

Mahanama carves SL win

HARARE, Nov 4: A fluent, unbeaten 119 from opener Roshan Mahanama set Sri Lanka up for a convincing 56-run victory over Zimbabwe in their first one-day international on Thursday, reports Reuters.

After being put in, Sri Lanka made 256 for five in their 50 overs and then left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas took career-best one-day international figures of 4-20 as Zimbabwe were bowled out for 200 with 11 balls to spare.

Atoning for his disappointing form in the three-Test series against Zimbabwe, the 28-year-old Mahanama posted his second international limited-overs century off 125 deliveries.

There were other contributions from Sanjewa Ranatunga (51) and Aravinda de Silva (35) but Mahanama, carrying his bat, was the corner-stone of the innings.

Zimbabwe never really got going. They were reduced to 20 for three in the eight over before opener Andy Waller (40) and then captain Andy Flower (61) initiated something of a fightback.

The pair combined in a fourth-wicket partnership of 46 in nine overs before Waller took the aerial route once too often, lofting the seam of Pramodya Wickremasinghe to deep extra cover.

Mark Dekker (20) and Flower provided sixth-wicket resistance as they added a further 58 but when Flower eventually departed the game was effectively over.

The two stars of the three earlier five-day Tests, Dave



MAHANAMA ... 119

Houghton and Alistair Campbell, managed only five runs between them.

The visitors batted intelligently, placing their shots, and were never troubled by the bowling.

They scored at more than five runs an over, reserving their biggest barrage for the last 10 overs when they knocked out more than 60 runs.

Zimbabwe's opening bowlers Heath Streak and David Brain came in for particularly heavy punishment and had to be replaced before finishing their maximum 10 overs. Zimbabwe used seven bowlers.

Two more one-day games remain on Saturday and Sunday.

All three Test matches between the two sides at the bottom of the nine-nation Test cricket table were drawn.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the one-day international between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka here on Thursday:

SRI LANKA:

R. Mahanama not out	119
A. Guruntha c Dekker b Whittall	20
S. Ranatunga c Houghton b Dekker	51
A. Ranatunga b Peal	14
A. De Silva c Waller b Whittall	35
S. Jayasuriya c Waller b Whittall	1
R. Kalpage not out	0
Extras: (6 lb, 10 w)	16
Total: (for 5 wickets)	256
Fall of wickets: 1-40; 2-159; 3-198; 4-252; 5-255.	

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Streak	9	1	50	0
Brain	7	1	31	0
Whittall	10	1	58	3
Martin	10	1	39	0
Peal	7	0	36	1
G. Flower	2	0	12	0
Dekker	5	0	24	1

ZIMBABWE:

G. Flower c Tillekeratne b Pushpakumara	0
A. Waller c sub b Wickremasinghe	40
A. Campbell c A. Ranatunga b Vaas	5
D. Houghton c Jayasuriya b Vaas	1
A. Flower b Vaas	61
G. Whittall c Tillekeratne b Wickremasinghe	0
M. Dekker c Vaas b Kalpage	20
G. Martin c De Silva b Kalpage	7
D. Brian b Pushpakumara	10
H. Streak not out	18
S. Peal b Vaas	21
Extras: (8 lb, 1 lb, 7 w)	17
Total: (all out)	200
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-12; 3-20; 4-66; 5-71; 6-129; 7-145; 8-149; 9-167.	

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Pushpakumara	10	0	51	2
Vaas	9	1	19	4
Wickremasinghe	8	0	42	2
A. Ranatunga	10	1	38	0
Kalpage	10	1	28	2
Jayasuriya	1	0	13	0

Sri Lanka won by 56 runs

Nasiruddin memorial tennis

Sports Reporter

Syed Wahid and Munir of Gulshan Club advanced to the doubles final of the Nasiruddin memorial veterans' tennis tournament with a facile win in one of the semifinals held at the Officers Club court yesterday.

The duo cantered past Azmat Moyeen and Wahidul Alam of the same club in straight sets with the final scoreline after one hour and twenty minutes of slugging being 6-3, 6-4.

Zaheer and Mesbah of the hosts who had got past Shamsur Rahman Mashuk and Dr Rashiduddin of Dhaka Club in a fairly exciting quarterfinal tie on Thursday will feature in the second semifinal today against the Cantonment Club pair.

Also billed for the day is the singles final between Dr Rashiduddin Ahmed of Dhaka Club and Shabbir of Engineers Club.

Coetzer coasts

QUEBEC CITY, Nov 4: Top-seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa took nine of the final ten games for a convincing 6-3, 6-1 victory over Mercedes Paz of Argentina in second-round play at the 150,000 dollars bell Challenge tournament on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands, the second-seed, had a more difficult time as she needed an hour and 43 minutes to overcome Canadian Maureen Drake 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

The tournament's third-seed, American Chanda Rubin, also advanced to the quarter-finals, beating Manon Bollegraf of the Netherlands 6-3, 6-4.

Coetzer, ranked 15th, was only on the court for 51 minutes in eliminating the 156th-ranked Paz. "After I broke her serve at 3-1 in the first set, the match was pretty one-sided and the points started going so fast that I had trouble keeping my concentration," said the 23-year-old South African.

Coetzer will now play fifth-seeded Katerina Maleeva.

The 25-year-old Bulgarian holds a 3-1 edge in their head-to-head matchups.

The 22nd-ranked Schultz appeared on her way to an easy win over the 157th-ranked Drake after taking the opening set 6-4 and grabbing a 2-0 lead in the second.

But suddenly she became error-prone and allowed Drake back into the match. The 23-year-old Canadian actually led the final set 3-2 with a service break before fading.

Foreman, Moorer weigh in

LAS VEGAS, Nov 4: George Foreman weighed 250 pounds (113.4 kg) on Thursday, his lowest in six years, for Saturday's fight against heavyweight champion Michael Moorer, reports Reuters.

Moorer, who will defend his World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation titles in the scheduled 12-round bout, weighed 222 pounds (100.6 kg). That is eight pounds (3.6 kg) heavier than he weighed when he won his titles from Evander Holyfield last April.

Foreman weighed 257 pounds (116.5 kg) for his last fight, a loss on points to Tommy Morrison in June, 1993.

Foreman praised Moorer, 26, for being the champion, which he said was "a high position to hold. And it's even a higher position to be the challenger."

"I can make history by making the title change hands," said Foreman, at 45 the oldest fighter to challenge for the heavyweight championship.

"You have to know what you have to do and do it well," Moorer said about getting ready for his first defence.



American Andre Agassi makes a double-fisted return against compatriot Todd Martin during their third-round match at the Paris Open on Nov 3. Agassi won 6-2, 7-5. — AFP photo

Becker brilliant as ever

PARIS, Nov 4: Boris Becker confirmed he was back to his brilliant best by overpowering local hero Guy Forget on Thursday to move closer to a fourth Paris Open title, reports Reuters.

"I don't think Boris can play any better than he did today and if he keeps on playing like that, he will be very hard to stop," said 1991 winner Forget after losing 7-5, 7-6 in a third round match.

Becker, who underlined his return to world-beating form with a stunning win in Stockholm on Sunday, fired 22 aces and did not give his opponent a single break point.

"I am playing really well at the moment and my serve is especially good," said Becker. "I've probably never served as well in my whole career."

Becker started in devastating fashion with three aces in a row and went on to break Forget with a fine forehand pass to win the first set.

Former world number four Forget, on his way back to the top after a year out of action due to a knee injury, played his best tennis in the second set, saving three match points at 5-6 to force a tie-break.

But there was little to do against a determined Becker, who patiently waited for the

Frenchman to hit a backhand volley too long on match point to take the tie-break 7-3.

Top seeds Pete Sampras and Goran Ivanisevic both battled through to the quarter-finals but neither of them looked as impressive as Becker.

Number one seed American Sampras and second seed Iva-

world number one Sampras used a touch of finesse.

Hard-hitting Krajicek, the 16th seed, was credited with the fastest service in the history of the tournament — 213 kph.

That was not enough to stop Sampras, who delighted the Paris crowd with blistering returns, precise passing shots and astute lobbs.

"It was a good match because I was playing someone who has beaten me before and who has a huge serve," said Sampras. "May be I could have lost that kind of match two or three years ago but with a bit of experience and not panicking, I managed to get through."

Sampras, who was hampered by a string of injuries after his Wimbledon triumph, will face an even more demanding test in the quarter-finals against US Open champion Andre Agassi.

Eighth seed Agassi looked impressive when he beat fellow American Todd Martin, the ninth seed, 6-2, 7-5.

"It's a very exciting time for me," said Agassi, who made sure of a place in the ATP Tour World Championship featuring the world's top eight players which starts on November 14 in Frankfurt. "That's a great relief," he said. "Now I can concentrate on every shot without feeling any pressure."



BORIS BECKER Ivanisevic of Croatia beat Dutchman Richard Krajicek and Swede Magnus Larsson respectively by exactly the same score of 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).

But while holder Ivanisevic relied on brute force to tame Larsson, serving 15 aces in a match with virtually no rallies,

Once a champ, always a champ

NEWTON, Mass., Nov 4: The crowd of awe-struck students parted respectfully, making way for Muhammad Ali. But he was in no rush to leave, reports AP.

He hugged youngsters. He posed for cameras. He did magic tricks. Like many of the admirers who came to be in his presence, he dressed simply — a pair of jeans and a denim-style shirt.

"This is where he thrives,"

Karpov won't play in Chess Olympiad

MOSCOW, Nov 4: Ex-world chess champion Anatoly Karpov rejected a proposal to play for the Russian national team on the World Chess Olympiad in Moscow this month, this old rival Garry Kasparov said Tuesday, reports AP.

"Karpov should play in the Russian team," Kasparov told the ITAR-Tass news agency. "Although I'm playing on the first board of it, it's not the team of Kasparov."

The Russian Chess Federation volunteered to organise the Olympiad at two months' notice after Greece refused to host it, citing financial problems.

Some 1,200 players plan to participate in the Olympiad, which is due to open Nov 30. The event will be mainly financed by private Russian companies, though city authorities also have pledged to help.

Kasparov said on Russian television that Karpov's refusal to play would "certainly weaken the Russian team."

"Of course, it would be more difficult for us to win the Olympiad without him," he said.

In an April letter to President Boris Yeltsin, Karpov accused Kasparov of "usurping" the leadership in the Russian Chess Federation. Earlier, members of the federation ousted Yevgeny Bechuk as their chairman, replacing him with Andrei Makarov, a well-known lawyer and liberal parliament member.

with kids," said Paul Dunphy Jr. vice president of student development at Mount Ida College.

Ten minutes before noon, a plain maroon Oldsmobile had dropped off the man named by Sports Illustrated as the most significant sports figure of the past 40 years.

He had come to the 2,000-student school just west of Boston for the dedication of the Muhammad Ali Centre that will focus on developing lead-



MUHAMMAD ALI

ership skills and the academic, artistic and athletic achievements of students.

All, afflicted with the neurological disorder Parkinson's syndrome, sat quietly and expressionless during most of the news conference "at the school where he received an honorary doctorate degree last May.

But when Dunphy noted the presence of boxer Peter McNeeley by saying "Peter hopefully will be the next Massachusetts heavyweight champion of the world," Ali perked up.

All, who lost his last heavyweight title fight 14 years ago, rose from his chair, mock anger flaring on his face, and was held back.

McNeeley chuckled and clapped.

All did not take questions. But as the brief session ended and it was announced he would pass out brochures he had autographed, Ali said, jokingly, "five dollars." The crowd laughed.

He stood on the stage, pa-

tently distributing pamphlets entitled, "Who Invented the Trinity," and "Introducing Islam." When he ran out of them, he asked for more from his briefcase because others were waiting.

"Champ," the lone security man with Ali said, "I've got it here."

Then the group moved into a hallway where Ali stopped to pose for a picture with 9-year-old Zehary Held, wearing a black-and-red Winchester. Mass. soccer jacket. Ali made a fist and nudged it playfully against the boy's jaw.

"That was special, sweet heart," Held's mother Kathy, a professor at the school, told her son. "That was real special."

Cameras clicked as Ali went upstairs to another room where about 300 people were waiting to see him and hear student leaders make welcoming remarks.

"Ali, Ali, Ali," they chanted as he walked in.

Talako Wong, the student government president, told Ali in her remarks that "I'm sure you're probably not going to remember that," but he visited her school when she was a third-grader in Brooklyn, NY.

"That was you?" Ali cracked, pointing to her.

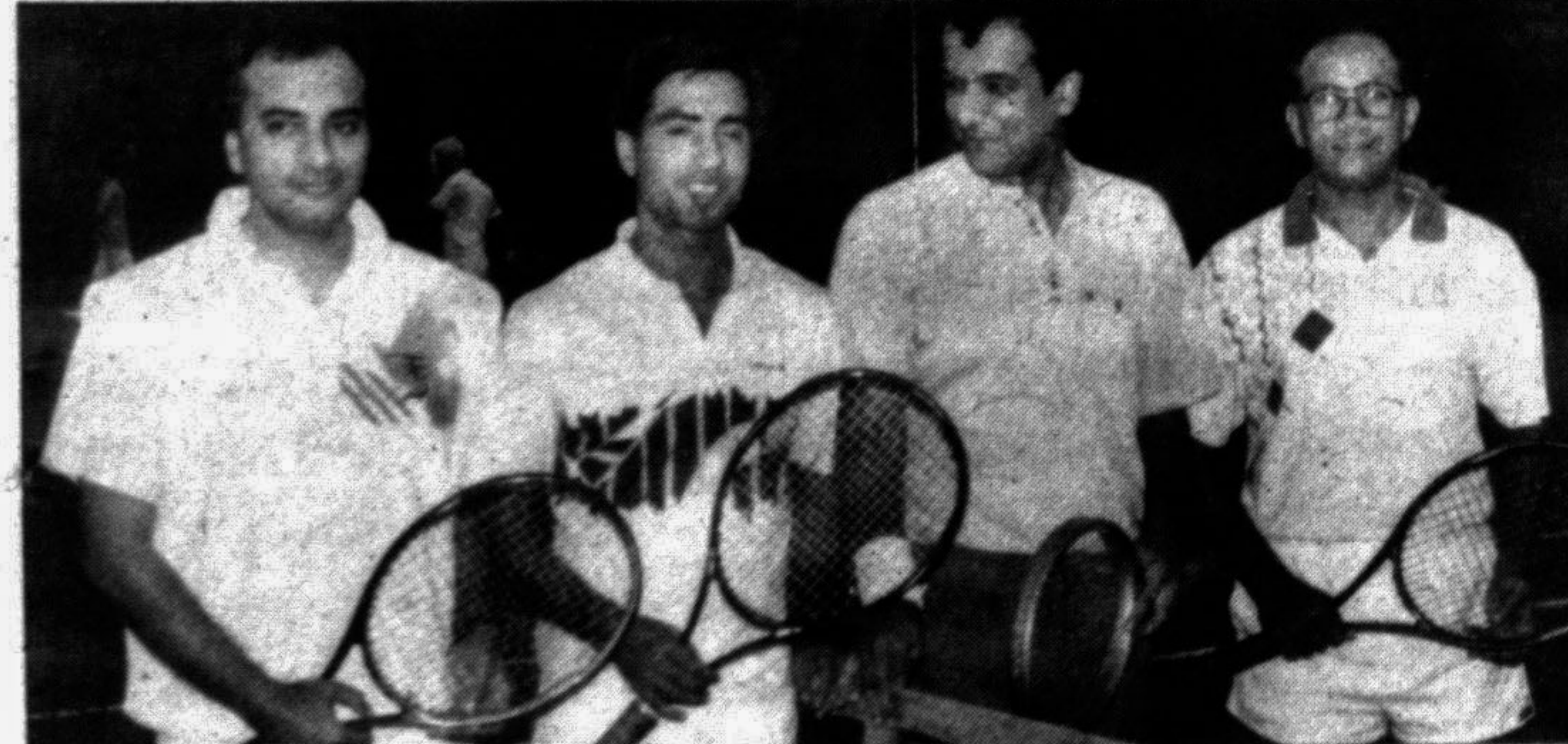
"I don't even think that I could find the words" to describe her feelings, Wong said later. "People always say he's so warm, but you never know until you experience it yourself."

Twenty years and three days earlier, Ali had won the heavyweight title from George Foreman in Zaire. On Saturday night, Foreman will fight for it again against Michael Moorer in Las Vegas.

On Wednesday, Ali was in a Boston suburb, mingling with the public. He is 52 now. He walks and talks slowly. But he thinks quickly and has the common touch that puts people at ease, despite his fame.

Grover Taylor, a 19-year-old freshman from Rutland, Vt. brought a red boxing glove that Ali signed.

"It feels really cool (to meet him)," said Taylor, who wasn't born when Ali beat Foreman. "He's so nice."



The victors and the vanquished of yesterday's first semifinal match of the Nasiruddin memorial veterans' tennis tournament. Syed Wahid and Capt (ret'd) Munir, in the middle, made it to the final beating Azmat Moyeen and Wahidul Alam at the Officers' Club court yesterday. — Star photo

Classic case of antithesis

LAS VEGAS, Nov 4: Call Michael Moorer champ, but leave him alone.

That's the way the unbeaten International Boxing Federation-World Boxing Association heavyweight champion would like to have it. It's not the way it works, reports AP.

Celebrity. Moorer doesn't seem to know whether to wear it as a crown or as a hair shirt.

"In my everyday life, people know I'm still Michael," he said before adding: "It means a lot to me when people call me champ."

In the early 1970's there was a heavyweight champion

who didn't particularly relish the celebrity that goes with the title. His name was George Foreman.

The demands on and for his time no longer bother the 45-year-old foreman, the maestro of American TV muffer commercials, the mahatma of the middle-aged, as he prepares to challenge Moorer Saturday night at the MGM Grand.

Foreman would have you believe his quest to become a champion 20 years after he lost the title to Muhammad Ali is a crusade.

"I'm not taking this on only for George Foreman, I'm taking it on for mankind. I'm taking it on for mankind," he said with a straight face.

The heavyweight champi-

onship is the most prestigious title in world," Moorer said. "Who has it that wouldn't be proud of it?"

"Winning the title has given him pride about something he wants to keep," said Teddy Atlas, who trains Moorer and, more importantly, serves as a buffer between the champion and the media.

Yet Moorer sometimes sounds as if he equates winning the championship with becoming a CEO.

"Boxing is a job for me," he said Wednesday. "It's what I do for a living and I'm good at it. So why not do it?"

The job, however, is not confined to the fight itself, and it is in this area that Moorer finds boxing to be a chore.

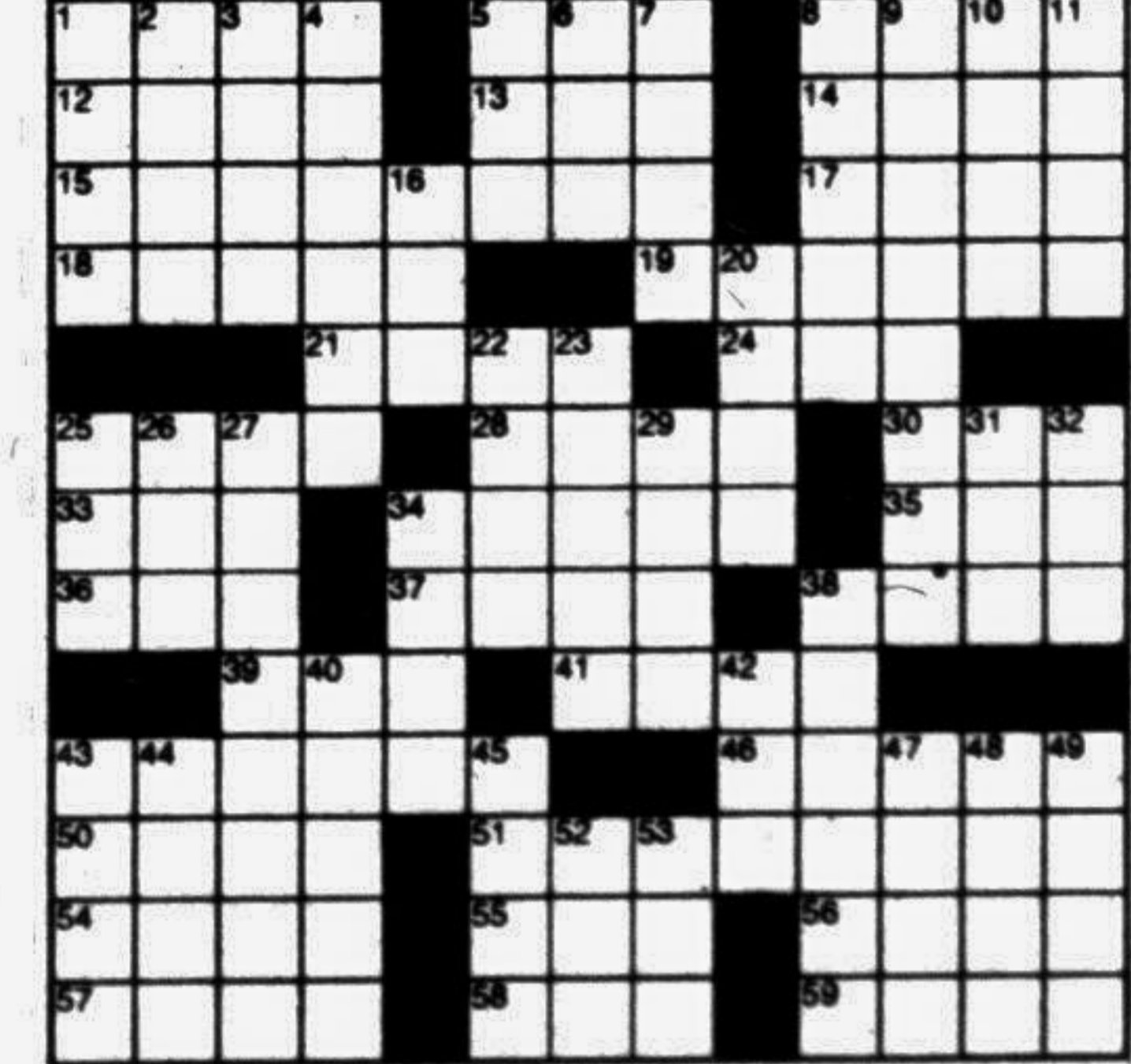
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| 8 Jet forth | 50 Horse of another color? | 5 Arts deg. | 25 Non-Gentile |
| 12 Inter-follower | 51 Grandfather's remark? | 6 Fabulous flier | 26 Actress Thurman |
| 13 Gift-tag word | 54 Formerly | 7 Clumsy craft | 27 Hiker's load |
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| 15 Bribe of a sort | 56 Italian noble name | 9 Sam Weller's master | 31 Hot tub |
| 17 Summit | 57 Tibetan herd | 10 Slinger girl | 32 Has possibilities |
| 18 Clear sky | 58 Just out | 11 Garden intruder | 34 PC list |
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| 35 Figure head? | | | 49 Gets by, with "out" |
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Yesterday's answer 2-16



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Yesterday's Cryptquip: AS A PERSON WHO POLISHES SHOES WOULD SAY, "IT'S EASY TO RISE AND SHINE."
Today's Cryptquip clue: W equals L

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.