

# Seles shrugs off Shriver on comeback

CARLSBAD, California, July 31: World number one Monica Seles returned to tournament action in championship form by beating Pam Shriver 6-2, 6-2 in a second round match at the 225,000-dollar Masada tennis classic women's tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

In her first sanctioned tournament since winning the French Open on June 8, Seles played sensationally. She cracked two-handed baseline groundstrokes with authority and scored with a powerful service.

"Her trademarks are the pace of the ball and the fact that she can thread the needle on her passing shots," Shriver said.

"She did that well. Her big serves were also impressive."

The 17-year-old Yugoslav had been criticised for pulling out of last week's Federation Cup after playing a lucrative exhibition event in New Jersey the previous week. She had claimed rest was needed for shin splints and stress fracture of her left leg, but displayed no trouble moving around the court.

"The leg felt fine," Seles said. "There is no pain now, but if it comes back I'm stopping. I don't want to risk any

more injury." Seles raced to a 5-0 lead in the opening set and held three set points before the veteran American got on the scoreboard.

Seles finally won the set when she hit a winning drop shot on her seventh point. The second set was knotted at two before Seles ran off the final four games.

"I was in control the whole match," Seles said. "I hit some good returns and also hit some unbelievable passing shots."

### KIJIMUTA MOVES UP

AFP adds in an earlier report, Japan's Akiko Kijimuta recovered her touch just in time against American newcomer Jessica Emmons to reach the second round of the tournament here on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old player from Kanagawa went to pieces after pocketing the first set and won only one game in a one-sided second set.

But she surged back in the third to book a place in the second round with a 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 win.

Another player to win in three sets was Karine Quentrec of France. She beat Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, returning after an injury lay-off, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Debbie Graham and Kimberley Po won all-American first round matches.

### 1ST ROUND RESULTS

Karine Quentrec (France) bt Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (Germany) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Debbie Graham (USA) bt Erika De Lone (USA) 6-1, 6-0; Akiko Kijimuta (Japan) bt Jessica Emmons (USA) 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

Kimberley Po (USA) bt Peanut Louie Harper (USA) 6-3, 6-3.



Monica Seles at her first press conference earlier this month since she failed to play at last Wimbledon.

# Stich is top money winner

LOS ANGELES, July 31: Third-seeded Michael Stich of the US saved two match points and defeated Mikael Pernfors of Sweden 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-0) in the first round of the 225,000-dollar Volvo tennis/Los Angeles tennis tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

"I've played him before and we've always had tough matches," Stich said after the two-hour and five-minute struggle. "He's tough to play because nothing in his game is textbook tennis. He can hit very good shots when it looks like he's out of position."

Second-seeded Pete Sampras of the US began focusing his sights on defending his US Open title next month with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Gilad Bloom of Israel in a 59-minute first round match.

"I needed to play well today and not struggle," Sampras said after breaking Bloom's serve four times. "I started

thinking about the US Open after Wimbledon, and now I need to play three good tournaments. I know I'm capable of playing good tennis. I just need to peak at the right time."

Chang saved the two match points on his own serve at 4-5. On the first point Pernfors hit a forehand lob long and on the second he netted a backhand.

In the tiebreak, Stich cracked four winners and completed the shutout in seven minutes.

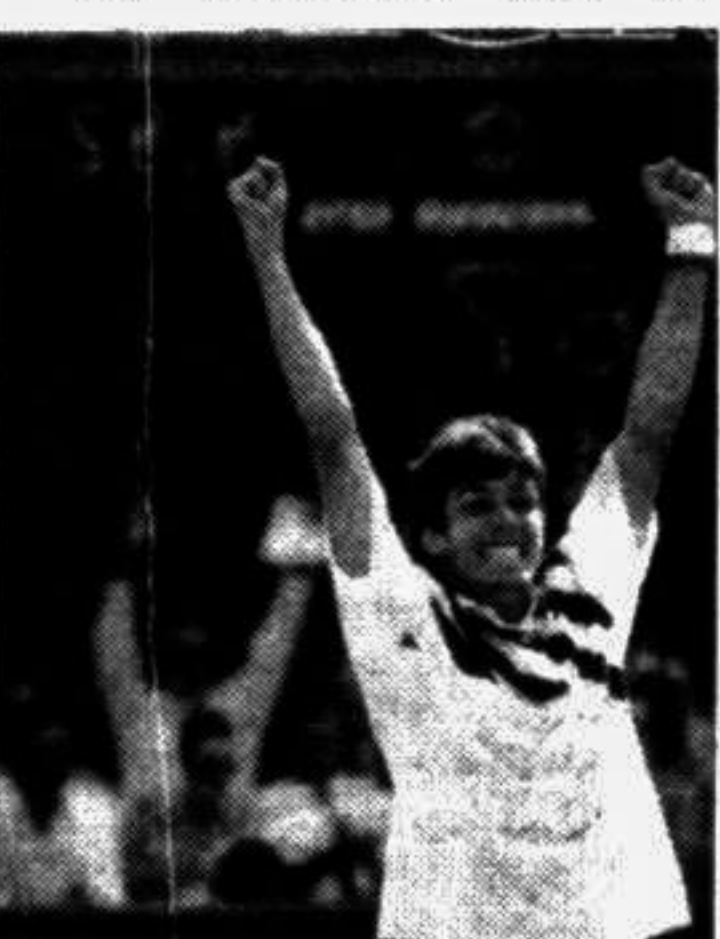
Pernfors has struggled since having surgery on his left Achilles tendon in April 1990, and is ranked number 251 in the world.

Fourth-seeded Brad Gilbert of the US beat Javier Frana of Argentina 6-3, 7-5 in a first round match.

AP adds: Stich dominated the second set and jumped to a 2-0 lead in the third set only to have Pernfors go ahead 4-3.

Down 5-4 with Pernfors serving, Stich stayed in the match when the Swede went long with a lob and then netted a backhand.

The tiebreaker was all



MICHAEL STICH

Chang's who clinched the match with a forehand.

"I felt the match overall was tough but I always have tough matches against him," said Stich. "He is 4-0 against Pernfors."

"He is not a textbook player," Stich said. "He is a player that has an unorthodox style which allows him to hit good shots. I'm surprised he didn't loop the ball as much as in the past."

In earlier singles match, Sampras, ranked No 9 in the world, won the first seven games of the match against 94th-ranked Bloom, losing only two points on his serve in the first set.

### TOP MONEY-EARNERS

Leading money winners as released by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) on Monday:

1. Michael Stich (Germany) 1,021,081 dollars; 2. Jim Courier (US) 1,005,662.3; 3. Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 900,710; 4. Boris Becker (Germany) 719,008; 5. Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia) 582,268; 6. Emilio Sanchez (Spain) 562,739; 7. Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) 479,797; 8. Andre Agassi (US) 460,751; 9. Guy Forget (France) 392,932; 10. Karel Novacek (Czechoslovakia) 384,825; 11. Sergi Bruguera (Spain) 382,030; 12. Goran Prpe (Yugoslavia) 360,888; 13. Anders Jarryd (Sweden) 346,104; 14. Jakob Hlasek (Switzerland) 336,037; 15. David Wheaton (US) 322,109; 16. Goran Ivanisevic (Yugoslavia) 320,180; 17. Omar Camporese (Italy) 296,079; 18. Andre Chesnokov (Soviet Union) 279,070; 19. John Fitzgerald (Australia) 257,795; 20. Alexander Volkov (Soviet Union) 242,012.

# Twin girls born to Lendl



Ivan Lendl with wife Samantha at their New York home where Lendl is passing his leisure time with his family

NEW YORK, July 31: Twin girls were born to Ivan Lendl and his wife, Samantha, on Monday, a spokeswoman for the former world number one tennis player said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The girls Isabelle Anita and Caroline Elizabeth and their mother were doing well in hospital in Greenwich, Connecticut, the New York City suburb where Czechoslovak-born Lendl resides.

The babies are not identical twins. No other information was released.

The Lendls, who were married in September 1989, also have a 14-month-old daughter Marika.

Lendl, 31, has won the French Open and US Open three times each and the Australian Open twice. Last week he lost in the Canadian Open semifinals.

# Doubt remains even 25 yrs on

BONN, July 31: A quarter of a century after one of the most controversial goals in soccer history earned England victory over Germany in the 1966 World Cup final, Wolfgang Weber is still arguing over the referee's decision, reports Reuter.

A day before Tuesday's 25th anniversary of England's 4-2 triumph over West Germany at Wembley, Weber said he was still convinced England's third goal, scored in extra-time by Geoff Hurst, did not go over the line after it bounced off the crossbar.

"There is no doubt in my mind. There is no way the ball could have gone over the line," said Weber, who scored Germany's equaliser which made it 2-2 three minutes before the end of normal time.

"How could it otherwise have bounced back forwards on to the pitch after it hit the ground off the bar?" "The 47-year-old former defender said in an interview.

The goal caused much controversy in Germany at the time. Numerous slow-motion analyses of film of the game have failed to settle the arguments.

"It is sad that we had to lose in such unlucky circumstances," Weber said. "The linesman could not have seen from his position whether the ball went over. He was influenced by the English who immediately put their hands up celebrating."

The 1966 German team, many of whom still turn out regularly for former captain Uwe Seeler's old-boys team, have been invited to England in October for an anniversary party.

# Ctg Div 1 soccer transfers on

CHITTAGONG, July 31: The 12-day long football players' transfer session of Chittagong First Division football league began at the stadium auditorium here yesterday, reports BSS.

National star Shabbir, Naqib and Gaus signed for Chittagong Abahani while Barun and Rehan for Chittagong Steel Mills and Krisna for Mohammedans till today.

The First Division football league is likely to start on August 16, a CJRP source said.

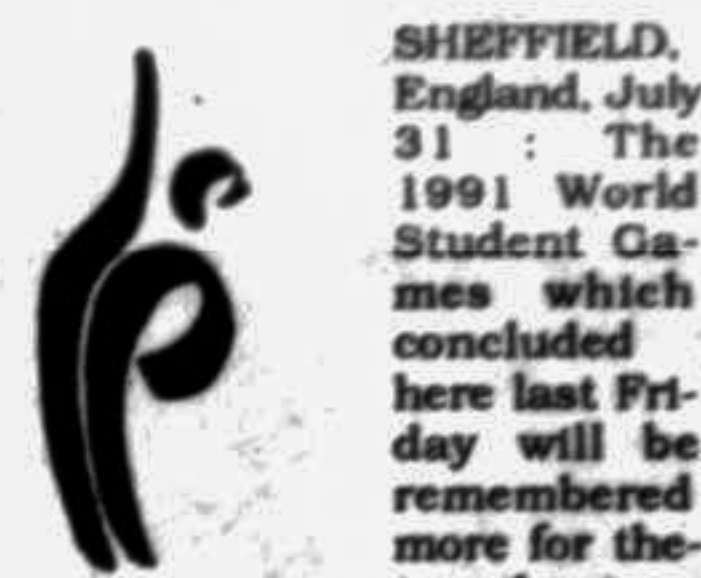
# Navy meet ends

The annual cross-country, sailing, pulling, shooting and endurance swimming competitions of the Bangladesh Navy ended at BNS Shaheed Moazzem in Kaptal on Wednesday, says an ISPR release.

Hosts BNS Shaheed Moazzem clinched the overall championship trophy while BNS Issa Khan became the runners-up in the four-day meet.

The Commodore Commanding Chittagong, Commodore AZ Nizam witnessed the final day events as chief guest and distributed the trophies.

# Sheffield claims success despite the debts and debacles



SHEFFIELD, England, July 31: The 1991 World Student Games which concluded here last Friday will be remembered more for the enthusiastic crowds and huge debts than for top-class performances, reports Reuter.

But for former world javelin record holder Steve Buckley and the Chinese women swimmers, with three world champions in their ranks, the Games would have given little in return for the five million pounds sterling (eight million dollars) operating deficit left behind after last Saturday's closing ceremony.

Organisers nonetheless claimed a victor for their efforts and the spectators who turned up in surprising numbers seemed not to care that the quality of competition was well below the standards that television had led them to expect.

Despite a series of blunders, starting with British astronaut Helen Sharman tripping and extinguishing the symbolic flame at the opening ceremony, organisers were delighted.

Wrong flags were raised and the names of absent athletes were displayed on the scoreboard as being present but despite the hiccup Sheffield was proud of its performance.

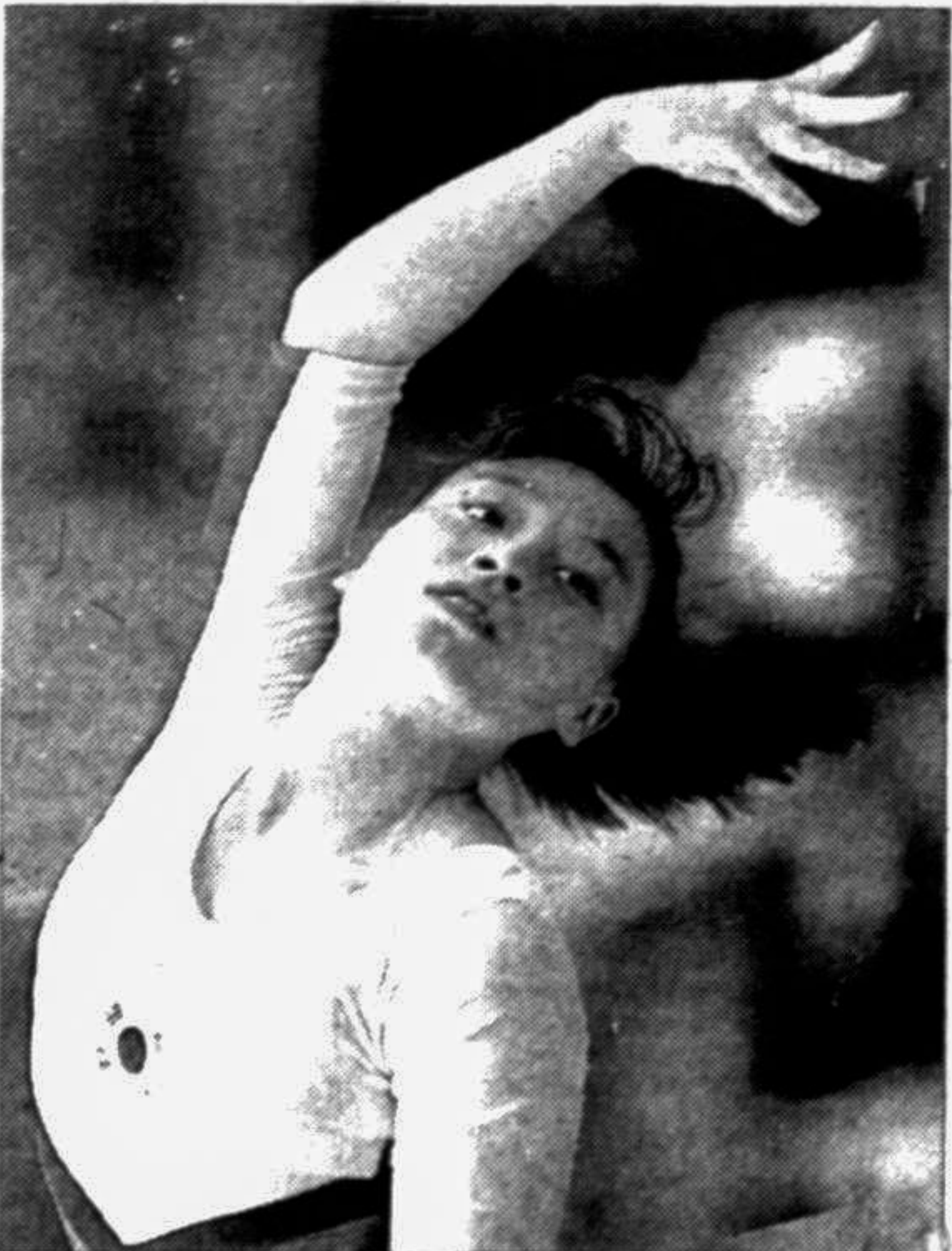
The doubters have been confounded, said Games director Ray Ordeley, who took over 400 days before the opening ceremony after the organising company sank in a pool of insolvency with the huge debts threatening the existence of the Games.

"There is a strong sense of achievement in this city and we are entitled to feel pride in those achievements."

Buckley's Games record-breaking throw of 87.42 metres, shrewdly saved for the final day to end on a note of success, and American Hollis Conways' high jump of 2.37 metres, were the only world-class track and field performances in an event that is a

stage for the stars of tomorrow. But thousands of spectators

They won 20 gold medals to the Americans, 29. The crowds took the many



Floor show ... Eun Mi Bue of Korea in action during the women's artistic team gymnastics at Students' Games

still turned out to watch athletes they had never heard of before, their enthusiasm was most obvious during the decathlon pole vault.

On an afternoon when the stadium offered no other entertainment, about 3,000 cheered on the competitors with roars normally reserved for a world medal in front of a capacity 25,000 crowd, said: "The atmosphere was probably the best I have experienced in England for any Games."

China's women swimmers showed why they are such a rising world force, collecting seven of the 13 individual titles, and their gymnasts and divers predictably added more gold to leave them second only to the United States overall.

losers to their hearts. The Zimbabwe women's hockey team, who conceded 107 goals and failed to score, just edged out the diminutive Guam women's basketballers in the sympathy league.

Guam, whose players' average height was 1.62 metres, were annihilated in a series of mis-matches.

Then there was the Rwandan runner, Emmanuele Senzira, who was lapped three times in a men's 5,000 metres heat and finished five and a half minutes behind the winner.

He, too, was a symbol of the Games. As Ordeley said: "It's the breadth and variety of people and competitors from all over the world that makes these Student Games."

# Graf's father, brother told to stay away from Seles' fan

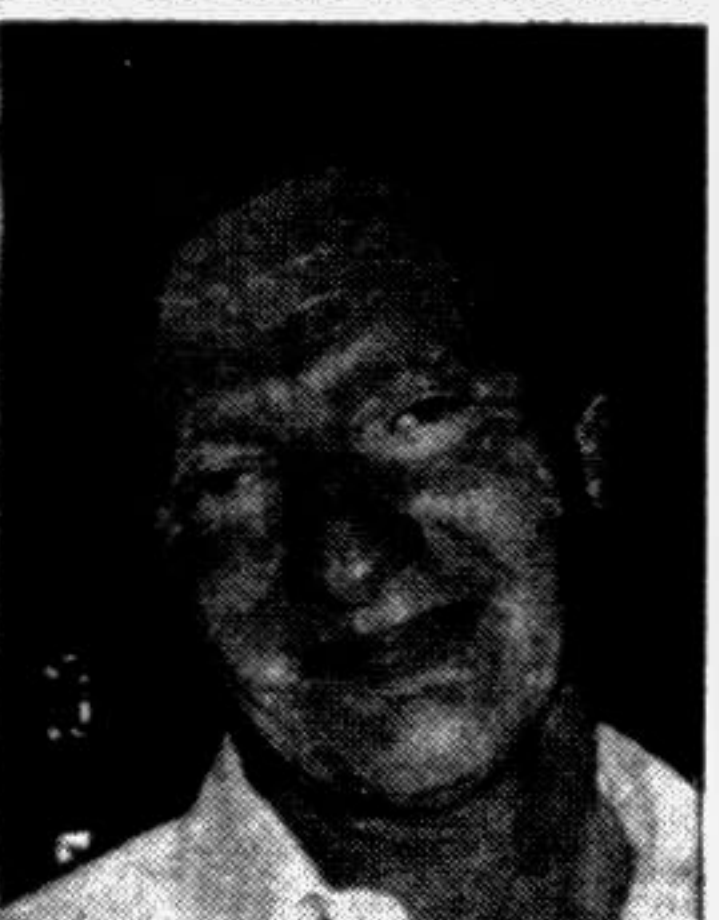
CARLSBAD, California, July 31: The father and younger brother of world number two tennis star Steffi Graf have been told to stay away from Jim Levee, an enthusiastic fan of world number one Monica Seles, reports Reuter.

Levee was granted a second temporary restraining order against Peter Graf, Steffi's father, and Michael Graf, her brother, in a California court on Tuesday.

Ellis Rubin, a Miami-based attorney representing Levee and his companion Jill Genson, said superior court judge Ronald Prager granted the order.

Levee, 52, and Genson, 39, are here to watch the top seeded Seles play her first

match on Tuesday at the Masada Tennis Classic women's tennis tournament. Steffi Graf is not at the week-



Steffi's father Peter Graf

long tournament. A controversy between

Levee and the Graf's started with an incident at the French Open on June 6 when Peter Graf struck Levee. The motion also contends that Steffi's brother Michael had made an 'implicit threat' to Levee a month later at Wimbledon.

Levee, an heir to the publishing fortune of Walter Annenberg, likes to take young tennis players under his wing. He has acknowledged that he gave Graf sports cars and jewellery through a six-year friendship that ended two years ago. He has now become the patron of the 17-year-old Seles of Yugoslavia.

"We have an order to show cause and we must come back on August 9 to show why this restraining order against Peter and son Michael Graf should not be a permanent one," said Rubin.

# Comilla Sector champions

Comilla Sector emerged champions in the six-day Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) inter sector basketball competition which concluded at Mymensingh on Tuesday, says a press release.

Champions Comilla Sector collected 76 points while Sylhet Sector finished runners-up with 69 points.

Unpaid Lance Naik Ayub Hossain of Comilla Sector was adjudged the best player of the championship.

Brigadier Abdullah Al Hussain, Director General incharge of Bangladesh Rifles, as a chief guest, witnessed the final and gave away the prizes.

# Rookie Rowland stops Davies

ADELAIDE, Australia, July 31: A progeny of Australian squash legend Geoff Hunt Tuesday left Welsh seed Adrian Davies' World Open hopes in ruins with a stunning first round upset here, reports AFP.

Craig Rowland, who only turned 20 last month and is a pupil of the four-time world champion at the Australian Sports Institute, humbled 13th seed Davies, 15-11, 6-15, 15-12, 15-13.

Rowland now has a second round date with hometown hero, Chris Dittmar, who earlier negotiated compatriot Brett Newton, 15-8, 15-6, 15-7.

Two other seeds crashed out on the opening night - Pakistan's No. 11 Mir Zaman Gul fell to unranked Australian Adam Schreiber, 15-5, 15-11, 15-14 and in an ill-tempered all-Australian contest, Antony Hill ejected 12th seeded Anthony Eyles, 15-11, 12-15, 15-7, 15-10.

Rowland, who is ranked 95th in the world, is the reigning national under-19 champion and is competing in his first world titles.

"I saw Adrian play a number of times before this tournament and I was confident of doing well provided I kept a lot of ball in play," Rowland said.

Rowland is part of a talented squash family with sister, Camille, currently in Finland playing in the women's World

# JANSHER WINS WELL

Under-19 Championships. Earlier, defending Champion Jansher Khan scored a comfortable first round victory over English qualifier Calytrns in a low-key opening to the championship.

The top seed and world number one won 15-11, 15-11, 15-5 in front of a mere 100 spectators at a suburban squash centre, a staging post before the tournament switches to the brand new Adelaide entertainment centre on Thursday.

Jansher, chasing his third successive World Open and fourth overall, said he was happy despite a cautious performance in his first tournament match since losing to Jahangir Khan in the British Open final last April.

"I made some mistakes in the first and second games, but after that I came back well," he said. "I'm defending champion and I just want to be careful."

Jansher has been keeping himself occupied in exhibition events, suffering recent losses to compatriot and second seed Jahangir and Australian arch-rival Chris Dittmar.

Jansher's next opponent will be Finnish 14th seed Sami Elopuro who had a controversial five-game win over Englishman John Ransome after vomiting in a corner of the court in the closing stages.

Match referee Craig Sandy awarded Ransome the match on a forfeit

# Aussie Open offers record purse

MELBOURNE, July 31: The world's top five male tennis players, headed by defending champion Boris Becker of Germany, will battle for record prize money in the 1992 Australian Open, organizers said Wednesday, reports AP.

The Grand Slam tournament will offer 8.2 million Australian dollars (dlsr 4.82 million US), an increase of 20 per cent from this year's prize money.

Equal prize money will be paid for men's and women's events.

Stefan Edberg of Sweden, Wimbledon champion Michael

Stich of Germany, Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and French Open champion Jim Courier of the United States also have confirmed their participation.

Geoff Pollard, president of Tennis Australia, said the Australian Open had increased its prize money by a bigger percentage than any of the other Grand Slam events - Wimbledon, the French Open and the US Open.

"We want to keep bridging the gap with the other three Grand Slam events," he said.

The winners of the men's and women's singles each will receive 360,000 Australian dollars (dlsr 297,000 US). Even players losing in the final round of the qualifying tour-

namment will collect 3,600 Australian dollars (dlsr 2,970 US).

Pollard said Ford Motor Co again would sponsor the event, which will be held for the fifth time at the National Tennis Center in downtown Melbourne.

The first Australian Open held at the center, in 1988, offered prize money totalling 1.8 million Australian dollars (dlsr 1.4 million US).

Pollard said Wimbledon champion Steffi Graf of Germany and Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina had indicated their availability for the women's singles.

He said Martina Navratilova of the United States and



Members of the Bangladesh men's & girls' teams for the junior Commonwealth handball competitions, which runs in New Delhi Aug 6-13, seen with the Managing Director of Bata Shoe Company, which presented sports shirts to the squads.

# ROK rebuilding for '94

IPOH, Malaysia, July 31: Former Asian Games champions South Korea are rebuilding their squad to recapture their title in Hiroshima, Japan, in 1994, a Korean team official said here reports AFP.

"We are not daunted by the decline and we have been preparing for the 1994 Games since last December," team manager Yoo Seung-In said.

Korea missed the medals in the last Asian Games in Beijing, coming in fourth behind Pakistan, India and Malaysia.

He said that a national team consisting of young players with an average age of 21 years have been formed to achieve the goal.

"The immediate aim is to qualify for the junior World Cup next year and the team would feature in the second junior Asia Cup in Hong Kong in December," Mr Yoo said.

The top three teams of the junior Asia Cup, a qualifying tournament sanctioned by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) will qualify for the junior World Cup.

Mr Yoo said the Korean team's mission in the six-nation Sultan Azlan Shah invitation championships was to gain exposure and learn the tactics of Pakistan, India, New Zealand and the Soviet Union.

The Koreans were placed second behind champions Soviet Union in the prestigious Indira Gandhi Gold Cup in New Delhi in January and came fourth in the World Students

Game in Sheffield, England earlier this month.

"We beat world champions Netherlands and also Poland in the World Students Games and held India to a 3-3 draw in the Indira Gandhi Gold Cup," Mr Yoo said.

He said that that team was not expected to do well in the current championships as the boys were homesick and have yet to recover from the World Students Games.

"My boys have missed home for more than three weeks and we are here on a learning mission but definitely it will be bonus if we can capture the title," Mr Yoo said.

The Koreans drew 1-1 with Soviet Union in last Sunday's opening match of the Sultan Azlan Shah invitational hockey.

# Right step!

NEW DELHI, July 31: Mr Sivanthi Adityan, president of the Indian Olympic Association today welcomed Sports Minister Mamata Banerjee's directive that all teams and sportspersons going abroad should get their clearance at least a week before the date of their departure, reports PTI.

In a statement released here he said, "It is a positive step by the new minister in the right direction."

Mr Adityan said, at a recent meeting with MS Banerjee, he had emphasised that an early clearance would help keep up the morale of the sportspersons going abroad for participation in events.