

Sport

Kiwis in for a grilling

HOBART, Nov 27: Allan Border was involved in a fiery exchange with New Zealand paceman Danny Morrison as Australia took charge on the second day of the second Test today, reports Reuter.



DAVID BOON 106

Morrison swapped heated words with the Australian captain after taking his wicket for the eighth time in Test cricket. Border, whose belligerent 60 ended when he gave the Kiwi fast bowler a simple return catch, turned to continue the verbal jousting as he walked from the wicket.

But the pair, the tourists' last recognised batsmen, survived to end the day with Rutherford on 15 and Jones on 34 at the other end. With three days remaining, their partnership is vital to New Zealand's chances of repeating their draw in last week's first Test in Perth.

They still need another 264 runs just to avoid the follow-on. "It is going to be a long, hard fight from here on in for us," said Kiwi coach Geoff Howarth. Earlier, Mark Waugh became the third Australian to score a century as the home side plundered a weak bowling attack.

Waugh made a dashing 111, including 15 boundaries, off just 129 balls. He finally fell to a catch by Simon Doull at mid-on to give medium pacer Richard de Groen his first Test wicket.

Waugh joined opener Michael Slater and David Boon, who added only one run to his overnight 105, as Australian century makers. It all added to a dismal day for the tourists, who dropped five matches and missed two stumping opportunities during the Australian innings.

Table with cricket statistics: M Waugh c Doull b De Groen 111, De Groen 60, Border c and b Morrison 25, S Waugh not out 25, Healy c Doull b De Groen 1, Reffel not out 23, Extras: (nb-14, b-7, lb-2) 23, Total: (for six wickets declared) 544, Fall of wickets: 1-65; 2-300; 3-335; 4-485; 5-501; 6-502.



MARK WAUGH 111. Table with batting statistics: Morrison 33 4 125 1, Su'a 24 3 102 1, Doull 21 0 99 1, De Groen 36 9 113 2, Harris 2 0 18 0, Patel 23 3 78 1.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings. Table with bowling statistics: Greatbatch c May b McDermott 12, Pocock lbw b M Waugh 9, Jones not out 34, Rutherford not out 15, Extras: (nb-8, b-2, lb-1) 11, Total: (for two wickets) 81, Fall of wickets: 1-15; 2-47, To bat: C Harris, D Patel, T Blain, M Su'a, R de Groen, S Doull, D Morrison.

SCOREBOARD. Table with match statistics: AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 329 for two) 27, Slater c Morrison b Patel 168, Boon c Jones b Doull 106.

Ukraine through

LAGOS, Nov 27: Ukraine on Friday emerged winners in the three-day tournament in Lagos to qualify for the World Women's Volleyball Championship in Brazil next October, reports Reuter.

Ukraine won the maximum six points from three games in the African-European Zone. Croatia got five points, hosts Nigeria four and Egypt three.

Flame in snow

MORGEDAL, Norway, Nov 27: Norwegian museum curator Olav Bekken rubbed two sticks together on a snow-covered mountainside to light the Olympic flame today for the 1994 Winter Games in Lillehammer, reports Reuter.

Bekken, winner of a nationwide contest in fire lighting with stone age methods, sparked the flame just after midnight after about half a dozen attempts.

"This is the start of the great enthusiasm. We're not just lighting the flame here but also lighting up the whole of Norway," said Gerhard Heiberg, president of the Lillehammer Organising Committee.

The flame will be carried 8,000 km (5,000 miles) around Norway by about 7,000 runners in a relay starting later today and ending in Lillehammer when the Games start on February 12.

At the ceremony in Morgedal in southern Norway, Bekken took his burning branch a few metres (yards) to a fireplace in the mountain cottage where, Sondre Nordheim, known in Norway as the father of modern skiing, was born in 1825.

Smollich joins dopers' club

HILDESHEIM, Germany, Nov 27: Another German swimmer has tested positive for using forbidden amounts of performance-enhancing caffeine, the German sports news agency SID says, reports AP.

It was the second such report in two days involving a German swimmer. Steffen Smollich, 22, is suspected of using the stimulant to enhance his performance during the German sprint championships held in Gelsenkirchen earlier this month, SID said Tuesday.

According to the report, a urine A-test taken from Smollich, who came in second in the 100-metre (yard) medley relay, tested positive for caffeine, SID said. It said the results were first released on Tuesday, but it provided no other details on the results.

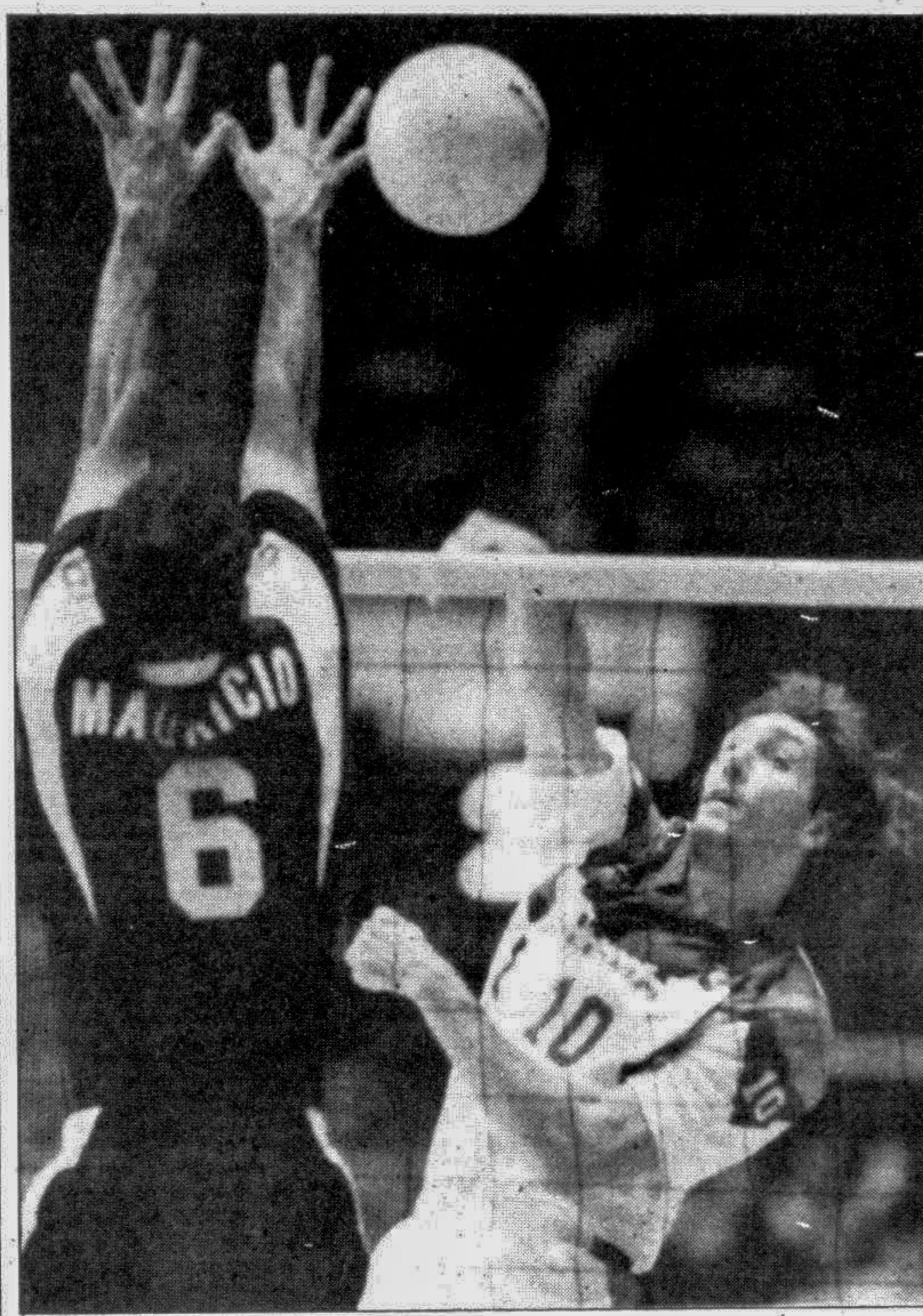
The agency reported Monday that German swimmer Sylvia Gerasch, the European women's champion in the 100-metre (yard) breaststroke, tested positive at a meet last week for excessive caffeine.

The 24-year-old Gerasch, winner of the 1986 world title in the event, was said by German swimming officials to have been in bed with the flu a few days before the European Sprint Championships in Gateshead, England.

SID said various cold medications containing caffeine were found in Gerasch's luggage. Caffeine also is found in coffee and tea.

WTA's top 20

- ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Nov 27: Leading rankings in women's tennis as issued by the women's Tennis Association on Monday: 1. Steffi Graf (Germany), 2. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (Spain), 3. Martina Navratilova (US), 4. Conchita Martinez (Spain), 5. Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina), 6. Jana Novotna (Czech Republic), 7. Mary Joe Fernandez (US), 8. Monica Seles (Yugoslavia), 9. Jennifer Capriati (US), 10. Anke Huber (Germany), 11. Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere (Switzerland), 12. Mary Pierce (France), 13. Kimiko Date (Japan), 14. Zina Garrison Jackson (US), 15. Amanda Coetzer (South Africa), 16. Magdalena Maleeva (Bulgaria), 17. Helena Sukova (Czech Republic), 18. Nathalie Tauziat (France), 19. Natalia Zvereva (Belarus), 20. Lindsay Davenport (US).



Italy's Luca Cantagalli (R) spikes the ball in the World Grand Champions Cup volleyball match in Tokyo yesterday, while Mauricio Lima (L) of Brazil attempts to block. Italy defeated Barcelona Olympic men's champion Brazil 8-15, 17-15, 15-13, 15-17, 15-11. — AFP photo

Brazilians blow Koreans off

TOKYO, Nov 27: Barcelona Olympic men's gold medalists Brazil breezed past South Korea in straight sets for a third-consecutive win in the 1.5 million-dollar World Grand Champions Cup volleyball tournament here Friday, reports AFP.

The Brazilians, who came from behind to beat Cuba and the United States in Osaka, stayed in top form from the outset to score a 3-0 (15-9, 15-12, 15-7) win over the Asian champions.

Kaiserslautern's giant stride

BONN, Nov 27: Kaiserslautern leapt three Bundesliga places into second spot, at least until today's fixtures, with an emphatic 3-0 victory over Cologne on Friday, reports Reuter.

Stefan Kuntz, the Bundesliga's leading goalscorer, took his season's tally to 14 in front of national team coach Berti Vogts, seizing the initiative for Kaiserslautern with a sweet 25-metre drive late in the first half.

Checkmate for Japanese master

TOKYO, Nov 27: Japanese chess master Hidemitsu Moriyasu, 44, was stabbed to death Tuesday at his home in western Japan, police said, adding that his 12-year-old son was the prime suspect in his murder, reports AFP.

Police said neighbours had found Moriyasu in a pool of blood with his injured wife Yuko, 39, and a knife beside him.

Maier races past Wachter

SANTA CATERINA VALFURVA, Italy, Nov 27: Ulrike Maier on Saturday captured her second World Cup giant slalom career victory, ending teammate Anita Wachter's winning streak, reports AP.

Maier, 26, a former world Super-G champion, clocked an unbeatable aggregate time of two minutes, 20.84 seconds in two runs down the Cevedale course in this Italian Alpine resort.

Wachter, who had dominated the two previous giant slalom races, finished second, 0.28 seconds behind.

Wachter, the defending World Cup champion, still strengthened her lead in the overall standings, piling up 280 points. Sweden's Pernilla Wiberg trailed Maier by 0.79 seconds in third place, producing an outstanding performance in her third race in ten months. She tore her Achilles tendon in January and returned to action in October.

Italy's Deborah Compagnoni placed fourth, ahead of Swiss veteran Vreni Schneider. Compagnoni, skiing before her parents and neighbours, finished 0.86 seconds behind the winner.

Schneider, who had placed second to Wachter in Friday's giant slalom on the same course here, had a gap of 1.28 seconds. French star Carole Merle edged Germany's Martina Ertl for sixth place.

Maier, a double world Super-G champion in 1989 and 1991, clocked the fastest first run in 1:09.35 minutes and withstood the comeback of Wachter and Wiberg in the second run.

Wachter, who trailed the teammate by 0.54 in the first run, clocked the fastest second run in 1:11.23 but could not catch up Maier, who had a second-heat time of 1:11.49.

Maier, third in Friday's race, improve her World Cup record to four wins. Her previous victory was at Cortina, a super giant-slalom, in January. Her only previous giant slalom success dated back to Park City in 1992.

'Superwomen' set out for Manila

BEIJING, Nov 27: China's 'superwomen' athletes will compete in the 10th Asian Track and Field Championships in Manila from November 30. Xinhua news agency confirmed on Thursday, reports Reuter.

It said world champions and world record holders Wang Junxia and Qu Yunxia would lead a 70-member Chinese delegation to the event.

The team will consist of 19 men and 29 women athletes, including six members of the so-called Ma family army, the team includes 12 Asian record holders and eight defending champions.

The 'army' is named after their trainer Ma Juren. The agency said China has dominated the last four Asian Championships since beating Japan to finish first in the medal tally in the 1903 Games.

At the World Cup marathon in San Sebastian last month, Wang Junxia confirmed her status as the most versatile woman distance runner by leading the Chinese team to the first four places. Wang broke the world 10,000 and 3,000 metre records at the National Games last month in Beijing.

Winners without a fight

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 27: Canadian Grant Connell and American Patrick Galbraith didn't have to hit a ball on Friday to reach the semifinals of the ATP World Doubles Championships here, reports AFP.

Their American opponents Luke and Murphy Jensen were unable to play the final match in the round-robin series after Luke was rushed to hospital Thursday with appendicitis.

The other teams to reach the last-four are Australians Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodford, another Australian David Adams and Russian Andrei Olhovskiy, and Dutch duo Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis.

Connell and Galbraith keep themselves in trim, however, by completing a 7-6 (7/0), 6-3 win in a hurriedly-organised exhibition clash against Americans Ken Flach and Rick Leach.

Eltingh and Haarhuis, who have looked so impressive all weeks stayed unbeaten when they scored their third straight victory ... their latest victims being Tom Nijssen of the Netherlands and Czech Cyril Suk.

Eltingh and Haarhuis scored a 6-3, 6-7 (8-10), 6-1 victory leaving Nijssen and Suk still looking for a first win after nine consecutive defeats in the last three years.

The Dutch players topped the Forbes/Segal qualifying group, pipping Australia's defending champions Woodford and Woodbridge who made up

for their surprise straight-sets loss to Eltingh and Haarhuis by beating experienced Spanish sixth-seeds Sergio Casal and Emilio Sanchez 6-3, 6-3.

Graf firmly placed on top

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Nov 27: Steffi Graf's victory in the Virginia Slims Championships on Sunday left her firmly entrenched at the top of the 1993 rankings and dropped former number one Monica Seles down to eight, reports Reuter.

Graf's victory over Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain in Sunday's final of the 3.5 million dollars season-ending tournament left the German comfortably ahead of Sanchez in the final standings.

Seles, who has been unable to play since being stabbed in the back by a deranged Graf fan during a tournament in Hamburg on April 30, fell from fifth to eighth in the final rankings.

Seles lost the points she accumulated in winning the women's final last year. Seles also fell to 13th in the season's money-winning list.

Seles hopes to return to competition in Australian in January and defend her title at the Australian Open, but no official timetable has been set for her return.

Martina Navratilova was third in the final Rankings, followed by Conchita Martinez of Spain and Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina.

clined the Hewitt/McMillan section with an exciting 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (10-5) win over Australian eighth seeds Mark Kratzmann and Wally Masur.

Adams, 23, was thrilled to become only the second South African since Kevin Curren 11 years ago to have a chance of winning the doubles masters.

"The crowd support was fantastic," he said. "I was really hyped-up to do well this week. We had to play well to get into this tournament. So we came here with a clean slate without too many expectations. I'm thrilled with the way things have worked out."

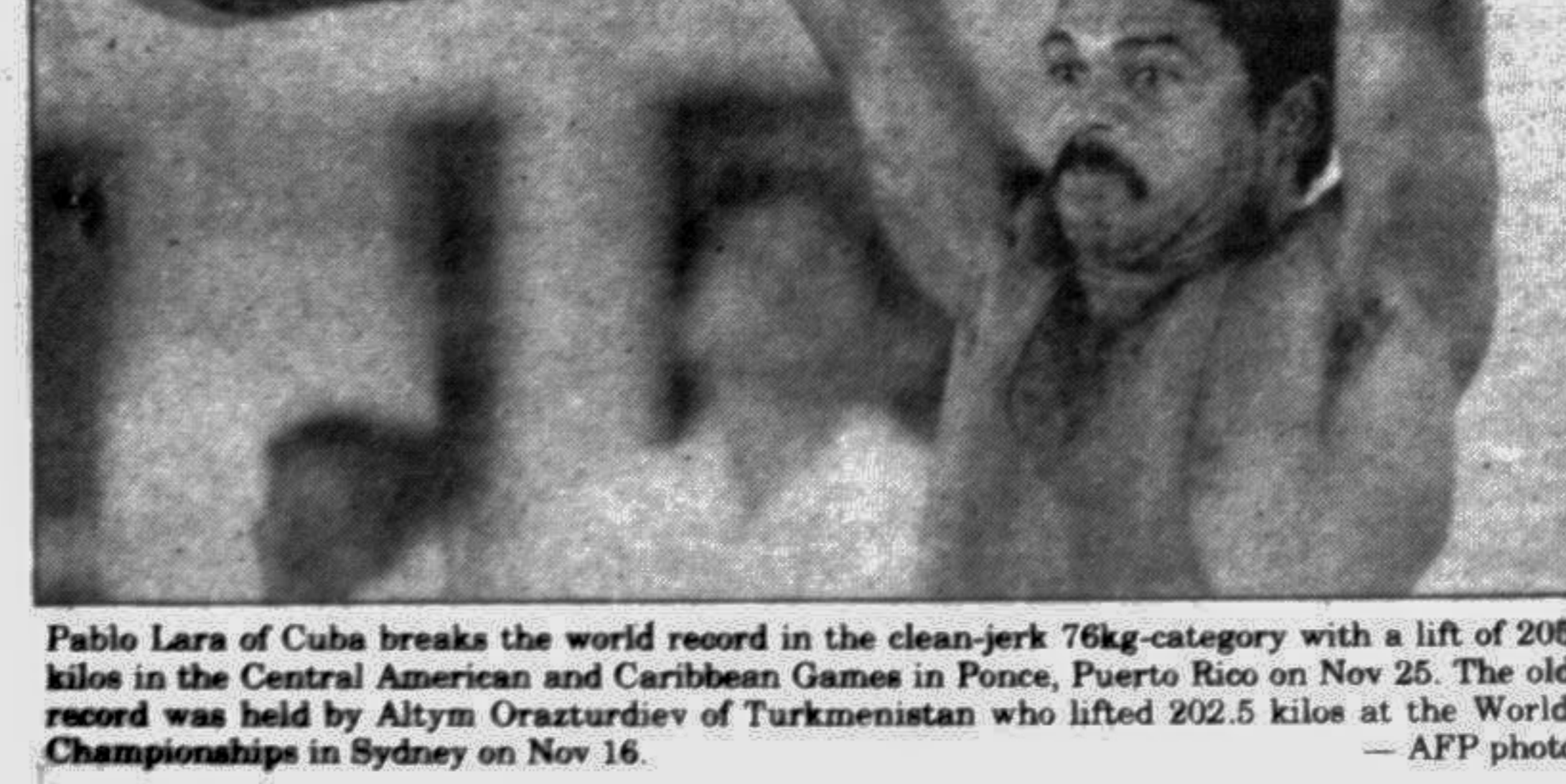
On their semifinal prospects against Woodford and Woodbridge, Adams said: "If we want to win the world doubles title, we have to beat the best teams in the world on the way. We'll be ready."

On Friday's match, he said he and his partner made the mistake of "thinking it was over too early."

After wrapping up the first set in 39 minutes, the pair broke Kratzmann's service in the opening game of the second, presenting Olhovskiy a chance of serving for the match in the tenth game.

But despite serving as well as ever, the Russian was broken thanks to some spectacular service returns particularly by Masur.

The tiebreak swung back and forth with the Australian wasting two break-points to level at set-all before Adams and Olhovskiy squeeze through to win match of the week.



Pablo Lara of Cuba breaks the world record in the clean-jerk 76kg-category with a lift of 205 kilos in the Central American and Caribbean Games in Ponce, Puerto Rico on Nov 25. The old record was held by Altym Oratursiev of Turkmenistan who lifted 202.5 kilos at the World Championships in Sydney on Nov 16. — AFP photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Sweet-heart, 5 Door-frame part, 9 Tara-diddle, 12 Grecian vessels, 13 Mr. Sharif, 14 'But — on forever' (Tennyson), 15 Paw, 17 Staff, 18 Door, often, 19 Impressionist's forte, 21 Signal light, 24 Period, 25 Billions and billions of years, 26 Misogamist, maybe, 30 Simile center, 31 Unclear, 32 Ms. Gardner, 33 Good as new, 35 It rises to the top, 36 Chatter, 37 Frost works, 38 Tara resident, 40 Aleutian island, 42 'How Green — My Valley', 43 Texas feature, 48 Actor Wallach, 49 Longing, 50 He keeps a list, 51 Lindbergh's view, 52 Sharp tears, 53 Tends to, DOWN 1 Hobo, 2 NOW, 3 Abby's sis, 4 Leading men of the theater?, 5 Singer Mitchell, 6 Const. add-on, 7 Bad, in Bordeaux, 8 Have an inspiration?, 9 Some people poke around here, 10 Lab aide?, 11 Whodunnit's who-it-dun-to, 16 Bunyan's tootie, 20 'Midnight dreary' man, 21 Apprehension, 22 Come in last, 23 1956 Ingrid Bergman film, 24 Gulf War missile, 26 Fir coat?, 27 Candle count, 28 Egg, 29 West Coast eleven, 31 Synthetic language c. 1879, 34 Salt, 35 Silence breakers, 37 Sch. org., 38 Uses plastic, 39 He played the Skipper, 40 Opposite of diable, 41 Subsequently, 44 'Where the Boys —', 45 Billy — Williams, 46 Enactment, 47 Type units.

Cryptogram puzzle grid with letters: Y Z J D Y Z Z G D X R F A, F R X L M A X I S X V V, D G A W X D, S J M Z X G O A ' M, L J V V G A W Z G O I X G W Z M.

CRYPTOQUIP. Y Z J D Y Z Z G D X R F A. F R X L M A X I S X V V. D G A W X D, S J M Z X G O A ' M. L J V V G A W Z G O I X G W Z M. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT PLUMBING SUPPLY BUSINESS IN KOKOMO WE BOUGHT ... WE TOOK A BATH ON IT. Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals B. 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.