



John McEnroe rushing to embrace Michael Stich after they won the Wimbledon men's doubles tennis final in London Sunday.

Fredericks' fine sprint double

VILLENEUVE, France, July 7: Frankie Fredericks of Namibia pulled off a rare sprint double on Monday when he ran under 10 seconds in the 100 meters and beat the 20-second barrier in the 200 meters on the same night, reports Reuter.

The African, only the fourth sprinter to achieve such a double and the first non-American, clocked 9.91 and 19.99 seconds to win his two races.

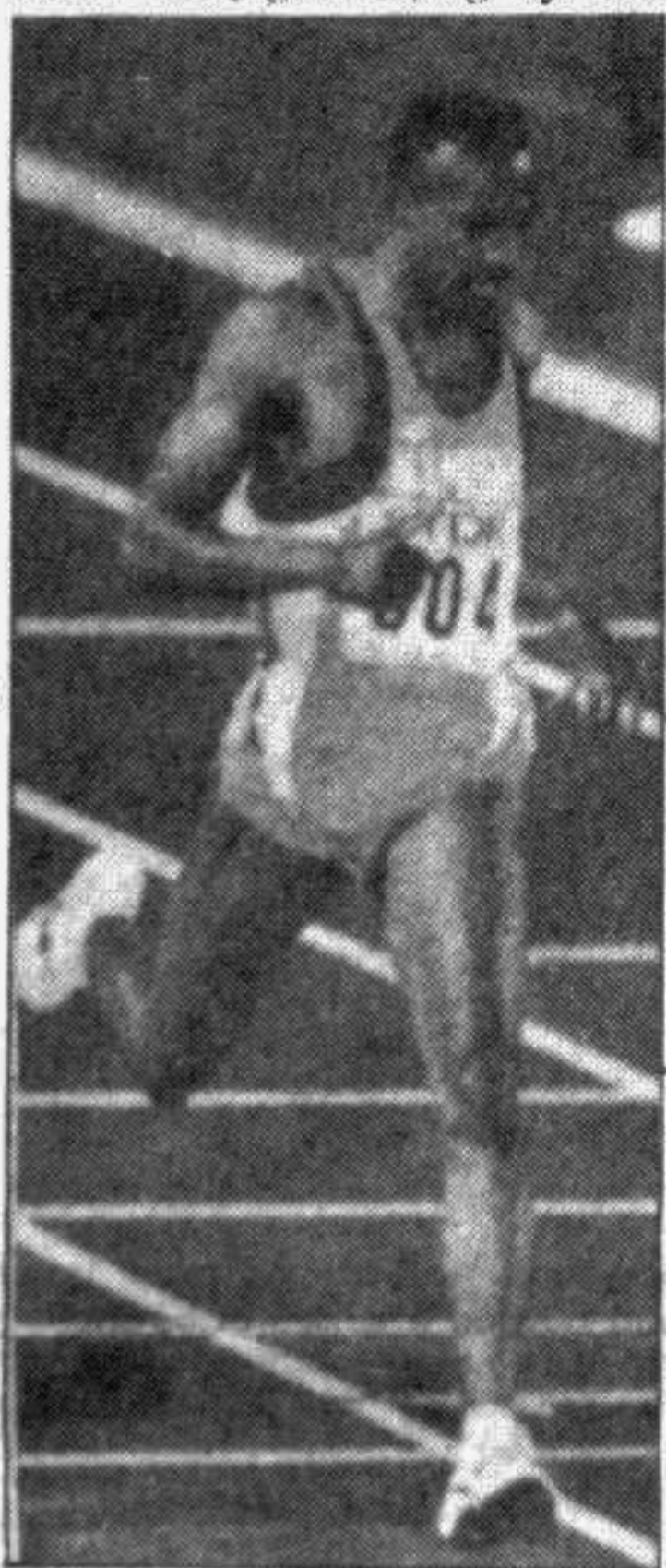
But both times were assisted by a strong tail-wind on a blustery night which hampered many other performances in the Grand Prix at Villeneuve d'Ascq near Lille. The world silver medalist over the longer sprint showed a clean pair of heels to top American sprinter of the season Dennis Mitchell over the last half of the 100 metres.

Mitchell, beaten for the second time in a week, was second in 9.94 and Olapade Adeniken of Nigeria third in 9.97 with a tail-wind of 5.07 metres per second, well over the two metres per second official limit.

An hour-and-a-half later, Fredericks ran out alone in the 200 metres to beat Britain's European champion John Regis, who clocked 20.12 seconds. The wind reading this time was 2.7 metres per second.

A similar sprint double has been achieved before only by

Americans Calvin Smith, Roy Martin and Leroy Burrell. Fredericks apart, the highlight of the meeting was another strong showing by the



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American track squad warming up for the medal business at the Barcelona Olympics starting on July 25.

Quincy Watts, looking more and more the man who could

win the 400-metres gold medal in Spain, timed his run superbly to beat European champion Roger Black of Britain in the last 20 metres.



GWEN TORRENCE

clocking 45.60 seconds to win by 0.03 seconds. His compatriot Antonio Pettigrew, last year's world champion, was left trailing in fourth place more than half a

second behind. Kevin Young, fastest man in the 400 metres hurdles this season, was never seriously challenged in a field which included world champion Samuel Matete of Zambia as he won in 48.17 seconds.

TORRENCE IN FORM

Gwen Torrence, silver medalist behind German Karin Krabbe in both the sprints at last year's Tokyo World Championships, was also in form, winning the women's 200-metres in 22.03 seconds from Galina Malchugina of the Commonwealth of Independent States. She clocked 22.23 seconds.

In the women's long jump there was a rare defeat for Heike Drechsler of Germany, beaten by one centimetre by Inessa Kravets of the CIS winner with a 7.16-metre leap.

World champion Hassiba Boulemker of Algeria fell over French runner Frederique Quentin coming out of the final bend of the women's 1,500 metres and limped out of the stadium with a leg injury after lying on the track in pain for several minutes.

The race was won by Lyudmila Rogachova of the CIS in four minutes 6.23 seconds.

One of the best performances of the night came from Briton Tony Jarrett, who defeated all the top American 110 metres hurdlers to win in a wind-assisted time of 13.04 seconds.

Agassi delivers on his promise

LONDON, July 7: Andre Agassi was always hailed as the leader of a new generation of American tennis stars, but he just could not win a big one, reports Reuter.

Ranked third in the world in 1988, Agassi had to sit back and watch as a trio of compatriots surpassed him to win Grand Slam tournaments. The French Open title went to Michael Chang in 1989 and Jim Courier in 1991 and 1992. Pete Sampras was US Open champion in 1990.

To rub salt into the wound, Sampras' win and Courier's French victory last year both included defeats of Agassi in the final. Agassi also failed at the last hurdle against Ecuador's Andres Gomez in Paris in 1990.

But, at last, Agassi, having survived a slide which put him out of the top 10 for the first time in four years, has taken his place among the American greats.

His superb five-set win in Sunday's Wimbledon final, over big-serving Croat Goran Ivanisevic, not only gave him his first Grand Slam title but also restored his pride and put him back in the world's top 10.

The win was good news for tennis too. Though world number one

Courier and other leading men such as Swede Stefan Edberg are undoubtedly nice guys, the sport desperately needs personalities.

The great Jimmy Connors and semifinalist John McEnroe can still enliven any court, but both are considering retirement and the entertainment value of tennis threatens to plummet when they leave.



A dejected Goran Ivanisevic during his Wimbledon men's singles final against Andre Agassi Sunday.

But Agassi, with his theatrics, his flamboyant outfits and his non-conformist looks, can pack in the fans wherever

he goes. Now that he has broken through the towering wall of self-doubt, Agassi will be geared up for another shot at the US Open title which eluded him two years ago.

With Courier, last year's losing finalist, out to win as well and Sampras in form after reaching the last four at Wimbledon, the Open, which

Agassi excluded, are turning their thoughts back to clay and the Barcelona Olympics.

Agassi was in his slump when the selectors picked the American team and Courier, Sampras and Chang will be flying the flag in Barcelona.

The Olympic players are now off on a frantic round of clay-court tournaments to shake the grass habits out of their game.

Ivanisevic was heading for the Swiss tournament in Gstaad on Monday to prepare himself for the team to represent Croatia for the first time at the Games.

Ivanisevic is fiercely proud to be an ambassador for Croatia and, though they would never admit it publicly, Wimbledon organisers must have been relieved that Agassi and Steffi Graf won the championships, not Ivanisevic and Monica Seles.

Seles, who keeps the women's number one spot despite losing Saturday's final, was born in Serbia, still represents Yugoslavia and hates to discuss anything as serious as the situation in her homeland.

By tradition, the two Wimbledon singles winners share a table at Sunday night's champions' dinner at a Swiss London hotel and the air could have been decidedly frosty if Ivanisevic and Seles had won.

Pozzi stretched in Newport tennis

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, July 7: Second seed Gianluca Pozzi of Italy was stretched to three sets by Germany's Karsten Braasch before advancing to the second round of the 150,000 dollar Hall of Fame tennis championships, the lone grass court tournament in the United States, reports Reuter.

Pozzi, ranked 56th in the world, dropped a first set tiebreak 10-8 then rallied for a 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 victory.

"In the first set, I didn't have chances and I missed a few volleys. But in the second set I hit some good volleys and took some risk," said Pozzi, who lost only three points on his serve in the final set as he took control of the match.

Alex Antonitich of Austria pulled off the lone upset of the opening day when he bounced fifth seed Michiel Schapers of the Netherlands 6-2, 7-6.

Antonitich broke Schapers in the sixth and eighth games to take the first set, then rallied from 1-4 down in the second to force the tiebreak, which he won 7-4.

The only other seed in action on the grass courts of the famed Newport Casino was seventh-seeded Mexican Luis Herrera, who advanced by defeating Christian Saccanu of Germany 6-4, 6-4.

Herrera made an opening game service break hold up to take the first set. The Mexican then broke Saccanu twice more in the second set — in the third and ninth games — while dropping his serve just once in the match when the German took the sixth game to put the set back on serve.

Top seed David Wheaton is scheduled to play his first round match against fellow American Jim Pugh, the 1989 champion. Both received wild card entries into the tournament.

Detractors proved wrong

UNDATED, July 7: At a time when style seems to be widening its edge over substance, Andre Agassi, the pinup boy of the former, made a substantive statement for the latter, reports AP.

His dyed blond hair tied in a ponytail and wagging through the back of his cap, an erring dangle appealingly from his left lobe, as 5 o'clock stubble on his face, Agassi won Wimbledon.

Agassi, of all people, Agassi, as advertised. In his fourth Grand Slam final, at a time when people were beginning to whisper about playing potential that might never be delivered, Agassi delivered.

And on Madison Avenue, there was a sigh of relief. Agassi, already an advertising conglomerate whose endorsement income totalled about \$3 million a year, was beginning to get a negative image. He was winning, yes, but he was not winning any of the big ones. Orlando and Washington were nice little victories, but that's not exactly what Andre's advertisers had in mind.

He took care of that oversight in the cathedral of tennis, the All-England Club, with a victory that will increase his endorsement income substantially.

"Wimbledon was probably worth \$1 million right away and in the future will mean \$2 to \$3 million a year more for him," said Nye Lavalle of Dallas-based Sports Marketing Group.

Lavalle, who once managed pro tennis players, said Agassi was at an endorsement crossroads. "He had reached his advertising peak," he said. "How many advertisers were willing to hype him more?"

You can sell just so many cameras and tennis rackets with ponytails and earrings.

Sooner or later, you need to win, too. Preferably a Grand Slam.

Given that circumstance, Agassi merely won the grandest of Grand Slams. It was a very good idea, much better, than staying home in Las Vegas, pouting over Wimbledon's stodgy predominantly white, please, color code. He did that for three years, accomplishing nothing for himself or the companies paying him all those endorsement dollars.

When he won, Agassi did it with style — of course — beating John McEnroe in the semifinal and then surviving the booming serves of Goran Ivanisevic in a stirring five-set finale.

"You are seeing the real Andre," McEnroe said. "The classic thing for a great player to do is learn from your mistakes. I think that initially he was stubborn and refused to alter his thinking."

"Now people will realize how great a tennis player Andre is. He already gets a lot of attention but this title is going to legitimize him."

Lavalle sees the Wimbledon victory as providing new vistas for Agassi. "He has a new realm of opportunity," he said. "If he continues to win one major a year, he has an opportunity to make Michael Jordan dollars."

That is the catch phrase for the biggest bucks in sports endorsements — \$10 million and up.

Because Nike enrolled him in 1986 when he was just 16, it seemed like Agassi was around forever. And the sneaker people weren't backing off just because he hadn't won a major.

"We've been using him predominantly in our tennis ads at Wimbledon and will continue to," said Lisa DeNesse of Nike. "Our Challenge Court line is styled after him. It's irreverent, bold, colorful, geared to the younger set."

Those are Agassi's people. He appeals to teenyboppers and that appeals to advertisers — win or lose.

Still, it was nice for Nike to have the company's logo sitting on Agassi's cap when, he lifted the Wimbledon trophy over his head.

And it wasn't bad for the young man's bakers, either. Agassi, Ivanisevic sign for Aussie indoor

SYDNEY, July 7: Wimbledon finalists Andre Agassi and Goran Ivanisevic both have signed to compete in the \$1 million Australian Indoor tennis championship in October, tournament director Graham Lovett said Tuesday, reports AP.

Lovett said the pair would compete against a field that also includes John McEnroe and defending champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden at the Sydney Entertainment Center Oct. 5-11.

The 48-man draw tournament also will feature former champion Ivan Lendl, David Wheaton, Emilio Sanchez and Wayne Ferreira, Lovett said.

Entries do not officially close until September.

Chechi to miss Olympics

ASCOLI PICENO, Italy, July 7: Italy's top gymnast Yuri Chechi tore a tendon in practice Monday and doctors said he will miss the Olympic Games in Barcelona, reports AP.

Chechi, a European Champion, was considered a medal contender.

Italian Olympic team officials said the gymnast tore a tendon in his right heel while practicing in nearby Porto San Giorgio and was rushed to a Rome clinic.

Games will be richer for S Africa's presence

JOHANNESBURG, July 7: South Africa's 32-year exile from the Olympic Games ends this month, with the political significance far outweighing the medal chances of its athletes, reports AFP.

South Africans have been kept in suspense for about a year by the on-off saga of the republic's trip to Barcelona.

In 1991, it seemed possible but unlikely. Then nothing seemed to stand in the way of a South African squad presence at the opening ceremony, until the horror of last month's Boipatong massacre threw everything into question.

Finally, the African National Congress announced on July 1 that the country's top sportsmen and women should go to Barcelona.

The decision paved the way for a historic meeting of black and white athletes beneath a common flag. And though national pride demands at least a medal, the greatest achievement is that South Africa has made it to the Olympic Games at all.

The point is clearly not lost on the country's reformers. As Mujibek George, vice-president of the Olympic Committee (NOCESA), puts it, sport and politics have been intertwined in South Africa "ever since we started playing sports."

Now they have to take on not only the world's best, but athletes who have been training for the Olympic fortnight since 1988.

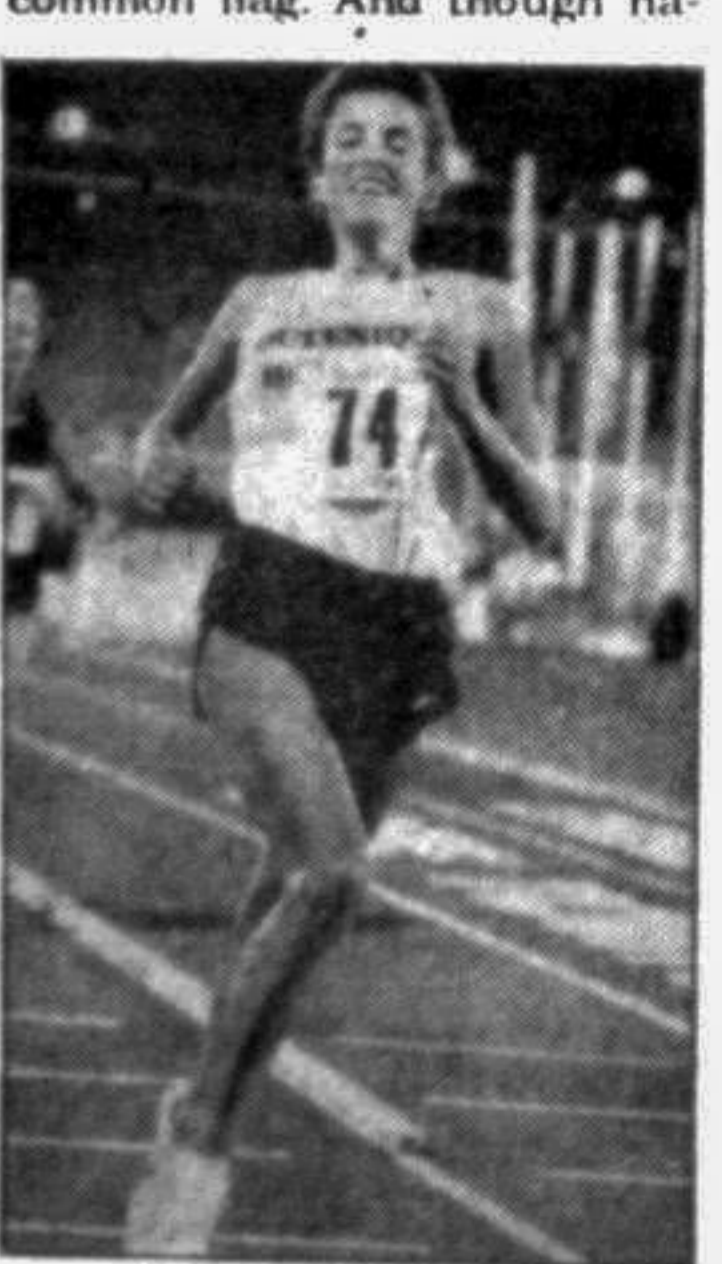
Men have been to the moon since South Africa last took part in the Games, and in many sports the gulf will be just as wide.

But officials are still hoping for a place on the podium. "We are optimistic about

track and field athletes — particularly middle and long distance runners — and the yachting and boxing teams", says NOCESA spokesman Clive Grinaker.

"They All have a chance to be among the medals". Among the athletes, the main hopes are being pinned on the Ona Meyer in the 10,000m.

The pint sized distance runner scored a sensational victory at the African Unity Games in Senegal during April, coming home 150m clear of the better known Zola Budd-Pieterse in the 3,000m.



ELANA MEYER

She triumphed again at last month's African Championships in Mauritius, albeit against a weakened field, beating compatriot Gwen Griffiths by more than two seconds on the opening day.

Budd-Pieterse, who ran in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles for Great Britain, amidst a storm of anti-apartheid protest, will be competing at Barcelona in the 3,000m but stands little chance of a medal.

Her form has been poor all year, and in Mauritius she could only manage fourth place in her event, finishing exactly seven seconds adrift of Ethiopia's Deratu Tulu despite a flying start.

A better bet is hurdler Myrtle Bothma, victorious over 400m at the African Championships by half a second.

The joker in the pack is American born javelin thrower Tom Petranoff, who smashed the African record in Mauritius but still needs permission from the International Olympic Committee to compete in Barcelona.

Petranoff, a former world record holder, added no fewer than seven metres to the best African mark with 87.26m.

However, not all South Africa's team have been so fortunate during their preparation — and one of the problems is a lack of sponsorship money.

"Yachtsmen are having to survive on donations of 'baked beans' while training the Europe, according to Yachting Association president Winton Hawksworth.

But he claims that such conditions "have only increased their determination."

Hawksworth tips Bruce Savage in the sailing class, rating him among the top five in the world, and sees other opportunities in the 470s. A boat skippered by Martin Lambrecht won the Fireball World Championship in the United States earlier this year.

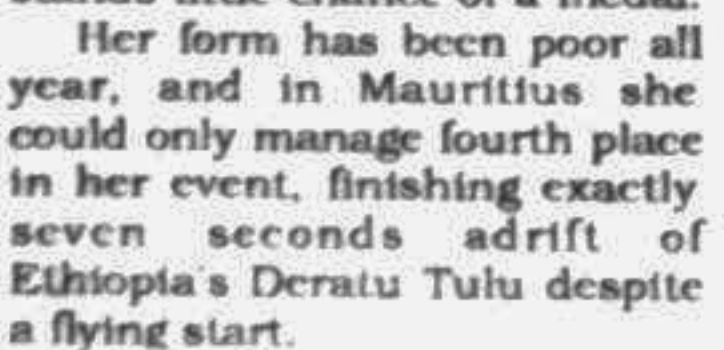
There are also high hopes for the country's boxers.

Bantamweight Cassius Balozi won a gold medal at last month's Berlin boxing gala against competition from 22 countries while compatriots brought home four bronze medals from the same event.

Boxers also seem to be among the few being offered material reward for medals. Winners stand to win television sets and hi-fi systems.

Whatever about South Africa's performance in Barcelona, people here will be able to enjoy a rare treat watching the world's greatest sportsmen and women perform.

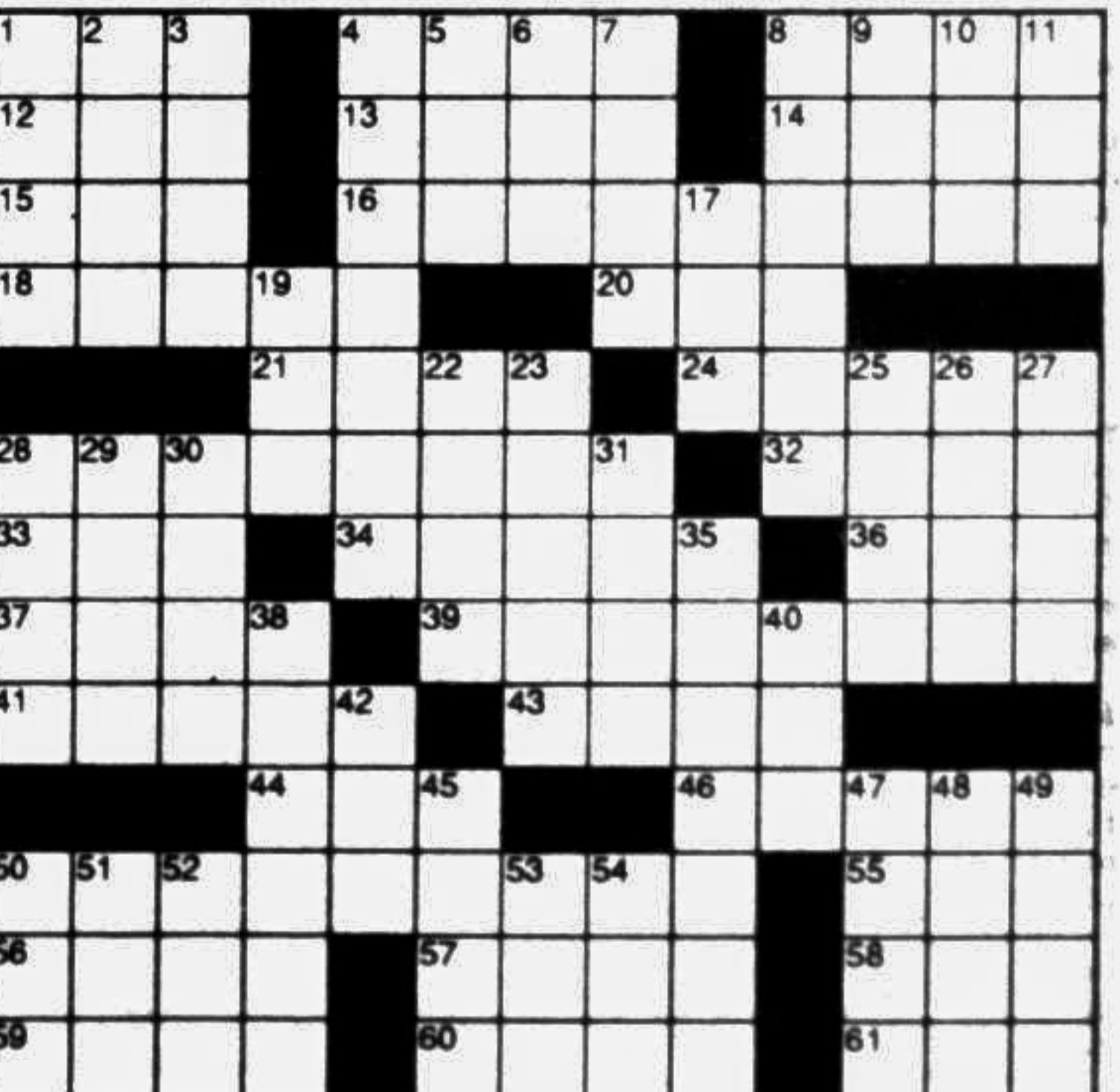
In the past, sportsmen South Africans were not even allowed to watch the Olympics which the government's apartheid policies had caused two generations of athletes to miss.



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