Olympic soccer

draw for Asia

the preliminary competition

for Asian countries for the

1996 Olympic soccer tourna-

ment in Atlanta released by the

International Football Fede-

ration (FIFA) on Wednesday.

its preliminary competition.

Jan 1st 1995, Nov 31 1995)

Europe has already started

(League system, matches

Group A: China, Singapore,

Group B: Japan, Taipei,

Group C: South Korea, Hong

Group D: India, Oman.

Group E: Kazakhstan.

Group F: Kuwait, Saudi

Turkmenistan, United Arab

Group H: Iraq, Jordan,

G: Iran.

Kyrgyztan, Tajikistan,

reports Reuter.

First Round

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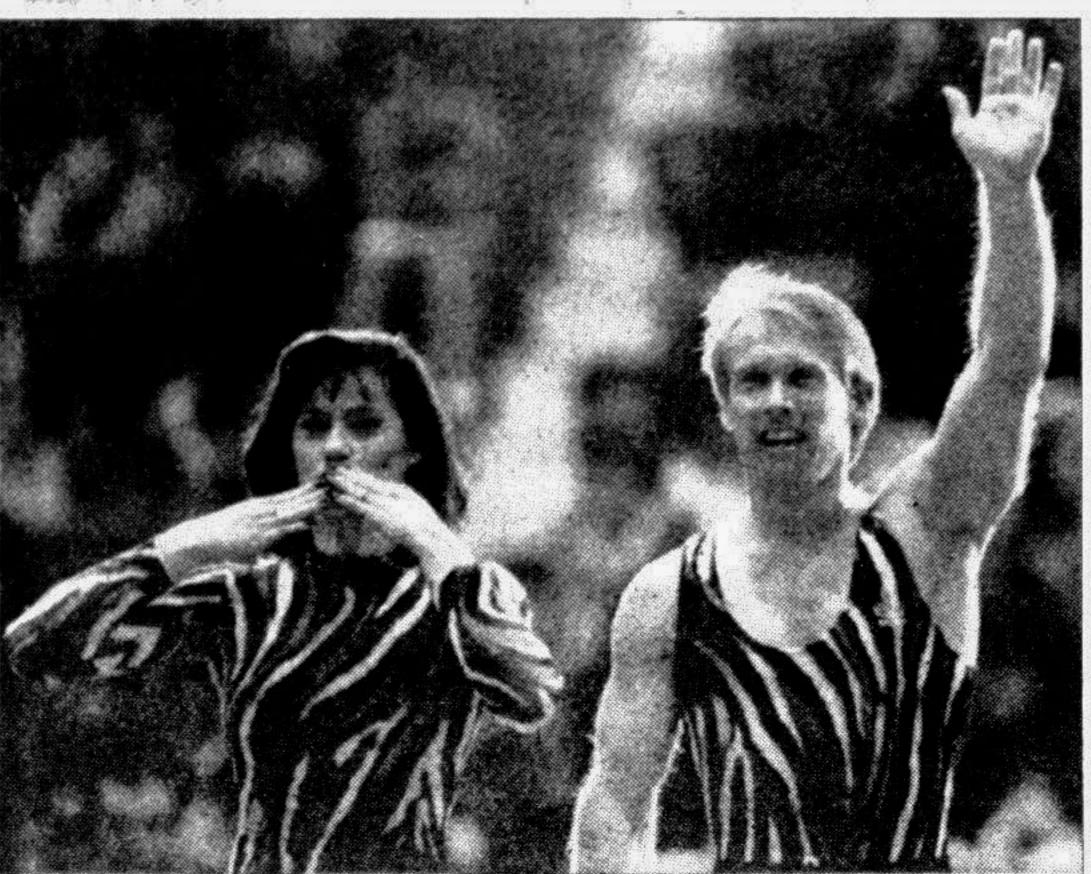
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ZURICH, Nov 26: Draw for



Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci and her fiance, US gymnast Bart Conner greet the audience after performing a programme at Bucharest's largest arena on Nov 25 on the fifth anniversary of her defection to the west. - AFP photo

# Schmidt stops hosts' sweep

CHIBA, Japan, Nov 26: Martin Schmidt of Germany on Saturday prevented Japanese from sweeping all three titles by winning the 71-kilogram division in the Jigoro Kano Cup international judo tournament, reports AP.

Schmidt, 1994 French International winner, beat Japan's Masashi Nitta with a kuzure-kamishiho-gatame hold technique with two seconds left in the five-minute match.

"In the finals, my opponent fought aggressively at the beginning, but his match became defensive, so it wasn't so hard to beat him." said Schmidt who raised his hands into the air after the victory.

Nitta, 1994 Shoriki Cup winner, received the silver medal.

Serguei Kolesnikov of Russia and Shigeru Toyama of Japan shared third place.

In the all-Japanese 86-kilogram finals, Hidehiko Yoshida toppled Yoshio Nakamura with an uchimata leg trick 3:14 minutes into the match.

It was Yoshida's fourth vic-

Nakamura. He received the gold medal and Nakamura the silver.

"I will train hard to win the world title here next year, said Yoshida, the 78-kilo class gold medalist in the Barcelona Olympics.

The 1995 world judo championship will be held here at Mukuhari Messe. southeast of Tokyo, Sept 28-

Third place was shared by Marko Spittka of Germany and Japan's Masaru Tanabe.

The 78-kilogram title went to Yoichi Nakano who hurled Japanese compatriot Yasuhiro Nakashima with a seoinage shoulder throw with 14 seconds left.

Nakashima took home the silver medal while Djamel Bouras of France and Mark Huizinga of the Netherlands each received the bronze

"I thought Nakashima led me, so I desperately executed the seoinage in the final seconds," said Nakano, 1994 All-

lation match, American James Pedro, the bronze medalist in the 1991 world championship. lost to Serguei Koleshnikov of Russia and finished in'a fifthplace tie. Jason Morris of the United

place in a 71-kilogram conso-

States, 1992 Olympic silver medalist and the bronze medalist in the 1993 world championship, was shocked by Saturday's 78-kilogram champion Yoichi Nakano in the second round.

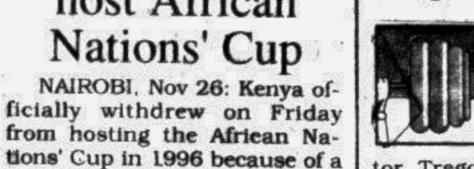
Nakano unleashed an osotogari leg trick and won by points over Morris.

"I came here with the great expectations. My physical condition is good but I had two fingers broken this year. My opponent moved very quickly," said Morris, of Scotia, New

Japan's Masaru Tanabe, who finished third in the 86-kilo class Saturday, downed American Christophe Leininger with an uchimata leg trick in another second round

The three-day tournament continues through Sunday.

### Kenya will not host African Although Turkey have swept ISTANBUL. Nov Nations' Cup



gey Syrtsov deth-World Weightlifting crown on

shortage of funds, reports Friday in a contest that showed Culture and Social Services the ex-Soviets still dominate Minister Hussein Maalim Mothe heavier classes, reports hamed told reporters that Reuter. Kenya decided to pull out be-Syrtsov broke his own three cause the cost of the enterworld records en route to the prise had risen from an initial title, lifting 192.5 in the 40 million shillings (856,000

snatch, 225.5 in the jerk to to-

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Instead, he nearly bombed

out, just managing to record

220.0 on his final jerk attempt

for a total for 405.0 and the

silver medal. He later said his

Third was Stanisly Ry-

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tal 417.5 kg and take Russia's llings (5.67 million dollars). second successive men's gold. With the current economic Syrtsov's jerk was recorded situation, and given that hostas 225.0 for the total, which ing costs have gone up... the must be divisible by 2.5 kg. Kenya government finds it im-Tregoubov, who is also possible to upgrade its facilireigning Olympic champion, ties in readiness for the 1996 trailed Syrtsov by 7.5 kg after African Cup of Nations," Husthe snatch, but was expected

sein said. He said that Kenya had bid to host the tournament because it had thought that the Confederation of African Football (CAF) would allow matches to be held in one city.

But CAF made clear that it also wanted some matches to be held in the coastal port city of Mombasa, he said.

dollars) to 265 million shi-

Reuter.

"Given that we have to base some matches in Nairobi and others in Mombasa, and with the fact that CAF wants Mombasa Stadium to be of a 20,000 capacity. the government is unable to secure funds to upgrade the Mombasa Stadium, he said.

Last week officials said that authorities in Mombasa had estimated it would cost 115 million shillings (2.46 million dollars) to renovate its stadium.

The government pledged three months ago to provide the cash but work had not vet begun. CAF officials warned they were returning for a final inspection trip on December

The Kenya Football Federation (KFF) said it had no money and Mombasa council offered only five million shillings (107,000 dollars) towards renovation costs. Kenya will automatically be

barred from the 1996 championships whose qualifying rounds are in their preliminary stages, sports officials said.

The minister said that he did not know whether the government would be able to pay any fines that might be imposed on Kenya by CAF. South Africa is now tipped

as a candidate to host the tournament.

# Revving up English soccer

LONDON, Nov 26: The Foot ball Association announced on Friday it intended to appoint a technical director to take overall control of the English game, reports Reuter.

The new supremo, described by FA chief executive Graham Kelly as "someone with inspirational qualities, and who by reputation is capable of leading the game," is expected to be appointed within the next 18 months. ..

The appointee will have a free hand to direct the future of English soccer, from under-11 through to the highest

level. But though we will be senior to the England coach, he will have no say in the selection or tactics of the national

The move comes in the wake of a generally dismal couple of years in which England failed to qualify for the World Cup finals with Premier League champions Manchester United twice unable to make an impact on the European

# Toshack isn't finished yet

SAN SEBASTIAN. Spain. Nov 26: John Toshack, dismissed on Wednesday as coach of Spanish First Division team Real Scoedad after eight years with the club, said on Friday he had not lost his self-confidence and would return to football, reports Reuter.

Former Welsh international Toshack told a news conference he recognised that he had been sacked because of the team's recent poor form but added: "In no way have I lost my self-confidence, as the club president suggested."

Real president Luis Uranga told reporters on Thursday the board had noted "a certain loss of confidence in himself' by the coach, which contributed to the decision to sack him. Uranga, in an emotional

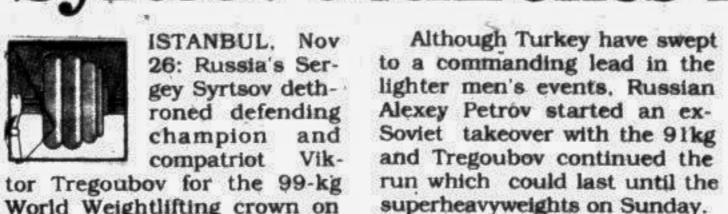
statement in which he described Toshack as not just a coach but also a friend, also cited Toshack's family problems as added factors. At his news conference, the

burly Welshman confirmed that his son Cameron was suffering from diabetes. It was on return from a visit to Wales to see his son that Toshack was told of his dismissal.

Toshack said he would go back to Wales for a few months

"After that I will return to football, because it is my whole

Syrtsov dethrones Tregoubov



Soviet republics. Ukrainian Timur Taimazov is favourite to defend his title in the 108 kg.

Seven of the top 10 in the

99-kg class represented ex-

Russians Alexandr Kurlovitch and Andrey Chemerkin are expected to fight out the 108kg-plus - the superheavyweight class - in the absence of defending champion Ronny Weller of Germany.

### AUREATE URRUTIA

Meanwhile, Colombian discus star Maria Urrutia struck gold in her second sport by winning the women's 83 kg class and also set a world

Urrutia, who has been out of weightlifting for two years because of injury, lifted 132.5 kg to better the world jerk record only minutes after a new mark of 130.0 kg had been set by second-played Chen Shu -Chih.

The 29-year-old Urrutia to-

talled 237.5 kg to win gold while Chen lifted a total 235.0

The Colombian athlete, who holds the South American record for discuss at 58.50 metres, began weightlifting in 1988 because her athletics coach was also a lifting coach and she "took a fancy" to his other sport.

She won a World Weightlifting silver medal in 1991 but had since concentrated on discus because of an injury which stopped her from lifting. She intends to pursue both sports in the future.

Third in the women's 83 kg was Derya Acikgoz, who lifted a 220.0 kg total to give hosts Turkey their first women's medal. Turkey lead the men's medal table.

No Chinese lifters were entered in the 83 kg class, the third event in which they have not competed.

Even though they have fielded a young, inexperienced team after leaving behind the lifters who outclassed all-comers at the Asian Games last month. Chinese women have taken gold and set world records in all the classes they have emered.

Group 1: Winners of groups

Second Round

D. B. G and H Group 2: Winners of groups C. A. F and E

Third Round

A - winner Group 1-runner-up Group 2

B - Winner Group 2-runner-up Group 1

Fourth Round Winner A-winner B

(Both teams qualify for Atlanta. They compete for 1st and 2nd place in the Asia Olympic preliminary competi-

tion) Loser A-lower B (The winner qualifies for Atlanta)

Notes Second, third and fourth round matches will be played in one country and at a date to be decided between Nov 1 and Dec 12, 1995.

### Aussie pair in ATP Tour doubles final

JAKARTA. Nov 26: Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde gained a berth in the finals of the ATP Tour World doubles championships. eliminating the world champion pair of Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis on Saturday, reports AP. Cheered by fellow Austra-

lians. Woodbridge-Woodforde. seeded second, came from behind to defeat the top seeds through a gruelling rubber-set battle that lasted two hours and eight minutes. After losing a tie breaker 5-

7 in the opening set, the Australian pair broke their opponents' serve in the second game for an early 2-0 lead in the second.

Eltingh-Haarhuis caught up by breaking them in 9th game. but Woodbridge-Woodforde broke right back to win it 6-4.

Buoyed by excellent volleys and backhands, the Austra lians, again, broke the defending champs in the 10th game of the third set to win 6-

4 and take the match. In Sunday's final Woodbridge-Woodforde were to take on Jan Apell and Jonas Biorkman of Sweden, the fifth

seeds, who beat the sixth seeded Australian-Russian pair of David Adams and Andrei Olhovskiy 6-3, 6-2. The dirs 1.3-million ATP

doubles tennis championships. which began Tuesday at the Jakarta's Gelora Senayan Tennis Center, features the world's top eight men's doubles teams.

Takanohana (L), accompanied by Takanonami (R), performs at the grand champion ceremony after he was inaugurated as the new sumo champion (Yokozuna) at the Meiji - AFP photo shrine in Tokyo yesterday.

### Blizzard baffles braggers Proell's career record of 62. first world-class test in the

PARK CITY, Utah, Nov 26: After spending days bragging about how their abundant snowfall makes Utah a perfect site for the 2002 Winter Olympics, officials feared a blizzard could ruin this weekend's World Cup ski races, reports AP.

Forecasters said a storm would dump up to 15 inches (38 centimeters) of snow and bring high winds to the area by Saturday morning, threatening the first World Cup races of

A women's giant slalom was also set for Saturday and a women's slalom was scheduled for Sunday. They were to open a season that has been tormented by poor weather in Europe.

Weather permitting, the races-will give nearby Salt Lake City one of its last chances to promote itself as a candidate

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for the 2002 Olympics. slated to host men's and women's slaloms and giant slaioms in the 2002 Games if

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World Cup races. The giant slalom is set for overall title - she also won in

CB's Run, built this summer as part of dirs 2.3 million in mountain improvements. The run is named for Craig Badami, the former vice president of Park City Ski Area, who died in a helicopter crash following World Cup races here in 1989.

This weekend's races would be the last World Cup events help in Utah before the International Olympic Committee chooses the site of the 2002 Games. Park City. site of Robert Redford's Sundance film festival in late January, is a half-hour from Salt Lake City.

In January, the IOC will select four finalists for the 2002 Olympics from the nine cities now bidding. The final selection will be made in June in Budapest.

Defending overall World Cup women's champion Vreni Schneider of Switzerland. whose 30th birthday is Saturday, starts the season needing 11 victories to match Austrian Annemarie Moser-

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by Sweden's Pernilla Wiberg. Germany's Katja Seizinger and Martina Ertl and Austria's Anita Wachter, the 1993 champion. Heidi Voelker, who lives in

Schneider's bid for a third

1989 with a season-record 14

victories - will be challenged

Park City, and Eva Twardokens of Santa Cruz, Calif, are the top Americans in the giant slalom. Monique Pelletier of Hood River. Ore, is the most experi-

enced US slalomer. Carrie Sheinberg of Port Washington, NY, and Kristina Koznick of Burnsville, Minn, also could score points in races this season Koznick, who turned 19 on Thanksgiving Day, was one of

the top-ranked junior slalom skiers in the world for two years, but missed last season because of a knee injury.
Diann Roffe-Steinrotter of

Potsdam, NY, has called it quits after winning the 1994 Olympic super-giant slalom and getting a silver medal in the giant slalom at the 1992 Olympics.

# 12 CRYPTOQUIP

VTU-FTAKEDHJC MHWJ LASHLAL F.W. TAEHTA; NA F.V.K. DWKHJC NHK ETHM. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OUTFIELDER IS POPU-LAR PICNIC GUEST SINCE HE'S SO GOOD AT CATCH-ING FLIES.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: C equals G 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 passenger locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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and Jong Kyou Byun, ambassador of the Republic of Korea, are seen with the winners of the Korean Cup golf tournament, held at the Kurmitola golf course on Friday. - Star photo

Japan Student champion. In a match to decide third tory against no defeats to Hirase leads in Nyugyo Cup

Hirase shot a 70 Saturday to stay on top with a two-stroke lead going into the final round of the 50 million ven (dlrs 500,000) Meiji Nyugyo Cup

MIYAZAKI, Japan,

Nov 26: Mayumi

Two other overnight leaders. Ayako Okamoto and Nayoko Yoshikawa, struggled to a 74 and a fat 82, respec-Hirase, runner-up in the

fadies golf tournament, reports

current Japan LPGA money rankings, sank four birdies against a lone bogev over the 6,311-yard, par-72 Aoshima Golf Club course. The round left her at 6-under-par 138. The 25-year-old Hirase took the sole lead at 5-under with a

par on the par-5 17th, where

co-leader Okamoto had a triple

## over her nearest contender. Korean Cup golf

Sports Reporter

Tareq Tahir emerged men's champion while B H Keum won the women's event in the Korean Cup golf championships at the Kurmitola golf

Korean embassy

bogey. Then with a birdie on the par-4 final hole. Hirase upped her lead to two strokes

course Friday. One hundred and fifty golfers took part in the daylong meet, organised by the Marnie McGuire of New

Zealand. Hirase, winner of three tournaments this year, has earned 60.3 million ven (dlrs 603,000) for the season. She is about 3.8 million yen (dirs 38,000) behind Ikuyo Shiotani. who faultered with a 76 and was in a four-way tie for 11th

place at 2-over 146. Last year. Hirase topped the earnings list with 81.5 million

ven idirs 815,000). McGuire, winner of the Nasu Ogawa Ladies in April carded her second straight 70 for 4-under 140.

Okamoto led on the front nine with three birdies and moved to 8-under with an other birdie on the par-4 12th. But she crashed with a series of a bogey, a double bogey and a triple bogey starting from the par-4 15th. She managed to

par the final hole. "Well, it's golf. It can happen sometimes to everybody." Okamoto said. "I hope I can

play solid tomorrow. At 2-under 142. Okamoto shared third with Aiko Hashimoto, who had a 71. Okamoto, 43, a regular on the US LPGA tour until last

season, has played mainly in Japan this year, so far winning three tournaments. Yoshikawa, another overnight co-leader, blew to 14 shots higher from an openinground 68 to share 25th at 6-

over 150 with four others. An elite group of 40 top

players on the money earnings list are competing through Sunday in pursuit of the top

### prize of 9 million yen (dlrs 90.000).**NBL First Div** badminton

from Dec

Sports Reporter The National Bank First Division badminton league, under the auspices of the Bangladesh Badminton Federation. will begin from December 1 at

the NSC wooden-floor gym-The participating teams have been asked to report at the federation office on No-

### vember 30 by 8:00 pm. Bremen at par

with Dortmund BONN, Nov 26: German national player Bernd Hobsch and Austrian international Andreas Herzog scored in the second-half to give Werder Bremen a 2-1 victory over

Schalke in the Bundesliga on Friday, reports Reuter. Schalke's Andreas Moeller put some pressure on the home team by scoring 10 minutes.from time, but it came too late to prevent Werder from drawing level on points with leaders Borussia Dortmund. who face Borussia Moenchenghidbach today.



Lieutenant General Abu Saleh Muhammad Nasim (fifth from left), the Chief of Army Staff