

ST PETERSBURG, Florida. May 11: Top 20 women's tennis players, according to rankings issued by the women's Tennis Association on Monday:

. Monica Seles (Yugoslavia) 2. Steffi Graf (Germany)

3. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (Spain) 4. Matina Navratilova (US)

Gabriela Sabatini (Argen-

Conchita Martinez (Spa-

Jennifer Capriati (US)

8. Mary Joe Fernandez (US) 9. Jana Novotna (Czech Republic)

10. Magdalena Maleeva (Bul garia) 11. Anke Huber (Germany) 12. Manuela Malecva-Frag-

niere (Switzerland) 13. Amanda Coetzer (South 14. Mary Pierce (France)

Republic) 16. Nathalie Tauziat (Fran-17. Katerina Maleeva (Bul-

15. Helena Sukova (Czech

garia) 18. Kimiko Date (Japan) 19. Sabine Hack (Germany) 20. Lori NeNeil (US)

Japan's Hitomi Maehara on her way to winning the gold in the women's 400m individual medley at the first East Asian Games in Shanghai on May 10. Maehara finished with a time of 4 min 42.84 sec. - AFP photo

Hosts dominate the opening day

SHANGHAI, May 11: Chinese weightlifter Yang Bin claimed the first gold medal of the East Asian Games on Monday, but a strong Japanese squad gave China a run for their money both in the pool and on the gymnastics mats, reports Reuter.

In a surprising upset, 16year-old Japanese swimmer Hitomi Maehara shot past Olympic gold medalist Lin Li of China to win the women's 400 metres individual medley by more than five seconds, clocking four minutes 42.84 seconds.

Zhuang Yong, who won the first of a clutch of gold medals for the Chinese women's swimming squad in Barcelona, won her best event, the 100 metres freestyle, in 55.32 seconds, but was well outside her Asian record of 54.51.

On the whole, I should be satisfied, Zhuang said. I have not practised much.

China's women swimmers are expected to dominate in the pool during the nine-day Games after collecting four golds and five silvers and breaking three world records in Barcelona.

China's men swimmers also fared well on Monday, taking both the gold and silver medals in the 100 metres breaststroke and gold in the 200 metres freestyle.

China's men's gymnastics squad, led by crowd favourite Li Xiaoshuang, a Barcelona gold medalist, and his twin brother Li Dashuang, fought off a tough Japanese challenge to win the team event with a total score of 277.575 to 271.000.

But Yang Bin was the star of the day, grabbing the first gold medal of the Games in the

Lifters win two more for hosts

SHANGHAI, May 11: China notched up two more gold medals in the weight-lifting competitions at the first East Asian Games here Tuesday afternoon, reports Xinhua. Asian record holder Zhang

Youyi won the 64 kg category with 305.0 kilograms from two lifts. Kim Un-Song of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was second at 302.5 and his compatriot Li Change-Gun finished third at 295.0.

Wang Yong took the second title for China in the 70- kg class competitions with 322.5 kilograms from snatch and

Kim Hak-Bong of South Korea won the silver medal at 315.0 kilograms. I'm Sang-Ho of DPR Korea collected the same two-lift total but was ranked third due to his heavier body weight.

Under-54 kg category. South Korean weightlifter

Chun Byung Kwan was the only record breaker of the day, setting a new Asian mark in the Under-59 kg division by lifting a total of 295 kg, beating the previous record of 287.5 kg set by China's Liu Yuangang in Fuzhou in March.

At the end of the opening day China led the way with five gold medals and three silvers, while Japan had two golds, three silvers and six bronzes. South Korea were third in

the medals table with one gold, two silvers and one bronze.

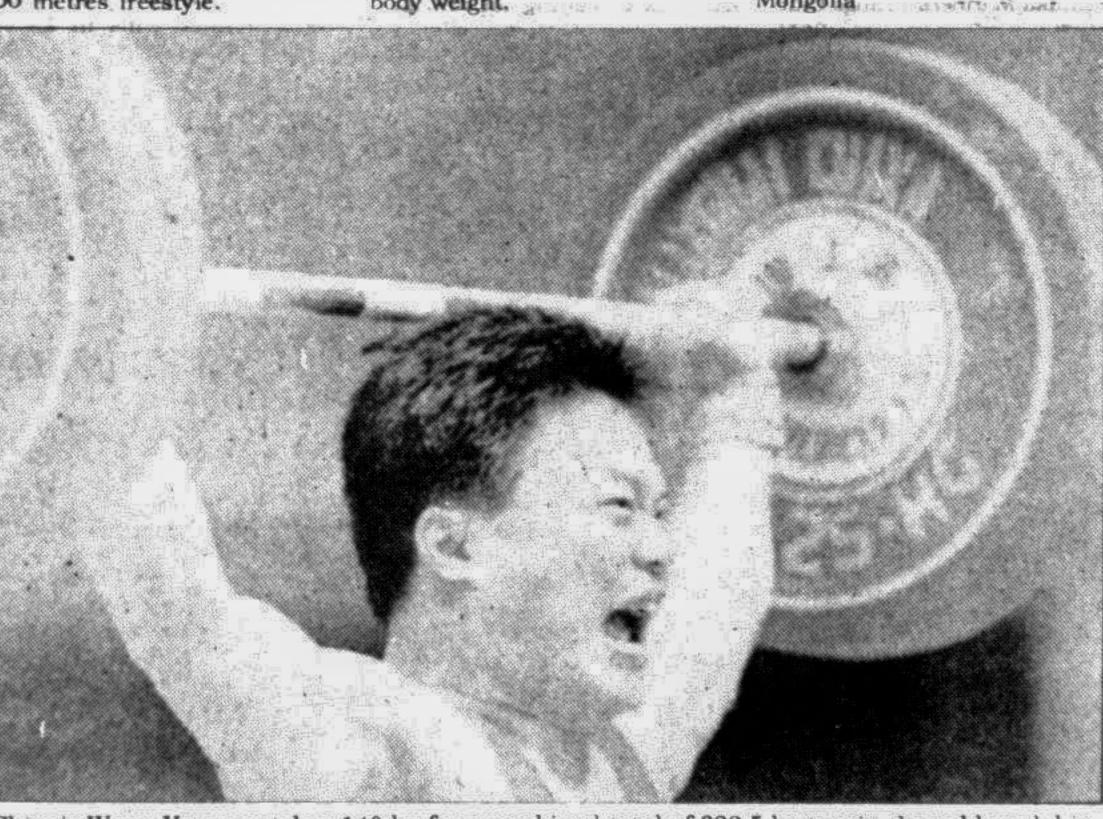
A total of 168 gold medals are being contested by athletes from China, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Mongolia, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and

MEDALS TABLE

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Medals table at the end of the first day of competition at the East Asian Games here Monday:

China	5	3	8	- 5
Japan	2	3	6	1
S Korea		2	1	- 1
Chinese Taipei	1	8	1	3
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the 70 kg division of the weightlifting competition in Shanghai yesterday.

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by Tuesday by trouncing Japan 109-80. Only China can deny Sweden, says Thunstrom

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, May 11: Former champions China pose the biggest threat to Swedish hopes of a title hattrick at the world table tennis championships, Anders Thunstrom, Sweden's men's coach, said on Monday, reports Reuter. Sweden won the men's

team crown in 1989 and 1991, ending a sequence of four consecutive titles for China.

"China are the most difficult to beat because they can choose from five (top) players, not many teams can do that. They are our strongest title opponents," Thunstrom said on the eve of the championships.

He said Germany, France and Belgium could pose problems but to a lesser degree because they were one-man teams, with Jorg Rosskopf, Jean-Philippe Gatien and Jean-Michel Saive respectively their

kcy players. Thunstrom said the Swedes were in excellent shape after two training camps. "We are close to reaching 100 per cent

top form," he added Sweden and China have been kept apart in the roundrobin stage, with the Asian side in Group A and the host in Group B, both eight-team pools

comprising the strongest challengers. The anticipated record 88 men's teams has already been cut to 86 by the withdrawal of the United Arab Emirates and

El Salvador. Organisers said on Monday the two teams had not given a reason for pulling out.

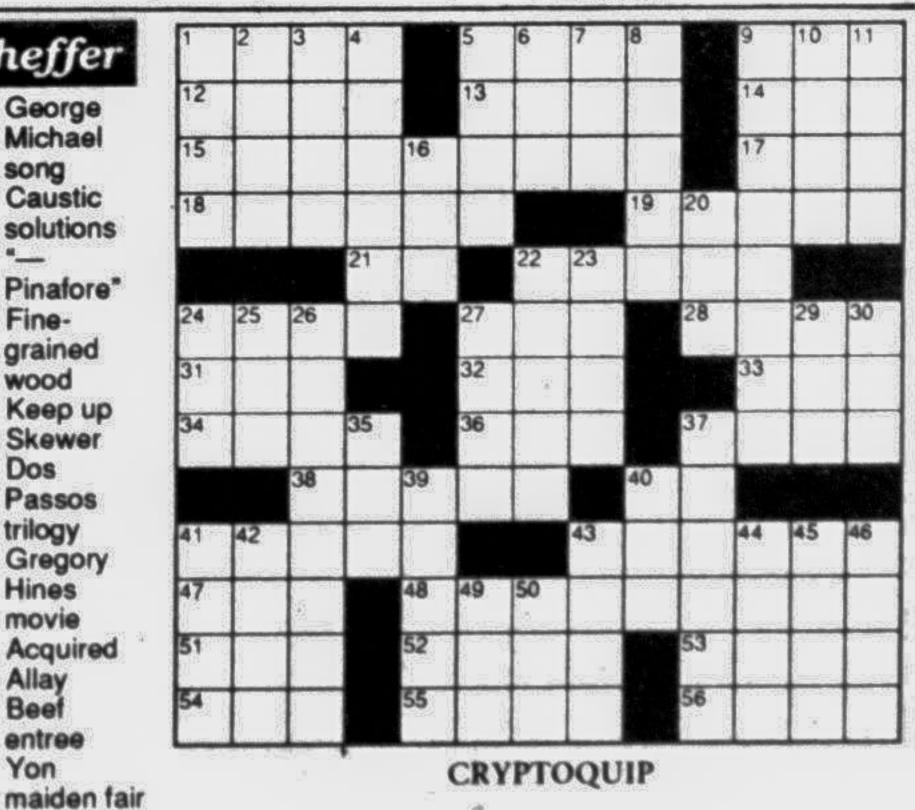
Peru arrived without send ing the right entry forms for both teams and it was likely that only the women would be

China's Wang Yong snatches 140 kg for a combined total of 322.5 kg to win the gold medal in - AFP photo included CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, been carried out in an event. Mumtaz Haider, the Pakistani forward who impressed the

local hockey fans with his brilliant stickwork and superlative marksmanship last year when he played for defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club, witnessed his old teams First Division league match against Bangladesh Railway yesterday. Haider is in Dhaka on a business trip. On his right is the Abahani manager Pushkin.

- Star photo



MTAKHLAJE FNAJ KMAV FWTBATK, HE'K RVSEWTO SGRR Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MEMBERS OF A RATHER

ECCENTRIC SOCCER TEAM ARE A BUNCH OF ODDBALLS. Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals R

46 Concludes The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.