

Sport



Not the most agreeable of opponents on the field Aussie paceman Merv Hughes is almost always the unmistakeable target of autograph hunters. — Star TV photo

India win a cliff-hanger

COLOMBO, July 25: India snatched a dramatic one-run win over Sri Lanka with four balls to spare after they appeared to be heading for defeat in the first of their three one-day internationals on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Shri Lanka, chasing 212 off 50 overs, were comfortably on course at 161 for two after half-centuries by Chandika Hathurusinghe and Aravinda de Silva. But they collapsed, losing their last five wickets for 25 runs.

A half-century by captain Mohammad Azharuddin had rallied a struggling Indian innings, but Sri Lanka were firmly in the driving seat after Hathurusinghe (64) and De Silva (62) hammered 115 for the third wicket off 147 balls.

In one-day internationals. He hit 53 off 57 balls and shared a decisive sixth-wicket partnership of 52 with Kapil Dev (27). Opens Majid Prabhakar and Navjot Sidhu, who both scored 39, gave India the ideal start with a stand of 77.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the first one-day international between India

| Bowling: | O | M | R | W |
|----------------|----|---|----|---|
| Ramanayake | 10 | 0 | 50 | 2 |
| Wickramasinghe | 9 | 0 | 41 | 1 |
| Hathurusinghe | 4 | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| Gurusinha | 7 | 0 | 21 | 1 |
| Jayasuriya | 10 | 0 | 33 | 1 |
| Kalpage | 10 | 0 | 42 | 3 |

SHRI LANKA:
R S Mahanama st Yadav
b Kumble 24
U C Hathurusinghe
lbw Chauhan 64
A P Gurusinha c Kapil
b Kumble 0
P A de Silva c Amre
b Srinath 62
A Ranatunga lbw Chauhan
H P Tilakaratne c Kambli
b Prabhakar 5
S T Jayasuriya c Amre
b Kapil 17
R S Kalpage not out 9
A M de Silva run out 4
C P Ramanayake b Srinath
b Wickramasinghe
b Prabhakar 0

Extras: (lb 5, nb 4, w 15) 24
Total: (all out in 49.2 overs) 211
Fall of wickets: 1-46; 2-46; 3-161; 4-172; 5-173; 6-186; 7-196; 8-207; 9-208

Bowling: O M R W
Kapil 10 3 29 1
Prabhakar 9 2 0 50 2
Srinath 10 0 64 2
Kumble 10 2 22 2
Chauhan 10 0 41 2

Man-of-the-match: Mohammad Azharuddin (India)
Result: India won by one run.
Umpires: K T Francis and T M Samarasinghe

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Martin, Mansdorf in final

WASHINGTON, July 25: Seventh-seeded Todd Martin rallied from consecutive service breaks in the second set to beat Aaron Krickstein 6-3, 7-5 in the semifinals of the \$1.2 million Newsweek Tennis Classic Saturday night, reports AP.

The men's doubles, Indonesia's favourite team Ricky Subagja/Rexy Mainaky trounced Eddy Hartono/Richard Mainaky 15/13, 15/10. Pinarshi and Lili Tampi, in the women's doubles, beat the Elyza/Zelfin dou, 17/16, 15/11, while in the mixed doubles, then new combination of Paulus and Herawati had to bow out to the more experienced Rudi Gunawan and Rosiana Tendean 7/15, 3/15.

Martin will play the final Sunday against Amos Mansdorf of Israel, who recovered from a shaky start to defeat Richey Renberg 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

Martin broke out to a 3-0 lead on the way to winning the first set, but fell behind 4-1 after two breaks in the second. Krickstein failed to take advantage, however, and Martin broke back to pull within 4-3.

The players exchanged breaks in the eighth and ninth games and Martin broke again in the 11th game to lead 6-5.

"I got behind early in the first game (of the second set) after I served really well in the first set, because I tried to change some things," Martin said. "He took some of my game away from me, but then he started having trouble making his first serves."

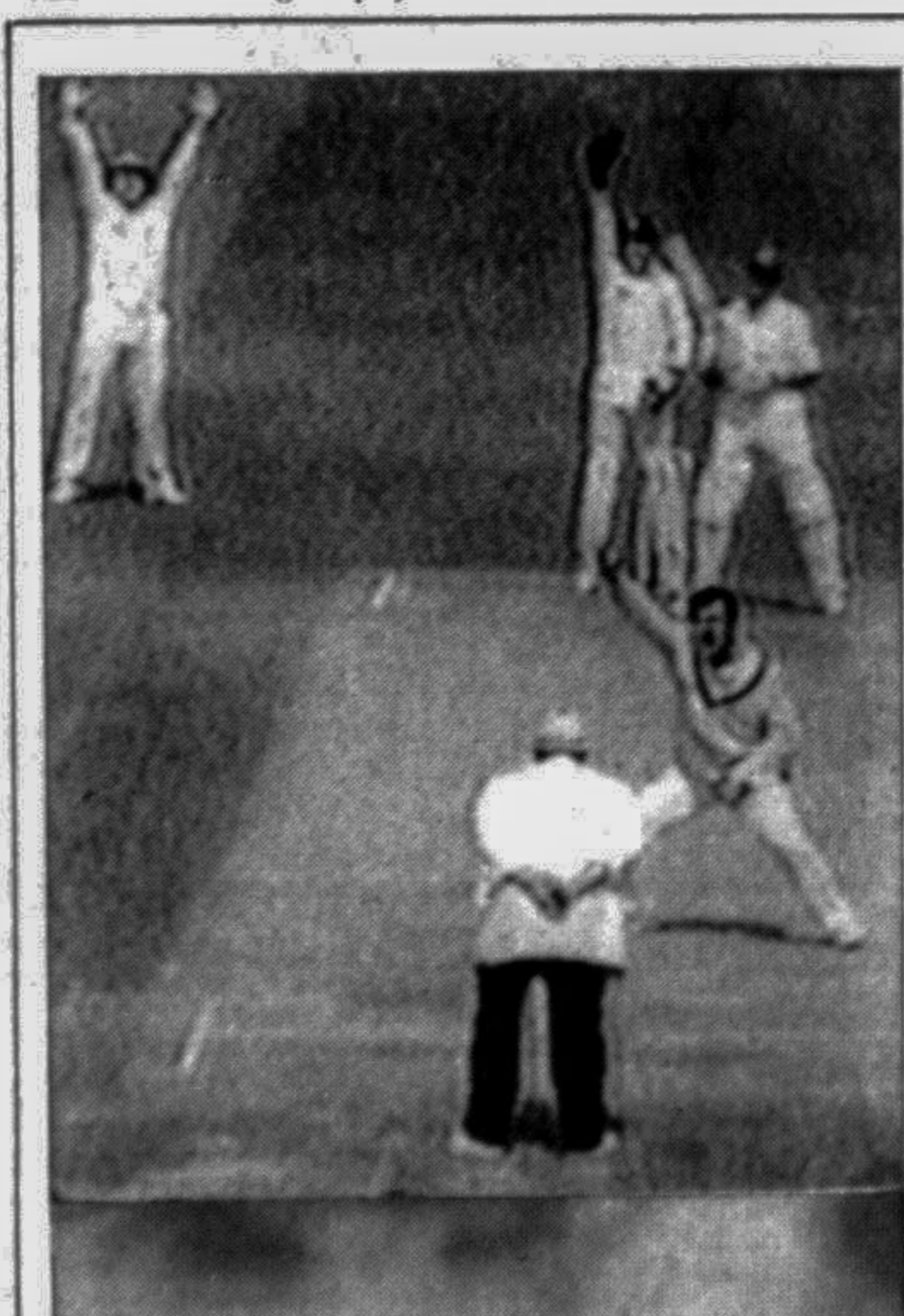
Krickstein had 12 aces and made 70 per cent of first serves in his third-round victory over Andre Agassi Thursday night. Against Martin, that dropped to 56 per cent with only one ace.

Mansdorf is an 11-year veteran whose last victory on the ATP Tour came in 1990 at Philadelphia.

"I think the third set was the best set of the match for me," said Mansdorf, who has never lost to Renberg in five career meetings.

Mansdorf was on the ropes for much of the first set. He suffered a service break in the opening game, then saved five break points before breaking back in the fourth game. He broke Renberg for the second time to close out the first set.

Renberg, a seven-year pro from Houston who earlier in the



Mey makes a raucous appeal against English batsman Alec Stewart in England's first innings. — Star TV photo

Mixed day for the 'love birds'

JAKARTA, July 25: China Sunday prevented an all-Indonesian final at the Indonesian Open 1993 badminton tournament when second seeded Ye Zhaoying outplayed world champion Susi Susanti of the host team in the women's singles, reports AFP.

Displaying a skilful mastery of a wide repertoire of shots, Ye vanquished Susanti in a straight set match 9-12 11/12 to take the top prize money of 10,000 dollars for the event.

The four other finals in this 166,000 dollar tournament — the men's singles and doubles, the women's doubles and the mixed doubles — were all played between Indonesians.

The Chinese rising star, who looked quite relaxed facing the top seed, repeatedly succeeded in luring Susanti into returning the shuttlecock to her right, Ye's strong side.

"Today, I played without a (psychological) load as I know that Susi was hard to beat. I just played as best as I could," a smiling Ye told journalists after the match, adding that she had not expected to be able to beat her opponent.

Susanti told journalists after her defeat that Ye had played really well, with no flaws, very rarely making any fatal mistakes. "She also said that she noticed Ye's play had improved vastly since her performance in last year's Indonesian Open in Semarang, central Java.

Ye, Susanti said, now mastered "a wide range of shots."

In the men's singles Allan Budi Kusuma had a hard time beating compatriot Fung Permadi in a stretched set of 15/10, 15/17 and 15/5. Budi Kusuma pocketed 13,500 dollars while Fung had to satisfy himself with 7,500 dollars as runner-up.

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Washington, Agassi in Davis Cup squad

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. July 25: Andre Agassi and newcomer MaliVai Washington were named Wednesday for the United States Davis Cup squad which will play the Bahamas in Charlotte, NC, Sept 24-26, reports AP.

Tom Gorman, US Davis Cup captain, also selected Patrick McEnroe and Richey Renberg to play doubles.

The match with the Bahamas will give the United States a chance to stay in the elite world group for 1994 Davis Cup play.

Agassi was a member of the victorious American team that won the Cup in 1990 and 1992. He owns a career Davis Cup singles record of 19-4.

Washington, ranked 16th on the ATP Tour, won his two career singles titles in 1992, capturing tournaments in Memphis, Tenn., and the US men's clay courts in Charlotte at the Old Providence Racquet Club, the site of September's matches.

Spain smother Aussie hopes

FRANKFURT, Germany, July 25: Spain won the Federation Cup for the second time at Frankfurt on Sunday when Conchita Martinez and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario won their singles matches against Australia, reports agencies.

Martinez defeated Michelle Jaggard-Lai 6-0, 6-2 while Sanchez, the world number three, saw off Nicole Provis 6-2, 6-3.

Both matches lasted just fractionally over one hour.

Spain, who first won the trophy in 1991, had been hot favourites to recapture the title when Australia put out the second-seeds and defending champions Germany in the first round.

Australia, who last won the event in 1974, had been bidding for an eighth triumph in the competition's 31-year history.

Earlier on Saturday, Australia, who were expected to start packing their bags for home after the first round reached the final of the Federation Cup for the first time in nine years after clinching the deciding doubles rubber against Argentina.

Veteran campaigner Elizabeth Smylie, a member of the Australian team which lost to Czechoslovakia in their last appearance in the final in 1984, teamed up with Renae Stubbs to beat Ines Gorrochategui and Patricia Tarabini 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 to clinch the Australians a 2-1 victory.

In today's final Australia, who caused the biggest shock of the competition when they upset title holders Germany in the first round, will meet Spain who clinched their semifinal victory over France after the two singles rubbers.

Argentina, bidding to reach their first final, went ahead when Ines Gorrochategui sealed a 6-4, 6-2 win over Michelle Jaggard-Lain the opening sin-

gles.

But Nicole Provis, who upset Steffi Graf to set up the Australian victory over the Germans, battled back from behind to force the semifinal into the deciding doubles with a 1-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Florentina Labat.

Australia have won the prestigious trophy seven times but their last triumph was back in 1974.

The Australian have been

guess we're not favourites but we're still here."

The two teams met in the semifinals last year when Spain won all three rubbers.

Conchita Martinez had earlier defied stubborn resistance from Julie Halard to steer Spain towards their victory over France.

Martinez needed to battle hard for more than two hours under a hot sun to stop a spirited Halard comeback and se-



SANCHEZ-VICARIO



CONCHITA MARTINEZ

one of the most relaxed teams at the competition this week, a major factor in their remarkable run to the final in the opinion of team coach Wendy Turnbull who played doubles with Smylie in the 1984 final defeat.

"It is a great feeling to reach the final. It is a great team effort. They are flying at the moment," said Turnbull, admitting the performances had come as a surprise. "The girls all had flights booked to wherever they were going and had to change them."

The Australians have little to lose against Spain clear favourites on their favourite clay surface with former French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario among their ranks.

"We were supposed to lose in the first round," Smylie said. "I

cure a 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 victory in the opening singles. The win paved the way for Sanchez-Vicario to clinch the Spaniards a 2-0 lead with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Nathalie Tauziat.

Spain won the most prestigious prize in women's team tennis in 1991 and were beaten finalists last year and in 1989. The Spaniards, who revel on the slow clay courts, were expected to go through against the French who have never reached the final of the 31-year-old event.

But the tie might have taken on a completely different perspective if Halard, who battled back from one-set down against Martinez, had managed to force victory in an exciting third set which could have gone either way.

Fernandez fends off Pierce

MAHWAH, New Jersey, July 25: Mary Joe Fernandez beat Mary Pierce of France in a marathon semifinal on Saturday

night to join fellow American Jennifer Capriati in the final of the 150,000 dollar Pathmark women's tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

The top-seeded Fernandez, who missed converting a match point in the 12th game of the second set, earned a 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4 decision in a two-hour 48-minute battle with Pierce.

Fernandez, who is 4-0 against the French star, is ranked number seven and Pierce, seeded fourth, is 14th in the world.

The second-seeded Capriati, ranked number nine, reached the final here for the fourth straight time with a 6-2, 6-4 triumph over fifth-seeded rookie professional Lisa Raymond of the United States.

The 17-year-old Capriati won the Pathmark title in 1991 against Monica Seles. She lost in 1990 to Steffi Graf and 1992 to Seles.

"This was tough battle all the way," said Fernandez, who edged Pierce 7-6, 7-6 this year at the Italian Open.

"She was really into the match and surprised me by serving and volleying a few times."

The players exchanged service breaks at the start of the third set. Fernandez got the de-

cisive break in the fifth game, winning at love on a double fault.

"I realised that I was just giving away the match at 3-0 in the second set and decided to try to keep the ball in play more," said the hard-hitting Pierce, who dropped her father Jim as her coach this week to end a stormy relationship.

Pierce gave Fernandez, runner-up to Graf at the French Open last month, quite a struggle the rest of the way.

The 50th-ranked Raymond turned pro two months ago after winning the US collegiate title for the second straight year.

The 19-year-old was overpowered by Capriati's strong serves and power ground strokes in a rematch of a fourth-round meeting at Wimbledon where Raymond

pushed Capriati to three sets.

Capriati survived two break points in the fourth game, holding with a backhand volley winner and the first of four aces. That game ignited a five-game spurt that ran out the first set with Capriati taking 19 of the final 21 points.

"I played very well in the first set and there wasn't very much she could do," said Capriati, who broke through in the fifth game on a third successive forehand error by Raymond and in the fifth game with a backhand volley.

The second set went to 4-4 before Capriati got the decisive break in the ninth game with a forehand scoop down the line off a drop shot by Raymond that left her vulnerable at the net.

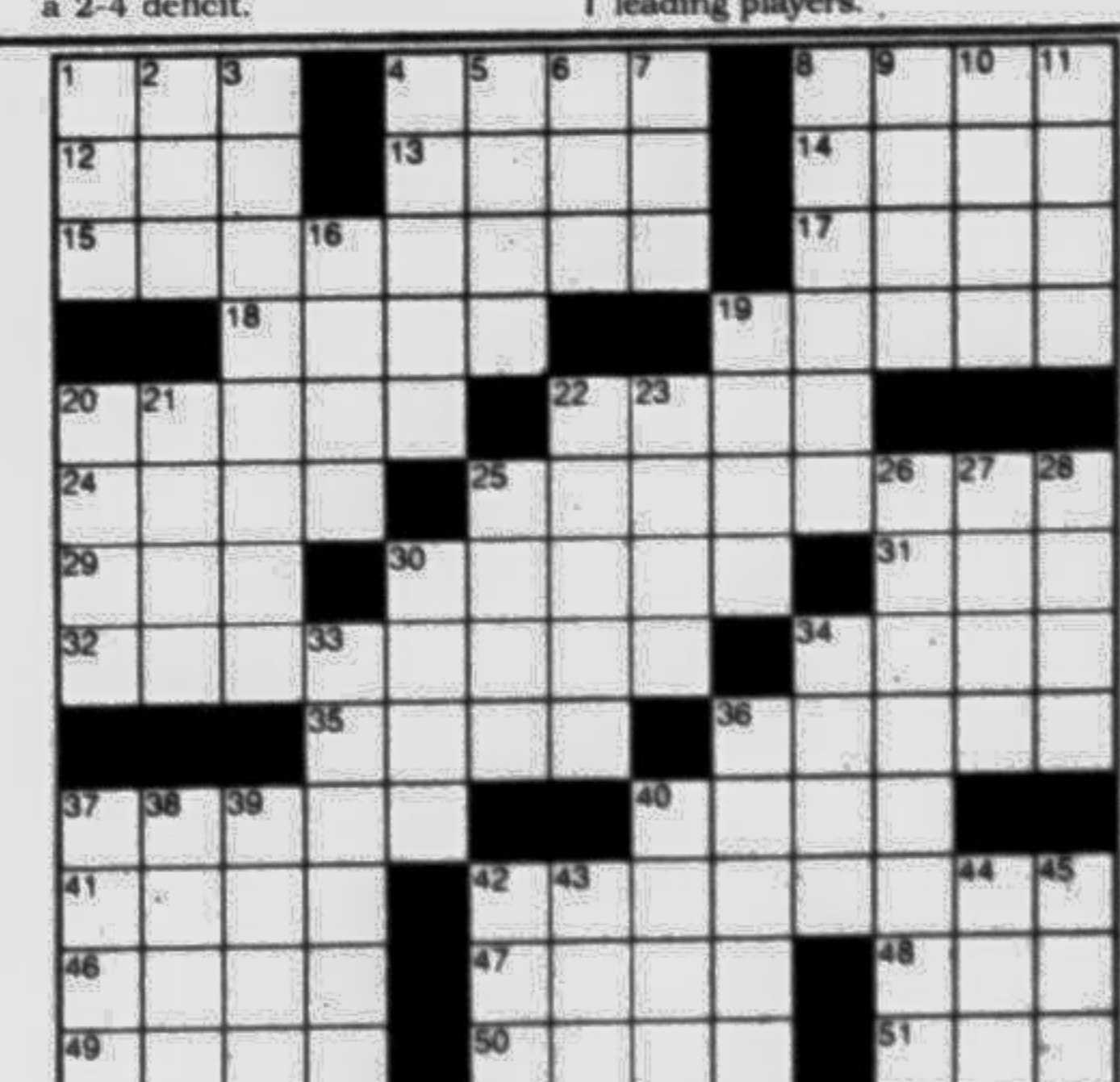
"Jennifer played better this time than at Wimbledon," said Raymond. "She served great with a high percentage of first serves and was very aggressive."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP
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Yesterday's Cryptquip: SAID LIFEGUARD, TO SHY GIRLFRIEND: "YOU WERE WORTH WADING FOR."
Today's Cryptquip clue: T equals C
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.