

Botham bids dramatic adieu

DURHAM, England, July 20: Ian Botham ended his first-class cricket career behind the stumps keeping wicket against Australia on Monday, reports Reuter.

match he stood behind the wicket, without pads or gloves. Asked how he knew the time was right to quit, 37-year-old Botham said: "I'm a bit like an old battered Escort car."

Table with columns O, M, R, W. Includes bowling statistics for Cummins, Brown, Bainbridge, Berry, Graveney, Botham, and Parker.

Cricket puts on farcical face

LONDON, July 20: Glamorgan made a gift of the fastest century in first-class cricket to Lancashire's Glen Chapple on Monday, then won the match by seven wickets to stay in touch with County Championship leaders Middlesex, reports Reuter.

Botham — talented, colourful, controversial

DURHAM, England, July 20: Ian Botham was one of the most talented cricketers ever to play for England. He was also one of the most colourful, and sometimes the most controversial, reports AP.

bowling and can't field." Botham said at his farewell news conference. "But we went on to beat everyone and that was a real highlight for me, probably my most satisfying time."

causes such as Leukemia research and became a regular on the television game show "A Question of Sport." He also starred in numerous "pantomimes" — popular slapstick stage.



IAN TERENCE BOTHAM ... it's time to say goodbye

Botham's performance on the field spoke for itself. In 102 Tests, he scored 5,200 runs, took 383 wickets and made 120 catches. He still holds the record for reaching 1,000 runs and 100 wickets quicker than anyone in Test history.

England then won the next two Tests, with Botham taking five wickets for 11 runs in the second innings at Edgbaston, then hitting a century at Old Trafford.

Less satisfying was his two-month suspension in 1986 after he admitted to having smoked marijuana, or his alleged assault of a passenger on a plane during the 1988 tour of Australia — just two of the numerous incidents the British tabloid press always seemed more than eager to exploit.

Productions that are a regular fixture of the British Christmas season. In 1991, Botham was controversially given special dispensation to join the England team late for a tour of New Zealand because he was appearing in "Jack and the Beanstalk" at a theatre in Bournemouth.

Universiade flops on belly

BUFFALO, New York, July 20: World University Games organisers were left reflecting on potentially huge losses for an event that started in chaos and ended amid widespread indifference, reports AFP.

Cuba went home with eight gold medals, including two swimming golds for Rodolfo Falcon Cabrera.

17 gold, 28 overall. Of the former Soviet Republics, Ukraine were the most successful with 11 golds out of a total 26.

Many observers say the six million dollar ticket income predicted by the organisers is wildly exaggerated. According to some, there could be a loss of five million dollars. It is a lesson that the Japanese city of Fukuoka, which will host the event in 1995, will surely have noted.

The absence of Libya threw several team sport schedules into disarray. Stories of teams arriving late, in the wrong uniforms, or for games that had been rescheduled made amusing reading in the local paper, but the mix-ups did nothing to improve the level of competition.

The transportation system was unwieldy, the distribution of results among the 27 venues unreliable.

Tight security at Federation Cup

FRANKFURT, July 20: Security has been beefed up at this year's Federation Cup after Monica Seles' stabbing at the Citizen's Cup in Hamburg last April, reports AFP.

Novotna just shuns deja vu

FRANKFURT, July 20: Jana Novotna picked up where she left — blowing a big lead, reports AP.

Slovak Republics are now separate nations, the team in still playing together this year in the Federation Cup.

Of her match against Coetzer, Novotna said: "I just played great until the rain break. It's not easy to come back after a long break. She started playing better. She wasn't rushing her shots."

But there were no tears after Monday's match. Novotna, whose tearful embrace with the Duchess of Kent after losing the Wimbledon final to Steffi Graf will remain one of the most memorable sports pictures of 1993, found the nerves to conquer the crisis.



JANA NOVOTNA

Novotna raced past Amanda Coetzer 6-1 in the opening set in only 19 minutes and went up 3-0 in the second before a thunder storm hit Frankfurt.

Her doctors and coaches have pronounced her healthy. In other first-round action, France rallied to beat Canada, Bulgaria advanced over South Korea, Finland beat Chile, Italy defeated Israel, Sweden swept past Uruguay, Argentina routed New Zealand and Indonesia outlasted Poland.

Reneberg eliminates Borwick

WASHINGTON, July 20: Eleventh-seeded American Richey Reneberg eliminated Australian Neil Borwick 6-1, 7-6 (7-2) in the first round of the \$25,000 dollars Newsweek Tennis Classic on a day in which the top eight seeds sat on the sidelines with byes, reports Reuter.

set and voided a third set by hitting two pivotal service return winners in the second set break against the 145th-ranked Borwick.

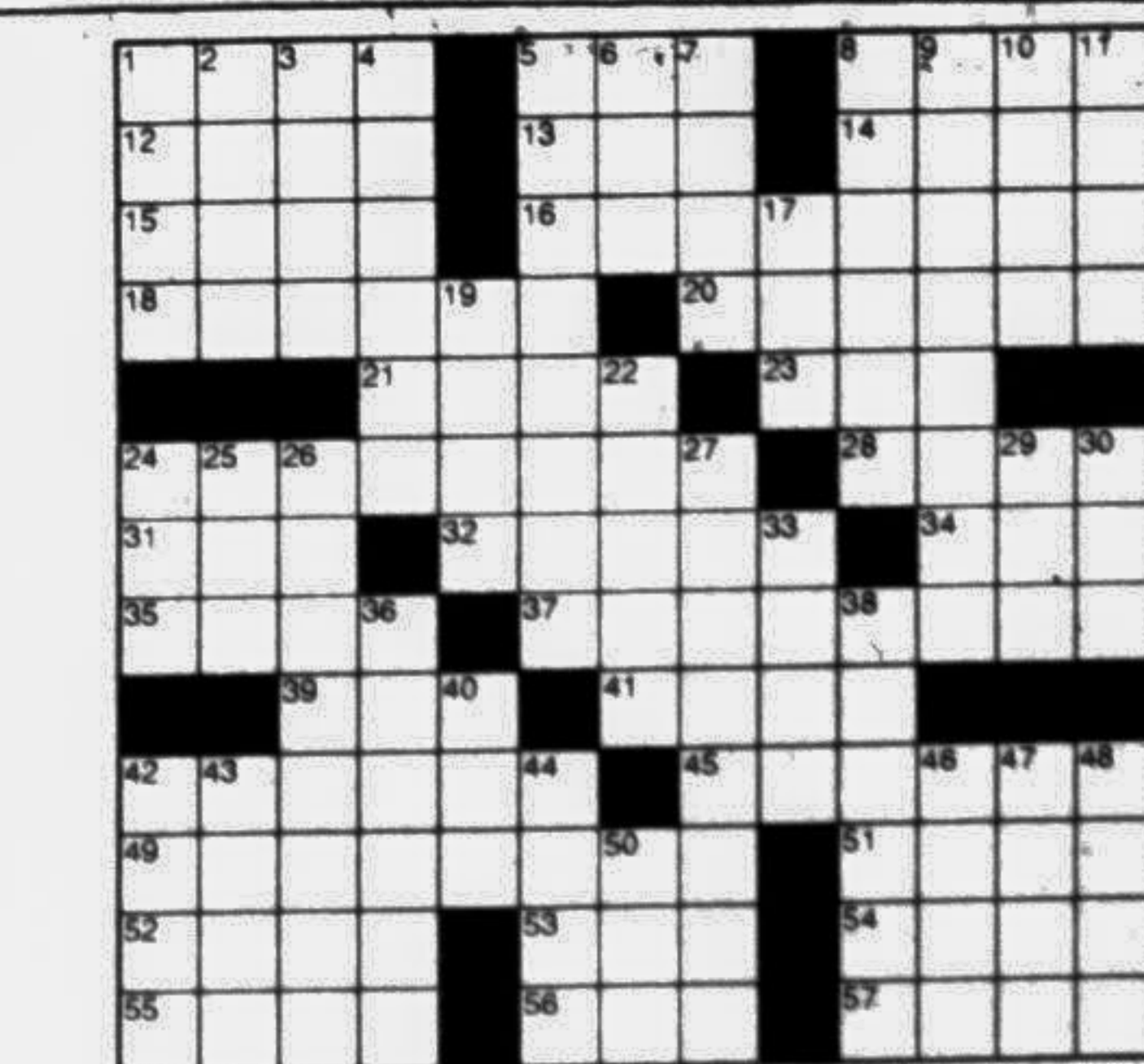
break point in the match, connected on a high percentage of first serves and repeatedly put away his first volley to control his service games.

Akebono's magnanimity

TOKYO, July 20: American sumo wrestler Akebono donated one million yen (9,300 dollar) of his winnings Monday to help survivors of a major earthquake and tidal waves that killed at least 179 people in northern Japan last week, reports AP.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 - a-brac, 5 Abbr. for, 8 Con game, 12 Trade-mark symbol, 13 Sodom, 14 Ripple in the bleachers, 15 Andy's pal, 16 Disney employee, 18 Deprived, 20 "Spartacus" extras, 21 Plunder, 23 Tin Man's need, 24 Capistrano flock, 28 Under the weather, 31 Sundial marking, 32 Massage, 34 Dundee denial, 35 Titanic's woe, 37 Clerical school, 39 Work-man's compen-



CRYPTOQUIP LULBSMQ QXJRM BQMTR, WMEUBJ WUQ ORJ LURMRU GOJFXJ, TXXGXG M E M J F X Q. Saturday's Cryptiquip: FANCY DINNER FOR OUR GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION FEATURED PLENTY OF PATE DE FOIE GRASS. Today's Cryptiquip-clue: E equals M. The Cryptiquip 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.

Rain the spoiler

MAIWAH, New Jersey, July 20: Rain on Monday washed out the first day of the 150,000 dollars Pathmark women's tennis Classic, moving the entire programme to Tuesday, reports Reuter.



American sumo wrestler Chad Rowan Akebono holds a trophy after winning the Nagoya Grand Sumo tournament on July 18. Akebono donated one million yen (9,300 US dollars) of his winnings to help survivors of a major earthquake in northern Japan that left at least 179 people killed.