

# Wiranata defies odds, Arby

KUCHING, Malaysia, July 18: Indonesia's Ardy Wiranata defied remarkable odds Saturday to beat countryman Heryanto Arbi for the 180,000 dollars Malaysian Open trophy and end a year of no titles in the world badminton circuit, reports AFP.

defend the men's singles title in that tournament at Jakarta next week.

Ardy started out aggressively



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against the 21-year-old Heryanto but lost the first set 11-15.

The singles champ smashed away from the start and took a

convincing 10-7 lead but Heryanto, who was the actual favourite for the top crown, regained his form and caught up with counter-attacks.

Ardy, however, had better luck in the second set when his persistent raids badly upset Heryanto's rhythm and the younger Indonesian threw away the game for Ardy to win 15-5 and set a rubber game play-off.

The finale was a neck-and-neck fight, with both shuttlers fighting for each point, but Heryanto lost his cool when a shot which he claimed was on the line was disallowed.

Ardy quickly capitalised on his compatriot's emotions and took the game to a 14-14 deuce before finishing at 17-14.

"Ardy played well and returned most of my smashes. He deserved to win," said Heryanto, who beat the older Indonesian in the Taiwan Masters semifinal in January.

Susi, meanwhile, had an easy outing against Lim, wrapping up play at 11-6, 11-2 in 21 minutes.

"I didn't need to play hard as she made all the mistakes," said Susi, referring to her Swedish opponent whom she has beaten six times.

Subgia and Rexy also played to easy wins against Cheah and Soo, who fell in straight sets of 7-15, 5-15.

# Leconte, Boetsch put France ahead

FREJUS, France, July 18: France's Henri Leconte and Arnaud Boetsch brought France a 2-1 lead in their Davis Cup quarter-final tie after beating Ramesh Krishnan and Leander Paes in Saturday's doubles, reports AFP.

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French coach Georges Goven, though confident of victory on Sunday, was impressed by Paes. He said: "Paes is an extremely good player, who takes risks, comes into the net and is inspired by the crowd. It won't be easy for Arnaud tomorrow."

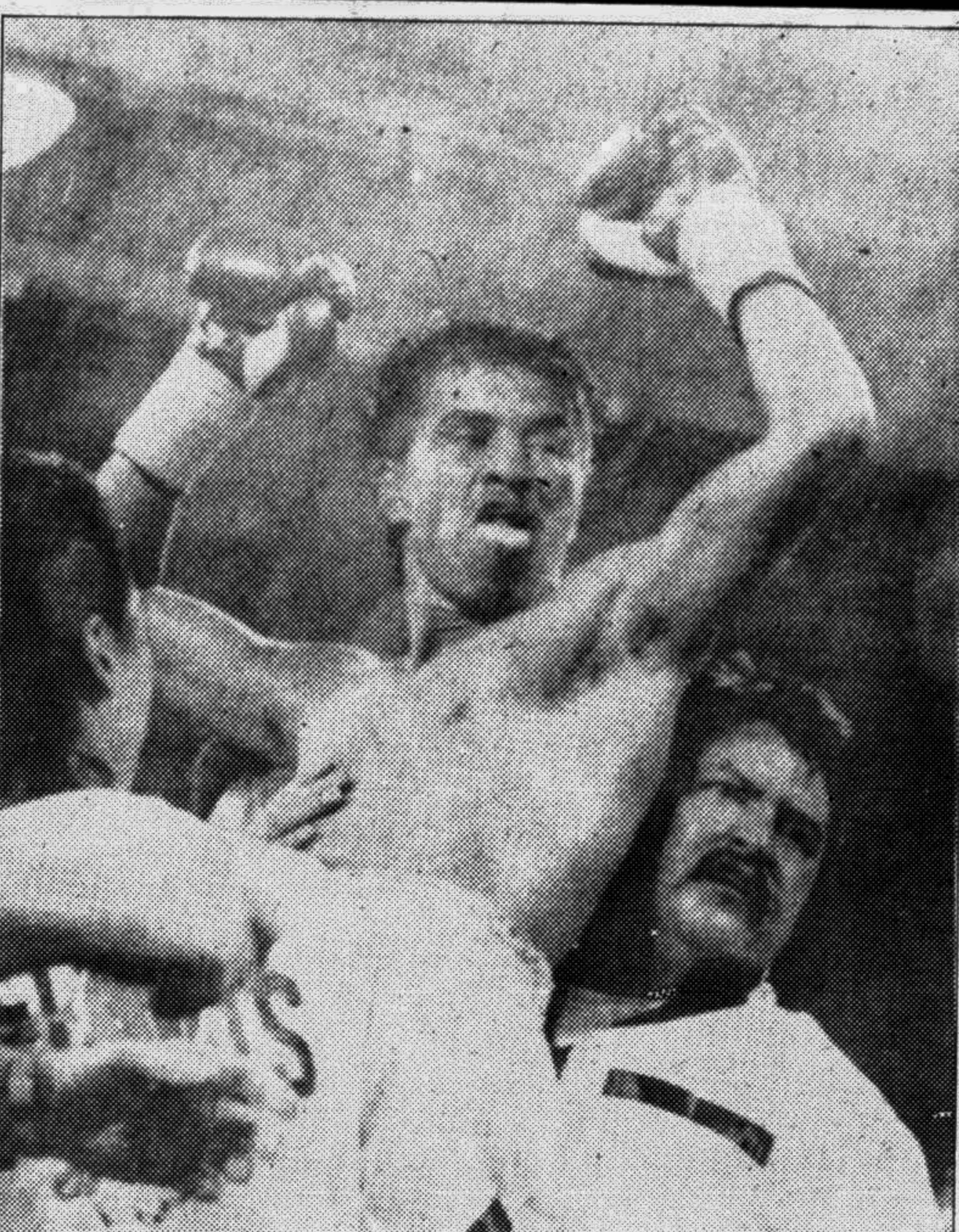
"But Henri's back is feeling better now, and we are in a good position at 2-1 up."

Indian captain Naresh Kumar said on the doubles: "France were just too good on the day, and we have a lot to do tomorrow."

In the first set, India fought back from 1-4 down to force a tie-break. But France won it on the first set point thanks to a sharp Leconte return of Krishnan's second service — forcing the Indian to net hit volley.

A well-placed volley from Leconte gave France the second set 6-3 following the vital break of Krishnan's service for a 5-3 lead.

India fought back in the third set and had two break points for a 2-0 lead, but Leconte saved the first with an ace and then a powerful service set up a volley winner for Boetsch.



Michael Carbajal of the US raises his arms as he celebrates his victory over Kim Kwang-Sun of South Korea in Las Vegas on July 17. Carbajal scored a seventh-round knockout to retain his IBF/WBC light flyweight title. — AFP photo

# Too much strain

BUFFALO, New York, July 18: Burt Flickinger, chairman of the organising committee of the 1993 World University Games, has been hospitalized with exhaustion, a Games spokesman said Saturday, reports AFP.

Flickinger, 71, was admitted to Buffalo General Hospital on Friday night after complaining of dizziness.

The spokesman said it was not the first time Flickinger had experienced similar symptoms, but added that he was feeling better on Saturday.

He tried to check himself out today, but doctors wouldn't let him, he said, adding that Flickinger was irritated when his wife refused to bring his briefcase full of work papers to the hospital.

That was not clear if Flickinger would be released in time to attend Games closing ceremony this evening.

# Montminy stops Chinese sweep

BUFFALO, New York, July 18: Olympic bronze medalist Xiong Ni won the men's 3m springboard at the World University Games Saturday, but Canadian Anne Montminy prevented a Chinese sweep of the day diving events, reports AFP.

Xiong, who was third in the 10m platform in Barcelona, posted the first 10 of the competition on a reverse half somersault.

The marks on that dive ranged from 10 to 8.0 for a total of 77.40.

He finished with a total of 433.77, leading Mexican Fernando Platas (427.20) and Roman Volodkov of Ukraine (400.62).

Platas picked up his second silver of the Games, after his runner-up finish to China's Chen Sheng in the 1m springboard on Friday.

Xiong said he hoped his performance in Buffalo would be a prelude to another US appearance, at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

However, he said that at 19 he was already feeling the pressure from his country's younger crop of divers.

There are many good divers in China, so I hope I can keep my level up, he said. There are many good young divers in China.

I just hope to make it to the Olympics.

China's women, so often untouchable in international competition, faltered in the 10m platform.

Montminy qualified third, but put together an outstanding final round for a total of 407.79 points.

China's Yang Yan was second with 403.32 and compatriot Wen Ren third with 393.42.

Montminy led from the second round, but Yang's 87.86 on her final dive put the pressure on the Canadian.

She delivered, and later said she was oblivious to the challenge.

I had no idea where I stood going in to my final dive, she said. I never keep track of it because I get nervous.

Yang was disappointed. "I can do better than I did today," she said. "This does not satisfy me."

Wen, however, said she was glad to get away with a medal. "I am happy to win the bronze," she said. "I did not really dive that well. Until the last round, I did not concentrate on the results."

# 'Woodies' give Aussies lead

FLORENCE, Italy, July 18: Australia moved into a 2-1 lead in their Davis Cup quarter-final tie with Italy here on Saturday after Wimbledon champions Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge won the doubles, reports AFP.

Woodforde and Woodbridge, who took the All-England title two weeks ago, needed three hours, 20 minutes to win 6-7, (6/8), 7-6, (7-5), 6-3, 6-2 in heat and humidity on clay at the Cascine Tennis Club.

They had to play as much against the raucous Italian crowd of 4,500 as they did against their opponents, paired together for the first time.

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# Federation Cup matches refixed

FRANKFURT, July 18: Organisers were busy rewriting the playing schedules for next week's Federation Cup here on Sunday to ensure that defending champions Germany could field their strongest team, reports AFP.

Germany asked for their opening match against Australia on Monday to be put back 24 hours to give world No. 1 Steffi Graf extra time to recover from her foot injury and Anke Huber extra travel time from Kitzbuehl where she unexpectedly reached Sunday's final.

The good news is that Steffi will be fit to play," said Germany's captain Klaus Hofsass. "But we asked for the delay to give her as much time as possible to recover. Also Anke Huber has reached the final in Kitzbuehl. We are not sure if Sabine Hack will be able to play since she has a wrist injury."

Germany's request posed a delicate problem for the organisers who sold hundreds of extra tickets for Monday on the understanding that the hosts would be playing.

They have now decided to give Monday ticket holders free entry on Tuesday.

Germany, seeded two and expected to play Spain in the final for the second year running, want to take no chances against a strong Australia team which last year battled through to the semifinals.

This year the Australia challenge at the 32-national event is again led by experienced captain Wendy Turnbull and spearheaded by Nicole Provis. The big-hitting 23-year-old from Melbourne is joined by Elizabeth Smylie and Rennae Stubbs, while Michelle Jaggard Laf has come in to replace the injured Rachel McQuillan.

The Australians have won the event seven times since it was launched in 1963, their last triumph coming back in 1984.

# Canada give US a bumpy ride

BUFFALO, New York, July 18: U S men recovered from a first-half deficit against Canada to win the World University Games basketball gold 95-90, reports AFP.

The Canadians stunned the previously undefeated US team and the partisan crowd of more than 12,000 by swiftly taking a 13-14 lead.

Their methodical approach stymied the fast-break offense that has seen the United States rack up lopsided scores against weaker teams.

With excellent rebounding, the Canadians turned even missed shots into points as the United States northern neighbours took a 52-40 half-time lead.

Sharon Wright's three-pointer with 18 minutes left turned the tide for the United States, narrowing the gap to 53-45.

Damon Stoudmire tied the score at 59-59 two minutes later and the United States went ahead for the first time when Carlos Rogers sank one 20 seconds later.

Shawn Respert and Michael Finley shared the scoring honours for the United States with 16 points apiece, and Ed O'Bannon added 15.

Jeff Foreman led Canada with 30 with Rowan Barrett scoring 17, 14 of them in the first half.

"We gave everything we had," Foreman said. "There

were just a few break-downs in the second half that hurt us."

US coach Reggie Minton said his side was sub-par in the first half, and he told them so.

"Our biggest thing was to come out and play hard in the second half," O'Bannon said. "I

think we were a little bit upset (at half-time). We knew we had to pick up the intensity 'at both ends of the court."

# CHINESE WOMEN WIN

China's women, who stunned the United States in the semifinals, downed Cuba 84-81 in their championship game.

"The gold medal at the World University Games is the highest honour ever for China in women's basketball," Chinese basketball coach Cai Yunsheng said.

The victory was especially sweet since China had lost to Cuba in the preliminaries.

"In order for us to atone for our eight-point loss to Cuba, we had to overcome fouls and worked our hardest," he said.

Cuban assistant coach Miguel del Rio said: "All you have to do is look back to the state.

"The stats say China shot 60 percent from the field, we shot 50 percent.

"China shot 33 percent from three-point range, we shot 20 percent. There is a rule in basketball, where the team that controls the rebounds wins. China did that better tonight."

The United States, the pre-tournament favourites, beat Lithuania 83-73 for the women's bronze.

China's men won their bronze medal game against Italy 93-90.

# ETTA must ban glue for home players

BIRMINGHAM, England, July 18: England could lose the European table tennis championships here next year if they do not reverse their decision on banning liquid glue for home players, reports AFP.

International Table Tennis Federation president Ichiro Ogimura of Japan announced a ban on all liquid adhesives from June next year at May's World Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden.

England have already banned glue and would not be able to use it at the March championships, unlike all the other nations.

English Table Tennis Association chairman Alan Ransome said that unless the ETTA national council reverse the ban: "there is no doubt we shall lose the championships."

Many top players use liquid glue to increase the speed of the ball off the bat.

# Nelloms wins hearts, not gold

BUFFALO, New York, July 18: US sprinter Chris Nelloms settled for 200m silver Saturday, but it was remarkable that he was around at all for the 1993 World University Games, reports AFP.

Nelloms was wounded in a drive-by shooting in August of 1992. The bullet went in his neck and out through his chest, leaving him with a broken collar bone and collapsed lung.

My doctor told me I really don't need a collar bone, but I've lost all of my strength in my left arm and my chest, he said. "Sometimes my arm will pop out of place, and it won't make me go the way I want to go."

Just being here is much more than a victory," he said.

The win went to American Bryan Bridgewater in a wind-aided 20.14, with Nelloms clocking 20.17.

Cuba's Ivan Garcia was third, in 20.55.

The nights other sprint news was the non-appearance of Nigeria, Namibia and Jamaica in the semifinals of the men's 4x100m relay.

Namibia line-up was to include double Olympic silver medalist Frank Fredericks.

Two members of the Barcelona silver medal relay, Davidson Ezinwa and Olapade Adeniken, were to have run for Nigeria.

They were accredited, but have yet to race here.

The women's 200m went to Flirtisha Harris of the United States in 22.56 seconds. Jamaica's Dahlia Duhaney, the 100 champion here, was second in 22.79 with Taiwan's Wang Heui-che third.

Michelle Collins claimed another gold for the United States in the women's 400m in 52.01

seconds.

In all, the United States won five of the nights 10 gold medals.

Ghanas Ibrahim Hassan won the men's 400m in 45.87.

Frances Sebastian Levicq staged the comeback of the day, winning the decathlon with a total of 7,874 points after lying ninth at the end of the first day of competition.

Estonian Indrek Kaseorg was second with 7,864 and Darrin Steele of the United States was third with 7,653.

Levicq gained 200 points on the leaders in the pole vault. He was still vaulting 15 minutes after the rest of the decathletes had hit their limit, finishing with a leap of 5.10m, the only decathlete to break the 5m mark.

He also won the decathlon javelin with a throw of 63.46m.

# Chinese girls bag Universiad soccer gold

HAMILTON, Ontario, July 18: China claimed the first World University Games women's football title here Saturday, rebounding from a 1-0 half-time deficit to beat the United States 2-1, reports AFP.

Sun Qingmei scored the winner in the 75th minute, after Zhou Yang equalised in the 47th.

Julie Foudy had opened for the United States, her reigning women's world champion, in the 23rd.

Foudy, 22, was one of four veterans from US victory in the inaugural women's World Cup two years ago in China.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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8 "Mo-nopoly" corner

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13 Rose's love

14 Storybook villain

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18 Praises to the skies

19 Rapper

21 West of Hollywood

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26 Sherlock's need

29 "Monkey suit"

30 St.

31 Greet the bad guy

32 Faux follower

33 Radar screen signal

34 Noun-to-

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35 Old camera style

36 Rings up

37 Ford's successor

39 Enjoyment

40 Cartoonist's supply

41 Lawrence's domain

45 Author

48 Oregon city

50 Sheltered

51 Bad day for Caesar

52 Addition-ally

53 Frat party stock

54 Mac-Donald's partner

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25 Dems. rivals

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27 Judy's daughter

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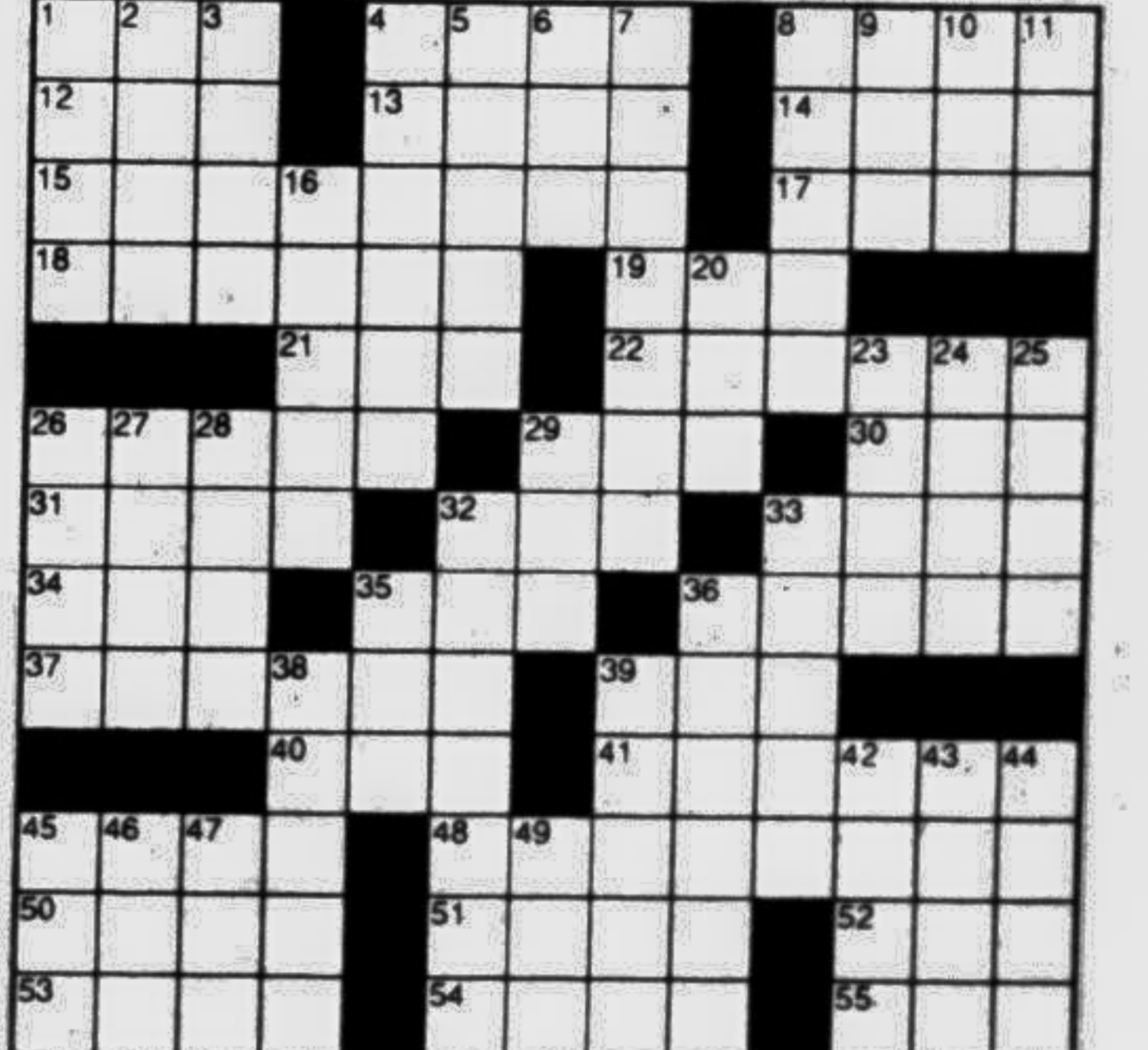
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# CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I COULDN'T RECALL THE DIVA'S ADVICE; IT WENT IN ONE ARIA AND OUT THE OTHER.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals R

The Cryptoquip 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.



Nick Faldo (R) and one of the participants having a brief practice session before the start of the final rounds of the 122nd British Open golf championship on Sunday. — Star TV photo