

Kiwis out of contention for Mandela Trophy

Sohail powers Pakistan



PORT ELIZABETH, Dec 14: A punchy 75 from left-handed opener Aamir Sohail led Pakistan to a five-wicket victory over New Zealand on Tuesday, their third win in four one-day Mandela Trophy games, reports Reuters.

Chasing 202 to win, Pakistan scored 206-5 in 46.2 overs, with captain Salim Malik finishing unbeaten on 53. Malik fittingly secured the victory with an extra cover-driven six off the medium pace of Chris Harris.

The defeat puts New Zealand out of contention for the final of the four-way series, which also includes South Africa and Sri Lanka. Key batsman Martin Crowe will now probably miss the remaining two games in the competition to rest for the second Test against South Africa which starts in Durban on December 26.

Pakistan began well in their reply, with Sohail sharing in stands of 51 with fellow opener Saeed Anwar, 35 with Inzamam-ul-Haq and 56 with Malik before he was bowled by Chris Pringle attempting one heavy too many.

New Zealand's Chris Pringle then struck twice in the space of three deliveries in the 41st over. First, Ijaz Ahmed on 23, gloved a lifting delivery behind for wicketkeeper Adam Parore to complete an excellent diving catch to his right and then Basil Ali went on the drive to thin-edge behind for no score.

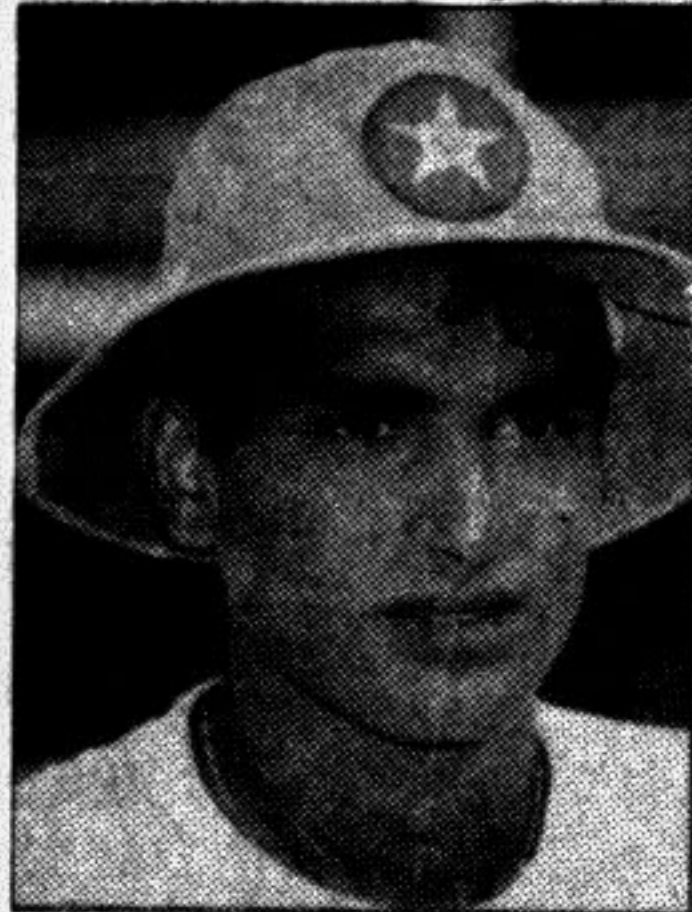
Malik ensured that Pakistan suffered no more alarms as he and Manzoor Elahi added a fur-

ther 25 runs.

For New Zealand, left-arm seamer Murphy Su'a bowled tidily in three spells for figures of 1-30 while Pringle finished with 3-43.

Earlier, New Zealand were bowled out for 201 in 49.4 overs, despite good batting performances from vice-captain Crowe (83) and Adam Parore (59).

Waqar Younis returned figures of 4-32 including a spell



AAMIR SOHAIL ... 75 of 4-9 in 20 deliveries, and Aaqib Javed 3-25 as New Zealand lost their last eight wickets for only 28 runs. Both pace bowlers were made men of the match for their efforts.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Mandela Trophy 50-overs cricket match between New Zealand and Pakistan at St George's Park on Tuesday:

NEW ZEALAND:	
Young lbw b Aaqib	13
Crowe c and b Malik	83
Parore c Ijaz b Malik	59
Rutherford c Anwar b Raza	16
Fleming lbw b Younis	4

Thomson b Younis	8
Harris c Moin b Younis	6
Su'a b Younis	3
Priest not out	4
Pringle b Aaqib	0
De Groen b Aaqib	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-4)	5
Total: (49.4 overs)	201

Fall of wickets: 1-41; 2-142; 3-173; 4-180; 5-181; 6-194; 7-195; 8-200; 9-201.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Younis	10	0	32	4
Aaqib	9.4	1	25	3
Elahi	10	0	40	0
Raza	8	0	36	1
Sohail	4	0	30	0
Malik	8	0	33	2

PAKISTAN:

Anwar c Fleming b De Groen	17
Sohail b Pringle	75
Inzamam c Rutherford b Su'a	17
Malik not out	53
Ijaz c Parore b Pringle	23
Ali c Parore b Pringle	0
Elahi not out	8
Extras: (lb-5, nb-1, w-7)	13
Total: (for five wickets, 46.2 overs)	206

Fall of wickets: 1-51; 2-86; 3-142; 4-181; 5-181.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Pringle	10	0	43	3
Thomson	6	0	31	0
De Groen	7.3	1	30	1
Su'a	10	2	30	1
Priest	5.3	1	26	0
Harris	6.2	0	41	0 (W-2)

Result: Pakistan beat New Zealand by five wickets.

STANDINGS

Standings in the Mandela Trophy quadrangular cricket tournament after Tuesday's match between Pakistan and New Zealand (tabular under played, won, lost, no result, points):

South Africa	3	3	0	0	6
Pakistan	4	3	1	0	6
Sri Lanka	3	0	2	1	1
New Zealand	4	0	3	1	1

Chess Olympiad
Bangladesh
beat Tajikistan

Bangladesh secured 25.5 points after beating Tajikistan 3-1 in the 12th round of 31st Moscow Chess Olympiad on Tuesday night.

Grand-Master Niaz Murshed, International Master Ziaur Rahman, and International Master Reefat bin Sattar won their respective matches. Chess Federation sources said here yesterday, reports UNB.

In women's play Bangladesh trounced Dominican Republic 3-0 and scored a total 18 points.

International Women Master Rani Hamid, Syeda Sabana Parveen Nipa and Tanima Parveen won their respective matches.

Meanwhile AP adds: England moved past Russia-1 into the lead setting up a showdown between Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov that could decide the team title.

Led by Short, who lost to Kasparov last year in the final of the Professional Chess Association World Championship, England cruised to a 3.5-0.5 victory over the Netherlands. The English and Dutch had been tied heading into the 12th round.

Only Jan Timman, the Netherlands' former World Championship contestant, managed as much as a draw against Short.

Russia-1 was paired against its junior side, and all four boards were declared draws after only one hour of play.

England faces Russia-1 on Wednesday, and an English victory could give it clear sailing to the championship.

The United States' 3-1 defeat of Romania moved it into sixth and improved its chances for a medal, with an outside chance of beating Russia-1 or England for the title if it should upset either team by a big margin.

The other big winner of the day in the men's competition was Bosnia, which convincingly beat Ukraine 3-1 to the Russia-1 for second. The Bosnians have already faced the other strong teams and have a good chance to take the gold medal. In the women's competition, Hungary cut Georgia's lead from three points to two after beating Russia 1.25-0.5. Georgia could only manage a 1.5-1.5 draw with Ukraine.

Krabbe heads
family way

FRANKFURT, Dec 14: Karin Krabbe is five months pregnant and the former world champion sprinter says she has no plans to resume her career when her doping-related ban expires next August, reports AP.

"I said already in August that if I got pregnant again I would choose the baby," Krabbe was quoted as saying in the weekly magazine Tango.

Krabbe, 25, had a miscarriage in March. She left her longtime boyfriend Torsten Krentz, a canoeist, one year ago and began a relationship with her lawyer, Michael Zimmermann. The couple married recently.

The 1991 world champion over 100 and 200 metres told the magazine she found out she was pregnant again in September.

Krabbe was suspended for using the banned substance Clenbuterol, an anabolic stimulant. The two-year ban expires on Aug. 23, 1995.

"I made one single mistake — I took a medicine without prescription," Krabbe was quoted as telling the magazine.

At the time, Krabbe admitted taking the drug but said she didn't know it was banned. She sought her suspension on legal technicalities but an arbitration panel of the International Amateur Athletic Federation upheld the suspension in November 1993.

Krabbe had already had one previous doping-related ban lifted on legal technicalities.

Speaking of the affair, Krabbe told Tango she felt she had been victimised because she was a former East German, a theory she had mentioned before.

"They just wanted to sacrifice a really big one from the former East German System," she was quoted as saying. Many East German stars admitted after German unification that East Germany's powerful sports system relied heavily on drugs.

"I hate no one anymore. I have simply put the last two years out of my memory. I am now happy and I am only thinking about what's coming next," she was quoted as saying.

Krabbe still hopes to win damages from the IAAF and the German Athletics Federation (DLV). She estimates to have lost about 10 million marks (dfls 6.3 million) because of her ban.

She runs a sporting goods store in her hometown of Neubrandenburg, near Berlin.

Courier, Martin for Davis Cup



ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Dec 14: US Davis Cup captain Tom Gullikson tabbed Jim Courier and Todd Martin to play singles against France in the first round next year after the world's top two players — Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi — decided not to participate, reports Reuters.

Gullikson announced his choices of 10th-ranked Martin and Courier, currently 13th in the world, in a news conference at the Bayfront Centre arena in St Petersburg — site of the February 3-5 tie against France.

The meeting marks the first time the United States and France will face off in Davis Cup since the stunning French victory in the 1991 final in Lyon.

Gullikson said Sampras declined an invitation to play for the United States because the first round takes place just one week after the Australian Open.

"Pete has been doing well in the Grand Slams and I think he felt he really needed a break after the Australian Open," Gullikson said of the Australian Open and Wimbledon Champion.

"And you know, playing for your country in Davis Cup is certainly not a relaxing week."

Sampras played in the quarter-final win over the Netherlands and the semifinal defeat to Sweden last year.

Agassi, who helped the United States win its last two Davis Cups in 1990 and 1992, did not play in the international tournament last year, preferring to concentrate on recovering from injury and raising his world ranking, which had slipped into the mid-20s.

With his US Open victory as an unseeded player and a strong finish in 1994, Agassi's ranking rocketed to second in the world. But Gullikson said Agassi had decided against playing Davis Cup before the semifinals next year.

Martin, who cracked the top 10 this year with strong

showings in the Grand Slam events, went 3-1 in his Davis Cup debut year. He won two matches against India in the first round, but lost the deciding fifth match against Sweden to Magnus Larsson after beating Stefan Edberg.

Courier dropped out of the top 10 in 1994, going the entire year without winning a title. But he was 4-0 in Davis Cup play. He helped the United States win the Cup in

the 1992 final against Switzerland.

"He kind of lost his mental edge for a while and his desire for playing," Gullikson said of Courier's 1994 slump.

"What he doesn't lack is courage and Jim has the heart and spirit to get back in the top five."

Gullikson, who is starting his second year as US Davis Cup captain, will name his doubles team at a later date.



US tennis coach Nick Bollettieri is framed by two 'Lange Kerls', men dressed in the historic uniforms of the Royal Prussian Guard regiment as he holds the Europeror's Trophy in Berlin on Dec 12.

Sampras, Sanchez
ITF world champs

LONDON, Dec 14: Pete Sampras and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, who both won two Grand Slam titles this year, Wednesday were named 1994 world champions by the International Tennis Federation, reports AP.

Sampras, who is world champion for the second year in a row, won the Australian Open and Wimbledon. Sanchez-Vicario won the French and US Opens.

Sampras won 10 other events while Sanchez-Vicario won six on the WTA Tour.

Blair, Koss
honoured

NEW YORK, Dec 14: Speed skaters Bonnie Blair of the United States and Johann Olav Koss of Norway were selected sportswoman-and-sportsman-of-the-year by Sports Illustrated on Tuesday, reports AP.

Blair, who lives and trains in the Milwaukee area, is the most successful US Olympic woman athlete ever and the nation's winningest Winter Olympian. The 30-year-old has won six career Olympic medals — five gold and one bronze.

"I always thought of this award as so high, so unattainable. Now, all of a sudden, I'm on a list with Edwin Moses and Mary Lou Retton," Blair said at a news conference at Milwaukee's Pettit National Ice Centre.

Seven Saudi
booters pay
the price

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 14: Seven members of the Saudi national under-16 team and their Brazilian coach were banned for up to two years on Wednesday for a brutal attack on a referee, reports AFP.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) executive also banned the Thai national football captain after he tested positive for banned drugs at the Asian Games.

The Saudi team were involved in what officials described as one of the most severe attacks on a referee ever recorded during an under 16 tournament in Qatar in October.

The referee was set upon and kicked in the mouth after he blew for full time and condemned the Saudi side to an upset defeat.

After viewing video evidence, the committee banned two players, Faisal al-Ghatani and Abdullah Nazina, for two years.

Brazilian coach Garcia, plus five other players were suspended for a year.

The Saudi Federation was fined 10,000 dollars.

The AFC's top refereeing official Farouk Bouzo commented: "Any violent conduct against referees results in worldwide bans immediately and we are not sympathetic to players just because they are young."

"In fact it is more important the youths are punished and taught, than the seniors," added Bouzo.

Thai football captain Kadaree Sirasak was given a one-year suspension after he tested positive during the Asian Games for the banned substance pseudoephedrine.

Kadaree claimed he had taken a common cold solution which included the banned substance.

Modahl banned for four yrs



LONDON, Dec 14: Former Commonwealth 800-metre champion Diane Modahl Wednesday was found guilty of taking performance-enhancing drugs and banned for four years by the British Athletic Federation, reports AP.

In a verdict that stunned the British media and top-name athletes supporting Modahl such as Olympic 100-metre champion Linford Christie, a five-person BAF disciplinary panel announced it had rejected her case that samples taken from her had been improperly handled by a laboratory in Lisbon.

"The committee was satisfied unanimously and beyond reasonable doubt that a doping offence has been committed by Mrs Modahl," panel chairman Dr Martyn Lucking said. "She is ineligible to compete in the United Kingdom and abroad for four years from June 18, 1994."

Modahl's next move may be to take the case to an arbitration hearing under the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

She tested positive for the male hormone testosterone after finishing second at a minor meet in Lisbon June 18.

The positive result, however, wasn't relayed to the BAF until 9 1/2 weeks later. It showed Modahl with a testosterone-epitestosterone ratio of 42-to-1, more than three times the level banned Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson once registered. The normal ratio is 1-to-1.

Modahl was notified just minutes before she was to begin the defence of her Commonwealth title in Victoria, Canada. She was suspended by the BAF pending a hearing and put on the next flight home.

But the notification of the positive result didn't come in time to stop Modahl running — and winning — her event at the European Cup earlier in the summer, a victory that helped Britain's women team qualify for the World Cup for the first time.

The IAAF, noting that Modahl's victory came after

her positive test, strongly suggested that Britain pull out of the World Cup at Crystal Palace in September. The BAF refused, saying Modahl was entitled to a hearing. The team took part, and relations between the two track bodies haven't been the same since.

Modahl's experts argued that her urine sample may have deteriorated because it was not properly refrigerated at the Lisbon laboratory.

They also contended that two medical conditions suffered by the 28-year-old runner, polycystic ovarian syndrome and five-alpha reductase, could also have accounted for the abnormally high testosterone readings.

Fellow athletes have portrayed her as a devout Christian who has passed all other drug tests she has ever taken. They say she is so devastated that she is likely never to compete again.

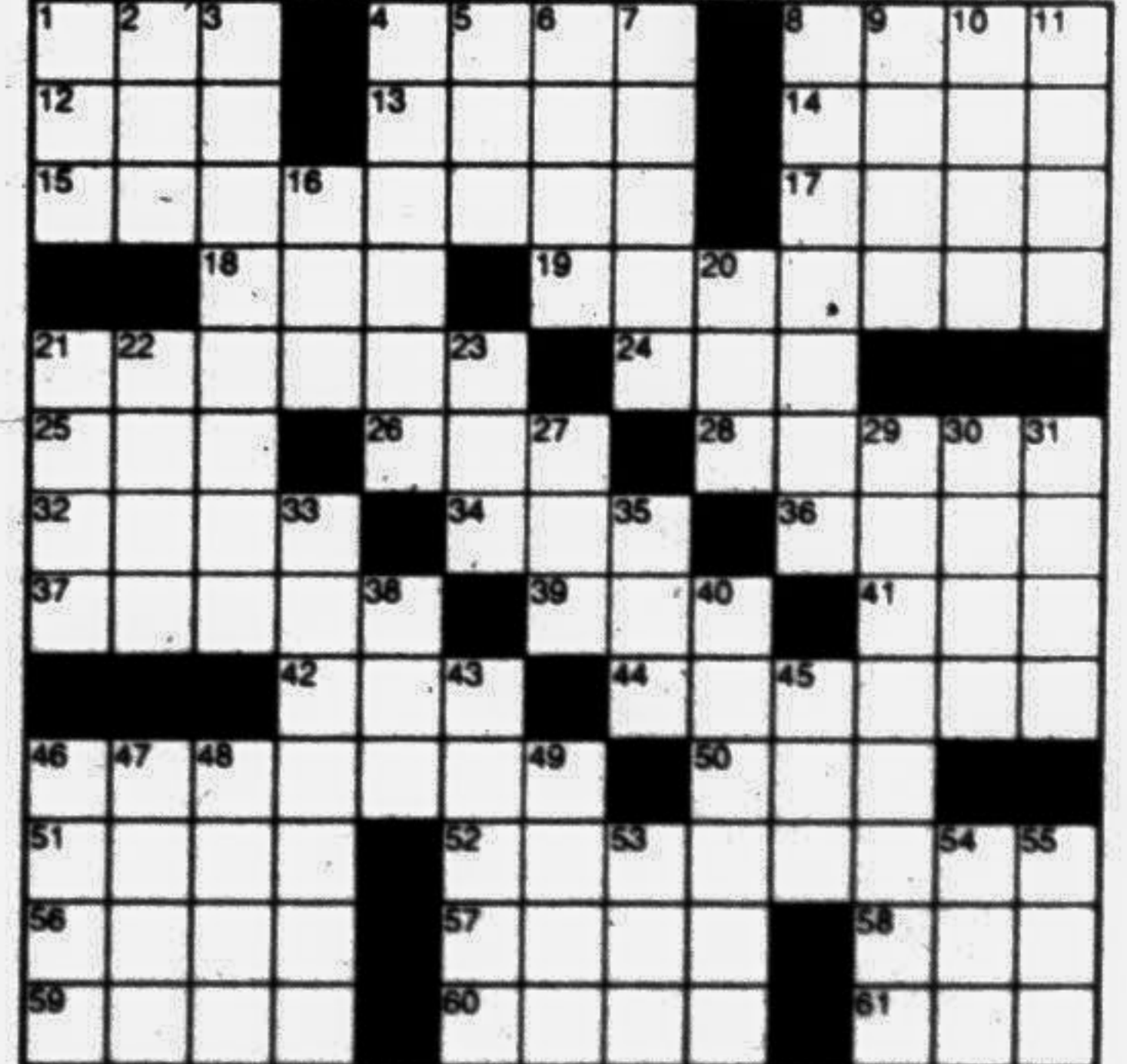
"Diane doesn't know anything about drugs," Christie said before the hearing. "If she is not found innocent, justice has not been done."

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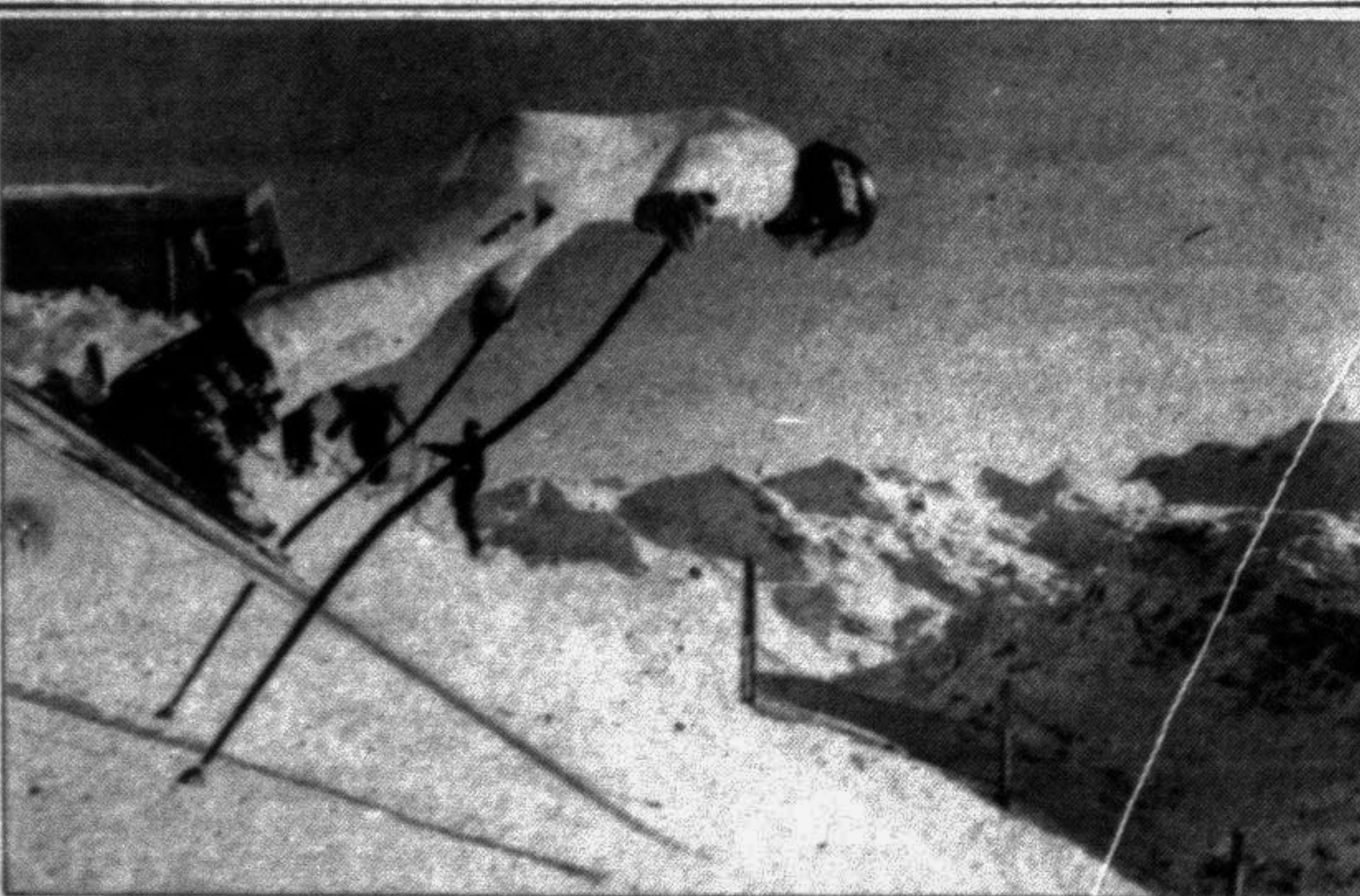
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Today's Cryptoquip clue: D equals N. The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



Julien Terrini, a young of French skiing, takes off during training before the World Cup downhill race scheduled to begin in the Alpine resort of Val-d'Isere on Dec 16. — AFP photo