

Chittagong's Rafiqul Islam moves his knight deep into Niyamul Haq Niru's territory during their fifth round match of the nineteenth national chess championship at the NSC chess room yesterday. Rafiqul Islam won the match. — Star photo

Martyn, Waugh in superb form

HOVE, England, May 16: Australian batsmen Damien Martyn and Steve Waugh clinched their places for next week's one-day internationals against England with scorching centuries in a drawn match with Sussex here on Saturday, reports AFP.

The pair underlined the Aussies' superb form with the bat by becoming the fourth and fifth players to score tons on the tour as they boosted their fourth-wicket stand to 205 in 57 overs.

Australia, resuming on 306 for three, sailed past Sussex's 353 after an hour's play and continued until mid-way through the afternoon session before declaring on 490 for five.

Waugh, having given Martyn a 52-run start on Friday, almost caught his partner before being smartly stumped for 124 trying to glance. He had faced 200 balls, hitting 12 fours in the 25th first-class century of his career.

Martyn's five-and-a-half hour innings ended at 136 with a skied drive after the 21-year-old had struck 11 fours from 248 balls.

Ian Healy and Brendon Julian then took the opportunity of precious practice before Allan Border declared.

Sussex struggled to 92 for four in the remaining 39 overs, but never looked like losing.

despite a fine spell of three for 19 from 14 overs by off-spinner Tim May.

Apart from a no-balling epidemic, there seems little to worry the Australian bowlers. McDermott overstepped six times, while Merv Hughes,

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S R Waugh st Moores b c Wells 124

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Extras: (b-1, lb-7, w-2, nb-8) 18

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C W J Athey c Martyn b May 27

K Greenfield st Healy b May 3

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SCOREBOARD

Overnight: Sussex 353 (A P)

Wells 93, I D K Salisbury 59, K Greenfield 55, B P Julian 5-63). Australia 306-3 (D R Martyn 78 not out, M J Slater 73, M L Hayden 66).

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Reefat goes atop

Sports Reporter

National champion Reefat bin Sattar posted his fourth consecutive win in the ongoing nineteenth national chess championship to move to the top of the points table yesterday.

Reefat, whose International Master status awaits FIDE's recognition, beat BTMC's Saifuddin Lablu in the fifth round at the National Sports Council chess room. Playing with black pieces, the teenage defending champion adopted French Defence to outmaneuver his opponent in 41 moves.

Niyamul Haq Niru and Kalimullah Khan Kalam, both playing a game more, followed Reefat with three and a half points. Niru lost to Rafiq in this round while Kalam drew with A N M Ruhul Quddus.

Abdullah Al Raqi outwitted Mahbub Ali and former national champion Rezaul Huq defeated Zatul Qader Tuhin to up their collection to three and two and a half respectively.

Rani Hamid, who made a disastrous start in the meet, drew with Omar Khaled. The matches between Abul Kashem Bhuiyan and Khandakar Kayes Hassan; Ali Amjad Mintu and Abdul Khaleq were in progress when the report was filed last night.

Border irked by British press

HOVE, England, May 16: Australian cricket captain Allan Border capped an angry fortnight here on Saturday with a broadside at the British media, reports AFP.

Test cricket's top run-getter has been in a bad mood with them ever since being criticised for knocking down his stumps at Lord's in a one-day friendly against Middlesex 12 days ago.

He then had an on-field row with fast bowler Craig McDermott at Taunton last weekend, his four-letter outburst being caught by an Australian television microphone and being fully reported.

Finally, Border verbally abused a local television reporter at Brighton on Thursday morning.

"Every time I open a paper there seems to be more hassle about me or the team," Border moaned.

"I don't need the press, but they need me. Why can't they concentrate on writing about the cricket rather than building incidents up out of all proportion?"

"I'm fed up with having microphones pushed in my face. I'm happy to talk about cricket, but most of the questions seem to be stirring up trouble."

Border then offered his version of the Lord's and Taunton incidents.

"I was angry at Lord's because I thought Angus Fraser had bowled a beamer," he explained.

"I turned round to see one ball still standing, so I thought that might as well go too, but when I looked around, Fraser already had his hand up apologising."

"It was nothing like the Chris Broad incident in Sydney a few years ago, but you would not have thought so looking at the papers."

"As for the McDermott thing, I didn't think it should have been reported because the microphone was intrusive."

"I don't want to fall out with any of the press, but who can I trust?"

Athletics finale fizzles out

SHANGHAI, May 16: The final day of athletics at the East Asian Games fizzled out into a damp fare here today, with a new Asian record in the women's 3,000m providing the only moment of excitement, reports AFP.

As the rain drizzled down on the Hongkou Stadium track, the woeful lack of depth in the competition was glaringly exposed in the relay finals, all of which were run with three teams or less.

China came away with eight golds on the day — including the heptathlon — while Japan took the other two.

It was left to China's Zhang Lirong to partially save the day and defy the elements with a stunning run in the women's 3,000m which saw her smash the Asian Games record by more than six seconds.

Zhang clocked 8min 40.30sec to take the gold ahead of the former record holder, Zhang Linli, who also beat her own regional mark with a time of 8:44.82. Junko Kataoka won the bronze well back in 8:59.10.

Japan grabbed gold and silver in the men's 5,000m through Yosuke Osawa and Jun Hiratsuka who finished in 13:47.61 and 13:51.67.

Chinese Taipei chose not to show up for the women's 4x100m — an unfortunate decision considering they were one of the only three teams on the start list.

Even the partisan home crowd found it hard to conjure up much enthusiasm for the resulting two-way race between China and Japan — won by the home team in 44.23.

The women's 4x400m relay was equally farcical, with the same two countries competing by themselves. China again ran out victors in a time of 3:33.41.

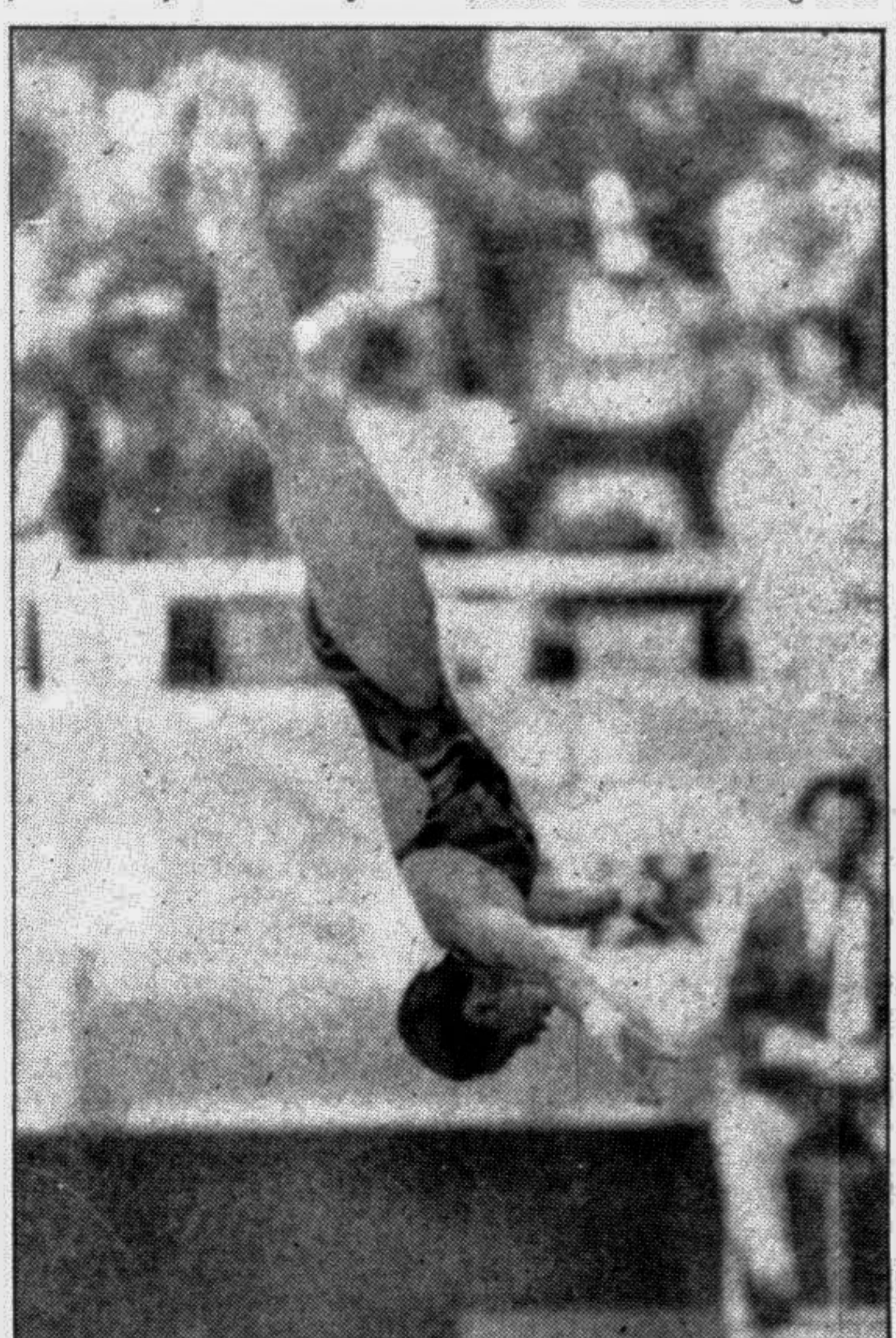
Neutral spectators were hardly spoiled for choice in the men's 4x100m and 4x400m relays either — both races having only three participants.

China won the sprint relay from Japan and South Korea in 39.36 and it was the same order on the winners' podium after the 4x400m with China taking gold in 3:04.35.

China's Zhu Yunging controlled the heptathlon from the moment she powered to victory in the first event, the 100m hurdles.

Zhu — who never once relinquished the lead — won the gold with an overall points tally of 6,064, followed by teammate Zhang Xiaohui with 5,821 and Ma Chun-Ping from Chinese Taipei who scored 5,636.

Ma, who won the heptathlon bronze medal at the 1990 Asian Games, had managed to close the gap slightly after winning the high jump, but Zhu then pulled off a crushing victory in the shot put to stamp her authority on



China's Deng Young gives a golden performance in the women's platform diving competition at the East Asian Games in Shanghai yesterday. Deng took the gold with a total score of 494.55. — AFP photo

the competition.

Zhu extended her lead with a win in the 200m sprint, to give her a 3,800 total at the end of Saturday's four events.

Zhang made up some ground by winning Sunday's long jump event, but Zhu limited the damage by placing second, as she did in the javelin behind Akiko Kurable of Japan who threw 49.54m in her specialist event.

With the final 800m event a fourthly, Zhu jogged home in fourth place to win the gold.

In Sunday's field events, China's Zhang Jing won the women's triple jump with a third round 13.64m effort, followed by North Korea's Li

Yong-Ae and Yoko Morioka of Japan.

The men's high jump went to Japan's Takahisa Yoshida who beat South Korean Lee Jin-Tack on the countback after both men had cleared 2.26m. China's Xu Yang took

Tough ride for Graf, Sabatini

BERLIN, May 16: Top seeds Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini are through to today's final of the German Open, but not before both players struggled past awkward semifinal opponents, reports AFP.

Graf was in the greatest trouble as she faced a 3-0 deficit in the final set against Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States.

But the gutsy German came back to win the final six games, and keep alive her hopes of winning the title for the seventh time in eight years.

Until her final burst, third seed Fernandez wore down the German by keeping the ball in play, forcing Graf into several unforced errors. The American's willingness to come to the net was also effective, allowing her to take a set off the world number two for the first time.

She couldn't keep up the pressure, however, as Graf surged back into the game in the final set, conceding just three points in the last four games.

"Her forehead is usually her weakness but it was her strength today," said Graf. "I didn't feel confident with my game at all. Even if I played very well for four games in the second set, I started much too impatiently in the third."

Fernandez's attitude was more positive. "I went out for the first time believing I could win," she insisted. "Obviously I had my chances, but she plays very well from behind. She hits harder and if the ball goes in its tough. She served big at the end. That was the key."

Sabatini, who has not won a tournament for a year, had an equally difficult task against fifth seed Conchita Martinez of Spain, breaking serve in the final game to win 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

In a highly skillful performance from both players, Sabatini's superior attacking play made the difference as the Argentine volleyed several fine winners.

"It's great to win a match like that. It gives you confidence," said Sabatini. "I knew the only way to win was to attack her. That is how I won the first set, but then in the second I was rushing points and didn't really know what was happening."

"Then I was aggressive again in the third set and that made the difference."

Wheaton back on winning ways

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla., May 16: Second-seeded David Wheaton beat unseeded Aaron Krickstein 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 Saturday and advanced to the finals of the \$125,000 America's Red Clay Championship, reports AP.

Sunday's title match against No. 3 Todd Martin will be Wheaton's first final since the Queen's Club in June, 1991. The 23-year-old Wheaton hasn't won a tour event since Kiahwah Island in South Carolina in 1990.

Martin, 22, a three-year pro, eliminated top-seeded Wally Masur of Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2) to set up only the fifth all-American final on clay since 1988. Wheaton is 2-1 against Martin, but the two serve and volleyers have never met on a clay court.

Tufnell regains lost touch

LONDON, May 16: Phil Tufnell, left out of the England one-day squad to face Australia next week after a dreadful tour of India and Sri Lanka, rediscovered his form in the county championship on Saturday, reports AFP.

The Middlesex slow left-armer snapped up five for 25 from 15.4 overs to send Nottinghamshire sliding from 196 for three to 266 all out.

West Indies veteran opener Desmond Haynes then put Middlesex in with a fine chance of victory by hitting 98 on a difficult pitch as the host struggled to 219 for eight — an overall lead of 234.

Dermot Reeve, another England discard from their close-season tour, also returned to form on Saturday, hitting an unbeaten 72 to help Warwickshire establish a commanding lead over Kent at Canterbury.

With Andy Moles making 50, Warwickshire were dismissed for 213, leaving Kent to score 342 for victory when the match resumes on Monday.

David Gower, hoping for an England recall, was among the runs as well on Saturday, although he was rather upstaged by Hampshire teammate Paul Terry, who notched his second successive first-class century.

He battled for six and a quarter hours for his 111, which included 15 fours, as Hants reached 289 for three after starting late, while Gower made 64.

Meanwhile, two of England's forgotten men from even further back — batsmen Matthew Maynard and Hugh

Morris — cracked sparkling centuries to put Glamorgan in control against Derbyshire at Derby.

They shared a third-wicket stand of 155 in 37 overs, Morris notching exactly 100 in 199 minutes and Maynard 145 off only 188 balls.

Their second centuries of the season enabled Glamorgan to declare at 368 for eight, setting Derbyshire a daunting 406 for victory on a demanding pitch. They reached 14 without loss by the close.

Yorkshire and Worcestershire will have some negotiating to do, though, if they are to fashion a result at Bradford.

Friday's wash-out was followed by a delayed start on

Saturday and in that time Yorkshire bowled Worcester for 192 before Ashley Metcalfe and Martyn Moxon compiled an unbroken century stand of 114 with Metcalfe making 67.

Earlier, Yorkshire seamer Mark Robinson took more wickets to the five he captured Thursday to finish with career-best figures of seven for 47.

Essex's Mark Lott was another pace bowler to chalk up a career-best haul of seven for 85 against Surrey at the Oval on Saturday.

Graham Thorpe top-scored for Surrey with 89 out of a total of 330 before they hit back to reduce Essex to 38 for three by the close, a lead of 126.

Courier sets up a date with Ivanisevic

ROME, May 16: Defending champion Jim Courier set up a final today at the Italian Open with fourth seed Goran Ivanisevic as he battled back to sweep to a 6-2, 6-7 (2/7), 6-0 victory over Michael Chang on Saturday, reports AFP.

Ivanisevic, recapturing his form after a foot stress fracture this spring, sent over 13 aces to eliminate world no. 1 Pete Sampras 7-6 (7/4), 6-2 in just 75 minutes at the Foro Italic.

It was the second defeat in a month for Sampras after he became world no. 1.

Chang might have expected to be tired after working for three-and-a-half hours on Friday in winning his semifinal over Russian Andrei Chesnokov.

But the American put Courier on the ropes in the second set tie-break, taking a 6-0 lead, courier saving two points before losing the set.

But he got his hard-hitting game back into gear quickly and proved unstoppable in the final set.

The matches have been getting tougher as the week goes on, said the winner. But I'm still playing, so that's encouraging.

Courier said fatigue was probably not a factor for Chang, the 1989 French Open holder who has never taken another title on clay.

I played a bad game at 5-6 in the second set and that carried over into the tie-break.

Chinese coach's preponderance

SHANGHAI, May 16: Japan is set to become a dominant force in international swimming, China's coach said Saturday, minutes after his team swept all six golds on the last day of competition at the East Asian Games pool, reports AFP.

Japan not only constitutes a threat to China but also a threat to the world, Chen Yunpeng said.

"I am very concerned about Japan's potential," Chen added, citing 16-year-old Hitomi Mehara's earlier double victory here over China's Olympic champion and world record holder Linli in the women's 200m and 400m individual

medleys.

"She is only 16. Imagine what she will do when she gets bigger and stronger," he said.

Saturday saw China add another 14 golds to their overall tally at the Games, with the judo competition providing their only lean patch.

In the swimming events, China's Heichong broke her own Asian record in the women's 200m backstroke with a time of 2:09.90.

The evening's most eagerly awaited race — the women's 50m freestyle — pitted Olympic champion and world record holder Yang Wenyi of China against her old rival and compatriot, Barcelona 100m

freestyle Olympic champion Zhuang Yong.

Zhuang appeared to have a slight lead at the halfway stage, but Yang pulled it back in the closing stages to touch just ahead of the teammate in 25.25.

China's Xiong Guoming took his second gold of the competition in the men's 200m individual medley, as China monopolised the winners' podium with further victories in the women's 200m butterfly, men's 1500m freestyle and men's 4x100m medley relay.

Chinese Taipei stole China's thunder on the third day of the athletics competition, although the hosts still snatched seven golds.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 What a cad deserves, 5 Piece of luggage, 8 Stiffly formal, 12 Sharpen, 13 Cuckoo, 14 Western city, 15 Incite or help, 16 Home of the Padres, 18 Home of the Tigers, 20 They're sought by actors, 21 Grampus, 22 First mo. of spring, 23 Marble paving slab, 26 Home of the Yankees, 30 Employ, 31 It might be electric, 32 Govt. agency, 33 Home of the White Sox, 36 Shearer, of 'The Red Shoes', 38 GI's address, 39 Broadway success, 40 Love, Italian style, 43 Home of the Mariners, 47 Home of the Expos, 49 Emerald Isle, 50 Comedian Johnson, 51 'Ten Minutes —' ('57 song), 52 Rip with violence, 53 Gangster, 54 Asian festival, 55 Defeats at bridge, 1 Roe, 2 Ear part, 3 The dill weed, 4 Lory for a fuel, 5 Fundamental, 6 Med. school subject, 7 Card game, 8 Branch of an abbey, sometimes, 9 Lively dance, 10 'Bus Stop' author, 11 Meadow sounds, 17 Sketch, 19 Crude metal, 22 Blanc of, many voices, 23 French nobleman, 24 Shade of blonde, 25 Luau garland, 26 Plastic or classic lead-in, 27 Kimono sash, 28 Karel Capek opus, 29 Malay isthmus, 31 Freud's concern, 34 Hauled, 35 Mimic, 36 Actress Farrow, 37 Weasel's cousins, 39 Spartan serf, 40 Nanking nanny, 41 Philippine Moslem, 42 Aware of, 43 Dry seasoning, 44 'Lemon —' (1965 song), 45 Linen fuzz, 46 Remnants, 48 Raid the ice box.

Cryptogram puzzle grid with numbers 1-55 indicating letter positions. The grid is a 11x11 grid with some cells shaded black.

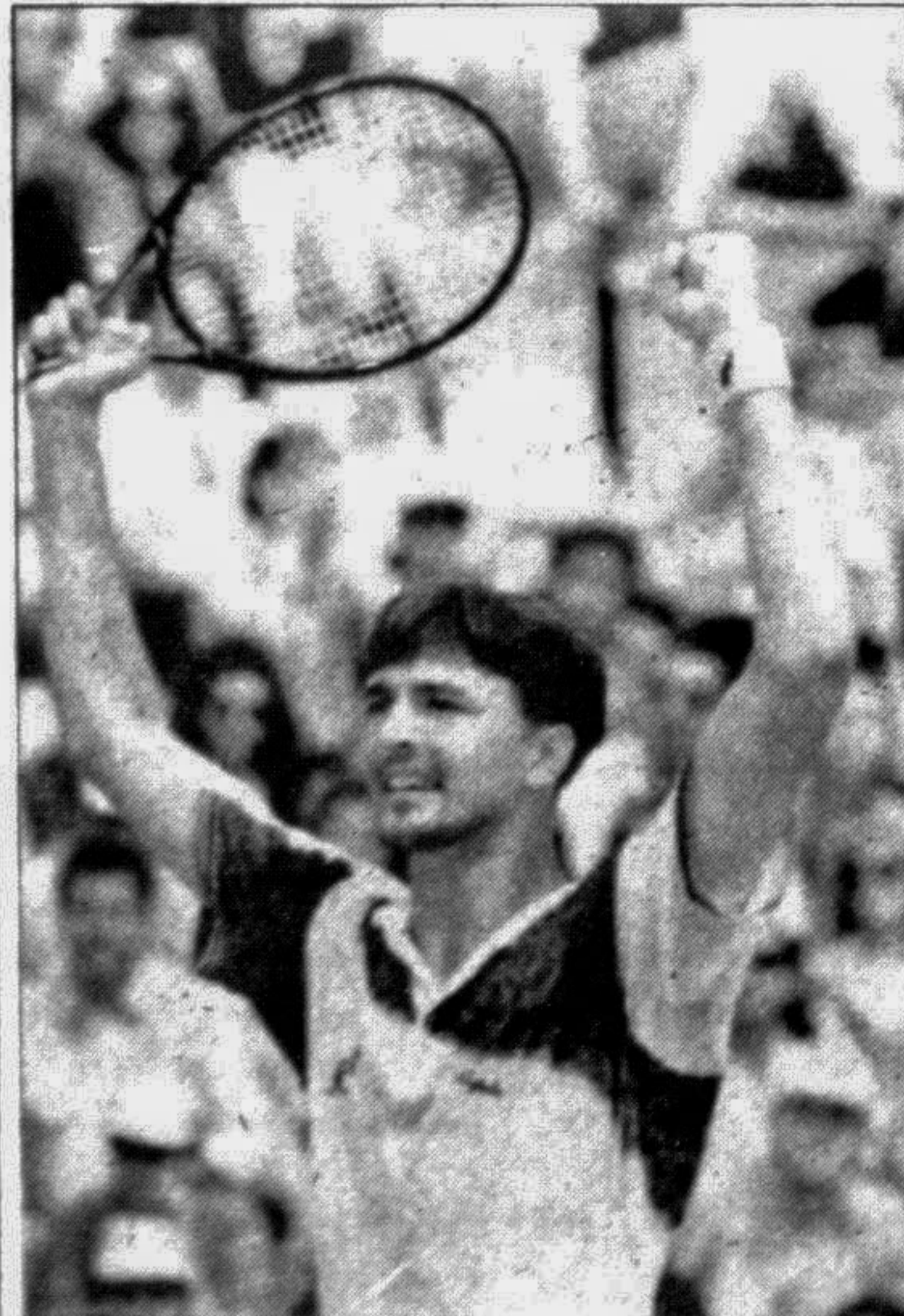
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R A B C C Q X W R P H G H Y C U U
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Yesterday's Cryptogram: BEFORE THE FLORIST
COULD CARRY OUT HIS TAWDRY PLOT, IT WAS
NIPPED IN THE BUD.
Today's Cryptogram clue: S equals P
The Cryptogram is a substitution 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.

Waldner doesn't like it

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, May 16: Olympic champion Jan-Ove Waldner is unhappy with the banning of all glues from table tennis, reports AFP.

Waldner has criticised the international federation's way of taking the crucial decision which was made on health grounds on Friday.

Chemical experts say substances found in glues used in bats can cause cancer, brain damage, and even death.



Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic raises his arms after defeating the world number one, Pete Sampras of the US, in the semifinal of the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome on May 15. Ivanisevic won the match 7-6 (7-4), 6-2. — AFP photo