

# Column One

## Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN  
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5. No other contact should be made with The Daily Star regarding the matter.
6. Results shall be published in The Daily Star the following Saturday after closing.
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**Sports WHIZZ KID competition-I. tick the correct answer**  
(Competition closes: 8 PM, August 25, 1995)

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| 1. Who captained the Swadhin Bangla football team?   | Zakaria      | Shabbir          | Monem             |
|                                                      | Pinto        |                  | Munna             |
| 2. How many goals did Pelé score for Brazil?         | 97           | 101              | 110               |
| 3. Sir Gary Sobers scored 365 not out against        | England      | Pakistan         | India             |
| 4. Which boxer became known as the 'Louisville Lip'? | Sonny        | Joe              | Muhammad          |
|                                                      | Fraser       |                  | Ali               |
| 5. The 1996 Olympic Games will be held in            | Atlanta, USA | Hiroshima, Japan | Sydney, Australia |

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## SPORTS TALK



**Muhammad Ali**  
(World champion boxer)  
"I've rattled with an alligator  
I've tussled with a whale  
I've done handcuffed lightning  
And thrown thunder in jail"  
(1966)

## DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

**T**HAT the earliest known version of today's football was a game called Tsu Chu. Players of the Chinese Army in the third and fourth centuries sweated to earn laurels for their team. Whether it was played on other days or not, Tsu Chu was certainly played on the Emperor's birthday. Two long bamboo poles, gaily decorated with coloured streamers, were set up on the greens of the royal place. Between these colourful poles was stretched a silk (the Chinese always made good silk) netting in which was cut a circular opening about twelve inches in diameter. Rival teams of skilled athletes (or were they Tsu Chuists?) competed at attempting to kick the ball through the aperture.

Not many goals were scored for certain. Wonder if these early Chinese had their Mohammedans and Abahani. With our strikers missing the eight-yard wide post by miles, the twelve-inch target would have been testing indeed. Did I hear Naquib say, "Thank God! I was not born a Chinese?"

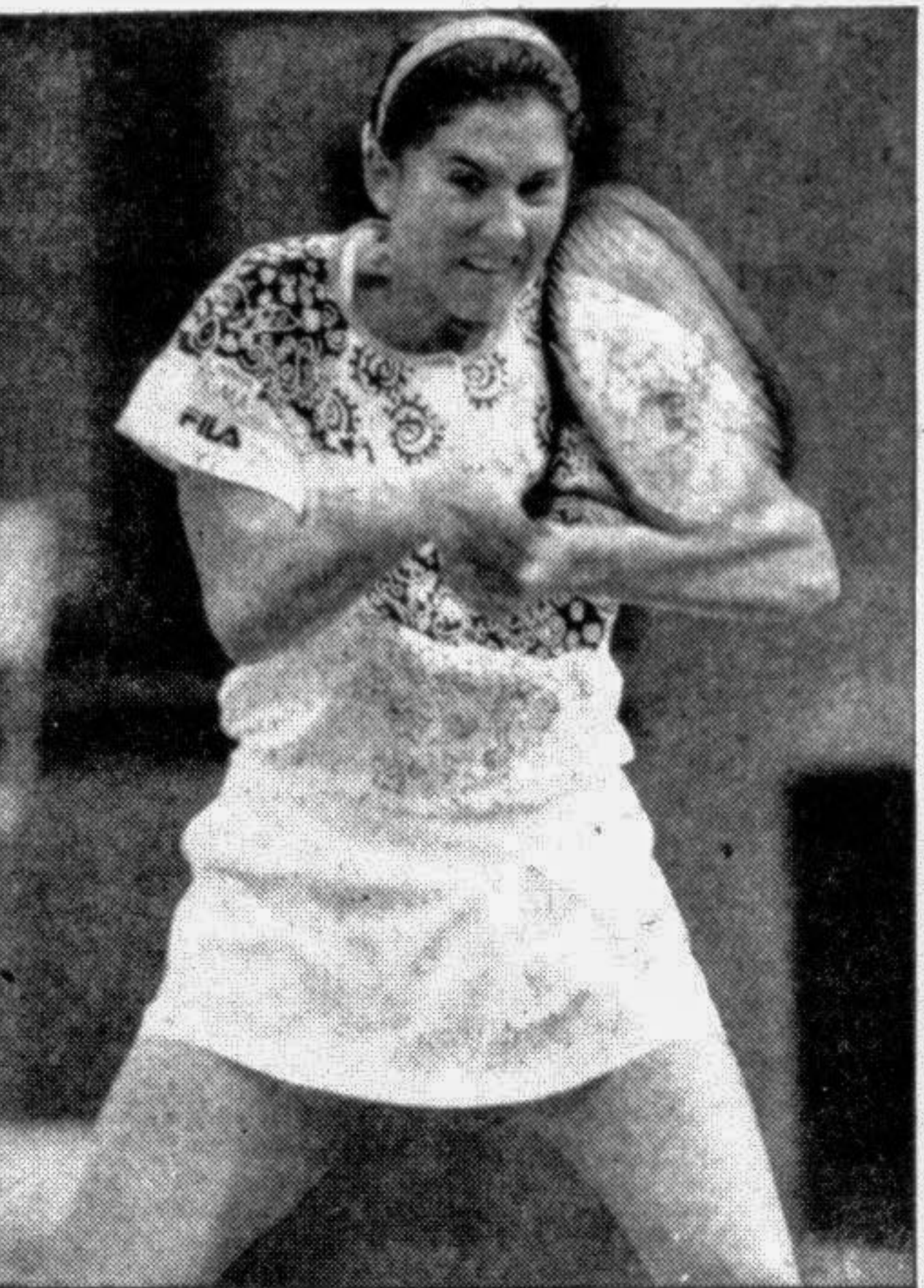
# Seles to face Huber in qtrs



**TORONTO, Aug 18:** After all the fuss about where to seed Monica Seles upon her return to tennis, it turns out her two main rivals have been eliminated before the quarter final stage of her first tournament back, reports Reuter.

Third seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario was beaten 7-5, 6-4 by Czech Helena Sukova in the third round on Thursday, two days after Seles's co-number one seed, Steffi Graf, lost in the second round to South African Amanda Coetzer.

Sukova next meets sixth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, a 6-0, 6-1 winner over unseeded Yone Kamio of Japan.



SELES... confident comeback

Another one-sided third-round result was the 42-minute, 6-0, 6-0 victory of fifth seed Mary Pierce of France over 14th-seeded, 14-year-old Martina Hingis of Switzerland.

But German Anke Huber, the seventh seed, had a much more difficult time, needing an hour and 45 minutes to overcome 16th-seeded Irina Spirlea of Romania 1-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Huber now plays Seles in the quarter-finals of the \$86,250 dollar event.

Although Sanchez-Vicario saved three match points trailing 5-7, 1-5 against Sukova to make the scoreline appear a little more competitive, she never really looked like a winner against the 30-year-old Czech.

Sanchez-Vicario said she no longer feels a hip flex or injury that hampered her in San Diego and Los Angeles the past two weeks but she did admit to having a cold. "It bothers me and makes it hard to breathe sometimes," she said.

"She played well and I made a lot of errors, especially with my forehand," added the 23-year-old Spaniard about the match.

Sukova, who is now 3-8 lifetime against Sanchez-Vicario, felt confident before taking on her 1994 doubles partner. "My plan was to play her forehand, because it's not the best shot, and to come in on good approach shots," said the 15-year veteran, who won the Canadian Open in 1986.

"Today I could see she wasn't so confident on her groundstrokes and that gave me a boost," said Sukova.

The much-anticipated confrontation between Pierce and Hingis fizzled when Pierce came out blasting her formidable groundstrokes, never giving the young Swiss a chance to get into the match. The 20-year-old Frenchwoman hit 23 outright winners.

Pierce appears to have rediscovered her top tennis after a series of ailments this year — a torn groin muscle, a kidney infection and a strep throat infection.

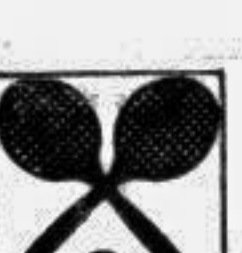
She was extremely pleased with her game Thursday, saying she hadn't played so well since her impressive run to the final of the 1994 French Open.

"I think there's very few times in your career when you have a match like this," said a happy Pierce. "And play this great where everything just works perfectly."

"When you try everything and it doesn't work, you get frustrated," said Hingis. "But I hope I can learn from this experience so it will help me next time."

In Friday's quarter finals, Pierce faces Coetzer, who beat 17th seed Sabine Appelmans of Belgium 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.

# Sampras, Ivanisevic sail



**INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug 18:** Top seed Pete Sampras had some problems with his serve, but still managed a straight-sets victory at the 1.04 million dollars RCA Championships on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The second-ranked Sampras defeated 68th-ranked Jan Apell of Sweden 6-3, 6-4 in a one hour, six-minute match to move into the quarterfinals.

In another third-round match, second-seeded, seventh-ranked Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia needed one hour 54 minutes to outlast 15th-seeded Brett Steven of New Zealand 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Friday's quarterfinals Sampras against eighth seed Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine, Ivanisevic against seventh seed Alberto Berasategui of Spain, fourth seed Thomas Enqvist of Sweden against 131st-ranked Jerome Golmard of France and 12th seed Bernd Karbacher of Germany against 47th-ranked American Richey Reneberg.

Sampras broke Apell's serve in the fourth game of the first set and the seventh

game of the second set and saved both break points he offered the Swede, in his first two service games of the match.

"He had breakpoints in the first two service games," Sampras said. "I was just a little bit off my serve and he was returning quite well. When I started mixing up my serve a little bit more, kind of hitting all the corners."

Sampras also had difficulty with his return of serves. He won only 29 per cent of his return points on Apell's first serve and 43 per cent of his return points on Apell's second serve.

Sampras, like many of the players here, is having problems with the Wilson balls, which are the balls that will be in use at the US Open starting later this month.

"The truth of the matter is it's a shame that they are pretty bad," Sampras said. "These balls are way too hard for professional tennis. These balls are just going through the air too fast. These balls are like rocks, like playing with little golf balls."

Ivanisevic used 19 aces to work his way through the three-set match with the 37th-ranked Steven and reach his 10th quarterfinal of

the year.

"I played very good tennis when I needed to and it was a very good match," Ivanisevic said. "I think everything is working fine."

## ACOG plans to prevent troublemakers

**ATLANTA, Aug 18:** Olympic officials plan more controls on foreign athletes during next Summer's Games to prevent such after-hours activities as the shoplifting that occurred during pre-Olympic events here this month, reports AP.

Athletes will be far outnumbered by staff and security officials next year, said Bill Rathburn, security director for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. "There will be a lot more control exercised on the individual teams."

But if any foreign athletes do get into trouble during the Games, it is ACOG's responsibility to become a local advocate, Rathburn said.

Rathburn helped secure the release of two Armenian wrestlers, who later failed to appear in court on their felony charges of shoplifting at Rich's department store at Lenox Square. The two, have returned to Armenia.

ACOG also interceded for an Iranian national accused of shoplifting at the downtown Macy's department store. The store declined to prosecute after meeting with ACOG and Iranian team officials.

"One of our people asked Macy's if they really wanted to prosecute, being these are visitors in our country," Rathburn said. He added that ACOG did not interfere with the normal process and agrees that athletes shouldn't be given special treatment.

But some police and retail officials said the mere presence of representatives of the Olympic committee could sway decisions.

"We think it's wrong," said Bill McBrayer, president of the Georgia Retail Association. "They attempted to steal and should be punished. They shouldn't get favorable treatment because they are from another country."

Municipal Judge Roy Roberts, of Alpharetta, said some accommodations should be made for visiting foreigners. Roberts ordered two other Armenian athletes caught shoplifting at North Point Mall to write letters of apology in lieu of stricter punishment.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to sanction them in a way that lets them know the conduct is truly unacceptable but doesn't punish them as to be unreasonable," Roberts said.

# Tragic!

**TORONTO, Aug 18:** Marsha Ottey, cousin of heralded sprinter Merlene Ottey, was shot to death along with her sister, Toronto police said Thursday, reports AP.

The bodies of Marsha Ottey, 19, and her sister Tammy, 16, were found Wednesday in the basement of their mother's home.

The 5-foot-4 (1.6 metres), 107-pound (48-kilogram) Ottey competed four years at Agincourt Collegiate Institute in Toronto, where she was a mainstay of the school's 400- and 1,600-meter relay teams. She had planned to attend Arkansas State on a track scholarship.

"The mother lived for the children," said Denise London, a family friend. She described Marsha Ottey as "very shy, quiet, but she was very lovely when you talked to her."

Rev. Hubert Schwartz, pastor at the Armadale Free Methodist Church, was called to the scene to comfort the mother.

"We've been very proud of the daughters, the mother, their accomplishments," Schwartz said.

Arkansas State track coach Jay Flanagan said from Jonesboro, Arkansas that Ottey's death was "a tremendous shock to our programme. She is someone we felt could help us fill a void and she was one of our top recruits. It is a sad commentary on the times we live in. Something like this really touches you."

"When she was here for her visit, she seemed so well-adjusted, likable and a very nice young lady. It is so tragic to lose someone like that."

## US nat'l gymnastics Roethlisberger wins all-round titles

**NEW ORLEANS, Aug 18:** John Roethlisberger won the US National Gymnastics Championships all-round title Thursday night becoming the first gymnast in 28 years to win four titles, reports AP.

"I feel really lucky," Roethlisberger said. "In a sport like gymnastics, you work your butt off, and I've worked real hard, but it always takes a little bit of luck, and I've had some over the years."

Roethlisberger, 25, of Minneapolis, was in first place at the end of the compulsory with a score of 68.28, and maintained his lead throughout the optionals. He finished with 113.42 points.

Consistency was the key to his success, Roethlisberger said. "Hitting sets is the most important thing out there. If you don't hit your sets you're not going to win."

Mihau Bagiu, 24, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, performing injury-free for the first time in over a year, was second with 110.56.

"I was just trying to hit my routines, feel out the judges and get back into competition," Bagiu said.

Blain Wilson, 21, of Columbus, Ohio, who finished ninth in the all-rounds last year, jumped to third with 110.42 points.

"I went out wanting to hit my sets," Wilson said. "It was good, but not as good as I want to be."

The top 14 senior men qualify for the world team trials Sept 8-9 in Austin, Texas. Their scores in the nationals count as 40 per cent of their world team trials all-round score.



Vassili Koukov (R) of Russia is being intercepted by Finland's Ari Hjelm during their European Championships qualifying encounter at Helsinki on August 16. Russia thrashed Finland 6-0. — AFP/UNB photo

## Brazilian championship kicks-off today

# Tulio Botafogo's big-head



**RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 18:** Brazil striker Tulio, the man who recently emulated Diego Maradona's 'hand of God' goal, predicts he will be the leading goalscorer in the Brazilian championship which starts Saturday while his club Botafogo will win the title, reports Reuter.

"As well being the top scorer, I will help Botafogo become champions," he said in his usual brash style.

The first half of the promise is certainly not empty. Joint top scorer in last year's Brazilian championship with 19 goals, Tulio then outshone Flamengo striker Romario in this year's Rio de Janeiro championship when he finished as top scorer with 27 goals, beating the World Cup hero by one.

The remainder of the promise may be more difficult to fulfil. Botafogo have

never won the Brazilian championship and their run up to the competition has been full of problems.

The players threatened strike action two weeks ago because their wages were three months late while Tulio himself tried to negotiate a move to Corinthians which eventually fell through.

Tulio also upset his colleagues by claiming Botafogo's team needed reinforcing. "Tulio would not have been top scorer without the help of the rest of the team," retorted midfielder Sergio Manoel.

Tulio shot to international fame or notoriety — last month in the Copa America, scoring Brazil's highly-controversial equaliser against Argentina in the quarterfinals after appearing to control the ball with his arm.

But in the final he missed his effort in the shoot-out as Brazil were beaten on penalties by Uruguay.

Botafogo start off away to 1993 finalists Vitoria on Saturday and will be below strength as some first choice players are still negotiating new contracts. Several clubs face the same problem, common in Brazil due to the huge turnover of players.

Botafogo will at least be grateful to have held onto their top player. Their opponents are one of several sides to have lost their, full-back Rodrigo having moved to German club Bayer Leverkusen.

Corinthians, who won the Sao Paulo championship 10 days ago and figure among the favourites, have sold striker viola — famous both for scoring goals and then inventing choreographed celebrations to follow them — to Spanish club Valencia.

Other favourites to win the 20-team tournament include Flamengo from Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Gremio.

# Becker, Agassi march on



**NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, Aug 18:** Defending champion Boris Becker, down one set and behind 4-2, in the second round, rallied to beat Patrick McEnroe 3-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4 on Thursday in the round of 16 of the Volvo international tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

Top-seeded Andre Agassi, looking very comfortable on the Connecticut Tennis Centre Hardcourts, had no problem pounding 15th-seeded Australian Patrick Rafter into submission, 6-2, 6-4.

Becker survived in a two-hour 16 minute struggle.

"You know a guy like him... you've got to put him away and I just couldn't do that," lamented McEnroe. "There's a reason why he's number four in the world."

"I was wondering what's going on here? I'm the better player and I'm losing," said Becker, the second seed. "Fortunately, I was able to raise my game, but I had to fight for my life out there today."

Becker, who had several chances to break McEnroe earlier, finally capitalised in the eighth game to even the second set at 4-4. When it went to a tiebreaker, the

German turned up his power to take it 7-2 and tie the match.

McEnroe got into a 0-40 hole in the fifth game of the final set and, after the American salvaged a point, Becker broke through for a 3-2 lead and held his own serve the rest of the way for the victory. He served out the match at love.

Becker will be playing eighth-seeded Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands in the quarter-finals. Krajicek also had a marathon battle before beating 14th-seeded Marcelo Rios of Chile, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Agassi, who was beaten in the first round here last year, now has won 17 successive matches, having won consecutive titles at Washington, Montreal and Cincinnati.

"I feel like I played better tonight than in my first match because Rafter is tough and he makes you hit a target," said Agassi.

"I also feel that part of my success this summer has been due to my improved mental strength. I feel better prepared going into a match."

Fourth-seeded Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov made 65 per cent of his first serves on the way to a 6-3, 7-6 (7-2) win over 14th-seeded Marcelo Rios of Chile.

Kafelnikov will be matched against surprise quarter finalist Albert Chang of Canada. Chang, who had to qualify to make the main draw, bounced 11th-seeded Arnaud Boetsch of France, 7-5, 6-2.

In the previous round, Chang battled fifth-seeded Michael Stich of Germany to one set apiece, then took the match when Stich was forced to retire with a pulled stomach muscle.

Seventh-seeded Sergi Bruguera of Spain was forced to come from behind before getting past another qualifier, Wayne Black of Zimbabwe. Bruguera, who is tougher on the slower surfaces, eventually outlasted Black 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

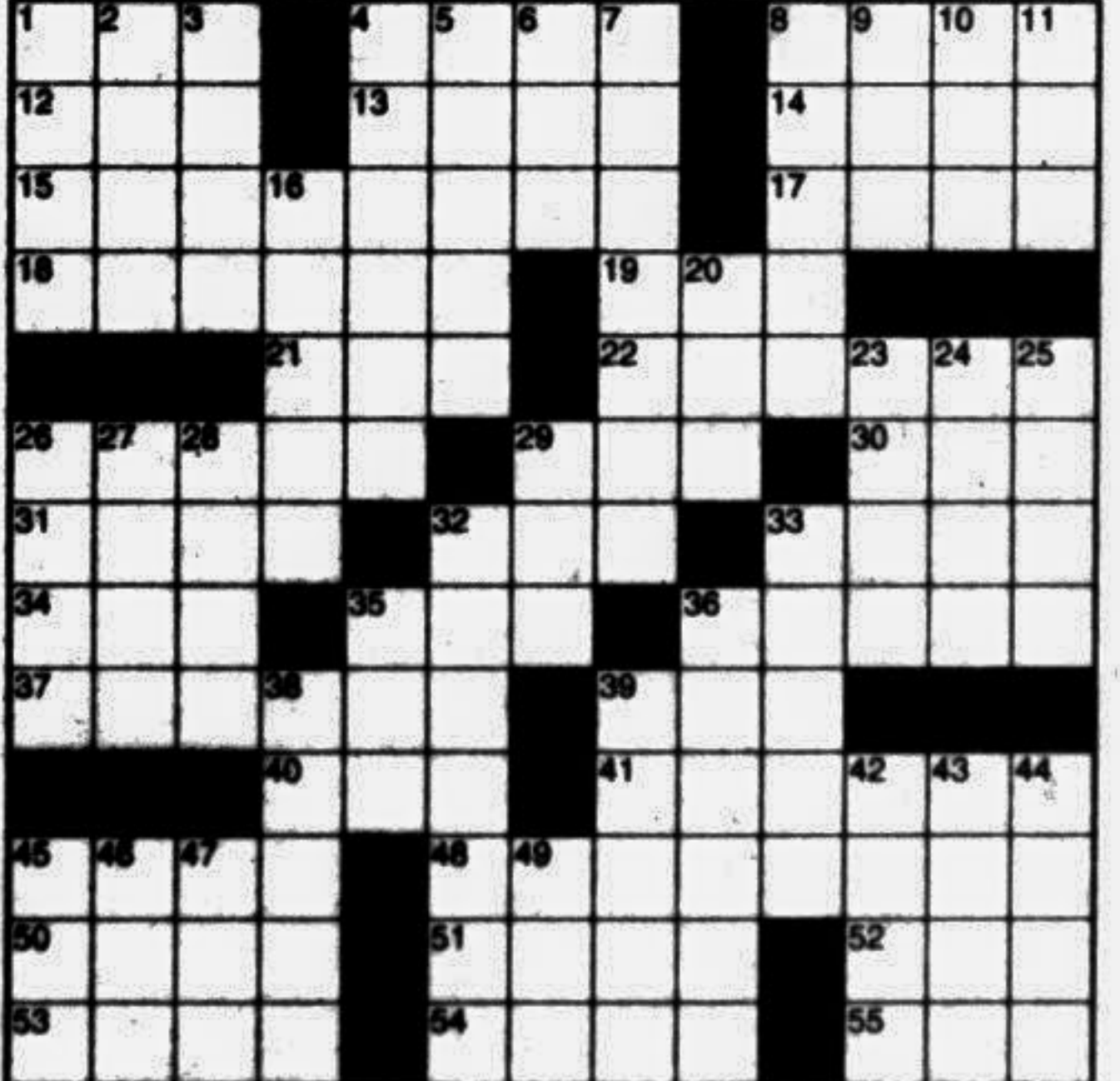
In a nearly three-hour-long duel of unseeded players, former world number one and seven-time Grand Slam titlist Mats Wilander of Sweden edged Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark, 6-7, (8-6), 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

Carlsen, who had upset third-seeded American Michael Chang in the second round, came from 5-0 behind in the first-set tiebreaker to take the set.

Also advancing was sixth-seeded Marc Rosset of Switzerland a 7-4, 6-3 victor over Nicolas Pereira of Venezuela.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                       | <b>36</b> Matadors' wounds             | <b>Holliman</b>                | <b>16</b> Hollow cylinders        |
| <b>1</b> Peninsula                  | <b>37</b> Deep red gem                 | <b>55</b> Corn spike           | <b>20</b> Kipling lad             |
| <b>4</b> Name in the Guinness book? | <b>39</b> Bill's partner               | <b>1</b> Custardlike dessert   | <b>23</b> Singer Vikki            |
| <b>8</b> Mutt's pal                 | <b>40</b> Weapon of terrorism          | <b>2</b> Tibetan cleric        | <b>24</b> Wind instrument         |
| <b>12</b> Frankenstein's workshop   | <b>41</b> Off                          | <b>3</b> Help a hood           | <b>25</b> Information style       |
| <b>13</b> Rajasthan wrap            | <b>45</b> Celebrity                    | <b>4</b> Secluded community    | <b>26</b> Carpet                  |
| <b>14</b> Squashed circle           | <b>46</b> Blue stone                   | <b>5</b> Tier                  | <b>27</b> Emanation               |
| <b>15</b> Purplish quartz           | <b>50</b> "How clumsy of me!"          | <b>6</b> Stammering sounds     | <b>28</b> Grouchesque countenance |
| <b>17</b> Green Hornet's ally       | <b>51</b> Captain Hook's henchman      | <b>7</b> Local colloq.         | <b>29</b> Whammy                  |
| <b>18</b> Character                 | <b>52</b> Cause of princess's insomnia | <b>8</b> Nicholson role        | <b>32</b> "Piano Lesson" painter  |
| <b>19</b> Tina's ex                 | <b>53</b> It's decorated at Christmas  | <b>9</b> Zsa Zsa's sis         | <b>33</b> Villain of 1865         |
| <b>21</b> Setting of many jokes     | <b>54</b> Actor                        | <b>10</b> No-no for Jack Sprat | <b>35</b> Tasseled topper         |
| <b>22</b> Transparent gem           | <b>Solution time: 28 mins.</b>         | <b>11</b> Mr. Ziegfeld         | <b>36</b> Unquestionable text     |
| <b>26</b> "The Crucible" locale     |                                        |                                |                                   |
| <b>29</b> Height of fashion         |                                        |                                |                                   |
| <b>30</b> Beams or Fortes           |                                        |                                |                                   |
| <b>31</b> Shades                    |                                        |                                |                                   |
| <b>32</b> Chaps                     |                                        |                                |                                   |
| <b>33</b> Forehead                  |                                        |                                |                                   |
| <b>34</b> "You — There"             |                                        |                                |                                   |
| <b>35</b> Office machine            |                                        |                                |                                   |



**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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LCOL . CZD EYLR CZUF  
FZTBETZYUM LTZYM LP  
BODD-P CZX ZULP KOTTZOFY.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE BEST DAY FOR TWINS TO BE BORN IS TWOSDAY.  
Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals M  
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.