

## Brolin strikes for hosts against Danes

**STOCKHOLM, June 15:** Tomas Brolin propelled Sweden to a 1-0 victory over Denmark on Sunday and gave the hosts a great chance of reaching the semifinals of the European Championship, reports Reuter.

Brolin pounced in the 59th minute to crown a fine move by Martin Dahlin and hoist Sweden to the top of Group One, a point clear of England and France who earlier shared a goalless draw in Malmo.

The Swedes, who drew 1-1 with France in last Wednesday's opening match, have three points and need just one more from their concluding group tie with England on Wednesday to be sure of a place in the semifinals.

Sweden deserved their win and Brolin should have made it 2-0 two minutes before the final whistle when he hesitated after substitute Johnny Ekstrom had set him up with a glorious close-range chance.

But the little forward from Italian Cup winners Parma made no mistake when it counted most.

Dahlin burst through on the right, pushed the ball past Danish captain Lars Olsen and beat him for speed to retrieve it.

His square cross across the face of goal appeared for a moment to be going begging, but Brolin popped up on the left and stabbed it home.

Denmark, brought into the finals less than two weeks be-

fore the start as replacements for banished Yugoslavia, could not match the rivals who had



BROLIN...Sweden's hero beaten them 4-0 when they last met a year ago in Norrkoping.

lead when Kim Christoffe crashed a left-footed free-kick against the right upright two minutes before the interval.

Swedish defender Patrik Andersson was booked for bringing down Brian Laudrup just in front of the penalty area on the Danish right to give away the free-kick.

Christoffe touched the ball to Flemming Povlsen and slammed the return around the defensive wall only to be denied by the near post.

But the probings of Povlsen, Laudrup and their colleagues were more than matched by the eager Swedes.

Jonas Thern and Stefan Schwarz, teammates at Benfica, exerted control and Dahlin, Brolin and Klas Ingesson were always a handful for the Danish defence.

Crude challenges were sometimes the unsatisfactory answer and Danish defender Henrik Andersen was booked in the 14th minute for hacking down Brolin.

Thomas Ravelli, playing his 90th match for Sweden, was rarely tested in goal but his Danish counterpart Peter Schmeichel needed to be on his toes to make a good save from a fierce shot by Anders Limpar from out on the left a quarter of an hour from the end.

Dahlin, a substitute against France, fully justified his inclusion from the start as the only Swedish change in their opening line-up.

He might well have scored in the 51st minute when

Limpar gave him an excellent opening, but his effort went wide.

Sweden manager Tommy Svensson said: "Brolin was one of the best players on the pitch today. Martin Dahlin had a good game and Jonas Thern and Stefan Schwarz worked tremendously throughout the tie."

But Svensson played down his team's semifinal prospects.

"I still have England and France as favourites in our group. I'm expecting a very tough game against the England," he said.

Danish coach Richard Moeller Nielsen said Laudrup had been less influential than in last Thursday's goalless draw with England.

"He was heavily marked and had a difficult time tonight," he said.

### TEAMS

**SWEDEN:** Thomas Ravelli, Roland Nilsson, Jan Eriksson, Patrik Andersson, Joachim Bjorklund, Anders Limpar (Magnus Erlingmark 90), Jonas Thern, Stefan Schwarz, Klas Ingesson, Tomas Brolin, Martin Dahlin (Johnny Ekstrom 78).

**DENMARK:** Peter Schmeichel, John Siveback, Kent Nielsen, Lars Olsen, Henrik Andersen, Kim Christoffe, John Faxe Jensen (Henrik Larsen 63), Kim Vilfort, Brian Laudrup, Flemming Povlsen, Bent Christensen (Torben Frank 52).

Referee: Aron Schmidhuber (Germany).



French defender Basile Boli tackles English striker Gary Lineker (L) during the European Championship Group One match in Malmo Sunday. The match ended goalless.

—AFP photo

## Anglo-French clash disappoints all

**MALMO, Sweden, June 15:** England and France ground themselves down to another European Championship stalemate in a bruising, unenterprising 0-0 draw on Sunday, reports Reuter.

England, marked out of the game by central defender Des Walker.

At the end, England fans chanted "What A Load of Rubbish" as their team left the

back of them.

The hooligan element among their followers wreaked havoc in the city centre on Saturday night and their team has played two largely tedious goalless draws at the Malmo Stadium.

There was an early sign of the way the match would go right at the kickoff when, with the ball nowhere in sight, Pearce ran full tilt at Papin and the two players fell to the ground, struggling to disentangle arms and legs.

With defeat spelling almost certain elimination, no quarter was being given but a succession of crude fouls and acts of physical intimidation off the ball by both sides went largely unpunished by tolerant Hungarian referee Sandor Puhl.

Only one player from each side—Luis Fernandez of France and David Batty of England—were booked.

French midfielder Franck Sauzeau clashed heads with an England player in the first half and went off at halftime suffering from concussion.

"He didn't know who he was playing against," French team boss Michel Platini said. "He didn't even know he was playing."

Platini said he was satisfied, but only with the result.

"It's the first time we didn't concede a goal since we played Albania more than a year ago," he said.

"It's not my concept of the way football should be played but that's the way the game has evolved."

"I and my players apologise because it probably wasn't a great show for the public. We did well defensively. Next time we will do better in attack."

England manager Graham Taylor said: "I think the French team came looking for a draw in the hope that they'll beat Denmark."

"It was a very hard game. I'm very proud of the way our

players coped with that game today."

Taylor singled out young players, Batty, Sinton, Alan Shearer and Carlton Palmer for special praise. "They learned a lot about international football tonight," he said.

### TEAMS

**ENGLAND:** Chris Woods, Trevor Steven, Stuart Pearce, Martin Keown, Des Walker, David Platt, Carlton Palmer, David Batty, Andy Sinton, Gary Lineker, Alan Shearer.

**FRANCE:** Bruno Martini, Manuel Amoros, Laurent Blanc, Basile Boli, Bernard Casoni, Didier Deschamps, Franck Sauzeau (Jocelyn Angloma 46), Luis Fernandez (Christian Perez 75), Jean-Philippe Durand, Jean-Pierre Papin, Eric Cantona.

Referee: Sandor Puhl (Hungary).



PRIME SPORTS Tuesday	
00:00 hrs	Land Yachting
00:30	European Soccer
01:30	TBA
06:30	Trans World Sports
07:30	TBA
08:00	US Basketball League
10:00	Prime Bodies
10:30	Best of American College Sports
13:00	National Hockey League: Stanley Cup
16:00	Major Indoor Soccer League
18:00	Prime Bodies
18:30	Best of 1992 Winter Olympics
21:00	TBA

(Please deduct 2 hours from above timings for Bangladesh Standard Time)

## Edberg misses his killer instinct

**LONDON, June 15:** Stefan Edberg feels there is only one thing missing from his tennis game as he chases a third Wimbledon men's singles title next week — his killer instinct, reports Reuter.

His timidity on the big points cost him his semifinal match against Shuzo Matsouka at the Queen's Club grass court championship on Saturday — and he knew it.

"I think you have to take a few chances and go for it in those situations. I didn't do that and that's why I lost this match," said Edberg, the 1991 Queen's Club champion.

Six match points in his

favour had vanished before he finally went down to a surprising defeat to a player ranked 79 places below him, most of them frittered away by a succession of feeble forehands from the elegant two-times winner of the Wimbledon title.

At least he has a week to find the missing link, though he was not forthcoming when asked where he might look for it.

Not only did Edberg bow 1-6, 7-6, 10-8 to Matsouka, he had made heavy weather of his previous two matches, taking three sets to beat Australian Wally Masur and Pat Cash in his previous two matches.

Self-loathing looked about to consume him on Saturday as

he discussed the situation afterwards.

"It was a match I shouldn't have lost. It was my match," the world number two said. "I let him off the hook just as I let Masur and Cash off the hook."

"I should have won all my matches in straight sets," Edberg, the reigning US Open champion, won the opening set comfortably enough and always looked in control in the second until he edged ahead 6-4 in the tie-break.

But a soft second serve was duly punished by Matsouka and two points later, the match was level.

Still, there was no cause

for alarm as the Swede, serving superbly and moving ever so smoothly on the surface he likes best, continued to win his service games easily while making Matsouka fight for his own through the third set.

when the Swede finally reached match point again in the 12th game against Matsouka's serve, the result everyone still expected seemed inevitable. But tentativeness took over once more.

Again the Edberg forehead let him down, weak efforts either missing the court or setting up easy volleys for the Japanese as Edberg squandered another four match points.

Five games later, he dropped his own serve and Matsouka quickly sewed up the victory to move through to Sunday's final which he lost to South African Wayne Ferreira.

Edberg, who won the 1988 and 1990 Wimbledon titles by beating Boris Becker in both finals, sandwiched around a defeat by Becker in the 1990 final, said he did not feel this setback would be damaging to his Wimbledon cause this time.

"A reminder for Wimbledon? What happened doesn't happen there. It's best-of-five sets there and it would be more difficult for him," he said.

"Last year I played really well at Queen's and it would have been nice to be in the final again," he said. "I think I would have had a good chance to win it."

He saw the silver lining in the cloud. "Okay, I have had a good run here and maybe it is good that I had a lot of tough, close matches."

"It just should have been a lot better," he said.

## Stich sounds Wimbledon warning

**ROSMALEN, Netherlands, June 15:** After a one-year grass court winning streak, Michael Stich is as confident as ever going to defend his Wimbledon title, reports AP.

"I'm playing the best grass court tennis, maybe even better than last year," he said after winning the Continental Grass Court Championships Sunday.

The 23-year-old German is ranked fourth in the world after winning the final against Jonathan Stark, a rookie pro from Medford, Ore.

Stich moves ahead of his compatriot Boris Becker, who was knocked out of this week's Queen's Club tournament in the second round.

Stich has won every grass court match since losing here last year to Michael Schapery

— 12 in total. And not one player here this week, not even John McEnroe, broke him. Still, the 23-year-old German was subdued about his victory. He predicted tough going at Wimbledon against Becker, Stephan Edberg, and Pete Sampras despite their falling out in the early rounds at Queen's Club.

"These guys are still going to be the biggest threat in Wimbledon," he said.

"It doesn't matter if they lose or win, they're always going to be very dangerous."

Edberg and Sampras are ranked second and third behind American Jim Courier, who rested this week.

Stark, 21, shined this week with 37 aces, the best in the tournament, which was only his second on grass. Sunday's match was his first ATP final.

Despite his height at 1.88 metres (6-foot-2), Stark antici-

ipated his opponent's moves and was lightning fast on the returns.

But Stark's challenges only sharpened the German's lethal ball work and deceiving serves. At 1.92 metres (6-foot-4), Stich also has the advantage of a long reach.

Stark was nervous at the start, letting Stich break him on a double fault and go on to take the first set.

But when Stark came back strong in the second set with a love-game win and then a near-perfect service game, Stich rose to the challenge and chalked up four consecutive love games to win set two.

He almost had a fifth but fumbled three consecutive faults before winning the match point.

"He was serving pretty well. I didn't get a grip on his serve," said Stich, giving Stark well-deserved credit.

## Chicago pays for Bulls' triumph

**CHICAGO, June 15:** Firefighters on Monday tended still-smoldering blazes that broke out during a night of looting and arson when fans poured into the streets to celebrate the Chicago Bulls' second straight basketball championship, reports AP.

Two people were critically burned late Sunday while trying to hide from looters who set fire to a liquor store on the South Side, police and hospital officials said.

Police closed bars early, and officers on horseback cleared streets after the trouble started Sunday night.

More than 1,000 police officers helped restore order, and about 300 people were arrested, police spokeswoman Tina Vicini said.

A police officer was shot in the foot, and another was wounded in the calf, authorities said. Neither was seriously hurt.

Onlookers threw bricks or rocks at firefighters, who responded to several blazes on the West Side and elsewhere, said fire department spokesman Mike Cosgrove. A five-story commercial building was still burning Monday morning, but the fire was under control.

Bulls' star Michael Jordan pleaded for calm.

"Let's enjoy ourselves, but let's not tear up the city. It's our city," he said in a televised interview after the Bulls beat the Portland Trail Blazers at Chicago Stadium.

Windows were shattered on at least 30 buses, but no one aboard was hurt, Chicago Transit Authority officials said.

## Tyson says he doesn't miss boxing

**NEW YORK, June 15:** Mike Tyson says he doesn't miss boxing, but he reportedly has told an interviewer he fears his career in the ring may be over, reports AP.

"I may never box again," Tyson is quoted as saying in an interview with CBS-TV, reported in Monday's editions of



TYSON...end of career?

The New York Daily News. The statement was made during a May 26 interview at the Indiana prison where he is serving a six-year sentence for the rape of a Miss Black America beauty contestant.

"I know that my body is here," Tyson is quoted as saying. "But my mind is not and that's how I'm surviving."

The interview, the first with the former heavyweight champion since he began serving the sentence at the Indiana Youth Center, will air on the CBS program, "Street Stories."

## Schultz blasts Byrne for title

**BIRMINGHAM, June 15:** Big-serving Brenda Schultz blasted out a Wimbledon warning with her huge serve as she won the Dow Classic women's title at Edgbaston on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The 1.87 metre Dutch girl with the 190kph serve blitzed Australia's Junry Byrne 6-2, 6-2 in just 54 minutes then said: "I really fancy my chances at Wimbledon. I think I can beat anyone."

"Everyone finds it very difficult to break my serve so if I can keep serving well I have a good chance."

But Schultz is much more than just a big player with a big serve. She has a fearsome forehand and a growing range of ground strokes.

Now coached by Arantxa Sanchez Vicario's former mentor June Nunez, she added: "I have been working really hard on my game and it's paying dividends."

"Everything has improved and I have everything I need for good grass court play."

Byrne, who toppled four seeds, failed to reproduce that form. "Perhaps I was a bit tired today because it was my sixth match in a week," she said.

### Boxing result

**AUCKLAND, June 15:** New Zealand challenger Jimmy Peat Thunder on Monday night beat Australian Craig Peterson to take out the Australian and Australasian heavyweight boxing title, reports AP.

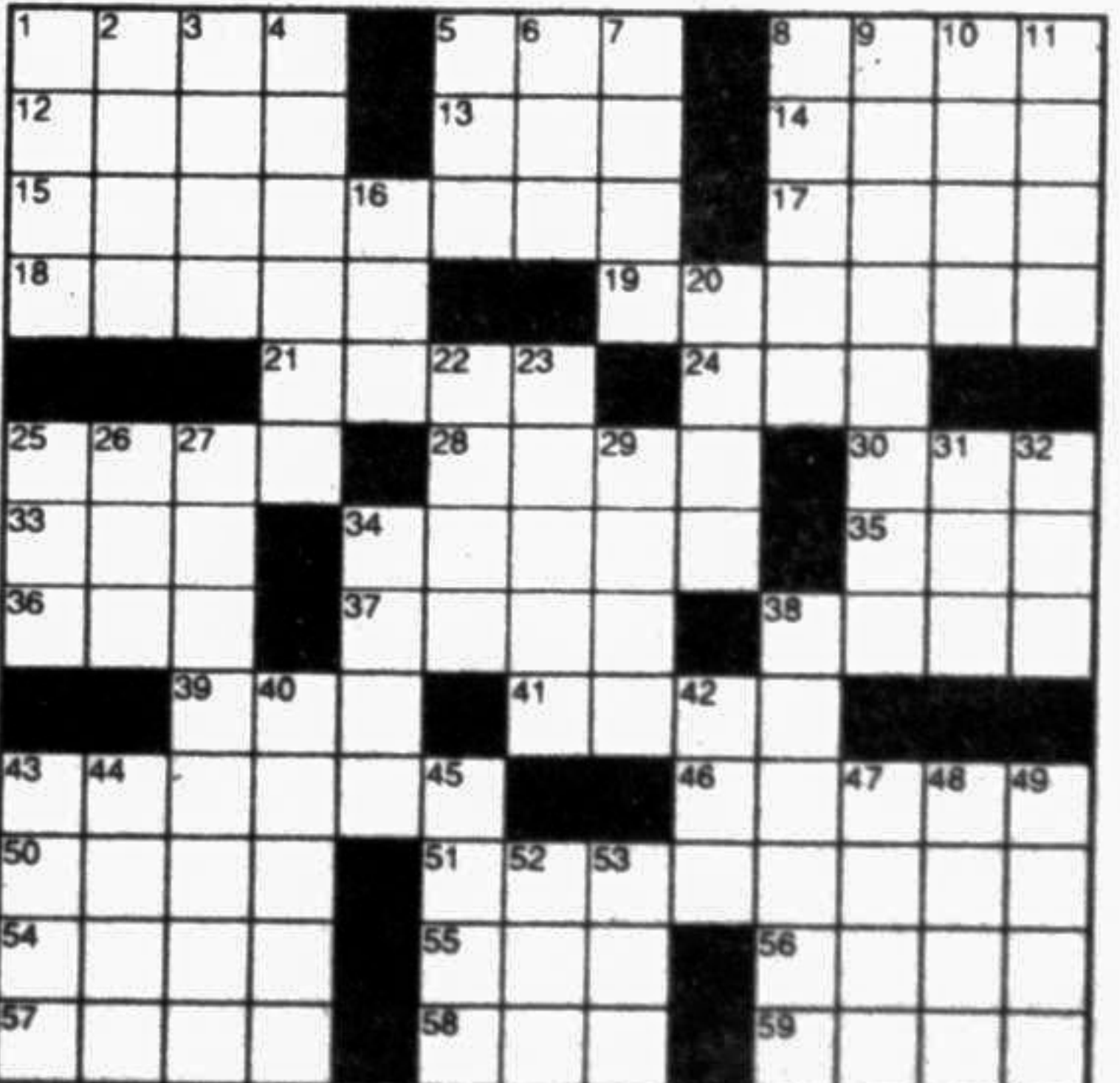
Thunder took the 12 round bout on a unanimous judges decision.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	lyre	59 Very, in Versailles	20 Church section
1 Social engagement	38 Unexpected obstacle	DOWN	22 Musical work
5 Work unit	39 Went under cover	1 Credit-card balance	23 Pavarotti, for one
8 — Row (rundown section)	41 Take five	2 Jai —	25 Trap or tail
12 Actor Jack	43 Album items	3 Fruit pie	lead-in
13 Luau garland	46 Bakery byproduct	4 Begin a journey	26 South American river
14 In good order	50 The — of the Ancient Mariner	5 Old times, once	27 Vacation spot
15 Vacation spot	51 Vacation spot	6 Classic car	29 Farm measure
17 Presently	54 Ancient Syria	7 Dorothy or Lillian	31 Legal org.
18 Thing of great size	55 Can or cloth	8 Coach or craft lead-in	32 Necessity for Bozo
19 Argue about terms	56 Center	9 Vacation spot	34 Pedestal base
21 Peasant of India	57 Hodge-podge	10 Baal, for one	38 Rigorous
24 Footlike organ	58 Personal question?	11 Unit of force	40 Ledger entries
25 Dangerous chance		16 "...have you — wool?"	42 Actress Laura — Giacomo
28 They're served with carrots			43 Baby carriage
30 Marble			44 "Spenser: For —"
33 Put on a show			45 Greek portico
34 Simpleton			47 Fragrance
35 Kimono sash			48 Dark area on the moon
36 Make knotted lace			49 Summer drinks
37 Hebrew			52 Fix the election
			53 — de France

Solution time: 21 mins.

LAMB	PAC	ROTS
BOE	ARA	EVIL
SEAHAWKS	FAME	
AWN	HAILED	
GROVE	SILL	
LORE	STEELERS	
ATE	SPIRE	PAL
DOLPHINS	TIRO	
HIRT	FACET	
CABANA	MIR	
APIS	CHARGERS	
SITE	LOG	ERAT
TASS	EPI	TREY



### CRYPTOQUIP

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JVRZWCCTRKED JRXWV JDEIWW  
ECXWU ZRV E VETCW.

Today's Cryptokuip clue: V equals R

The Cryptokuip 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.