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Belarus' Elena Piskun and Vitaly Scherbo

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RESULTS

1.	Elena Piskun	BLR	28.762		
	Vitaly Scherbo	BLR	28.465		
			Total		57.227
2.	Kerri Strug	USA	29.087		
	Chris Waller	USA	27.899		
			Total		56.986
3.	He Xuemei	CHN	28.237		
	Li Dashuang	CHN	26.732		
			Total		54.969
4.	Shannon Miller	USA	19.525		
	Lance Ringnald	USA	18.500		
			Total		38.025
5.	L. Stobvtchataia	UKR	18.400		
	Rustam Sharipov	UKR	18.400		
			Total		36.800
6.	Amanda Borden	USA	18.412		
	Neil Thomas	GBR	18.300		
			Total		36.712
7.	Luisa Portocarrero	GUA	18.750		
	Rene Pluss	SUI	17.566		
			Total		36.316

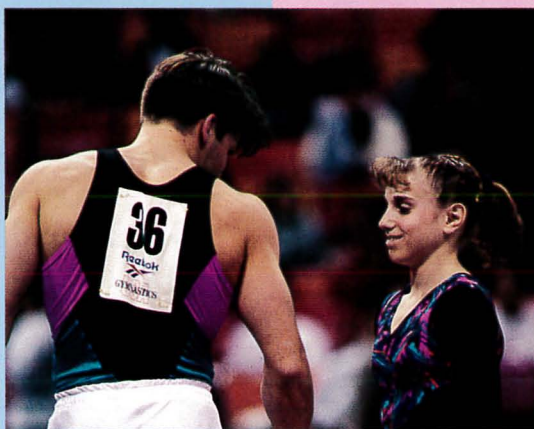
1993 REEBOK INTERNATIONAL MIXED PAIRS

SCHERBO SHINES DURING "MARCH-MADNESS" MANIA

By Greg Seiter

"March-madness" has nothing to do with NCAA basketball, at least in the eyes of Vitaly Scherbo, currently the world's greatest male gymnast. In the early hours of March 4, the Minsk, Belarus resident yelled long-distance instructions into his Orlando hotel telephone, helping his wife deliver their baby, a six-pound daughter named Kristina. Two days later, he won the 1993 McDonald's American Cup competition in Orlando, Fla. After a brief, near sleepless visit with his wife and daughter in their temporary Pennsylvania home, Scherbo traveled to Atlanta, Ga. where he teamed with 15-year-old Elena Piskun, also of Belarus, to win the Reebok International Mixed Pairs competition March 10. Whew!!

Scherbo, 21, and Piskun combined for an all-around score of 57.227, edging Chris Waller (UCLA) and Kerri Strug (Dynamo



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Chris Waller and Kerri Strug

Gymnastics), of the United States, who finished with a score of 56.986. Li Dashuang and He Xuemei of China finished third all-around with a 54.969.

Under the rules of the meet, which was held in The Omni, a man and woman are paired, although competing on separate equipment. The pair's combined score determines who advances through the three rounds of competition.

The United States dominated competition in the first round as Lance Ringnald (Gold Cup Gymnastics) and Shannon Miller (Dynamo, Gymnastics) led the 14-team field with a 19.050. Waller/Strug and the Gregg Curtis (USOTC)/Dominique Dawes (Hill's Angels) duo tied for second place at 19.033. According to competition rules, only two couples from the United States could advance to the seven-team second round. Due to tie breaking



Kerri Strug, Shannon Miller, Dominique Dawes, Amanda Borden, Chris Waller, Lance Ringnald and Gregg Curtis.

procedures, which involved individual scoring by judges, Curtis and Dawes were eliminated, and the Waller/Strug duo moved on to round two.

Scherbo was easily recognizable in round two, even without the six Olympic gold medals he won in Barcelona, as he and Piskun vaulted into first place with a 38.086. Waller and Strug were a close second at 38.053, locking a spot in the finals as only one American team could advance. Ringnald and Miller scored a 38.025, good for third place in round two, but elimination from

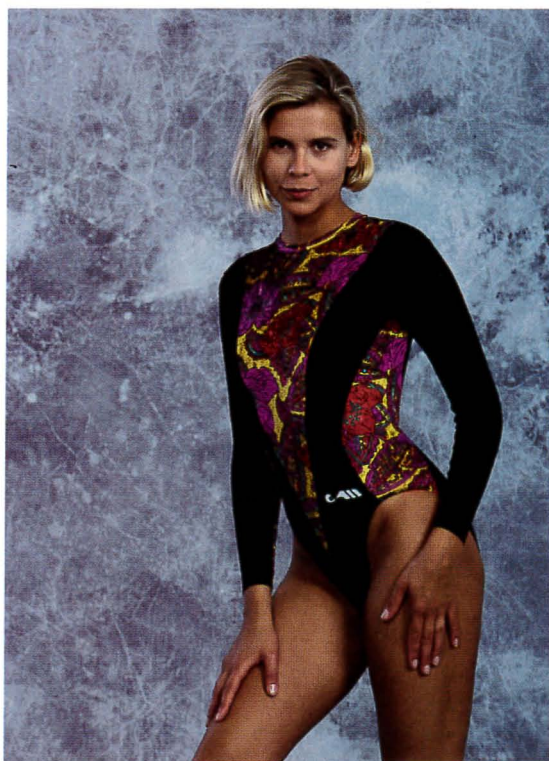
the three-team final round. Dashuang and Xuemei rounded out the field for round three.

Miller's 16th birthday, which occurred on the day of the competition, could have been a lot sweeter with a Mixed Pair's victory, but overall, the all-around silver medalist from the 1992 Olympics seemed happy with her performance.

Scherbo didn't stop for interviews after the event, he headed straight for the hotel to pack his bags and get to his real prize — his new baby daughter.



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