



Britain's Colin Jackson clears a hurdle during the men's 110 metres hurdles at the Berlin Grand Prix on August 30. Jackson won with a time of 13.02 seconds. — AFP photo

Jackson, Powell oblige

BERLIN, Aug 31: Britain's high hurdler Colin Jackson and American long jumper Mike Powell kept their cool under pressure on Tuesday to share the richest prize in athletics — 20 bars of gold, reports Reuter.

World Champion Jackson continued his unbeaten run this season to win the 110 metres hurdles in 13.02 seconds while world record holder Powell triumphed in the long jump with 8.20 metres at the Berlin Grand Prix.

Both athletes clinched their fourth victories in the lucrative "Golden Four" series of meeting in Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin to share the jackpot of 20-one-kilo bars of gold, worth about 250,000 dollars.

It was a fitting payout for Jackson who made financial sacrifices last year when he dropped out of the richest meeting in athletics in Zurich to make sure of being for the World Championships.

Jackson said then that a championship gold medal was worth more to him than a case of gold bars.

But the 27-year-old Welshman has successfully combined money-making with victories in the European Championship and Commonwealth Games this season.

When it mattered he gave another flowing display over the hurdles.

Jackson was pushed in the early part of the race by American Mark Crear on his inside. But he took control after the fifth hurdle to dip ahead of Crear who clocked 13.07.

It was fitting that Austria's Olympic champion Mark Mc-

Koy, who finished third in 13.29, went over to Jackson to give him a hug at the end of the race.

It was the former Canadian, a friend and training partner, who was on the top of the podium during one of Jackson's darkest days when failed to live up to expectations in the hurdles final at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Powell, deprived of a battle royal with his rival Carl Lewis who pulled out of the meeting at the last minute, was so happy with his pay day that he went over to touch the replicas of the golden bars at the side of the track after sealing his victory with his fourth jump of the competition.

Powell, who has been suffering with a groin strain in recent weeks, had started the competition with a no-jump but kept his composure to find his best in the fourth round.

World record-holder Jackson, whose time was the fastest in the world this year, said he had not been thinking about the gold when he went to his starting blocks.

"I just wanted to perform to my very best," said Jackson.

"The gold is an added incentive but it is not the be-all and end-all.

"But it is good because it shows that our performances are appreciated like those of tennis players or racing drivers. But it's peanuts compared to what Steffi Graf would win at an Open."

Jackson said he hoped his victory would bring some pleasure to British athletics after their recent doping scandals.

"It is disheartening that so many people are being caught. It is not a nice thing that British athletics is in a bit of

Ejection on the cards for English eves

Modahl tests positive

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, Aug 31: The result from the second drugs test of British athlete Diane Modahl was positive, the International Amateur Athletic Federation said Wednesday, reports AP.

Modahl, an 800-metre runner, faces a four-year ban and Britain's women's team could be ejected from the World Cup meeting in London next week.

"The B sample analysis confirmed the data obtained in the first, or A, analysis. Therefore, the athlete is suspended for a doping offence," the IAAF said in a statement.

Modahl's "A" sample taken at a track meet in Lisbon, Portugal, on June 18 contained an excessive amount of testosterone, a male growth hormone which gives extra strength.

It is unusual for an 800-metre runner to test positive to a substance which enhances strength, normally associated with sprinters or throwers.

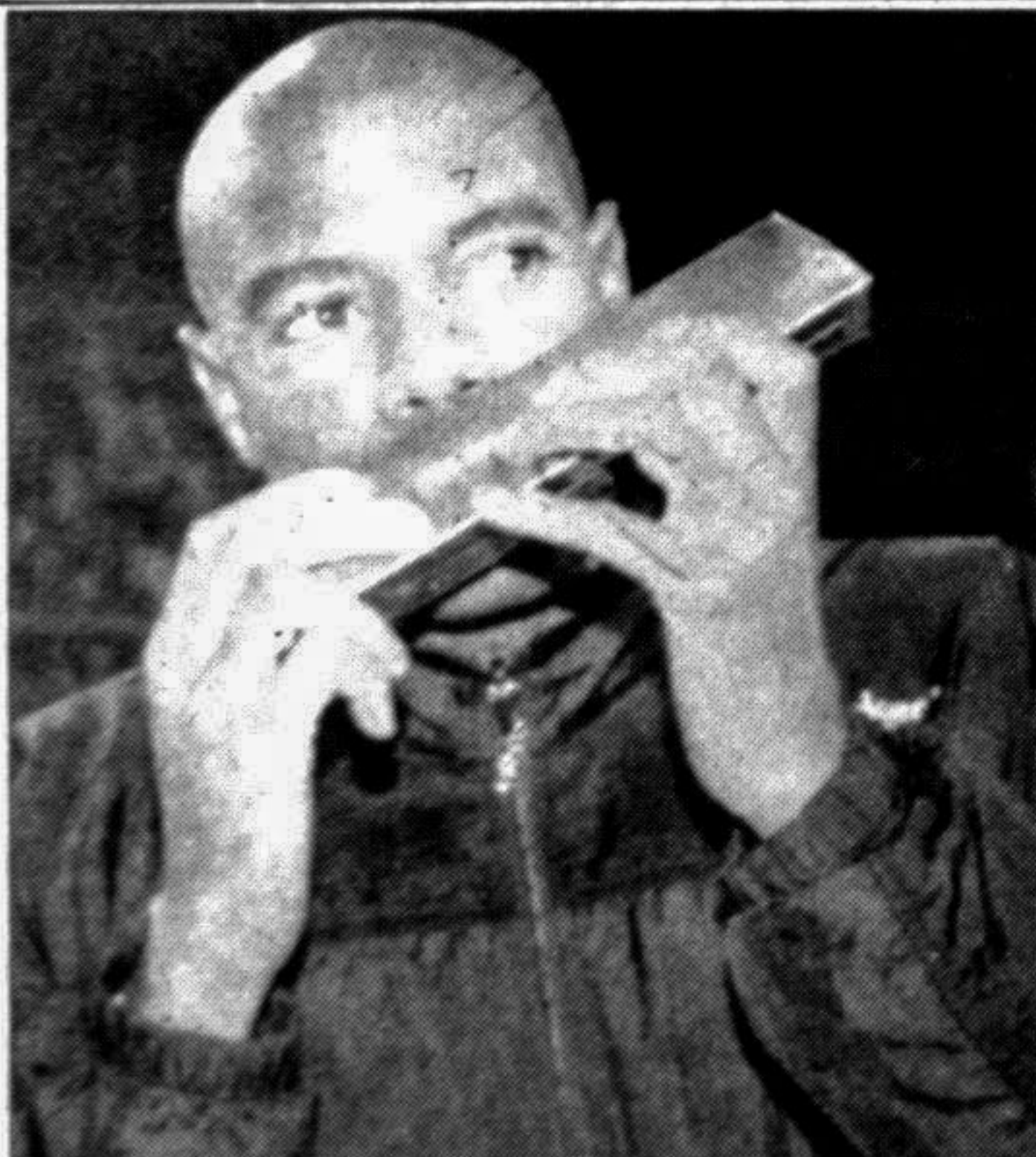
The test was conducted on Tuesday at an International Olympic Committee accredited laboratory in Lisbon, Portugal. Modahl's husband Vicente, British Athletic Federation executive chairman Peter Radford and two British drugs tests experts witnessed the test.

The BAF said it will hold an emergency meeting of its management board on Wednesday night to discuss a date for a hearing and participation in the World Cup.

Modahl faces a BAF hearing which must be conducted within 30 days.

It is unlikely, however, that the hearing will take place before the World Cup which starts on Sept. 9. The IAAF has said it is confident the BAF will make a decision regarding the World Cup, but said it is "morally obliged" to pull out.

One week after the Lisbon meet, Modahl won the 800-metres at the European Cup in



American athlete Mike Powell kisses a bar of gold after winning the men's long jump at the Berlin Grand Prix on August 30 with a distance of 8.20 metres. Powell and British hurdler Colin Jackson divided twenty gold bars after completing a clean sweep in the 'Golden Four' series. — AFP photo

Martina's pledge

NEW YORK, Aug 31: Martina Navratilova is confident she can do more for tennis as newly elected WTA Tour Players' Association president than if she continued for another year as a player, reports Reuter.

"Tennis needs me better in this capacity than on the court because when my heart isn't in the game anymore, I wasn't going to do anybody any good losing in the second or third round," Navratilova said on Tuesday at a news conference at the US Open.

The 37-year-old Navratilova, winner of 18 Grand Slam singles titles, including a record nine Wimbledon crowns, has announced she will retire after this year.

She had been non-committal about her retirement plans — until the opportunity arose to help steer women's tennis in a transitional time when there is no principal sponsor for the tour.

"I think I can have a positive impact on the game as president and stay involved, stay in the game," Navratilova said of her one-year term in office. "I'm quite excited about the prospect."

Navratilova succeeds Pam Shriver as president.

"My first instinct has been to say 'no' to everything else," Navratilova said about requests on her time following her retirement.

"But my first instinct to this was 'Oh, I could do that,'" said Navratilova, who previously had served as president in 1979, 1980 and 1983.

"So once I realised that my heart said that would be a good thing to do, I started thinking about it intellectually and rationally and realised this is a great way for me to give something back off the court."

Navratilova said a top priority would be improving the relationships between the players and the fans and the media.

"I think the players know they need to be more accessible to the media as well as the fans, and develop a better relationship and also with the sponsors," she said.

"I think the players will listen to me if I make those requests because I've done it. It's easier to lead by actions rather than words and that's one of the pluses I would have as president."

Navratilova, who chose not to play the Open for the first time in 21 years because of a lack of physical fitness, won't let her presidency get entirely in the way of enjoying her retirement.

"It's not going to keep me from windsurfing and snowboarding or keeping me from going to Africa on a safari," she said.

Christie finished third in a photo finish with American Olympic bronze medalist Dennis Mitchell and his compatriot Jon Drummond.

Mitchell won in 10.00 seconds as the three athletes crossed the line together with Drummond taking second in 10.01 and Christie just a hundredth of a second further behind in third.

The two-late-season defeats, however, mean little to Christie who has peaked at the right time, successfully winning the European and Commonwealth 100 titles and beating the world's best sprinters in Zurich earlier this month.

"One day you win, the other you lose," said the 34-year-old Christie.

The 100 result brought some good news for Mitchell, whose life has been dominated in recent weeks by a brawl he had with Nigerian sprinter Olapade Adeniken in a hotel lobby after the Zurich meeting.

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US Open: Faddy, far-out

NEW YORK, Aug 31, (AP) — US Open sticker shock: Fresh-squeezed lemonade costs \$4.50, a baked potato with butter and sour cream \$1.75 and Nike's super deluxe Air Max tennis shoe \$135.

That doesn't include tickets to the big show itself, which start at \$18 for a seat in the nose-bleed section and top out at \$180 for the Sept 11 finale that may put you next to that singing tennis fan, Barbra Streisand.

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Rod Martin bids HK Open bye

HONG KONG, Aug 31: The career of world number five Rodney Martin of Australia took another nose-dive Tuesday when he was eliminated in the first round of the Hong Kong Open squash by South African qualifier Craig Wapnick, reports AP.

A former World Open winner and once ranked second in the world, Martin surrendered a two-game lead before being beaten 13-15, 10-15, 15-11, 15-9, 15-12 by Wapnick.

Martin's loss continued a trend of upsets on the first day, with Australian qualifier Simon Baker disposing of world number nine Zarak Jahan Khan of Pakistan 16-17, 4-15, 15-9, 15-7, 15-10 in an earlier match.

A series of personal and fitness problems have plagued Martin since late last year.

He came into only his second match in a major tournament since March suffering the lingering effects of a hip injury, with Wapnick determined to make the most of his opponent's discomfort.

"I knew Rodney was having a little bit of a bad run with his movement," Wapnick said. "My fitness was the main thing today and it was one of the better matches I have played."

"What I tried to do was not panic, I wanted to keep the pressure up and not do anything irrational."

Once regarded as the only consistently able challenger to world number one Jansher Khan, 28-year-old Martin was beaten in the final of this event by his older brother Brett last year.

Khan was the most obvious beneficiary of Martin's loss, as his only other serious opponent in the top half of the draw is now world number three Peter Marshall of England, a 15-7, 15-7, 11-15, 15-9 winner over Australian qualifier Dan Jensen.

In other matches, England's Danny Meddings extinguished local hopes with a 15-10, 15-11, 15-10 defeat of Hong Kong wild card Andrew Shum, while world number 14 Simon Parke of England breezed past Mir Zaman Gul of Pakistan 15-12, 15-5, 15-5.

Courier back bashing from back

NEW YORK, Aug 31: Jim Courier's two-week retirement from tennis officially ended on Tuesday with a convincing straight sets victory over fellow American Aaron Krickstein in the first round of the US Open tennis championships, report agencies.

Courier, the top seed the past two years but now 11th since falling on hard times, completed a relatively upset-free second day at the Open with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win over Krickstein in the Stadium Court night match.

Two weeks after walking away from a second-round loss at Indianapolis saying he was not going to pick up his racket again until his heart was in it — even if it took 10 years — Courier was back bashing away from the baseline for just over two hours with the competitive fervor that had been his trademark.

Courier yielded only eight



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points in the first five games and dominating throughout the match.

"I didn't have the fire at Indianapolis," said Courier, seeded No. 11. "That's what I went searching for, to see if I still had that fire. It's there. It

lose, whether I had the fire. "That was a perfect first-round match for me. That's a match I could have easily lost, on paper. That's the kind of match that I need to see where I am."

Courier took a few days off after Indianapolis and would have stayed away longer if this week were not the Open.

"The reason I play this game is to play the big tournaments," he said. "If I can play here and if I'm hungry enough and if I'm healthy, I want to be here. I haven't won this tournament yet. I'd like to have it on my mantle one of these days."

Todd Martin punched the air with a right uppercut to punctuate his five-set victory in the afternoon. He was lucky he didn't hit himself.

Martin did everything to knock himself out in the first round. He lost the first two sets and sprayed three unforced errors to set up match points in the fifth set against the bespectacled and decid-

edly unspectacular Guillaume Raoux.

Raoux, a squat, bookish Frenchman who turned the hard court match into a clay court baseline duel, took all the gifts Martin offered yet still couldn't quite win. No matter how many chances Raoux had, there was a sense in watching the match that he would find a way to lose and that Martin would find a way to win.

That crystallized in the fifth set when Martin served, trailing 4-5, and he faced three match points after errors. On the first, he drilled a perfect backhand pass crosscourt to save the match; on the second, Raoux dumped a forehand into the net after a deep forehand by Martin; and on the third, Raoux slapped a forehand wide.

In the tiebreaker, Martin slugged a forehand return to close out the match, 6-7, (7-4), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1).

The crowd wanted Martin, an American, to win, but it also wanted an upset. Martin didn't think the crowd knew what it wanted or what it saw.

"It's quite a good feeling to play in front of people who yell every point and tell you're terrible when you aren't, and tell you you're good when you aren't," said Martin, who was slightly bothered by a strained groin. "And it was an awful lot of fun after the first two sets to be out there. It was just nice to be out there and finish the job that I started."

If Martin does not upset along the way, he is expected to meet Michael Chang in the semifinals next week.

"I didn't think, Oh, gee, here I am, another upset in the US Open," Martin said. "I don't care if Becker and Ivanisevic lost. Actually, I was pretty happy for Richey (Reneberg) last night. You've just got to fight, and it doesn't matter who you are or what your credentials are."

Anna Smashnova, an unknown Israeli with a name to match her game, produced the day's lone upset when she ousted 13th seed Lori McNeil 6-2, 6-4.

It was McNeil who made tennis history this year when she upset Steffi Graf in the first round at Wimbledon en route to the semifinals. No women's champion had ever gone out that early at Wimbledon before.

Graf, the top seed and defending champion here, was not about to be party to that kind of history again.

The 25-year-old winner of 15 Grand Slam titles showed no sign of the back problems that have hampered her this summer in a swift 6-2, 6-1 victory over 13th-ranked American Anne Mann.

My back hasn't bothered me at all. I feel very good," said the three-time US Open champion.

Fifth seed Stefan Edberg, the 1991 and 1992 champion, an early round loser in his last two Grand Slams this year, got off to a good start by routing fellow Swede Lars Jonsson 7-5, 6-1, 6-1.

Joining Edberg in the second round with comfortable victories were fourth-seeded former Wimbledon Champion Michael Stich of Germany, a 7-6, 6-3, 6-3 winner over Olivier Delaite of France, and Frenchman Cedric Pioline, last year's Open Runner-up, who advanced past German Oliver Gross 6-2, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

market on the guttural utterings on court have given way to a profusion of copycat grunts from the likes of Spain's Javier Sanchez to Adriana Serra-Zanetti of Italy.

— Two-fisted backhands, first popularised by Jimmy Connors. It's tough to even find a player who hits a backhand now the old-fashioned way, with one hand.

— PowerAde, the new carbohydrate-soaked energy soda that has the same effect on your body as drinking a sweetened super-big potato. Players and linesmen alike clamour for the last PowerAde from barrels of pop at courtside.

— Caps, caps and more caps. Americans seem to have a cap for every day of the week. Most popular here, of course, is the white US Open version. Bobbing heads of white US Open caps go back and forth, back and forth like a wave during each courtside rally.

What's out?

— Brown shoes: absolutely verboten. Wearing brown shoes here is like committing fashion suicide. Wear tennis shoes, at a minimum or, if you are daring, the newly popular Teva sandals. Even braver? Clunky high-top leather hiking boots — with shorts, of course.

— Anything in black, dark

potato with butter and sour cream \$1.75 and Nike's super deluxe Air Max tennis shoe \$135.

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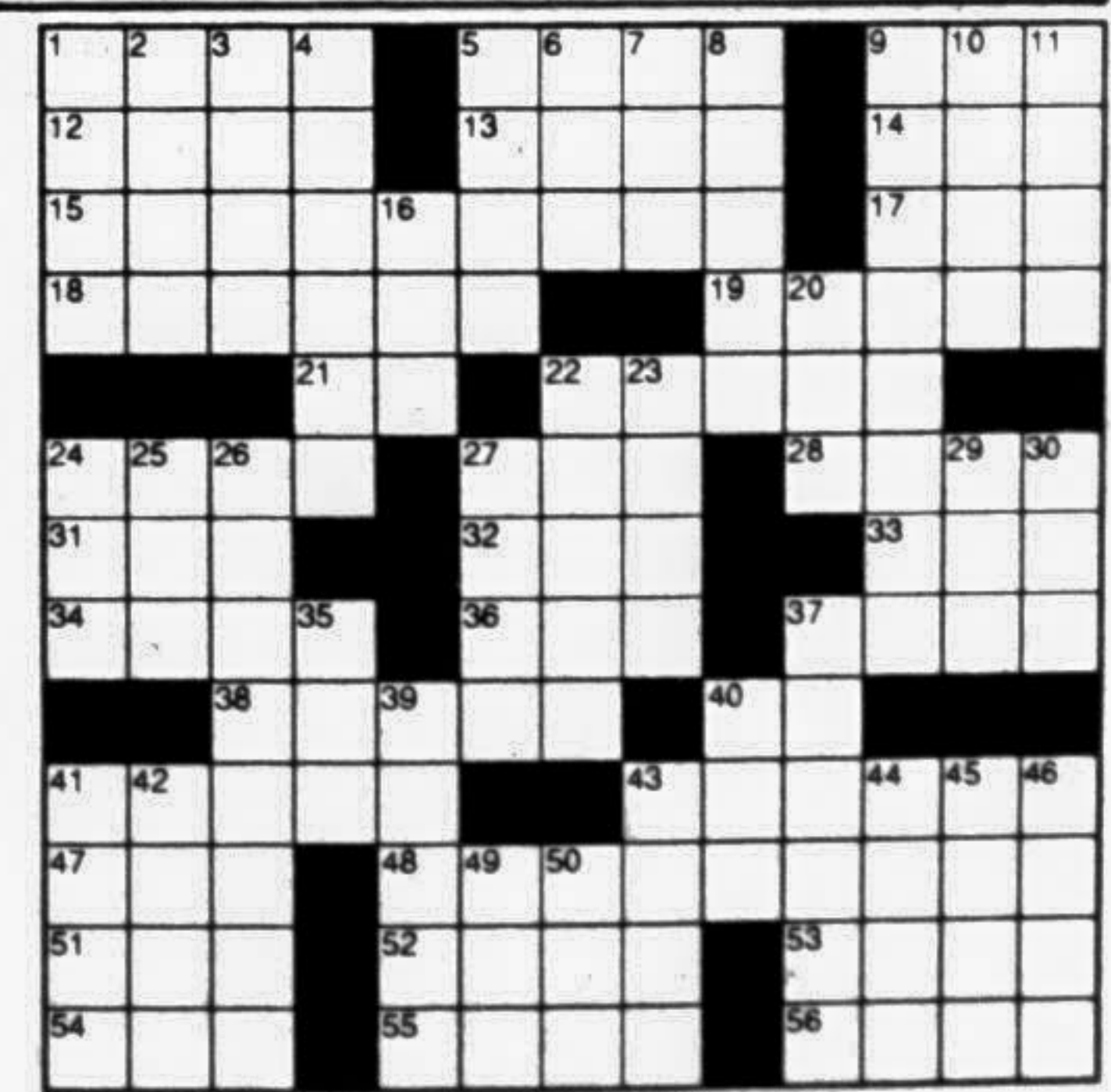
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HISTORIANS' DISCUSSION IN THE U.K. OF A NOTED GENGHIS IS A KHAN-FERRECE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: P equals L

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.