

Sport



Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman makes a move in the drawn 13th match against Russian Grandmaster Anatoly Karpov in World Chess Championship, organised by FIDE in Jakarta on October 17. Karpov and Timman have already played 12 games in the Netherlands, with Karpov leading 7.5-5.5. — AFP photo

**Zvereva to play Pierce in final**

**FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 17:** Natalia Zvereva whose last tournament win was at Sydney three years ago, plays French Canadian Mary Pierce in today's final of the Proscie tennis Grand Prix, reports AFP.

The sixth-seeded Belarussian, who beat American legend Martina Navratilova on her path to the final, struggled to overcome Nathalie Tauziat, 4-6, 7-6, 3-6 in Saturday's semifinals.

Zvereva is more successful at doubles these days and she looked fitter at the end as the Frenchman gave away countless points in long, tiring rallies.

The third-seeded Pierce, whose last tournament victory was in Puerto Rico last year, beat American fifth seed Zina Garrison-Jackson 6-2, 6-2 in her semifinal.

**Army boxing concludes**

**GHATAIL, Oct 17:** Hosts Mymensingh Area clinched the title of the annual Army boxing championship which concluded at the Ghatail Cantonment at Tangail Saturday, reports BSS.

The hosts bagged gold in seven weight categories while Jessore Area became runners-up with two golds, one silver and five bronzes.

Havilder Ismail Hossain of Mymensingh Area was adjudged the best boxer of the meet while Sepoy Harun-ur-Rashid of Jessore Area was the best among the losers.

Meanwhile, four final bouts were held on the concluding day in bantam-weight, L/Nk. Golam Rabbani of Mymensingh Area won gold defeating Sepoy Abu Shama of Rangpur Area in light-weight, Nk. Shahidul Alam of Rangpur Area pocketed gold while Nk. Atiqur Rahman of Savar Area took the silver.

In another final bout, Havilder Ismail Hossain of Mymensingh Area grabbed gold in light middle-weight defeating L/Nk. Kabir Hossain of Chittagong Area. In heavy-weight, Havilder Jain Uddin of Bogra Area won gold beating Havilder Mannan of Savar Area.

Adjutant General of the Bangladesh Army Major General Amin Ahmed Choudhury, Bir Bikram, witnessed final bouts on the concluding day and distributed the trophies.

Among others, Mymensingh Area Commander Major General Muhammad Alauddin, Bir Pratik, other senior Army officers were also present on the occasion.

Adjutant General of the Bangladesh Army Maj Gen Amin Ahmed Choudhury Bir Bikram hands over the trophy to captain of Mymensingh Area, which clinched the Army boxing title at the Ghatail Cantonment on Saturday. — Star photo

**Timman muffs up advantage**

**JAKARTA, Indonesia, Oct 17:** Jan Timman of the Netherlands drew with Anatoly Karpov of Russia after only four hours' play and 27 moves on Sunday in the 13th game of the FIDE World Chess Championship, reports Reuter.

Karpov retains a two-point lead over Timman in the 24-game match. He leads 7.5 to 5.5 and needs 12.5 points to win the match and recapture the official world title he lost to his compatriot Gari Kasparov in 1985.

Timman, rated 30 places below Karpov on current world rankings, arrived early for Sunday's game, respectful in a shiny green jacket and seemingly full of confidence.

In contrast, Karpov did not come to the board until three minutes after the game had begun and appeared nervous and somewhat dishevelled.

Controlling the white pieces and the first move, Timman employed the Quiet Riti opening, which aims to command the central squares with pieces rather than pawns.

Karpov seemed surprised by Timman's modest strategy and soon fell well behind on the clock. After deep thought, he decided to counter in the classical fashion, establishing a strong pawn front in the centre.

Indonesia's strongest player, Grandmaster Utut Adianto, was impressed by Karpov's play. "I believe black is already slightly better," he said.

But Timman's ambitious 18th move initiated a series of exchanges that gave him the upper hand.

Four moves later, however, Timman missed a powerful queen move to the edge of the board, retreating instead and giving Karpov the time he needed to draw the game.

After his 27th move Timman could see no way to win and offered Karpov a draw. Smiling, Karpov accepted immediately.

Leaving the playing hall, Timman was surrounded by

Indonesian chess fans who had paid 30,000 Rupiah (almost dollar 15) to watch the game. Karpov avoided the crowds by disappearing immediately after the game via a back exit.

"A draw is okay," said an obviously disappointed Timman. "I was better but I overlooked something. Still, it was not a bad game. Nobody made any bad moves," he said.

Karpov and Timman resumed their battle after a three-week delay caused by a lack of funds.

The first 12 games were played in the Netherlands but Oman backed out of deal to host the second half of the match and provide the purse of two million Swiss francs (dollar 1.3 million).

After a desperate worldwide search, the FIDE reached an agreement with the Indonesian Chess Federation to sponsor the decisive games, but with the prize fund cut in half.

The match has also suffered from competition from rebel world title contest running concurrently in London.

Karpov and Timman are playing for the official championship because Kasparov, the world number one, and his English challenger Nigel Short broke away from FIDE to organise a more lucrative contest in London.

Kasparov was stripped of his world title in April and both Kasparov and Short have been banned from FIDE World Championship play for the next three years. Kasparov leads Short 11.5 to 6.5.

The next game in Jakarta will be played on Monday with Karpov having the advantage of the white pieces.

Earlier AP reports: Indonesian Sports Commission chairman Surono moved a white pawn Saturday to officially open the last round of the Men's World Chess Championship between Anatoly Karpov and Jan Timman.

The actual start of the first match is scheduled for Sunday, with the round set run through Nov 14.

**Wamba retains title in style**

**LEVALLOIS, France, Oct 17:** Anaclet Wamba defended his WBC cruiserweight title against Akim Tafer Saturday night in the first all-French championship bout in nearly 60 years, reports AP.

It was the first time since 1934 that two French fighters fought for a world title in boxing. In 1934 Marcel Thil drew with Carmelo Candel with Thil's middleweight crown at stake.

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It was the fifth defence for Wamba, who won the title in July 1991. He is now 42-2 with 22 KO's. Tafer's record dropped to 17-4.

The fight was close throughout. Tafer did a lot more punching in the early rounds but failed to hurt Wamba, who came into the fight weighing 86.183 kilograms (189.6 pounds). Tafer was at 86.120 kilograms (178.5 pounds).

Wamba's conservative punches were slower but well-timed as he held off Tafer's continued attack. Occasionally, Tafer would stop and cover up on the ropes and let Wamba swing away but Tafer was moving more at the beginning.

In the fifth round, Tafer landed the best punch of the fight, a short right that momentarily staggered Wamba. However, the champion stayed on his feet and continued.

Over the next two rounds Tafer was swinging a lot but not connecting with any power while Wamba continued to make his punches count.

At the start of the eighth round, Tafer stayed on his stool and referee Rolando Barrevecchio of Italy signalled the end of the fight.

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**REIMS, Oct 17:** Belgian Vincent Rousseau won the Reims Marathon Sunday in the best time of the year, 2 hours, 9 minutes 13 seconds, reports AP.

The previous best for 1993 in a marathon was 2:09:25 by South Korean Kim Wang-Ji last March in South Korea.

**Rownak retains Press Club chess title**

Kazi Rownak Hossain yesterday retained the Press Club chess championship organised by the club on the occasion of its 39th founding anniversary, reports BSS.

Abdur Rahman Khan became runner-up while Abu Taher Khokan finished third. Akbar Imam and Aminul Islam Shaheen jointly held the fourth spot.

A mini-marathon on this occasion, will start from Farmgate to the Jatiya Press Club at 5 am today.

**Pescosillido powers into prominence**

**TEL AVIV, Israel, Oct 17:** Unseeded Stefano Pescosillido of Italy and second-seeded Amos Mansdors of Israel will meet in Sunday's final of the dlr 200,000 Riklit Israel Open tennis championships, reports AP.

In Saturday's semifinals at the Ramat Hasharon Tennis Centre, Pescosillido shocked top-seeded Thomas Muster of Austria 7-6, 1-6, 7-6.

Mansdors, meanwhile, brushed aside Andrei Herkaso of Russia 6-3, 6-0.

Pescosillido, 22, who had never reached a semifinal at this level before, opened his match against the Austrian champion in style. He frustrated Muster's attempted passing shots by rushing to the net, winning an exciting first set 7-3 in the tiebreak.

The Italian Davis Cup player is ranked 109th in the world, exactly 100 spots higher than Muster.

Pescosillido appeared to tire in the second set, which was interrupted for 30 minutes by rain. But he came storming back, winning in 2 hours, 45 minutes when Muster double-faulted in the final set to lose the tiebreak 7-4.

**Eyles reaches final**

**PHILADELPHIA, Oct 17:** Rodney Eyles, a member of Australia's world title winning team, reached the finals of the US Open squash championships by defeating Abdul Fahim Khan of Hong Kong, 15-13, 10-15, 15-3, 15-9 on Saturday, reports Reuter.

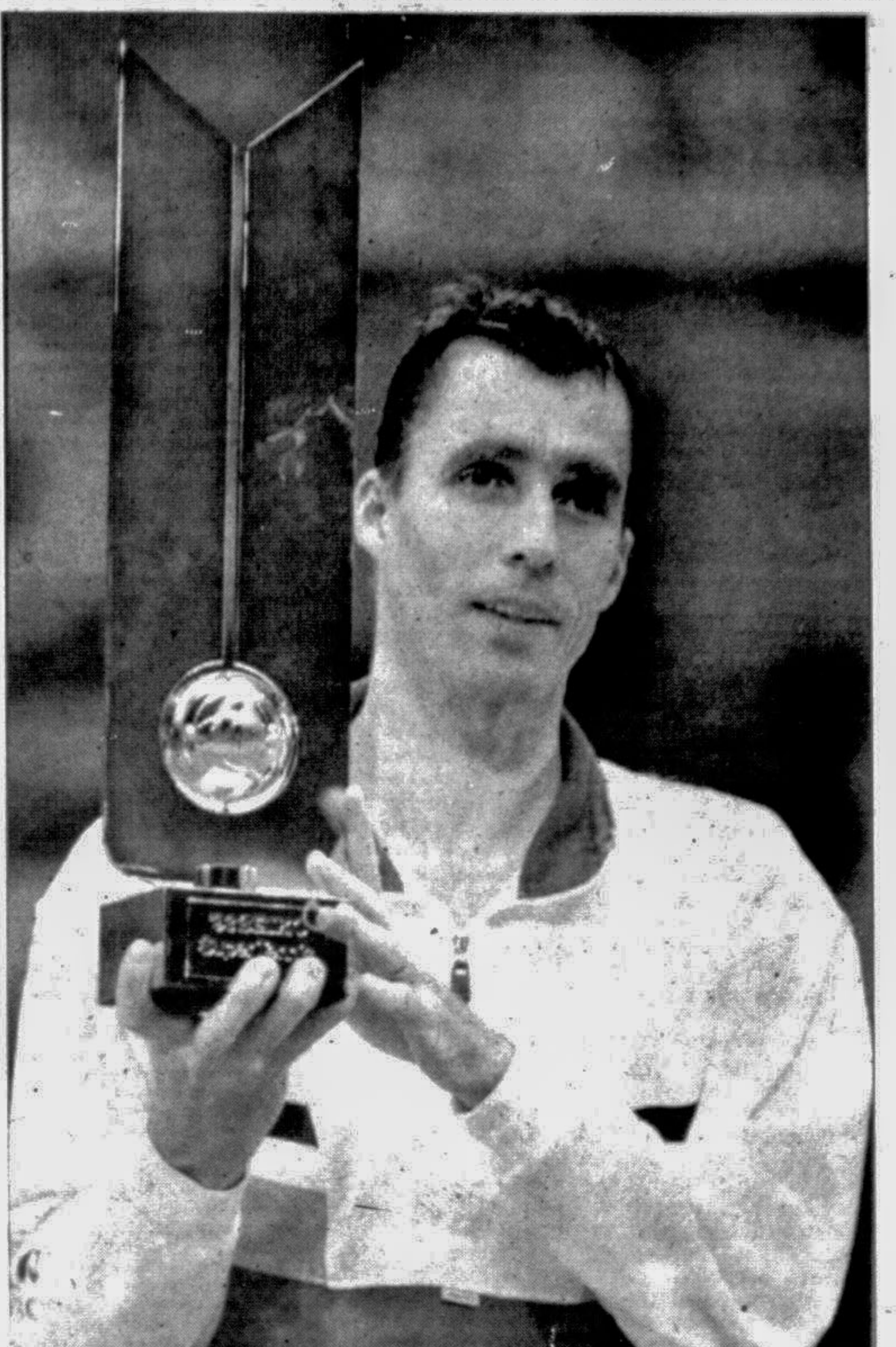
Eyles will play little-known Briton Paul Lord who appeared to use his superior conditioning to help defeat Australian Anthony Hill 13-15, 15-13, 15-11, 15-4.

The women's final will be between world number three Cassandra Jackson of Britain and compatriot Suzanne Horner, ranked fourth.

**Hu wins Beijing Marathon**

**BEIJING, Oct 17:** A Chinese runner won the Beijing International Marathon Sunday for the first time in the race's 12-year history, the official Xinhua News Agency reported, says AP.

Hu Gangjun finished the marathon in two hours, 10 minutes and 57 seconds, pulling ahead of Daisuke Tokunaga of Japan in the final kilometres. Tokunaga clocked 2:11:09, followed by Belayneh Densamo of Ethiopia in 2:12:11. Stephen Moneghetti of Australia came in fourth with 2:13:58.



Former world number one Czech-born American Ivan Lendl holds aloft the trophy of the Seiko Super men's tennis tournament in Tokyo on October 17. Lendl defeated his compatriot Todd Martin 6-4, 6-4 in the final. — AFP photo

**Lendl relives sensation**

**TOKYO, Oct 17:** Veteran Ivan Lendl overcame an up-and-coming Todd Martin 6-4, 6-4 Sunday in an all-American final and won the dir 1 million Seiko Super tennis tournament, reports AP.

It was Lendl's second title in a season in which he also has lost nine times in first-round matches.

Defending champion Lendl — at 33 the oldest player in the tournament and at ninth the highest seed left after the quarter-finals — earned dlr 143,500 for his fifth Seiko title. Martin, 10 years his junior, took home dlr 77,000.

To a suggestion that he appeared relaxed and in control in the second set, he replied: "You can never relax. You are never in control. You never know when he (Martin) might come back."

"He was putting a little pressure on my second service in the second set," Lendl added.

Martin, who played with tape wrapping his upper left leg,

said, "I held some chances in the first set but I didn't take advantage of them. He hit in some ground strokes in the second set. I wasn't able to keep up with it."

"If your leg is not 100 per cent, it's not easy to get in position," said Martin, who added that he hurt his leg in Saturday's semifinal victory over Canadian Greg Rusedski.

The Czech-born Lendl, now ranked 18th in the world after holding the No 1 ranking for four seasons, through 1986, scored his decisive first-set service break in the fifth game.

Martin, who has charged up from 87th to 16th in the rankings this season, let two break points slip away in the eighth game.

Lendl began pounding harder and more accurate serves in the second set. After two deuces, he broke in the third game and kept the next game at love, blasting his seventh and eighth aces. He also kept the sixth and eighth games at love, and clinched the 90-minute match with a service winner.

Lendl and Martin each had 11 aces on the artificial court at Tokyo Metropolitan Gym. Martin put in 70 per cent of his first serves, to Lendl's 58 per cent.

Lendl beat second-seeded Boris Becker of Germany 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (7-2) in the quarter-finals and Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) in the semifinals.

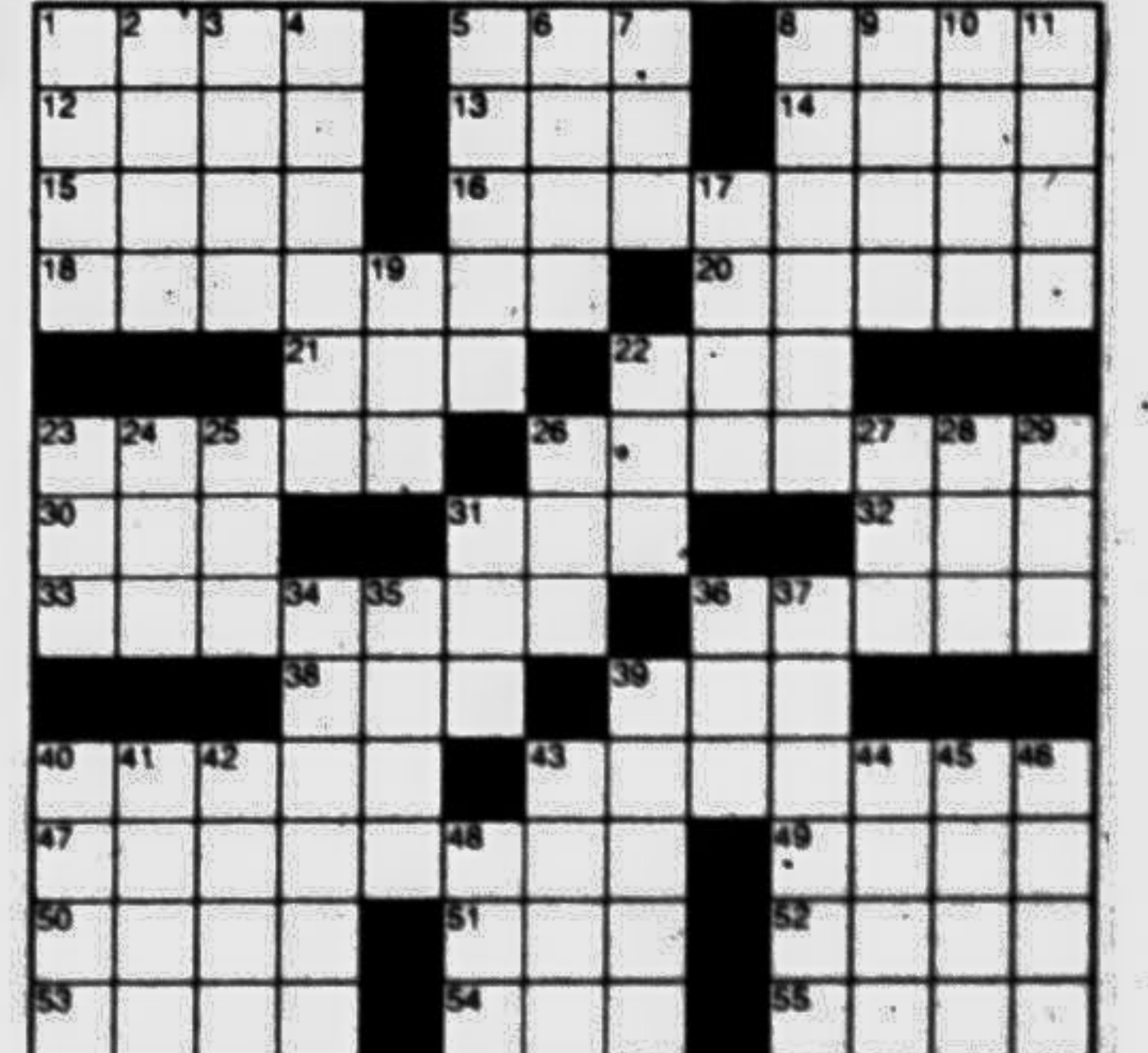
Martin upset top-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden 6-4, 6-4 in the quarter-finals before beating Rusedski, who had eliminated three seeded players including No 3 Michael Chang of the United States.

The doubles title went to the third-seeded pair of Grant Connell of Canada and American Pat Galbraith, who dined the seventh seeds, American brother Luke and Murphy Jensen, 6-3, 6-4.

The winners received dlr 58,000 and the runners-up dlr 31,000.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Make like a fish
  - 5 Gridlock component
  - 8 Offensive
  - 12 End of the song
  - 13 Blackbird
  - 14 Sheltered
  - 15 W.S.'s river
  - 16 VIP
  - 18 Passed the baton
  - 20 Maltreatment
  - 21 Yea canceler
  - 22 "—was saying..."
  - 23 White's costar
  - 26 1948 Eddy Arnold hit
  - 30 "Sweet as apple cider" girl
  - 31 Possess
  - 32 24 horas
  - 33 Beatles' song, "— Man"
  - 36 Amid
  - 38 Keatsian opus
  - 39 Shell-game need
  - 40 Prepare for rationing
  - 43 Oliver Stone subject
  - 47 The human race
  - 49 Verifiable
  - 50 Spanish artist
  - 51 Calendar abbr.
  - 52 "Dame" of talk-show fame
  - 53 Skunk's defense
  - 54 Li'l Abner's son
  - 55 Ante-lope's playmate
  - 1 Battle memento
  - 2 Worked Solution time: 24 mins.
  - 22 Abby's sis
  - 23 Sermon subject
  - 24 Bother
  - 25 Mandible
  - 26 Reverential fear
  - 27 — Armin up the chimney...
  - 7 Edge
  - 8 Hasen-pfeffer base
  - 9 Fraternal fielder
  - 10 Beatty and Buntline
  - 11 Actor — Luke
  - 17 Like child's play
  - 19 Run up the phone bill
  - 20 Blood: pref.
  - 41 "Metamorphoses" poet
  - 42 Re planes and such
  - 43 Handle
  - 44 Mahler's "Das Lied von der —"
  - 45 Frank Herbert book
  - 46 Sophomore, e.g.
  - 48 — shoe-string



**CRYPTOQUIP**

F Y Z E E Z V K S V K A Y F W  
Y F V A V S B W S S K B W S F K.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DIETER DROPPED HER SINGING LESSONS SINCE SHE HATED SCALES.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals C

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.