

Huber sends Sabatini home

PHILADELPHIA, Nov 13: Anke Huber and Mary Pierce posted impressive victories Saturday to reach the final of the 750,000 dollars Virginia Slims of Philadelphia, reports AP.

Huber shook off a disappointing first set before beating Gabriela Sabatini 6-7 (11-13), 6-1, 6-4, while the second-seeded Pierce defeated fifth-seeded Natalia Zvereva of Belarus 6-3, 6-3.

Huber gained momentum by winning the first three games of the second set and took advantage of a tired Sabatini in the third. The 19-year-old German might have had an easier time had she been able to capitalize on Sabatini's nine double faults in the first set.

"I had a lot of chances before the tiebreaker," Huber said. "I just tried to forget everything and play my game. I played a little better than in the first set, and it worked out."

Sabatini broke Huber's serve to pull within 3-3 in the third set, but Huber broke back in the next game and served for the match three games later. She took match point when the Argentine hit a backhand return wide.

The sixth-seeded Huber ran Sabatini along the baseline and turned her relentless powerful forehands into winners. Sabatini, seeded fourth, was unable to regain momentum in the final two sets.

"I didn't think I was in control of the match at any moment," Sabatini said. "I was just defending myself and just hitting it back and not guiding the ball. ... She was just hitting everything."

Huber had perhaps the most difficult route to the final. She was stretched to three sets in Jennifer Capriati's return match in the first round and needed three sets to beat local favourite Lisa Raymond. She then beat Kimberly Po in straight sets before playing Sabatini.

Huber ranked 13th in the



GABRIELA SABATINI world, is looking for her third tournament title this year. "I'm a little more confident at the moment," Huber said. "I won a lot of close matches. I think I already played well. I'm playing much more ag-

gressive now and much better."

Sabatini, who was looking for her first tournament championship in more than two years, will play Martina Navratilova on Tuesday in the first round of the season-ending Virginia Slims Championships in New York. The tournament will be Navratilova's last before retiring.

Huber defeated Pierce in straight sets in the final of the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in Filderstadt, Germany, last month.

"It's going to be tough," Huber said. "She's a very good player, and she can play unbelievably good."

Pierce, ranked fifth in the world, has not lost a set in the tournament. But she has not won in her four previous finals this season.

Pierce never allowed Zvereva to get into rhythm and had several easy points at the net. Pierce broke Zvereva's serve at love to take a 5-3 lead and allowed just one point in the final two games to win the first set.

She then won the final four games in the second set and broke Zvereva's serve with a powerful forehand at match point.

"It's important to be mentally patient with Natalia," Pierce said. "Game-wise, you have to take the initiative and be very aggressive — not rally with her and give her a chance to do her shots."



Germany's Michael Schumacher (R) receives a hug from his girlfriend Corinna after being declared the 1994 Formula One world champion in Adelaide yesterday. Schumacher collided with arch-rival Damon Hill in 35th lap of the Australia Grand Prix. — AFP photo

Martina's fears for tears

NEW YORK, Nov 13: It's hard to play tennis with tears in your eyes, Martina Navratilova so desperately wants to win her final tournament this week, capture one more Virginia Slims Championship in her farewell Garden party, yet it's those tears that worry her more than any player she'll face, reports AP.

"It's all going to be so sentimental, it could be overwhelming," Navratilova said. "I really want to do well, to go out playing the way I know I can play. It would be the ultimate to go out with a win. But I'm also ready for it to be over with. There's so much going on inside me and around me that it's hard to deal with. It's going to be tough to say goodbye."

There's the matter of a five-minute videotape of her career, guaranteed to make her cry, that will be shown on the giant screens at Madison Square Garden after she plays Tuesday night against Gabriela Sabatini. The tearjerker was planned to precede the match, but Navratilova nixed that idea, figuring she'd break down so much she wouldn't be able to lift her racket. Her strong image aside, Navratilova is a softie at heart and one of sport's true sobbers in victory or defeat.

There will be the court-side presence of her parents who have come especially for the occasion from their home near Prague in the Czech Republic. It was 19 years ago that she defected to the United States, a move motivated by a yearning for freedom from communism much more than a quest for the money she would win — more than \$20 million since turning pro in 1975.

Sitting there, too, will be Chris Evert, her great rival and friend for two decades, and

Billie Jean King, her mentor and motivator. Everywhere Navratilova turns in the Garden she will see familiar faces, 15,000 of her closest friends.

"And if she doesn't fall to pieces from all that emotional weight, maybe she'll also keep it together when a banner with her name is raised to the rafters alongside the retired New York Knicks jerseys, and she's given a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, and an 11-foot tall tennis ball with thousands of signatures from New York fans. That big ball worries her. I



MARTINA NAVRATILOVA don't know where I'm going to put it," she said, "and I don't want the Federal Express guy to get mad with me when he delivers it."

The souvenir will wind up on her Aspen, Colo. estate, where she's been building a grand house for years as her retreat in retirement.

The thing is, Navratilova isn't the retiring type. Her parents have been trying to talk her out of quitting the game, knowing how restless she is and how well she still can play at 38. But, as always, when Navratilova makes up her mind about something, she's not easily dissuaded.

Consider, though, Navratilova's immediate plans:

— The day after the Slims championships, she's leading seven hours of WTA meetings as the organization's new president, going over everything from the future of the tour to the details of the books. On the same day, there is a planned announcement of her participation with Evert and others in a Legends Tour.

— On Day Two of retirement, she flies to Poland to begin a month of exhibitions and charity appearances worldwide that will include trips to her Czech homeland, France, Italy, Brazil, Chile, Thailand and Hong Kong.

Along the way, she'll be working on a laptop computer, writing "Feet of Clay," the second in her planned trilogy of mystery novels.

And what about all the skiing and relaxing Navratilova has talked about doing once she puts down her racket? Well, she'll cram in a few days of helicopter skiing in Canada around Christmas before charging off on more exhibitions, projects and WTA work in 1995.

CBS has talked with Navratilova about a career in broadcasting, an idea that is appealing to her. But she's interested in more than tennis. Navratilova believes she can be a wide-ranging sports commentator, and for the past 20 years she has been one of the most articulate and outspoken athletes in the world.

Navratilova never has been shy about commenting on any topic, whether her lesbian lifestyle, her commitment to promoting gay-lesbian rights and various political issues. She campaigned against anti-gay measures in Idaho and Oregon this fall, and both measures were defeated.

"I felt good about that," she said. "I plan to stay politically active."

Sampras storms into final

ANTWERP, Belgium, Nov 13: Pete Sampras, with a ruthless serve, beat fellow American Jared Palmer 7-5, 6-3 on Saturday to set up a final against Swede Magnus Larsson in the 1.1 million dollars European Community Championship, reports AP.

Seventh-seeded Larsson used his backcourt power game to perfection to beat France's Olivier Delaite 6-4, 6-3.

Defending champion Sampras, his form surging ahead of next week's World Championship, has yet to lose a set here and came through with aces and volleys when it counted to keep a tenacious Palmer, ranked 48th in the world, at bay.

Early on, Sampras even got some help from a linesman when he was facing his only breakpoint of the match at 4-4. His first serve was well out but it was ruled an ace nevertheless, despite Palmer's objections.

It was the only escape Sampras needed. He broke for the set in the 12th game,

beating Palmer four times at the net.

Palmer's shaky play at the net was also his undoing in the second set when Sampras broke for a 3-1 lead.

Some of his 14 aces safely carried Sampras into the final after that.

"It's basically boom, boom, boom. There's little tactical stuff," he said of the lightning fast Green Set Trophy surface at the Sports Palace.

Sampras will be looking for his ninth tournament victory Sunday, his first since Wimbledon. He was slowed by injuries over the past months.

Larsson has been lucky to get this far in the tournament, surviving two deciding tiebreaks and seven match points in his last two matches. But he totally outclassed Delaite and his win is expected to put him in the top 20 for the first time.

Larsson was caught cold in the opening game, with Delaite immediately breaking the Swede. But then, Larsson got his majestic serve going and began hitting winners from behind the baseline.

"After a few games I really got started," he said.

The No 22 in the world got

back in the first set when some of his trademark backcourt drives gave him three breakpoints in the eighth game. Delaite, ranked 64th in the world, put a straightforward smash long and Larsson didn't look back.

Delaite became increasingly erratic from the backcourt and was chased around by Larsson, who gained in confidence throughout. The Swede won the set when Delaite again failed to convert an overhead volley.

The second set turned into a Larsson exhibition for the 5,000 fans at the Sports Palace.

Larsson, 22, already won two indoor titles this year and he is at the top of career so far. On top of that, he clinched the Davis Cup final spot for Sweden with a deciding win over US player Todd Martin in the semifinal last September.

He will also be a key for the final in Moscow, which starts Nov 28. "Winning there is my main goal of the whole season," he said.

Delaite, 27, has yet to win a title in his career. He started out by beating 1992 champion Richard Krajcek here.

Japan Super goes Jansher's way

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Nov 13: World champion Jansher Khan won the first Japan Super squash tournament on Sunday, defeating England's Peter Marshall 15-9, 17-14, 15-9 in 73 minutes, reports Reuters.

In front of a packed audience for the first big squash competition in the country, Jansher was obviously at pains to display his superiority over the young Brit.

It was the Pakistani's fourth tournament win over Marshall this year, although the 23-year-old has risen to world number two during the pursuit and can claim one victory in the European Club Championship in Paris in September.

More chillingly for the rest of the international squash pack, this was Jansher's 60th major tournament win since he joined

the world tour in 1987. And he intends at 25 years of age to increase that number considerable before he hangs up his racket.

"It was a good second game here, that was important, Jansher acknowledged. "But there was never a chance of him beating me."

Marshall admitted that the 31-minute second game was the crux of the match.

"It is frustrating to have lost again and to know how well he played at the end. But I intend to keep after him."

"I didn't have much in the tank for the start of the third and he hit a series of really good shots against me," Marshall added. "I was pretty much done after that."

Nebiolo pays tribute to Wilma Rudolph

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, Nov 13: Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, Sunday paid tribute to American track star Wilma Rudolph who died Saturday of brain cancer, reports AP.

"Rudolph's passing robs us of one of the greatest personalities, athletics, and sport in general, has ever known," Nebiolo said.

"We will never forget her, not surely will those who had the opportunity to see her in Rome at the 1960 Olympic Games. We will remember with deep nostalgia the figure of a great, triumphant athlete."

"We had wished to invite her to our Grand Gala here in December, where we take time to honour the athletes of the year," Nebiolo said. "Unfortunately, time was mightier than our dreams."

Wilma will run no more

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov 13: Wilma Rudolph, who overcame pneumonia, scarlet fever and polio to become the first American woman to win three gold medals in track and field at one Olympic Games, died Saturday of cancer. She was 54, reports AP.

Family members were present when she died at her home Saturday morning, according to family friend Dwight Lewis, who announced her death.

Rudolph had become ill in July 1994 during a speaking engagement at Atlanta, and doctors detected cancer shortly thereafter.

After it was learned that Rudolph had cancer, Ed Temple, her coach at Tennessee State, said: "She's been a fighter all her life. She had to fight to walk and then run. She's a determined lady and she's working hard to beat this disease."

Her crowning achievement came at the 1960 Olympics at Rome.

First, she won the 100-metre gold medal in a wind-aided 11.0 seconds, after having equalled the world record of 11.3 in the semifinals. Then, she won the 200 metres in 24.0 after having set an Olympic record of 23.2 in her opening heat. Finally, she combined with Tennessee

State teammates Martha Hudson, Lucinda Williams and Barbara Jones to win the 400-metre relay in 44.5, after having set a world record of 44.4 in the semifinals.

All this by a woman who was told she would not walk



WILMA RUDOLPH when she was a child.

Rudolph was born June 23, 1940, at Clarksville, Tenn., the 20th of 22 children of Blanche and Eddie Rudolph. At 4, Rudolph was stricken with double pneumonia, followed immediately by scarlet fever.

"We thought she would

die," her mother said.

Later, doctors determined Rudolph had contracted a mild form of polio, and her mother overheard one of them say: "She may never walk again."

"Wilma will walk. I'll see to that," Blanche Rudolph said.

Her family took turns massaging Rudolph's shrunken legs three or four times daily. In time, her physical condition improved and she walked.

By the time she was a junior at Burt High School, Rudolph was nearly six feet (two metres) — and one of the best basketball players in Tennessee. Because of her speed and agility on the basketball court, Rudolph was invited by Temple to participate in his track programme.

In her first major meet, the 15-year-old Rudolph won every heat and final and earned a place on the 1956 US Olympic team. At the 1956 Melbourne Games, the teen-ager won a bronze medal in the 400-metre relay.

In 1960 and 1961, she was selected as the Associated Press' Female Athlete of the Year. She also won the 1961 Sullivan Award as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete and she was elected into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1974.

Upon leaving the sport, Rudolph immersed herself into the business world.

Grit sees Gonzalez thru

MEXICO CITY, Nov 13: Humberto Gonzalez of Mexico overcame a strong challenge from American Michael Carbajal and retained his WBC and IBF light flyweight title Saturday night on a split decision, reports AP.

Both fighters were bleeding from cuts over the left eye during the 12-round, 108-pound (49-kg) battle, but Gonzalez, known as "The Butcher" and "The Little One," was more aggressive as the fight neared the end.

One official scored the fight 117-114 for Gonzalez and a second had it 116-113. Gonzalez, The third official scored it a draw.

The winner, from the poor Mexico City suburb of Ciudad Nezahualcoyotl, raised his record to 40-2 and said it could be his last fight.

"I'm thinking about retiring," Gonzalez said. "I'm talk-

ing to my family. I want to go out a champion."

This was the third fight between Gonzalez and Carbajal, with the two trading earlier victories and the title. Carbajal — "Little Hands of Stone" — had knocked out Gonzalez to win the title in March 1993. Gonzalez took it back last February with a 12-round victory.

Saturday's defeat was only Carbajal's second loss against 35 wins — both losses at the hands of Gonzalez.

Carbajal was the aggressor from the opening bell and cut Gonzalez' left eye in the third round. But Gonzalez' corner managed to stop the bleeding.

"I did not mind blowing the first few rounds," said the 28-year-old Gonzalez. "I was a little stunned by Carbajal's strength. I knew he could hurt me, but I knew I could hurt him."

In the seventh round, Gonzalez cut Carbajal about his

left eye and the 27-year-old challenger from Phoenix, Ariz., bled profusely for the remainder of the bout.

"I thought I was winning the fight," Carbajal said. "The cut really did not bother me. I figured I could outbox him."

Promoter Don King said Gonzalez will meet the winner of one of Saturday's earlier bouts, Ricardo Lopez the WBC strawweight champion who scored an eight-round TKO over Javier Vazquez.

In another championship bout, Terry Norris lost his WBC super welterweight title when he was disqualified for hitting Luis Santana of the Dominican Republic in the back of the head in the fifth round. Santana, awarded the title on the spot, was carried from the ring on a stretcher.

Santana, 39-15-2, has swung at Norris and missed, his momentum taking him in the ropes.

Kremlin Cup Volkov's

MOSCOW, Nov 13: Alexander Volkov of Russia won the 1.1 million dollar Kremlin Cup tennis tournament Sunday, defeating Chuck Adams of the United States 6-2, 6-4, reports AP.

"I'm very happy to win this tournament," Volkov, 27, said afterward. "It inspires me for the next big event of the year — final match of the Davis Cup versus Team Sweden."

The Davis Cup finals are Dec. 2-4.

Volkov won easily in 90 minutes of play, but lost his concentration briefly at the beginning of the second set when Russian President Boris Yeltsin arrived at Olympic Stadium.

Yeltsin is an avid tennis player and fan.

Both Volkov and Adams were unseeded in the Kremlin Cup tournament.

Volkov collected 156,000 dollars in first prize money and added 220 points to the Association of Tennis Players rating, which was 37 before the tournament.

Novacek upset

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 13: Playing in front of his home fans, unseeded Javier Frana of Buenos Aires upset fifth-seeded Karel Novacek of the Czech Republic 7-5, 6-2 Saturday to reach the final of the Topper South American Open, reports AP.

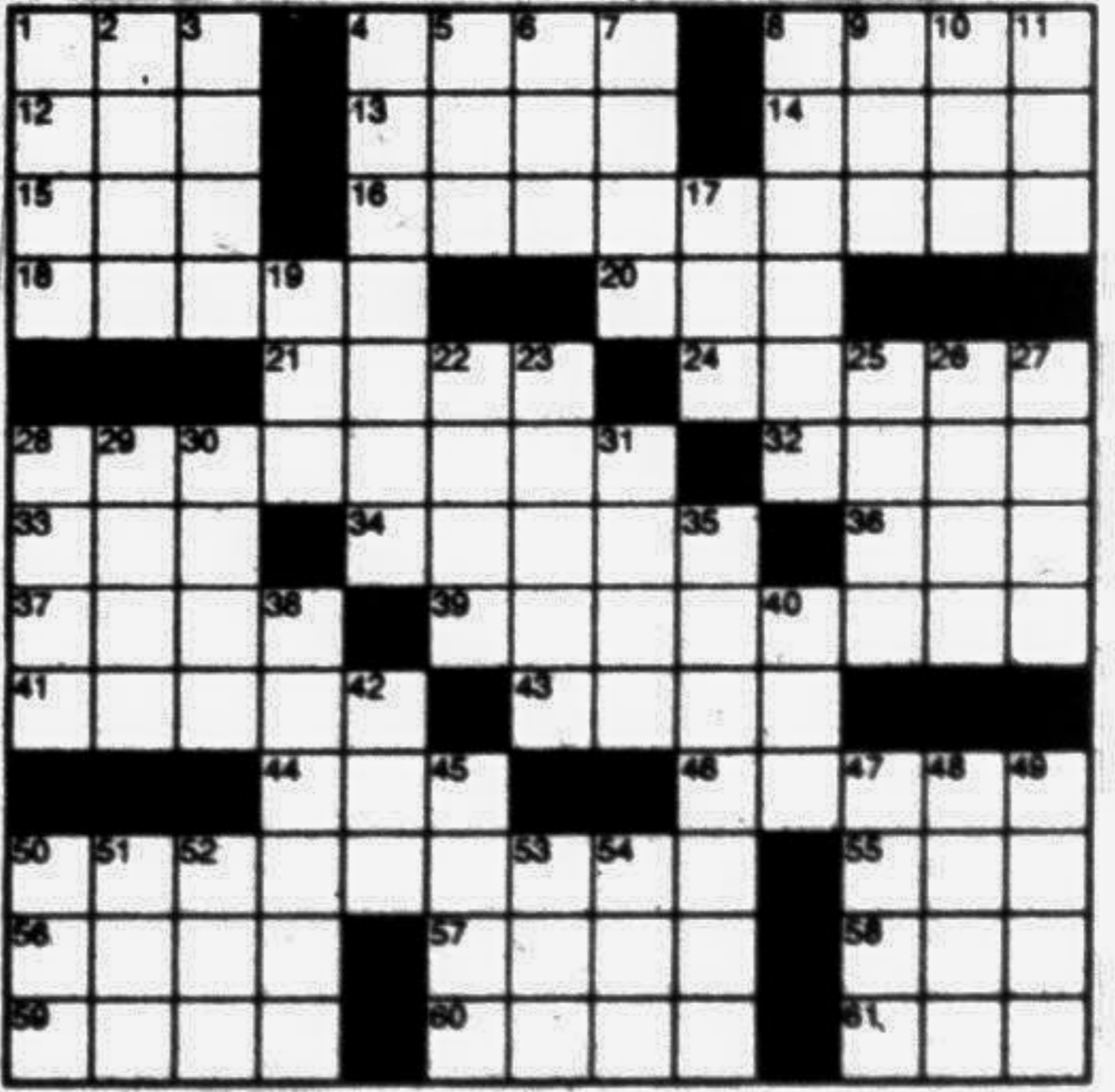
In Sunday's title match, Frana will meet No 3 seed Alex Corretja of Spain, a 7-6 (7-3), 1-6, 6-3 winner over eighth-seeded Francisco Clavet of Spain.

Frana, who missed the first four months of the season with hepatitis, did not face a breakpoint against Novacek, while breaking his opponent three times. The pivotal break came at 5-5 in the first set.

Corretja, ranked 25th in the world, is seeking his first career title. His victory avenged a three-set defeat to Clavet in the semifinals at Santiago, Chile, two weeks ago, when he lost a 6-2, 5-2 lead.

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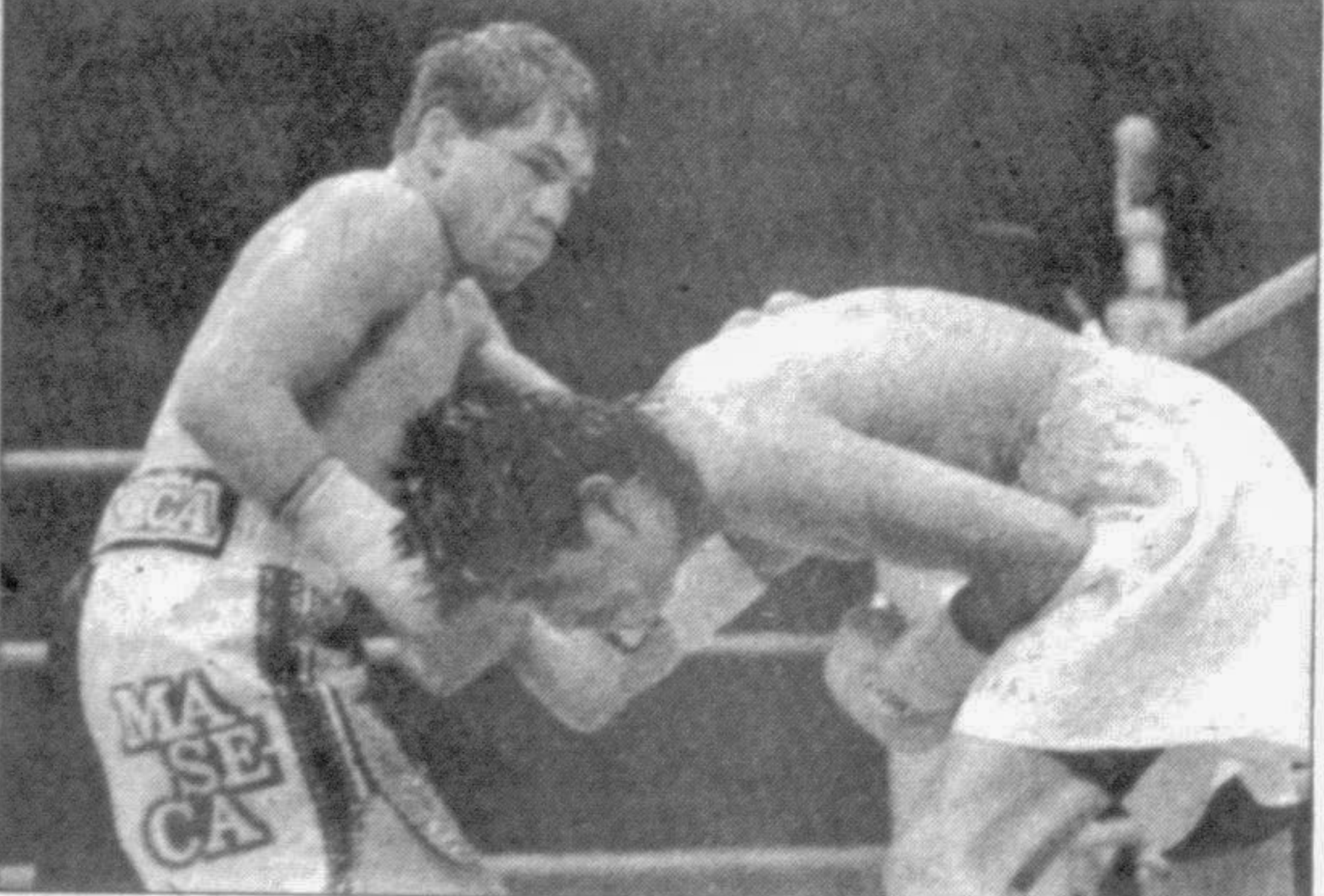
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SAID CLOCKMAKER: "DON'T RUSH ME, WISE GUY, I'VE ONLY GOT TWO HANDS."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: R 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.



American Michael Carbajal (R) ducks after a barrage of blows from Mexican Humberto Gonzalez during their title bout in Mexico City on Nov 12. Gonzalez retained his WBC-IBF title on a split points decision. — AFP photo