

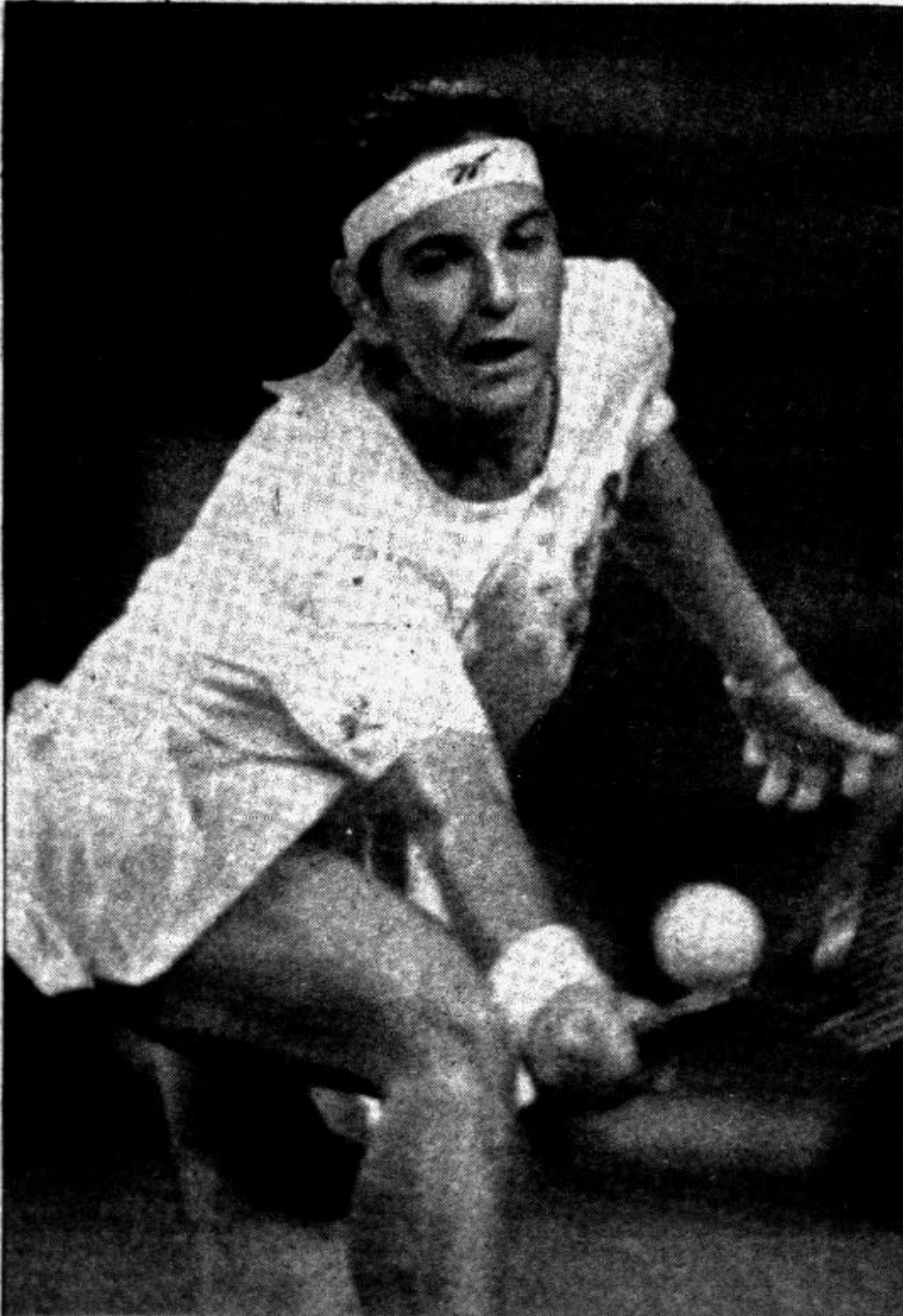
Miyagi's dream run ends



TOKYO, Sept 24: Top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario outlasted Japan's upset-minded Nana Miyagi on Saturday for a spot against Amy Frazier...

Italian Open in May 1992 by bowing out to Amy Frazier of the United States 1-6, 3-6. "Yesterday, we played for more than three hours and today, physically I couldn't recover 100 per cent..."

had planned," said the Argentinian. "It's been a good year in Japan for me. But tomorrow, I just have to play each point, there's no change in my game..."



Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain makes a delicate backhand return against Nana Miyagi of Japan during her semifinal match of the Nichirei women's tennis tournament in Tokyo yesterday.

Toronto to host '97 Special Olympics

TORONTO, Sept 24: Toronto has been selected to host the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games after the two rival bidders dropped out...

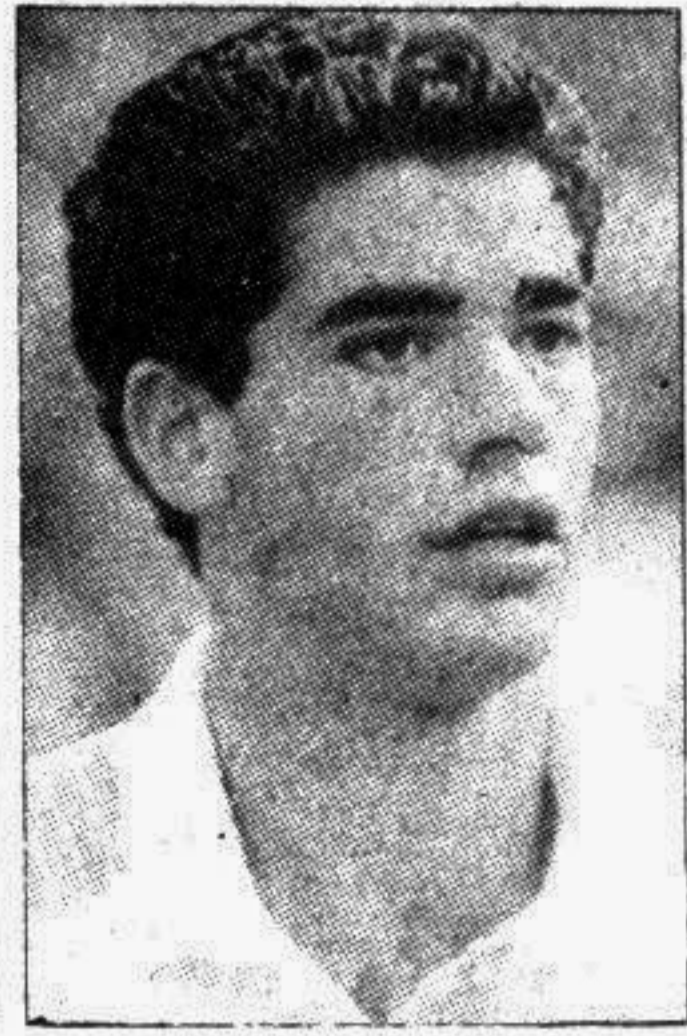
US lead 2-0 against Sweden in Davis Cup semis Sampras sails, Edberg fails



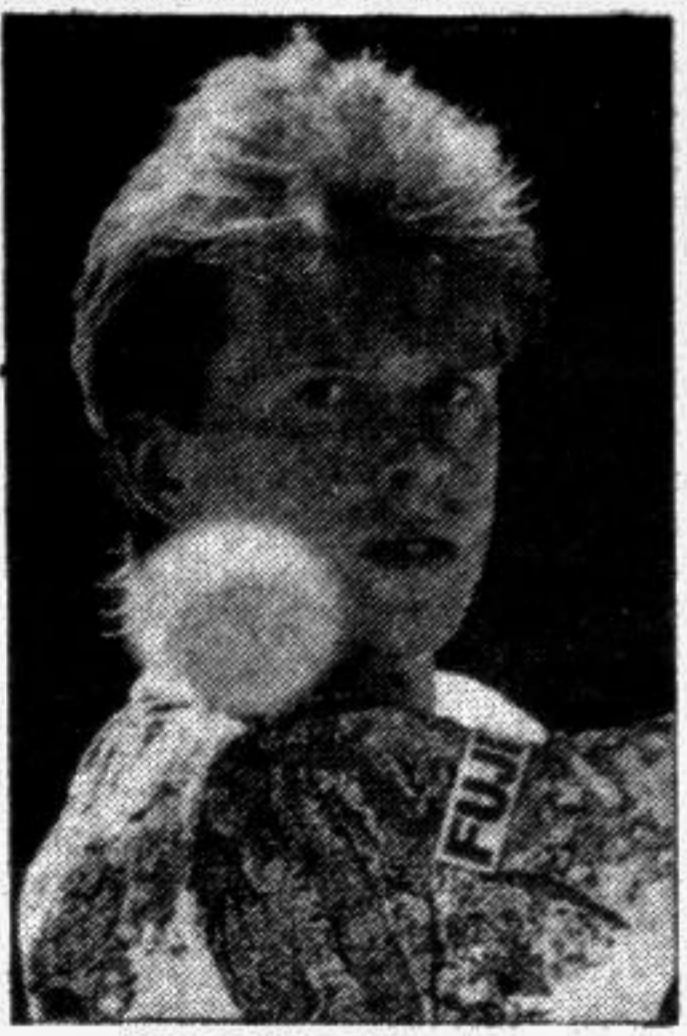
GOTEBORG, Sweden, Sept 24: Magnus Larsson's delivery was near-perfect in the opening set, hitting 88 per cent of his first serves. Pete Sampras knew the tall Swede couldn't maintain that level over a longer match...

clinch the Americans' victory if they win Saturday's doubles against Sweden's Jan Apell and Jones Bjorkman... Sweden, who have won the Davis Cup four times and made the finals as many times, have only come back twice from 0-2 deficits to win Davis Cup matches in 61 years.

Martin made some changes in the third set and they worked very well. "The biggest change was my second serve," he said. "He was returning it very well, so I started hitting it harder and with a little bit more spin..."



PETE SAMPRAS



STEFAN EDBERG

Swiss duo seals it

JAKARTA, Sept 24: Jacob Hlasek and Marc Rosset booked Switzerland's place in the 1995 Davis Cup World Group on Saturday when they beat Indonesia in the doubles rubber of their qualifier here...

Kamsky, Anand surge ahead

LINARES, Spain, Sept 24: American Gata Kamsky and Indian Viswanathan Anand kept their winning streaks going, taking a 3-0 lead Friday after winning third round matches in the Intel World Chess Championships semifinals, reports AP...

Russians make history at holders' expense



HAMBURG, Sept 24: Russia reached the Davis Cup final for the first time when Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Andrei Olhovskiy won Saturday's doubles to give their team an unbeatable 3-0 over defending champions, Germany, reports AP...

Stich decided to play Saturday although he had received a death threat late Thursday and appeared listless during his loss to Volkov. Organizers stepped up security by bringing more bodyguards to the Rothenbaum arena...

liant backhand diagonal shot that then escaped Stich's great reach. With Braasch serving to keep Germany's hopes of defending the cup alive, the Russians gained a match point when Braasch hit a wild smash into the stands...

Aussies edge in front CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Sept 24: Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde took just 85 minutes to score a straight sets doubles victory Saturday that lifted Australia to a 2-1 lead over New Zealand in their Davis Cup qualifying round tennis match...

Michael Stich taken for a ride



HAMBURG, Sept 24: Michael Stich threatened to quit the German Davis Cup team, saying Saturday the national tennis federation had refused to give him enough protection after a death threat, reports AP...

part-timers employed by the Rothenbaum club, the arena where the Davis Cup match was played. "I was afraid for myself and my wife but they didn't take such a job and I wanted to use their services..."

Stich said Thiemann had dismissed the threat as nothing serious. "But after what happened to Monica Seles, I couldn't take it lightly," Stich said.



MICHAEL STICH

South Africa lead India

JAIPUR, India, Sept 24: Doubles pair Wayne Ferreira and Piet Norval Saturday put South Africa into a 2-1 lead against India in their Davis Cup World Group qualifying round match in Jaipur, reports AP...



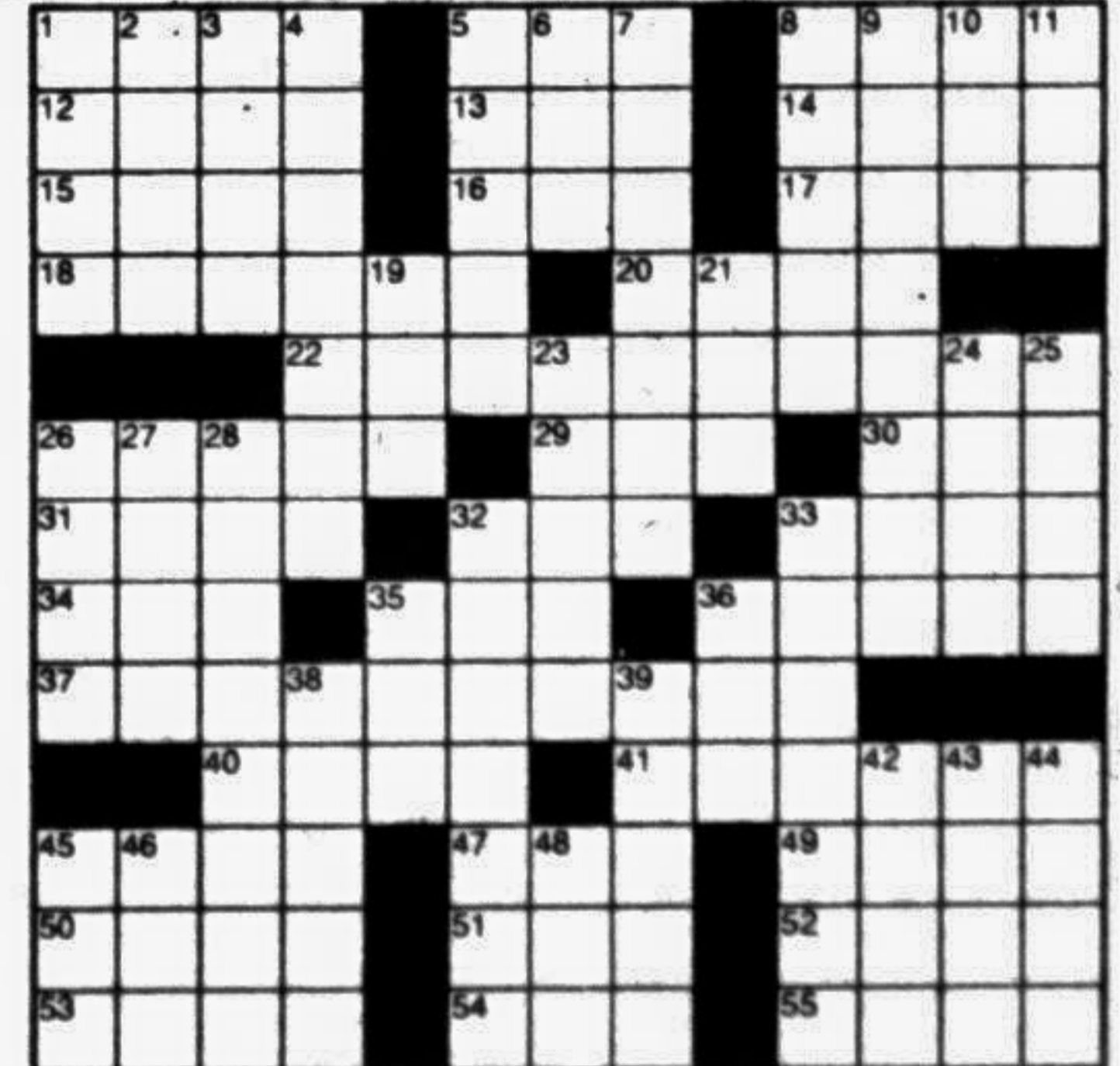
Food Minister Mir Shawkat Ali is being introduced to participants of the Mostafa Allama Gold Cup football tournament which began at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Allama Gold Cup soccer on

The Mostafa Allama Kishore Gold Cup football tournament began at the Outer Stadium yesterday, reports BSS. Thirty-two teams, 24 from Dhaka and eight from seven districts of the country, are taking part in the month-long meet.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words.



CRYPTOQUIP B V Z S J E V I U F J E H F H Q G K Y K M E Y I J J, N Q J E K U F P D J K S G F Y J, M V K Y U S P D I J E I G G I N I E E Z ? Yesterday's Cryptogram: WHEN COAT OF ARMS FELL OFF THE WALL, OWNER WAS CRESTFALLEN. Today's Cryptogram clue: U equals M