Seles must keep Mazda to remain at top



Aug 2: Topranked Monica Seles started strongly and held on to defeat Anne

Minter 6-0, 6-3 to reach the semifinals of the Mazda Classic on Thursday, reports AP.

Seles, playing her first tour event since skipping Wimbledon with an injured leg. will



face the winner of Friday's match between third-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere and sixth-seeded Nathalie Tauziat.

In other play, No. 5 Zina Garrison beat Karine Quentrec 6-2, 6-1 to move into a quarterfinals pairing with the winner of Thursday's late match between fourth-seeded Jennifer Capriati and Lori McNeil.

Seles. No. 1 in the world since March 11, needs to win the championship to retain the top spot. In her eight tour events this year, she has reached the final each time, claiming four titles.

The 17-year-old Yugolslav won eight straight games before Minter, ranked 60th, of Australia, held serve in a 14point game.

Seles thought a pivotal moment came when she blew a volley attempt after taking the first two points.

"It was a pretty easy match, but I got a little mad at myself when it was two-love there," Seles said. "My mind totally went away and I lost my rhythm. After that, I had to keep on myself to concen-Edberg, Sampras in quarterfinals

ter Lundgren Thurs-day night,

advancing to the quarterfinals

of the Volvo Tennis tourna-

threatened was in the fourth

game of the second set when

Lundgren, up 2-1, had four

break points against the

world's No. 2-ranked player.

But Edberg pulled through to

win, then broke Lundgren in

me," Edberg said. "I know he

(Lundgren) was going to get

tougher and tougher. I started

missing some first serves and

he got tougher, which made

"It was a good match for

the seventh game at love.

The only time Edberg was

LOS ANGLES, Aug

2: Top seed

Stefan Edberg

breezed to a 6-

3.6-4 victory over

fellow Swede Pe-

After a tentative start,

Minter improved her shot placement in the second set and approached the net on occasion with effectiveness. But she couldn't break Seles' serve, forcing deuce just twice in the match.

Seles, who had three aces and recorded eight service winners, also exhibited several winning placement shots.

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Minter came into the match after prevailing Wednesday in the longest match of the tournament, going 2 hours, 40 minutes in a three-set duel with Akiko Mijimuta.

"I was pretty tired, but I don't think the results would've been much different anyway," Minter said. "We were having a lot of rallies, but I made some silly errors. It wasn't until the second set that I could get my forehand down the line."

Garrison, ranked 11th, had little trouble in topping Quentrec, a French player ranked 73rd.

"She really didn't hurt me in anything she 'did," Garrison said. "I was pretty much in

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Edberg, the tourney's de-

fending champion, meets No 7

seed Aaron Krickstein Friday

SAMPRAS IN QTRS

match of the day, second-

seeded Pete Sampras also ad-

vanced to the quarterfinals of

the tournament with a 6-3, 6-4

victory over Japan's Shuzo

victory from Sampras last

week in the second round of

the Canadian Open in Mon-

treal. This time, however, the

US Open champion was in

control throughout, relying on

JUAN SAMARANCH

served though over the issue of

the Soviet Union's breakaway

must be careful over the Baltic

countries. We would be de-

lighted to accept their

Olympic committees but we

must not move too quickly for

Iraq to attend

'92 Olympics

on Thursday, the eve of the

first anniversary of its invasion

of Kuwait, that it would take

part in the 1992 Barcelona

Olympic Games, reports

agency quoted an official

source at the National Olympic

Committee as saying Baghdad

would announce later which

events it would take part in. It

gave no details.

The official Iraqi news

BAGHDAD, Aug 2: Iraq said

the moment", he said.

"On the other hand, we

republics.

Matsuoka took a three-set

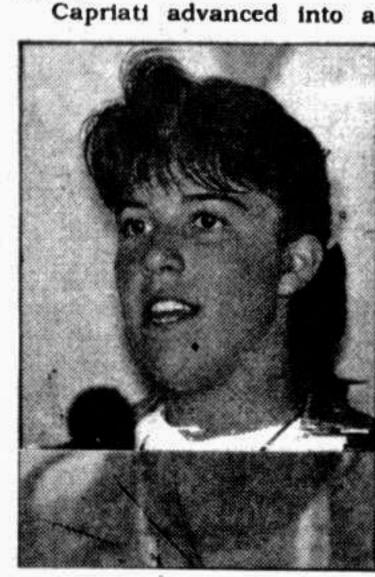
In another third round

for a closer match."

afternoon.

In day's other match. fourth-seeded Jennifer Capriati dispatched error-prone

Lori McNeil 6-2, 6-1. The 15-year-old Capriati. who drew a first-round bye. neutralized McNeil's net game with passing shots and capitalized on her opponent's mistakes in the second-round match.



JENNIFER CAPRIATI

quarterfinal match against fifth-seeded Zina Garrison, who bat Karine Quentrec 6-2. 6-1. In the other quarterfinal match, second-seeded Conchita Martinez will meet amateur qualifier Debbie

Capriati, ranked 10th in the world, set the early tone by following a winning lob with a strong passing shot in taking a 2-0 lead off McNeil's service.

"I wanted to return well and hit passing shots," said Capriati. "I thought I played well. I have been playing well."

After taking the first five games Capriati had some lapses in dropping the next two, but then regained firm

McNeil, ranked 24th. committed two of her five double-faults in her final service game and fell victim to three service winners by Capriati in the deciding game.

"I made far too many mistakes," McNeil said. "I'm struggling with my serve, and I became more frustrated in this

the way. He won his last two

service games at love, includ-

ing his next-to-last game in

which he served up three aces,

two of which were clocked at

"Today my serve was the

117 mph (188 kph) or faster.

best I've served in quite a

while," he said. I was going for

it. I wasn't serving that well at

the beginning of the match

and it brought back some

funny so I played more to his

Sampras' serve was more po-

tent than it had been in

backhand than his forehand.

"His backhand is kind of

Matsuoka agreed that

"He serves so well I couldn't

No big deal!

HAVANA, Aug 2: The US Olympic Committee began damage control on Thursday on the first scandal of the Pan American Games missing toilet seats, reports Reuter.

Athletes were interviewed and a press release issued entitled "The toilet seat scenario in the athletes'

The release was spurred by a flurry of calls from journalists about why there were no toilet seats in many athletes' bathrooms.

But as far as the USOC and athletes were concerned, it was a bit of a storm in a tea cup because they have more on their minds than worrying about the comforts of home.

"Toilet seats are not a matter of life and death," Kim Bouck, a press officer with the USOC said. "So far, our athletes say they like the | champion Carl Lewis and village and its facilities."

The USOC press release quoted Dr Evie Dennis, the chief of mission of the 700strong US team, in no uncertain terms.

"It's no problem. The athletes are completely happy and it's the least of our problems. One of our girls | flight. said that, growing up with four older brothers, it's nothing unusual anyway. So we don't have totlet seats. We've been to places that didn't have toilets."

A US athlete doing warmup exercises on one of the broad streets of the village, who did not want to be identified, was unworried. "Things are fine here . . . and let me tell you about some of the toilets in Turkey where there is only a hole."

A Cuban official explained that toilet seats had been ordered overseas but had not arrived on time to be installed.

"We are sorry about that but we are confident that the American athletes will find everything else to their liking." the official said. noting that less than six months ago some foreign journalists were writing that the Cubans would never finish the village on time.

"Well, we finished it - all 55 buildings, 1,473 apartments and capacity for 6300 members of the Pan American sports delegations," the official said proudly.

reading his serve wrong."

Sampras will meet Amos

Mansdorf, the eighth seed, in

the quarterfinals. Mansdorf, of

Israel, defeated Italy's Gianluca

Pozzi 6-4, 6-3 and fought off all

Krickstein defeated Jason

Stoltenberg of Australia 6-3,3-

6,6-3 and advanced to meet

off," said Krickstein, the

eighth seed." I've beaten him

three times before. I won a few

big points. Whoever got up on a

include No. 4 Brad Gilbert vs

qualifier Steve Bryan and

Stefano Pescosolido, who upset

third seed Michael Chang on

Wednesday, vs unseeded Scott

Other quarterfinal pairings

the top seed Edberg.

break won the set."

In another match, Aaron

"I think my experience paid

six break points against him.

Monaco ready for hot relay race



world mark last year before

France smashed the record at

the European championships

Sangouma, who clocked 8.90

seconds in an inspired second

leg in Split, Jean-Charles

Trouabal and Anchorman

Bruno Marie Rose combine

with Gilles Queneherve in

world record holder Leroy

Burrell along with Floyd Heard

world's fastest man, has been included in Canada's rely squad

although he did not turn up

here as scheduled on Thursday

after apparently missing his

ban for steroid use, Johson has

struggled to recapture even a

Cram certain to

vie in Tokyo

Aug 2: : World mile record

holder Steve Cram shrugged

off the effects of prolonged in-

jury on Friday to qualify for

Saturday's 1,500 metres final

in the British World

Championship athletics trials,

Cram. 30, won his heat em-

phatically in his first signifi-

cant track race for nine

months and made himself a

strong bet to snatch the auto-

matic ticket to next month's

Tokyo World Championships

which awaits the winner of the

here," said Cram with a smile

be back bracing again."

minutes 42.55 seconds.

his recovery.

afterwards. "It's really nice to

reckoned he was closer to

quitting the sport than ever

because of a knee injury, led

his heat in a leisurely three

with 250 metres to go, cover-

ing the last half-lap in 27 sec-

onds, signalled the measure of

leading up to the race," admit-

ted Cram. "And you never

know what's going to happen

in this situation with people

But he put his foot down on

Evtte Finikin became the

tripping up or punching each

the final back straight and

quickly opened up daylight

before winning by some eight

first record-breaker of the

two-day championships, set-

ting a new Commonwealth

mark of 13.46 metres in the

fledgling women's triple jump

the previous record set six

days ago by clubmate Mary

Berkeley at the World Student

Games in Sheffield.

That beat by 10 centimeters

"There were a few nerves

But the way he pulled clear

Cram, who last month

"I'm just delighted to be

reports Reuter.

BIRMINGHAM, England,

Since serving a two-year

Santa Monica field Olympic

Ben Johnson, once the

place of Max Moriniere.

and Mike Marsh.

For France, Dantel

in Split, Yugoslavia.

semblance of his former explo-MONACO, Aug 2: sive speed and he will not be France field three representing his country in members of their the 100 metres at next world recordmonth's Tokyo World breaking sprint Championships.

relay quartet at Monaco is the penultimate Saturday's Monaco Grand Prix Grand Prix event before Tokyo athletics meeting in a race also and several of the World's top featuring the Santa Monica sprinters and hurdlers have Track Club, reports Reuter. The Americans made sevbeen attracted by the prospect eral fruitless attempts on the

of clear, hot weather and attractive appearance money. Britons John Regis and

Roger Black, European champions over 200 and 400 metres, test themselves in their specialist events against Americans Michael Johnson and Antonio Pettigrew respec-

The strength of American high hurdling is underlined by the presence of Tony Dees, fastest man in the world this year but unable to make the US

team for Tokyo. In the 400 metres hurdles

Tokyo favourite Danny Harris runs against fellow-American and Olympic champion Andre Phillips plus Britain's European gold medallist Kriss Akabusi.

The women's 200 metres features Jamaican Merlene Ottey, the world number one for the past two years, her compatriot and Olympic silver medallist Grace Jackson and Germany's 1986 European champion Hetke Drechsler.



The French men's 100 m relay quartet which set the world record in Split, Yugoslavia last - Daily Star file photo

Tyson left without paying bar tab, fondled beauty queen, witnesses say

Perignon, so I had to go to the

liquor store and buy three bot-

tles at 90 dollars a bottle," he



INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 2: Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson left without paying a

380-dollar bar tab and fondled a beauty queen in two days of revelry that ended with Tyson accused of rape, witnesses said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

A special grand jury will hear evidence about the alleged July 19 rape charges levelled by an 18-year-old contestant in the Miss Black America beauty pageant.

Tyson has denied the allegations.

On July 18, Tyson and eight friends went to an Indianapolis nightclub called Sevilles, witnesses said. Tyson was seen dancing and drinking with Angela Boyd, a rap singer known as 'B Angle B' who was the opening act at a concert given by rap singer MC Hammer the following night.

Sevilles' owner Mark Riktchey said he offered Tyson a bottle to house champagne but the boxer demanded Dom

"He asked for Dom

Ritchey said.

during his planned three-day visit at the Indiana Black Expo convention, said he saw Tyson leave a 100-dollar bill as a tip. He also said he thought the drinks were complimentary.

He said Tyson left the bar 2-1/2 hours later without pay

MIKE TYSON

ing his party's 380-dollar tab or leaving a tip. He also shouted profanities at a photographer who attempted to take a picture of him and Boyd.

Dennis Hayes, who was assigned to act as Tyson's host

Rosie Jones, last year's winner of the pageant, told reporters Tyson fondled her and said 'perverted things' in propositioning her the next day during a rehearsal. Charles Williams, president

of the convention, said the 18-year-old woman involved in the alleged rape was taken to Tyson's hotel in a limousine provided him. Tyson left Indianapolis hurriedly, missing a planned visit to a prison with black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, Williams said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been called in to investigate. The grand jury was expected to decide by September whether rape charges would be brought against Tyson.

Tyson is scheduled to fight champion Evander holyfield for the undisputed world heavyweight title on November

Ali returns to scene of first triumph

MIAMI BEACH, Florida, Aug 2: An audience of 600 that included heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, two former champs and other VIPs paid tribute Monday to Muhammad Alt, who won his first title in Miami Beach 27 years ago, reports AP.

"Sometimes I have to pinch myself to keep from believing all the praise," said Ali . 49 "For years I've been teiling

people I was pretty good. But

Whitaker fights

NORFOLK, Aug 2:: World lightweight boxing champion Pernell Whitaker played the role of gracious host this week, even giving European titleholder Poli Diaz of Spain a stuffed bear wearing an "I Love Norfolk" shirt, reports AP.

Whitaker, 25-1 and better start advertising sangria wine on the soles of his shoes.

Whitaker and the 24-yearold Diaz, 32-0, are scheduled to go 12 rounds Saturday night after a February match between them was scrubbed. The headliner bout of the nine-fight card at the Scope arena will be televised on Home Box Office.

For Whitaker, a Norfolk na tive with 13 knokouts to his credit, it is his first fight at home since August 1989. Then he avenged his only defeat, which came in Paris in March 1988, by dominating Jose Luis Ramirez for a 12-round unanimous decision.

in his last outing in February. Whitaker defeated Anthony Jones. Whitaker and Diaz had been slated for a but then in either Las Vegas or Madrid, but the deal fell through when Diaz was involved in an automobile acci-

money, not the accident, KO'ed that meeting.

"We got in an automobile accident that time, but there was no injury in any place," Diaz said through an inter-

me the inspiration. It's not I've never been one to brag." Ali upset Sonny Liston on Feb. 25, 1964, for the first of his three heavyweight titles. On Monday, Hall 'C' of the convention center where that bout

Champions. "People said I was too small. but I looked back at Ali against Liston. " Holifield said. "They said he was too small, too young, inexperienced. It gave

took place was renamed the

Muhammad Ali Hall of

how big a fighter you are. it's the fight that's in the fighter." Other's attending included

former heavyweight champions Pinklon Thomas and Jimmy Ellis, longtime Ali trainer Angelo Dundee, Ali's personal physician. Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, and former opponent Earnie

Also on hand were three of Ali's nine children - twin 21year-old daughtersand son

Holyfield ponders his options

reports AP. Holyfield is scheduled to defend the undisputé title Tyson Nov 8 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, but a special grand jury if preparing to investigate allegations that Tyson raped an 18-year-old woman in

"Holyfield definitely wants to fight in November and we're planning on it being Tyson. promoter Dan Duva said

an Indianapolis hotel on July

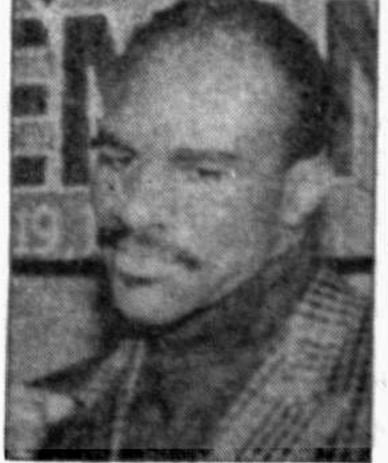
Wednesday. "If however, it gets to where he's not available, we want to have an alternate so Holyfield can fight in

November. Duva said he and Shelly Finkel, Holyfield's manager. have had only preliminary discussions about the possible need for an alternative oppo-

If Holyfield doesn't fight Tyson in November, he will have to fight the highest available contender since he is in a mandatory-defense position. That could cause a problem which would lead to his being

championship recognition. Should Tyson not fight, the highest available contender to Holyfield in the eyes of the Boxing International Federation would be George Foreman, who lost a 12-round decision to unanimous

at least partially stripped of



EVANDER HOLYFIELD Holyfield April 19 and who currently is suing Holyfield for dlrs 100 million.

Foreman and promoter Bob Arum are suing Holyfield, Duva and Finkel for breach of contract, claiming here was an agreement for a Holyfield-Tyson rematch in November.

The next highest contender in the World Boxing Association rankings is Pierre Coetzer of South Africa, and the World Boxing Council's next highest contender would be Donovan "Razor" Ruddock of

Coetzer's nationality could cause problems with human rights activists. Ruddock suffered a broken jaw in losing to Tyson June 28 and might not be ready to fight in November Ranked right behind Ruddock is Foremen.

As for considering a certain opponent as an alternate, Duva said. "We haven't even gotten to that point yet."

IOC boss against 'artificial' sports

Olympic

MADRID, Aug 2 : Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch wants a revolution to sweep away sports which have no real following outside the Games. reports AFP. The president of the

Committee is quoted in Friday's El Pais newspaper as saying that "An important step in the Olympics will have been completed at Atlanta in 1996. "After this, there should be a revolution and all those

International

only because they are Olympic ones should be got rid of. "In life, we are born and then we die. In the same way there are a lot of sports which

sports which are alive today

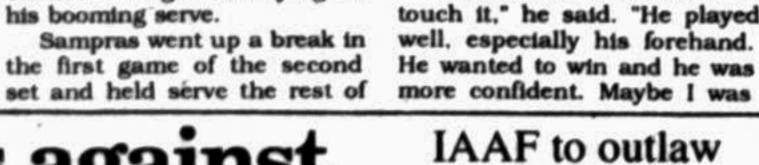
are being kept alive artificially. "By contrast, there are modern sports which young people are enthusiastic about and which should be part of the Olympic games pro-

gramme. However, Samaranch stopped short of naming either the sports he thinks should be dropped from the Olympics or

those he wants brought in. Turning to the Barcelona Games, Samaranch said he was sure that every country will be there as "the word "boycott" no longer belongs in the Olympic exicon."

As for South Africa's readmission to the IOC last month, Samaranch said, "We were right, we were ahead of the politicians because the time was right and we could show the difference between South African sport and politics."

Samaranch was more re-



rough-tailed javelin SHEFFIELD, England, Aug 2: The International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) is planning to outlaw the roughtailed javelin used by Finn Seppo Raty to break the world record in June, a spokesman said on Thursday, reports

Reuter. The LAAF wants to bring conformity to the javelin event which competitors say is being devalued by technological de-

velopments. The IAAF congress will vote on a proposal to change the

design laws next month. The proposals from the IAAF technical committee would require all javelins to be smooth and uniform throughmedia director Franco

Fava said. The surface of the shafts will have to be devoid of any dimples, grooves, ridges, holes

or roughness. Former world record holder Steve Backley of Britain has said records are losing their credibility because of the technological developments and called for the IAAF to im-

pose tight restraints. Backley regained the world record from Czecholsvoak Jan Zelezny a year ago with a throw of 90.98 metres using the new

nemth javelin. Raty extended the record to 91.98 and then 96.96 with the latest aerodynamically assisted Sandvik, which has a roughened tail.

If the IAAF votes to change

the javelin laws during their congress, they would not come into effect until March 31 next year. The world record would be discarded and the event would start afresh.

Croats quit all Yslav sports bodies

BELGRADE, Aug 2: The republic of Croatia, taking its secessionist battle into the sports Arena, left the Yugoslav Olympic Committee and all other federal sports bodies on Thursday and advised its athletes not to compete for

Yugoslavia, reports Reuter. Croatia also decided to cut all sports ties with the rival republic of Serbia, accusing it of starting the inter-ethnic fighting in which more than 100 people died in the last

month. The Croatian Sports Federation (CSF) said the moves, which will further confuse Yugoslavia's increasingly fragmented sports scene, were necessary because there was virtual war in Croatia.

"We shall urge all the sports bodies in our republic to prepare their own programmes so that they can act separately from Yugoslav bodies," said Ivan Kern, the CSF's President. "Our final goal is to see

Groatia taking part in Olympic

Games independently," he told

Reuters. "We know it will be a

long and difficult struggle to achieve that." Croatia and neighbouring Slovenia unilaterally declared independence from Yugoslavia on June 25, triggering clashes

in both republics.

tional sports bodies, including the International Olympic Committee. The Croatian Soccer Federation applied for **European Football Federation** (UEFA) membership earlier

Kern said the CSF would

immediately apply for Croatia's

membership in all interna-

this year but was refused. Kern said the CSP, which met in the Coatian Capital Zageb, immediately, although it was advising Croats not to

"We are leaving the final decision to the athletes," he said. 'We realise we can't simply ban them for taking part in major events. like the World Athletics Championships this month, after months of hard

training." Out of 17 athletes who qualified for the Championships in Tokyo, only two come from Croatia - women's high jumper Biljana Petrovic and 800-metre runner Slobodan

Miolovic.

Monday.

But the Yugoslav Sports Union (YSU) could out flank the CSF at an emergency session today in Belgrade and deny Croatian sportsmen and women a last chance of competing for the country.

"Anything could happen.

said a high-ranking YSU offi-

ctal, who asked to remain

anonymous. We may easily ban

Croats once and for all from competing for Yugoslavia." The YSU has already threatened to ban Slovenes from Yugoslav national teams after two junior athletes snubbed the Yugoslav flag during a medal ceremony at the Blakan

athletics championships on

Meanwhile, Yugoslav Soccer Federation technical commission chief Milovan Nikodinovic said the Yugoslav league would not start as planned on

Five Croatian teams had withdrawn on Tuesday

Diaz tonight

"Sweetpea" to hometown fans, left the routine prefight fireworks to his manager, Lou Duva, who said of the undefeated Diaz, "He's going to get hit by so many punches, he

Diaz, however, said the

