

Sabatini denies Navratilova her record

TOKYO, Feb 2: Gabriela Sabatini denied Martina Navratilova's attempt at a record breaking 15th career victory when she retained her singles title here Sunday at the 3,500,000 dollar Toray Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament, reports AFP.

The 21-year-old Argentine, also the champion here in



GABRIELA SABATINI

1987 penetrated with an array of razor sharp passing shots and returns for 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 win in the final.

"I played very good, especially returns and passing shots. And my ground strokes were working very well," said the Argentine. "The only thing that I wasn't happy with my serve."

Sabatini fired a lightning service return winner on an

advantage point to break Navratilova in the opening game and converted another break point at 40-15 in the seventh before taking the first set.

Navratilova, the 1987 winner, was down 1-3 in the second but summoned up some fine reflexes at the net to even the match at one set all. The South American, however, gathered momentum and increased the speed of her top-spin, going ahead 3-0 in the decider.

"That was the key of the match. I broke her two times... that really helped me a lot. I don't think she hit something wrong since I was confident in my ground strokes. That's all," Sabatini said.

The Czech-born American broke back in the fourth to trail 1-3, but when she lost the following game and then missed four break points in the sixth, which went to deuce nine times, it was apparently going to be Sabatini's day.

The Argentine missed two match points in the seventh and eighth games but she made no mistake on her third match point, completing it with a backhand cross court passing shot for a clean winner.

"I didn't volley very well and my serves didn't have good placement. So she was able to hit very good returns," Navratilova lamented.

"When I was on the defen-

sive, even when I was at the net, I was not able to do enough with the ball, because I didn't get many first serves in," she said.

"If I could have held my serve better or easier, then I could have put more pressure on her. But I had such a hard time holding my serve" added Navratilova, who will make another attempt at breaking the record. She currently shares



M. NAVRATILOVA

with Chris Evert in the Virginia Slims of Chicago this month.

Sunday's result was a repeat performance of last year's final when Sabatini downed Navratilova in three sets.

It was also Sabatini's 22nd career singles title and the second this year, following her triumph at the New South Wales Open in Sydney last month.

With the win, the South American collected the top prize money of 70,000 dollars and 200 points as well as 53 bonus points counting towards the WTA rankings.

Navratilova had to be satisfied with the 31,500 dollar runner up prize and 158 points.

She also failed to win the doubles final later when she and Pam Sarver crashed to the second seeded Spanish Czechoslovak pair of Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Helena Sukova 5-7, 1-6.

Sanchez Vicario and Sukova earned 21,000 dollars, while the top seeded Americans pocketed 10,500 dollars.

AP adds: Navratilova said she would keep playing as long as she still can do well competitively.

"I am doing well and still enjoying it. Then the money is great and the attention is great," she added.

Playing before 7,000 spectators on the artificial court of the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium, Sabatini used her sharply angled serve return to break serve in the first game after three deuces.

En route to the singles final, Sabatini beat Japan's Mana Endo 6-2, 7-5, downed Shriver 6-2, 6-7(4-7), 6-4 and overwhelmed Japan's Kimiko Date 6-3, 6-0.

Navratilova trounced Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia, 6-0, 7-5, Laura Gildemeister of Peru, 6-4, 6-3 and Bulgarian Magdalena Maleeva 6-2, 6-2.

Tyson's trial: Doctor says he saw signs of rape

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb 2: A doctor who examined a teen-age beauty contestant testified that she had injuries consistent with rape but told him she was afraid to bring charges against former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, reports AP.

"She said she was scared, because it would be her word against Mr Tyson's," Dr Thomas Richardson told the Marion Superior Court jury on Saturday.

Tyson, 25, is charged with rape, confinement and criminal deviate conduct. If convicted, he faces up to 63 years in prison.

Richardson, the emergency room physician who examined the 18-year-old woman the day after the alleged rape, said he found injuries consistent with forced intercourse. He said he had seen such injuries as a result of consensual sex only twice, but they occur in up to 30 per cent of rape cases, he said.

"Usually, with a consensual act, you're relaxing things," he said. "You don't want it to hurt."

The physician dismissed as "garbage" a study cited by the defense showing evidence of vaginal trauma in a majority of women who had consensual sex.

The defense contends, the woman consented to sex with

Tyson. During her testimony, Tyson's accuser said she experienced "excruciating pain."

Richardson said the woman appeared composed but her voice quivered when she told him of the incident and her indecision about pressing charges.

In her testimony, Tyson's chauffeur Virginia Foster said the woman appeared frantic and frightened as she rushed Tyson's hotel in the pre-dawn hours of July 19.

"She might have been in a state of shock, a daze, disoriented. She seemed scared," Foster said.

On cross-examination, she admitted she couldn't see if the woman was crying when she emerged from Tyson's hotel.

"She rushed into that Limo too fast for me to know," she said.

Tyson and his accuser met during a rehearsal for the pageant on July 18. The woman has testified that she was in bed about 1:30 am on July 19 when Tyson telephoned her from his limousine and insisted she come out and talk with him while they drove around Indianapolis.

Foster told the jury of eight men and four women that she heard Tyson talking to the woman on the phone as he sat in gold Cadillac limousine outside her hotel.

Foster said that when the woman emerged from the

limo, her "pretty hairdo" was in disarray. The driver said she heard the woman say, "I don't believe him! Who does he think he is?" after she



MIKE TYSON

climbed into the Limo.

A Reuter report adds: Mike Tyson's lawyers on Saturday successfully argued for exclusion of evidence about his past sexual conduct.

Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford ruled shortly after the sixth day of the trial began in an unusual Saturday session that the prosecution could not introduce testimony that the fighter had fondled his limousine driver and had "exposed himself" to her.

Gifford's ruling effectively prevents the prosecution from bringing up the former champion's past sexual behaviour which includes his facing charges on several occasions of making unwanted sexual advances.

Tyson has been the target of several lawsuits brought by women who have charged him with unwanted sexual advances. In one charge, the fighter was called a "serial buttocks fondler."

Some of the lustre of that victory for the defence was dulled later in the day when two doctors testified that in their thousands of examinations of women who have agreed to consensual sex and others who have been assaulted, the abrasions suffered by the alleged victim were probably from "non-consensual sex."

Tyson denies the rape charges, saying the woman agreed to have sex with him. If convicted of all four counts against him, Tyson could go to jail for 63 years.

With the jury out of the courtroom early on Saturday, chief prosecution Greg Garrison said that while the former world heavyweight champion was in town, his "intentions were to gratify himself irrespective of the standards of decency, clearly irrespective of the law... irrespective of anybody's consent, he's going to get what he wants."

Excluding the evidence about Tyson's past sexual behavior, Garrison said, would "deprive the state of Indiana of a fair trial."

The prosecution specifically wanted to have limousine driver Virginia Foster testify that Tyson tried to kiss her and grabbed her by the shoulder in a hotel room. Garrison said the 44-year-old limousine driver had street senses and "pushes him back and he backs up."

Angry cabbies block highway

ALBERTVILLE, France, Feb 2: Angry French taxi drivers blocked the main Olympic highway yesterday to protest against

restrictions they say will cost them money during the Albertville Winter Games, reports Reuter.

Police said 10 km (six miles) tailbacks formed in both directions of the new four-lane

World record

STUTTGART, Germany, Feb 2: Danny Everett set a world indoor record of 45.02 seconds in the 400 meters at the Stuttgart international track meet Sunday, reports AP.

Everett clipped three-hundredths of a second off the 4-year-old record of 45.05 held by Germany's Thomas Schoenlebe.

It was the second time Everett had bettered Schoenlebe's time, but when he did it at Stuttgart two years ago, his performance was not recognized because of a lane violation.

College sports

TANGAIL, Feb 2: The annual sports of Moulana Muhammad Ali Government College was held at its playground on Friday last, reports HSS.

Fifty students including fifteen girls took part in the competition.

motorway between the Games capital of Albertville and Les Moutiers, about 25 km (15 miles) away at a key crossroads leading to several Olympic venues.

Access to three games venues, including the Chic Resort of Val D'Isere, site of men's alpine ski races, was also snared up by protesting taxi drivers travelling at a snail's pace through the valley town of Bourge St Maurice, police said.

A police spokesman said about 40 of the 20 local taxi drivers in the Savoie region of the French Alps, where the games open next Saturday, joined what he described as a calm protest.

The taxi drivers are angry about curbs on their movements during the February 8-23 games which they say will stop them ferrying customers between venues.

They join many hoteliers, restaurant owners and others dependent on tourism in the area who complain that the games, the biggest in Winter Olympic history, will fail to live up to their promise of rich business pickings.

"We're being forbidden to work," said Pierre Ratel, leader of the local Taxi Drivers' Union. Taxis involved in the protest were decked with banners which read: "We want free access to Olympic venues."

Eubank retains his title

BIRMINGHAM, England, Feb 2: Chris Eubank successfully defended his world title yesterday, four months after his last fight which ended with fellow Briton Michael Watson in a coma with brain damage, reports Reuter.

Eubank, who said money was the spur to go back into the ring, narrowly retained his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) super-middleweight title in a split decision 12-round fight against South African Thulane "sugar boy" Malinga.

Eubank looked to be on his way to a comprehensive success when he floored the challenger with a tremendous right hook near the end of the fifth round.

Malinga did well to beat the count, but struggled to regain his composure and was almost certainly rescued by the bell.

But he weathered the storm and came back to pose Eubank many problems.

Eubank, who was never again able to find the target with such telling effect, won the verdict 116-113, 115-114, 112-115 from the judges, with Canadian Harry Davis favouring Malinga.

Watson, who suffered brain damage during the world title fight with Eubank and needed surgery for a blood clot on the brain, has regained consciousness and can move his right arm.

Marseille back to form

PARIS, Feb 2: French soccer champions Marseille bounced back to form with a decisive 2-0

victory at Toulouse on Saturday, and stretched their lead by a point as closest rivals Monaco were held to a draw, reports Reuter.

After an ignominious home defeat to Toulon last week and an unhappy draw at St Etienne on Thursday, the leaders scarcely put a foot wrong. French international striker Jean-Pierre Papin and forward Didier Deschamps provided the goals.

Toulon held Marseille's nearest challengers Monaco to a 1-1 draw at home, with their star Argentine striker Leonardo Rodriguez-Nemesta of the champions last week — providing the equaliser.

Marseille now have 40 points from 27 games with Monaco trailing on 36.

The champions put relentless pressure on Toulouse from the start but had to wait until the 59th minute to draw first blood, Papin scoring his 20th league goal of the season from a rebound after midfielder Franck Sauzet hit the post.

Sauzet set up the second goal in the 75th minute.

Toulon, stuck in the lower half of the First Division, caused more trouble for

Monaco following their coup against Marseille last week.

After trailing 1-0 at halftime to a 20th minute Gerald Passi goal, Rodriguez pulled an equaliser out of the hat in the 54th minute in an elegant one-two with forward Frederique Meyrieu.

Paris St Germain leapt from sixth to third place after drubbing Lyon 3-0. Senegalese striker Amara Simba scored twice, in the 26th and 78 minutes, after defender Pierre Reyraud opened the account for the Parisians in the 15th.

Foreman fights Stewart Apr 7

LAS VEGAS, Feb 2: Former heavyweight champion George Foreman will meet contender Alex Stewart in Las Vegas on April 7, it was announced yesterday, reports Reuter.

The 42-year-old Foreman will be fighting for only the second time since losing a decision to world champion Evander Holyfield in April.

Foreman, champion in 1973 and 1974, has a record of 70-3 with 66 victories within the distance and mark of 26-1 since beginning his comeback in 1987 following a 10-year layoff.

Stewart, 25, has a record of 27-3 with 27 stoppages.

Australia wrap up a controversial series

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Australia wrapped up the current Test series, the twelfth between the two countries, against India 3-0 at Adelaide: the result of the fifth Test, now in progress, shall have academic interest only.

It was Australia's seventh series victory and fourth on Australian soil in six played so far. India have today managed to draw Test series only twice in Australia, in 1980-81 under Sunil Gavaskar which drew 1-1 with the third drawn and in 1985-86 under Kapil Dev all the three Tests were drawn. India's best performance on Australian soil was in 1977-78 under Bishen Singh Bedi when they lost 2-3. India's only series victory was against Kim Hughes's team, 2-0, in 1979-80 on home grounds.

The mighty Australians gained very convincing victories in the first two Tests in Brisbane and Melbourne with a day to spare in both. In the third Test in Sydney India came very near to winning, had the weather not deprived them of five hours of playing time when an Australian defeat was writ large.

In the fourth Test Indian skipper Muhammad Azharuddin's gamble of putting the Australians in paid off and the home side was skittled out for 145. India took a slender lead of 80 on the first innings, but failed to drive home the advantage, allowing the Aussies to pile up a total of 451. India required to score 372 for victory. They ended the penultimate day on 31 for no loss, and their target of 341 in one full day's batting was not an impossibility. But the first session on the final day did not go very well for the tourists; they lost four wickets, including that of their in-form striker Sachin

Tendulkar, who was promoted to No 4 in the batting order. Of these four dismissals, three were lbw.

But after lunch, Muhammad Azharuddin livened up the proceedings with an innings, brave and brilliant, and his coming back to form could not have been more welcome. From 102 for 4 at lunch, he almost singlehandedly took the score to 252 for 6 at tea; 120 needed in the last session with four wickets in hand. Manoj Prabhakar, the batsman in company, was providing very able support. Azharuddin's innings ended at 106 with the score board reading 283 for 7. Craig McDermott succeeded in finding an outside edge of his bat with the second new ball and Mark Taylor brought off a magnificent slip catch.

With only 51 runs in six previous Test innings on the current tour, Muhammad Azharuddin was the most miserable man in the squad. Coming out of the long bad patch, his 106 was a gem of an innings with which he brought his side into a head-long battle in the game, which had appeared lost by all counts. Had he succeeded in guiding his side home this innings would have gone down in history as one of the most valiant essays in courage and grace, filled with rich stroke-play. Even in defeat it does not lose its lustre, and I reckon, Azhar would hardly hesitate to rank it as one of his best hundreds, his eleventh in Tests.

After Azhar's departure, Manoj Prabhakar did not give up, scoring 64 before becoming the eighth Indian lbw victim in the match. India fell short by 36 runs with 41 balls remaining.

On the fourth day through injury, Kapil's easy let-off to Ian Healy before he had reached double figures (he ultimately scored 41) and, of course, a few glaring decisions favouring the Australian batsmen made it difficult for the Indian bowlers and fielders to check their emotions.

The introduction of the referee system from the current series may have had some salutary effect in curbing unbecoming behaviour by the players, but their emotions still found vent in one way or the other. Towards the flag end of the second day in Adelaide, David Boon, on a back-foot defensive stroke, was struck by Kapil Dev and the ABC commentator's remark, which I distinctly remember, that 'India was a little unlucky there' can not really hurt Indian feelings. An appeal for a catch behind the stumps off an edge from Mark Taylor's bat, the same evening, was also not upheld. Sunil Gavaskar's reported remark that 'India was up against not eleven but thirteen players' appears to have some substance. It is not unusual for visiting teams to blame umpiring decisions, but almost all visiting teams to Australia have been critical of the umpiring in the recent past. One wonders what might have been the fate of the match had Boon and Taylor, or even Boon alone, departed that second evening?

The Australian victory in the Adelaide Test also speaks of India's spirited performance. In defeat they were glorious. To be able to skittle out the Aussies for 145 was commendable. Their lead could have been bigger had the upper-order batsmen fared a little better. Australia's second innings total of 451, their highest in the series so far, contained a 100 by Mark Taylor and 135 by David Boon. Helped by Prabhakar's absence

just three runs ahead and only two wickets in hand.

Yet, in the first two Tests India were comprehensively beaten. In Brisbane they managed 239 and 156 against Australia's 340 and 58 for no loss. At Melbourne, they again batted dismally, collecting only 263 and 213 to Australia's 349 and 128 for 2.

In the first Test Kapil Dev (44 and 25) and Manoj in the second knock. In the second Test India's first innings total of 263 was mainly due to More's unbeaten 67 and Raju's 31, again tail-wagging. Dilip Vengsarkar, the old warrior, followed his first innings 23 with a solid 54 in the second and Sachin Tendulkar's 40 helped India reach 213. Bruce Reid was the main wrecker with 9 for 94. India must have felt relieved when Reid had to leave the field with injury after bowling only four overs in the first innings of the first Test at the SCG and he is yet to recover.

Kapil Dev, the leading Indian bowler, seems to have found the Australian conditions to his liking. In his mid-30s, he may have lost some speed, but has gained in accuracy and ability to move the ball. His 21 wickets in the four Tests so far at an average of 23.52 and his career tally of 397 wickets at 29.58 apiece is impressive by any standard. He is fast approaching Sir Richard Hadlee's 431 and all shall ungrudgingly wish him well. Incidentally, Kapil is also the highest wicket-taker in one-day cricket as well, with 217 scalps in his bag.

Australia could reach a total beyond 350 mark only once in the four Tests and this speaks well of the Indian bowling, which was rated as rather moderate at the beginning of the tour. The failure of their batsmen led to their defeats in

the first two Tests; the success of their bowlers (especially Shastri's 4 for 45 in 25 overs in the drawn Sydney Test) almost brought them victory and this could happen only when the batsmen put up a total of 445. In the fourth Test the batting failed to capitalise on the superb efforts of the bowlers.

The Indian upper-order batsmen looked tentative in the first two Tests, and by the time they could make some progress the fate of the series had already been decided. It is unfortunate that their skipper, one of their key batsmen, blossomed rather too late. It was apparent that India's batting failed them, which was not expected, and their bowling did more than what was expected of them.

Among the Australian batsmen David Boon towered above the others. Going into the final Tests he has compiled 411 runs with two centuries and averages 82.20. Mark Taylor comes next with 404 at an average of 57.71. Allan Border, with his unbeaten 53 in the second innings of the Sydney Test, was mainly responsible for saving the match for Australia; and his unbeaten 91 in the Adelaide Test second innings helped Australia take the massive lead of 371.

India's exploits Down Under so far have not been very successful.

In the one-day Triangulars they fought hard to come very close; in the Tests they put up spirited performances after brushing aside the initial drubbings; they wrested the honours in the drawn third Test and in the fourth, though they lost the series, they scored a few points and a super-spirited charge from their skipper brought them very near to victory. Let the spirit linger on till the World Cup.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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14 Ralph — Emerson	53 Enthusiastic	7 Noah's passenger list	30 Expert
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16 Masses	55 Money-maker	9 Blueprint extra	32 Single
18 Antelope	56 TV's "Murder, She —"	10 Remark from 6 Down	33 Nay
19 Some artists' models	57 Listener	11 Louis XIV, e.g.	36 "Star —"
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29 A martial art			44 Detroit dud
31 Craig T. Nelson's sitcom			45 Heal
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHY THE OUT-OF-SHAPE INDUSTRIALIST IS HIRING A PERSONAL TRAINER: "TO GET A RUN FOR MY MONEY."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals B

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.