

Edberg faces Costa in semis

HAMBURG, May 9: Top-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden struggled into the semifinals Friday at the rain-plagued ATP German Open tennis tournament in Hamburg, defeating Omar Camporese of Italy 2-6, 7-6, (7-5), 6-2, reports AP.

Edberg advances to the next round against unseeded Carlos Costa of Spain, who defeated the Netherlands' un-

seeded Paul Haarhuis 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, for his second win of the day.

The tournament's remaining quarterfinal matches — second-seeded Boris Becker of Germany against defending champion Karel Novacek of Czechoslovakia and third-seeded Michael Stich of Germany against Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands — were rescheduled for Saturday morning.



STEFAN EDBERG

after long interruptions for rain and hail on Thursday and Friday.

Edberg predicted on Thursday that the match against Camporese would be a tough one.

"Tomorrow will be a test for me. Camporese... is a great clay-court player," said Edberg.

The Swede barely passed Friday's test. He played badly, but Camporese played worse.

Edberg's serve-and-volley didn't function well on the slow, sandy surface. He repeatedly gave away serves and break points in the first set,

landing them in the net like birthday presents for Chang, the world's sixth-best player, put up a decent fight. But both players made frequent errors and seemed to be adjusting to the clay court.

Haarhuis clinched the third-round match in hairline tiebreaks with 7-6, (7-5), 7-6 (10-8) after two hours and 27 minutes before facing Costa.

Costa benefitted from a third-round victory early in the day. He defeated Olivier Delatre of France 6-2, 6-3.

In other belated third-round matches Friday, second-seeded Becker needed 2 hours and 41 minutes to defeat unseeded Renzo Furlan of Italy.

Eighth-seeded Novacek had an easier win, beating Italy's Christiano Caratti 6-3, 6-2.

Third-seeded Stich beat Horst Skoff of Austria 6-3, 7-5.

Twelfth-seeded Krajicek defeated Croatia's fifth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic 7-5, 6-2.

If weather allows, the winners of Saturday morning's quarterfinal matches will also play their semifinals Saturday after a short rest pause.

Camporese, who Friday turned 24.

A fast-moving Camporese — 30 notches behind second-ranked Edberg in world tennis scores — used quick returns to stomp the cold-stiffened Swede. Camporese easily won the first set and nearly the second as well.

But Edberg gained momentum in the tie break and put on the pressure in the third set to convert the first of three matchballs after a grueling 2 hours and 14 minutes.

Haarhuis and Costa both put in double shifts Friday because of Thursday's rain delays.

Haarhuis ousted the last US American player in the tournament, fourth-seeded Michael Chang.



Action from yesterday's fifth Federation Cup basketball match between Gregs Club and Stars Club of Sylhet at the wooden-floor gym. Gregs won 94-56. —Star photo

Seles reaches final

Rome, May 9: Top-seeded Monica Seles kept her streak of not dropping a set all week Saturday, holding off South Africa's Amanda Coetzer 6-0, 6-4 in 80 minutes to reach the final at the \$15,000 Italian Open, reports AP.

Seles will get a chance to advance last year's loss in Sunday's final where she will face second-seeded Gabriela Sabatini, who beat No 4 Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States 6-2, 6-3 in Saturday's other semifinal.

Coetzer, 16th seed and a surprise third-round winner over American Jennifer Capriati, seemed no match for Seles' pounding groundstrokes and drop shots in a first set that lasted just 26 minutes.

But she began changing speeds and tried to keep Seles far back at the baseline. The tactic paid off, giving her a 4-3 lead and a break point to go ahead 5-3. But she hit long, and Seles held serve at 4-4.

"She's a tough player, she doesn't give you a free point," Seles said.

Despite her domination of the women's game, Seles admits she still lacks a net game.

"I should not be afraid to come in during a match, and just think 'If she passes me she passes me,'" the 18-year-old Yugoslav said Friday. "I try to but it is really hard."

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An earlier AP report said: If Monica Seles learns to play the net she might really be dangerous. Imagine that weapon



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Seles was matched up against Amanda Coetzer, the 16th seeded South African. Coetzer eliminated Jennifer Capriati and Natalia Zvereva.

No 2 seed Gabriela Sabatini, the defending Italian champion, has also swept through and faced No 4 seed Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States.

Fernandez mounted an impressive comeback to defeat 17-year-old Anke Huber of

Germany 3-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3 Friday night in one of the hardest fought matches of the tournament.

The American said she was bothered by the lights and had difficulty finding her rhythm at the start.

She kept her calm and Huber began feeling the pressure.

"But I never gave up, basically I decided to keep the ball in play and not go for winners," Fernandez said.

Seles traces her lack of a net game to her success in Yugoslavia as a hard-hitting youngster.

"Then as I had obtained good results so early, everybody expected me to win everything, so this made me uptight about changing my game."

In Rome, she is getting some practice with volleys — as a doubles partner with Helena Sukova.

Reuter adds: The floodlit match between Fernandez and fifth seed Huber provided the only real drama of an otherwise disappointing day.

Huber appeared to have the match sewn up when she led by a set and 5-1. But her service fell apart and Australian Open finalist Fernandez recovered to win 3-6, 7-6, 6-3.

Fernandez now meets Sabatini, who disposed of seventh-seeded French woman Nathalie Tauziat for the loss one game.

But Fernandez will have to improve on a curiously tentative performance if she is to repeat her 1992 Australian Open semifinal success over the Argentine.

Sabatini, the darling of the Roman crowd, is bidding for a fourth Italian Open title in five years and few would be against a repetition of last year's Sabatini-Seles final.

Wheaton advances as rains relent

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, May 9: The rains let up enough to allow second-seeded David Wheaton and Jeff Tarango to advance at the US men's clay court tennis championships on Friday, reports Reuter.

Wheaton beat fellow-American Jimmy Brown 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6) in their first-round match and Tarango dispatched Spain's Marco Aurelio Garriz 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 in second-round play.

The court was about as slow as you could possibly get it," said Wheaton, after advancing to a second-round match-up with Brazil's Luiz Mattar. "It feels good to win my first round."

The courts suited Brown's game much more than if the two had finished play indoors on hard courts, as was contemplated by officials.

"I'd have a better chance flipping a coin, than playing Wheaton indoors," Brown said.

But the rains came back as they have throughout this tournament and forced suspension of play again.

Eleven other singles matches were not completed.

Judge may freeze Tyson's annuity

NEW YORK, May 9: A federal judge said Friday Mike Tyson's mounting legal bills may force him to freeze the remaining \$1.8 million in the former heavyweight champion's annuity, reports AP.

Tyson's former manager, Bill Cayton, asked US District Judge John Keenan to attach the policy in the event Cayton wins a judgement against Tyson in court.

Tyson and Cayton, whose contract expired in February, are suing each other, both claiming they have been short-changed.

Cayton's lawyer, David Branson, asked for the attachment after learning that Tyson took out a \$1 million loan last month against an annuity established to provide for him at the end of his boxing career. The loan reportedly was used to pay legal bills resulting from his Indiana rape trial and the ongoing appeals.

Noting that Tyson earned \$14 million in 1991 alone, Branson said, "this is an extraordinary dissipation of assets."

Tyson's attorney, F. Lane Heard III, said the order was unnecessary because Tyson still owns two homes — one in New Jersey and one in Ohio — which could be sold to satisfy any judgment.

"I think I'd have to live in a cave somewhere if I didn't recognize that there's going to be some dissipation of his assets," Keenan said. "If a million dollars keeps going out, he's not going to have any money left because he's not earning any more."

Tyson to lose good-credit time for threatening a guard

PLAINFIELD, Ind., May 9: Mike Tyson was found guilty Friday of threatening a guard and disorderly conduct following a hearing at the Indiana Youth Center, reports AP.

As a result, the former heavyweight champion will lose good-credit time, setting back his earliest release date 15 days, to April 9, 1995.

The hearing had been scheduled for May 13, but was moved up after Tyson waived

his right to 24-hour notice of the disciplinary hearing.

Tyson, who is serving a six-year sentence for rape, was charged Monday night with two counts of threatening another with bodily harm, and was transferred to a segregated cell.



MIKE TYSON

He pleaded innocent to one count accusing him of threatening a prison guard and guilty to a second charge that he threatened staff members when he was taken to the supervisor's office to discuss the first incident.

The hearing officer found Tyson guilty Friday of the second charge, a Class B offense, and reduced the first charge to disorderly conduct, a Class C violation.

Tyson attended the hearing accompanied by one witness and an inmate who acted as his lay advocate. Department of Correction spokesman Kevin Moore said.

The hearing officer determined that this was more than likely to be a disorderly conduct than the more serious threatening charge. More said.

Tyson was sentenced to a loss of 30 days of earned credit time, changing his possible release date from March 25, 1995.

He was ordered to spend 10 days in the prison's segregation unit, but that sentence was reduced to the five days already served. He also lost 30 days of privileges at the prison commissary, where inmates can buy clothing, snacks and personal items.

Tyson was moved back to his cell and will resume his normal schedule, Moore said Friday night.

The charges stemmed from two incidents Monday night. Tyson threatened prison staff in the commissary area. Then, a couple of hours later, he became belligerent and threatened staff members in the supervisor's office, Moore said.

Tyson's sentence was imposed March 26 in the rape of a Miss Black America pageant contestant last July in an Indianapolis hotel.

Cosby daughter's charge against Tyson

NEW YORK, May 9: Erin Cosby, the daughter of comedian Bill Cosby, says boxer Mike Tyson tried to sexually assault her at his home three years ago but that she managed to break away, reports AP.

Erin Cosby, 25, said in an interview taped Wednesday for a TV talk show, that she met Tyson at a New York city nightclub and accompanied him to his estate in New Jersey. He knocked her on the ground at his home and began grabbing at her, she said, but she got away.

She said she was not raped.

Tyson is serving a six-year prison sentence after being convicted in February of raping a teenage Miss Black America beauty pageant contestant. The courts have refused to release him on bond while he appeals the conviction.

Erin Cosby said she told her parents about the incident and "They said they would handle it."

Tyson reneged on an agreement with her father to undergo psychotherapy, she said.

Several weeks after the incident, she said Tyson hunted her down at another New York nightclub and began screaming at her, "How dare you do this, I am not going to go to therapy."

Newport exposes Pak weakness

WORCESTER, England, May 9: Pakistan's talented batting line-up failed to live up to expectations on Friday as the touring team slumped to a five-wicket defeat in their opening first-class fixture against Worcestershire, reports Reuter.

From 31 for two overnight, Pakistan were hustled out for just 93 in their second innings. Former England Test seamer Phil Newport took five for eight in 36 deliveries.

Worcestershire then reached their target of 165 with 9.5 overs to spare, condemning Pakistan to a defeat which had looked unthinkable when they piled up 374 for four declared on the first day.

Only Shoaib Mohammad with 46 offered any resistance in the second innings which was undermined by Newport's swing bowling on a pitch which had previously looked a good batting surface.

"It seems to me that if you can get past their first five batsmen they have a fairly long tail," Newport said.

Eighteen-year old all-rounder Philip Weston, son of a former England Rugby Union international, started Pakistan's collapse by having Salim Malik caught at point before Newport took over.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the third and final day of the cricket match between Worcestershire and Pakistan on Friday:
PAKISTAN: First Innings

374 for four declared (Rameez Raja 172, Salim Malik 91).
WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 303 for five declared (T. Curtis 85, P. Weston 64 not out).

PAKISTAN: Second Innings (overnight 31-2)
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Shoaib Mohammad

Rain spoils Pak-Glamorgan match
CARDIFF, May 9: Rain dashed Pakistan's hopes of bouncing straight back from Friday's shock five-wicket defeat by Worcestershire against Glamorgan here today, reports AP.

Pools of water formed all over Sophia Gardens following several hours of heavy rain and ruled out play on the opening day of the three-day match.

"Disappointing though it was to lose yesterday, this is even worse," said Pakistan manager Khalid Mahmood. "We badly need as much practice as possible as this stage of the tour."

"There was certainly a lack of application on our part yesterday and the boys are very disappointed to have lost, but they've played a lot of one-day cricket in recent months and it takes time to readjust to the demands of the longer game. The important thing is to learn from the defeat."

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SA's return creates problem for COOB

SEVILLE, Spain, May 9: South Africa's return to the Olympics after a 32-year absence is more enthusiastic than expected, and that's posing a major problem for organizers of the Summer Games, reports AP.

Along with dozens of other countries that have exceeded their allotment of athletes and team officials for the Barcelona Olympics, South Africa is being asked to cut its delegation.

South Africa wants to send 188 athletes and officials to Barcelona, but the International Olympic Committee insisted Friday it stick to its allotment of 68 places — a reduction of nearly two-thirds.

Setback for Budd

CAPE TOWN, May 9: Zola Budd's hopes of representing South Africa at the Barcelona Olympics suffered a severe setback on Friday when she finished outside the 3,000 metres qualifying time, reports AP. Budd, who now runs under her married name of Pieterse, clocked a disappointing eight minutes 57.47 seconds on her favourite Cootzenburg track.

She started well but slipped to four seconds behind scheduled with one lap remaining. In spite of encouragement from the crowd she finished 1.47 seconds outside the qualifying target.

IOC spokeswoman Michele Verdier said South African officials have been invited to IOC headquarters in Switzerland to discuss cuts, and that other nations also are being pushed to reduce.

The cuts are necessary because of a huge surplus of athletes and team officials signed up for Barcelona. Organizers have set a strict limit of 15,200 team members for the July 25-Aug 9 Games, but already have received more than 19,000 accreditation requests.

Organizers say a surplus of athletes and officials would strain Olympic housing and food services, and make scheduling difficult for practice and competition.

"We can't put two in a bed," said IOC Executive Board member Gunnar Ericsson. "We have reached the limit."

Gilbert Felli, the IOC's sports director, has suggested a rotation of athletes within the Olympic Village — with athletes that have finished their events heading home and giving up their beds to competitors whose events are just beginning.

The Barcelona organizing committee, known as COOB, objects to such a move because of the logistical problems and because it feels all athletes should be able to march in the opening ceremonies.

COOB officials are due in Seville on Saturday to discuss attendance problems with the

IOC Executive Board. Felli will travel Monday to Barcelona to continue discussions with COOB.

Felli and Ericsson both said Friday they think voluntary reductions by nations will reduce most of the surplus, and Felli said he expects to have a revised total by May 15.

COOB in recent days also has spoken of progress in making cuts, with one official saying the surplus have been reduced voluntarily from 4,000 to about 2,200. He said most of the cuts have been team officials, not athletes.

The United States, which will have the biggest delegation at the Games, is within its quota on athletes but has requested passes for too many officials. The Americans hope to send 624 athletes and 241 officials, ranging from coaches to press aides, to Barcelona.

The Olympic family has swelled in recent years, with a record 172 nations expected to compete in Barcelona. They include Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, which competed as part of the Soviet Union for decades, and former Yugoslav republics Croatia and Slovenia.

Nations often do not send all the athletes and officials for whom they have sought accreditation, but that may not hold true this time — since COOB is offering free room and board to all athletes.

The surplus problem is particularly delicate for South

Africa, which is celebrating its return to the Olympics for the first time since 1960. It had hoped its Olympic coming-out party would give many of its athletes their first chance to compete in a major international competition.

Verdier said the IOC agreed in principle Friday to a South African team uniform for Barcelona that will not include the traditional Springbok, a symbol despised by many blacks.

The team will wear uniforms with a logo approved by the new multiracial National Olympic Committee of South Africa. If one of its athletes wins a gold medal, the Olympic flag will be raised and the Olympic anthem played.

Salimullah Soccer Sports Reporter

Cynthia Sporting Club won the second Nawab Khwaja Sir Salimullah memorial juvenile football tournament beating Sir Salimullah Memorial Club by two goals to one in the final held at the Salimullah Muslim Orphanage play ground recently.

Nizam and Badal were the scorers for Cynthia while Rabiul got the consolation for the losers.

S. Zafar, a well known social worker of the Lalbagh area, gave away the trophies after the match as chief guest.

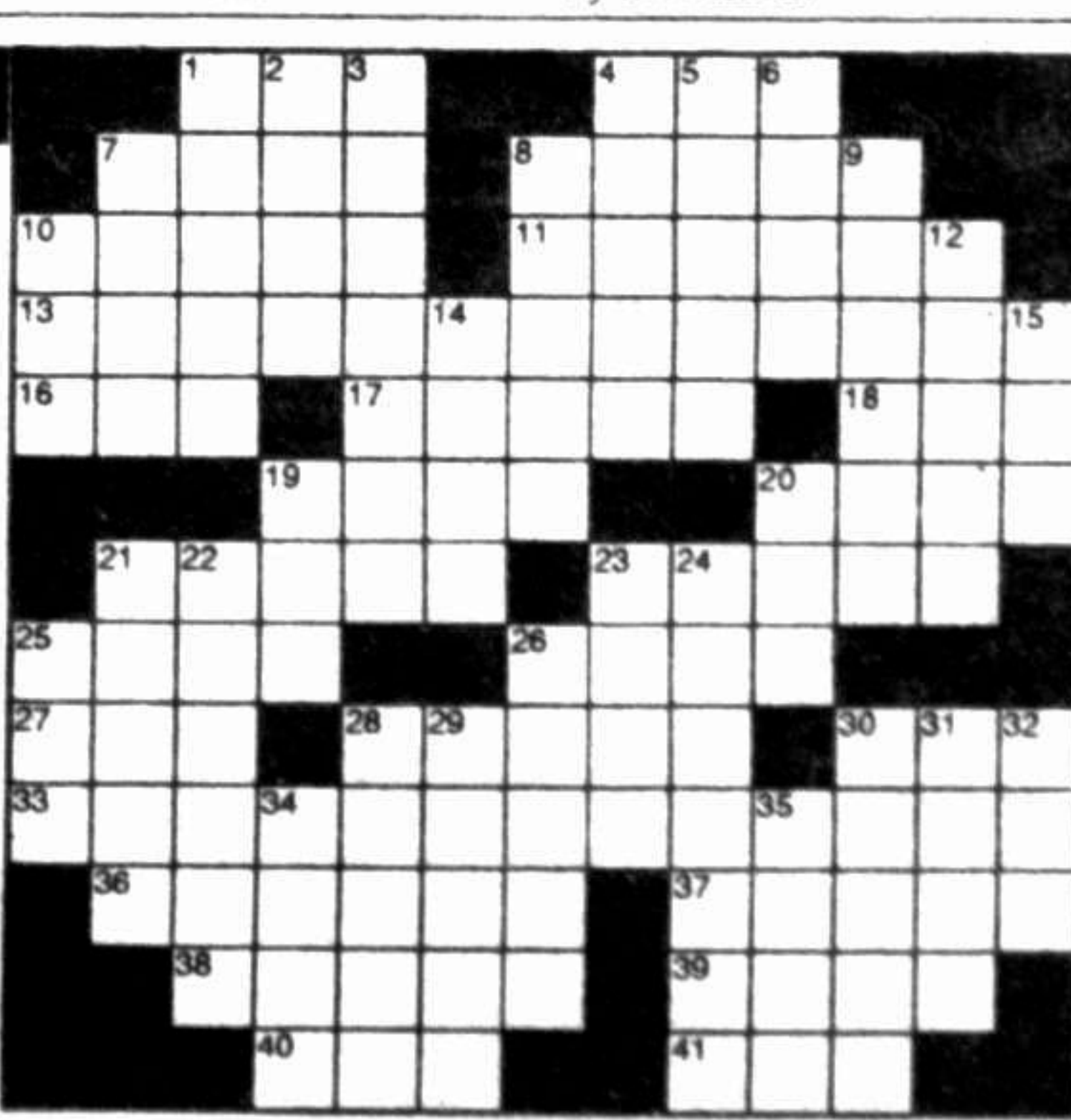
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CRYPTOQUIP
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Today's Cryptogram clue: C equals F
The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.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