

Sport



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.

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.

place in a 71-kilogram consolation match. American James Pedro, the bronze medalist in the 1991 world championship, lost to Sergei Kolesnikov of Russia and finished in a fifth-place tie.

Hirase leads in Nyugyo Cup

MIYAZAKI, Japan, Nov 26: Mayumi Hirase shot a 70 Saturday to stay on top with a two-stroke lead going into the final round of the 50 million yen (dhs 500,000) Meiji Nyugyo Cup ladies golf tournament, reports AP.

Marnie McGuire of New Zealand. Hirase, winner of three tournaments this year, has earned 60.3 million yen (dhs 603,000) for the season. She is about 3.8 million yen (dhs 38,000) behind Ikuyo Shiotani, who faltered with a 76 and was in a four-way tie for 11th place at 2-over 146.

players on the money earnings list are competing through Sunday in pursuit of the top prize of 9 million yen (dhs 90,000).

Korean Cup golf

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 course Friday.

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.



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

Kenya will not host African Nations' Cup

NAIROBI, Nov 26: Kenya officially withdrew on Friday from hosting the African Nations' Cup in 1996 because of a shortage of funds, reports Reuters.

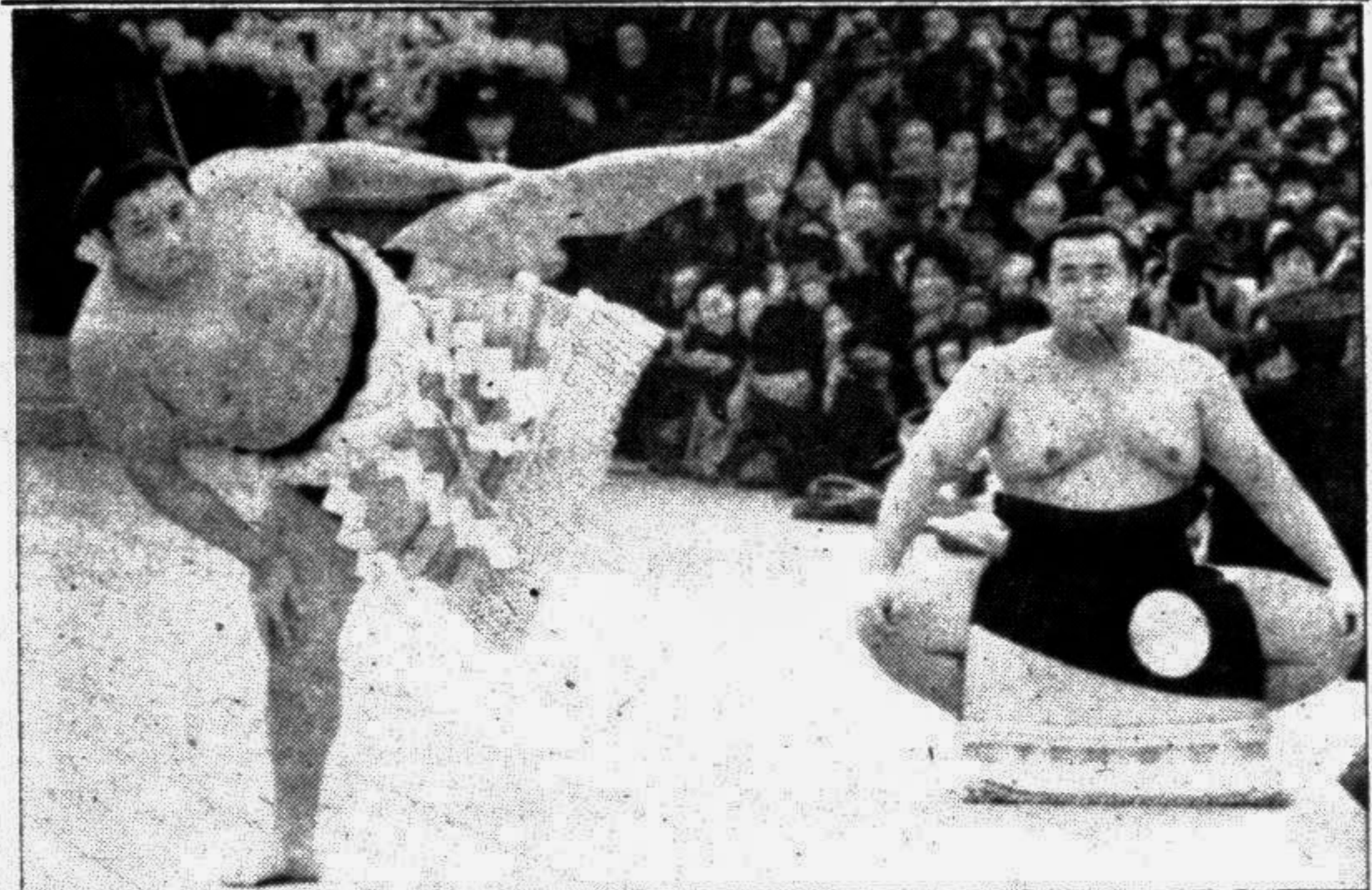
He said that Kenya had bid to host the tournament because it had thought that the Confederation of African Football (CAF) would allow matches to be held in one city.

Syrtssov dethrones Tregoubov

ISTANBUL, Nov 26: Russia's Sergey Syrtssov dethroned defending champion and compatriot Viktor Tregoubov for the 99-kg World Weightlifting crown on Friday in a contest that showed the ex-Soviets still dominate the heavier classes, reports Reuters.

Although Turkey have swept to a commanding lead in the lighter men's events, Russian Alexey Petrov started an ex-Soviet takeover with the 91kg and Tregoubov continued the run which could last until the superheavyweights on Sunday.

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.



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 shrine in Tokyo yesterday. — AFP photo

Blizzard baffles braggers

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.

first world-class test in the World Cup races. The giant slalom is set for CB's Run, built this summer as part of dhs 2.3 million in mountain improvements.

Proell's career record of 62. Schneider's bid for a third overall title — she also won in 1989 with a season record 14 victories — will be challenged by Sweden's Pernilla Wiberg, Germany's Katja Seizinger and Martina Ertl and Austria's Anita Wachter, the 1993 champion.

Revvng up English soccer

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

Toshack isn't finished yet

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

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

A crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words. The clues include: 1 Jazz fragment, 5 Actress Gardner, 8 Brewery need, 12 Christiania, now, 13 Small, quick drink, 14 Rose's man, 15 Goodman's instrument, 17 Streamlet, 18 Where to go "in lilac time", 19 Fresh, 20 Bakery lure, 21 Driver's-license datum, 22 Egg-yung link, 23 Bolivian capital, 26 Frozen-food selections, 30 Glenn, in "Fatal Attraction", 31 Melody, 32 Notion, 33 Tribe youngster, 35 Berate.

A grid for a cryptogram puzzle. The grid contains numbers 1 through 55, representing the positions of letters in a message. The message is: VTU-FTAKEDHJC SNVU-MHWJ LASHLAL FWTAEHTA; NAFVM DWKHJC NHK CFM.

CRYPTOQUIP Yesterday's Cryptogram clue: C equals G The Cryptogram 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.