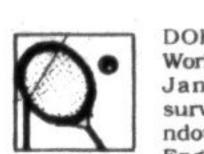
# Jansher has a close call



World number one Jansher Khan survived a tremendous battle with England's Peter Marshal before reaching the final of the 135,000 dollars

victory on Tuesday, reports Reuter. It was easily the match of the tournament with both players having to draw on their last

Qatar International with a 14-

15, 15-12, 15-6, 12-15, 15-4

reserves of energy and skill. They could have it all to do again next week as they are seeded to meet in the World Open Semifinals in Karachi and could clash again the following week in the World Team event when they will be leading their countries.

It had looked easy for 24year-old Jansher at the start. . He slipped into his usual immaculate groove almost immediately and opened up a 6-1

lead with aggressive driving and ambitious drop shots.

But fourth seed Marshall. the world number five, then began to find his range with his unorthodox double fisted style and forced the Pakistani into long, energy-sapping rallies.

The Englishman took seven points in succession and reached game point at 14-11 and although the Pakistani fought back to level the scores. Marshall snatched the opening

The second game was equally close and equally ferocious and could have gone either way as the score reached 10-10 before Jansher won it with a perfect length volley.

In the third Jansher was dominant and took the game in 66 minutes but Marshall refused to bow down and stormed quickly into a 5-1 lead in the next with superb driving and perfect lobs into the corners.

Jansher saved two game

points, but the Englishman was not to be denied and levelled the match 2-2 after 84 minutes.

This reverse jolted Jansher into launching an opening assault and he stormed away with the deciding game although he looked a mighty relieved man as his final drop shot sent him into the final.

"He is a very good player and he will get better. He will be a big danger to me. He is very fit and never gives up," said Jansher of the Englishman.

Jansher will meet old rival Rodney Margin of Australia in Wednesday's final.

Martin, the second seed overcame elder brother Brett 15-8, 11-15, 15-10, 15-10 in 58 minutes in the other semifinal.

Their last clash, in the Hong Kong final, ended in a victory for Brett- but a repeat was rarely on the cards on Tuesday although Rodney let the second game slip as he relaxed too much.

# Trendafilova takes all



MELBOURNE, Nov 17: Milena Trendafilova of Bulgaria swept all three gold medals in

the women's 70kilogram class Wednesday at the World Weightlifting Championships, reports AP.

The 23-year-old former national javelin champion lifted 100 kilograms (220 1/2 pounds) in the snatch and 120 (264 1/2) in the clean-andjerk for a total of 220 (485).

It was the sixth successive World Championships in which she had won the snatch, but the first time since 1990 she had won the overall title.

Li Chiaping of China, the favourite, did not compete.

Chinese officials said she had not made the weight and would instead compete in the 76-kilogram class on Thursday.

"I came here expecting to win the silver medals, so I was delighted the Chinese girl didn't make the weight,"

Trendafilova said "I don't think I had much chance of beating her, because the Chinese are extremely strong.

Chinese lifters have won all four of the women's divisions they have contested at the

urdiev is set to become

national hero after winning

Turkmenistan's first ever gold

medal in any sport, reports

the World Weightlifting Cham

pionships on Tuesday.

to take the gold medal.

grammes heavier.

It came on the fifth day of

Orazdurdiev, 24, turned last

year's nightmare into this year's

dream when he won the new 75

kg class, although he had to

rely on his lighter bodyweight

Orazdurdiev lifted a com-

bined total of 370 kg, equal

with Rouslan Saftchenko, but

the Ukrainian is just 30

coach, who is Turkmenistan's

only top class athlete in any

sport, said: "This win will mean

a lot to my country. It will in-

spire more younger people to

take up sport, and maybe in

Orazdurdiev, who represented

dent States (CIS) team at the

Barcelona Olympics and was

But he was pulled out of the

favourite for the light-hea-

contest by coach Vasily Alex-

eyev 15 minutes before the

start, despite having the highest

Orazdurdiev would have got in

the way of Russian teammate

Alexeyev, a Russian, said

qualifying lift in the division.

the Commonwealth of Indepen-

It was a sweet victory for

particular weightlifting."

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The young weightlifting

Reuter.

MELBOURNE, Now

17: Rejected from

the 1992 Olympi

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championships.

Kumi Haseba of Japan took the silver medal overall and in the jerk, and the bronze in the snatch, while Kim Dong-hee of South Korea took the silver in the snatch and two bronzes.

Trendafilova, who finished second in the 67.5-kilogram class at last year's World Championships in Varna, was the fourth Bulgarian to win an overall title here.

Trendafilova won the snatch gold medal in her hometown of Varna to become the only non-Chinese gold medalist in women's competition last year.

All three of Trendafilova's winning lifts will be recognised as world records in the new weight category even though they were well below her personal bests.

"My performance wasn't as good as I'd hoped, but my preparation was not very good," she said. "I did what I needed to win.'

These championships are the first event in which world records can be officially recog-

nised in new weight classes introduced earlier this year. Lifting in 10 men's divisions and nine women's divisions at

the Royal Exhibition Building

No Alexeyev to stop him now

the bronze position. Oraz-

durdiev, pleaded in vain with

Alexeyev, and even promised to

of his medal and banned for life

from the sport after he dropped

his bronze medal on the podium

and stalked out of the award

the former Soviet Union's

He said after Tuesday's vic-

tory his country had no top

class sports facilities that his

3.67 million compatriots could

to Russia after the split up," he

explained. "Now in my country

there are no good facilities for

young people to use, so it is

very difficult to encourage

change that," said Orazdurdiev,

who won the won the old 75 kg

class world title in 1989 and the

old 82.5 kg class world title in

third place after the snatch

lifting 67.5 kg, but made up for

it in the clean and jerk setting

a world record in the new

weight class with a lift of 202.5

the International Weightlifting

Federation (IWF), changed the

weight classes at the start of

the year in an attempt to clean

up the sport as many world

records were seen to have been

year at the senior level nearly

Saftchenko, 22, in his first

helped by drug use.

The sport's governing body.

The champion was trailing in

"But maybe my win will

people to play sport."

1990

"All the best facilities went

weightlifting infrastructure.

Orazdurdiev is a product of

Samadov was later stripped

let Samadov beat him.

ceremony

continues through Sunday Earlier on Tuesday, Li

Hongyun, 17, added her second world title when she won the new 64 kg class with a

clear, 17.5-kg margin. The student, who won the told 60 kg class world title last year with a 27.5 kg margin. said: "I would like to win a third world title. After that I shall wait and see, maybe I will become a coach."

Li won in each category, lifting 102.5 kg in the snatch and 117.5 kg in the jerk to give a combined total of 220.0

South Korean Won Soon-Li won the silver medal with a combined lift of 202.5 kg. lifting 87.5 kg in the snatch and 115.0 kg in the jerk.

Canadian Julie Malenfant picked up the bronze with a combined lift of 195.0 kg, the same as Hungarian Erzsebet Markus who weighed in 300 grammes heavier.

Li's compatriots Sun Caiyan. 19, won the 59 kg class on Monday. Chen Xiaomia, 16, won the 54 kg class by a massive 22.5 kg and Liu Xihua, 18 won the 50 kg.

The Chinese women won 26 of the 27 gold medals on offer at last year world titles and are on track to achieve a similar feat at this year's champions.

last lift of the competition, but

failed to push the 205 kg bar

bell above his head in the jerk.

student from Lvov in the west of

Ukraine picked up the gold

medal in the snatch category

with a lift of 170.0 kg, in front

Nam. who lifted 67.5 kg to give

him a combined lift of 362.5

kg, enough to give him the

mpic champion Todor Kasapu

from Moldova lost any chance of

getting amongst the medals

when he finished 10th in the

snatch and then failed to record

to train properly for the World

Championships because of food

Kasapu said he had be able

Reigning middleweight Oly-

overall bronze medal.

a clean lift in the jerk.

of North Korea's Kim Myong-

But the physical education

## China, S Korea, Taiwan cagers in ABC qtrs

bia, the United Arab Emirates, Iran and North Korea.

In Group A China beat Pak-

Earlier, Jordan beat Thailand 72-45, but it failed to win enough points to dislodge Saudi Arabia.

ing to the ABCs 1991 seedings, to take the game 89-62 after leading midway 44-28.

enough for the seventh ranked Philippines to move into quarter-finals, with the two group slots going to South Korea and runners-up the United Arab Emirates.

North Korea got the quarter-final tickets.

Earlier, Malaysia beat Bangladesh 144-73 in the same group.

Iran is already through in later Tuesday.

## Palatable plates

Organisers of the Games ordered 900,000 environmentally friendly plates made of potato starch from a firm in neighbouring Sweden.

All knives, forks and spoons be made from stiffened maize.

people eat them — stick to the Reuters.

was needed to find out if the plates and cutlery could be isers had originally hoped couraging. "I ate two plates today and I

feel fine. I also ate two or three some time ago for a group of Japanese reporters," he said. "But the cutlery's too stiff to

300-400,000 recyclable plates three months left before the Games.

### MEDALS TABLE

shortages in his homeland.

The medals table at the end of the fifth day of the 10-day men's and women's World Weightlifting Championships on Tuesday:

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Ukraine	1	2	0	3
South Korea	0	2	5	7
Greece	0	2	3	5
United States	0	2	0	2
North Korea	0	1	1	2
Germany	0	1	1	2
Canada	0	1	1	2
Hungary	0	1	0	1
Japan	0	O	5	5
Armenia	0	O	2	2
India	O	0	2	2

# Ibragim Samadov, who ended in had the gold in his pocket with

The world's eight top tennis players pose for the photographers at the beginning of the ATP World Championships in Frankfurt. From L to R sitting: Sergi Bruguera, Michael Stich, Jim Courier, Pete Sampras; standing form L to R: Goran Ivanisevic, Michael Chang, Andrei Medvedev and Stefan Edberg. - AFP photo

JAKARTA, Nov 17: China, South Korea and Taiwan al moved into the quarter-finals of the 17th men's Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) championship here Tuesday, reports

Also through are Saudi Ara-

istan 112-40 to win one of the groups tickets to the quarter-finals with the other going to group runners-up Saudi Arabia.

In Group B the Philippines easily outsmarted their Singaporean opponents, who were three ranks below them accord-

But the effort was not

In the Group D Taiwan and

Group C with the runner-up position to be fought over between Japan and Indonesia

OSLO, Nov 17: If spectators at the Lillehammer Winter Olympics are still hungry after a meal, they can always try chewing on the plates, reports

said on Tuesday they had

- 3.5 million in total - would

"We wanted to avoid using plastic. For the Olympics, this is the best environmental result we've achieved," said Osmund Ueland, a director with the organising committee. "But we won't recommend

food on the plates;" he told

At every arena the plates and cutlery will be collected into sacks, also made of potato starch, and recycled as plant fertilizer.

Ueland said more research used as food for pigs as organ-Initial tests on edibility were en-

He said that a Norwegian firm would also supply about The Swedish firm producing the potato starch plates only had capacity to make 900,000 in the

## Cuba still too strong for China

TOKYO, Nov 17: China's challenge to all-conquering Cuba crashed in a straight-sets defeat in the women's competition at the 1.5 million dollar World Grand Champions Cup volleyball tournament here

Wednesday, reports AFP. The Chinese, who reshuffled their team after finishing seventh in the Barcelona Olympics, failed to capitalise on their 11-4 lead in the second set before losing 0-3 (3-15. 13-15. 7-15).

"We had a chance to win the second set when the Cubans made several errors. We took six points on their mistakes. two on our service winners and four on our attacks. But our players lost nerve after that," said Chinese coach Li Xiaofeng.

"The Cuban women have a lot of experience and they are able to overcome a deficit. Our team is still young and mentally insecure ... there are many ups and downs. We have to improve our vulnerable points to beat Cuba." he added. China dominated the world

in the early 1980s, but Cuba replaced them, winning all the major titles, including the World Cup, the Barcelona Games and this year's World Grand Prix. Cuba's coach George Eu-

genio said: "The Chinese team missued chances because they have many young players and they haven't experienced enough, but I think they will be a major threat in the near future, especially Xiao Jianhua is a wonderful player." Results:

29 Quarter

32 Finishing

35 Train for

a bout

36 Blood:

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than fourth

Cuba bt China 3-0 (15-3, 15-13, 15-7) USA bt Peru 3-2 (5-15, 10-

15, 15-12, 15-7, 15-91.

a big smile on her face. Sabatini stared at the baseline, then went to umpire Jane Tabor to protest. Only after Tabor refused to change the call did

Pierce stuns Sabatini

thought was long. The crowd.

with a few Argentinian flags

being waved, agreed with the

pleasure. With the biggest victory of her career, Pierce, unseeded and ranked 16th, advanced to a quarter-final meeting with third-seeded Martina Navratilova, who won her first-round

In Tuesday's other matches. seventh-seeded Jana Novotna defeated Zina Garrison Jackson 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3 and secondseeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario beat Helena Sukova 7-5, 6-2.

Sabatini broke service in the third game of the opening set. but they traded service breaks in the eighth, ninth and 10th games to level the set at 5-5.

Sabatini dodged three set points in the tiebreaker but could do nothing about the fourth when Pierce's forehand blast bounced off Sabatini's racket.

Pierce, making her debut in the elite 16-player field, conleaks. In the earlier match, Novotna

trolled the second set as Saba-

tini tried in vain to plug the

reached match point for the While Pierce stood at the net. first time in the 11th game of the second set, leading 40-30 on her own serve. Garrison Jackson, angry over several calls, won the next three points Sabatini shake hands with to force the tiebreaker. Novotna, runnerup at Wim-Pierce as the Madison Square bledon in July, zipped to a 5-2 Garden crowd vented its dis-

lead and was ready to serve twice. But Garrison Jackson. celebrating her 30th birthday Tuesday, reeled of the next five points to close the tiebreaker with an ace. In the third set, Novotna, gomatch on Monday.

Mary Pierce of France aggressively hitting a double-fisted backhand return to Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini during their

first round match of the Virginia Slims Championships in New York on Nov 16. Pierce won 7-6 (10-8), 6-3.

ing for broke on every shot. bolted to 4-1 lead before Garrison Jackson returned to her pesky ways. With Novotna serving for the match, Garrison Jackson had six break points. Novotna survived, and this time cashed in when she reached match point.

It was the fourth time the two have met, and the third consecutive time Novotna has

The Virginia Slims tournament invites the women Kraft, sponsor of the tour, considers to be the top 16 in the world. The dlrs 3.5 million purse in the largest in women's tennis

## Michaels shine in Frankfurt



volley and Michael Chang's courage dominated the

NEW YORK, Nov

17: Mary Pierce of

France got her

first-ever victory

over a top 10

Tuesday

player

night, beating sixth-ranked

Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina

7-6 (10-8), 6-3 to advance to the

second round of the Virginia

Slims Championships, reports

"Finally, finally," Pierce said.

"It feels so good. I always said to

myself I think I could beat

them. Now I know I can. I've

given myself that confidence

much for fifth-seeded Sabatini,

who took the pace off the ball at

which Sabatini eliminated

Pierce in the quarterfinals of the

Australian Open, Pierce didn't

the same match," Pierce said.

pushing the ball into play and

waiting for me to make mis-

takes. She wasn't being very

The final point came on a

backhand that clipped the

baseline but that Sabatini

aggressive," said, who is un-

"I think this was probably

"I kind of sensed she was

make as many mistakes. .

"It was just as close.

Pierce's power was just too

Unlike their last meeting, in

everytime I play now.

every opportunity.

opening day of the ATP World Tennis Championship on Tuesday, reports Reuter. Former Wimbledon cham-

pion Stich used his favourite fast-court tactics to the full on the indoor carpeted surface to beat an off-from Andrei Medvedev 6-3, 6-4 in his opening round-robin group match.

Chang produced a typically spirited performance to end his disastrous losing record at the tournament when he upset Australian Open champion Jim Courier with an impressive 6-4, 6-0 victory.

The tactics of the two Michaels on a tennis court are as far apart as their respective

The towering Stich is power ful yet elegant as he comes in on the net for his crisp volleying. The diminutive Chang hugs the baseline and gets his points by scampering around the court and scavenging for every ball. But their common denomi-

nator on Tuesday was concentration under pressure.

Former French Open cham pion Chang, who lost all of his six encounters in his two previous appearances at the yearending tournament in 1988 and 1992, hit some brilliant ground strokes as he clinched a rare victory over Courier in just 89

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The American world number two, who has struggled with his game in recent months after reaching the final of the French Open and Wimbledon earlier in the year, could find no answer to Chang's industry and determination.

Chang clinched his first victory over Courier, runner-up in the tournament in the last two years, in seven matches.

The world number seven had only managed to win one set in their six previous clashes. A break of service in the ninth game was enough to make sure of the first set in 55 minutes, then Chang blew Courier away in the second in just 36 min-

## Pierce, a real cosmopolitan

— AFP photo

NEW YORK, Nov 17: In the very international game of tennis, Mary Pierce is particularly worldly, reports AP.

Pierce, 18, lives in Florida but plays Federation Cup for France. She was born in Montreal, and so has a Canadian passport to go with her French and American ones. After her victory at the Vir-

ginia Slims championships over Gabriela Sabatini, Pierce's first over a top 10 player, she will likely move up from her current world ranking of 16. "Now that I beat a top ten

player it just feels really great and now it gives me more confidence," she said in her postmatch press conference. Pierce has gained a lot of attention because of her often dis-

ruptive father, Jim Pierce, who was barred from attending Women's Tennis Association events after the French Open in Mary's mother, Yannick, was rooting for Mary on Tuesday at Madison Square Garden and

later chatted in French-ac-

cented English with Nick Bol-

lettieri, Andre Aggassi's former coach, who has been helping Mary's French has a slight American accent and is peppered with small grammatical errors. (She admits: "Français, c'est mon deuxieme langue" -French is my second language.

Indeed. "Langue," a feminine word, should take the possessive pronoun "ma".) Pierce says that for training

she prefers America. "But for living it's hard because I love France so much. have so much fun.I have my cousins and everybody over there," she told the Associated Press. "France has helped me a lot when I needed help. So, I'm glad to be playing for them."

Pierce, who also represents France in the Olympics, says the fans there "definitely" support her. "Before it was kind of hard. I don't know if they accepted me. But I think now they are pulling for me," she says.

"I think it's going to be a fun match because I like the way she plays. I like playing against people who come to the net a lot," Pierce said.

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