

Sidhu shows why he's needed

NEW DELHI, Jan 13: Navjot Sidhu celebrated his recall to the Indian international squad with a fine century as England crashed to a nine-wicket defeat in a one-day match on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The World Cup finalists, having made a useful 245 for eight in their 50 overs, were overhauled with surprising ease by a President's XI who won with 14 balls to spare.

Sidhu, an occasional international for nine years, hit three sixes in his 145-ball 130 not out.

He was given valuable support by Ajay Sharma, who made a 78-ball 75 in an unbroken partnership of 172.

Sharma also took two wickets. Given his useful performances for Delhi against the touring team in Faridabad he, too, could have been picked in the Indian 14 for the first two one-dayers and first Test.

England will be unhappy with their fielding — which suffered from having three players aged 35 and over in the side — and worried about their fragile middle-order batting and spin bowling.

Graeme Hick failed again, making just one as England lost three wickets for three runs and six for 37.

He has amassed just 41 from four innings and Neil Fairbrother, who made 17, has 19 from three.

The slump wasted a good start of 83 given England by openers Graham Gooch (85) and Alex Stewart (36). Only a 37-run unbroken partnership off 28 balls between Dermot Reeve (24) and John Embury (24) redeemed the innings.

However, Embury had an unhappy day with the ball. He was taken for 59 off 7.4 overs, 19 of them in the 41st over which started with the President's XI needing a further 69 runs for victory.

Embury was hammered for three sixes.

England captain Gooch said after the defeat, "Our all-round cricket in every department was not up to our usual standard."

The middle-order collapse underlined the lack of form of several batsmen, and Gooch added, "If batsmen don't get runs they don't get confidence."



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and get concerned.

"But a couple of failures doesn't mean you are a bad player. You have to believe in your ability."

The captain had similar advice for off-spinner Embury, who went for eight an over.

"If you keep getting hit for six it has an effect on your confidence and he's been hit around a bit."

"But it is a mental thing, he

will bounce back."

Coach Keith Fletcher added, "Our performance was poor. We were below par."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the 50-over one-day match between England and the Indian Board President's XI on Wednesday:

ENGLAND:

G Gooch b Chowhan	85
A Stewart b Kuruvilla	36
R Smith b Maninder Singh	15
N Fairbrother lbw b Chouhan	17
G Hick b Ajay Sharma	1
D Reeve not out	24
M Gatting run out	7
C Lewis b Ajay Sharma	14
P DeFretas lbw b Zaidi	1
J Embury not out	24
Extras: (b-1; lb-9; nb-8; w-3) 21	
Total: (eight wickets, 50 overs)	245

Fall of wickets: 1-83; 2-113; 3-169; 4-170; 5-172; 6-184; 7-205; 8-208.

Did not bat: P Jarvis

Bowling:

O	M	R	W
Kuruvilla	10	1	50
Zaidi	7	0	34
Vaidya	5	0	21
Maninder Singh	10	1	36
Chouhan	10	0	53
Ajay Sharma	8	1	41

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI:

S Bhave c Gatting b Lewis	17
N Sidhu not out	130
S Ganguly retired hurt	7
A Sharma not out	75
Extras: (b-9; lb-4; w-1; nb-3) 17	
Total: (one wicket, 47.4 overs)	246

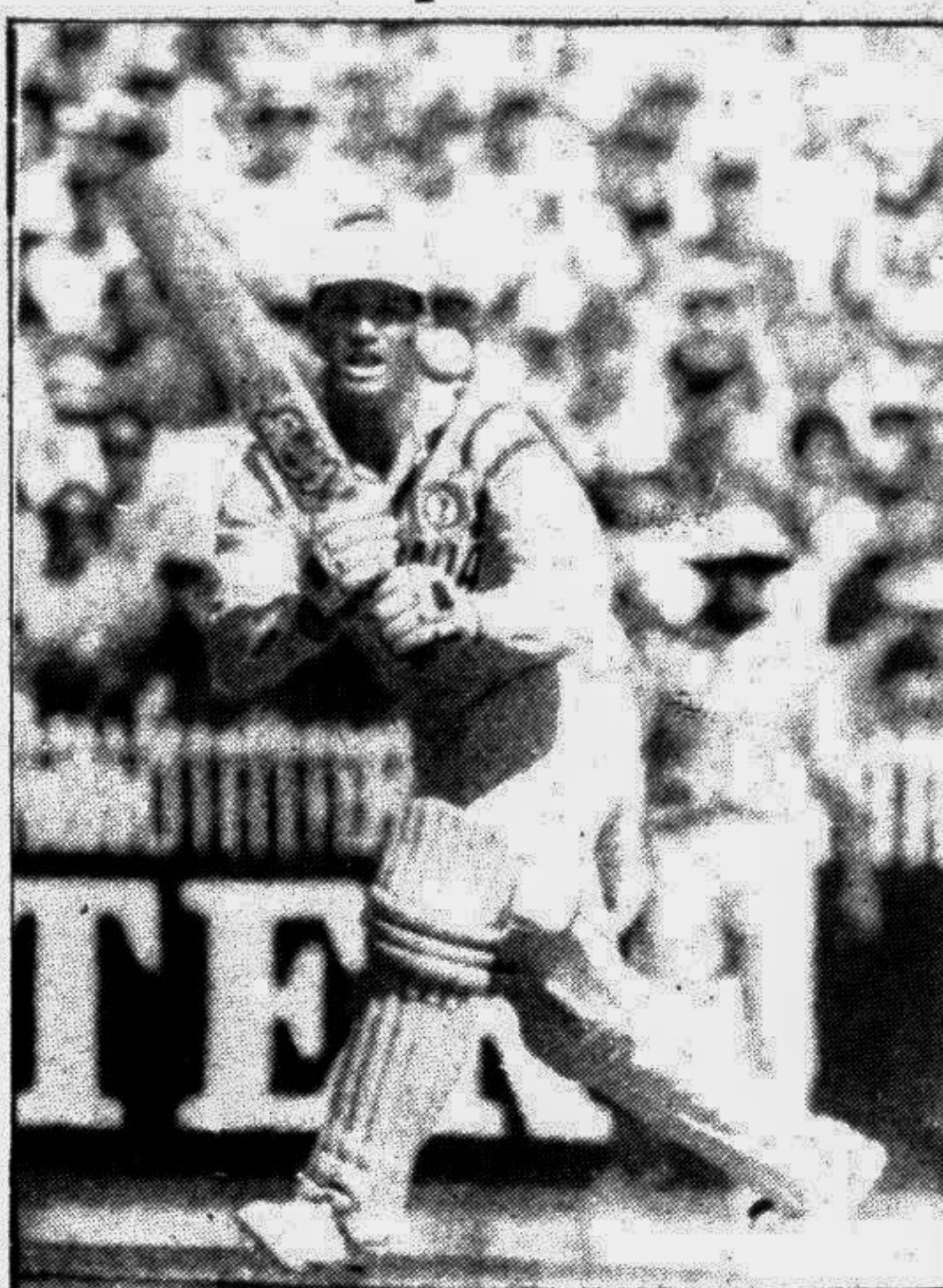
Fall of wickets: 1-54

Did not bat: R Dravid, M Singh, N Mongia, P Vaidya, A Kuruvilla, A Winston Zaidi, R Chouhan.

Bowling:

O	M	R	W
DeFretas	10	0	52
Jarvis	10	0	24
Reeve	10	0	53
Lewis	10	1	45
Embury	7.4	0	59

Result: Board President's XI won by nine wickets.



Australian batsman Dean Jones plays a ball through mid-wicket in the WSC one-day international match against Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Jan 12. Jones top scored for Australia with 84 runs. — AFP photo

Birthday gift for Ian Salisbury

NEW DELHI, Jan 13: Leg-spinner Ian Salisbury, who came with the England cricket team to assist the players at the nets, has received an advance birthday gift, reports AP.

Captain Graham Gooch told Salisbury before breakfast on Tuesday that he has been included in the team as the 17th player, news reports said Wednesday.

The Sussex spinner, who turns 23 on Jan 21, was due to join England 'A' team tour of Australia later this month. He now stays back in India apparently because Gooch realized that the dry, Indian pitches were suited to his kind of bowling.

"After seeing the conditions in India we concluded we needed Ian here," Gooch was quoted as saying by The Statesman newspaper.

"Now that I am not going back, I'm determined to put in my best," said Salisbury.

The boyish-looking cricketer, who played in two Tests against Pakistan last summer, is the first genuine leg spinner to play for England since Essex's Robin Hobbs in 1971.

England's spin duo of John Embury and Phil Tufnell have struggled so far on the tour, which opened Jan 3 with a three-day match against Delhi in Faridabad. They played another three-day match against Board President's XI in Lucknow from Jan 8 to 10.

In the two matches, Tufnell got three wickets for 171 runs in 62 overs. Embury, who didn't play the first match, had a figure of 23-4-80-1 in two innings.

Salisbury, with the kind of problems he has posed for the England batsmen at the nets, looks a useful bet, the Times of India said.

England is scheduled to play their first of the six one-day internationals against India on Jan 18 in Jaipur. The first Test will be played in Calcutta from Jan 29 to Feb 2.

The first one-day was supposed to have been played in Ahmedabad on Saturday but was cancelled because of Hindu-Muslim riots in that western city.

Jones expects to be fit for next WSC tie

SYDNEY, Jan 13: Injured Australian batsman Dean Jones expects to be fit to play in Thursday's World Series limited-overs cricket match against Pakistan at the Sydney Cricket Ground, reports AP.

Jones suffered a chipped bone in his right thumb joint when he was struck, by a ball from Pakistan pace bowler Waqar Younis during Australia's 32-run win over the tourists in Melbourne on Tuesday night.

Damir Martyn was called into the Australian squad as a precaution, but Jones said Wednesday afternoon that he had suffered no adverse reaction during a brief net session.

"I want to play. Whether they pick me or not is a totally different question," Jones said.

Australian captain Alan Border said he would like Jones to undergo a more intensive fitness test before the match.

The Australians also have to choose between spinners Greg Matthews and Tim May.

Australia already has qualified for the finals of the triangular limited-overs tournament and will face the West Indies. World Cup holder Pakistan is out of contention.

Jonas Svensson's moment of truth

SYDNEY, Jan 13: Sweden's fallen tennis star Jonas Svensson has become a firm believer in the axiom, "If it's not broke, don't fix it," reports AP.

Svensson invoked memories of his one-time top ten ranking status when he ousted defending champion Emilio Sanchez from the New South Wales Open here Wednesday.

The Swede, with the environmental bent, overturned a 2-5 record with the Spaniard to win his second round encounter, 7-6 (7-0), 6-4.

Arthurton flashes with willow

NEWCASTLE, Jan 13: Keith Arthurton scored a quick fire 94 Wednesday and helped the West Indies to a 51-run victory over an Australian Country XI, reports AP.

Arthurton helped steer the West Indies to a total of 294 and the tourists then dismissed Country XI for 243.

The left-hander hit only eight fours but still managed to bring up his 94 from just 96 balls in 127 minutes. He was eventually bowled by Dean Benson when he mistimed a drive.

All-rounder Anderson Cummins also played an important role when he came to the wicket with the score at 196 for seven in the 40th over.

Cummins smashed 49 runs off just 34 balls. His whirlwind knock included one six and six fours.

Anthony Stuart was the most dangerous of the Country Districts bowlers, taking two for 39 from his 10 overs.

Queenslander Brad Spanner hit 68 off 71 balls in reply, but only Greg Irvine, with 56, was able to provide support.

The West Indies gave their pacemen a rest and used medium-pace and spin to good effect, with Phil Simmons taking three for 58 and Carl Hooper two for 28. Even wicket-keeper David Williams took the opportunity to bowl four overs at a cost of 35 runs.

The match was the last for the West Indies before Satur-

day's opening finals match of the World Series limited-overs tournament against Australia.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the one-day (50 overs) cricket match between an Australian Country XI and West Indies on Wednesday:

WEST INDIES:

D Haynes c Vivian b Hoffman	46
P Simmons c Spanner	25
b Stuart	19
G Logie b Irvine	94
K Arthurton b Benson	94
J Adams c Curry b Irvine	1
C Hooper c Fort (sub)	1
b Sartori	33
D Williams c Temple	1

Extras: (lb-5; w-3; nb-8) 16

Total: (47.1 overs) 243

Fall of wickets: 1-20; 2-21; 3-26; 4-121; 5-123; 6-179; 7-213; 8-240; 9-241.

Bowling:

O	M	R	W
Patterson	2	0	4
Walsh	2	0	11
Benjamin	2	0	5
Cummins	4	0	17
Adams	10	0	41
Arthurton	7	0	39
Simmons	10	0	58
Williams	4	0	35
Hooper	6	0	28
Logie	0.1	1	0

Result: West Indies won by 51 runs.



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Sizzling start for Courier

ADELAIDE, Jan 13: Jim Courier made a sizzling start to his 1993 Australian campaign Wednesday, crushing local player Todd Woodbridge 6-1, 6-3 in his first match in the Rio Challenge exhibition tennis tournament at Memorial Drive, reports AP.

Courier, preparing to defend his Australian Open title in Melbourne next week, overpowered Woodbridge in just 62 minutes and declared his game perfectly on track.

"I was very pleased to come out like that. I felt like I was hitting the ball pretty well. I did what I set out to do," Courier said.

"You can always improve, but it was my first match in Australia and I'm pretty happy."

The American said he was comfortable in the 32-degree Celsius (90 Fahrenheit) heat.

"I like the heat. I've been

practising hard in it and it doesn't worry me," he said.

In Wednesday night's second match, Petr Korda of the Czech Republic defeated Patrick McEnroe of the United States 6-1, 6-2 in a match in which McEnroe unveiled a



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new long hair style but was comprehensively outplayed by Korda, a French Open finalist last year.

Korda's victory took only 59 minutes.

Courier, Woodbridge and Michael Stich of Germany are in the Red Group, with McEnroe Morda and Stefan Edberg of Sweden in the Blue Group.

In matches scheduled Thursday, Edberg faces McEnroe and Stich plays Woodbridge.

The two group winners will meet in Saturday night's final of the exhibition event, for which the winner collects \$150,000. Other prize money is not disclosed.

The exhibition is among a series of warm-up events for the Australian Open, which starts Monday in Melbourne.

Edberg, currently ranked second behind Courier, said Wednesday he did not expect to be competing only against the American for the No 1 world ranking during 1993.

"I think there are a lot of guys up there who are hungry for it. We'll have to see what happens at the beginning of the year," he said.

"You've got Pete Sampras who is pretty close and Boris Becker is playing well so both those guys are coming up. It's not just me and Jim."

A two-time winner of the Australian Open when it was held on grass courts at Kooyong, Edberg is keen to break his title drought on the synthetic Rebound Ace surface of Flinders Park, where he has twice lost in the final.

Courier said he treated the new year as a chance to start over.

"This is the start of the year. We wipe the slate clean. We start from scratch and we go," he said.

Top seeds move up in Victorian Open

MELBOURNE, Jan 13: Top seeds Amanda Coetzer and Naoko Sawamatsu both won second round matches Tuesday in the \$100,000 Victorian Open women's tennis championship, but three other seeded players were eliminated, reports AP.

South African Coetzer, the No. 1 seed, defeated Sandrine Testud of France 6-1, 7-5 and was joined in the last eight by the second-seeded Sawamatsu.

The Japanese player breezed by Australian Kristin Godridge 6-4, 6-1.

Larisa Neiland of Latvia, American Debbie Graham and Alexandra Fusai of France all scored surprise victories.

Seles has no high hopes

MELBOURNE, Jan 13: Monica Seles isn't going into 1993 with any great expectations, reports AP.

Seles said Wednesday it would be difficult for her to equal her performance in 1992, when she won the Australian, French and US Open tennis titles but was beaten in the Wimbledon final.

"It can't go on being three Grand Slams and getting into the finals of every tournament," said Seles, who had a 70-5 record last year and made the final of every tournament except at the Lipton Championships in Key Biscayne, Fla.

Seles, who turned 20 last month, said luck had played a major part in her success, but fitness was the key to continuing that success.

"I think last year was pretty lucky," she said at a press conference to promote the Australian Open, which starts Monday.

"The Australian Open was good but the French could have been Steffi's or mine and in the US Open I had a lot of luck with the draw."

"It will depend on me if I can keep that level up."

Seles said the Australian Open provided an ideal springboard into a successful year.

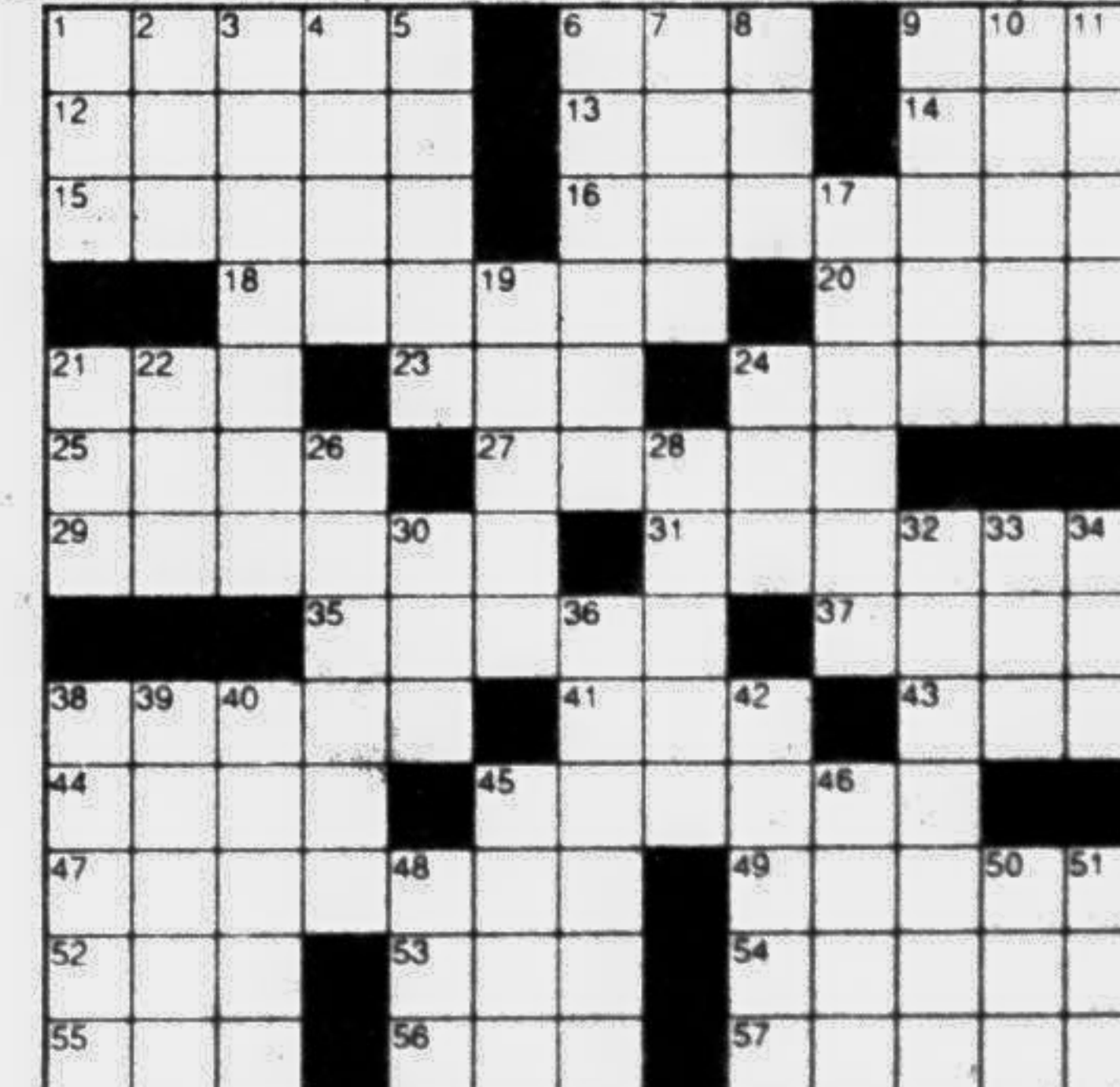
"It always feels great when I start off well here."



Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario has her ankle taped after a fall in the first round match against Georgia's Leila Meskhi in the New South Wales Open in Sydney on Jan 12. Sanchez Vicario still defeated Meskhi 4-6, 6-4, 6-0. — AFP photo

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: APPLICANT WHO FAILED THE EDITING TEST SAID ANGRILY, "IT WAS HARD COPY!"

Today's Cryptquip clue: H equals N

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.