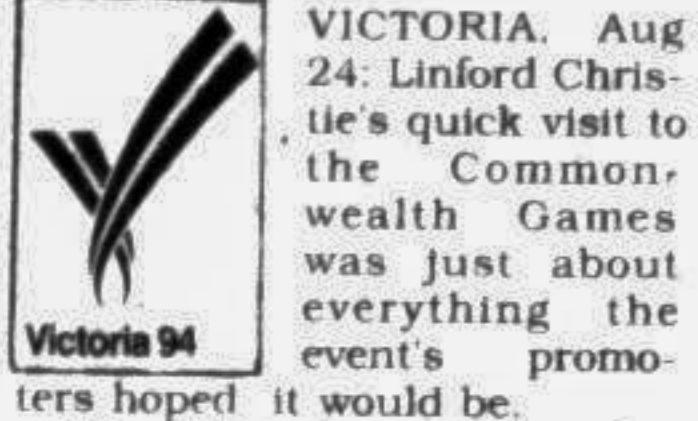


# Another crown for Christie



VICTORIA, Aug 24: Linford Christie's quick visit to the Commonwealth Games was just about everything the event's promoters hoped it would be.

The biggest name at the Games, the man whose picture was featured in much of the advance publicity, spent about 40 seconds running four races over two days.

And, as all good showmen do, he saved his best for last.

The ageless Englishman, powerful as he bolts down the track, won his second Commonwealth Games gold medal in the 100 metres Tuesday in 9.91 seconds, matching the sixth-fastest time in history, reports AP.

When it was over, he bowed and blew kisses to the crowd, then draped himself in the British flag for his victory lap. He even autographed a flag for a fan as he walked out.

At 34, when many sprinters would be past their prime, he is at the top of his sport, a world champion and Olympic gold medalist. Still, he keeps running, and winning.

"Age is in the mind," he said. "Everyday they keep telling me I'm old but I'm still going out here and mixing it with the young ones and beating them all the time."

Christie's time was his fastest of the season and tied the sixth-fastest ever. Only world record holder Leroy Burrell, Carl Lewis and Christie himself have run the 100 faster than the intense Englishman did Tuesday.

When it will all end, he said, he doesn't know.

"I'm just really enjoying myself," he said. "I'm enjoying athletics so much. We just take it one race, one year at a



LINFORD CHRISTIE  
his way to Victoria, the Commonwealth Games Association stepped in and provided the air fare. A shoe company provided him with a good pair of running shoes. And he stunned a world-class field by winning the sil-

ver medal in 10.02 seconds. Dove-Edwin, a student at La Grange College in Atlanta, hopes to compete in that city's Olympics in 1996.

The impressive victory added to Christie's remarkable season. Prior to the Games, he had won his third straight European title, then beat the world's best sprinters in Grand Prix meets at Zurich, Switzerland, and Brussels, Belgium.

Christie's performance was one of five records set at track and field Tuesday, while another was equalled.

The other record-breakers were Canada's Angela Chalmers in the women's 3,000 with a time of 8:32.17, Kenya's Johnstone Kipkeoch in the 3,000 steeplechase with 8:14.72, Australia's Cathy Freeman in the women's 400 with 50.38, and Australia's Daniela Costian in the women's discus with 63.72 metres.

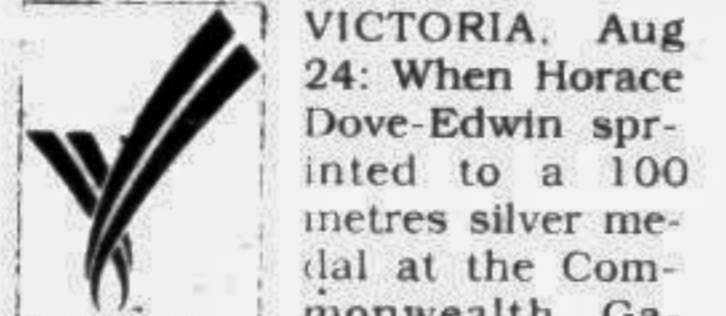
Colin Jackson of Wales, the world record-holder in the men's 110 hurdles, matched his Games record of 13.08 in winning his second Commonwealth title.

Tuesday's other winners were Kenya's Charles Gitonga in the men's 400 at 45.00, Nigeria's Mary Onyiah in the women's 100 at 11.06 and England's Denise Lewis in the heptathlon with 6,325 points.

Four more finals are scheduled Wednesday — the men's decathlon, 1,500 metres and 5,000 and the women's 10,000.

After Tuesday's first five events of the decathlon, Australia's Peter Winter was the leader with 4,259 points, 81 ahead of defending champion Michael Smith of Canada. The remaining events are the 110 hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin and 1,500 metres.

# Stranger from Sierra Leone



VICTORIA, Aug 24: When Horace Dove-Edwin sprinted to a 100 metres silver medal at the Commonwealth Games on Tuesday, nobody was more surprised than Horace Dove-Edwin, reports Reuter.

"I didn't plan on this. I didn't know this was going to happen. I didn't even see a future," said Dove-Edwin, 27, whose medal was the first at a Commonwealth Games for Sierra Leone. "I think I have a future now."

Dove-Edwin was supposed to carry Sierra Leone's flag at the Games' opening ceremonies last week. But he and his seven teammates decided not to take part because they had no team uniforms to wear.

Bradman Benka-Coker, a member of Sierra Leone's Olympic Committee, who paid for his own trip to the Games and for that of one of the team's athletes, carried the flag and was Sierra Leone's sole representative at the opening.

"There was no money our team," said Dove-Edwin. "Absolutely nobody from the sport ministry came. All the other athletes were walking in their team blazers and looking nice but we decided not to march. We had no uniforms to wear. I watched them on tele-

vision."

Until Tuesday, Dove-Edwin's best 100 metre time was 10.34 seconds, he slashed that to 10.17 seconds in Monday's quarter-finals and to 10.10 in Tuesday's semifinals.

He won his silver medal with a time of 10.02 seconds. Only Christie was faster, in a Commonwealth Games record of 9.91, Jamaica's Michael Green won the bronze in 10.05.

"I just concentrated on myself and ran down as fast as I could," said Dove-Edwin. "When I crossed the line I didn't know what place I did. Somebody said I got second I just jumped up."

In fact, Dove-Edwin jumped up and down several times. Then he knelt down, kissed the ground and went up into the stands to get his national flag from his training partner, Francis Keita, and set off on a lap of honour.

"I was ready with the flag. We knew he was going to do well," said Keita, a member with Dove-Edwin of Sierra Leone's 4x100 metre relay team.

Dove-Edwin and Keita have spent the past year at La Grange Community College, near Atlanta, host city of the 1996 Olympics. They live, train and attend college there as part of an International Olympic Committee programme to improve opportu-

nities for athletes from third-world nations.

After receiving his medal Dove-Edwin, who stood on the podium with tears streaming down his face, had a message for the people of Sierra Leone.

"This medal is for all the guys on the war front, those that are working and don't even know that they are displaced."

I want to dedicate this whole thing to them and to the people who are fighting, if they could just lay down their arms."

Benka-Coker said the unrest began after Sierra Leone allowed African peacekeeping forces to be based there during the Liberian crisis.

"The Liberians were not happy with us and the rebel war spilled over into Sierra Leone, it's been three years," Benka-Coker said. "We have to use a lot of our finances to support the war and can't really afford to spend money on sport."

At the post-race news conference, Christie and Dove-Edwin were both asked their race schedule for the rest of the season.

Christie reeled off a list of races until mid-September. Dove-Edwin replied: "I don't know, I don't have a next race. I don't have a coach or an agent. I don't know what I'm going to do tomorrow."

# Seedings for US Open

NEW YORK, Aug 24 (AP): Seeds for the US Open tennis championships to be played Aug 29-Sept 11 at the USTA National Tennis Centre in Flushing Meadow:

- MEN:**
1. Pete Sampras, US.
  2. Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia.
  3. Sergi Bruguera, Spain.
  4. Michael Stich, Germany.
  5. Stefan Edberg, Sweden.
  6. Michael Chang, US.
  7. Boris Becker, Germany.
  8. Andrei Medvedev, Ukraine.
  9. Todd Martin, US.
  10. Alberto Berasategui, Spain.
  11. Jim Courier, US.
  12. Wayne Ferreira, South Africa.
  13. Thomas Muster, Austria.
  14. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia.
  15. Marc Rosset, Switzerland.
  16. Petr Korda, Czechoslovakia.
- WOMEN:**
1. Steffi Graf, Germany.
  2. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Spain.
  3. Conchita Martinez, Spain.
  4. Mary Pierce, France.
  5. Kimiko Date, Japan.
  6. Lindsay Davenport, US.
  7. Jana Novotna, Czech Republic.
  8. Gabriela Sabatini, Argentina.
  9. Mary Joe Fernandez, US.
  10. Zina Garrison Jackson, US.
  11. Amanda Coetzer, South Africa.
  12. Sabine Hack, Germany.
  13. Lori McNeil, US.
  14. Anke Huber, Germany.
  15. Magdalena Maleeva, Bulgaria.
  16. Amy Frazier, US.



Weisman Colin Jackson wraps himself in his country's flag after winning the men's 110 metres hurdles gold at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria on August 23. Jackson equaled his previous Games record with a time of 13.08 seconds. — AFP photo

# CWELTH GAMES MEDALS TABLE

VICTORIA, Aug 24: Commonwealth Games medals table after the fifth day of competition on Tuesday (tabulated — gold, silver, bronze):

Australia	37	24	18
Canada	22	20	24
England	15	18	21
India	4	7	6
New Zealand	3	9	3
Nauru	3	0	0
Nigeria	2	5	1
Kenya	2	1	0
Scotland	1	2	5
Wales	1	2	1
Sri Lanka	1	1	0
Cyprus	1	0	1
Northern Ireland	1	0	1
Malaysia	0	2	0
Sierra Leone	0	1	0
South Africa	0	0	4
Jamaica	0	0	2
Pakistan	0	0	2
Guernsey	0	0	1
Hong Kong	0	0	1
Zimbabwe	0	0	1

Note: No silver or bronze medals awarded in the men's pairs running target shooting event, no bronze awarded in women's 50-km team cycling time trial and women's 4x200 freestyle swimming. Medals for disabled events are not included.

# A doper in Victoria

LONDON, Aug 24: British shot-putt Paul Edwards was told Tuesday he had "a problem" with a drug test at the recent European Championships in Helsinki, reports AP.

This followed confirmation that a senior England male athlete had failed a drug test in Helsinki earlier this month. England's Commonwealth Games team manager Alan Lindop confirmed the positive test and that it involved an athlete currently at the Games in Victoria, Canada, but refused to name him.

"I have had no notification of a failed drug test, but I have been told by Mr Lindop that there was a problem with my test in Helsinki," said Edwards who is in hospital in Victoria with a stomach complaint.

Commonwealth Games chiefs said that they had no power to punish any athlete found guilty of drug abuse at another event.

"It's not up to the Federation to carry out investigations into an incident that happened at another event. We must not exceed our authority," said David Dixon, secretary of the Commonwealth Games Federation.

"We rely on the international federation concerned to take action. In the case of an athlete, the International Amateur Athletic Federation would ban him and he would cease to be eligible for these Games."

England team spokeswoman Caroline Searle revealed that Edwards had been in a Victoria hospital for five nights since he was transferred there from the Athletes' Village last Thursday.

"Our team doctors went to visit him this morning and they are still concerned enough to keep him in hospital and we don't know when he will be released," she said.

"He is still very weak and he obviously cannot eat much because he has been in severe pain for the last couple of days. He is having difficulty taking food and they are feeding him fluids."

Searle did not rule out Edwards' participation in Saturday's shot qualifying.

# Ivanisevic bows out

COMMACK, New York, Aug 24: Top seed and world number two Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia suffered a hip injury and retired from his first-round match with unseeded American Richie Reneberg at the 313,750 dollars Hamlet Cup on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Reneberg beat Ivanisevic, a Wimbledon finalist this year, 7-6 (7-2), 3-0 to bring an early halt to the Croatian's warmups for the US Open, which begins next week.

Ivanisevic said he felt pain during a morning practice, but was "better," when he went out to play Reneberg, ranked 62nd in the world.

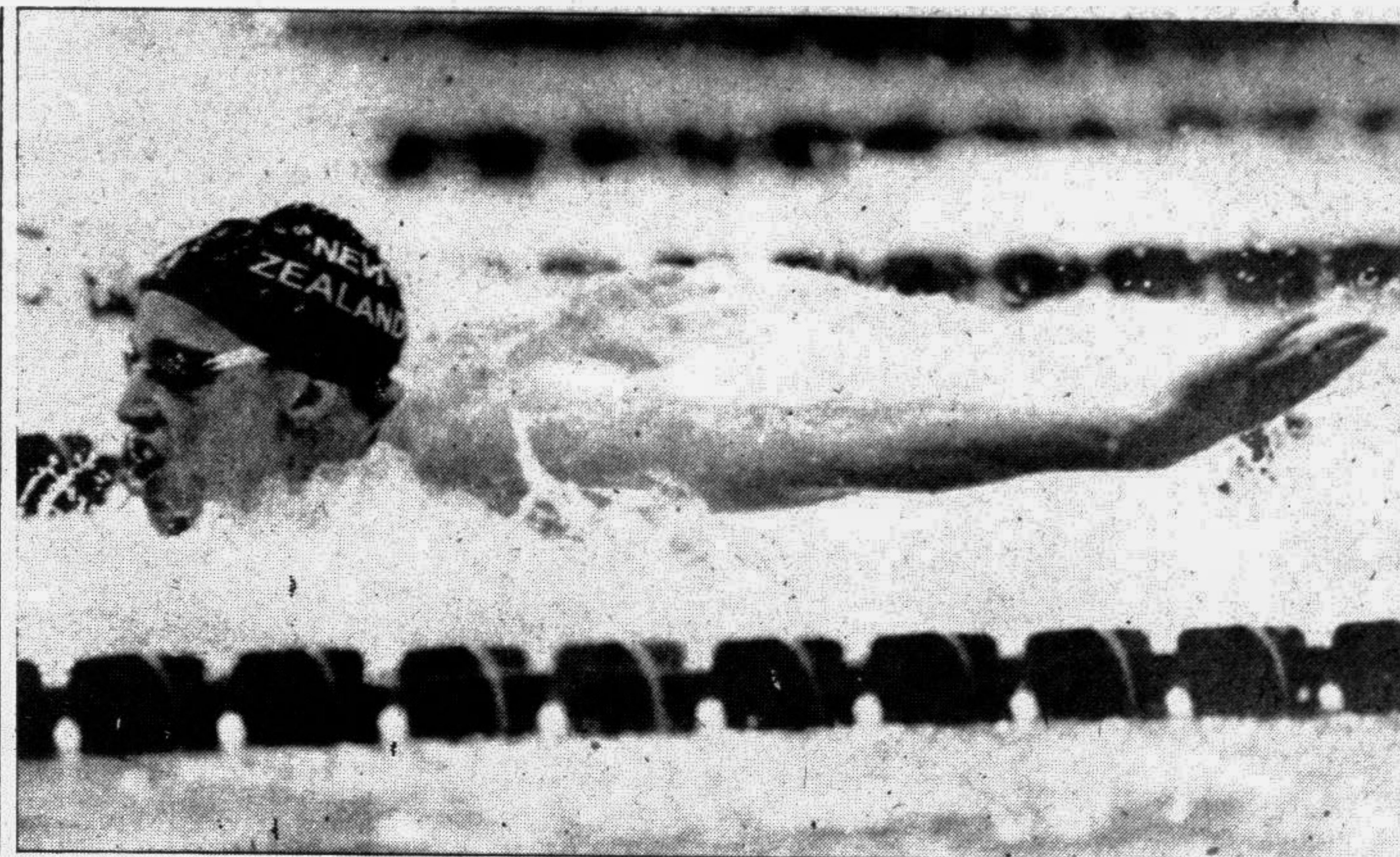
"The pain got bad in the first set and I called for a trainer," Ivanisevic said. "I couldn't run for the forehand and couldn't serve well."

Alex Stober, trainer for the Association of Tennis Professionals, examined Ivanisevic during the crossover midway in the set.

"He told me he couldn't help me because he couldn't tape up so high," Ivanisevic said.

Stober called the injury a pulled left hip flexor and said Ivanisevic could have aggravated it by continuing to play.

"I tried to play some more," the Croatian left-hander said. Ivanisevic reached the first-set tiebreaker but then double-faulted to start Reneberg's five-point spree to close out the set.



Danyon Loader of New Zealand furrows his way to men's 200-metre butterfly gold at the Victoria Commonwealth Games on August 23. It was the first swimming gold for the Kiwis. — AFP photo

# Aussie dominance dwindles

VICTORIA, Aug 24: Cracks appeared in the mighty Australian Commonwealth Games swimming team on Tuesday, when they landed only half the golds on offer, allowing Danyon Loader a first win for New Zealand and England to raise their tally to six, reports agencies.

Mark Foster triumphed in the 50-metre freestyle, Martin Harris won the 100 backstroke and Loader was first in the 200 butterfly to take his personal total in the pool to one gold, two silvers and a bronze.

For Australia, Eli Overton added the 200 medley gold to her 400 title. Stacey Gartrell upset countrywomen Hayley Lewis in the women's 800 freestyle and the women's 400 medley relay team stormed to an easy victory in a Games record time.

That took Australia's total in swimming events to 18 golds in 26 finals. England has won six and Canada and New Zealand have one each.

Before the Games, some of the Australia swimmers had predicted they would win every event.

In swimming's fastest race, Foster appeared to trail Australia's Darren Lange for most of the 50 metres but touched first in 23.12 seconds. Lange finished in 23.13 and Peter Williams picked up South Africa's second medal of the competition by taking bronze in 23.16. Canada didn't finish in the top four.

Williams said he hoped his performance, allied to Penny Heyns' bronze in Monday's 100 breaststroke, would take some heat off South African athletes who have been accused of under-achieving since they were allowed back into international sports.

The longest race of the night, the women's 800 freestyle, also produced one of the best finishes, with 0.54 of a second separating Gartrell and Lewis.

Lewis led for the first half of the race but Gartrell took over and then had to fight off her countrywoman in the final two

lengths.

Lewis was creeping closer and closer in the last few metres but ran out of water and Gartrell won in 8:30.18. Lewis had 8:30.72.

Canada's Nikki Dryden took the bronze in 8:37.70, almost seven seconds slower than the winner.

Canada placed second, third and fourth in the 200 individual medley but looked up to see they had been beaten yet again by an Australian.

Overton, who already had a gold, silver and bronze, took over the lead in the third leg, the breaststroke. She began it 0.44 behind defending titlist Nancy Sweetnam but moved into the freestyle leg 0.03 ahead of the Canadian. She pulled away to win in 2:15.59.

Marianne Limpert placed second in 2:15.97. Sweetnam was third in 2:16.67 and Joanne Malar fourth in 2:16.67.

It was even more painful for the Canadians because Overton's time was a Games best, removing Sweetnam's mark from the record book.

Loader, who had won two

silvers and a bronze before Tuesday's finals, came up in the final length of the 200 butterfly to snatch victory from Australia's Scott Miller, who had led for most of the race.

Loader clocked 1:59.54, Miller was 0.16 slower and third place James Hickman of England timed 2:00.87. Again, the Canadians didn't make the first four.

Harris went off fast in the 100 backstroke and led at the turn by 0.62. But he had to hold off a late challenge from Australia's Steven Dewick to win the race.

Harris broke the games record set by Dewic earlier in the day and clocked 55.77. Dewick had 56.09, 0.20 slower than his heat time.

England also took third place through 200 titlist Adam Ruckwood, who clocked 56.62. The Canadians finished fourth, fifth and sixth.

In the medley relay, Nicole Stevenson's backstroke gave Australia a slight lead before Samantha Riley's breaststroke and Petria Thomas' butterfly stretched it to more than 10 metres.

# Chinese natant banned

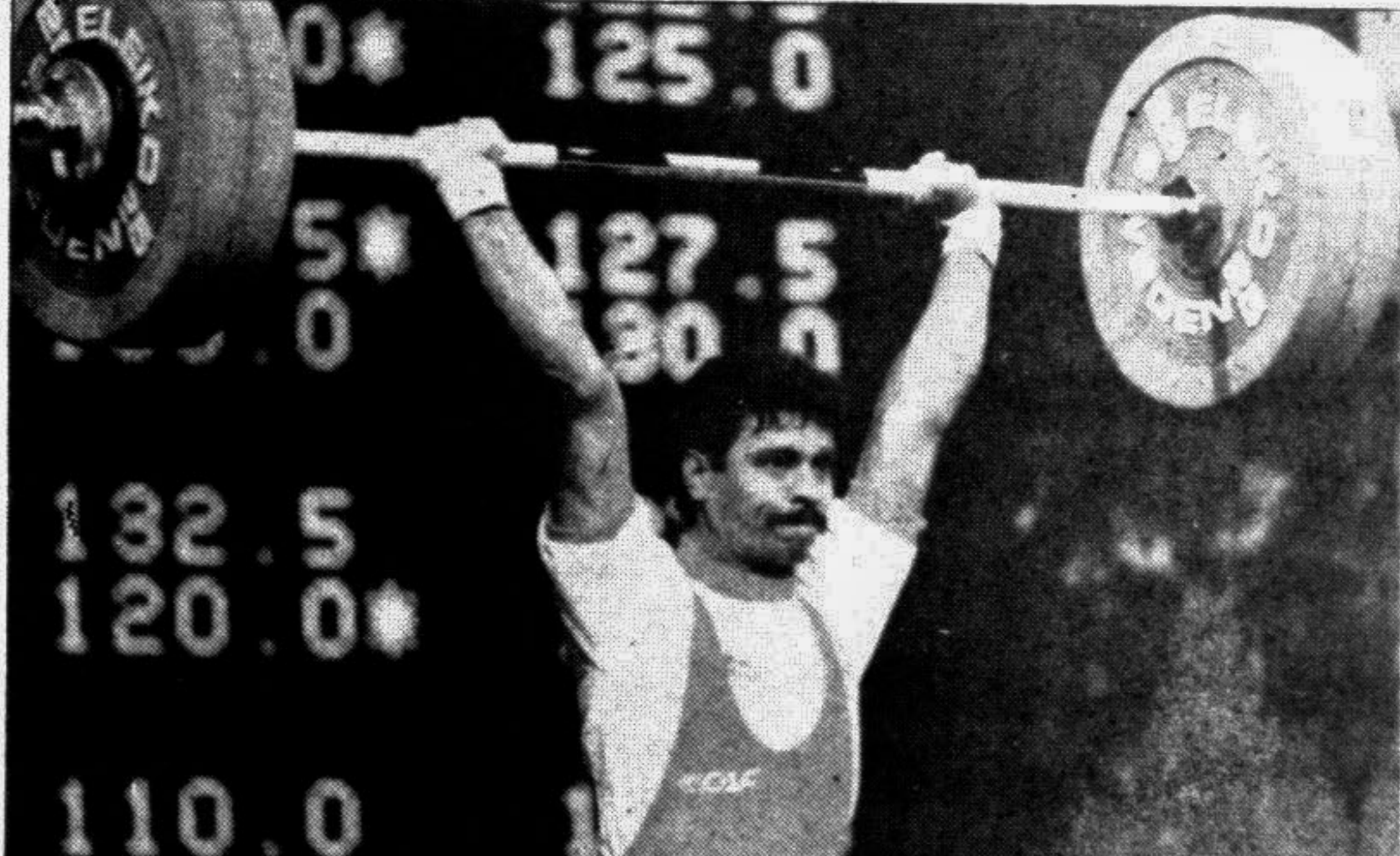
BEIJING, Aug 24: A Chinese woman swimmer tested positive for drug use and has been banned from competition for two years and stripped of her three Goodwill Games gold medals, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday, reports AP.

Ren Xin was one of three Chinese swimmers tested at the Goodwill Games in Russia. The results showed a higher-than-normal ratio of testosterone and epitestosterone in her urine, the report said.

The Chinese Swimming Association investigated and was not satisfied with Ren's explanation. Xinhua said without saying what the swimmer's explanation was.

Ren will not be allowed to compete in any domestic or international matches for two years, and she was stripped of the three gold medals she won at the Goodwill Games, the report said.

Chinese athletes, particularly its women swimmers, runners and divers, have burst onto the international scene in recent years.

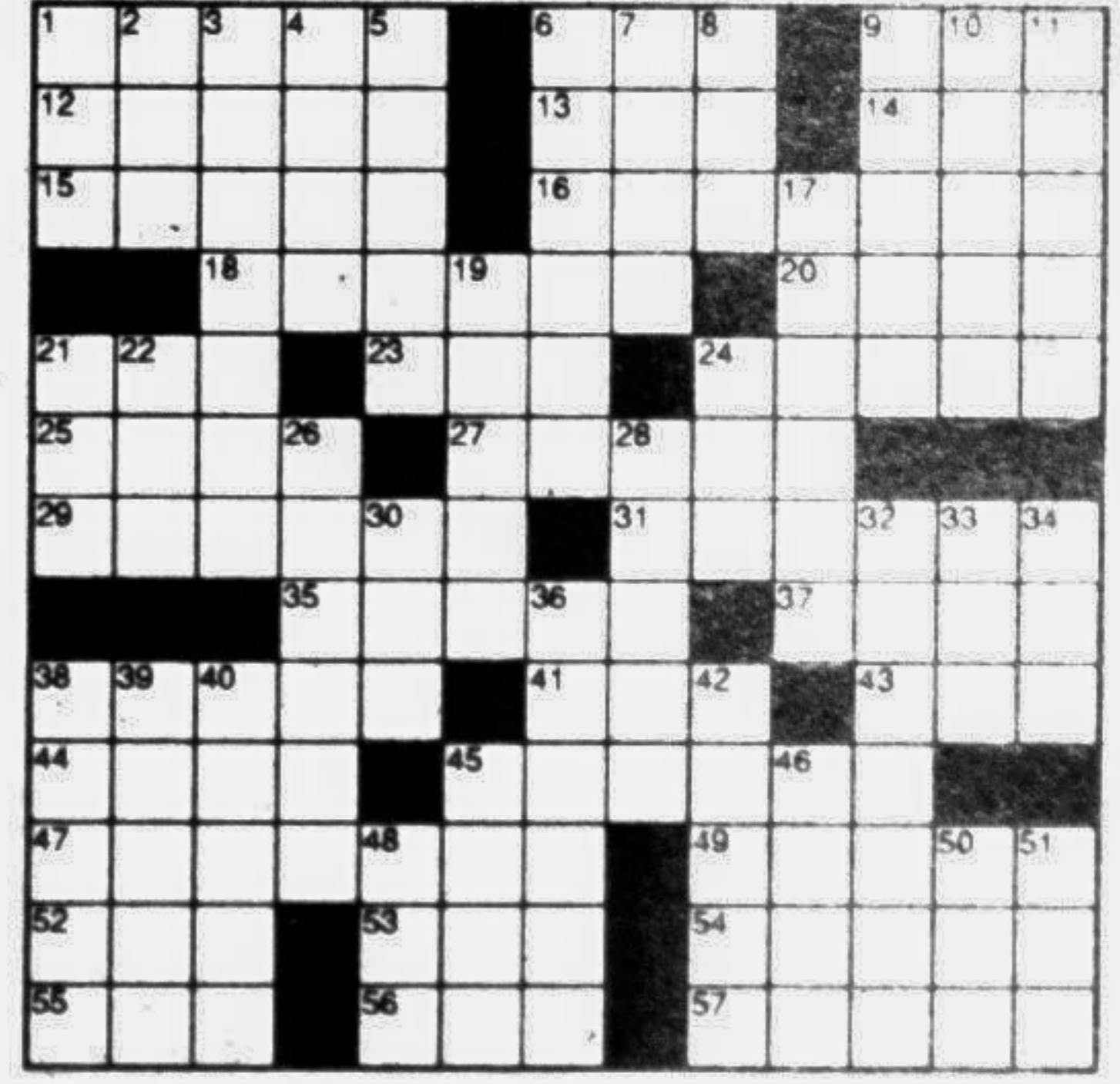


Indian Badathala Adisekhar makes a successful lift of 132.5 kg on his way to winning the clean and jerk as well as the overall gold in the 54 kg category of the Commonwealth Games weightlifting competition on Tuesday. — AFP photo

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**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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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.