

Pak-S Africa one-dayer today

KARACHI, Oct 15: South Africa and Pakistan will face each other in the Willis triangular series one-day match at the national stadium here on Sunday, reports AFP.

Having lost a game each to favourites Australia, who won the first two matches, both South Africa and Pakistan are pinning their hopes on Sunday's encounter.

Pakistan's betting, like that of the South Africans, is unreliable and the outcome will depend on how well their batsmen face against the pace and spin attack that each has to offer.

Against Australia at Lahore, only South Africa's Hansie Cronje and Jonty Rhodes stood their ground, making an unbeaten 98 and 42 respectively. Though handicapped by the absence of their ace pace bowler Allan Donald, who had opted out of the tour to have a rest, South Africa have an impressive bowling lineup in Fanie de Villiers, Brian McMillan, Eric Simon, Hansie Cronje and Tim Shaw.

Pakistan's batting against Australia, in the second match of the series at Multan, was brittle.

Their decision of playing Ijaz Ahmed, after a gap of two years, as well as Aamer Malik, who has limited one-day experience, proved a gross mistake. Only Inzamam-ul-Haq, who made 59, and captain Salim Malik, who scored 32, made any impression.

Pakistan have two great fast bowlers in Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, but a weak-looking spin attack.

In their five encounters in the past, Pakistan have won three, two of these during the last World Cup, while South Africa triumphed in two.

"It is a vital match for us and Pakistan is a good side. We do not underestimate them," said South African captain Kepler Wessels.

Pakistan skipper Salim Malik observed: "A win for us is a must. The match against South Africa is crucial for Pakistan."

Korean shuttlers take three, Indonesians two

HIROSHIMA, Oct 15: Olympic silver medalist Bang Soo-Hyun trounced Japan's Hisako Mizui in straight sets in Saturday's women's singles badminton final as South Korea won three of the five titles at stake in individual Asian Games competition, reports AP.

Bang, a 22-year-old ranked third in the world, swept aside Mizui 11-4, 11-6.

Mizui, who had upset world and Olympic champion Susi Susanti of Indonesia in the semifinals, is ranked more than 70 places lower than Bang and the disparity was obvious.

Bang trailed 2-4 in the second stanza, but then reeled off seven straight points to take command.

Koreans also won titles in the women's doubles and the mixed doubles.

Shim Eun-Suk and Jang Hye-Gck surprised the top-seeded pair of Chung So-Young and Gil Young-Ah 15-9, 15-3 in the women's doubles, while Yoo Yong-Sung and Chung took the mixed doubles with a 15-12, 15-10 victory over compatriots Kang Kyung-Jin and Jang, who had been bidding for two golds.

The Koreans were not represented in the men's singles and men's doubles finals — and Indonesia won both.

Herianto Arbi used his athleticism and power to defeat his top-seeded countryman Joko Suprianto 15-7, 15-1 in the men's singles.

Arbi, the reigning All-England Champion, had the crowd cheering with his powerful overheads. The 22-year-old gold medalist conceded six years in experience to Suprianto.

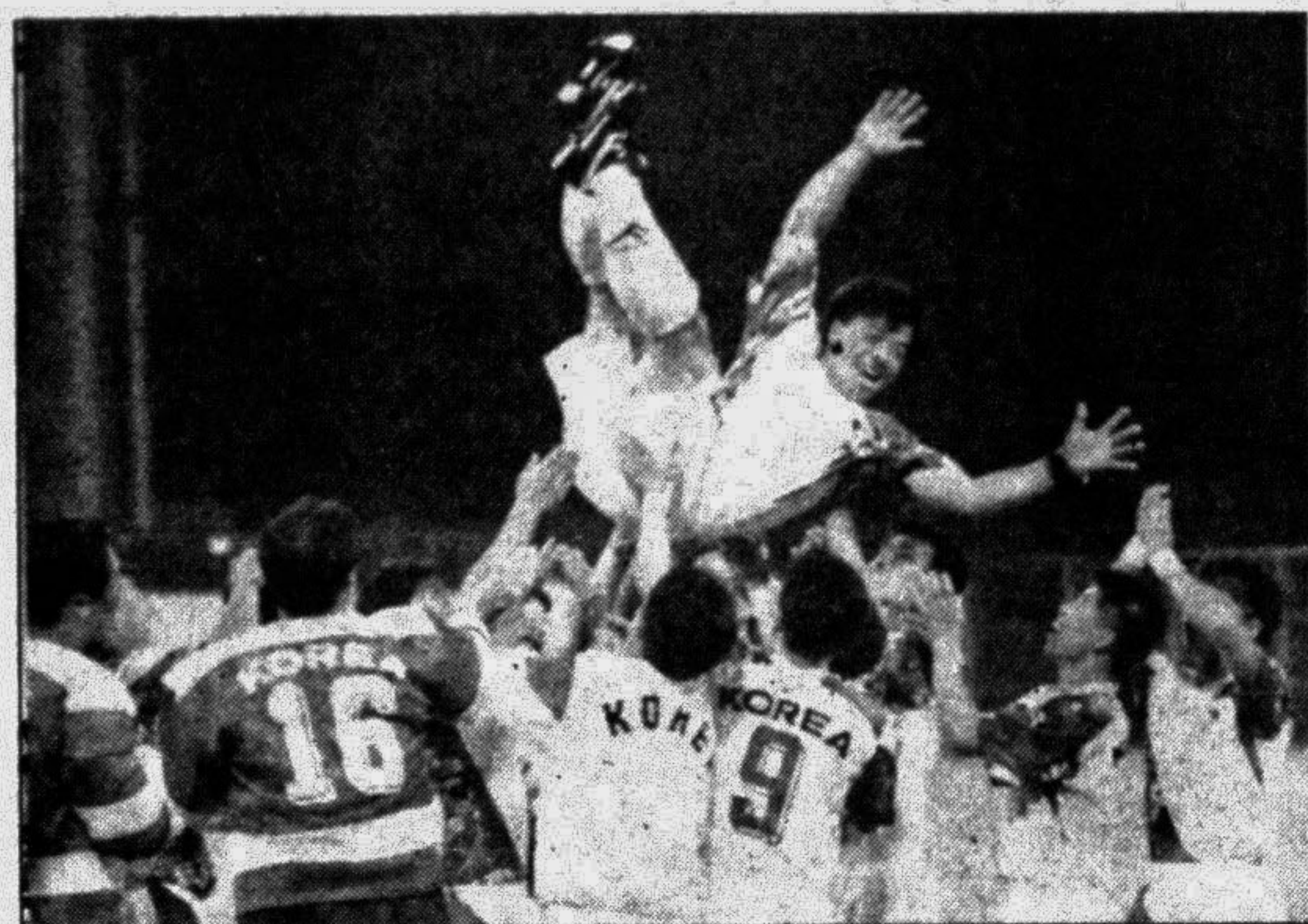
Supertative Sino cyclists

HIROSHIMA, Oct 15: China's three racers stayed together until the finish line and swept all the medals Saturday in the women's cycling road race, two seconds ahead of three rivals, reports AP.

Guo Xinghong, Zhao Haijun and Wang Shuang all finished 56.48 kilometres (35 miles) in one hour, 57 minutes, 10 seconds, but Guo was awarded the gold, Zhao the silver and Wang the bronze.

Mika Ogishima of Japan, Song Chung-Mi of South Korea and another Japanese, Tomoko Sekiya, took the next three places, all in 1:57.12.

The entire 14-woman field stayed together through the first 42.36 kilometres (26.3 miles), completing that distance in 1:28.03, but the Chinese picked up the pace for the final lap. They averaged 28.923 kilometres (17.97 miles) an hour for the full distance.



South Korean captain Park Shin Heum is thrown in the air as his teammates celebrate the Asia hockey title win at the 12th Asian Games yesterday. Koreans beat India 3-2 in the final. — AFP photo

ROK ruin Indian dreams

HIROSHIMA, Oct 15: Powerful South Korea crushed India's dream of winning their first Asian Games hockey gold medal in 28 years with a thrilling 3-2 victory in the men's final here Saturday to complete a spectacular grand double, reports AP.

The Koreans, who had won the women's title on Friday, played brilliant hockey to avenge the 1-3 humiliation by the Indians in the preliminary round.

It was South Korea's second Asian double after achieving the feat in Seoul eight years ago, and justified their growing reputation as the latest superpower in world hockey.

India, whose only Asian hockey gold came way back in 1966 at Bangkok, saw their hopes of making a comeback crumble in the face of the Korean assault.

Their only consolation was that they finished ahead of arch-rivals Pakistan, who took the bronze after winning seven of the previous nine titles.

The Koreans could not have asked for a better morale-booster ahead of their World Cup debut in Sydney next month.

The fought back after being a goal down in the seventh minute, to lead 2-1 at the end of an enthralling first session.

Full back Anil Aldrin put India ahead by converting the second penalty corner, his fifth goal in the tournament.

The Koreans equalised six

minutes later with their first penalty corner when ace marksman Shin Seok-Kyo beat Indian goalkeeper Ashish Ballal with a stinging drive.

The Koreans ridded the rival defence and were rewarded with their second goal four minutes before half-time when skipper Park Shin-Heum scooped in a rebound from a penalty corner.

South Korea increased the margin nine minutes after the breather when Park scored his second goal off a penalty corner.

India made it 2-3 two minutes later when Malaysian umpire V Sasidharan penalised Korean goalkeeper Koo Jin-Soo for squatting on the ball and awarded India a penalty stroke.

Midfielder Shakeel Ahmed held his nerves to scoop the ball to the left of the diving Koo.

With 24 minutes still remaining in the match, both teams battled hard for another goal but the rival defences stood firm amid growing tension.

The Koreans leapt in joy as soon as the final whistle blew, and did a lap of honour around the ground, cheered by their colleagues from the nearby Athletes Village.

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SOUTH KOREA: Koo Jin-Soo, Shin Seok-Kyo, Han Beung-Kook, Yoo Myung-Keun, Cho Myung-Jun, Park Shin-Heum, Kang Keon-Wook, Choi Jong-Hoo, Jeong Yong-Kyun, Yoo Seung-Jin, Kim Young-Kyun.

Umpires: Iury Platonov (Russia) and V Sasidharan (Malaysia).

BRONZE FOR PAKISTAN

Seven-time champions Pakistan took their first hockey bronze medal with an easy 6-0 win over hosts Japan in the play-off between the losing semi-finalists.

It was the first time Pakistan were reduced to playing for minor placings in the Asian, having made the final on all the nine previous occasions.

The Pakistanis, who were ousted in a penalty shoot-out by South Korea in Wednesday's semifinals, toyed with Japan in a dull, one-sided encounter.

Muhammad Shahbaz put Pakistan ahead in time 22nd minute with a field goal after his illustrious namesake Shahbaz Ahmed missed two easy opening soon after the start.

Pakistan established a commanding 3-0 lead by the 37th minute as Khwaja Junaid and Rahim Khan pumped in two goals on either side of the breather.

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Edberg out of Seiko Super

TOKYO, Oct 15: With a brilliant mix of serves, volleys and service returns, top seed Goran Ivanisevic overcame crowd favourite Stefan Edberg 6-4, 6-4 Saturday in the semifinals of the dits 1 million Seiko Super tennis tournament, reports AP.

Ivanisevic fired Edberg's serves back at the third seed's feet, forcing the Swedish serve-and-volley artist into errors or easy shots to the middle of the court which the world's No. 2 player hit back for perfect passing shots he made look easy.

"I hit some good returns when I needed to and that

helped me", said Ivanisevic, the Wimbledon finalist for the second time this year before falling to world No. 1 American Pete Sampras.

Another crowd favourite, sixth seed Michael Chang, did make it through to the finals, overcoming 10th seed Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands 6-3, 6-4.

The aggressive American baseliner also whipped lured as Eltingh repeatedly returns the net, breaking the Dutchman in both the first set's seventh game and the final game of the match with wicked backhand crosscourt service-return passing shots.

"I'm very excited to play against Goran. It's going to be a

good contrast in styles. Goran has been serving well throughout the entire week, and I think I've been returning well," said Chang, who like Ivanisevic is appearing for the first time in the finals here.

Ivanisevic has beaten Chang twice on indoor carpet, the same surface as here, but Chang beat the Croatian on carpet in 1992 in the Grand Slam Cup in five sets before losing to Michael Stich in the finals. Edberg, twice the champion here and now ranked fifth in the world, fought off five break points, but Ivanisevic converted once in each set, and that was all the booming server needed.

"If you don't play 100 per cent against Goran when he's playing well, you're going to face a tough match," Edberg said. "You don't get many chances".

Ivanisevic, as always, sent the linespeople ducking, blasting aces and service winners all over the court.

"I'm serving very well at the moment and I'm happy about it," Ivanisevic said.

Edberg and Eltingh secured dits 48,000 and at least 115 ranking points. Ivanisevic and Chang are competing Sunday for the dits 147,000 top prize and at least 280 ranking points.

Japan in men's v'ball final

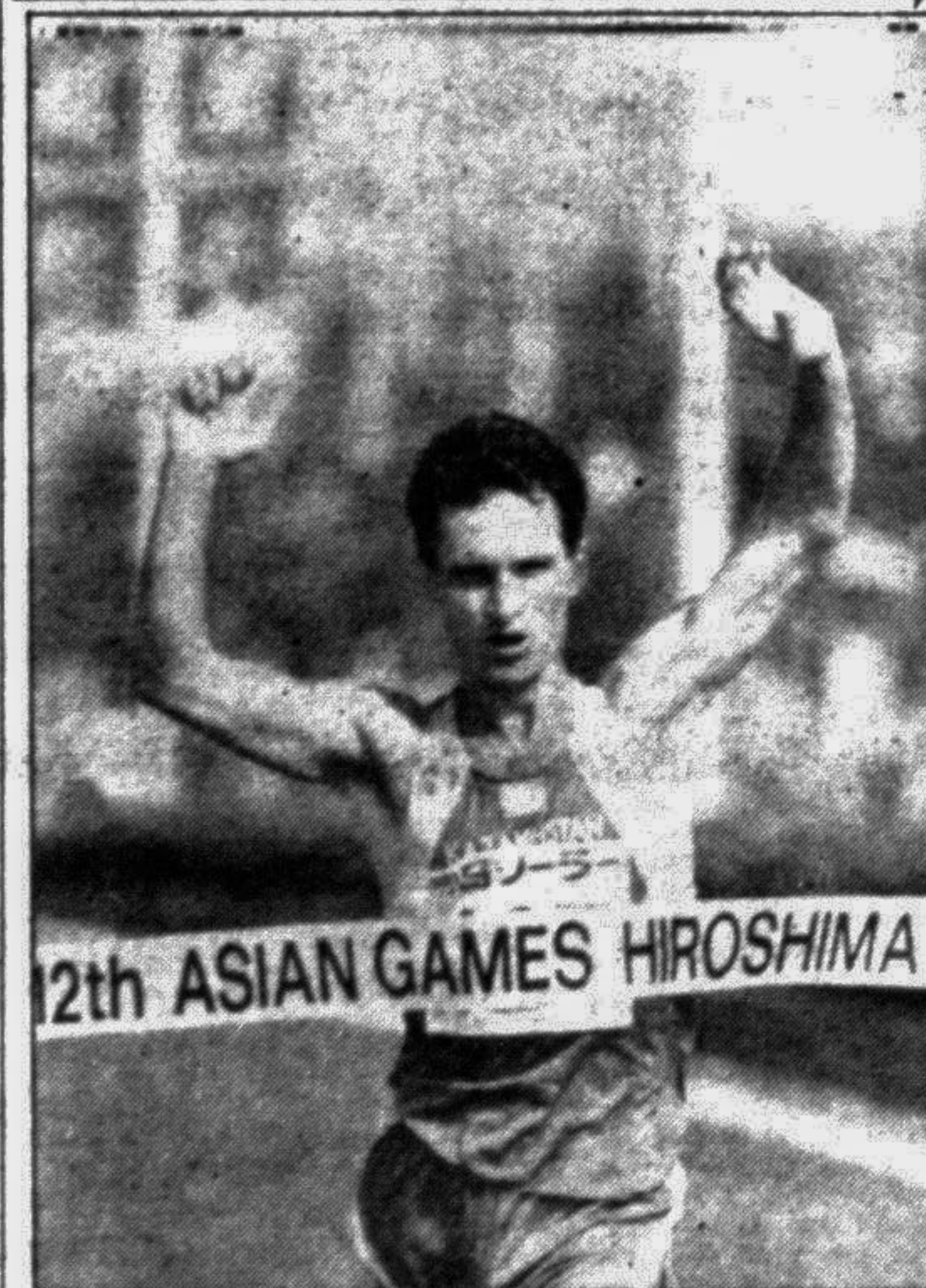
HIROSHIMA, Oct 15: Japan scored a straight-sets victory over longtime rivals South Korea Saturday night and advanced to the final of the men's volleyball tournament at the Asian Games, reports AP.

Japan triumphed 15-7, 15-11, 15-5 to seal a place in Sunday's final, where they will meet China. Yuichi Nakagachi led Japan with 13 points won.

The Chinese were too strong for Kazakhstan, who had been outstanding in preliminary round play, winning 15-4, 15-7, 15-7 as Zhang Xiang led the way with 13 kills.

South Korea will play Kazakhstan for the bronze medal.

Iran won the playoff for fifth and sixth places, defeating Pakistan 15-12, 15-8, 15-2.



Kazakhstan's Serguei Korepanov raises his arms as he nears the finish line of the men's 50 km walk at the Hiroshima Asian Games yesterday. Korepanov timed 3 hours 54 minutes and 37 seconds. — AFP photo

ASIAN GAMES MEDALS TABLE

	G	S	B	T
China	133	87	59	279
South Korea	62	53	62	177
Japan	56	68	78	202
Kazakhstan	25	26	26	77
Uzbekistan	9	10	18	37
Iran	9	9	8	26
Taiwan	7	12	24	43
India	4	2	15	21
Malaysia	4	2	13	19
Indonesia	3	12	11	26
Syria	3	3	1	7
Philippines	3	2	8	13
Kuwait	3	1	5	9
Qatar	3	0	3	6
Thailand	1	9	12	22
Saudi Arabia	1	3	5	9
Turkmenistan	1	3	3	7
Mongolia	1	2	6	9
Vietnam	1	2	0	3
Singapore	1	1	5	7
Hong Kong	0	5	7	12
Pakistan	0	4	6	10
Kyrgyzstan	0	4	5	9
Jordan	0	2	2	4
UAE	0	1	3	4
Macao	0	1	1	2
Sri Lanka	0	1	1	2
Bangladesh	0	1	0	1
Brunei	0	0	2	2
Nepal	0	0	2	2
Tajikistan	0	0	2	2
Burma	0	0	1	1

Sepak takraw title still Malaysia's

HIROSHIMA, Oct 15: Malaysia successfully defended their Asian Games sepak takraw title when they defeated favoured Thailand 15-9, 15-13 in 90 minutes in Saturday's final, reports AP.

Malaysia are the only nation to have won the Asian Games gold medal in the sport, who made their debut in Beijing in 1990.

Malaysia downed Indonesia 15-3, 15-10 Saturday morning to advance to the final, while Thailand cruised through with a 15-1, 15-9 semifinal victory over Singapore.

Singapore won the bronze medal by defeating Indonesia 15-10, 18-13 in the third-place playoff, while Laos beat the inexperienced Japanese team 15-6, 15-8 in a game to decide fifth and sixth places.

Waterpolo gold for Kazaks

HIROSHIMA, Oct 15: Kazakhstan completed an impressive clean sweep of the Asian Games water polo competition when they defeated Singapore 21-7 Saturday in the final series of round-robin play, reports AP.

The victory gave the former Soviet republic a flawless 5-0 record in the six-team competition. Askar Orasolov led the way for the gold medalist, scoring six goals, including four in the first quarter.

Orasolov finished the tournament as leading scorer with 21 goals in five games, while Tomas Chervitis backed him up Saturday with four goals.

China defeated Japan 9-5 later Saturday to improve their record to 4-1 and clinch the silver medal. Japan took the bronze with 3-2.

Iran finished fourth by defeating South Korea 9-8 after the teams were locked at 7-7 after the third quarter.

Koyama squares old score

HIROSHIMA, Oct 15: A former Chinese champion with an old score to settle brought Japan in from the table tennis cold at the Asian Games here, highlighting how fragile China's supremacy really is, reports AP.

Chire Koyama was in tears after beating world number one Deng Yaping and winning Japan's first table tennis gold since New Delhi in 1982.

"By beating Deng Yaping I have proved I am still the champion of the world," said Koyama, who won the world title for China before quitting the game and moving to Japan in 1988.

"Now I can concentrate on taking a new step in my life and forget the past," she said.

Koyama, who had refused to throw matches, was passed over by China for the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and at 30 was considered no match for 21 year old Deng.

She said she would now concentrate on helping to rebuild Japan's status in a game it once dominated.

South Korea's gold and silver in the men's doubles also revealed a weakness China appears to be readying to address, though the singles gold eluded them.

An out-of-form Ma Wenge, the world number three still nursing a shoulder injury that forced him to miss the Asian Championships at Tianjin last month, had the look of yesterday's man.

His Asian Games singles title won in Beijing was passed to teammate Wang Tao, who confidently prevailed over his South Korean rivals.

South Korea's three-month preparations to unlock the key to his game came to nothing, his coolness under pressure giving him the edge over Yoo Nam-Kyu in the singles final.

Wang was not alone in the spotlight, however, 24-year-old Kong Linghui giving a glimpse of just how good he can be if only China would let him off a very short leash.

Kong's win in the men's team final against South Korea helped set China's gold and he

partnered Deng for the mixed doubles medal.

He has in the past beaten both Ma and Wang but China chose not to field him in any other events.

Wang would appear to be the champion China is promoting now and he clearly has his champion status.

He said that technically there was not much to choose between China and South Korea.

"I know I can beat them. Now I want to make every effort to beat the Europeans," Wang said.

European players now present the biggest obstacle to Asia's World Championship challenge.

South Korea's preparations paid off in the men's doubles although Chu Kyo-Sun and Lee Chul-Seong were embarrassed to take the gold from team mates Kim Tek-Soo and Yoo Nam-Kyu.

"Kim and Yoo are our superior players and we are sorry to beat them," Lee said.

Chinese cagers clinch gold

HIROSHIMA, Oct 15: Now that China have won their third straight Asian Games basketball gold, coach Jiang Qingquan says he's ready to take on the world.

"Our next goal is to close the gap with the teams in the West," Jiang said Saturday after China defeated South Korea 100-72 for the Asian Games title, reports AP.

China were the undisputed ruler of the court throughout the games, breezing through the preliminaries and semifinals, where they trounced a team of mostly professionals from the Philippines.

Jiang said he was impressed with the improvement of the South Koreans, a physical, hot-shooting team that had walloped Japan 101-63 for their place in the final.

He also noted that Asian basketball on the whole is getting better. At the World Championships in Toronto, China finished eighth and the Koreans 13th, the region's best showing ever.

But there is still a big difference between our abilities and those of our strong adversaries in the West," he said.

If nothing else, height is no longer a problem for China.

Their team at the Asian Games averaged nearly 2 meters 46 feet, 6 3/4 inches in height. Centers Wang Zhidan

and Shan Tao, both key elements in their defence against Korea, are 214 centimeters (7' 1/4") and 215 centimeters (7' 3/4") tall.

"They had the advantage over us in size," acknowledged South Korea's coach Lee In-pyo, whose team — at an average of 190 centimeters (6'2 3/4") — was not one of the taller ones competing.

But height wasn't all. In Saturday's final, China displayed some of their hot shooting. With 33 points, including four three-pointers, Hu Weidong led the scoring.

Hu helped turn the game for China, hitting three 3-pointers and one 2-pointer in the final four minutes of the first half and nailing six baskets in a row at one point in the second half.

Gong Xiaobin was another bright spot, going 6 for 11 in two-pointers and 11 for 12 from the free-throw line.

China also outscored the Koreans 31-20. Offensively, the statistic was 11-3.

Seo Jong-hoon was Korea's lead scorer with 20 points.

In Saturday's first game, Japan upset the Philippines for the bronze in a contest that went right down to the final 10 seconds.

Host judokas barely make it

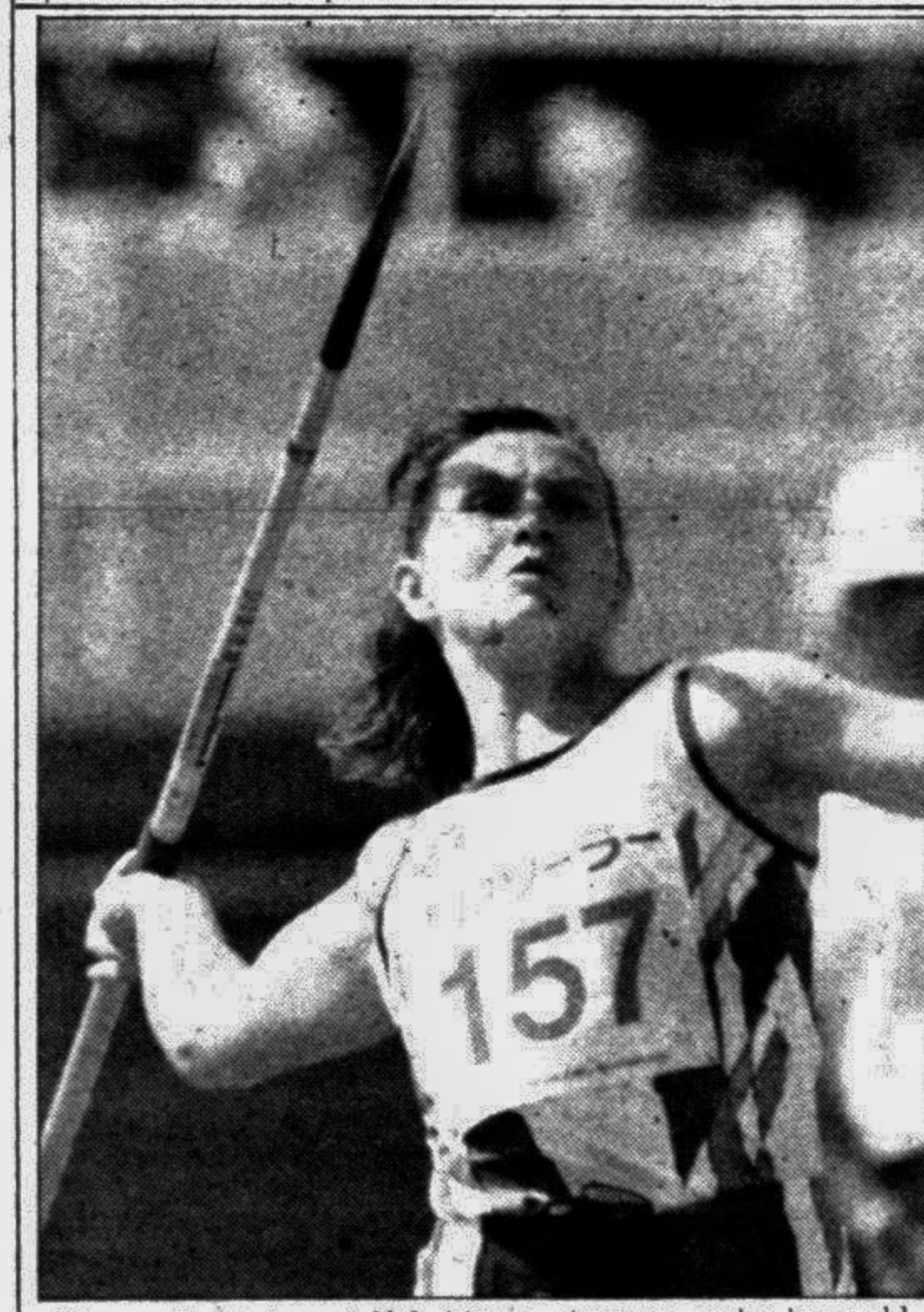
HIROSHIMA, Oct 15: After losing three out of four the previous night, Japan's judoka came back Saturday to win all but one of their finals and beat South Korea in total judo golds at the Asian Games, reports AP.

But just barely.

Getting Japan off to a winning start was Noriko Anno in the women's open division. She took less than a minute to score an Ippon over China's Gao Yanmin, the 1991 Asian and 1993 East Asian Games champion.

Anno, an 18-year-old high school student, was second at last year's World Championships.

The match that Japan had most awaited came next, when tiny Ryoko Tamura faced off with China's Li Aiyue in the 48-kilogram, or extra-lightweight division.



Oksana Yarygina of Uzbekistan about to make her gold-winning hurl during the women's javelin finals at the 12th Asian Games in Hiroshima yesterday. Yarygina hit the gold with a 64.62 metres throw. — AFP photo

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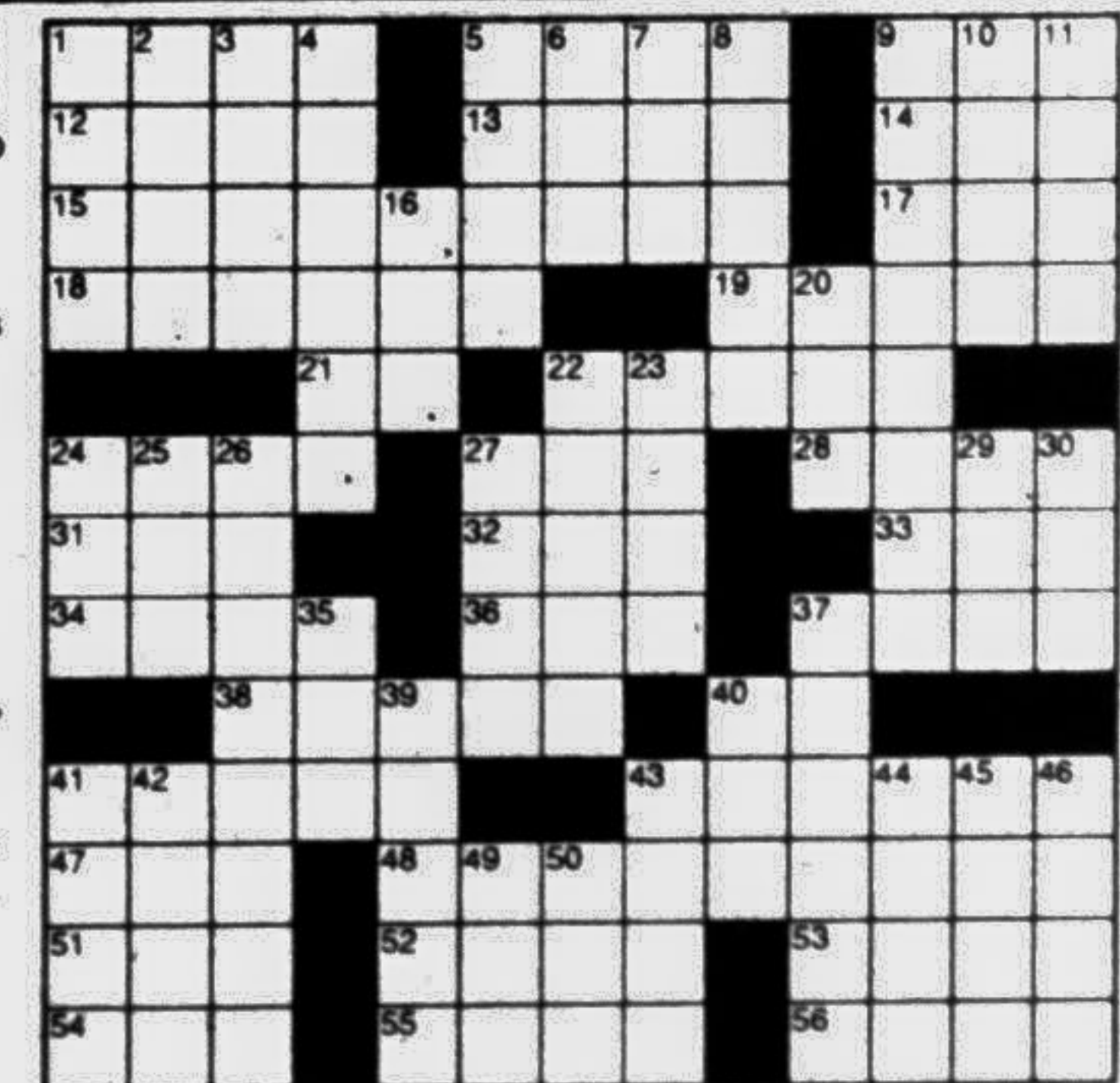
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Today's Cryptiquip clue: X equals C

The Cryptiquip 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.