

Sampras bows to Yzaga, fatigue

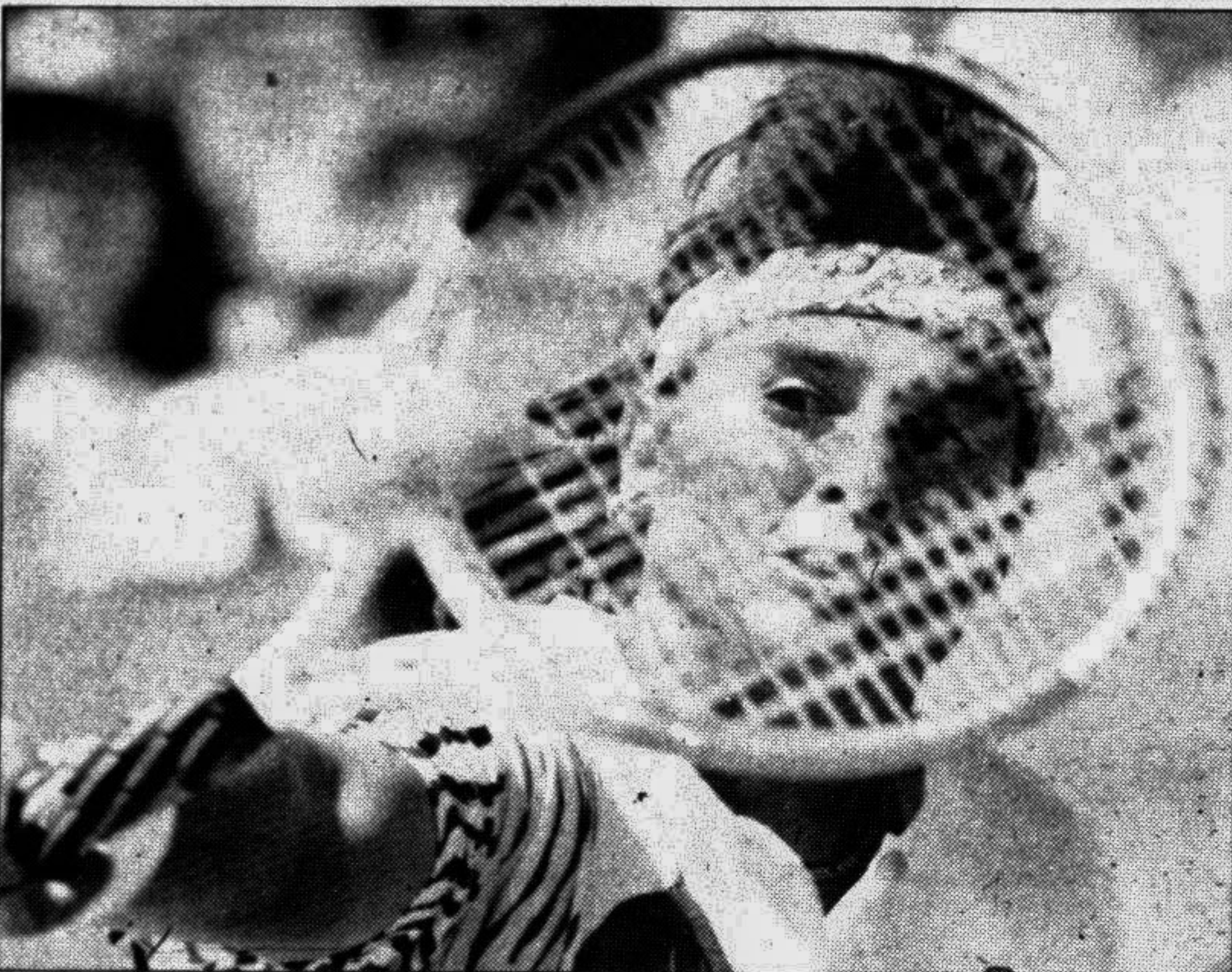
NEW YORK, Sept 7: So exhausted he was close to passing out on court, two-time US Open champion Pete Sampras stumbled out in the fourth round Tuesday against Jaime Yzaga.

was a little lucky in the last game. Sampras, winner of four of the last five Grand Slams, played parts of this match as if he were slogging through mud, while Yzaga bounced around like a rubber ball.

The blister was only the latest foot problem for Sampras since he switched sneakers to a specially designed, super-duper new model for his 18 million or so, courtesy of Nike.

quarterfinals against Karel Novacek, who beat Javier Frana 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3.

"I'm going to have to be very aggressive and fight a lot," Sabatini said. "It's going to be a different match. I'm going to have to play more tennis."



Eighth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina makes a backhand top spin return against unseeded Gigi Fernandez of the United States during her quarterfinal match at the US Open on Sept 6. Sabatini sailed into the last four after a 6-2, 7-5 victory.

Sampras sprayed unforced errors on crucial points. "The three matches he played before, he didn't have anyone who would stay back and move him around," Yzaga said.

his sneaker and called over a trainer to apply a pad to the blister early in the fourth set.

In today's quarter-finals, American Andre Agassi, unseeded but more confident in his game than ever and a legitimate contender for the title, was to face 13th seed Thomas Muster of Austria while ninth-seeded American Todd Martin was to play unseeded German Bernd Karbacher.

In women's quarter-finals, top seed Steffi Graf of Germany was to face 11th-seeded South African Amanda Coetzer and fourth seed Mary Pierce of France was to play Seventh-seeded Czech Jana Novotna.

Yzaga served, and Sampras just stared at the ball, barely moving. "It was kind of tough at the end," Yzaga said. "I kept hearing the people and they were pulling for him. It was like playing a Davis Cup out there."

Police spokesman Les Strickland said Tuesday their discussion was delayed because Carabajal didn't have a criminal attorney. Carabajal's civil attorney, Ben Miranda, didn't return calls Tuesday.

Cyprus to host World Squash Championships

NICOSIA, Sept 7: Cyprus will host the 1995 men's World Squash Championship from November 5-11 next year with 100,000 dollars in prize money on offer, organisers said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Jackson still unconquered

MADRID, Sept 7: Britain's Colin Jackson kept his unbeaten record and ran the fastest time in the world this year in winning the 110 metres hurdles at an international meeting in Madrid on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Jackson clocked 12.99 seconds to beat his friend and rival Mark McKoy, a Canadian now running as an Austrian, McKoy, the Olympic champion, ran 13.22.

Toughest competition of a fine, balmy evening came in the long jump where world record-holder Mike Powell of the United States just edged out compatriot Ronald McGhee by two centimetres with a jump of 8.22 metres.

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HOUSTON, Sept 7: At least a dozen current and former University of Houston football players routinely paid another player to take their math exams, the Houston Chronicle reported in Wednesday's editions, reports AP.

Police want to talk to Carabajal

TEMPE, Ariz. Sept 7: Police tentatively plan to interview boxer Michael Carabajal on Thursday about witness reports that he was responsible for firing a weapon during the weekend, reports AP.

Malaysia plans massive Games to boost unity

By Derek Ingram

Before the Victoria Commonwealth Games were over, Malaysia was busy launching its plans for the next Games in Kuala Lumpur. They are to be on a grander scale, with double the number of athletes and opening ceremonies in a stadium for 100,000 people.

As the Commonwealth Games ended in Victoria, Canada, the Malaysians unveiled grandiose plans for the next Games which they are hosting in Kuala Lumpur. The stadium they are building for 1998 will hold 100,000 people and they are expecting 6,000 athletes, twice the record number who took part in Victoria.

ing nation in Asia, General Hashim explains: "The government supports sport as a factor for nation-building. We are multi-racial, so sport is a factor to unify. It is also a way to develop youth."

winning only 11 medals, including two gold. This poor score illustrated the damage apartheid had done to South African athletics, as did the fact only 10 of the team members were black.



national development. At the forefront of Mahathir's mind is always the need to maintain racial harmony between his Malay, Chinese, Indian and other people.

The goal of racial harmony is central to the Commonwealth itself, many of whose members face an ever wider variety of ethnic problems and are only too aware of the dire warning presented by recent horrors, such as in Rwanda.

South Africa, which faces the long haul to recovery from the ravages of apartheid, is one of the most sports-crazy countries in the world. The Mandela government sees sport as a means of uniting black and white and that is one reason why South Africa is also enthusiastic about taking part in the Commonwealth Games.

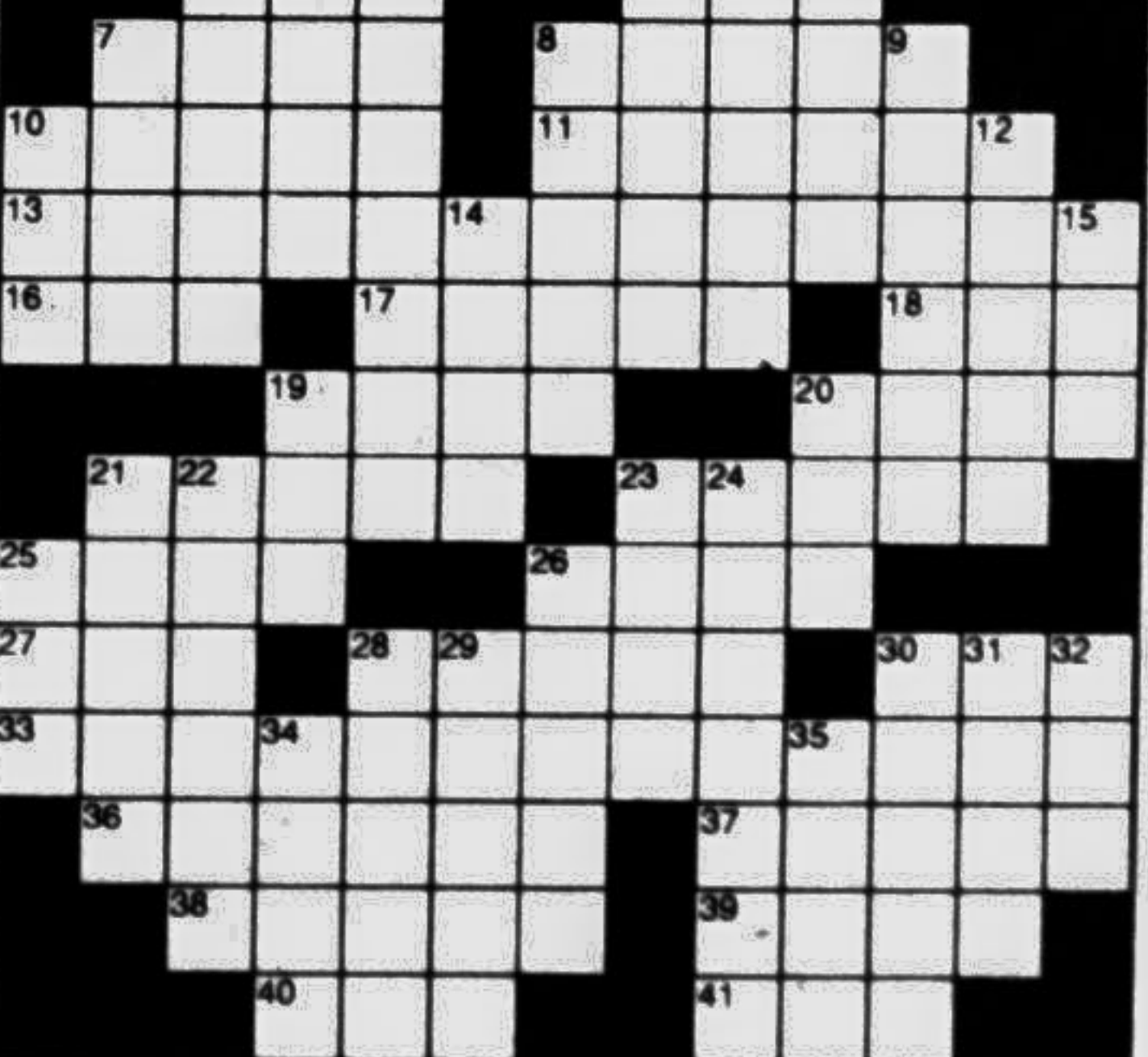
This enthusiasm for the Commonwealth Games is the result of a decision by Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad to make Malaysia a major sports-nation operation.

In Victoria, its 125-strong team was excited by the huge welcome it received on the country's return to the Games after nearly four decades, although it was disappointed at

Malaysia, which sees itself as a champion of the poorer countries, will be keen to encourage a much larger representation from the developing world, and the venue of the Games will help to attract it.

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Top-seed Pete Sampras of the United States leans on the net after a point late in his match against unseeded Jaime Yzaga of Peru at the US Open on Sept 6. Sampras, who was reportedly suffering from a stomach ailment, was sent packing after a marathon five-setter that ended 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-7, 5-7.