Jayasuriya holds up Pakistan



SIALKOT, Pakistan, Dec 17; Bad weather intervened to save Sri Lanka from defeat in the first

cricket Test against Pakistan today after they had slumped to 58 for five in their second innings, reports Reuter.

Chasing 153 to make Pakistan bat again, they collapsed alarmingly on the final morning before an unbroken sixth wicket stand and heavy cloud cover thwarted the home side.

Captain Imran Khan later attacked the Pakistan board's decision to play the Test in the north of the country in late au-

The weather hit us really bad when we were almost on the verge of victory and wasted

our earlier efforts," he said. "This is not the right place to play in December because of weather conditions."

The poor light which allowed only 175 minutes play on the final day, cost time each day, with nearly 285 minutes lost overall.

Sri Lanka had looked to be heading to defeat when they were reduced to 58 for five just before lunch, but Sanath Jayasuriya and Hashan Tillekeratne halted Pakistan's a march with an unbroken 79-

run partnership. The pair, who made an equally significant contribution in the first innings with a century stand, guided Sri Lanka to 137 for five when play was stopped 80 minutes after lunch because of poor light.

Tillekeratne was not out 42 and Jayasuriya, who made 77 in the first innings, was 35.

Captain Aravinda De Silva said: "He (Jayasuriya) played very well in both innings and saved us from possible defeat after we had lost five wickets for 50 odd runs."

A spell of fast, incisive bowling by Washim Akram, Waqar Younis and Aaqib Javed had when they resumed at 13 for on 13 for one.

An earlier AFP report said : Sri Lanka, facing a first innings deficit of 153 runs, were precariously placed at 61 for five at lunch on the final day.

But the collapse of their top order batting put Pakistan in sight of victory.

Soon after the start Sri Lankan batsmen ran into trouble against tight bowling and fielding. Pakistan achieved the desired breakthrough in the morning session when four batsmen were sent back to the pavilion after adding a paltry 48 to the total.

Wasim Akram removed overnight batsman C Hathurasinghe for seven when Ramecz Raja at second slip dived to hold the catch.

Captain Aravinda De Silva with Asanka Gurusinha tried to resist the Pakistani onslaught taking the total to 58.

But a bouncer from Wagar struck a painful blow on his chest and De Silva was soon caught by Ejaz substituting ailing skipper Imran Khan off Akram Raza for 19.

Gurusinha was leg before to Aaqib Javed for 23 and Arjuna Ranatunga snicked a catch to keeper Moin off Wagar for a

Jayasuriya and HP Tilekeratne seemed the last hope for Sri Lanka to avoid an

innings defeat.
A fine stand of 132 between Imran Khan and century-maker Salim Malik set Pakistan up with a clear chance of victory over Sri Lanka on Monday.

The partnership was a record for the fifth wicket between the two countries.

Aided by 101 from Salim and his own contribution of 93 not out, skipper Imran declared Pakistan's first innings on the fourth day at an imposing 423 for five in response to Sri Lanka's total of 270.

Sri Lanka then lost a quick wicket in a torrid spell from fast bowlers Wagar Younis and

BARGELONA, Dec 17: A

single team will represent the

Soviet Union at the Barcelona

Olympics next year, a senior

sports ministry official said,

tees of the Soviet Union have

decided to participate in

Barcelona with a single team",

Soviet vice sports minister

Anatoly Kolesov told reporters.

pers reported him as saying

there would be a total of 749

athletes, technicians and

Spanish Sunday newspa-

He was confident financial

A Tass news agency report

problems would be worked out

with the help of the

International Olympic Commi-

"All the Olympic commit-

reports Reuter.

wrecked Sri Lanka's top order Wasim Akram to end the day

Athula Samarasekera, unnerved by a vicious delivery from Wasim which knocked his helmet off and another which struck his left hand, lost his middle stump to Wagar for six off the ninth ball of the in-

Resuming at 243 for four after Sunday's rest day, Salim



SELIM MALIK the previous record of 102 set

in the 1985-86 series by Salim and Mudassar Nazar. Salim, playing his 64th lest, completed his ninth Test hun-

dred in 287 minutes off 201 balls, hitting 10 fours. His wicket was the only success today for Sri Lanka's tiring bowlers, of who don Anurasiri was the most eco-

nomical with three for 106

from 61 overs. Imran struck nine fours and three sixes in his 253-minute knock and shared an unbroken 58-run partnership with Wasim Akram.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka today: Sri Lanka

First innings : 270 (S. Jayasuriya 77, Waqar Younis

Rameez Raja e Tillekeratne b Anurasiri Shoaib Mohammad c and b Wickremasinghe Zahid Fazal c and b Ratnayake Salim Malik c Gurusinha b Anurasiri 101 Javed Miandad c Jayasuriya b Anurasiri Imran Khan not out 20 Wasim Akram not out

Pakistan First innings (overnight 243

five for 84).

for four)

Extras (Lb-6 nb-25) Total (five wickets declared, 157 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-169, 3-232, 4-233, 5-365. Did not bat : Moin Khan, Akram Raza, Waqar Younis, Aaqib Javed. Bowling: Ratnavake 1(nb1)

Ramanayake 33 9 75 0 (mb11 Wickremasinghez7 3 120 1 (nb9) Hathurusinghe 1 61 21 106 3 (nb4) Anurasiri De Silva 4 0 13 Sri Lanka Second innings: A. Samarasckera b Wagar Younis

A. Gurusinha lbw b Aaqib Javed A. De Silva e Subs ljaz b Akram Raza A. Ranatunga c Moin Khan b Younis S. Jayasuriya not out II. Tillekeratne not out Extras (nb-5) Total: (for five wickets.

C. Hathurusinghe C Raja

b Akram

46.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-33, 3-58, 4-58, 5-58. Bowling: Waqar Younis 14.4 1 Wasim Akram 13 Aaqib Javed 7 3 22 Akram Raza

Result: match drawn. Umpires: Khizer Hayat and Ikram Rabbani. Second Test : Gujranwala

Salim Malik

11 3 34

0 7

December 20-25. Third Test: Faisalabad January 2-7.

MUNICH: Dec 17: American David Wheaton boosted is bank account by two million dollars on Sunday when he sealed the richest prize in tennis with a 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Michael Chang in the Grand

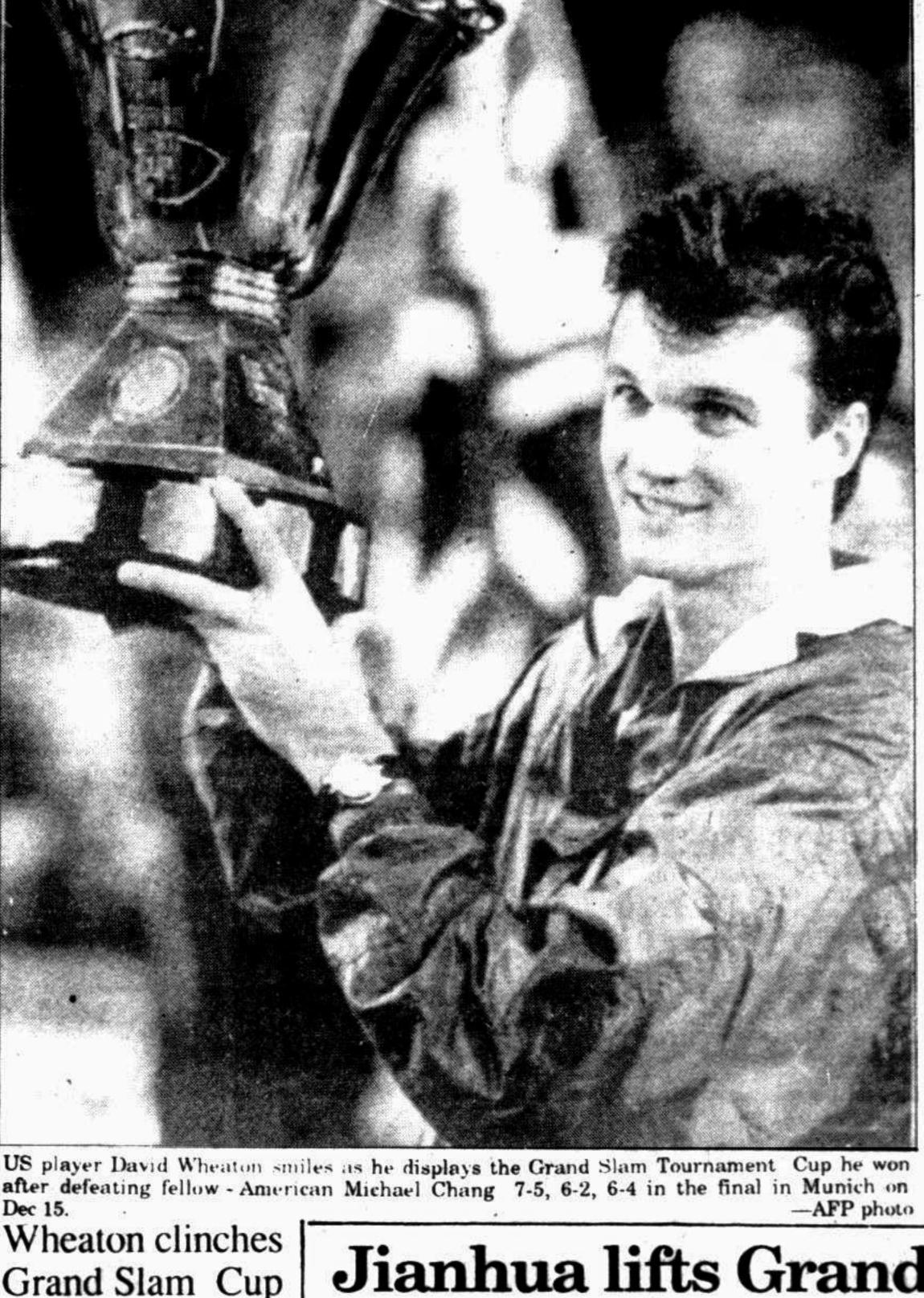
Reuter.

The 22 year-old Wheaton used his powerful serve-and volley game to maximum effect to pocket more moncy from the six million-dollar tournament than he has in his three

> years as a professional. Wheaton had previously won just over 1.4 million dollars in career prize money and Sunday's victory marked only his second singles' title. His only previous title was at Kiawah Island, South Carolina

Cup final, reports

in 1990. The American threw his hands up in delight at the end of the most prosperous week's work of his life during which he was on court for just under



US player David Wheaton smiles as he displays the Grand Slam Tournament Cup he won after defeating fellow - American Michael Chang 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 in the final in Munich on

Afro-Asiad put back

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 17: The first Afro-Asian Games, due to be held next March in New Delhi, have been put back to 1993, the Asian Olympic Committee announced here Tuesday, reports AFP.

The lack of sponsors were the main cause, an official said. "But the Afro-Asian Games. will be held in New Delhi in 1993, probably in February or March," said Imrao Singh, the Indian chairman of the Games

Organising Committee.

Manchester to strengthen its Olympic bid

LONDON, Dec 17: The British government promised on Monday to fund a feasibility study by the City of Manchester on a bid to stage the 2000 Olympics and said it would decide on further finan-, cial support by the end of February, reports Reuter.

An official at Prime Minister John Major's office said Major agreed in a meeting with the Manchester Organising Committee to make up to two million pounds (3.6 million dollars) available for a feasibil-

ity study into the bid. This was needed before there could be a firm commitment to provide government support to back the bid and help build new sports facilities if the games were brought to Manchester, in Northern England.

The bid must be submitted to the International Olympic Committee by April next year.

Major, a keen sports fan, has been more enthusiastic towards a British Olympics bid than his predecessor Margaret Thatcher, but remained cautious about committing government funds.

"Very large sums are potentially at stake and the implications would need to be considered very carefully," the official

Mike Powell eyes Soviet Union to Olympic gold send single team to Barcelona

VENICE, Italy, Dec. 17 World long jump record holder Mike Powell has set himself the goal of winning Olympic gold in 1992 by extending his world best mark to 9.15 mctres, reports Reuter. "Next year I have just one

objective, to win the Olympic title at Barcelona jumping 9.15 metres," Powell told journalists on Monday after receiving an award for his achievements this year. Powell broke fellow

American Bob Beamon's 23year-old long jump record at the World Athletics championships in Tokyo in August when he took gold with a marvelous leap of 8.95 metres.

Powell said he would compete in only about 10 events in his build- up to Barcelona, most of them in Europe. He added he was con-

vinced he could break through the nine-metre barrier. "All records depend on your training and psychological condition ... I'm now cor inced

I can jump 9.15 metres," he

Joyner-Kersee's goal

SYDNEY, Dec 17: Reigning Olympic champion Jackic Joyner-Kersee says she will be aiming to break her own heptathlon world record at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, reports AP.

The American athlete said she was aiming for 7,300 points in the event. Her current world record is 7,291.

"Seven thousand, three hundred. That's the target," she said Tuesday during a visit to Sydney as part of a promotional tour.

Her husband and coach, Bob Kersee, believes the world record is well within her "I think she can go 7,300 if

she is healthy and everything goes well," Kersee said. Joyner-Kersee finished seeond behind Australia's Glynis Nunn in the inaugural Olympic

heptathlon in Los Angeles in on Friday said the newly- in-1984. She won in Scoul in dependent Ukraine's parliamentary leaders had discussed Success in Spain would give the idea of sending a separate her the dual distinction of becoming the first female to win heptathlon medals at three successive Olympics and the first woman to win consecutive gold medals in the event.

"What we are looking to do is to try and recapture the Olympic title and bring home back-to-back gold medals, said Bob Kerse. "No male or female athlete

that I know has three Olympic multi-event medals, so I think that would be historic. And I think at that point you would have to consider her

to be one of the best multievent athletes ever," he said. Joyner-Kersee said the pur suit of more titles and records was not her major motivation for continuing to compete.

Soccer results

ALGIERS, Dec 17: Algeria beat Senegal 3-1 in a friendly football international here on Monday. Tasfaout scored twice and Harout once for the home side. Senegal's goal came from Omar Sene, reports AFP.

Jianhua lifts Grand Prix title



KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 17 : China's Zhao Jianhua lived up to his billing as the favourites here by

lifting the world Grand Prix badminton singles title Sunday but not before some anxious moments against compatriot Wu Wenkai, reports AFP.

The win gave the 27-yearold Zhao, a two-time all England winner, world champion and World Cup holder, the only major title that has cluded him so far and a 10,000 US dollar pay packet

Indonesia's Susi Susant downed little known South Korean Lee Heung-Soon 9-11,11-8, 11-1 to add the Grand Prix Women's singles title to a clutch of others she

has collected this year. But South Korea reversed its fortunes in the women's doubles through Hwang Hae-Young and Chung So-Young who were easy winners against

ndonesia's Sulistianingsih and Rosiana Tandcan 18-15, 15-3. Malaysia's Sidek brothers

Razif and Jalani downed

China's 'Zheng Yumen and

Huang Zhenzhong 15-10, 12-15 and 18-13 for the men's doubles title. The all-Chinese men's singles final began tamely as Zhao unleashed a polished display of power and deception to over-

whelm Wu in the first game, taking only 12 minutes. Zhao led 10-0 before Wu broke the duck. But the lanky Chinese ace allowed Wu only four points before wrapping up

the first game 15-4. Wu came storming back in the second game to draw level

Wu led 6-8 at the changeover in the rubber but failed to maintain the momentum and it was Zhao's turn to

crawl back 8-11, 10-11 before levelling at 12-12 with a stinging smash and then wrapping up the match 15-12 after 53 minutes.

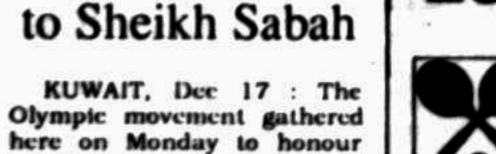
"I am eyeing the gold medal at the Barcelona Olympies," Zhao said afterwards.

Wu, this year's winner at the Korean Open, said he was satisfied with his game. "It is always more difficult to play a teammate thought I played to win," he said.

Indonesia's Susi, this year's all England champion, and Lee attempted to pin each other at the baseline but it was the Indonesian who got the better of the energy sapping lob and drop game.

After losing the first game 9-11. Susi outlasted Lee 11-8 in the second. The Korean was a then forced in the rubber,

"I had slow start but I leung-Soon has improved consider-



Council of Asia (OCA) killed in the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on August 3rd 1990; reports AFP. Three of sport's most illustrious administrators, Juan Antonio Samaranch, Mario Vasquez Rana and Primo Nebtolo, paid their respects in a special ceremony to inaugurate the new A leadquarters

Sheikh Fahd Al Sabah, the

president of the Olympic

and an Olympic museum in his memory. International Olympic Committee president Samaranch, Vasquez Rana of the Association of National Olympic Committees and International Amateur Athletics Federation chief Nebiolo, were here to add their tributes to "a great sports

administrator who died for his In his address, Samaranch said: "He was an exceptional man who followed his ideals to the end and who worked very hard for the Olympic ideal. The movement will never for-

get his example."

Marathon results HONOLULU, Hawaii, Dec 17: Kenya's Benson Masya turned his marathon debut into his first triumph here Sunday when he won the Honolulu marathon, reports

Masya won in 2hrs 18 min 24 sec with Tanzania's Simon Robert Naali (2:18:43) second and Steve Jones of Wales (2:18:45) third.

Tanzanians also took the fourth and fifth places with Francis Nasli (2:19:14) and Simon Mrashani (2:20-41). The race record time

2:11:43 was set in 1986 by

another Kenyan - Ibrahim

tennis in 1991.

Monica Seles won every missed.

AFP.

private life blasted out of a Texas courtroom when she was sued for ten million dol-

middle-aged tennis 'groupie' at Roland Garros. America's 15-year-old Jennifer Capriati, whose every move had been analysed,

and the US Open. The new, aggressive style of

Garbiela Sabatini, supposed to sweep the 21-year old Argentinian to new heights in 1991 according to Brazilian coach Carlos Kirmayer, took her to a Wimbledon final. But she won no Grand slam titles.

ers, especially Graf, liked to face. The 23-year-old Czech ended Graf's run at both the Australian Open and at the Virginia slims Championships. She also took a set off Seles in the Australian Open final and made Sabatini work hard at the French and US Opens.

United States.

Mary Joe Fernandez. look. She cut short here waist-long fair hair after betoming they youngest-ever winner of the Australian Open at 17 years and one month and by March she had grunted and powered her way to Grafs

But things turned sour after Open crown in Paris.

officialdom.

had survived a major crisis to



seven games in her win over

number-one spot in the rank-

she had retained her French

In a blaze of Hollywood-style

drew from Wimbledon just agent that she had "Ilad a minor accident," she then went into garbo- like hiding.

world's media were concerned, and as increasingly frustrated Wimbledon and

breakdown. In some of the having had all four.

what all the fuss had been about. But she then angered officials still further by withdraw-

was not playing because winning," but for the organisers she produced a medical certificate saying she was not fit to play.

Barcelona Olympics.

Navratilova — to bring the curtain down on a lucrative season. She won nine titles and reached the final in all 16

either the Australian or French her chances of winning a tenth Wimbledon singles crown.



Capriati. Undoubtedly the pending law-suit being brought by her ex-beauty queen lover did little to help Navratilova's state of mind. After an emotional courtroom confrontation, the former world number-one agreed to pay a hafty out offcourt settlement.

But she finished the season

well - reaching the finals at

both the US Open, where she beat Graf for the first time in four years in the semi finals, Championships.

was involved in a highly publicised paternity suit, started and finished 1991 badly.

year-old German ended a record 185 weeks reign as the world's number -one player on March 11. She then suffered one of the most humiliating defeats of

Novotna in Melbourne, the 22-

the French Open semifinals by Spain's Arantxa Sanchez. The loss was but overshadowed, however, when her fabecame involved in a brawl in the players, box with millionaire Jim who had been cheering

Despite the Paris setback, Graf stuttered to a brave but nervous 6-4, 3-6, 8-6 win over her old rival and former doubles partner Sabatini in the Wimbledon final. But it was increasingly clear

as the year wore on that the

explosive forchand, nimble

footwork and awesome reputa-

tion which in the past had

been enough to strike fear into

MAJOR RESULTS IN

Australian Open final: Montea Seles (Yugoslavia) bt Jana Novotna (Czceh) 5-7, 6-3,

Arantxa Sanchez (Spain) 6-3, 6-4 Wimbledon final:

at 8-8 and 12-12 before picking up the next three points to force the matter into a de-

picking up only one point. ably," Susi said.

Exhibition match of ex-soccer superstars

CALCUTTA, Dec 17: It was a trip down memory lane for sports-crazy Calcuttans, who got a chance to see soccer superstars of yesteryears from all over the country in an exhibition match at the Salt Lake Stadium here yesterday, re-

ports PTI. The showpiece event, which followed the first semifinal of the IFA Shield lootball tournament, not only brought 56 football greats onto the field, but also evoked nostalgic

feelings of a bygone era. No doubt age had taken its toll on them but the zeal still remained intact as the battlescarred veterans fought it out on the field exactly in the same spirit that had enthralled football fans all over the country in the past.

During the interval, five. prominent footballers -Sachin (Langeha) Mitra, Sailen Manna, Asahu Mcwalal, Nur Mohammad and Ahmed Khan - were awarded a cash award of rs 15,000 each for their outstanding contribution to the game.

JU cricket

Economics Department recorded a massive victory of 96 runs over Mathematics Department in the inter-department cricket competition of the Jahangirnagar University held at the Mir Mosharral Hossain Hall playground yes-

scored 153 runs for the loss of nine wickets in the stipulated 30 overs with Shahriar scoring a fine 38. in their turn, Mathematics

were all out for only 57 runs in 17.4 overs.

batsman of Economics, went one better with the bowl by claiming four wickets for only 13 runs.

team to Barcelona. 10 hours. 1991: Off-court events eclipse women's circuit glamour

Tributes offered

reports

trainers.

PARIS, Dec 17 All too often events off-court stole the limelight in women's

Grand slam tournament she entered ... But made even more headlines for the one she Martina Navratilova, failed to reach a Wimbledon final for the first time in a decade, had

lars by former lover Judy And although at Wimbledon Steffi Graf won her first Grand slam title since the 1990 Australian Open - father Peter continued to upstage his daughter by becoming involved in a public punch-up with a

scrutinised and recorded by the world's press in 1990, cnjoyed a year of relative calm. She responded by beating all of the world's top players at least once and by reaching the semi-finals at both Wimbledon

Jana Noyotna remained the opponent none of the top play-

Spain own the Federation Cup for the first time when they scored a shock 2-1 victory over the holders the

Zina Garrison and Gigi Fernandez threw away a match-winning lead against Arantxa Sanchez and Conchita Martinez in the deciding doubles. In the singles Capriati



SELES...top of the table beat Martinez in three sets while Sanchez dropped only

Seles began with a new

On target to repeat Grafs 1988 Grand slam, the Florida-based Yugoslav became increasingly embroiled with

mystery and hype, Seles withthree days before the Championships were due to star - announcing via her

It was like holding a red

flag to a bull as far as the

Women's Tennis Association (WTA) officials tried unsurcessfully to track Scles down, speculation flourished. Before the championships had ended, she had been variously reported as having had an abortion, a drugs problem, a love affair and a nervous

tabloids she was reported as An unrepentant Scles, fined 20,000 dollars for missing Wimbledon, eventually reemerged to explain she had simply suffered a stress fracture and couldn't understand

ing from the Federation Cup at To the press Seles said she Yugoslavia stood "No chance of

ever, did not stop her completing in a lucrative exhibition a few hours before she was due to arrive in England. Her anties cost her another fine and her place in the 1992 But the ban did not stop

her finishing the year on a

Champtonships - her victim

on both occasions being

She won the US Open and

Virginia Slims

The doctor's note, how-

The 31-year-old Czech-born

tournaments she entered. Navratilova did not travel to Opens. Instead she wipped herself into shape to enhance



NAVRATILOVA... no GS final

Her bid unstuck in the

quarter-finals, however, when

she faced the hard-hitting

and the Virginia Slims Graf, who by her own high standards had a nightmare year in 1990 when her father

After her defeat against

her career, beaten 6-0, 6-2 in

every point Sanchez won.

the hearts of opponents, were no longer enough. She injured a shoulder halfway through the Federation Cup and after losing to Navratilova at flushing meadow split with Czech coach Pavel

French Open final: Monica Scies (Yugoslavia) bt

Steffi Graf (Germany) bt Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) 6-4, 3-6, 8-6

United States Open final: Monica Scies (Yugoslavia) bt Martina Navratilova (USA) 7-6,

Virginia Slims Champion ships final: Monica Seles bt Martina Navratilova 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, 6-0

Federation Cup final:

Spain bt United States 2-1

· Conchita Martinez lost to



GRAF...second best and Arantxa Sanchez bt Mary Joe Fernandez 6-3, 6-4. Arantxa Sanchez

Conchita Martinez bt Zina

Garrison and Gigi Fernandez 3-

FINAL TOP-TEN

Arantxa Sanchez-

Mary Joe Fernandez

Conchita Martinez

10. Manuela Malceva-Fra-

Vicario

gniere

6. Jennifer Capriati

Jana Novotna

6, 6-1, 6-1.

RANKINGS: terday. Electing to bat, Economics Montea Seles Steffi Graf Gabriela Sabatini Martina Navratilova

Sahriar, the most successful