

Boys enter second round

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Boys moved into the final round of the DMFA Cup football tournament as Group D champions eliminating Dhaka Wanderers 2-0 in the only engagement at the Dhaka Stadium under floodlights yesterday.

With this win the First Division runners-up carve a niche in the final round rubbing shoulders with defending champions Mohammedans, Arambagh Krira Sangstha and the 'team-of-the-year' Muktijoddha Krira Chakra.

The spirited Bangladesh Boys booters, who dumped Pioneer Eleven 7-0 in their previous match scored both goals in the first half.

Under the inspirational guidance of former national footballer Hasanuzzaman Khan, Bangladesh Boys displayed an attractive brand of soccer with their midfield assuming full control of the match from the word go.

Striker Aamir Khan opened the account in the 38th minute casting in on a flag kick from the right, 1-0.

Winger Bayezid sealed the fate four minutes later when he latched on to a Mintu through to unleash a powerful right footer from inside the box 2-0.

Dhaka Wanderers, who created several scoring opportunities in the later part of the play

thriving on their apparently exhausted opponents, failed to reduce the margin mainly because of substitute Zakir's goal blindness.

Zakir, who replaced Harun, shot wide over the bar on three occasions while Bangladesh Boys defender Lokman came to rescue his team to thwart a goalbound shot by Dipu, another substitute.

Shafiq of Wanderers was cautioned with yellow card for rough play.

Two matches are billed for today, the last day of the first round with Fakirpool YMC taking on Victoria SC in the first match at 5 pm and

Farashganj SC facing Bashabo Tarun Sangha at 7 pm.

The winners will qualify for the final round of the curtain-raising tournament and play in Group B along with Abahani KC and Brothers Union in the second round beginning from May 6.

TEAMS

BANGLADESH BOYS CLUB: Tota, Lokman, Shuvra, Shafulah, Prince, Mintu, Selim, Bayezid (Bapan), Aamir Khan, Milon and Pappu.

DHAKA WANDERERS: Narayan, Kamal, Lajuk, Bhutto, Polash, Hira, Nurul Islam, Liton, Belal (Dipu), Harun (Zakir) and Shafiq.

City Club soccer tourney from May 13

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The Delbahar Smriti football tournament under the auspices of City Club will begin from May 13.

Only the teams from Premier and First Division will be eligible to take part in the tourney which offers a cash award of take 50,000 for the winners and Taka 20,000 for the runners-up.

Interested teams have been requested to complete entry formalities by May 8.

Aussie XI complete clean sweep

MELBOURNE, May 3: An unbeaten 80-run stand between all-rounder Ian Harvey and Andrew Symonds Tuesday lifted an Australian XI to a five-wicket victory and sweep of their three-match cricket series against the touring Indian invitation team, reports AP.

Harvey made 74 not out and Symonds 51 not out as the Australians scored 182 for five wickets in response to the tourists' 178 for seven off 40 overs.

The Australian XI reached the target with 8.3 overs to spare.

Harvey struck three sixes and seven fours during his innings and brought up the winning runs with a reverse sweep shot.

He twice hit sixes off the bowling of experienced Indian spinner Venkatapathy Raju. Earlier, Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar clubbed three sixes and seven boundaries in his innings of 58.

Australian XI captain Stuart Law was the best of the bowlers for his side, picking up 4-27 with his medium pace deliveries.

The three-match series was part of a month-long cultural and trade promotion organised by the Australia-India Council.

Scores: Indian XI 178-7 (Sachin Tendulkar 58; Stuart Law 4-27). Australian XI 182-5 (Ian Harvey 74 not out, Andrew Symonds 51 not out). Australian XI won by five wickets.

Altruistic Kapil

CALCUTTA, May 3: Ace all-rounder and the world's leading wicket taker, Kapil Dev yesterday announced that he would organise two one-day charity matches between India and the Rest of the World for the welfare of Arjuna awardees, reports PTI.

Speaking to newsmen at the Eden Gardens here he said that not enough had been done for Arjuna awardees. "I want to give them something."

The two matches, to be played at Delhi and Calcutta would be organised at the end of this month.

Regarding his "sack" from the Indian team, he replied, "It is nothing unpleasant for me. I am keeping fit and doing lots of exercise and if selected, I would be glad to play."

On his post retirement plans, he said: "When the time comes till let you know. I have enjoyed playing for the last 16 years and given my cent per cent on the field. I'm still fit to play international cricket."

He refused to comment on the recent debacle at Sharjah, but described the defeat of India at the hands of Pakistan as "sad."

Div II qualifying meet results

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Rahmatganj MFS registered a thumping eight-wicket win over Pallabi Youth Club in one of the three Lotus Kamal Second Division qualifying cricket meet at city venues yesterday.

At the Mirpur Pallabi ground, Rahmatganj bowled out Pallabi Youth Club for a meagre 86 runs in 27.5 overs as their skipper decided to field first after having won the toss.

Rahmatganj posted 90 for two wickets in 18.4 overs to run away with the match by eight wickets.

Opener Mamun, who remained not out on 41, took his team to victory with more than 16 overs to spare in the 35 overs-a-side engagement.

Earlier, in the Pallabi innings extras featured highest contributor with 24 while Pipas (21) and Summit (10) were the batsmen to make it to the double figures for the vanquished.

In the other match of the day at the western strip of Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Moghul SC posted a facile 52-run win over Youth Cricket Assembly.

Sent into bat, Moghul SC compiled 206 for eight wickets in the allotted 35 overs.

Bubka going to Goodwill Games

ST PETERSBURG, May 3: World-record holder and four-time world champion Sergey Bubka will compete at this summer's Goodwill Games, organisers announced Tuesday, reports AP.

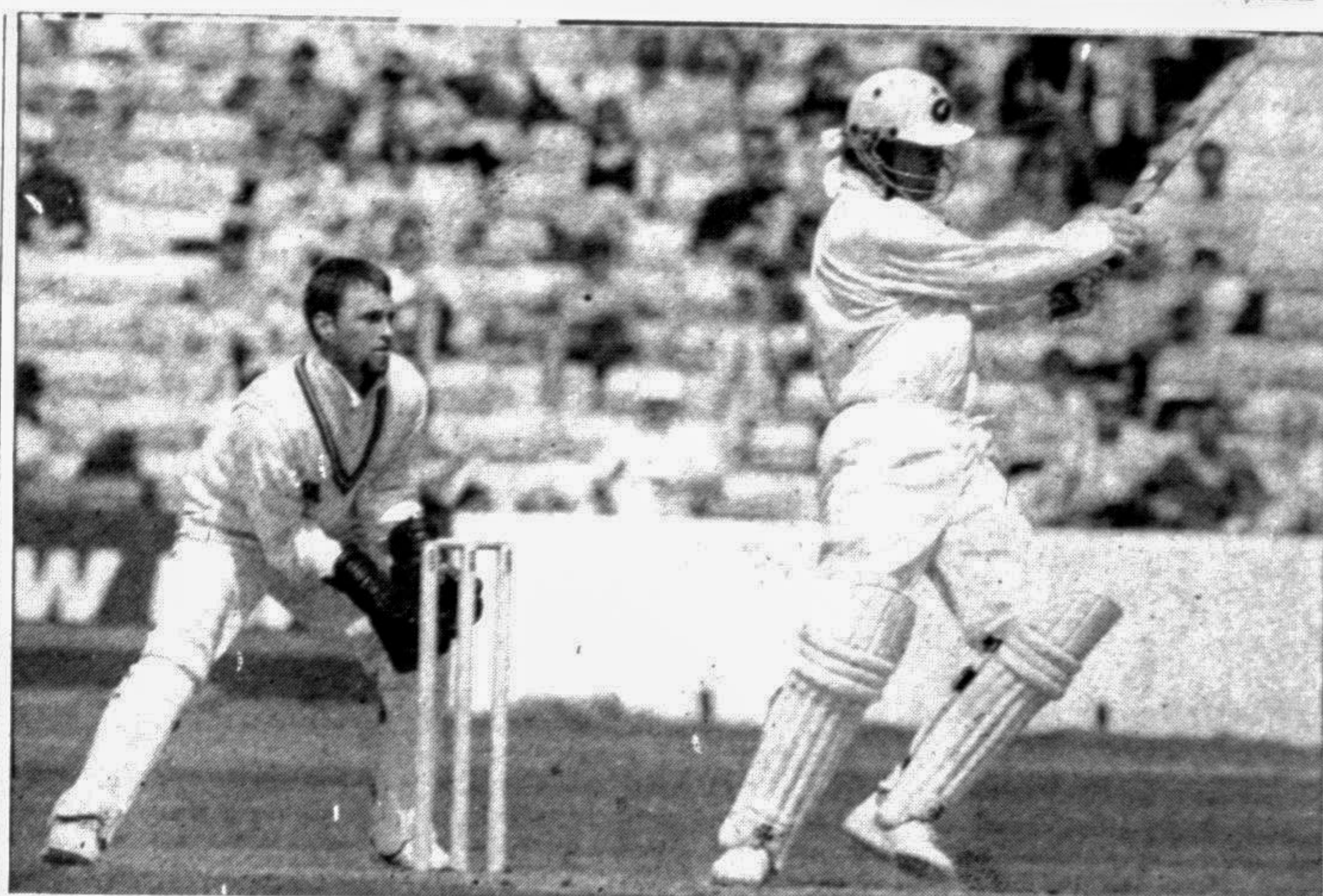
"I'm eager to compete in the Goodwill Games again," said the Ukrainian pole vaulter, who won the gold medal at the inaugural Games in 1986.

Bubka, the 1988 Olympic gold medalist, has dominated the pole vault event for more than 10 years, setting more than 30 indoor and outdoor world records.



Holger Obermann, a seasoned German football coach addresses a press conference arranged by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) in connection with the setting up of a proposed football school to harness the talent of budding booters. A familiar figure, Obermann handed over some soccer paraphernalia following a contemplative session on Bangladesh's football future at the conference room of National Sports Council yesterday.

— Star photo



FALCON AMONG KIWIS: Martin Crowe, one of the all time greats in the shortish history of New Zealand batsmen, rolls his wrists over his favourite pull shot during New Zealand's warm-up match against Surrey at the Oval on May 2. One of the top batsmen in the world, Crowe has only recently recovered from a chronic knee injury. — AFP photo

Thomas Cup in Jakarta from May 10

Hosts face strong challenge



JAKARTA, May 3: Malaysia and Denmark will be Indonesia's toughest challengers in the men's Thomas Cup badminton championship scheduled for Jakarta on May 10-21, Indonesian star Heryanto Arbi said, reports Reuters.

"We are optimistic about entering the final. I think Indonesia will face either Malaysia or Denmark in the final," Arbi, the 1994 All-England men's champion, told Reuters.

Eight countries — Indonesia, China, Finland, Sweden, Malaysia, Denmark, South Korea, and Thailand — will compete in the event. Malaysia is defending champion.

"Denmark has two good singles players and Malaysia is always good in the team event," said Ardy Wiranata, runner-up in this year's All-England championship.

"We have a big chance to grab the trophy at the moment, but let's wait and see,"

Ardy said.

The Indonesian team will be led by Arbi, Ardy, Joko Suprianto and Hermawan Susanto in the singles competition.

Rexy Mainaky and Ricky ATP's top 20

MONACO, May 3: Leading men's rankings issued by the ATP Tour on Monday, reports Reuters.

1. Pete Sampras (US)	5,035 points
2. Michael Stich (Germany)	3,223
3. Stefan Edberg (Sweden)	2,897
4. Jim Courier (US)	2,876
5. Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia)	2,706
6. Sergi Bruguera (Spain)	2,655
7. Michael Chang (US)	2,548
8. Andre Medvedev (Ukraine)	2,400
9. Todd Martin (US)	2,266
10. Thomas Muster (Austria)	2,119
11. Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden)	1,993
12. Petr Korda (Czech Republic)	1,951
13. Boris Becker (Germany)	1,918
14. Cedric Pioline (France)	1,758
15. Carlos Costa (Spain)	1,477
16. Marc Rosset (Switzerland)	1,455
17. Arnaud Boetsch (France)	1,415
18. Andre Agassi (US)	1,379
19. Wayne Ferreira (South Africa)	1,366
20. Richard Krajicek (Netherlands)	1,351

Harding feels offended



NEW YORK, May 3: While other members of the US Olympic team were being invited to a White House reception, figure skater Tonya Harding says she was hurt to find "an empty envelope" in her mailbox, reports AP.

"I thought that was kind of cheesy," Harding said in an interview on Rolonda Watts' syndicated talk show, "Rolonda." Asked the meaning of the empty envelope, Harding said: "I don't know."

When asked to produce the envelope, however, Harding did not. The US Olympic Committee said, it was never sent.

Harding, on three years' probation for hindering a criminal investigation of a plot to disable rival Nancy Kerrigan, said the White House wanted her to attend the April 13 reception but "the association" did not.

"I just wish they could have done it in a little bit different way," she said. "They could have at least asked and invited me or just called and said 'I'm sorry but we would really like

it if you weren't there."

Both the USOC, which handled overall arrangements for the reception, and the US Figure Skating Association denied sending any envelope — empty or otherwise — to Harding.

"We made a decision early on not to invite Tonya Harding, but we didn't send out written invitations to any athletes. We asked the seven team leaders to make arrangements," USOC spokesman Mike Moran said.

Moran said Harding was asked to produce the empty envelope and could not do so. The "Rolonda" show producers were aware of this, he said.

Spokeswoman Kristin Matta said the US Figure Skating



TONYA HARDING

Association sent no invitations, and excluded Harding from a list of skaters who received "logistical sheets" about the reception.

Whatever Harding may have received "is a little unclear, and it didn't come from here," Matta said.

Bob Weaver, Harding's lawyer, said earlier it was "kind of small" of the USOC not to invite Harding to the White House.

Harding had only good things to say about Kerrigan, who won the silver medal at the Lillehammer Games after being injured in the plot engineered by Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, and three admitted accomplices.

Gillooly is awaiting sentencing for racketeering and the others are trying to negotiate pleas to various charges.

Harding later pleaded guilty to conspiracy to hinder prosecution by helping fabricate her own and others' alibis in the plan to disable Kerrigan by hitting her in the knee with a metal baton.

When Watts asked, "Do you think Nancy Kerrigan is a bitch?" Harding replied, "No, I don't... she is nice."

"Everybody thinks it's like a soap opera...but Nancy and I have been teammates for many, many years and we've been on tour three different years in a row and everybody does everything together, so it hasn't been like we weren't friends or anything."

The interview was part of a deal between Harding and the tabloid show, "Inside Edition," also syndicated by King World. Marcy Engelman, a spokeswoman for the programme, declined to say how much Harding was paid but other sources have estimated it at \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Cape Town's bid enhanced

CAPE TOWN, May 3: The organisers of Cape Town's bid to host the 2004 Olympics said on Monday their position had been boosted by the success of South Africa's first all-race elections, reports Reuters.

Ngconde Balfour and Raymond Ackerman, chairmen of Cape Town's bidding committee, said in a joint statement that South Africa had "received billions of dollars of positive publicity in the international media which had appreciably enhanced the country's image."

South Africa had demonstrated its "ability to host and facilitate media coverage in the most scrutinised election process in world history," said the statement.

"With other international events like the rugby World Cup coming to the country, our ability to undertake media management on the scale necessary for the Olympics is within our grasp."

"Ours is a national bid, chosen to represent all in South Africa... both major parties pledged to support the National Olympic bid, irrespective of the outcome of the election," said the statement.

Holloake Surrey hero

LONDON, May 3: Adam Holloake's brilliant 73-ball unbeaten 86 spurred Surrey to a six-wicket win over New Zealand in their one-day match on Monday, reports Reuters.

Holloake dominated an unbroken stand of 146 in 22 overs with David Ward (88 not out) after Surrey had stumbled to 115-4 in pursuit of the touring team's 55-over total of 259-8.

Holloake, rated a potential England all-rounder by Surrey, and Ward needed just 22 balls to complete the second 50 of their stand.

Holloake hit left-arm spinner Matthew Hart for two sixes in four balls and after completing his 50 from 50 balls he off-drove Chris Pringle for another six. An asking-rate of 93 from the last 10 overs became 46 from six and then only three from one.

The first ball of the 55th over was swung over mid-wicket for four by Ward who hit a six and eight fours.

Holloake, who finished with three sixes and seven fours, had earlier taken 2-19 in six overs of medium pace, including the prize wicket of Martin Crowe.

All-rounder Shane Thomson was the pick of the New Zealand batsmen with an 86-ball unbeaten 90.

Moxon shapes Yorkshire's win

LONDON, May 3: Yorkshire captain Martyn Moxon guided his side to their first country championship win at Old Trafford since 1978 with a blistering unbeaten 161 on Monday, reports Reuters.

Moxon's innings earned Yorkshire a seven-wicket win with three overs to spare after Lancashire skipper Mike Watkinson had set them a target of 305 off a maximum 74 overs.

Yorkshire were always in command after Moxon and Michael Vaughan had put on 144 for the first wicket.

Moxon scored his first 50 off 66 balls, reached his century off 139 deliveries and his 150 off 202 balls with 22 fours.

Wilander wins

PINEHURST, NC, May 3: Mats Wilander of Sweden, a seven-time Grand Slam champion, advanced to the second round of the inaugural USTA Clay Court Classic with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Steve Bryan of Katy, Texas, on Monday, reports AP.

Other players advancing in the \$275,000 event were No. 6 seed Luiz Matter, Marcelo Filippini, Bryan Shelton, Mark Woodforde and Fabrice Santoro.

Filippini upset No. 3 seed Jason Stoltenberg of Australia 6-2, 6-4, while Shelton surprised No. 5 seed Mikael Pernfors of Sweden 6-1, 6-2.

Top seed Todd Martin meets Brian Dunn on Tuesday in the first round, while No. 2 seed Malival Washington faces Doug Flach.

"I felt pretty good today," Wilander said. "Before I've gotten off to good starts but haven't been able to continue it, but today I kept focused when I got up."

Wilander reached the quarterfinals last week in Atlanta, marking the first time he had reached the quarterfinals of an ATP Tour event since 1990. He has boosted his ranking from No. 325 at the start of the year to No. 191 has been playing on a semi-regular basis for the last year after retiring for two years in 1991.

The tournament runs through Sunday, when the singles and finals will be played.

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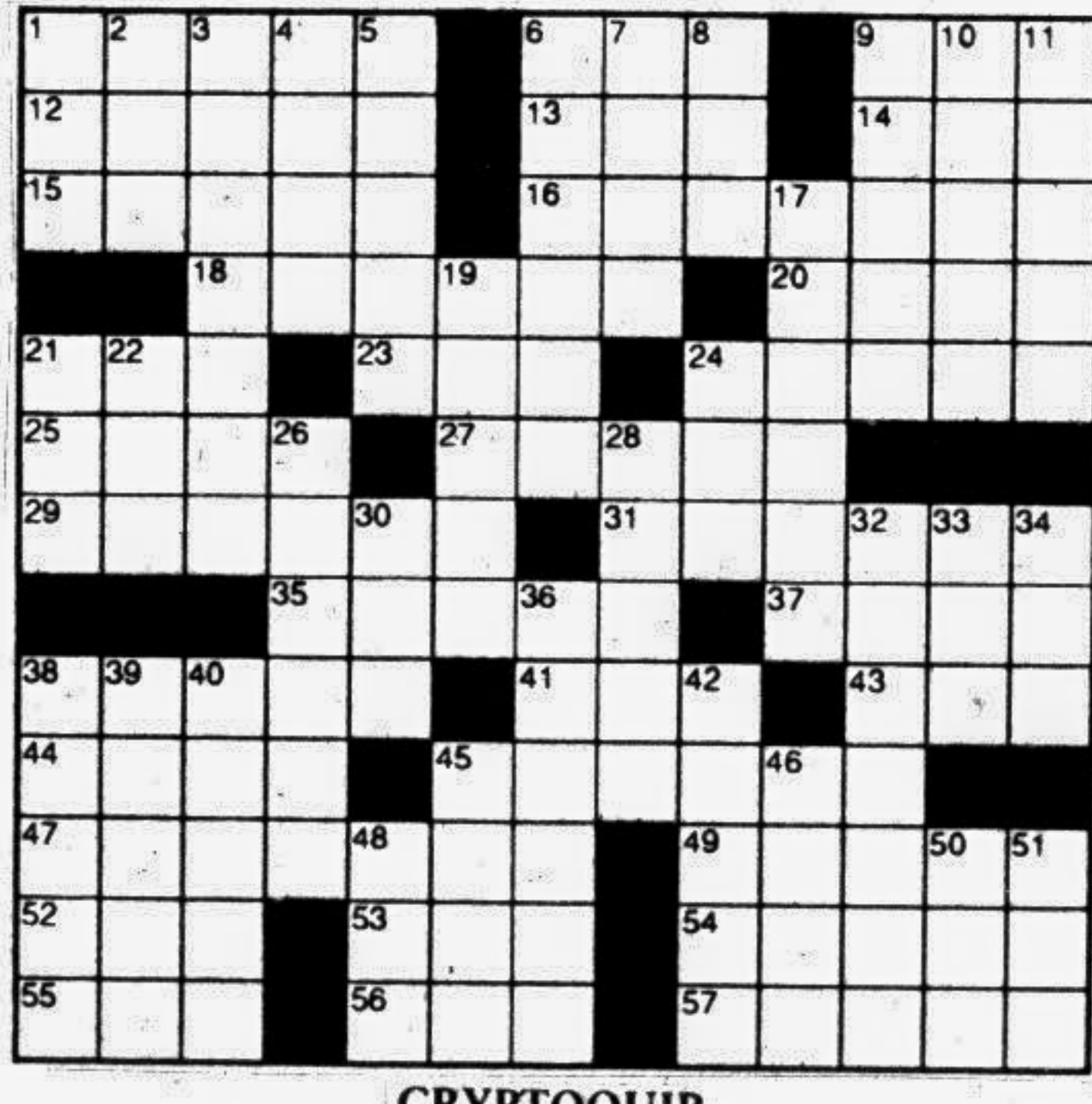
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CRYPTOQUIP

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 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: "GO AWEIGH!" SAID THE MAD NEWSCASTER TO THE ANCHORMAN.
 Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals D
 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.