



Overawed by the brilliance perhaps... Olympic gold medalist Marc Rosset of Switzerland admires the Davis Cup trophy prior to the US-Switzerland final match, which started at Fort Worth, Dallas yesterday. Rosset and Hlasek represent the Swiss squad. — AFP photo

## AC Milan can relax a little

**LONDON, Dec 4:** In a class of their own after 45 league matches without defeat, Italy's AC Milan can calmly reshuffle their line-up for today's home fixture against struggling Udinese, reports Reuter.

Captain and super-sweeper Franco Baresi is suspended for one match, while Dutch midfielder Frank Rijkaard may also be rested because of a muscle problem.

Stefano Nava comes in for Baresi while Montenegrin Dejan Savicevic returns for only his third league game of the season.

Udinese, who have lost six of their 11 games played so far, can hardly be relishing the prospect of controlling Frenchman Jean-Pierre Papin, expected to return to the team to partner the league's leading goalscorer Dutchman Marco van Basten in attack.

Juventus, who dropped to third place after their 1-0 defeat by Milan last Sunday, go to Florence, where Fiorentina's impressive foreign trio of German Stefan Effenberg, Dane Brian Laudrup and Argentine Gabriel Batistuta will be looking to capitalise on the Turin side's disappointment and absences.

Juventus will be without Brazilian Julio Cesar, Englishman David Platt, star striker Roberto Baggio and Roberto Galia, all injured, while defender Massimo Carrara is suspended.

Second-placed Internazionale are away to second-from-bottom Ancona.

German league leaders Bayern Munich will face a team ready to run for everything when they visit bottom-of-the-table Bochum on Saturday.

Relegation-threatened Bochum have taken just seven points from 15 games. The club, who have sacked their coach Holger Ostecck are three points adrift from the rest of the teams.

The coffin lid is on. All that's missing now is the nails in it," libero Thomas Kempe said.

With two games remaining before the traditional Bundesliga winter break, Bayern will be looking to consolidate their two-point lead at the top while their main chal-

## Reynolds claims vindication

**COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec 4:** Butch Reynolds said Thursday he feels his reputation has been cleared after a federal judge awarded him \$27.3 million from his two-year legal battle with track's ruling body, reports AP.

"All along I've said I was innocent and now the United States courts say it, based on the evidence and the facts," Reynolds said. "I feel comfortable with my name and reputation again."

Reynolds, the world-record holder in the 400 metres, was banned for two years by the International Amateur Athletic Federation after a meet in Monte Carlo in August, 1990. The IAAF said Reynolds had tested positive for the anabolic steroid nandrolone during a random test, a charge that Reynolds denied.

He fought the case through the court system, getting a Supreme Court ruling in June which allowed him to run in the US Olympic trials in New Orleans. He finished fifth and did not qualify for the Olympics.

Because he ran in the trials, the IAAF extended the suspension four months through Dec 31, 1992.

Reynolds returned to the courts again and filed suit in Columbus, where he ran his college track for Ohio State and where he now lives. US District Court Judge Joseph Kinneary found that Reynolds, a silver medalist in the 400 at the 1988 Olympics, lost \$16.8 million in potential earnings during the more than two years he has been suspended by the IAAF. In addition, Reynolds was awarded \$10.5 million in punitive damages.

"There will be no comment from the IAAF, nor from the president, obviously," said Enrico Jacomini, chief of staff to IAAF President Primo Nebiolo. "The IAAF has repeatedly said the judge has no jurisdiction in this case."

The IAAF did not contest the lawsuit.

Kinneary cited two US Supreme Court decisions which said there was nothing which would preclude a district court from having jurisdiction over matters involving an amateur athletic organization. He also cited a federal statute which gives a federal court jurisdiction in matters between a US citizen and an "alien association."

In his decision, Kinneary wrote, "The evidence before the court clearly establishes a substantial likelihood that the IAAF's report of Reynolds' drug use was not only false, but that it was disseminated with mal-



**BUTCH REYNOLDS**

intent," Reynolds said. "The IAAF has a lot of business agreements in the United States," said one of Reynolds' attorneys, John Gall. "They make a lot of money here. It is our belief that money is reachable."

Gall said that might mean investigating the relationships between The Athletics Con-

gress and the US Olympic Committee and the IAAF.

"Until they pay him this money, we can disrupt their ability to carry on business in the normal course, and we will do so," Gall said.

Danny Everett, one of three runners who had sided with the IAAF against Reynolds in court, said the ruling "sends a message to the IAAF that it needs to be fair to all athletes so things don't get this far again."

Reynolds' coach, Brooks Johnson, said the ruling showed "the court system can still protect the underdog."

Reynolds said he had been in training and hopes to return to action Feb 8 at a meet in New York City.

But in the meantime, he said he would savor the only meaningful victory he has had since his competitive career was halted.

"I'm looking for a good Christmas and a happy new year," Reynolds said. "I haven't had a good Christmas in two years."



**CHANGE OF OUTFIT:** German Olympic gold-winning high-jumper Heike Henkel (L) and English super model Naomi Campbell are seen together in an advertising photo taken recently. The 28-year-old blonde star is trying out for a new career as a model for the new spring summer collection of German designer Otto Kern. — AFP photo

## Jansher, Jahangir in Pak Open final

**KARACHI, Dec 4:** Favourites world No. 1 Jansher Khan and defending champion Jahangir Khan will meet in the final of the Pakistan Open squash tournament here Saturday after beating their British opponents in the semi-finals, reports AFP.

The world champion beat Britain's double-fished Peter Marshall 12-15, 15-12, 15-6, 15-5, in a 58-minute encounter in which Jansher was stunned and lost the first game 12-15 after several rallies.

Jahangir had earlier defeated Simon Parke of Britain in straight games, 15-8, 15-7, 15-10.

## Maradona can stay with Sevilla, FIFA announces

**ZURICH, Dec 4:** Diego Maradona can stay with Spanish club Sevilla, despite a financial wrangle over his transfer from Napoli, FIFA announced on Friday, reports AP.

Sevilla have paid three million dollars of an agreed 7.5 million dollar fee to Napoli. But an Italian bank guarantee for the rest of the money has not been made and Napoli had demanded that his contract be suspended.

FIFA, world football's ruling body, decided that as no money was owed the lack of a guarantee did not warrant stopping the Argentinian playing.

Sevilla are not due to make a second payment until next March.

## Liverpool plea turned down

**BERN, Dec 4:** UEFA on Friday rejected a protest by English club Liverpool that Spartak Moscow fielded an ineligible player in their second-round European Cup Winners Cup matches, a spokesman said, reports AP.

Liverpool had hoped for reinstatement to the competition for the quarterfinal round, but a statement by UEFA confirmed that Spartak would advance instead.

Following an enquiry by the Control and Disciplinary Committee of UEFA, it has been ascertained that Mikhail Rusayev was eligible to play for Spartak," UEFA spokesman Rudi Rothembuecher said.

He noted that FIFA had accepted Rusayev's qualification for Spartak, even though an international transfer certificate was not issued.

"UEFA, therefore, considers the matter closed," Rothembuecher said.

## Die with dignity

**LONDON, Dec 4:** Appeal Court judges said on Thursday they were likely to allow doctors to stop feeding a young man who has been in a coma since a 1989 football stadium disaster, reports Reuter.

Tony Bland, 21, has been fed through a tube since he was badly crushed and his brain starved of oxygen during the disaster at the Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, in which 95 people were squeezed or trampled to death during a crowd surge.

He has been in a persistent vegetative state ever since and medical experts say he will never recover. Bland will die once feeding is stopped.

Judge Sir Thomas Bingham said: "While there remains inevitably some risk that in the course of actually composing our judgements we will change our view, we are now unanimous in our fairly strong opinion that we shall dismiss the appeal."

The High Court decided last month that Bland could be allowed to die, but state solicitor David Venables, who represented Bland's interests, said then the case was so important it must be tested in Appeal Court.

The three Appeal Court judges said on Thursday they hoped to give their full judgement with reasons next Wednesday.

## Baumann, Henkel honoured

**BADEN, Germany, Dec 4:** Olympic 5,000 metres champion Dieter Baumann and high-jump gold medalist Heike Henkel were voted German sports personalities of the year on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Baumann, whose late burst down the home straight to take gold provided one of the most dramatic moments of the Barcelona Olympics, took the men's award easily ahead of formula one motor racing driver Michael Schumacher.

Olympic biathlon champion Mark Kirchner was third in the poll of 1,000 German sports journalists.

The women's vote was closer with Henkel, who was recently awarded the international female athlete of the year award, finishing ahead of Olympic long jump champion Heike Drechsler.

The German men's hockey squad won the team event for their gold medal triumph in Barcelona.

## Agassi's spirit flying high in the sky

**FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec 4:** Andre Agassi can almost taste it: planting a soft kiss on the cold Davis Cup like he did Wimbledon's glistening trophy in June, reports AP.

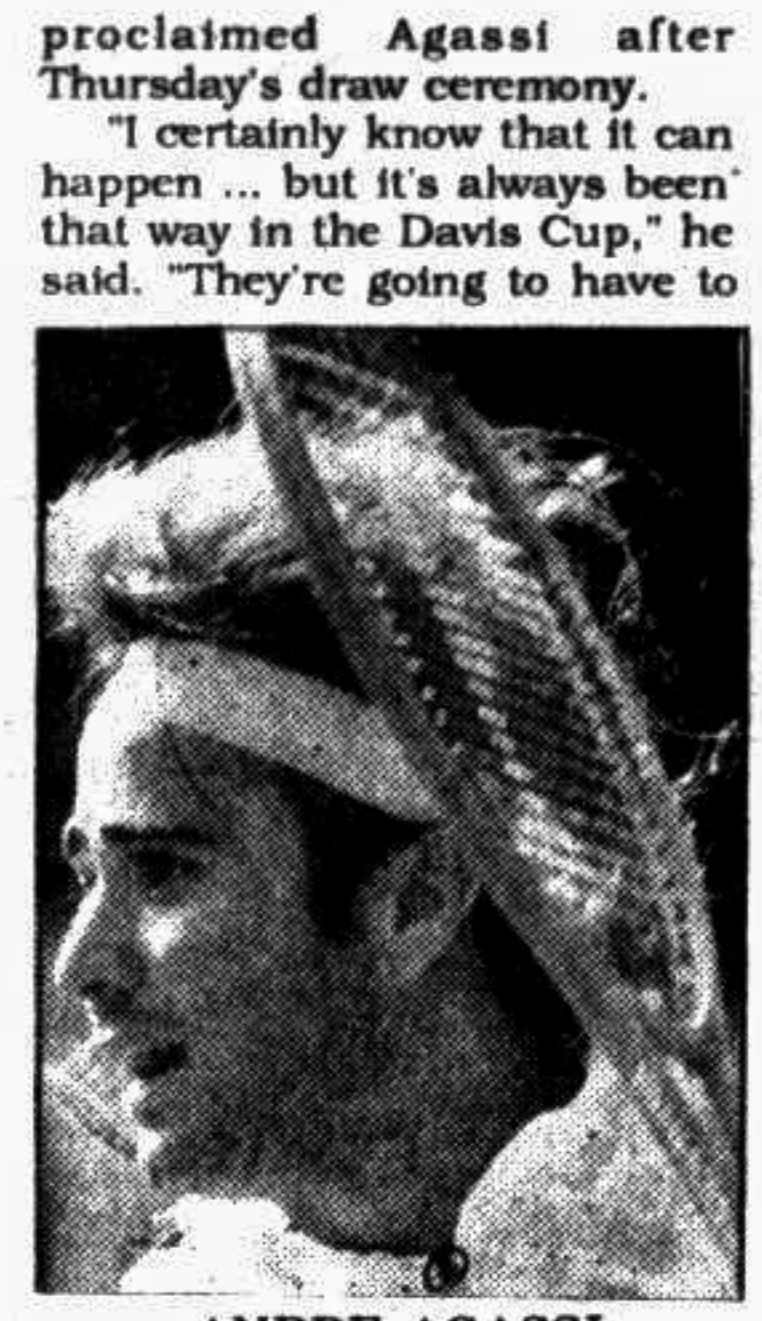
At times still a shaky star and a slow starter, Agassi fears no letdowns, no upsets, no vengeance this weekend. Nothing and no one, really.

"The Davis Cup brings out a whole new level in me," said Agassi, who will put an 18-4 record and a nine-match winning streak on the line Friday against Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek in the opening match of the finals.

Top-ranked Jim Courier faces Marc Rosset afterward. Rosset defeated Courier at the Barcelona Olympics this summer on his way to winning the gold medal.

On Saturday, third-ranked Pete Sampras and No. 20 John McEnroe face No. 34 Hlasek and No. 36 Rosset in doubles, and on Sunday, it's Courier vs Hlasek and Agassi, ranked ninth, vs Rosset.

"I have no doubt that for somebody to beat me this weekend, they're going to have to play the best tennis of their life. No question about that,"



**ANDRE AGASSI**

proclaimed Agassi after Thursday's draw ceremony. "I certainly know that it can happen... but it's always been that way in the Davis Cup," he said. "They're going to have to play the best match they've ever played and then maybe hope to get a few breaks. So, that's a great feeling to go out there with."

The best-of-5-matches competition will be played on a hard Plexi-Court surface at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

Rosset and Hlasek said playing both singles and doubles

won't be a bother because they are both well-rested and well-conditioned.

Sampras, on the other hand, said playing four against two is a big advantage for the already heavily favoured United States.

"Hopefully, Jim and Andre will wear them out a little bit, and John and I can just clean up shop," Sampras said.

"It's true that it's very difficult to play your best tennis three days in a row," Hlasek agreed. "But on the other hand, if you have a good start, it can carry over into doubles."

The Swiss said they didn't feel outnumbered or overwhelmed in any way.

"As Marc said, we never thought we were going to be here, we never even imagined it, so what have we got to lose?" Hlasek shrugged. "We know that we are confident in what we can do, so we are thinking more about ourselves than in being an underdog."

While five different players won singles or doubles matches for the United States through the first three rounds, the Swiss have relied on Rosset and Hlasek for all 12 victories.

The pair upset The Netherlands and defending champions France on the road, then

blanked Brazil in Geneva to reach their first Davis Cup final.

The US team reached the finals for the 57th time with victories over Argentina, Czechoslovakia and Sweden. The Americans won the cup in 1990 by beating Australia but were upset last year by the French.

Hlasek said the Swiss have drawn inspiration from that upset.

"We are, let's say, almost half French in the way of friendship," he said. "And we all were watching last year what happened in Lyon..."

Courier said the Americans, trying for their 30th Davis Cup trophy, aren't taking Switzerland lightly.

"Certainly they weren't favoured to get here, but I guess they've earned their position," he said. "It's never tough for any of us to get psyched up for a Davis Cup final."

## Harding gets it the hard way

**ST JEAN DE LUZ, France, Dec 4:** Australian Jeff Harding overcame a brave challenge by lightly-regarded American David Vedder to retain his WBC light-heavyweight title on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Harding, making the second defence of a title he took from Briton Dennis Andries in September last year, recovered from a poor start to lift an unanimous points decision — 117-113, 118-115, 116-114.

The 27-year-old from Sydney was trailing on the three judges' cards with five rounds to go but produced a late burst to clinch the 23rd win of a professional record marred by only one defeat.

With blood pouring from a nasty cut over his left eye, "Hit Man" Harding lived up to his reputation of being a tough competitor.

In the first half of the fight, Vedder was on top thanks to clever combinations while managing to avoid most of Harding's predictable blows.

Strong but technically-limited, Harding failed to display the devastating style he used to crush French hero Christophe Tiozzo in his first title defence last June.

Vedder, 28, who suffered the 11th loss of a career featuring 15 wins, had only won three fights inside the distance and once again confirmed he was not much of a puncher.

The challenger survived his first fright when Harding landed a ferocious left hook in the seventh round. Vedder suffered more punishment in the following rounds.

The 3,500 crowd packing the sports hall in this small town of the Basque region hoped for a knock down when Harding shook Vedder with a couple of vicious left hooks in the dying minutes of the 11th round. But Vedder showed rare courage to stay on his feet

until the bell before giving it all he had in the last round.

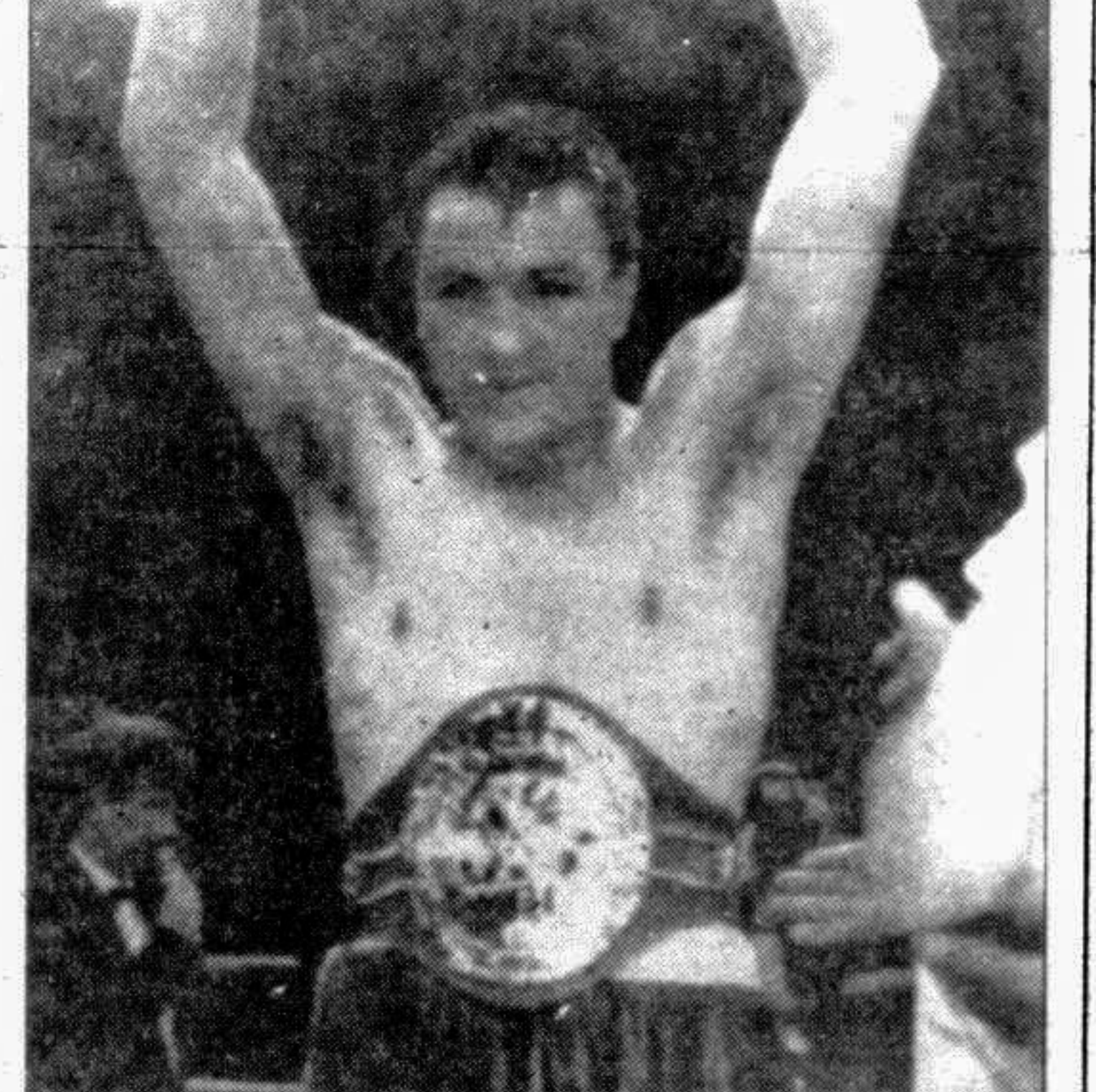
"He was in very good shape," said Harding, who had already beaten Vedder on points two years ago in Sydney. "He put up a very good fight but I wasn't surprised because last time was tough."

"I knew that I would win when I got into the ring because I never trained so hard for a fight," Harding said. "If I lost I would have retired."

"Each round, I gave him 10 or 12 straight lefts and it was difficult for him to come back. My punches were more efficient and I won because of my jab as always. I really began to control the fight starting from the sixth round."

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Australian Jeff Harding is all smiles after retaining his World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight title with a unanimous 12-round points decision over American challenger David Vedder in Saint-Jean-De-Luz, France on Thursday. — AFP photo

## There may not be indoor pools at Atlanta Games

**MANCHESTER, Dec 4:** A top swimming official said on Thursday he was concerned Olympic organisers might not build an indoor pool for the 1996 Atlanta Games, reports Reuter.

Gunnar Werner, secretary of the International Swimming Federation (FINA), said it might be even warmer and more humid in Atlanta than in steamy Barcelona, venue of this year's Games.

"We're a little worried about the Atlanta pool for the Olympic Games. It's not quite clear whether they will build an indoor pool," he said

## Tyson appeals again

**INDIANAPOLIS, Dec 4:** Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson hopes his second appeal can overturn his rape conviction, reports AP.

In the appeal filed Thursday with the Indiana Court of Appeals, Tyson's attorney, Alan M Dershowitz, charged that Desiree Washington and her parents had undisclosed motives to lie during testimony.

Dershowitz said the Washingtons withheld information they had discussed with attorneys about book and movie rights to the incident.

He also claimed the Washingtons failed to disclose that they had signed a contingency fee agreement with an attorney before Tyson's trial.

He claimed the jury, divided 6-6 in its first vote, would have changed its verdict to an acquittal had it known the information the Washingtons withheld.

The Marion County prosecutor's office has contended the Washingtons did not withhold information.

Dershowitz filed the original appeal in September, alleging several violations of Tyson's constitutional rights. It is pending before the Indiana Court of Appeals.

Tyson is serving a six-year sentence at the Indiana Youth Center for raping Washington here in July 1991, during the Miss Black America pageant in which she was a contestant. He was convicted in March.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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4 Former larva  
8 1987 Supreme Court nominee  
12 Wally or Archibald  
13 Grand-scale  
14 Curved molding  
15 Speed up  
17 Heehaw  
18 Young fellow  
19 They often take bows when they perform  
21 Eddies  
24 Halloween outcry  
25 Charles Dutton sitcom  
26 Slippery one  
28 Domingo's milieu  
32 Touched down  
34 Oscar Wilde's forte  
36 Pre-diploma hurdle  
37 Singer

**Cetera**

39 Fluffy accessory  
41 Sales pitch?  
42 Without further ado  
44 Carter country  
46 Book of mini-biographies  
50 Lingerie item  
51 Accept  
52 Due  
56 Stressful abbr.  
57 Glance from Groucho  
58 Antecedent  
59 Hinge (on)

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**20 Dove's cry**

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2 Bagel topping  
3 Clearly formulated  
4 Sell, in a way  
5 AP counterpart  
6 Pocket bread  
7 Tart  
8 Show biz legend  
9 Fairy-tale baddie  
10 Stern  
11 Jailer's janglers  
16 It might be tin?

**21 Pre-Christmas buy**

**22 Duffer's target**

**23 Wield one needle**

**27 Equal rights, for short**

**29 Makes amends**

**30 Shower low city**

**33 With stress**

**35 Surpass**

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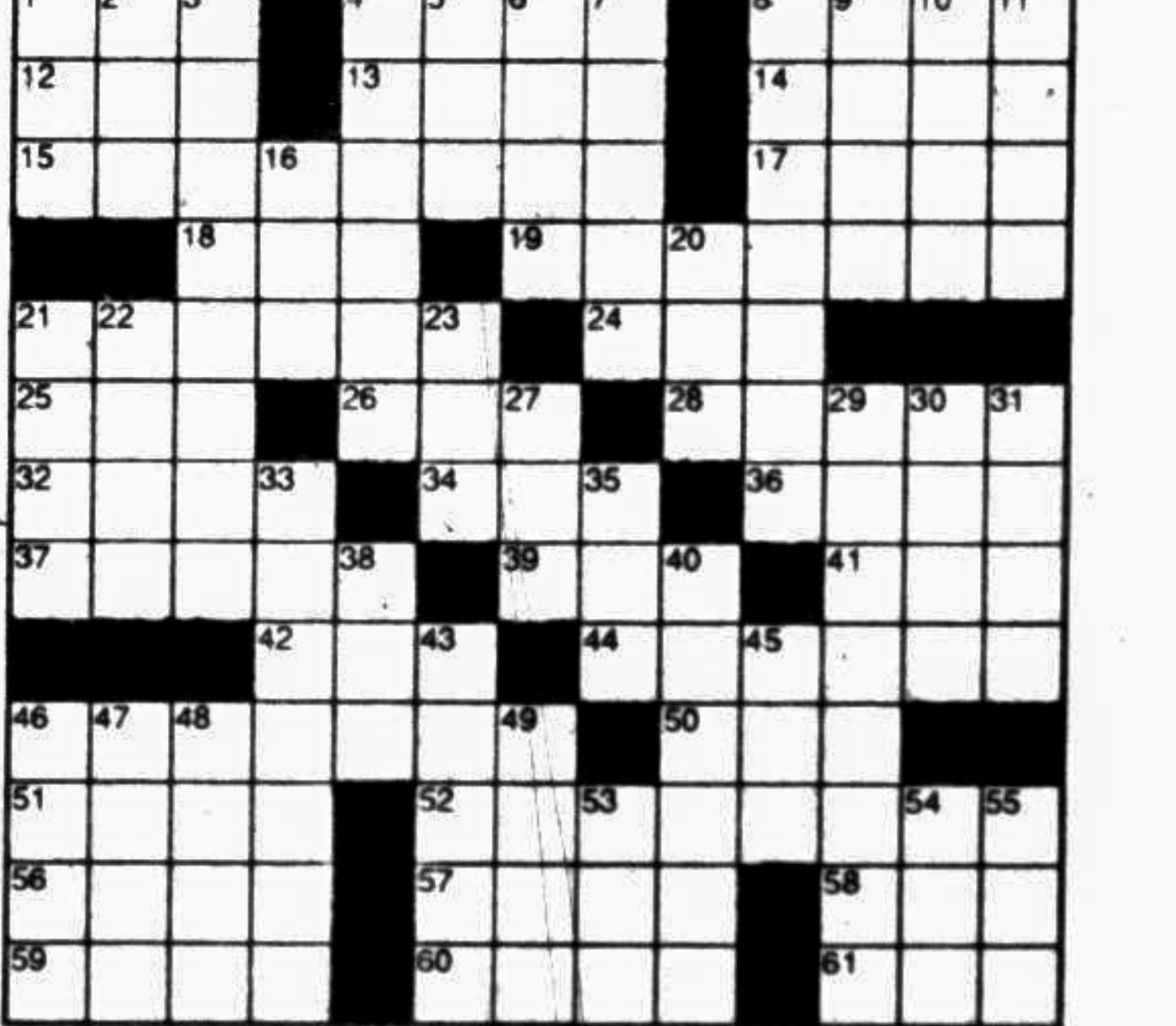
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**Yesterday's answer 1-16**



**1-16 CRYPTOQUIP**

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**Yesterday's Cryptogram: ELECTRICIANS ARE USUALLY VERY INTERESTED IN CURRENT EVENTS.**

Today's Cryptogram clue: O equals M

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.