

# Calcutta teams arrive today

Sports Reporter

The three leading Calcutta teams — East Bengal, Mohun Bagan and Calcutta Mohammedans will arrive in Dhaka this afternoon by a special Biman flight to take part in the BTC Club Cup charity soccer tournament scheduled to begin on May 31 at the Dhaka Stadium.

Bangladesh Football Federation and Metropolitan Club Association are jointly organising this tournament to raise funds for the cyclone and flood affected people of the country.

Three top Bangladeshi clubs — Abahani Krira Chakra, Dhaka Mohammedans and Brothers Union along with the Calcutta Clubs are taking part in the eight-day tourney.

Bangladesh Tobacco Company (BTC) is the sponsor of this competition. It will provide Taka seven lakh which includes expense of the trophy.

## BKSP want to defend Dana, Gothia Cups

The reigning champions of the Dana and Gothia Cups, Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protistan want to participate in this year's tournaments, held regularly in Denmark.

The under-14 Dana soccer championship will begin on July 8 and conclude on July 13 while Gothia Cup will start on July 14 and end on July 20.

BKSP have requested the Sports Ministry to sanction them Taka 12 lakh in order to meet their participation costs.

One would like to see what will be the Sports Ministry's response to the BKSP request keeping in mind the calibre of these tournaments.

## Bridge trial

The Bangladesh Bridge Federation has arranged a four-day selection trial for selecting a national bridge team to represent the country in the zonal bridge championship of the Asia and Middle East zone of the World Bridge Federation, to be held at Delhi, India in early July, according to a BBF press release on Tuesday.

Four teams which won different recognised bridge championships during last one year, have been invited to participate in the three tyre league schedule which begins at 4 pm on Thursday (May 30) at the Officers' Club, Dhaka.

The teams are: Dhaka Club (Blue), Bangladesh Bank Club (Red), Azimpur C. C. (Red) and Aces Bridge Club (Beta).

Besides, the BFF has agreed to give Taka fifty thousand to each of the participating local clubs.

BTC Club Cup organising secretary Kazi Mishu disclosed that the tournament budget has been fixed at Taka 16 lakh and hopes to earn around Tk 25 lakh from the gate money.

No agreement has been reached regarding the live telecast of the matches by Bangladesh Television.

It is learnt that the BTV is demanding Taka nine lakh for the live coverage of the matches while the organisers, BFF, are offering Taka four-and-a-half lakh for the same.

In these circumstances, one hopes that both the BTV and the BFF will immediately come to a settlement as the tourney is only two days away.



NEIL FAIRBROTHER — a fair-minded choice by English selectors.

## Abahani for Singapore int'l hockey tourney

Abahani Krira Chakra will participate in an international hockey tournament in Singapore beginning on August 26 this year, reports UNB.

The tournament is being organised by the Singapore Hockey Federation in observance of the country's Republic Day and to celebrate introduction of Astro-turf in the island state.

The organisers have invited three leading clubs of Bangladesh — Abahani KC, Mohammedan SC and Ajax SC. Abahani KC recently conveyed their intention to participate in the tournament.

Abahani officials said today their team were also likely to join the Surajit Singh Gold Cup Hockey tournament in India.

The tournament, named after the former Indian hockey captain Surajit Singh will be held in November in the Jullunder city, Punjab.

# European Cup final today

MARSEILLE, France, May 28: Marseille's Abedi Ayew Pele hopes to prove he is worthy of soccer's most famous name when he spearheads the French club's attack in the European Cup final against Red Star Belgrade in Bari on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The 26-year-old Ghanaian, who had his name formally changed to Pele thanks to a presidential decree in his country, knows he will never lift three World Cups like his Brazilian namesake. But he hopes to at least impress the watching European soccer managers. "To me it is like a World Cup final," he said.

"I have struggled to achieve this. Yet I have always been the same. I am no better than I used to be. Only no-one trusted me and I was not given a chance at the highest level," he said.

As a child, the talented African was nicknamed Pele by his parents because of his obvious natural talents. After changing his name officially, however, the opportunity to prove himself at the highest

level remained elusive.

The one exception came in 1988 when he played for Bayern Munich in a testimonial match for Dieter Hoernes against Liverpool. "I played very well and Bayern considered signing me on. But I suppose a little African like me would have looked out of place in Bavaria," said Pele.

He had a first spell with Marseille the same year but failed to impress club President Bernard Tapie.

He was then loaned to Lille, his fourth French club in three years, after Nior and Mulhouse, and was so brilliant that Tapie offered him a second chance.

But Pele had to wait for Belgian Raymond Goethals to take over from Franz Beckenbauer as the team's coach to reach his peak in the number 10 jersey. "When I landed in Marseille, Gerard Gili and Franz Beckenbauer used me as a winger or a defensive midfielder. I had to wait for Goethals to find my right place on the field, to feel free."

Since then, the pony-tailed Pele improved with every match, starring in Marseille's

two matches against holders AC Milan in the European Cup quarter-finals. And the local press promptly hailed him as a rightful member of Marseille's 'magic trio' along with England's Chris Waddle and marksman Jean-Pierre Papin.

"I have a special relationship with Chris on the pitch. We talk a lot, in English. I warn him if a defender comes behind his back. His style of play is very similar to mine. With Jean-Pierre, it's different. He is the boss. It's very easy to find him, to put him in a position to score. He is always there," he said.

With such a combination, Pele, a gifted goal scorer himself, is confident Marseille can beat Red Star. "I know they are a strong team. But we are not going to have doubts now, with only one match left to win."

Victory, Pele is well aware, would turn him into a star at European level, and a good investment for the richest clubs on the continent.

"I have had contacts with clubs all over the world... but I still have a two-year contract with Marseille. I don't know if Tapie would agree to let me go," he said. It is too soon to think about it. I just want to concentrate on what may turn out to be the happiest day in my life."

## Bangladesh to take part in all 10 SAFG events

Bangladesh will participate in all ten events of the fifth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games to be held in Sri Lanka in December, reports UNB.

The events are: athletics, swimming, football, boxing, volleyball, shooting, tennis, table tennis, basketball and weight lifting.

Meanwhile, a high level meeting was held at the conference room of the National Sports Council (NSC) here yesterday afternoon to discuss the preparations for the ensuing games.

National Sports Council Chairman Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman presided over the meeting which was attended among others by Presidents of the 10 sports federations and representative of Bangladesh Olympic Association.

The meeting was informed that five federations—athletics, volleyball, shooting, swimming and weight lifting—have already started their training programmes.

It also decided to empower the participating federations to employ foreign coach or trainer, if need be, to develop a well groomed national contingent for the SAF games.

## JU cagers named

By Our JU Correspondent

The Jahangirnagar University basketball team for the forthcoming inter-university basketball tournament, scheduled to be held on May 30 at Mymensingh Agricultural University, was announced yesterday.

The team members are, Vincent (captain), Tushar (vice-captain), Khalid, Piklu, Sabbir, Ripon, Nipu, Sajed, Kamal and Bipul.

Jahangirnagar team will face Rajshahi University in their inaugural match.

Shah Jalal University and the host Agricultural University are the other teams in their group.

## TENNIS TIDINGS

### Seles feels great in new coiffure

PARIS, May 28: Monica Seles may have the double burden of defending a Grand Slam title and her No. 1 ranking at the French Open, but at least she has another great weight off her shoulders, reports AP. The 17-year-old Yugoslav cut her long hair a few weeks ago and says she is thrilled by her new coiffure. She no longer needs to tie back her hair in a pony tail while playing.

"It's so much easier. If I had known it was going to be this great, I would have cut it so much earlier," Seles said. "I can do so much more swimming now. It's just great. It's a lot more youthful, it's a lot more fun."

The new look has another advantage — a sense of anonymity for the world's top female player. "The greatest thing was that when I went to Italy or anywhere, people for the first few days didn't even recognize me. My own brother passed by me at the airport," she said.

"But I missed by my brother also, because I didn't recognize him either — he had a different haircut also."

### Very large doses on 'very small'

PARIS, May 28: "Kattia Piccolini, an Italian whose name means 'very small' in her native language, has had very large doses of bad luck in the French Open draw the last two years, reports AP.

In 1990 her first-round match was against Monica Seles, the second seed and eventual champion. Piccolini lost 6-0, 6-0.

This year she drew 10th seed Jennifer Capriati in the first round and lasted longer than against Seles. Piccolini held three set points against Capriati in the second set Monday but ended up losing 6-2, 7-5.

### Thigh the thumper

PARIS, May 28: The thigh injury that is preventing Andre Gomez from defending his men's title also will force the Ecuadorian to plummet in the world rankings, reports AP.

Gomez, who has lost 24 of his 34 matches since his victory last year at Roland Garros, is ranked 33rd in the world this week.

But since he now will lose all the points he earned at last year's French Open, ATP officials said Gomez's ranking will fall below 100 after the two-week tournament.

The ATP estimates his ranking will drop to about 113, the lowest it has fallen since Gomez first was ranked in 1979.

### Maleeva-Fragniere's crown

GENEVA, May 28: Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland beat Canadian Helen Klesel 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 here in the final of the 150,000-dollar European Open women's tennis tournament Sunday, reports AP.

For the second-seeded Fragniere, a winner here two years ago, it was her second title in 1991 after the Austrian Indoors last February.

She began the match aggressively, mixing her usual steady baseline game with rushes to the net and dropshots. The fourth-seeded Klesel struggled with her serve throughout the 38-minute first set.

But Klesel picked up her game in the second set breaking Fragniere's at 4-3 and closing out the set at 5-3 40-30 when the Swiss loated a forehand over the baseline.

Fragniere raced to a 5-0 lead in the third set as Klesel showed effects of her three-hour victory over top-seed Conchita Martinez of Spain in Saturday's semifinals.

### Just for the record....

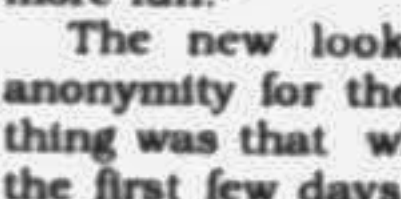
PARIS, May 28: This is the centennial of the French Open, the clay-court leg of the Grand Slam. But the tournament began a century ago on grass, reports AP.

The first tournament took place in 1891 on the Racing Club de France courts in the Bois de Boulogne, a park on the western edge of Paris — not far from the current site, Roland Garros, which has hosted the tournament since 1928.

Just for the record, an expatriate Englishman named H. Briggs beat P. Baigneres of France 6-3, 6-4 to win that first French tennis championship 100 years ago.



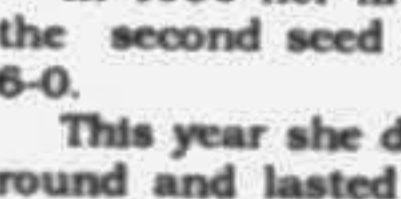
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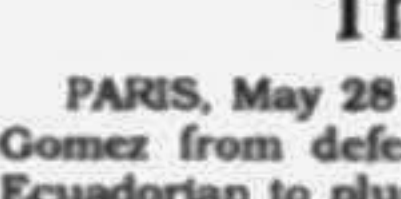
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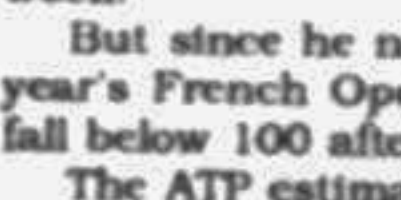
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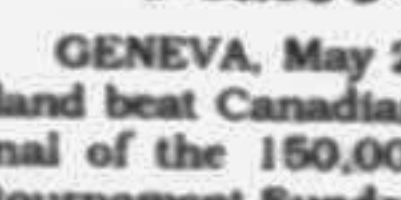
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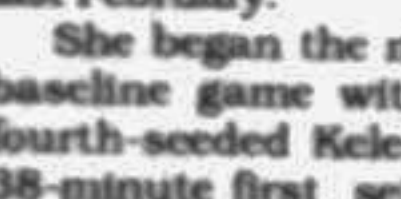
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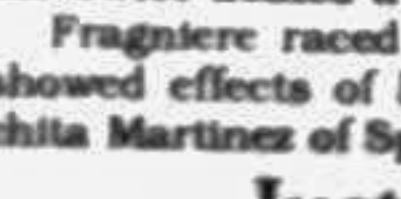
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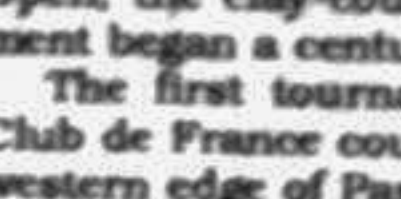
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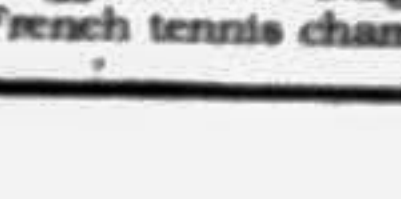
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1891 winner



H. Briggs

## Booters back home

Sports Reporter

Twenty five member Bangladesh pre-Olympic squad returned home after participating in the first-leg of pre-Olympic soccer Group D qualifying matches finished last week at Seoul.

The Bangladesh team which was scheduled to return Monday night, reached Dhaka yesterday morning due to inclement weather.

Bangladesh team won against Philippines 8-0, lost to Thailand 2-3 and went down against Malaysia 0-1 in their first leg matches in Seoul.

The second-leg starts in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from July 1.

## Donald destroys Gloucestershire

LONDON, May 28: A devastating spell of five wickets for no runs in 15 balls from South African pacesman Allan Donald took Warwickshire to a nine-wicket win inside two days over Gloucestershire at Edgbaston on Monday, reports Reuter.

It also won back for Warwickshire, at least temporarily, the lead in the country cricket championship standings. All-rounder Paul Smith was Warwickshire's other key figure with match figures of nine for 56 as they collected a maximum 24 points from their third championship win of the season.

But Donald, who finished with five for 33, took centre stage with his deadly burst before Bill Athey, with a defiant 120, and Mike Smith held Warwickshire up with a ninth-wicket stand of 104 in 25 overs. They were eventually all out for 200, leaving Warwickshire to score 17 for victory.

Kent captain Mark Benson and his opening partner Neil Taylor established a country first-wicket record when they

scored 300 off 70 overs against Derbyshire in their three-day match at Canterbury. Benson made 160, scored off 220 balls in 254 minutes with two sixes and 17 fours, bringing his championship runs tally for the season to 624.

Taylor, unbeaten on 144 at



DONALD — deadly burst

## India keep winning

BARCELONA, May 28: India registered their second successive win against Spain to win the three-Test series 2-1, reports PTI.

In the third and final match of the Spanish leg of their European tour here yesterday, India notched up an impressive 2-0 win against the young fighting Spanish team.

# Windies nailed by Fairbrother

LONDON, May 28: Neil Fairbrother resurrected his international career with a brilliant century

as England completed a 3-0 rout of the West Indies in the one-day series on Monday, reports Reuter.

Fairbrother made 113 and Graeme Hick and unbeaten 86 to lead England home by seven wickets at Lord's. They added 213 in a magnificent third wicket partnership and England cruised past the 265 target with 8.5 of their 55 overs remaining.

After a winter of discontent in Australia where England lost the Ashes series 3-0, glorious summer dawned in front of a packed 28,000 crowd at cricket's headquarters.

Fairbrother was out just before the end. He faced 109 balls and hit two sixes, one five and 10 fours.

But Zimbabwe-born Hick, who recently qualified for England after a seven-year wait, sealed victory with an imperious shot to the boundary off his toes.

England looked to be facing a difficult task after West Indies scored 264 for nine in their 55 overs. It was not made any easier when captain Graeme Hick was brilliantly run out for 11 by Carl Hooper and fellow opener Mike Atherton fell for 25 with the

score at 48. But that was when two of England's newer men came of age. Hick was uncertain, cautious, Fairbrother was aggressive from the start.

The England number three clearly gained confidence from Fairbrother and opened up to show his class with several crashing off-drives. So confident did the two become they dismissed an offer by the umpires of halting play because of bad light despite facing the feared West Indies four-man pace attack.

Fairbrother's century, the first by an England batsman against West Indies in this country in a one-day match, came off 103 balls. When he was out shortly afterwards, West Indies captain Viv Richards, who had taken the catch from a miscued pull, walked across to shake his hand.

The Lord's crowd rose to give the 27-year-old a standing ovation. Such an easy victory seemed unlikely after Gus Logie had hit a powerful 82 to help West Indies recover from a disastrous start.

Missing their usual opening pair of Desmond Haynes and Gordon Greenidge through injury, the makeshift duo of Jeff Dujon and Phil Simmons both fell with only eight on the board. But Richie Richardson (41) and Brian Lara (23) began a recovery which was contin-

ued by Logie and Richards, who made a rapid 37.

The turning point came when Logie, looking certain of a deserved century, was caught and bowled by Gooch. Recalled fast bowler David Lawrence, hit earlier for six boundaries in the space of two overs by Richardson, smashed through the West Indies fall with three wickets to stem any final run chase and finished with four for 67.

The only blot on the day for England was the memory of the last West Indies tour. England also won that one-day series 3-0.

## SCOREBOARD

West Indies:  
Simmons c Russell b DeFreitas 5  
Jujon b Lawrence 0  
Richardson c DeFeitas b 0  
Illingworth 41  
Lara c and b Illingworth 23  
Richards c Illingworth b 37  
DeFreitas 37  
Logie c and b Gooch 82  
Hooper c Fairbrother b 26  
Lawrence 26  
Marshall c DeFreitas b 6  
Lawrence 1  
Ambrose not out 1  
Walsh lbw b Lawrence 0  
Patterson not out 2  
Extras (b-1, lb-9, nb-5, w-14) 29  
Total (for nine wickets-55 overs) 264  
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-8, 3-71, 4-91, 5-164, 6-227, 7-

Bowling  
Lawrence 11 1 67 4  
DeFreitas 11 1 26 27  
Reeve 11 1 43 0  
Illingworth 11 1 53 2  
Pringle 9 0 56 0  
Gooch 2 0 9 1

England  
Gooch run out  
Atherton c Dujon b Marshall 25  
Hick not out 86  
Fairbrother c Richards b Patterson 113  
Ramprakash not out 0  
Extras (b-4, lb-12, w-10, nb-4) 30  
Total (for three wickets-46.1 overs) 265  
Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-48, 3-261.  
Did not bat: D. Reeve, D. Pringle, J. Russell, P. DeFreitas, R. Illingworth, D. Lawrence.  
Bowling O M R W  
Ambrose 8 0 31 0  
Patterson 10 0 62 1  
Marshall 11 1 49 1  
Walsh 11 1 50 0  
Hooper 41 0 36 0  
Simmons 2 0 21 0  
Result: England won by seven wickets.  
First match: Edgbaston - England won by one wicket.  
Second Match: Old Trafford - England won by nine runs  
England win series 3-0.

# Mellow McEnroe bows to Cherkasov

PARIS, May 28: John McEnroe probably made his last appearance at Roland Garros on Monday, beaten by Andrei Cherkasov of the Soviet Union on the opening day of the French Open, reports Reuter.

The 15th seed, whose tennis has taken second place to his new baby daughter, took the first set comfortably before being steadily outmaneuvered by Cherkasov's passing shots. He was finally overwhelmed, losing a fourth set tiebreaker without taking a single point in a 2-6, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6, defeat.

McEnroe was one of only two seeds to lose on the opening day of the century tournament in Paris, fellow-American Brad Gilbert also bowing out to young Frenchman Cedric Pioline 6-4, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4. But it was a better day for some of their more prominent countrymen. Fourth seed Andre Agassi and 1989 champion Michael Chang won stylishly and the veteran of the field Jimmy Connors, 38, had a

highly popular straight sets victory. It was only the second time that the 32-year-old McEnroe has lost his opening match in the French capital, the last being in 1987 when he lost, also in four sets after winning the first, to Horacio de La Pena of Argentina. Then, as now, he was unlucky to be drawn against an in-form clay court specialist. Cherkasov, ranked 17th in the world, was the top player not to be seeded in the tournament.

McEnroe, never too happy on slow clay surfaces, did not play at Roland Garros in the previous two years and may well decide to call it a day in a tournament he seemed fated never to win after his 1984 defeat in the final to Ivan Lendl when he surrendered a two-set lead.

"It was a tougher draw than I anticipated," an abject McEnroe said afterwards. "Mentally, my concentration cost me the match." Asked about his 7-0 loss in the tiebreaker, he said he had been thinking too much about what

he would do in the fifth set. Fortunately, McEnroe had the grace to leave centre court without any of the tantrums which have so often marked his career and an appreciative crowd cheered him off at the end of a match in which he provided his usual liberal quota of subtle touches.

Gilbert was neither as subtle nor as composed in his defeat. He shouted at the partisan crowd, cheering the 21-year-old pioline, and knocked over an empty line judge's chair with his racket when a mishit lob save the Frenchman match point.

Connors, four times a semi-finalist at Roland Garros but never a finalist, routed fellow-American Todd Witsken 6-3, 6-3 7-5 to earn himself a second round match with Ronald Agenor of Haiti.

"I'm not a legend. I'm still here and I'm trying to do something," Connors said. The American, who is also working at the tournament as a television commentator, added, "If I'd commented my match, I'd have said the old boy was lucky

to finish in three sets because the fourth and fifth might have been different."

Chang, youngest winner of a Grand Slam men's title two years ago in Paris, abandoned his baseline tactics, showing his new brand of aggressive tennis as he beat Dutchman Jan Siemertnk 6-2, 6-0, 6-3. Last year's beaten finalist Agassi, flamboyantly attired in purple, black and white, played superbly after going one set and 5-3 down to beat Swiss Marc Rosset 3-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-3.

In the women's singles, Steffi Graf of Germany put aside any thoughts of frustration at the unusual experience of coming into a tournament as only second seed by disposing of Magdalena Maleeva, youngest of the three sisters, Graf, who could get back her number one ranking from defending champion Monica Seles of Yugoslavia, said. "I am a different person that I was last year. I wasn't in to the tournament last year. I am more eager now and I think I am playing better than this time last year."

Seles as No. 1 by winning the year's second Grand Slam tournament and gaining enough bonus points. Sabatini also plays her first-round match Tuesday, taking on Marianne Werdel.

Graf already is in the second round, defeating Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva on Monday as the two-week tournament got underway.

Also playing first-round matches Tuesday were the top two men's seeds. No. 1 Stefan Edberg met Bart Wuyts of Belgium and No. 2 Boris Becker took on Spain's Jordi Arrese.

## Greenidge's knee needs surgery

LONDON, May 28: West Indies cricketer Gordon Greenidge is to have an exploratory operation on his injured left knee in London today, reports Reuter.

A team spokesman said the decision was made after Greenidge saw a specialist amid fears that he may have cartilage trouble.

The 40-year-old opening batsman injured the knee fielding in the second international one-day match against England at Old Trafford, Manchester on Saturday.

## Garrison ousted, Sanchez wins

PARIS, May 28: Japan's Naoko Sawamatsu, in the biggest victory of her career, knocked eighth-seeded American Zina Garrison out of the French Open in a first-round match Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Garrison, a serve-and-volley player more comfortable on fast courts, became the first seeded woman ousted from the 128-player field. In another early match Tuesday, No. 5 seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario demolished Lori McNeil 6-2, 6-2 in exactly one

hour, rifling passing shots past the net-rushing American.

The top-seeded woman, Monica Seles, was to open the defense of her French Open title later Tuesday.

Radka Zrubakova of Czechoslovakia gets the first shot at the top seed in a center court battle on the red clay of Stade Roland Garros. If the seedings hold, Seles would meet third-seeded Gabriela Sabatini in the semifinals and Graf in the title match.

But both Sabatini, ranked third in the world, and Graf, seeded second at Paris and ranked No. 2, can supplant

who is not happy?" Matthaeus said Pellegrini had refused to give the green light to the transfer deal at a meeting last Friday. "I suppose I would have been disappointed if they had let me go just like that," he said. But he described a move to Real as