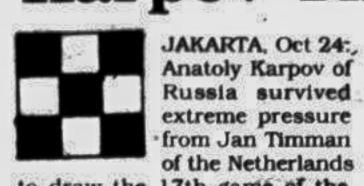
Karpov-Timman Game 17 drawn



Anatoly Karpov of Russia survived extreme pressure from Jan Timman of the Netherlands to draw the 17th game of the

official World Chess Championship on Saturday after 33 moves and almost five hours of play, reports Reuter. Karpov now leads the 24-

game match by 11 points to six and needs only one and a half more points to regain the world title he lost to compatriot Garri Kasparov in 1985.

After winning the three previous games. Karpov did not seem at all upset at finally conceding a draw to his demoralised opponent.

"This was a very important game for the opening theory of this variation," said a smiling Karpov after the game. "Of course. Timman had pressure serious pressure, but no clear

way to gain the advantage." Timman was also pleaded after scoring his first draw since Game 13. He immediately left the stage to embrace his wife Ilsa, who had just arrived in Indonesia from Amsterdam.

Experts agreed the game had been one of the most interesting

ing Greg Rusedski for a 7-6 (7-

5), 6-7 (6-8), 6-4 victory on

Sunday and won the Salem

Open, China's first ATP

professional tennis tournament,

Chinese and that they're behind

me is very inspiring for me,"

said Chang, who lost only two

service points in the third set.

"It makes me want to work

harder, to constantly keep on

ing Canadian star, served at up

to 190 kph (118 mph) and hit

times and hit only 46 per cent

breaks in the first set, but top-

seeded Chang couldn't threaten

Rusedski's big serve and volley

game again until the seventh

serves in that game and Chang

saved two game points before

hitting two superb passing

shots to break the onrushing

leaping to the net in a rare dis-

play of emotion as the crowd

Chang often served at 160-170

kph (99-105 mph), about 10

kph (6 mph) faster than he had

all week. He had only three aces

but kept his serves deep and

frequently pinned Rusedski to

game on my serve, the set's

gone," said Chang, ranked No. 7

in the world. " I knew I wasn't

going to get many chances to

once, at 4-5 in the first set. In

the last set. Chang started

rushing the net, winning three

games at love and giving up

The crowd of about 2,200

only two points in other games.

only half filled the gymnasium.

but included several of China's

top tennis fans: Wan Li, 77-

year-old retired right-hand man

of senior leader Deng Xiaoping;

Rusedski broke Chang only

"I knew if I had one loose

"Yeah," shouted Chang,

Throughout the match,

Rusedski missed seven first

The two players exchanged

Rusedski, a 20-year-old ris-

"Knowing the crowd is.

reports AP.

improving."

of his first serves.

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Rusedski.

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BEIJING, Oct 24:

Michael Chang.

pumped up by an

enthusiastic Chi-

served hard-serv-

nese crowd. out-

in the match, which began in the Netherlands and moved to Indonesia for the second half.

Timman, controlling the white pieces, began the game in an agressive mood, answering Karpov's solid Caro-Kann defence with the ambitious advance variation.

The former world champion took up Timman's challenge. entering the charpiest line of the opening and winning a

However, Timman's powerful knight gave white excellent counterchances and none of the experts watching the game was prepared to predict a likely out-

"It's too complicated for me." commented a beffled Ulf Andersson, one of Timman's Grandmaster assistants.

With both kings exposed, Karpov decided that the safest policy would be to try to reach an endgame by exchanging queens.

Timman tried to avoid the queen exchange to no avail and Karpov succeeded in reaching a simplified position where a draw seemed the most likely result.

Yet Timman refused to accept that his attack was over. He harassed Karpov's king and

Li Ruihuan, a member of the

powerful Communist Party

Politbureau, and Chen Xitong

and Zhang Baifa, who headed

"I would like to thank Jesus

the Beijing 2000 Olympic

Christ for giving me the

strength to win," Chang, a de-

vout Christian, told the crowd

in Chinese while accepting his

Chang then spent 15 min-

utes signing several hundred

dirs 39,600 check at the end of

the match.

Games Bid Committee.

refused a chance to draw by perpetual check.

After 33 moves Timman, handicapped by a weak pawn. was forced to accept Karpov's offer of a draw.

"This game shows Anatoly's experience in defending the Caro-Kann," commented a relieved Karpov aide, US Grandmaster Ron Henley.

Karpov and Timman are playing for the official world championship because Kasparov, the world number one, and Nigel Short, his English challenger, broke away from the World Chess Federation to organise a more lucrative contest in London.

The rebel world title match concluded on Thursday with Kasparov winning 12 1/2-7 1/2 and claiming to be the true world champion, but the World Chess Federation maintains that the winner of the Jakarta match will be the legitimate title holder.

The next game between Karpov and Timman will be on Monday with Karpov having the advantage of the white pieces. The winner of the match will be the first player to score 12 1/2 points.

Chang wins Salem Open title often applauded at Rusedski's errors in a breach of tennis eti-

> quette, but gave him a big hand at the end. " I'm disappointed, but I think It's good that Michael won in China," said Rusedski. "I hope it encourages kids here to

take up tennis.' For Rusedski, it was a second week of stellar tennis despite the loss. He was ranked No. 130 in the world before he defeated Chang and made the semifinals of the Seiko Super Tennis Championship in Tokyo last week. Rusedski said that after his performance here, he expects his ranking to jump

autographs for Chinese fans: " Jesus loves you, Michael Chang." The crowd cheered the into the mid-50s.

Chinese-American favourite and



Michael Chang of the US holds his trophy after winning the first Beijing Salem Open tennis tournament yesterday. Chang defeated Greg Rusedski of Canada by 7-6 (7-5), 6-7 -AFP photo

Brazil still the best

ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct 24:Brazil retained their No 1 standing in the FIFA World Rankings on Friday, while the Netherlands and Spain have moved up significantly to sixth and seventh, reports AP.

Norway, who clinched only their second World Cup berth and first since 1938 with a 3-0 victory over Poland at Poznan on Oct 13, moved up one spot to No 2 in the monthly FIFA rankings, which rates all 168 playing national teams by computer based on their match outcomes over the last seven

Italy, who won 3-1 against Scotland on Oct 13, fell one spot to No 3 and were followed by Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Argentina and England.

The Dutch, who beat England 2-0 in a hooliganscarred match Oct 13 in Rotterdam following a 7-0 rout of San Marino on Sept 22. moved up seven spots to sixth.

Spain beat Albania 5-1 in Tirana on Sept 22 and then stunned Ireland 3-1 in Dublin on Oct 13 to also moved up seven spots to seventh.

Sweden's 3-2 victory over Scandinavian rival Finland on Oct 13 in Stockholm not only qualified them for their second straight World Cup and fifth in their last seventh attempts but it moved it up three spots. England, meanwhile fell five potches.

Muster, Ivanisevic in Austrian Open final



VIENNA, Oct 24: Top seeds Austrian Thomas Muster and Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia both won straight-set victories Satur-day and

eased into the final of the dirs 3.35,000 Austrian Open. reports AP. Muster needed only one hour

and 22 minutes to subdue Sweden's Thomas Enqvist 6-2. 6-4, and Ivanisevic used his powerful serve to beat thirdseeded Petr Korda of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-2.

It was the second time since 1988 that Muster has reached

Mt Ama Dablam scaled

KATMANDU, Oct 24. An American has climbed the Himalayan peak of Mount Ama

Dablam, the Tourism Ministry said Sunday, reports AP. Joe Myanard Lackey Jr. a 26-year-old mountain guide from North Carolina, climbed the 6,812-meter (22,479-fpot)

peak Oct 16 from the southwest ridge, the ministry said in a statement. Lackeys home town was not immediately known. Other climbers of the fivemember Tennessee Ama De-

biam Expedition are also trying to reach the summit, it said. The team is led by Carey Todd Wells, 39, a teacher from Chattanooga, Tenn, the state-

the Vienna final at the Stadthalle arena, where he will be seeking his eighth tournament title of the year and 21st of his career.

He will face Ivanisevic, who had nine aces, the fastest clocked at 207 kph (129 mph). "No matter who wins, a five-

set match is certainly no disadvantage for me." Muster said before he knew Ivanisevic had beaten Korda.

For a long time, Muster seemed to do what he wanted with Enqvist, who earlier year beat Andre Agassi, Ivan Lendl and Carlos Costa.

Changing rhythm constantly Muster disposed of his opponent's topspins by slicing his returns so low that many were unreachable for Enqvist.

"I rarely played that many backhands," Muster said. "I was simply the better player." said Muster, who won on his first match point with his sixth ace to the delight of the heavily partisan crowd of about

9,000. Ivanisevic clearly dominated

"I know what I have to do. It will be tough, but in any case it will be a good match," said Ivanisevic, who replaced the late-withdraw of Andre Agassi.

"It's unbelievable how offensive and aggressive Thomas was in front of his fans," he said. "But his opponents didn't do

Edberg denied · yet again

HONG KONG, Oct 24: Bighitting Dutchman Richard Krajicek blasted Stefan Edberg of Sweden out of contention to win the 698,000 US dollar Hong Kong tennis championships, here Sunday, reports AFP.

Krajicek, using his big serve and power hitting to maximum effect, hammered out a 6-1, 6-4 victory over an out-of-touch Edberg. "I thought it would be a

tougher match. But he was completely off form while played better than I expected," said Krajicek. The victory, which came in

only 54 minutes, earned Krajicek a winner's purse of 220,000 dollars. World number six Edberg,

the highest ranked player in the

tournament, was completely

outclassed by the all-round game of Krajicek. A powerful serve, effective volleying and some brilliant passing shots all combined to give Krajicek the edge as he

broke Edberg three times in the first set. But Krajicek was also helped by an erratic performance from Edberg who totally lost his sense of timing and could not

find his rhythm at the net. "I just had a bad day at the office," said Edberg.

"I was very sharp today Although this is not an ATP tournament, I'm still pleased at winning, added world number 11 Krajicek, who this year has won only one official tournament in Los Angeles in August.

Australian Davis Cup due Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde easily defeated American brothers Luke Jensen and Murphy Jensen to win the doubles.

The Australians swept to 6-1, 6-2 win to take the 40,000dollar first prize.

Novotna faces Huber in final

BRIGHTON, England, Oct 24 Top seeds Jana Novotna and Anke Huber meet in today's final of the Brighton women's tournament after being stretched in the semifinals on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Wimbledon runner-up Novotna, the Czech top seed, came from behind to beat fifthseeded American Patty Fendick 4-6, 6-0, 6-3 in a lively display to serve and volley tennis. German Huber, dubbed

"Steffi Mark II" after injured title holder Graf, also dropped the first set on the way to a hard fought 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over fellow-teenager and third seed Mary Pierce of France in just over two and a half hours. Novotna, level with Huber at

two wins each in four previous clashes, looked forward to meeting a groundstroke specialist for the title.

"I like to play against a baseliner because it gives me time to play my shots," said the 25vear-old world number eight. runner-up to Graf at Brighton 12 months ago.

Huber, who saw a 4-0 lead in the third set against Pierce reduced to 4-4 before emerging victorious, was equally pleased with the style of her rival in the final. "I like to play someone going to the net like Jana. I have a chance tomorrow, for sure. We will see," she said.

The pair last met a Hamburg, the tournament at which Monica Seles was stabbed in the back earlier this year, when Novotna won their quarter-final 6-1, 6-3.

DPRK to host '95 East Asian Games

TOKYO, Oct 24: Delegates from eight nations and territories agreed in principle Sunday to hold the 2nd East Asian Games in North Korea in 1995, the North's official news agency reported, reports AP.

The Games would be held in Pyongyang Sept 20-Oct 1, said the Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo. The first East Asian Games

were held in Shanghai, China, in May 1993. The agency said delegates from Mongolia, Japan, China,

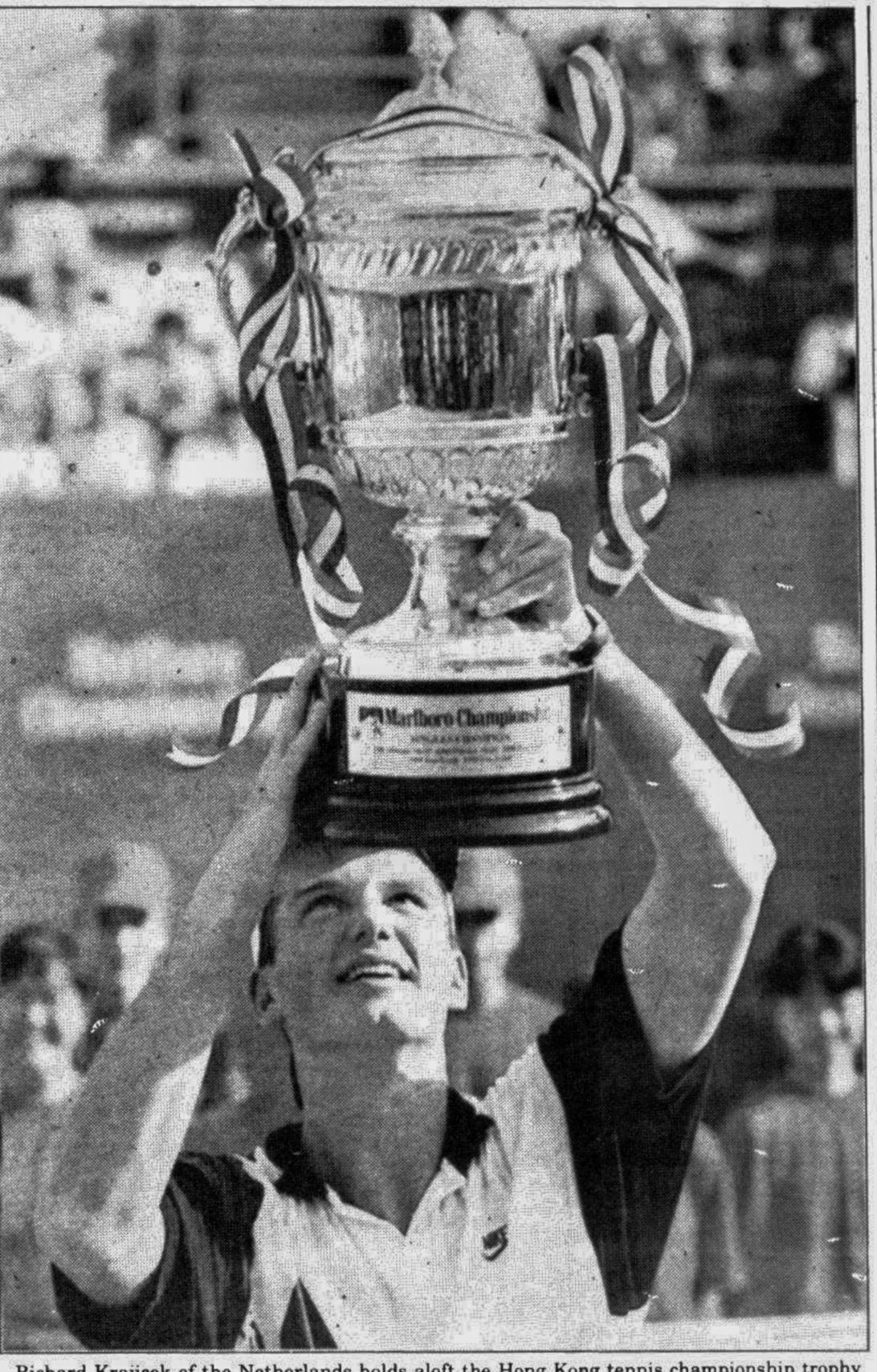
North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan, Macao and Hong Kong attended Sunday's meeting of the East Asian Games Association, and an observer was present from Guam. The Pyongyang Games would

include track and field, swimming, soccer, basketball, volleyball, handball, table tennis, boxing, weightlifting, wrestling, judo, gymnastics, shooting and rowing.

Further consultations were planned on whether to add taekwondo, cycling, golf, bowling, badminton, archery, tennis, softball tennis, field hockey and the Chinese martial art or wushu, the agency said.

Title retained

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida. Oct 24: Felix Trinidad of Puerto Rico retained his International Boxing Federation welterweight title on Saturday with a 10th-round knockout of American Anthony Stephens. reports Reuter.



Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands holds aloft the Hong Kong tennis championship trophy after defeating Sweden's Stefan Edberg in final yesterday. Krajicek won the match 6-1, - AFP photo

Sampras, Pioline in Lyon final

poor start when he lost the first

his opening serve.

set in 17 minutes after dropping

But he showed some signs of



LYON, France, Oct 24: US Open finalists Pete Sampras and Cedric Pioline renew a long standing rivalry when

they clash in the Lyon mens indoor tournament final for the second time today, reports Reuter.

The American world number one and top seed, who beat Pioline in straight sets in this years US Open final, also defeated France's top player when he took the Lyon title for the second consecutive year in 1992.

Both men battled hard in Saturday's semifinals, Sampras recovering from one set down to overcome a brave challenge from Swiss veteran Jakob Hlasek 1-6, 6-3, 7-6, taking the tiebreak 8-6.

Pioline needed to and a half hours to beat Richard Fromberg of Australia 6-2, 6-7, 6-4 and reach his third final of the month.

"I feel very happy with that victory because Hlasek played very well," said Sampras.

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French girls win judo title

FRANKFURT, Germany, Oct 24: France, without three Olympic or world champions, won the women's European team judo title for the third year running here Saturday when they beat Holland 5-1 in a repeat of last year's final, reports

The French beat Germany 4in the quarter-finals and Great Britain 5-0 in the semi-fi-

The Czech-Slovak team, beaten by Holland in the quarter-finals, won their repeachage over Ukraine by 3-2 and then beat Britain by the same score for the bronze medal.

Germany beat Belarus in the repeachage and then Russia for the other bronze.

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recovery when powerful returns gave him an early lead in the second set he eventually won 6-Hlasek, 43rd in the world,

the final set where he saved two match points before bowing out on a double-fault. "I was very nervous in the tie-break. I've already lost three

resisted until the tie-break of

times this year in a decisive tiebreak," Sampras explained. Pioline, seeded fifth and ranked 10th in the world, enjoyed a comfortable start when he broke Fromberg in the fifth

game and clinched the opening But Fromberg, seeded eighth, recovered to take the second set 7-2 in the tie-break and Pioline had to wait for the ninth game of the final set to

break his opponents serve and book a place in today's final. The US Open finalist will be desperately hoping for a change of fortune after also losing finals earlier this month in Toulouse and Bolzano, Italy.

But he reflected: "You always learn more when you lose."

US girls beat Ukrainian spikers

ANKARA, Oct 24: The United States moved one step closer to qualifying for the 1994 World Championships with a 15-12, 13-15, 17-15, 15-12 victory over the Ukraine in the second round of a qualification tournament Saturday, reports AP.

Tara Cross-Battle had a match-high 29 kills, Elaina Oden added 22 kills and eight blocks, and Tammy Liley had 17 kills. The United States were

forced to the qualifying tourna-

ment when they finished second

to Cuba last month in the zone championships held at Colorado Springs, Colo. "This was a very hard-fought match and our Olympians came through in the crunch times

and helped us to victory," said ninth-year US coach Terry Liskevych. Cross-Battle, Oden and Liley

were members of the United States team that won the Olympic bronze medal in 1992. On Sunday the United States

face Turkey, 16-14, 15-12, 15-12 losers to France on Saturday.

Taiwan, DPRK to promote exchanges

TOKYO, Oct 24: Taiwan and North Korea will promote bilateral sports exchanges, a Taiwan official visiting Pyongyang was quoted as saying Sunday, reports AFP.

Chang Feng-Shu, president of the Chinese-Taipei Olympic Committee, was quoted by Japan's Kyodo news service as saying in a telephone interview Taiwan and North Korea agreed to send athletes to each other's international sports events,

Taiwan and North Korea will also exchange sports coaches and trainers, Chang said.

Japanese sports officials said the agreements showed an improved political atmosphere between Taipei and Pyongyang, which Taiwan has no diplomatic relations, following the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and South Korea last year.

Chang, who arrived in Pyongyang October 19 on the first visit to North Korea by a Taiwan sports official, had talks with Park Myong-Chol, his North Korean counterpart. Kyodo said.

Robinson retains WBO title

CARDIFF, Wales, Oct 24: Welsman Steve Robinson held on to his World Boxing Organization featherweight title Saturday when he gained a unanimous decision over English fighter Colin McMillan, reports

McMillan lost the title 13 months ago when he dislocated his shoulder during a defense against Colombian Ruben Palacio and this was his comeback fight. The South American. who was scheduled to defend against Robinson, had to surrender the title when he was diagnosed HIV positive.

The early rounds went to McMillan, who scored with his left jab and also found the target with right hands.

But Robinson, more aggressive and explosive, rocked McMillan with his combinations and body punches and several times trapped the English fighter in corners.

Robinson was warned by referee Paul Thomas in the tenth for holding his man around the back of the head and hitting at the same time.

The American suffered a CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer **ACROSS**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DECIDING TO TOSS A PARTY, TREE SURGEON SPRUCED UP HIS HOUSE. Today's Cryptoquip clue: L equals P

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.