

## Sports in 1992: An A to Z guide

LONDON, Dec 25: Following is an A-to-Z guide to sport in 1992, compiled by Agence France Presse:



**A** for Andre Agassi, who finally won a Grand Slam tournament at Wimbledon.

**B** for Barcelona, cradle of the 1992 Summer Olympics and coffin of the Soviet Union as a sporting power. British veteran Linford Christie won the illustrious 100 metre gold. The other Barcelona, Johan Cruyff's, won football's European Cup thanks to an almighty boot by another Dutchman, Richard Koeman, while the almighty punch of Riddick Bowe ended Evander Holyfield's reign as the heavyweight boxing champion of the world.



**C** for Jim Courier, men's tennis number one, and goal ace Eric Cantona, who did more for Anglo-French relations during 10 months at Leeds United than both governments put together.

**D** for Gaël Crevier, who won the women's 100m gold in Barcelona after an astonishing recovery from Grave's disease, she came close to having both feet amputated. Australia's Michael Doohan nearly had a foot amputated after a crash which cost him the world 500 cc motorcycle title. Denmark came from nowhere to win the European championship football, without even qualifying for the finals.



**E** for Stefan Edberg, who won the US Open and went top of the ATP rankings in one day, and Claude Evvin, a French politician whose law banning tobacco advertising appeared to sound the death knell for his country's Formula One and motorcycle Grand Prix races in 1993.

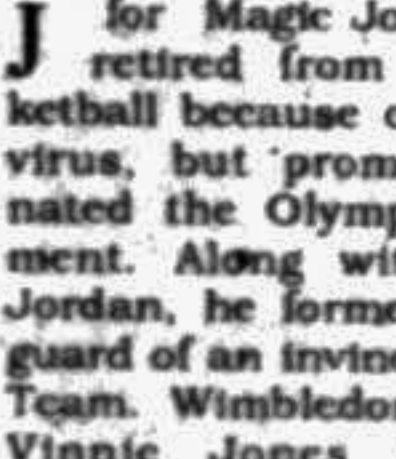
**F** for Nick Faldo, his single-mindedness, as his friends like to call it, earned him top spot in the golf rankings but he still has the smallest fan club in sport. Fellow golfer David Feherty increased his following the northern Irishman's frank answer to being asked why his season had improved — "I know. It's nothing to do with hard work and practice."



**G** for England's Paul Gascoigne who kick-started his football career in Italy with Lazio. Australia's Wayne Gardner finished his motorcycling. "I'm getting out while I'm still in one piece," said the 1987 World Champion. He was joking. But only just.



**H** for snooker's Stephen Hendry, who delighted TV audiences with his return to form, but refused to attend the BBC sportsersons-of-the-year awards, claiming that the corporation treated snooker players as second class citizens.



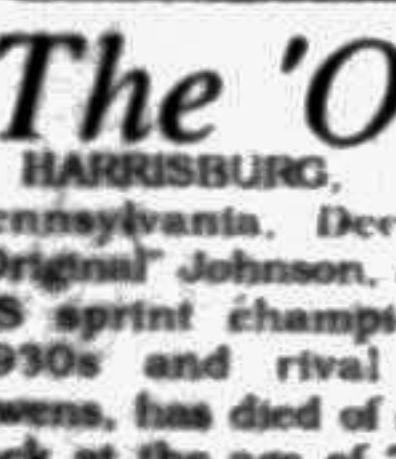
**I** for Spain's Miguel Indurain, who pedalled his way to a second consecutive victory in the Tour de France, runaway with the tour of Italy and topped the world rankings. Oorah Ivancic won war-torn Croatia's first Olympic medal after a series of marathon struggles, saying "You have to fight, you have to die." Fortunately for him, he was only playing tennis.



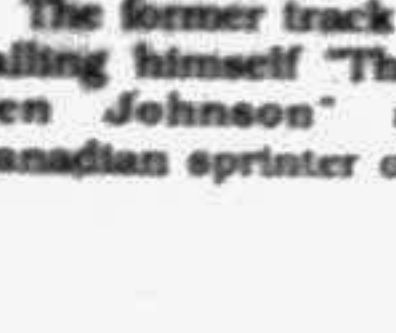
**J** for Magic Johnson, who retired from NBA basketball because of the AIDS virus, but promptly dominated the Olympic tournament. Along with Michael Jordan, he formed the vanguard of an invincible Dream Team. Wimbledon hardman Vinnie Jones was fined 20,000 pounds for revealing his cache of dirty tricks.



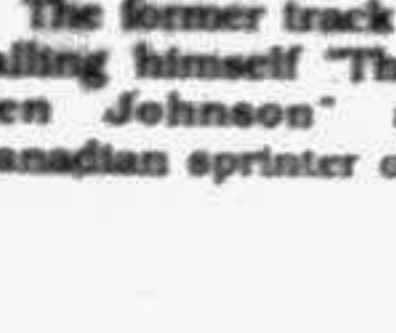
**K** for Katrin Krabbe, accused again of drugs. Germany's sprint world champion dodged one ban on a technicality, but was later caught using clenbuterol. Squash legend Jahangir Khan indicated he was ready to retire, and then changed his mind, while future legend



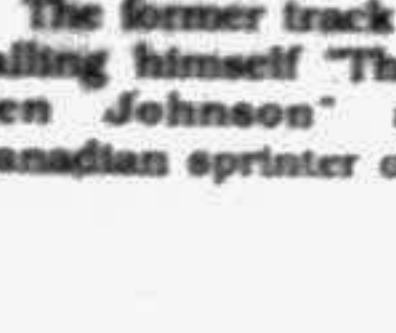
**L** for Carl Lewis who hit the headlines for not winning a race, in fact for not even qualifying for the Olympic 100m team at the US trials. He was later swelled the ranks of Czech-born Americans. Gary Lineker quit England to go to Japan without breaking Bobby Charlton's goal-scoring record.



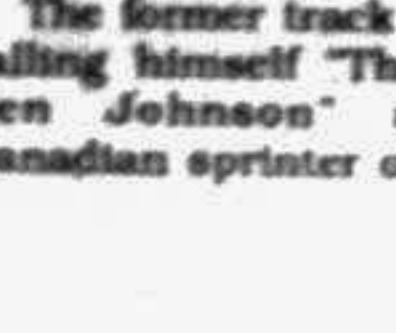
**M** for Diego Maradona who started playing football again, escaping from Napoli to join Sevilla. After months spent threatening to quit football altogether, many people wished he would. Nigel Mansell finally became Formula One world champion, only to quit the sport in disgust after failing to reach an agreement with Williams Renault for 1993. AC Milan proved as difficult to beat in 1992 as they did the previous season.



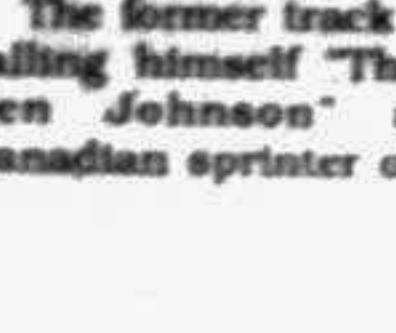
**N** for Martina Navratilova, tennis's original Czech-born American, who broke the record for tournament victories.



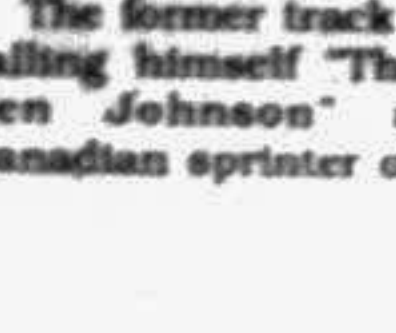
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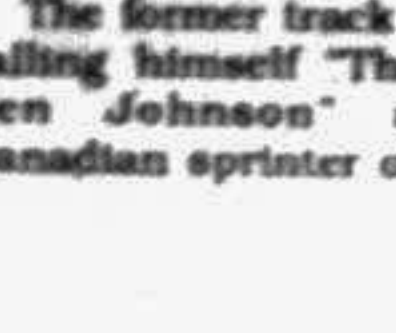
**Q** is world class leg-spinner Abdul Gadir, who lost his place in the Pakistan cricket team, and missed out on the glory.



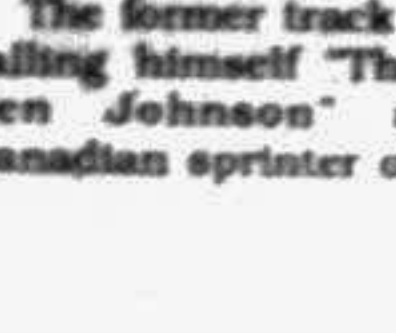
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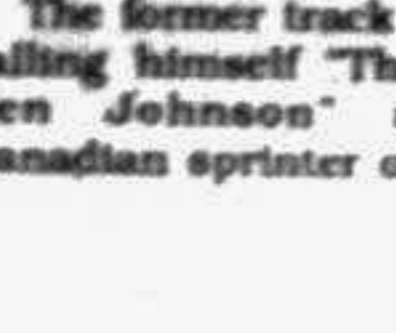
**S** the letter of champions. "Grunting" Monica Seles, rally master Carlos Sainz and Vitaly Scherbo, the Belarus gymnast who won six Olympic gold medals and the firm conviction that he was about to become very rich. He didn't. The Springboks made their post-apartheid return to the world stage in football, rugby and cricket.



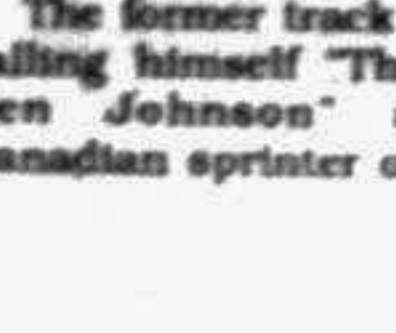
**T** for Mike Tyson. The former world heavyweight boxing champion went to jail for raping a contestant at a beauty pageant. India's teenage prodigy Sachin Tendulkar made cricketing history by becoming a Yorkshire's first foreign player. Alberto Tomba delighted ski fans at Albertville.



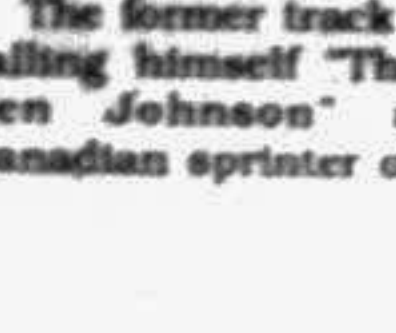
**U** for the Unified Team, which competed at two Olympics before dissolving into the independent republics of the former Soviet Union.



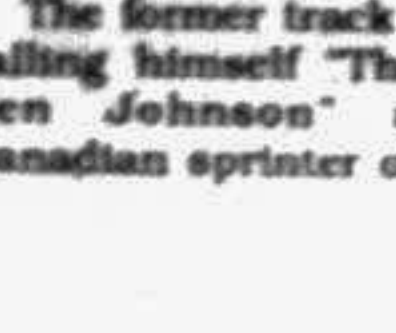
**V** for Marco van Basten. AC Milan's Dutch striker is arguably the best footballer in the world, but still has to face his father's wrath for a bad pass or an ever rarer mis-kick. Norwegian minnows Viking Stavanger conceded only one goal in 180 minutes of football with European



**X** for Li Xiaoshuang, who stood up to the gymnastics might of the all-conquering Unified Team, snatching the prized floor gold from beneath the nose of world all-round champion Grigori Misutin.



**Y** for Anthony Yeboah, Ghanaian striker, who became one of the three Africans to lead the goalscoring table in a European league. (The others are Nigerian Ricky Owubokiri, Portugal's Boavista and Librarian George Weah at Paris St Germain). Pakistan's Waqar Younis, along with Wasim Akram, became the most feared pace attack in cricket.



**Z** for Kim Zmeskal, tipped to win a million gold medals in Barcelona. The American world champion gymnast who had never made a mistake in competition fell off the beam, stepped outside the mat and vaulted onto her backside.

## Milnars league resumes today

Sports Reporter

Two matches are scheduled for today as the Milnars First Division cricket league restarts after a two-day break.

City Club will be up against Dhanmondi Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium while the Mirpur Pallabi ground will host the match between Sadharan Bima and Evergreen Club.

## Susi Susanti tops world rankings

LONDON, Dec 25: Susi Susanti is the only Olympic medalist to top the end-of-year rankings issued by the International Badminton Federation, reports AFP.

The Olympic champion won the Japan, German and Thailand Opens this year but Allan Budi Kusuma, Indonesia's other gold medalist from Barcelona, was only third in the men's rankings.

Joko Suprianto of Indonesia controversially topped the rankings ahead of Malaysia's Rashid Sidek, winner of the Malaysian and Grand Prix finals.

Two changes to the ranking system have caused the surprises. Rankings are now based on results from eight events and 15 matches over only 12 months and withdrawals now count as losses.

That second change may have been introduced to deter players from deliberately scratching from a tournament to avoid a defeat which would affect their ranking.

**MEN:** 1. Joko Suprianto (Indonesia), 2. Rashid Sidek (Malaysia), 3. Allan Budi Kusuma (Indonesia), 4. Ardy Wiranata (Indonesia), 5. Herawan Susanto (Indonesia), 6. Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen (Denmark), 7. Wu Wenkai (China), 8. Ardi Heryanto (Indonesia), 9. Liu Jun (China), 10. Bambang Suprianto (Indonesia).

**WOMEN:** 1. Susi Susanti (Indonesia), 2. Bangsoon Hyun (S Korea), 3. Tang Jihong (China), 4. Sarwandah Kusumawardhani (Indonesia), 5. Lim Xiaqing (Sweden), 6. Ye Zhaoying (China), 7. Lee Heung Soon (S Korea), 8. Christine Magnusson (Sweden), 9. Samhoruchai Jaronsiri (Indonesia), 10. Yuni Kartika (Indonesia).

## Sydney offers a lucrative deal

SYDNEY, Dec 25: A Summer Olympics staged in Sydney in the year 2000 would cost 1.19 billion US Dollars and turn a profit of 4 million dollars, the bid committee said today, reports Reuters.

Committee head Fod McGeech, releasing an advance budget for the event, said an 80,000 seat stadium would be built, along with a velodrome, coliseum, sports hall and facilities for equestrian events, shooting, tennis and baseball.

Sydney is competing against Beijing, Berlin, Brasilia, Istanbul, Manchester, Milan and Tashkent for the event. The winning bid will be decided by the 96 member International Olympic Committee at a Monte Carlo meeting in September.

McGeech said the projected surplus included the committee's offer to pay air travel and accommodation costs of the estimated 15,000 athletes and officials expected to attend.

Beijing has made a similar offer. No Olympic city has ever paid air fares and accommodation for athletes. The offer of travel is projected to cost about 27 million US dollars.

Television rights are expected to raise 488 million US dollars. Sponsorships 297 million US dollars and ticket sales some 140 million US dollars.

## Judge withdraws from Tyson trial

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec 25: Indiana Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard has disqualify himself from the appeal of boxer Mike Tyson's rape conviction, adding he won't say why, at least for now, reports AP.

"I decided not to explain while the case is pending. Shepard said Tuesday. 'I am not sure I will explain it after the case is over.'"

State law doesn't require a Supreme Court judge to explain such a withdrawal.

Lawyers on both sides said they are puzzled by the decision, especially since the case is pending before the Indiana Court of Appeals and not the Supreme Court, over which Shepard presides.

Tyson is serving a six-year sentence at the Indiana Youth Centre for his conviction early this year in the 1991 rape of a Miss Black America contestant.

"It is a mystery to me," said Tyson's lawyer, Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz. "I have no idea what is going on," state attorney general Linley Pearson said.

Shepard's decision came in an order issued Nov. 19. It simply said he was withdrawing "for reasons he believes adequate" under provisions of the judicial code.

## 1992: I for Imran, I for inspiration



LONDON, Dec 25: Pakistan rose above some high-faloot to win the World Cup but much of the hard work and sweat that went into their success also tarnished their image, reports AFP.

The key to Pakistan's triumph was inspired leadership by Imran Khan, and cricket's finest pace bowling attack in Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis.

But gossip about the way two Ws use sweat and any number of instruments to allegedly doctor the ball followed them and grew during a triumphant 1992.

Imran accused Pakistan's rivals of jealous rumour-mongering. He said: "Waqar is strong and consistently the fastest bowler in the world, along with Ian Bishop and possibly Allan Donald. Wasim is more talented than Waqar but not as strong."

He is partly right about the jealousy, but the International Cricket Council still wants to stop such practices.

ICC secretary John Stephenson says something must be done and that ball doctoring will be raised at the world body's meeting in January Lord's. But he admitted that at the moment the ICC is merely a kind of post office — we have no authority in matters such as these.

Bottle-tops, a spoon, even knives are said to have been used over the years by bowlers to scuff up one side of ball to make it swing in the air.

Wasim and Waqar can make the ball move wickedly — and did so throughout the year — but deny strenuously they are guilty of cheating. The truth remains a secret.

At the World Cup, Pakistan started badly, but by the final, Wasim, Mianad and Imran were a class above their English rivals. Imran admitted that with his side reeling to win their three remaining qualifying games "morale was very low."

But they did it. Imran told Wasim and Aaqib Javed to forget their worries over wides and no-balls and bowl like cornered tigers. Wasim bowled faster than ever. Aaqib bedevilled opponents with the movement he generated.

And with joint-hosts Australia knocked out in the qualifiers, New Zealand and South Africa were the surprise semi-finalists with England and Pakistan.

Inzamamul Haq came in with Pakistan needing 123 from 15 overs to beat the Kiwis but he blasted 60 off 37 balls to put his side on the way to a comfortable four wicket win.

Controversy hit the other semi-final. Sunny Sydney was hit by a rainstorm with South Africa needing 22 runs from 13 balls to defeat England. Ten minutes later when the two teams returned, bizarre rain regulations meant the target was upped to 21 runs from one ball.

Imran did not take part but he gave strong defence of the

backed him, even if they have not condemned the Pakistani stars.

Micky Stewart refused, after Pakistan wrapped up the series at the Oval, to condemn or clear the pace pair. He made his reasons obvious and admitted: "Yes, I know the method. I won't spread it around because once we perfect it..."

He added that England had discussed the freak swinging of the Pakistani bowlers. "We know how they do it. I just want England to produce bowlers who are as effective as Waqar and Wasim."

Even during the one-day series, won 4-1 by England, the controversy would not go away. The umpires changed the ball during the third match at Lord's but the reason has been kept secret.

New Zealand team manager Ian Taylor repeated the doctoring allegations and Television New Zealand had to apologise after its proposal to set up a camera to spot Pakistani cricketers with a bottle-top caused a storm during their current tour.

Waqar was again involved when the TCCB fined Surrey county club for doctoring. But he and Wasim have threatened libel action against the ICC the body's refusal to condemn or clear.

While Pakistan were laying into the third Test umpires, David Gower was passing Geoff Boycott's record of 8,114 runs for England and going into fifth place in the world.

Gower was, however, considered too old for England's tour of India in the new year even if South Africa rebels like Mike Gatting and John Emburey are making their Test comebacks.

Pakistan captain Javed Mianad and Australian skipper Allan Border are still above Gower in the rankings and still playing Test cricket.

Mianad is also closing on Sunil Gavaskar's Test record aggregate of runs and is favourite to carry on in charge of the world champions, no matter what jealous rivals may say, as they become one of South Africa's new visitors in 1993.

Like other sports, South Africa have found their return to the international stage not plain sailing. But in bowler Allan Donald and upcoming batsman Jonty Rhodes they have some world beaters of the future.

England batsman Allan Lamb dealt a new blow to Anglo-Pakistan cricketing relations when he alleged in a tabloid article that the two Ws were "cheats."

Lamb was in turn fined 5,000 pounds (7,500 dollars) by the Test and County Cricket Board and 1,500 pound by his Northamptonshire club for his outburst. Others have since

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## Turkish booter to spend 9 yrs in jail

ISTANBUL, Dec 23: Former Turkish international soccer player Tanju Colak was sentenced to nine years and four months in jail on Tuesday for buying a smuggled luxury Mercedes car, Anatolian News Agency said, reports Reuters.

Colak, a leading striker with Fenerbache who scored 10 goals in 31 internationals, was also fined 5.5 billion lira (dollar 6,51,000) by an Istanbul court for knowingly buying a smuggled car.

He will not be jailed until the verdict is approved by the Supreme Court.

Colak, 29, and married with two children, who the European Golden Boot award in 1988 for scoring 39 goals and helped his former club Galatasaray to reach the European Cup semifinals a year later.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

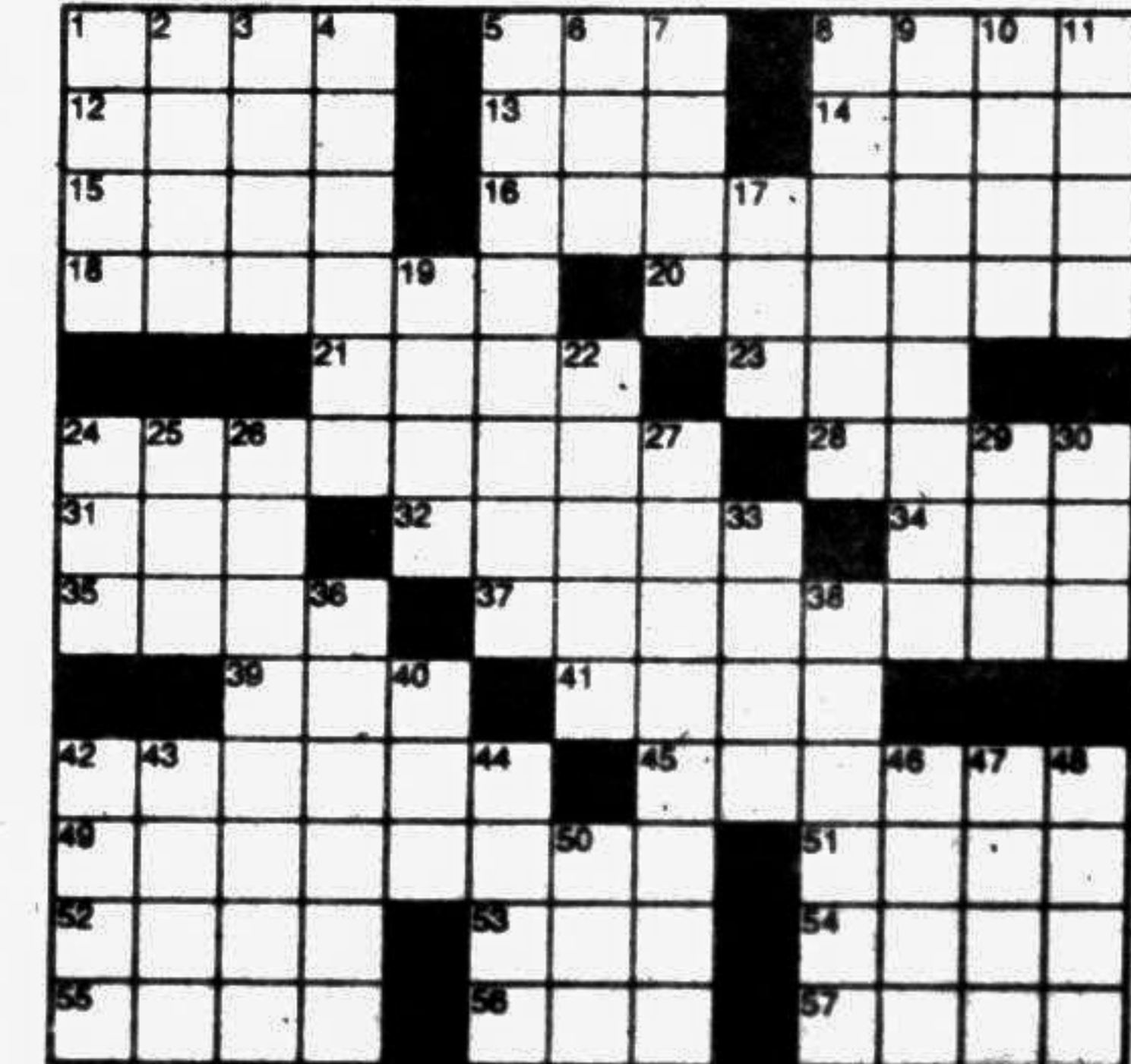
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21 Caesar's fatal date  
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27 Comfortable state  
29 Museum's pride  
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33 Man or Capri  
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Players and officials of the Bangladesh Navy team which won the gold medal of the basketball championship of the fifth Bangladesh Games beating Dhaka University in the final at the wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

— Star photo

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Saturday's Cryptquip: THE HIGH-SALARIED PROFESSIONAL CRITIC PANS FOR GOLD.

Today's Cryptquip clue: U equals M

The Cryptquip 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.

## The "Original" Johnson is no more

HARRISBURG, Dec 25: The "Original" Johnson, a four-time US sprint champion in the 1930s and rival of Jesse Owens, has died of a heart attack at the age of 78, reports AP.

The former track star began calling himself "The Original Ben Johnson" after the Canadian sprinter of the same

name became notorious in the 1980s.

He once ran so fast that officials would not believe their watches.

That incident happened at the Millrose Games in New York in 1938, when he equalled the 60-yard world record of 6.2 seconds in the heats, then broke the mark with a 6.1 in the semi-finals.

When he clocked 6.0 in the final, officials did not believe the time could be accurate. They examined the watches and found no flaws, but the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) refused to confirm the time.

The 6.1 time stood until 1964, when Bob Hayes set the record of 5.9.

Johnson had said his strength was his start.