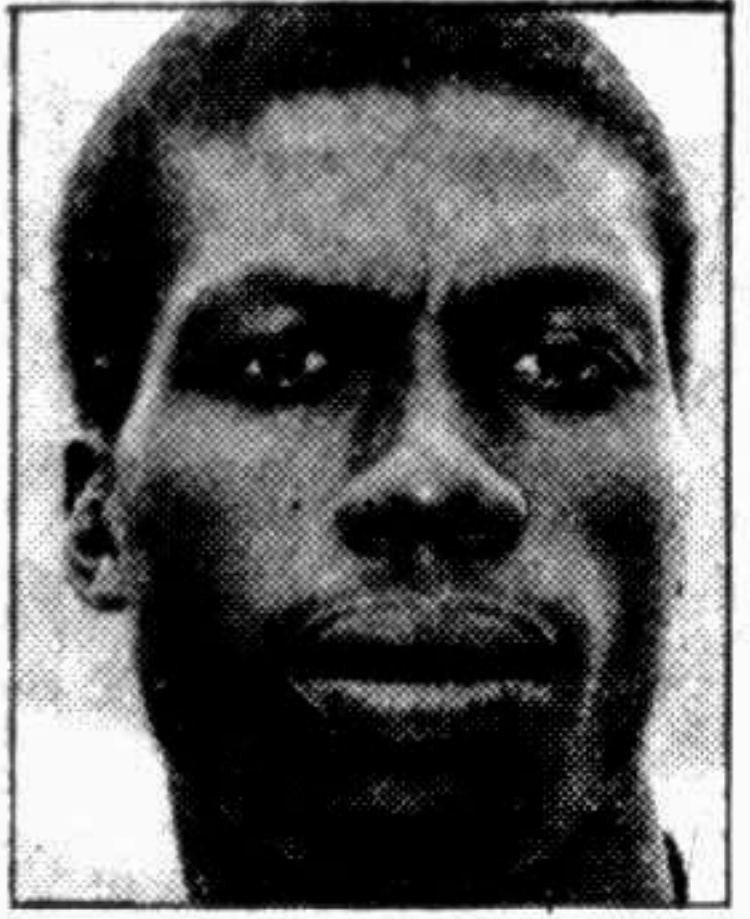


Ambrose scuttles cream of crops

Captain Graham Gooch stood majestically alone as England collapsed to a deadly burst of West Indian fast bowler Curtly Ambrose, who took all the six England's second innings wickets to fall on the third day of the first cricket Test at Headingley yesterday.



AMBROSE — deadly burst.

according to BBC monitored in Dhaka last night. When bad light ended play nearly 50 minutes early, the England captain was on crease with a valiant 83. He was ably supported by Derek Pringle who was 10 not out when stumps were drawn. Scores: England 198 and 143 for six, West Indies 173. AP says in an earlier report, West Indies' fast bowler Curtly Ambrose hit back with three wickets for nine runs after England bowled his team out for 173 Saturday to lead by 25 runs on the third day of the

first cricket Test at Headingley. Ambrose ripped out Mike Atherton, Graeme Hick and Allan Lamb as England moved nervously to 47 for three by the lunch interval.

England captain Graham Gooch took the catch that ended the West Indies first innings and then defied the pace bowlers with an unbeaten 29. Mark Ramprakash was not out two at the break.

But Atherton fell to a stunning one-handed catch by wicket-keeper Jeffrey Dujon for six. Hick edged the ball on to his stumps and also was out for six, and Lamb fell first ball without scoring when he was caught by Carl Hooper at second slip.

West Indies captain Viv Richards was unbeaten on 73 when his team resumed at its overnight score of 166 for eight. But he lasted only two balls Saturday before edging a catch to Lamb off Derek Pringle without adding to his score.

SCOREBOARD

England first innings: 198 (R A Smith 54).

West Indies first innings (overnight 165-8):

Simmons c Ramprakash b DeFreitas	38
Haynes c Russell b Watkin	7
Richardson run out	29
Hooper run out	0
Richards c Lamb b Pringle	73
Logie c Lamb b DeFreitas	6
Dujon c Ramprakash b Watkin	6
Marshall c Hick b Pringle	0
Ambrose c Hick b DeFreitas	0
Walsh c Gooch b DeFreitas	3
Patterson not out	5
Extras (lb 1, nb 5)	6
Total	176

Botham may play today

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 8: Worcestershire all-rounder Ian Botham, ruled out of the first Test between England and the West Indies by a hamstring injury, is set to make his comeback tomorrow, reports AFP.

Botham, who was injured during a star performance in the one-day international two weeks ago, is expected to play for Worcestershire in their Sunday League match with Essex at Ilford.

Worcestershire skipper Phil Neale said: "He's responded well to treatment. He'll have a fitness test today, but we think he'll be playing tomorrow, providing there's no reaction."

"It's important Ian gets some cricket in before our Benson Hedges Cup semi-final with Essex on Wednesday."

Charity cricket in Sharjah

SHARJAH, June 8: Bangladesh expatriate community in cooperation with the Sharjah Cricket Council and Bangladesh Consulate General organised a charity cricket match between Emirate's Pakistan Eleven and Emirate's India Eleven here yesterday to raise funds for the April 29 cyclone victims, reports BSS.

The Pakistan Eleven beat the India Eleven by 12 runs. About Taka five lakh which has been collected from the sale proceeds and sale of souvenirs and other advertisements, will be donated to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.



Monica Seles, who retained her French Open title yesterday, is seen with her trophy after winning it last year.

Scotland upset by Egypt

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Seles retains title

PARIS, June 8: Defending champion Monica Seles of Yugoslavia retained her women's singles title and her world number one ranking with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over gritty Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez Vicario at the French Open today, reports Reuter.

Seles had to fight back as the 19-year-old 1989 champion opened up a nearly lead in each set, chasing down every ball and firing back some impressive winners to counter the top seed's powerful ground strokes.

The fifth-seeded Sanchez Vicario, who saved three match points in the final game of the match, led 2-0 in the first set and 4-1 in the second but the relentless Seles powered her way back in a fiercely competitive and highly entertaining final.

The 17-year-old Yugoslav, who won the Australian Open and who has now completed the second leg of a possible grand slam, had to win the match to stop Steffi Graf of Germany returning as number one in the women's rankings.

Women's doubles, semi-final



ARANTXA — the pair of missing.

results: Larisa Savchenko/Natalia Zvereva (Soviet Union) beat Mercedes Paz/Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) 6-3, 5-7, 9-7.

Sukova, Suk win mixed doubles

PARIS, June 8: Czech team Helena Sukova and brother Cyril Suk won the mixed doubles title at the French Open here today when they recovered to beat 14th seeded Dutch opponents Caroline Vis and Paul Haarhuis, reports AFP.

The Czechs, seeded 12th, scored a 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 victory in just over one and a half hours to pocket the first prize of 220,000 franc (22,000 pounds).

Tyson won't join IBF purse bid

NEW YORK, June 8: Mike Tyson will not participate in a purse bid by the International Boxing Federation for a title bout against heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, according to Tyson's promoter, reports AP.

FIFA stepping into a new era

BRUGES, Belgium, June 8: By drawing a new chalk line on the field, the FIFA hopes to step across tradition and conservatism to revitalize the embattled game, reports AP.

If FIFA has its way, the controversial offside rule that has increasingly stifled the flow of the game will be drastically modified and limited to the areas close to the opponent's goal.

FIFA wants to extend the 18-year (16.5-meter) 'penalty box lines to the sidelines to create a large midfield area where the offside rule would not on longer apply.

The offside rule, which requires a defender (other than the goalkeeper) to be between the furthest forward offensive player and the goal when a pass is initiated, would not be applicable between the two penalty box lines. This would make the offside rule en-

forceable only in 15 per cent of the field instead of the offensive half.

FIFA hopes this will create a new zone where offensive players could thrive better. If the International Board rules committee, in which FIFA has a large say, approves the idea during its annual meeting in Belfast, Northern Ireland, this weekend, the proposed rule will be tested during the first Under-17 FIFA world Championship in Italy from Aug 15-31.

"We have good hopes they will approve it," said FIFA's spokesman Guido Tognoni. "If the board follows FIFA," Tognoni said in an interview, then "for the first time ever, we will have a sanctioned new offside rule" ready for such a large-scale experiment.

But he dampened hopes it could be used as early as the 1994 World Cup.

Ottey clocks year's best

MADRID, June 8: Jamaican sprint queen Merlene Ottey ran the fastest women's 200 metres of the year when she clocked 22.12 seconds at an international meeting in Madrid on Friday, reports Reuter.

Rono wants to see apartheid abolished first

VANCOUVER, June 8: Olympic 1500-meter champion Peter Rono of Kenya said on Friday that South Africa should continue to be barred from international sport until apartheid is completely dismantled, reports Reuter.

"I would like apartheid to be abolished first before South Africa is allowed to compete at any Olympic or Commonwealth Games," Rono told Reuters in Vancouver, where he will compete today at the Harry Jerome international track classic.

"It would be a good sign to see South African athletes compete but as long as apartheid is still there I cannot agree with it," he said.

Rono was responding to suggestions that South Africa has done enough to remove racial barriers to be allowed to participate at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona and the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Columbia.

The 23-year-old Rono continued Kenyan dominance of world middle-distance running with his surprising 1500-meter victory at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

"I'm very much against the apartheid issue. Everybody should be allowed to compete and South African blacks are denied because of their colour," he said.

But Rono said that if South Africa does rejoin international sporting competition, it will produce some of the world's best athletes.

"I haven't been hearing their times, but I'm sure if they come to the Olympics they'll have runners good enough to win," he said.

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Becker doesn't lose heart

PARIS, June 8: It took a third semifinal defeat at the French Open to convince Boris Becker that one day he will win the only Grand Slam title to elude him, reports Reuter.

The German second seed, whose dream is to become the first player since Australian Rod Laver to win all four Grand Slam tournaments, was positively up beat despite his fourth-sets loss to Andre Agassi.

"I've played very good tennis," he said, with more than a hint of satisfaction. "Some things are easier for a person to achieve than others. In Australia I had to wait seven years to win."

"Here I'm making improvements every year. I'm 23 and I have a few years ahead of me to improve. I think I have it in my blood to win in Paris. I do things right, one day the important points will go my way."

Becker, three times Wimbledon champion and winner once each at the US and Australian Opens, said the way he had played at Roland Garros and showed him that clay court tennis was no nightmare for him.

"I've never felt as comfortable as this year at Roland Garros," he said. "Before, the crowd weren't really my side and didn't feel so good. But this time everything changed."

SOCCER SCENARIO

Injury delays Gazza's debut with Lazio



ROME, June 8: Injury delays club Lazio said on Friday Tottenham Hotspur had agreed to accept a reduced downpayment for injured England star Paul Gascoigne and would pay back every penny if the midfielder player did not recover, reports Reuter.

"Tottenham have agreed to a lower initial sum and to pay it back if Gascoigne doesn't recover," Lazio's sports director Carlo Regalia said. But Gascoigne's long-awaited debut with the Roman club seems certain to be delayed until next year.

"We have agreed terms with the player and his agents, but we have had to put everything back for a year-to July 1992," Regalia added in a telephone interview. Regalia met Gascoigne's adviser Mel Stein in Rome earlier on Friday.

Gascoigne is not expected to recover from the injury before Christmas. In March Lazio offered a world record 14.5 million dollars for the World Cup midfielder which would have helped clear Tottenham's debts of some 30 million dollars.

England beat New Zealand 2-0

WELLINGTON, June 8: England beat New Zealand 2-0 (halftime 1-0) today in the second of two friendly soccer internationals.

Scorers: England — Stuart Pearce (12th minute), David Hirst (51st). Attendance: 8,500.

Nimes signs up Cantona

MARSEILLE, France, June 8: Newly promoted Nimes have signed international striker Eric Cantona from French champions Marseille for a 10 million franc (1.7 million dollars) fee, club sources said on Friday, reports Reuter.

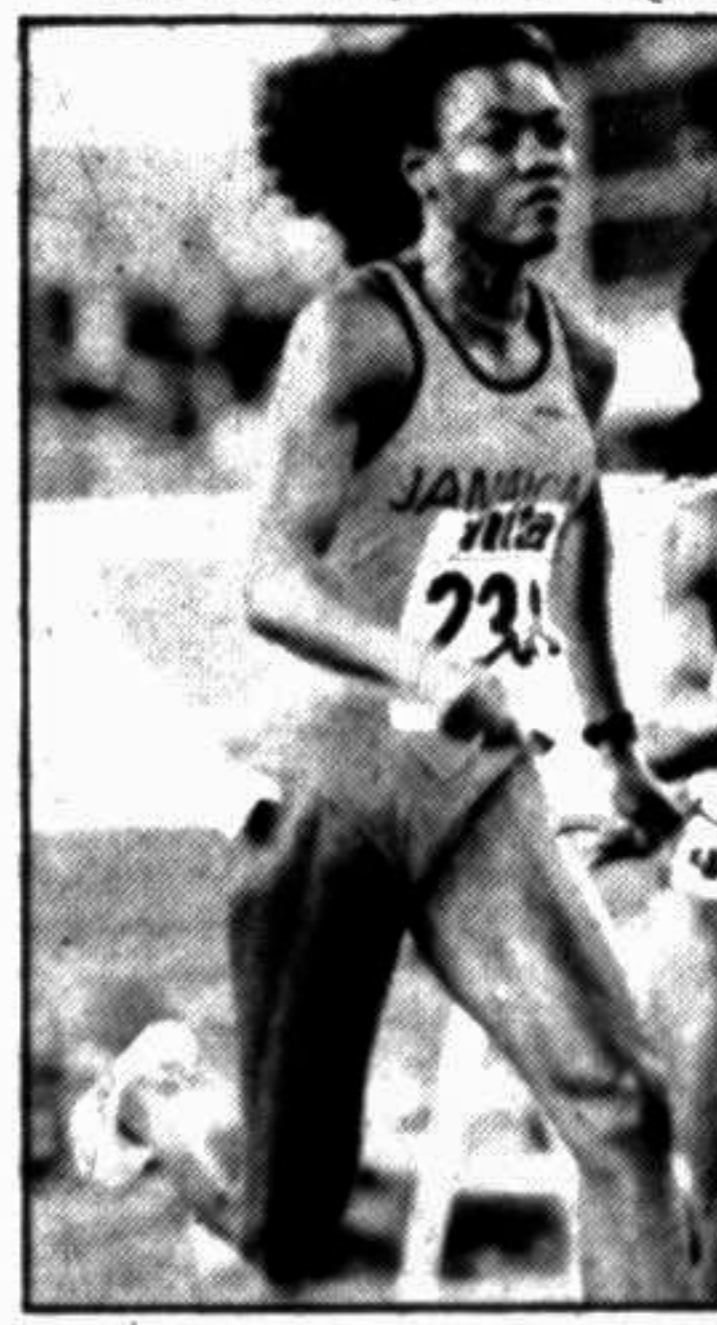
They said the agreement would keep Cantona at Nimes for three seasons. Nimes will be Cantona's fifth club in less than four years. He left Auxerre for Marseille in 1988 before joining Bordeaux and Montpellier and eventually returning to Marseille last year.

Malta trounce Indonesia

SEOUL, June 8: Malta trounced Indonesia 3-0 after leading 1-0 at half-time at the 19th President's Cup international football tournament which got under way here Friday, reports AFP.

Malta's Hubert Suda opened the scoring in the 44th minute when he booted in the ball that deflected from the bar after being shot by Malta's Michael Degiorgio. Carmel Scerri made it 2-0 in the 86th minute when he shot near the penalty line on a pass from Joseph Princat.

The last goal came from Michael Degiorgio in the 79th minute when he made a solo dash from the middle field and scored after beating a defense. In the other action on Friday, South Korea and Egypt drew to a goalless 0-0 although the South Korea's first-string team dominated the match, recording 17 shots against Egypt's nine shots. Eight teams are taking part in the tournament.



MERLENE OTTEY

was a surprise winner of the men's 800 metres, leading from the last bend to beat Luis Migueles of Argentina.

Kenyan Olympic champion Paul Ereng seemed to stumble on the final bend and finished sixth.

Courier waxes patriotic

PARIS, June 8: Jim Courier has one sharp answer for those who have ever dared to suggest that American Tennis is in trouble.

"I'd like to slap around the people who said: 'Where's the American tennis,'" said Courier, after making it through to the first all-American final in 37 years at the French Open.

The French final, with fifth seed Courier playing number four Andre Agassi, follows an all-American showdown in the US Open last year, between Agassi and eventual winner Pete Sampras.

"I think it's great that this is the second one out of the last three (Grand Slam events)," said the fiercely patriotic Courier. Brand Slam finals are a new experience for the 20-year-old Courier, like Agassi a product of the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy in Florida and one of a rising

generation of American players. But the brash Courier is taking it all in his stride.

"I think I got my nerves out of the way today," said Courier after his defeat on Friday of 12th seeded German Michael Stich.



JIM COURIER

Stich. "I will just go out there on Sunday and enjoy myself."

Courier, who won back-to-back tournaments in Indian Wells and Key Biscayne earlier this year, has improved his clay-court game with the help of a former master of the surface, Spaniard Jose Higueras.

All-American French final today

Ex-mates vie for high stakes

PARIS, June 8: The French Open used to be the tournament American men couldn't win. This year, one of them has to, reports AP.

Andre Agassi and Jim Courier, who used to battle each other at a Florida tennis academy, each beat hard-serving Germans in four sets Friday. That set up an all-American final on Sunday — the first since 1954.

Agassi, the losing finalist last year and No 4 seed this year, outran and outfoxed Boris Becker 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. Courier, the ninth seed, beat Michael Stich, 6-2, 6-7 (8-10), 6-2, 6-4.

Both are seeking their first Grand Slam championship. "Agassi wants this tournament really bad," said Stich. "I think he's going to win."

In the women's final, scheduled for Saturday, defending champion Monica Seles was to face 1989 winner

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain — who handed Steffi Graf the worst beating of her pro career, 6-0, 6-2, in the semifinals.

The men's finalists trained together at Nick Bollettieri's tennis academy in Florida in the mid-80s before Courier left, feeling he wasn't getting enough attention. Agassi has a 4-2 edge in their head-to-head matches, but they have split encounters at the past two French Opens.

Their showdown Sunday will be the first French Open final between two Americans since Tony Trabert beat Art Larsen in 1954. It ensures that an American will win the title for only the second time since 1955 — Michael Chang broke the drought in 1989.

"American tennis has really taken a step up," Agassi said. "We're on a roll with a few good players now."

Courier was more bellicose.

"I'd like to slap around the people who said, 'where is American tennis?' about five years ago," he said. "Here we are."

Becker, had he won, would have passed Stefan Edberg atop the rankings list — even if he had lost in the final. Instead, it became Becker's third semifinal loss here in five years.

Agassi, No 4 in the world, can't advance in the rankings, even with a championship. But Courier, with a victory, could move from No 9 to No 4, dropping Agassi back a notch.

The biggest point in the Agassi-Becker match came in the 11th game of the first set. Agassi, facing a break point, hammered a second serve that hit the line for an ace.

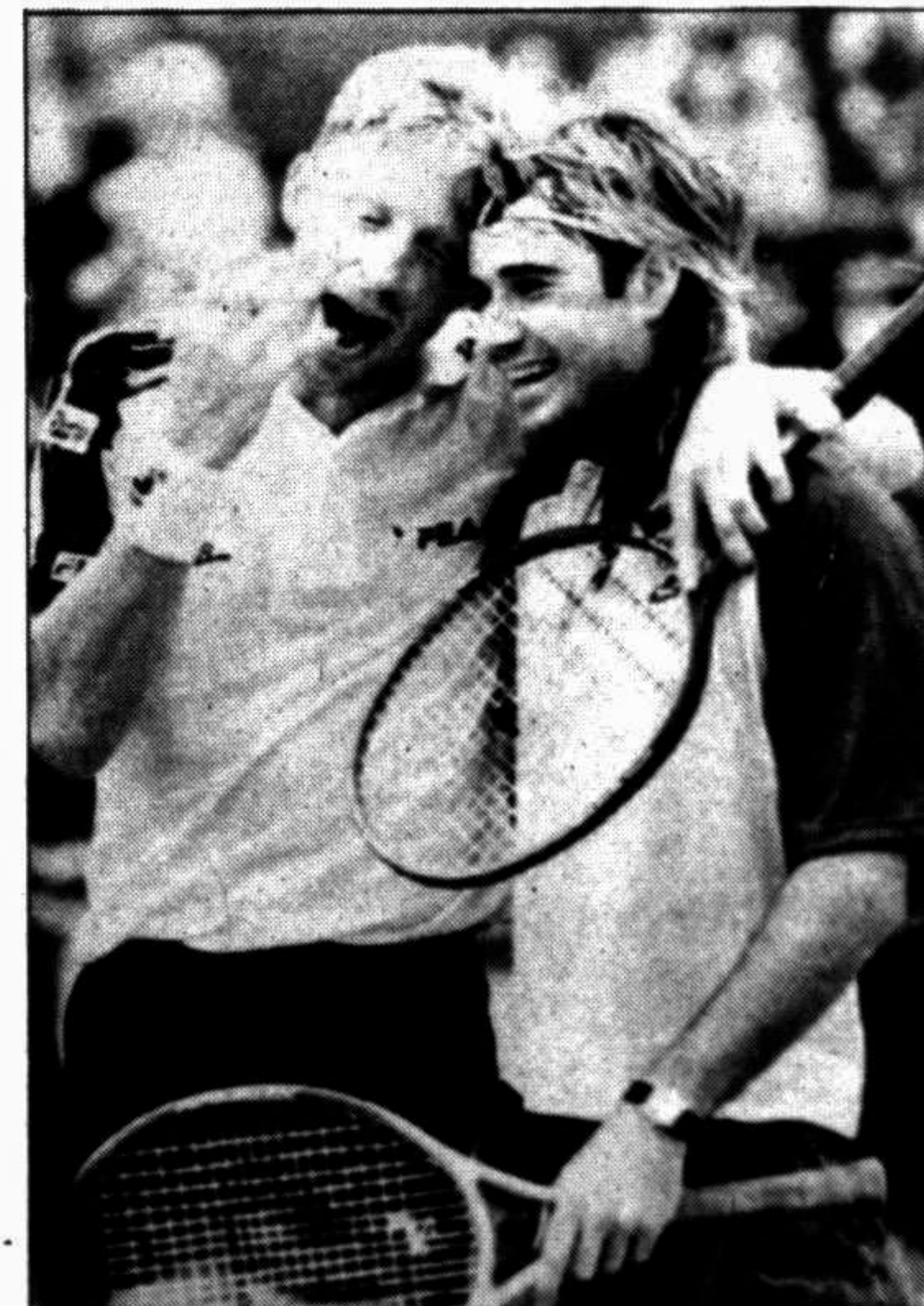
Becker thought the ball was out, which would have meant a double fault and a service break. He asked the linesman to verify the ball's mark on the soft clay, but the linesman stumbled as he walked on the court — his glasses flying out of his pocket.

Becker put on the glasses and peered at the mark, but the ace was upheld. Agassi won the next two points to go up 6-5 and then broke Becker's serve to win the set.

"Shots like that can decide a match, and it did today," Becker said. "We both knew that the winner of that set would take such a mental edge that he would win. That game at five-all really killed me."

Courier's biggest trouble came in the second set, when Stich won a 10-8 tie-breaker. The German played well, but said of Courier, "He just played a little better."

"I'm playing well. I'm fit and I've got a chance to win the French Open," Courier said. "I'm either going to win it or lose it and go home Monday, and that's a good feeling."



German Boris Becker (L) congratulates Andre Agassi after the former's defeat by the American in French Open semifinals on Friday.

Cash's optimism

BECKENHAM, England, June 8: Former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, currently ranked 82nd in the world, said on Friday he believed he could still win the most coveted title in tennis a second time.

The 1987 winner, who plunged down the rankings after injury kept him out of the game for almost a year, was speaking after an impressive 6-4, 6-3 quarter-final win over American Brad Pearce in the Beckenham grass court championships.

"I'm feeling fitter than for a very long time and, yes, I think it is possible for me to win Wimbledon again," the Australian said.

"I know I can win it. I've done it before. It's just a question of everything coming together at the right time."

Vicini's job on the line

ROME, June 8: Italian coach Azeglio Vicini, who has been harshly criticized for Italy's loss to Norway in an European Championship qualifier, on Friday named 19 players to his squad for a four-team tournament in Sweden next week, reports AP.

Many critics suggested it would be Vicini's last games with the Italian national team.

Italy, which will be without some injured key players, faces Denmark in Malmo on Wednesday in the Scandia Cup. Also competing will be the national teams of the Soviet Union and Sweden.

Roma midfielder Giuseppe Giannini and Sampdoria defender Pietro Vierchowd, who did not play against Norway were included, on Friday's list. However, Italy still will be without injured forwards Roberto Baggio and

Roberto Donadoni, midfielder Fernando De Napoli and defender Riccardo Ferri.

Vicini, who has coached the Italian "blue" team since 1986, has been blamed by many for Italy's 2-1 loss to Norway on Wednesday.

The loss dropped the Italian team to third place in the European Championship Group 3 standings, hurting its chances to qualify for the next summer's eight-team final round in Sweden.

"I am not going to resign," Vicini said on his return from Oslo. "It's up to the Federation to take a decision, if any."

Federation president Antonio Matarrese said Thursday that he expects Vicini to resign. Former AC Milan coach Arrigo Sacchi is expected to take over Vicini's post.

Italy's next qualifying match will be against the Soviet Union in Moscow on Oct. 12.