

Hurricane finish by Caribbean cyclone

BRISBANE, Jan 12: The West Indies turned in a hurricane finish to beat Australia by 12 runs in the one-day World Series Cricket game here today, reports Reuter.

With advance winds from cyclone Betsi violently fluttering the Gabba grandstand flags match favourites Australia were bundled out for 203 by a relentless pace quarter led by Patrick Patterson.

The West Indies matched Australia's brilliance in the field, running out three batsmen, including the vital wickets of David Boon and Allan Border.

The result leaves Australia at the top of the World Series ladder on nine points with the West Indies moving into second place on six, one ahead of India.

"I didn't think we had enough runs but our guy bowled well," an elated West Indies skipper Richie Richardson said.

Defeated skipper Allan Border blamed a middle-order collapse for the loss and admitted his team had been outplayed on the day.

Sent in to bat, the West Indies hit a stop-start 215 with bright patches coming from man of the match Brian Lara on 69, with five fours and one six. Richardson continued his return to form with a confident 50 including three fours and a six.

But fast bowler Craig McDermott and medium-pace

but Border was run out in a close decision by a throw from Hamish Anthony and the Caribbean cyclone began to whip through the remainder of the innings.

Mark Waugh was bowled by Anderson Cummins for 17. His brother Steve became a brother Patterson victim, bowled for three.

When Ian Healy was superbly run out by Carl Hooper for 11 Australia was suddenly starting at defeat.

Peter Taylor and Craig McDermott unleashed a mini-storm of their own, hitting 36 from 41 balls for the ninth wicket to edge Australia within sight of victory.

The 17 runs required from the last two overs proved too much with Hooper picking up Taylor for 33 and McDermott on 10 to wrap up the West Indies win.

It was the perfect double header the West Indies were praying for when they came to Brisbane and the four points from their wins today and over India on Saturday have made an Australia - West Indies final a strong possibility.



BRIAN LARA
The last eight wicket fell for 47 runs with Australia's electrifying ground fielding further restricting the total.

Australia also started soundly with Boon and Geoff Marsh hitting 70 runs before Marsh fell to Patrick Patterson for 29.

At 3-84 with 28 overs remaining Australia was on target to reach the West Indies total

STANDINGS

BRISBANE, Jan 12: Standings in the World Series Cup triangular limited-overs cricket tournament after Sunday's match:

	P	W	T	L	NR	PTS
Australia	7	4	0	2	1	9
West Indies	7	2	1	3	1	6
India	6	2	1	3	0	5

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the World Series one-day cricket match between Australia and the West Indies at the Brisbane cricket ground today.

West Indies
Haynes c Marsh b Whitney 11
Wallace c Whitney b Moody 31
Lara run out 69
Richardson c Moody b Taylor 50
Hooper c and b S Waugh 6

Australia
Boon run out 77
Marsh lbw b Patterson 29
Jones b Patterson 8
Border run out 8
M Waugh b Cummins 17
Moody b Ambrose 3
S Waugh b Patterson 3
Healy run out 11
P Taylor b Hooper 33
McDermott c Haynes b Hooper 30
Whitney not out 1
Extras (B-1, LB-4, NB-4, W-2) 11
Total 203

Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-58; 3-168; 4-173; 5-185; 6-193; 7-210; 8-215; 9-215; 10-215

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
McDermott	9.3	2	36	3
Whitney	10	2	39	1
S Waugh	10	2	31	3
Moody	6	0	29	1
P Taylor	10	0	44	1
M Waugh	4	0	28	0

SCOREBOARD

Fall of wickets: 1-70; 2-70; 2-73; 3-84; 4-120; 5-135; 6-141; 7-152; 8-164; 9-200; 10-203

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Marsh	9	1	39	0
Ambrose	10	1	37	1
Cummins	10	0	49	1
Patterson	10	1	37	3
Hooper	10	0	36	2

Man-of-the-match: Brian Lara.

West Indies own by 12 runs.

Aravinda de Silva doubtful for today

KARACHI, Jan 12: Sri Lankan cricket captain Aravinda de Silva has suffered a recurrence of stomach trouble that dogged him in the third Test against Pakistan and



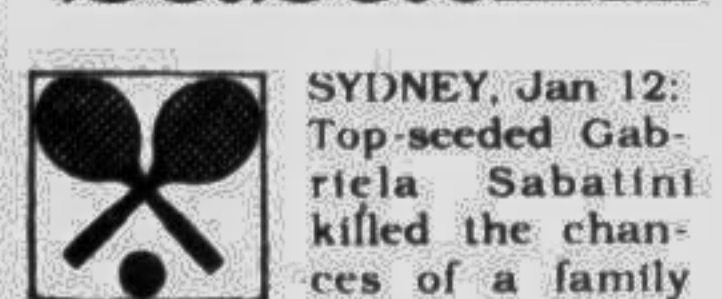
ARAVINDA DE SILVA
may miss Monday's second one-day international, reports Reuter.

Team officials said on Sunday a final decision on his fitness would be taken shortly before Monday's match at Karachi's National Stadium.

All-rounder Ruwan Kalpage and medium-pace bowler Rgrameme Labrooy, who were brought in for the one-day series as replacements for injured players, are expected to be included in the Sri Lankan side.

Pakistan lead the five-match series 1-0 after winning the first game by eight wickets.

Sabatini spoils family party



SYDNEY, Jan 12: Top-seeded Gabriela Sabatini killed the chances of a family sweep in the New South Wales Open singles titles by dominating No 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-1, 6-1 in the women's final Sunday, reports agencies.

But the Sanchez family still took three of four titles in the tournament. Sanchez Vicario's brother, Emilio, won the men's title Saturday, and he and countryman Sergio Casal combined to take the doubles crown Sunday, besting Americans Scott Davis and Kelly Jones 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Later Sunday, Arantxa teamed with Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia to beat Americans Mary Joe Fernandez and Zina Garrison 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (4-7), 6-2 to take the women's doubles crown.

The usually consistent Sanchez Vicario never got into gear against Sabatini, losing all seven of her service games in a heralded match that lasted only 68 minutes. She won only six points in her first five service games under constant pressure from Sabatini.

In accepting the winner's trophy and the \$15,000 first prize, Sabatini offered thanks in Spanish to the vocal crowd, several of whom waved Argentine flags, blew whistles in unison and shouted her nickname, Gaby, and "I love you."



GABRIELA SABATINI
to have improved her volleying was not tested.

There was the expected top-spin and accurate placement of her ground strokes as the 21-year-old eased to her 21st singles title.

"I think everything in my game was very good," she said.

"I am happy with my game and full of confidence."

Sabatini meets Julie Halbard of France in the first round at Melbourne. "This was the perfect preparation," she said.

Sanchez, beaten by Jana Novotna in the final here last year, then went on to defeat Sabatini in the Australian Open Quarter-finals.

"I am now going to forget today and concentrate on next week. Today does not detract from the fact I had a good tournament," said Sanchez, who faces the Melbourne-born local favourite Nicole Provis in

the Australian Open. Sabatini won her fifth match in straight sets while losing only 17 games.

She mixed her usual variety of topspins and chops from the baseline with a deft volleying touch in never letting Sanchez Vicario find any rhythm. Sabatini showed the results of efforts to become more aggressive by winning points all nine times she ventured to the net.

Sanchez Vicario, who prevailed in a tough three-set semifinal Saturday against hard-hitting Anke Huber of Germany by tracking down nearly every shot, found herself pinned to the baseline and running from sideline to sideline.

"Yesterday, I really had to fight a lot," Sanchez Vicario said. "I was ready for today."

But this time, she couldn't pull out the winners, committing 27 unforced errors to 15 for Sabatini. It was Sabatini's 11th victory in 14 matches against Sanchez Vicario, who had won three of the last six.

"It was one of those days when nothing is working," said Sanchez Vicario, ranked fifth in the world. "And she played very well."

She said her brother's victory had not put any additional pressure on her, and there was no excessive celebration Saturday night.

"We just went to dinner," Sanchez Vicario said. "I knew I had to play today."

The match was played under bright, mid-sunshine on the Rebound Ace courts at the White City complex in midtown Sydney.

NZ selectors have few holes to plug

NELSON, New Zealand, Jan 12: Mark Greatbatch and Shane Thomson both will be hoping to improve their Test prospects when they play for a New Zealand XI against England in a three-day cricket match starting Monday, reports AP.

Left-arm spinner Matthew Hart replaces the injured Dipak Patel in the New Zealand XI.

Patel is suffering from a groin strain and chairman of selectors Don Neely wants to give him time to recover for the first Test, which begins next Saturday in Christchurch.

Hart, 19, took one for 46 from 18 light overs when he faced England last week as a member of the Country Districts XI.

Greatbatch and Thomson both will relish another look at

England. The pair has shown indifferent form so far this season and will be seeking improved performances.

Neely said the New Zealand selectors still were undecided about a number of positions.

"There are a couple of little holes there," he said.

"Middle-order batsmen, an opening batsman and a spin bowler," Neely said.

England has not named its

English women hold whip hand against Kiwis

AUCKLAND, Jan 12: England took control of the first of three women's cricket Tests against New Zealand here Sunday, declaring at 356 for nine and taking three New Zealand wickets for 81 at the close of the second day, reports AFP.

England won the toss and batted first Saturday, reaching an overnight total of 260 for four.

They took their total to 356 Sunday for the loss of nine wickets before the declaration. New Zealand reached 80 without loss but three wickets went down in quick succession to leave the home side struggling.

In England's innings, Suzie Kitson scored 35 in her Test debut and Janet Tedstone ended with an unbeaten 55.

Carole Hodges (57) and Janette Brittin (68) Saturday added 129 in 164 minutes.

The 356 was England's highest total in women's Test cricket.

Jennifer Turner and Karen Gunn each took three wickets for New Zealand, with Gunn conceding only 68 runs in 44.5 overs.

New Zealand opens Debbie Hockley and Jackie Clark were well contained by the England attack, and scoring was slow.

English women hold whip hand against Kiwis

The top-seeded Argentine, ranked third in the world, took just 70 minutes to end Arantxa Sanchez's dreams of emulating brother Emilio's men's singles success.

Sabatini, the third seed for the Australian Open never let the world number five settle, allowing her just 12 points in the first set as she pressured the Spaniard's serve.

Sanchez failed to hold any of her seven service games and, perhaps tired by the effort of reaching both the singles and doubles finals, made a series of unforced errors.

Sabatini, whose best effort in the Australian Open was reaching the semifinals on her 1989 debut, dropped just 12 games in her five-match run.

Sabatini, who was making her first visit to the NSW Open and became its first Argentine winner, took a 4-0 lead in the first set and never looked like being caught, ending the contest with five straight games.

While she spoke on Saturday of the need to get to the net more often she showed little inclination to do so, such as Sanchez's poor form, had even less need to.

A minefield for Becker in Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Jan 12: Boris Becker will have to master two tennis Titans just to reach the final to defend his Australian Open crown when the years' first Grand Slam event hits off here Monday, reports AP.

The triple Wimbledon champion, seeded three in Melbourne this year, is pitted in the top half of the singles draw where lurk world no. 1 Stefan Edberg and eight-time Grand Slam champion Ivan Lendl.

when he was promoted to fourth, takes on Australian Richard Fromberg in the first round and is likely to meet

cious Californian Brad Gilbert in the fourth round.

If the two-time winner survives that trial he is scheduled to tackle Edberg in the quarters.

Courier, who tuned up for the Australian Open with victory over Michael Chang in the international challenge in Adelaide, must negotiate either Austrian Thomas Muster or Swiss Jakob Hlasek in the third round and Sweden 11th seed Magnus Gustafsson in the fourth before his quarter-final appointment with former US Open champion Pete Sampras.

But first Sampras has to defuse the explosive Croat Goran Ivanisevic, more than likely in the fourth round.

In the semi-final, Courier or Sampras will face either Frenchman Guy Forget, a quarter-finalist last year, Wimbledon champion Michael Stich or the ungainly Croat Goran Prpic.

Acc king Forget, who re-actualised his worst fears when he was drawn into an emotional first round clash with his close friend Henri Leconte, must also overcome either 14th-seeded Chang or boom-serving Dutchman Richard Krajcek in the fourth round. Stich is to take on Prpic at the same stage.

Controversy seems to follow women's defending champion Monica Seles, who late last week said she was wearing a neck brace as a precaution for



BORIS BECKER
either Italian no. 1 Omar Camporese, who ousted more than five hours with Becker last year before bowing out 14-12 in the fifth set, or pugna-

a pulled muscle.

Seles, who also won the 1991 French and US Opens but was a well-documented absentee from Wimbledon, had been seen leaving a Melbourne sports clinic wearing the brace, prompting speculation all was not well with the volatile Florida-based Yugoslav.

Seles later told a press conference that her neck injury was improving daily and that she would be fit to defend her title.

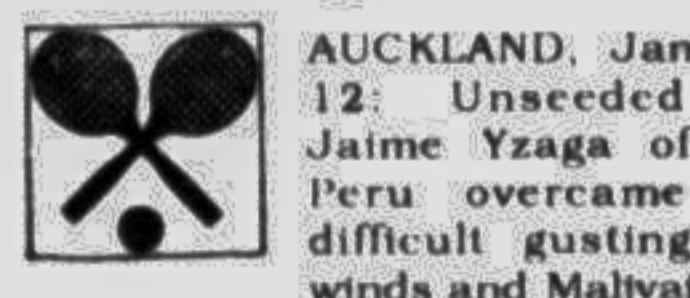
She would have to take out exciting German teenager Anke Huber or last year's runner-up Jana Novotna and the bouncy Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario to reach the final.

The bottom half of the draw looks considerably stronger, headed by second seed Steffi Graf, a 10-time Grand Slam winner, third-seeded Gabriela Sabatini, last years semi-finalist Mary Joe Fernandez and the powerful American youngster Jennifer Capriati.

Capriati, at 15 years and 95 days, became the youngest-ever Wimbledon women's semi-finalist after forcing Martina Navratilova's earliest exit from the All England Championships in 14 years.

Capriati is drawn to meet Sabatini in the quarters, while Fernandez, now coached by American clay court great Harold Solomon, has an engagement with Graf in the last eight.

Yzaga wins NZ Open



AUCKLAND, Jan 12: Unseeded Jaime Yzaga of Peru overcame difficult gusting winds and Malvi and Sabatini, the quarter-finalist, to win the New Zealand Open tennis championships, reports AP.

Yzaga, playing his first IBM/ATP Tour event since the US Open, defeated Washington of the United States 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 in a one-hour, 51-minute baseline struggle.

Yzaga, who has been sidelined for three months with a knee injury, won the fifth title of his career. Washington, seeded No. 7, was playing in his first final.

The Peruvian improved his career record against Washington to 4-0 and rallied from 3-6 down in the first set breaker — saving three set points.

Yzaga was cheered on by a small group of Peruvian residents of Auckland — whom he presented with a magnum of Moet et Chandon champagne following his win.

The players exchanged six breaks of serve in the first set as they struggled to come to terms with the wind.

"It was very difficult conditions out there," said Yzaga, who collected \$12,600 for his triumph.

SOCCER SCENARIO

Argentina beat Mexico 3-0

Buenos Aires, Jan 12: Argentina beat Mexico 3-0 (halftime 3-0) in a friendly under-23 soccer game played in Mir del Plata on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Scorers:
Argentina: Leonardo Astrada (9th minute), Nestor Silvani (15th), Eduardo Berizzo (22nd).

23 hurt as Greek fans clash

Athens, Jan 12: Clashes between football supporters and police at Piraeus on Saturday left 23 injured while 44 people were arrested, reports AP.

The trouble came after a First Division game in which Olympiakos, from Piraeus near the Greek capital, beat Paok Salonika.

Porto lead Portuguese league

Lisbon, Jan 12: FC Porto took over at the top of the Portuguese First Division Saturday when they defeated Farense to a goalless draw, reports AP.

They now have 26 points from 17 matches — one point more than Benfica.

US Olympians hold St Germain

Tampa, Florida, Jan 12: The United States Olympic team were held to a 1-1 draw by French First Division side Paris St Germain in Saturday's friendly football international here, reports AP.

The Americans went clear after 25 minutes when Claudio Reyna slammed a fierce drive past Joel Bats from 18 yards after latching on to a fine cross from left-winger Steve Snow.

Brazilian Ricardo levelled the scores ten minutes from time.

United begin to feel the strain

LONDON, Jan 12: Manchester United are starting to feel the strain, manager Alex Ferguson admitted after his side returned to the top of the English First Division on Saturday with a 1-0 win over Everton, reports AP.

"I'm feeling my age," said Ferguson, whose side are bidding for an unprecedented treble of the championship, FA Cup and League Cup.

United were installed as favourites to win the league title after their latest win and Ferguson commented: "What a good result that was for us today. We needed it after our defeat here by Queen's Park Rangers on new year's day. But we know we can do much better."

"It's obvious the games against Leeds have taken a lot out of us, but it speaks volumes for the players that they could produce a winning performance against very difficult opposition."

They had to thank Ukrainian winger Andrei Kanchelskis for a 56th minute winner, but also had to survive and 87th minute winner, but also had to survive and 87th minute penalty appeal when Everton striker Mo Johnston

went crashing over a Steve Bruce challenge.

Referee Terry Holbrook waved play on, but Everton manager Howard Kendall said: "I thought it was a foul. Mo seemed to get past the player and had a scoring chance."

Merseyside neighbours Liverpool had more joy, staging a dramatic fightback to beat lowly Luton 2-1 at Anfield with goals from Steve McManaman and Dean Saunders in the last five minutes.

"We did very well after the break and were unfortunate not to score before we did," said Liverpool manager Graeme Souness. "But all credit to Luton, who worked very hard."

Luton boss David Lea, whose side took the lead with a Nicky Tanner own goal in the 31st minute, was not surprised by his side's late collapse.

"It was the fourth time in a row had taken a lead and not won," he moaned. "This is as painful a kick as we're had. We have some young boys who don't know how to kill a game like Liverpool do."

Luton's loss allowed Sheffield United to leapfrog over them with a 4-2 victory at bottom club Southampton.

However, United manager Dave Bassett said his side still

face a long battle before they end relegation fears.

He said: "We're still down the bottom and not out of trouble, and if we had lost today, we would have dropped below Southampton."

"Both ourselves and Southampton have got to try and pull down some of the teams just below us, so we can lift ourselves out of trouble."

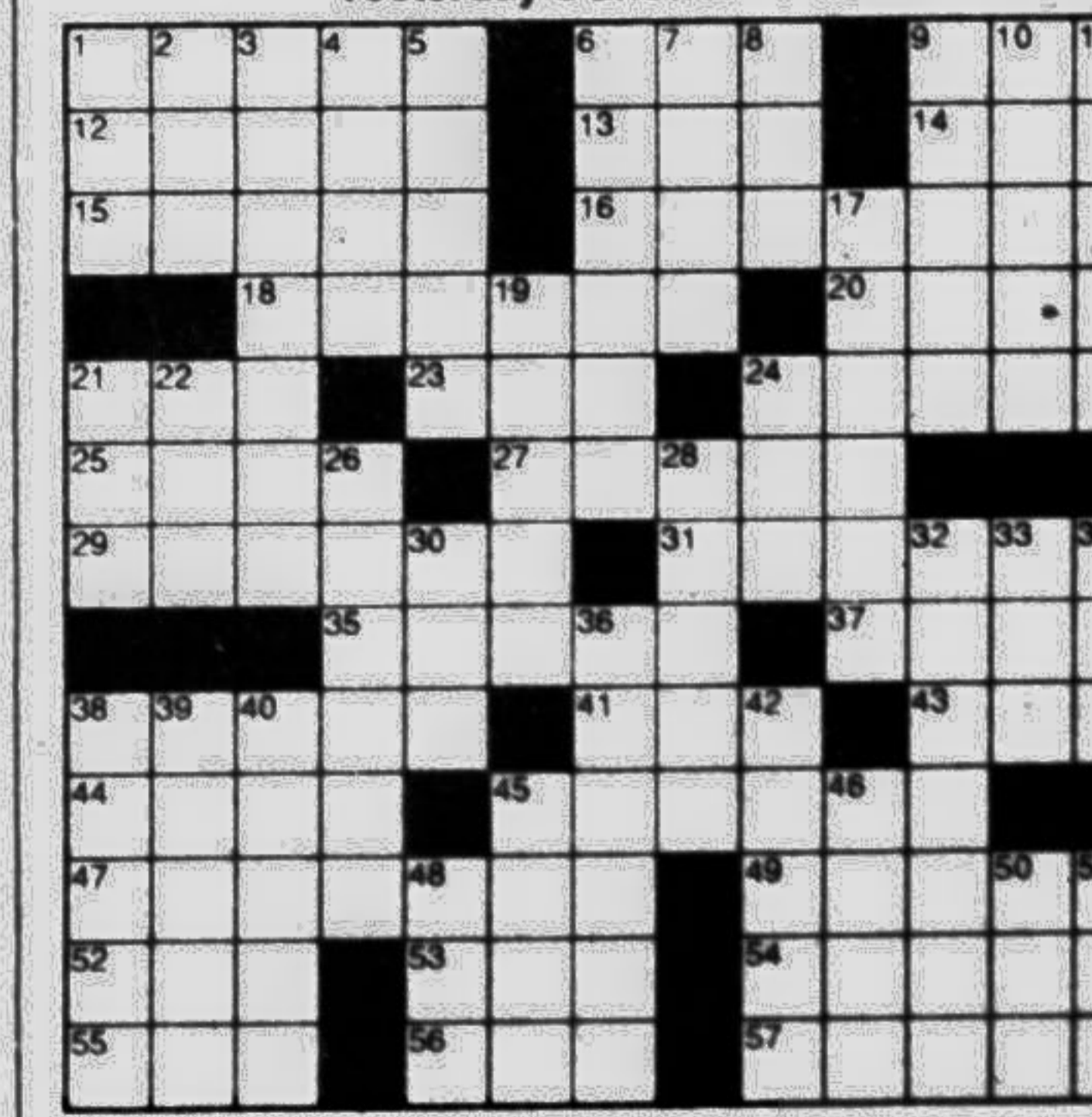
Two second-half goals from Michael to lake sealed Saints' demise, which manager Ian Branfoot put down to two defensive blunders.

Branfoot said: "It was all down to stupid individual errors. Jason Dodd and Richard Hall were responsible for two of the goals."

"It may sound draft, but take them out and it was as well as we've played at home this season. At 2-2 we are in control and should have won it, but I must say it was bad defending."

Luton's defeat also allowed West Ham to move within a point of Haze's side, but that did not stop and angry mob of 3,000 Hammers fans invading the Upton Park pitch after their 1-1 draw with Wimbledon.

The supporters, unhappy with the team's form and the controversial plan for raising



7-12 CRYPTOQUIP

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LEGRAP LAVU TEVRPDSU
EZUAP YA GCMU YBM
TEGEVNA.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MISER HAS UTTER FAITH IN FREE SPEECH, SO HE USES SOMEONE ELSE'S TELEPHONE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals F

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.