

## Second WSC final today

## Border down but not out



SYDNEY, Jan 22: Australian captain Allan Border said today his team are tired and jaded, and tried to rally them to level the World Series Cup final against South Africa, reports Reuters.

Australia lost by 28 runs in Melbourne on Friday, in the first final of the limited overs series and on Sunday will attempt to draw level and force a third match decider.

"You feel more tired and more jaded if you are not playing at your absolute optimum," said the 38-year-old Border.

"If you are playing well you seem to get over it but if you go off the ball a bit you notice the aches and pains a bit more. It's very important to get back in the winners' circle tomorrow and stay alive in the World Series. For a lot of reasons we want to finish the summer on a strong note."

The media has begun suggesting it is now time for Border, whose side is also 0-1 down against South Africa in the current five-day Test series, to retire.

He is expected to go after a three-Test tour of South Africa starting in March.

The South Africans, on the other hand, are brimming with confidence after winning a third successive limited overs. Gary Kirsten scored an unbeaten 112 on Friday, helping his side to 230. Australia were put for 202.

South African captain

Hansie Cronje was cautious about clinching the final at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday.

"We take each match as it comes," he said.

"We've stuck together fantastically well and we're confident without being over-confident," said coach Mike Procter.

"We know we'll have a real fight on our hands tomorrow night and we just have to try and tune our minds to it."

"We're one up, but that means nothing if we don't win one of the next two matches."

The World Series is decided by a best-of-three finals series.

South Africa are expected to name an unchanged team, but could make one switch to their attack.

All their players are fit after the tourists were troubled by injuries and illness in the early part of the tour.

"It's always hard on a tour when some guys don't play, but for the first time in three months everyone's on song, healthy and playing well," Procter said.

"That's where the side has shown a lot of character. We should be going downhill near the end of a long trip like this but we're actually accelerating in our practices. It's great."

South Africa may consider introducing a spinner on a Sydney Cricket Ground pitch that traditionally favours spin.

"We've had a look at the wicket and there's absolutely no grass at all on it, so we'll

have to think about whether we play a spinner," Procter said.

Australia have not beaten South Africa when chasing runs on Friday night was bowled out for 202 in reply to South Africa's 230-5 from 50 overs.

"It was a lot closer than the margin suggests," Procter said.

But Border, desperate to go out on a winning note on home soil, is haunted by the possibility of a repeat of the 1992-93 season, when Australia lost the final two Tests and the limited overs final against the touring West Indies.

"We have played brilliantly at times but the South Africans have got their game in order and they are going to be a tough nut to crack," he said.

"Everyone's pretty equal these days and that's a million dollar question — trying to find the magic formula to get ahead."

## TEAMS

**AUSTRALIA** (likely): Matthew Hayden, David Boon, Dean Jones, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Allan Border (capt), Ian Healy, Paul Reiffel, Shane Warne, Craig McDermott, Glenn McGrath, Mark Taylor (12th man).

**SOUTH AFRICA** (likely): Gary Kirsten, Peter Kirsten, Hansie Cronje (capt), Jonty Rhodes, Daryll Cullinan, Brian McMillan, Richard Snell, Dave Callaghan, David Richardson, Fanie de Villiers, Allan Donald, Craig Matthews (12th man).

## Pakistan clinch Asian men's squash title

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 22: Pakistan defeated Malaysia 3-0 Saturday in the men's final of the Seven Asian Squash championship, reports AP.

In the women's division, Singapore defeated Malaysia 3-0 to emerge champion. This was Pakistan's seventh straight Asian title with newly-crowned Asian men's champion Zarak Jehan Khan starting the rout by disposing of Jay Lim of Malaysia in straight games.

Jay, the sole local professional, was defeated 9-0, 9-2, 9-3 in 26 minutes. Pakistan clinched the tie when Zubair Jehan Khan outplayed Chan Chee Yen 6-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-3 in 31 minutes.

In the third singles, Mir Zaman Gul of Pakistan defeated Tan Tian Huat of Malaysia 9-0, 9-0, 9-3 in 25 minutes.

In the women's section, Singapore, powered by four-time Asian Champion Mah Li Lian, captured the opening point when she defeated Asian junior champion Sandra Wu of Malaysia 9-7, 9-7, 10-8, 9-4 in 63 minutes.

Singapore needed another 26 minutes to clinch the winning point through Della Lee who defeated Malaysia's captain Koh Yoke Keep 10-8, 9-3, 9-2 in the second match.

In the third singles, Josephine Choo made it 3-0 for Singapore when she defeated Kong Yuen Yuen 9-7, 7-9, 9-3, 9-3.

A total of 16 men and six women teams took part in the eight-day meet. The individual events attracted 96 men and 32 women from 16 countries.

The next Asian Championships will be held in Jordan in 1996.

## Jonsson riding on luck

MELBOURNE, Jan 22: Lars Jonsson was recovering from food poisoning in Jakarta and contemplating a holiday back home in Sweden when the news came through, reports AP.

Jonsson, who ranked 134th in the world, had made it into the main draw of the Australian Open after seven other players withdrew.

Instead of departing for Stockholm, Jonsson flew Down Under — where he proceeded to make the fourth round of a Grand Slam tournament, the first time in his career.

Jonsson eliminated 14th seed Karel Novacek of the Czech Republic 6-1, 7-5, 7-5 in the third round Saturday and described the performance as "the best moment of my tennis career."

In Jakarta last week, Jonsson had to withdraw from his second round match after being violently ill. He was weak for two or three days.

"I was ready to fly home on Thursday night, but I got a call from Australia that morning," he said. "I was the last guy to get directly into the main draw."

Jonsson, a 23-year-old from Gothenburg who lives in Monte Carlo, had lost in the first round of the Australian Open the last three years.

He was up against a fiery customer in Novacek, who lost his temper over a call in the second game and was involved in several disputes during the match.

"He got angry directly and he continued to be pretty angry," Jonsson said. "He played tough but he made a lot of unforced errors."

Jonsson was delighted with his victory, letting out a wild yell of delight after the final point.

"I can't remember what I said," he said. "I was just so pleased. I've made one final in my career, but this is better. A Grand Slam is a Grand Slam."

Regardless of how far he goes in Melbourne, Jonsson will not be using the Jakarta Open as his warm-up tournament next year.

"Two years ago I had to withdraw with heat-stroke at one set all," he said. "This year I got food poisoning. Maybe next year I'll play Sydney instead."

## New mark

KUOPIO, Finland, Jan 22: Finn Jani Steinen broke his own 200m medley short-course world record here on Friday, reports AP.

His 1 min 54.65 secs swim bettered his old mark of 1:55.59, set last year at Malmö.

## NSU games held

Sports Reporter

The inaugural North South University (NSU) annual games were held yesterday at the Army Stadium.

Participants took part in different events — 100, 200, 400, 800 metres sprint, long jump, shot put, discus throw, soccer, cricket and chess.

Earlier, president of NSU Muslehuddin Ahmad declared the meet open.

## Wilander turns back the clock



MELBOURNE, Jan 22: The wry grin, the double-handed backhand and the steady resolve remain the same.

Mats Wilander is a little older, a little wiser and still a very fine tennis player.

Wilander, emerging from two years of self-imposed exile, continued his remarkable comeback Saturday when he downed German Alexander Mronz in a five-set marathon at the Australian Open to advance to the round of 16, reports AP.

The Swede, back on court because he became bored with retirement, beat Mronz 4-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 in four hours and 18 minutes of Centre-Court drama.

Stefan Edberg, Wilander's long-time friend and rival, also advanced with a comprehensive 6-2, 6-1, 6-1 victory over thoroughly frustrated Frenchman Fabrice Santoro.

Edberg was in awesome touch against an opponent without any weapons with which to hurt him. His coach, Tony Pickard, said the No. 4 seed made only six mistakes in the match.

Wilander, 29, won the first of his three Australian Open titles 11 years ago on the grass courts of Kooyong.

His performance Saturday at the National Tennis Center evoked memories of his glory days, when he won seven Grand Slams. His strokes are still smooth.

Wilander used his deep double-handed backhand and some delicate lobs to claw his way back from a two-set deficit and delight a crowd that was almost universally on his side.

Now ranked 322 in the world and fresh from a stint as a rock musician, Wilander was awarded a wild card into the Open because his ranking wasn't good enough. He had lost in the first round of his last two tournaments — in Adelaide and Sydney — and was 3-9 in his comeback coming into the event. Two of those wins came at last year's US Open.

He got a lot of help from Mronz, who double-faulted 10 times, and from a seagull that distracted Mronz in the final set.

The bird, diving toward the court as Wilander prepared to serve at deuce with the games tied 1-1, screeched just as Wilander hit the ball. The startled Mronz watched an ace go right by him.

Wilander has now played eight five-set matches at the Australian Open and won them all. He's 24-12 in his career when matches go the full distance.

"To play a tight tennis match is more fun than anything else," Wilander said. "I'm just trying to get the rhythm and the feel."

"A grind (like today) is fun for me too," Mronz was left to rue a missed opportunity. "I was sure I'd win after two sets and that's a bad mistake to make," Mronz said.

Wilander will next play American Maliv Washington, a 4-6, 7-6 (9-7) 6-3, 6-3 winner over Austrian Alex Antonitsch.

Wilander and Edberg were joined in the fourth-round by compatriot Lars Jonsson, but another two Swedes — Henrik Holm and Jonas Svensson — fell by the wayside.

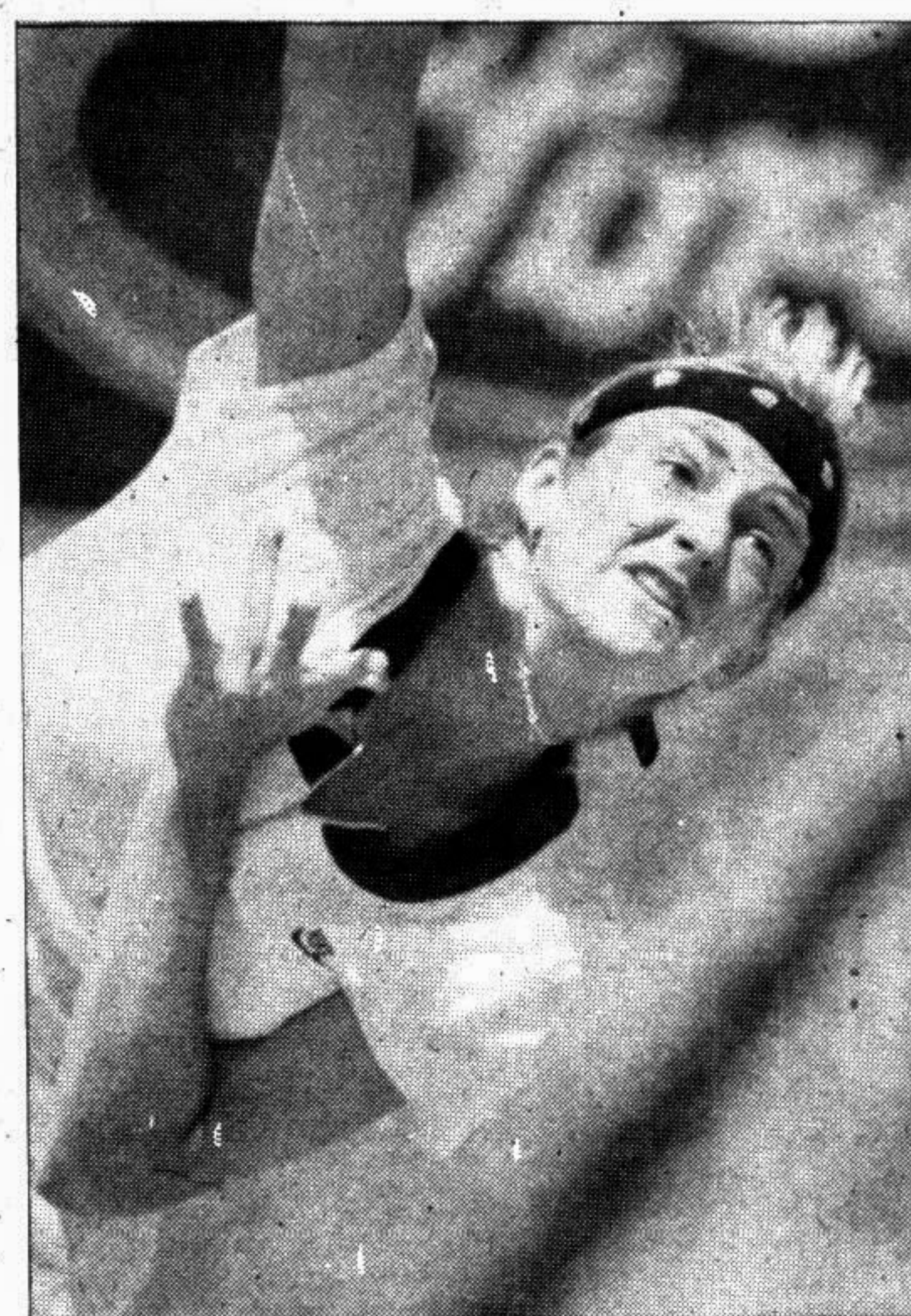
Jonsson, ranked 134th in the world, upset ill-tempered

and then dispirited No. 14 seed Karel Novacek of the Czech Republic 6-1, 7-5, 7-5. Jonsson, 23, advanced to the fourth round of a Grand Slam for the first time in 15 attempts. He'd lost in the first round of the Australian Open for the last three years.

Jonsson was the lowest-ranked player to gain acceptance to the main draw and let out a wild yell after clinching victory.

"This is the best moment of my tennis career," said the 23-year-old journeyman.

Russian left-hander



Mary Pierce of France unleashes a serve against Sabine Haverstick of Belgium during their third round match of Australian Open in Melbourne yesterday. Pierce won 6-3, 6-2. — AFP photo

## Aussie Open quips



MELBOURNE, Jan 22: Some of the things said during the first week of the Australian Open, reports AP.

**Pete Sampras:** "Pretty boring tennis, huh?" (Opening remarks to the world press after his five-set cliff-hanger with Yevgeny Kafelnikov).

**Yevgeny Kafelnikov:** "I was two points away from the greatest victory of my life." (On his loss to world No. 1 Sampras).

**Pam Shriver:** "Yes, I'm a dinosaur clearly — Jurassic Park at Flinders Park. There is only Lori McNeil, myself and Martina Navratilova left."

**Mats Wilander:** "I get a little bit more emotional now. It's impossible for me to keep concentration for three hours now." (On returning to the circuit).

**Ivan Lendl:** "I know you come here and you have made up your mind and you are just looking for people to give you quotes, and I would like to be in your paper, so tell me which quote would you like?" (Smiling, in an exchange with a British journalist).

**Jim Courier:** "It's a wonderful event for Christmas presents, but it is just not practical on my schedule in the last two years." (On his absence from the six million US dollar Grand Slam Cup).

**Wayne Ferreira:** "I don't want to be mean to coaches, but I think a lot of the time they are more depended on than they really should be." (On splitting with his coach).

**Petr Korda:** "I was very slow, especially with my eyes. I was very slow." (On his first round defeat to Thomas Enqvist).

**Henri Leconte:** "Tennis now is not the same. If you want to talk to the players you need to talk to the coach, then to the doctor, then to the physical trainer, then to the wife, then maybe you can have an appointment for the next few weeks."

**Mary Pierce:** "It is definitely nicer when people are talking or writing about you and it's about your tennis and your progress rather than your private life, which is really how it should be."

**Steffi Graf:** "When I am jogging I do it on pulse. So when I see the photographers follow me, my pulse gets higher, so I don't have to run that fast because I have to be on a certain pulse. Otherwise it doesn't disturb me too much." (On being pursued by press photographers).

**Goran Ivanisevic:** "I had to change because I would die running right and left like a roadrunner." (About his change of tactics needed to beat Aaron Krickstein in third round.)

## Wiranata, Susanti in finals



TOKYO, Jan 22: Ardy Wiranata Saturday shocked top-seeded Joko Suprianto, setting up the all-Indonesian men's singles final in the Yonex Japan Open badminton championships, reports AP.

Wiranata, winner of this tournament in 1991 and 1992, and Suprianto struggled for one hour, 24 minutes before Wiranata scored a 9-15, 15-6, 15-5 victory over Suprianto, the 1993 world men's singles champion.

"I'm tired. It was the tough match. I played patiently and it was the reason for the victory," said Wiranata.

Wiranata meets Indonesian compatriot Heryanto Arbie in the men's singles on Sunday.

Arbie, displaying jumping smashes, needed 25 minutes in overwhelming Jens Olsson of Sweden 15-10, 15-1.

"I played better than yesterday. It was the good score for me. He (Olsson) was very aggressive throughout," said Arbie, who is seeking his second consecutive Japan Open Championship.

Wiranata and Arbie said they have a 50-50 chance, for the title.

Top-seeded Susi Susanti of Indonesia meets China's Ye Zhaoying, second seed in the women's singles final on

Sunday.

Susanti made a short work of Camilla Martin of Denmark, scoring a 11-2, 11-8 triumph while Ye fought full sets before beating Pernille Nedergaard Jensen of Denmark 7-11, 11-4, 11-3 in the women's singles semifinals.

"I fought the tough game in the first set because I am not familiar with her game. I have the confidence of winning Sunday's final match," said defending champion Ye.

Susanti said, "My condition is so-so. She (Martin) is much taller and had nice smashes but I returned them well. I won seven and lost three in the past against Ye. We know each other but I will try my best in the finals."

Earlier, defending champion Heryanto Arbie had to work hard for his 21st birthday Friday in beating Thomas Johansson of Sweden 15-4, 9-15, 15-11.

Fresh from retaining the season-opening Taipei Open last weekend, the Indonesian seemed to control the match when he took the first game comfortably in the men's singles quarterfinals.

But he repeatedly faced an array of lightning shots from the tall Swede to lose the second game and received another scare when his 12-5 lead dwindled to 12-11 before finally taking the match.

"He (Johansson) is tall and he hit the shuttle at a high point... that's why I lost the second game. I tried to play more aggressively in the third game," said Arby, who showed his signature jump smashes to take the lead in the decider.

"When I turned 20 last years, I was also playing a tournament. I'm not confident in defending the title this week, but I just try to do my best."

Top-seeded Suprianto, enjoying his best season with six titles last year, powered past Hu Zhilan of China 15-6, 15-7, and Wiranata fought off a narrow 18-15, 15-10 win over Park Sung-Woo of South Korea in the day's last match.

In the women's singles quarter-finals earlier, Susi Susanti and her arch-rival Ye Zhaoying had comfortable straight games victories.

World number one Susanti, who brought major titles to Indonesia by winning at the Barcelona Olympics and England tournament, World Championships, World Cup as well as the Grand Prix final, eased aside Catrine B. Ngissan of Sweden 11-5, 11-4.

China's defending champion Ye, the last player to defeat Susanti at the Indonesian Open final in July, coasted to a top-sided 11-3, 11-0 win in devastating form over Indonesia's Ika Heny.

## Stranger in familiar milieu



MELBOURNE, Jan 22: Ten years ago, life was different for Mats Wilander. Fancy hotel rooms, limousine, adulation on and off the tennis court, writes AP.

On Saturday, 90 minutes before the scheduled start of his third-round Australian Open match against Alexander Mronz of Germany, the seven-time Grand Slam champion, dressed in a baggy tracksuit, left his hotel for the National Tennis Centre.

Not the Glitz, five-star official players' haunt, but a more family-functional — and closer — hotel only 10 minutes from Centre Court. He kissed his wife, Sonja, and his infant

daughter, Emma, goodbye in the lobby, and walked, carrying his own rackets, across a busy street and through a nearby park.

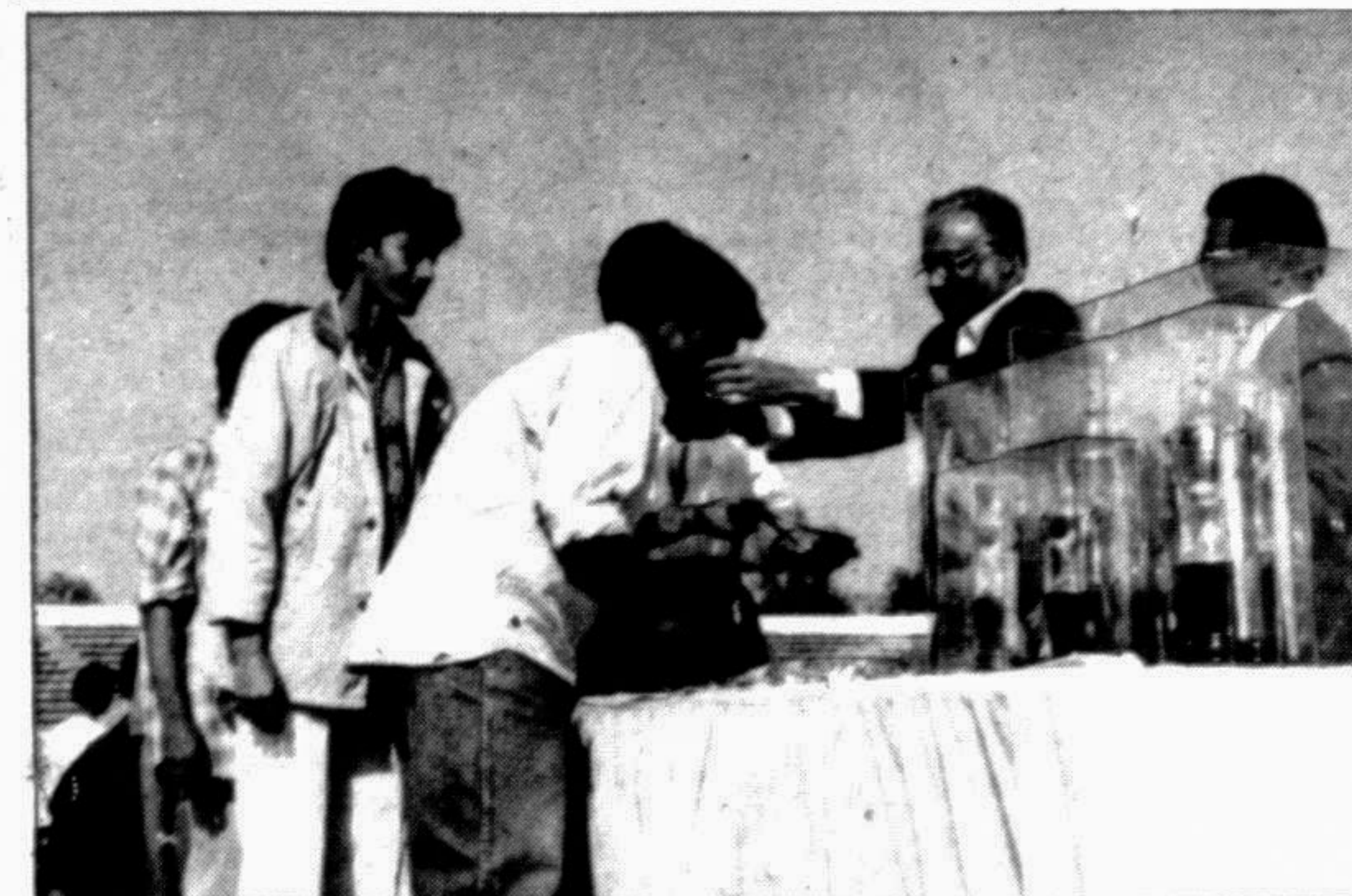
Different from the days when he was No. 1 in the world, when Wilander was among the tennis elite. When Grand Slam singles wins — three Australian Open, three French Open and one US Open title — came almost as frequently as toast-of-the-town-banquets. And when winning points came almost as easily as the finely placed forehands and the lofting backhands that preceded them, frustrating opponents named Connors, Lendl, McEnroe and Becker.

Wilander, on a comeback from a back injury and a two-year retirement from the tour,

recaptured a bit of that magic on Saturday, taking nearly 4-1-2 hours to subdue Mronz 4-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3. It set up a fourth-round encounter with MaliVai Washington but, more importantly, signalled that Wilander, here only because he received a wild-card entry, is back.

"I guess some guys have a little respect and some guys don't recognize me," said Wilander of the tour Whipper-snappers who don't know a legend when they see one in the dressing room. "But they don't really know how I played when I was playing my best. I think in the locker room they think I'm one of the oldies, that's all."

The Swede, 29, gave them a glimpse of Wilander past.

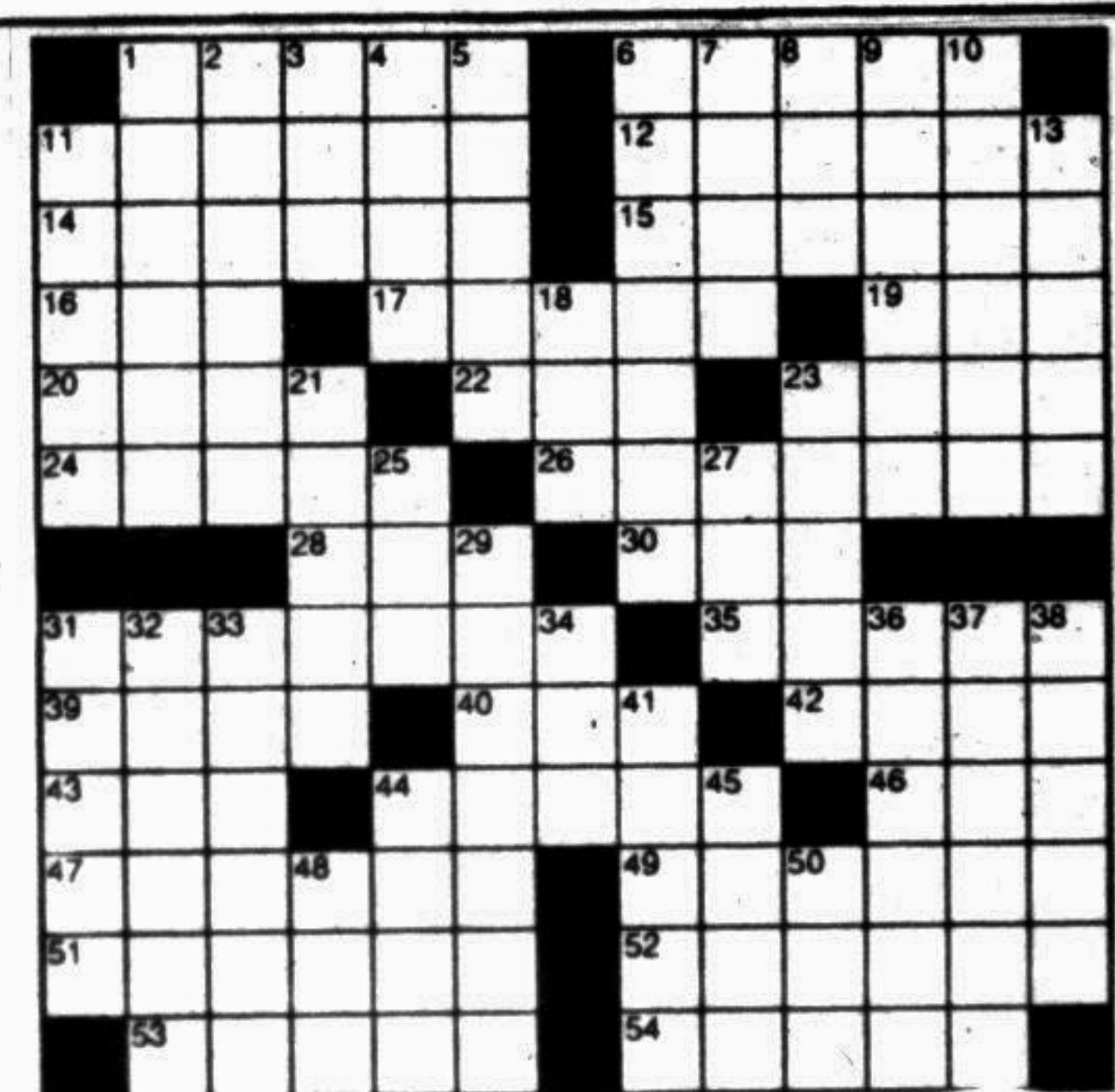


President of North South University (NSU) Muslehuddin Ahmad giving away prizes among the winners of the first NSU annual games held yesterday at the Army Stadium. — Star photo

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: SWORD SWALLOWER'S HOUSE IS SIMPLY MORTGAGED UP TO THE HILT.

Today's Cryptquip clue: Q equals T

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.