

Column One SPORTS TALK



Mohinder Amarnath (Former Indian cricketer) One should be judged by how one plays on hard and seaming tracks. This is the feature of modern international cricket.

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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-60 Tick the Correct Answers

Table with 5 questions about cricket and sports, including winners of the Danish Premier Division and the Biju Dabash Cup.

Registration form for Sirajganj badminton tournament with fields for Name, Class, Roll No., School Address, and Phone.

Sirajganj badminton

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 30: A four-day Police Super Badminton Cup '96 began here today with 12 teams participating in the tournament, reports UNB.

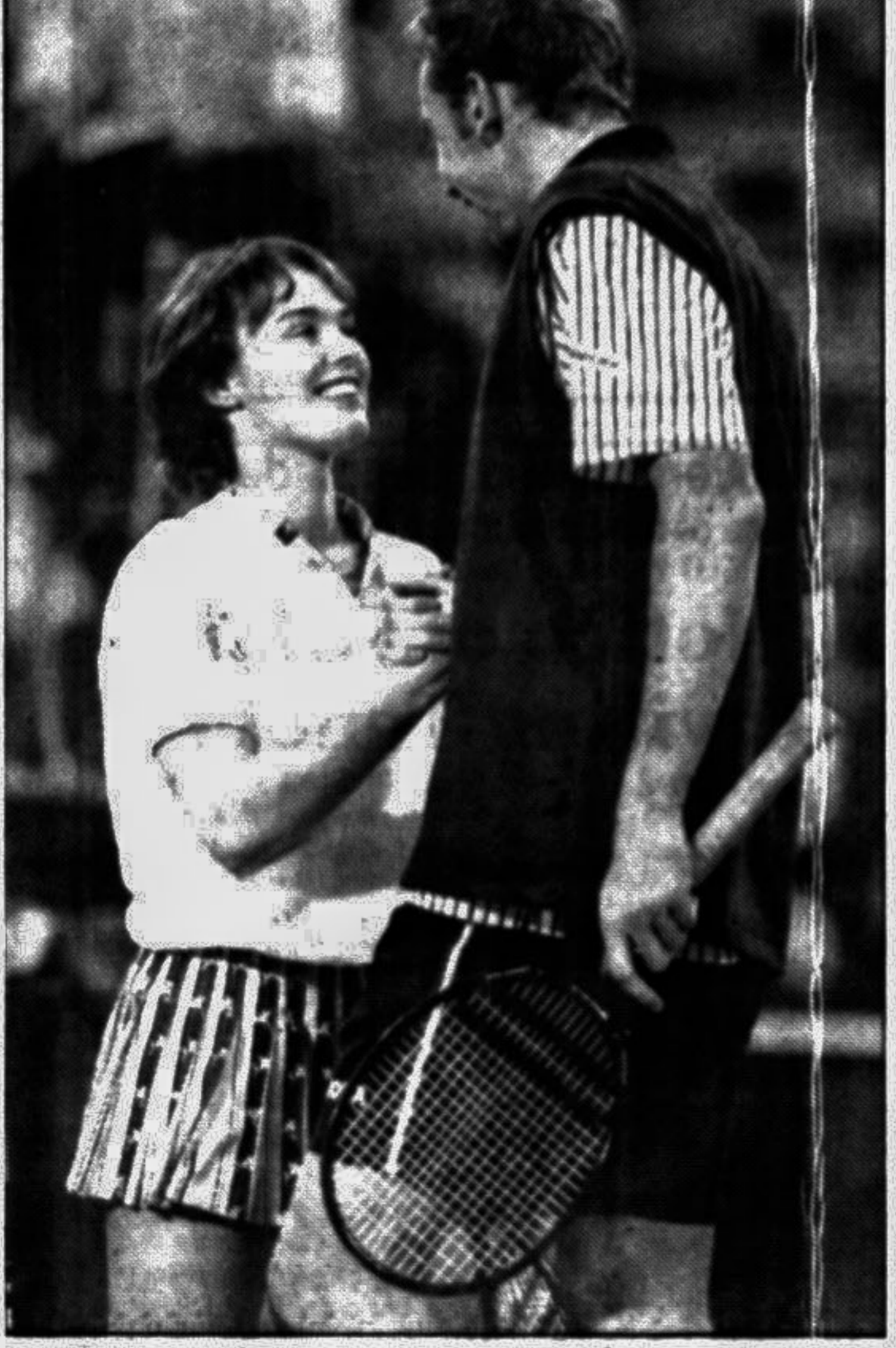
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Pierce sent packing

PERTH, Australia, Dec 30: Marc Rosset, struggling to overcome a painful back injury, linked with Martina Hingis on Monday to lift second-seeded Switzerland to a 2-1 victory over Romania in their opening match of the Hopman Cup team tennis championship, reports AP.

Wednesday. Hingis, who is suffering from a cold, recovered from a sluggish start to down Spirlea in straight sets. The Romanian player never has won a set against the 16-year-old Swiss in four attempts.



Swiss Martina Hingis (L) and Marc Rosset celebrate their victory in a mixed doubles match of the Hopman Cup in Perth on Dec 30. The pair defeated Romanians Irina Spirlea and Adrian Voinea 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. —AFP/UNB photo

Julie skips tour Down Under

BRISBANE, Australia, Dec 30: French number one women's tennis player Julie Halard-Decugis withdrew Sunday from the Australian Open because of a knee injury, organisers said, reports AFP.

Tennis player passes away

CALCUTTA, Dec 30: Ace tennis player of yesterday and former secretary of the All India Tennis Association, Dilip Bose, died here this morning following a massive heart attack while playing golf. He was 75, reports PTI.

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The East Bengal team of Calcutta on their arrival at the ZIA yesterday. —Star photo

Tough task awaits Sacchi

MILAN, Dec 30 (Reuter): New year is generally a time to bring out the old and bring in the new. Going into 1997, AC Milan happily settle for a repeat of the past.

Hard work and determination are the key. Sacchi, who took Italy to the 1994 World Cup final against Brazil, held up those players — many of them coming from Milan — as an example of what can achieve with the right psychological attitude.

The Italian champions can take little comfort from the present season after being beaten in the domestic cup, dismissed from European competition by Norwegian teams and with their Serie A title hopes looking more and more than stuff of dreams.

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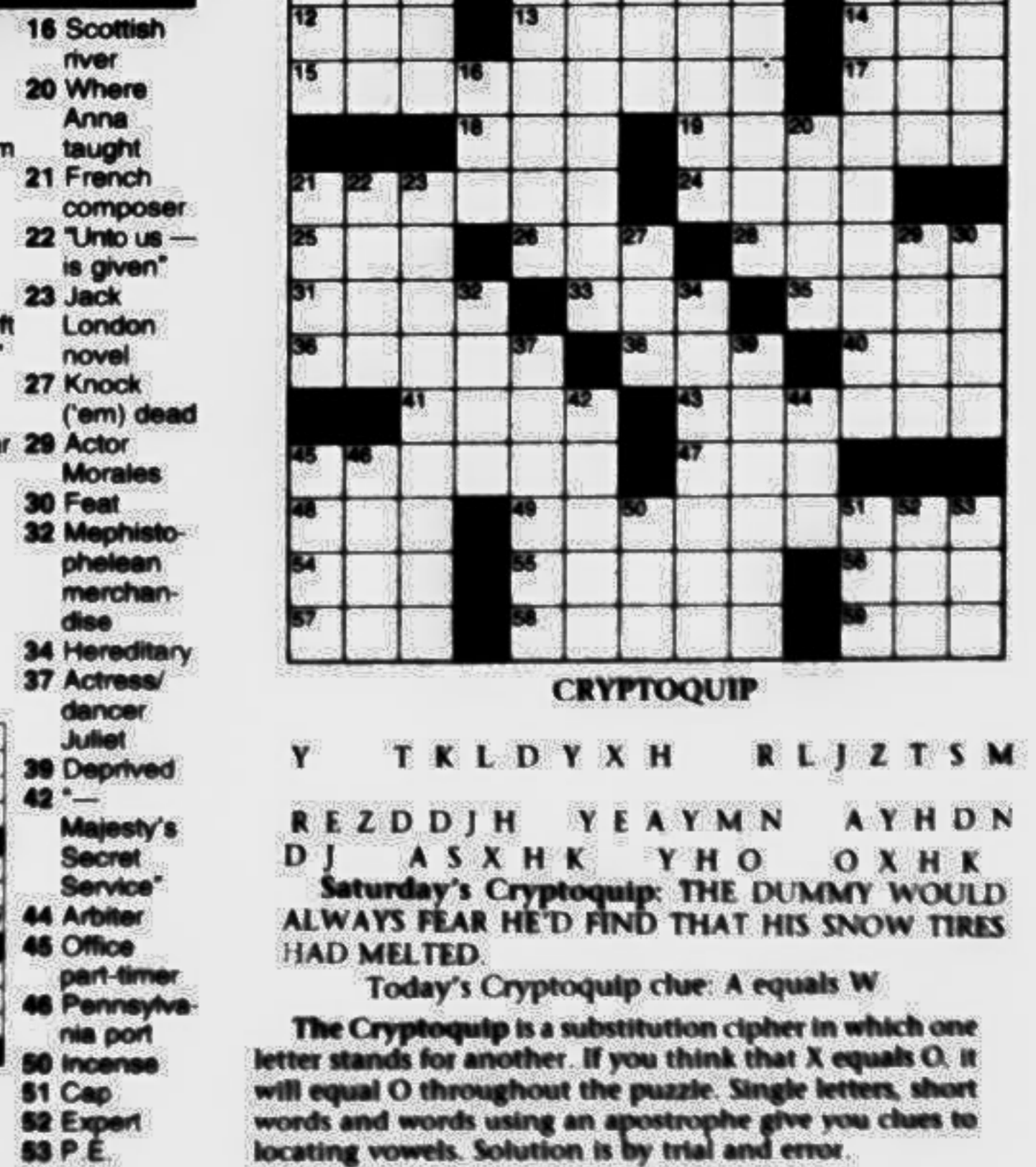
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The No 7 went down 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to wild card entry Andrei Cherkasov of Russia. Cherkasov, ranked 149th in the world, was given a wild card after top seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov asked tournament organizers that his training partner be included in the draw.

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