

Lendl's earliest exit from Paris

PARIS, May 29 — Ivan Lendl's hopes of taking a fourth French Open title at the age of 32 evaporated in the second round when he was beaten by Brazilian Jaime Oncins on Friday, reports Reuters.

It was the former world number one's earliest exit at the French Open since 1978, although he has missed the last two tournaments at Roland Garros.

The match had been tied at two sets all and 5-5 in the fifth when rain stopped play on Thursday.

Coming back in the sunshine on Friday, Lendl had four breakpoints in the day's opening game but failed to convert them.

Lendl served with the score at 7-6 to Oncins but was broken to 15 to give the 21-year-old Brazilian, ranked 72nd in the world, a 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 8-6 score and the biggest triumph of his career.

Lendl won here three times in the 1980s but has had a miserable clay season this year and dropped out of the world's top 10 for the first time in more than 10 years after his second-round defeat to Switzerland's Marc Rosset earlier this month.

Oncins, who screamed with joy after clinching the match, said he had always regarded Lendl as a great player but had tried not to be nervous when he faced him across the net.

"What I had to do was just play. I knew that if I could stay relaxed I would play better," said Oncins, a Davis Cup hero at home after helping to take Brazil into the semifinals this year.

LUCKY EDBERG
Second seed Stefan Edberg was lucky not to join Lendl in making an early exit after a patchy performance against dogged Argentine Gabriel Markus.

Edberg, who has won every Grand Slam title but the

French, needed four hours and 34 minutes, spread over two days, to beat Markus 4-6, 7-6, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

The Swede had come back from one set and 5-3 down on Thursday, before play was abandoned in the fourth set.

Edberg made a slow start when play resumed on Centre Court. He failed to take advantage of six breakpoints at 4-2 up in the fourth and was then broken twice to allow Markus to take and set.

Markus is a dangerous clay court player, having beaten top seed Pete Sampras of the US on his way to winning the Nice



IVAN LENDL

Thursday.

Edberg, his hair plastered to his head, complained several times about the damp before his match against Markus was finally abandoned for the day with the Swede ahead at 4-6, 7-6, 7-5, 3-1.

Edberg, hoping to regain the world number one spot from American Jim Courier, asked for the supervisor to be brought on when a series of showers left the clay court slippery.

But officials ruled that play should continue and it was not until the gathering gloom made the ball almost invisible



STEFAN EDBERG

title last month as well as Lendl in Madrid less than two weeks later.

The 22-year-old Argentine had breakpoints in the second and fourth games of the deciding set on Friday but Edberg held on and finally broke to go 5-4 up when Markus put a backhand just long.

The normally emotionless Swede jumped for joy and almost skipped back to his chair for the changeover before serving out for the match.

The bad weather has been the protagonist of the Grand Slam event so far, disrupting three of the four days, and it played a starring role again

that the Centre Court match was finally called off until Friday.

Lendl, complained that he was being disturbed by camera flashes from the Court Two crowd.

OTHER RESULTS

American, Michael Chang, the 1989 champion, was another victim of the weather; the fifth seed was at 6-3, 1-3 against Spain's Marcos Aulario Gorrioz when play was stopped.

For Chang's compatriots Courier and Andre Agassi, the two finalists last year, the day was much more pleasant. Both won in straight sets before the rain came.

Reynolds can run, but ...

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 29: A US judge ordered on Thursday that Butch Reynolds, the 400 metres world record holder, be allowed to compete in pre-Olympic qualifying even though he was suspended for testing positive for a banned steroid, reports Reuters.

Federal Judge Joseph Kofron in Columbus issued a temporary restraining order that will permit the 27-year-old Reynolds to compete through June 8 and try to qualify for the trials in New Orleans in late June that determine the US Olympic team.

However, a US Olympic Committee (USOC) spokesman said there was no way Reynolds would be allowed on the team unless the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) lifted its

two-year suspension. "No amount of court work is going to get him into the Olympic Games," said USOC spokesman Mike Moran. "The



BUTCH REYNOLDS
IAAF controls, not the USOC and not a court."

Earlier this month in London an arbitration panel of the IAAF upheld the body's ban, which expires on August 11. This Summer's Olympics in Barcelona end on August 9.

The IAAF banned Reynolds from competition after he tested positive for the anabolic steroid Nandrolone at a meeting in Monaco in August 1990.

Reynolds has indicated he will run in the Bruce Jenner Classic in San Jose, California, this weekend and a meeting in San Francisco on June 6 to try to meet the Olympic trials qualifying standard of 45.80 seconds. He is not known to have run that fast recently.

On Saturday Reynolds will be competing against his brother Jeff and 1988 bronze medalist Danny Everett. Reynolds is currently in training at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

Aussie legislators slam IOC's disregard for athletes' rights

CANBERRA, May 29: Australian parliamentarians condemned the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Thursday over its banning of Australian pentathlete Alex Watson during the 1988 Seoul Olympics for failing a drug test, reports Reuters.

"The IOC have been absolutely appalling in their cavalier disregard to the rights of Alex Watson," according to Noel Crichton-Browne, a member of a parliamentary committee which investigated the action against Watson.

Watson was in a medal winning position when he tested positive to excessive caffeine after a fencing event to become the first Australian athlete disqualified from an Olympics for a drugs offence.

Crichton-Browne criticised the IOC for failing to provide information requested by the committee.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch had failed to reply to numerous letters for details on the testing procedures, he said.

"The IOC have scant regard for the rights of athletes. Alex Watson has not been provided with an appeals mechanism by the IOC," Crichton-Browne told reporters in handing down the parliamentary report clearing Watson of deliberate drug-taking.

"Their view is that they found him guilty and guilty he shall stay and they will not entertain any evidence to the contrary," he added.

While the inquiry accepted that Watson was over the accepted caffeine level, it recommended that caffeine should not be on the prescribed list until the performance enhancing effects and the likelihood of athletes ex-

ceeding the limit were clarified.

Watson, who will be competing in Barcelona, continually maintained his innocence, arguing that the only way he could have breached the caffeine limit was by drinking coffee and coca-cola on the day of competition.

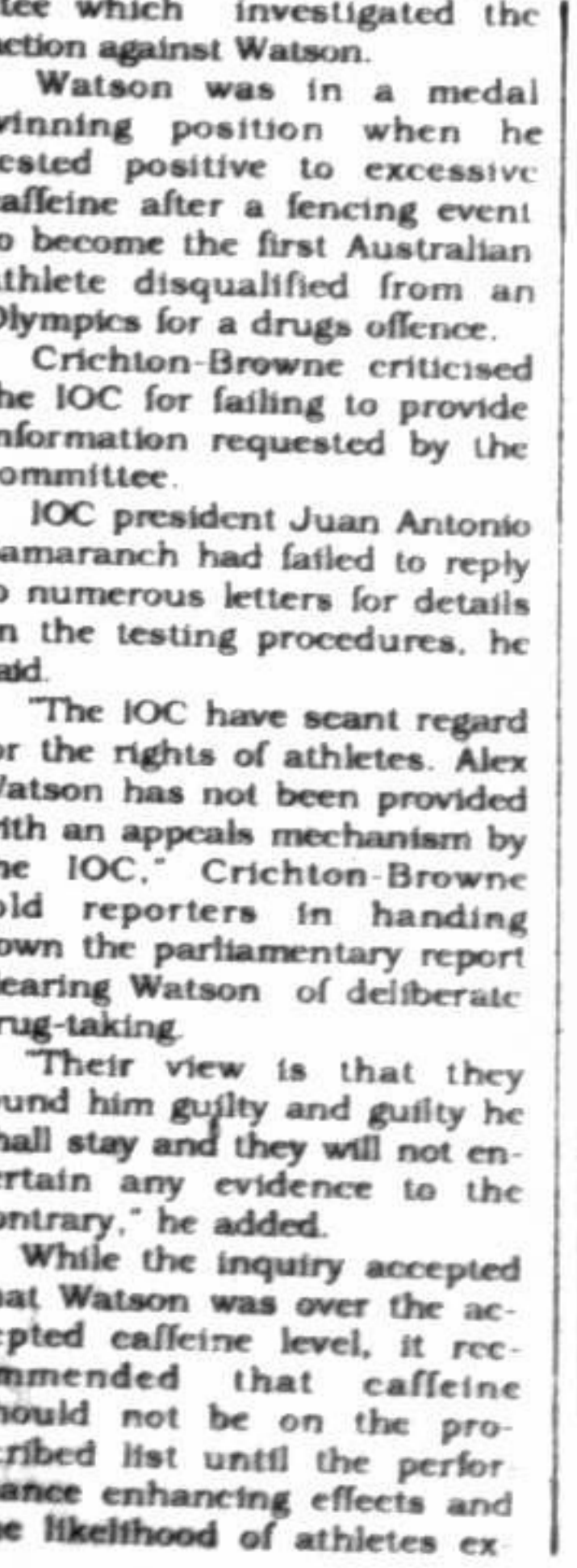
"Watson's account of events has been consistent and there is nothing to suggest that his ingestion of caffeine was by any other means than drinking beverages," the report said.

Watson had told the hearing he learned he had failed the

previous day's drugs test at 5 am when an Australian team official woke him up.

He said he was then told to pack and be ready to leave Seoul in an hour and not to tell anyone what was going on. He said he was also advised against making a telephone call to Australia to tell his family he would be coming home early.

The inquiry was also critical of the IOC practice of making drinks containing caffeine, such as coffee and some soft drinks, available at competition venues.



Japanese tennis star Mana Endo concentrates at the ball for a backhand return to Italian opponent Katia Piccolini in the second round match of the French Open in Paris on May 27. Endo won 7-6 (7/6), 6-0.

Runner's feat
TOKYO, May 29: A Tokyo hotel manager, stung by failing twice to complete a 1,000-km (625-mile) race in Australia, has had his revenge — by running nearly twice that distance in his native Japan, reports Reuters.

Norio Wada, 37, ran 1,650 km (1,031 miles) from the tip of the southern island of Kyushu to the capital, leaving on May 7 and arriving in front of Tokyo city hall on Tuesday evening, he said today.

"Running so long and so far is an adventure for me. So, I'm very pleased to complete my run this time," he said.

The run took 19 days 11 hours 30 minutes. "I did not care about time. It was not a race," he said.

Backed by a volunteer team, Wada ran almost every day, at 18-20 snacks a day and slept several in a camper van. He lost about 10 kg (22 lbs) in weight and ran through three pairs of shoes.

He said he did the run because he felt ashamed after failing to finish the Sydney-Melbourne 1,000-km race in 1989 and 1990.

The former 100 metre sprinter began jogging in 1986 to lose weight and has run more than 1,000 km a month since.

"I dream of making long runs under harder natural conditions such as in Africa or the desert. I am sure I will do so sometime in the future," he said.

Golf result
NISHINECHO, Japan, May 29: Tsuneyuki Nakajima, winner of last week's Pepsi Ube tournament, shot a 4-under-par 68 Thursday and shared the first round lead with Shigeru Kawamata in the Mitsubishi Galant golf tournament.



American Andre Agassi hammers a forehand to Italian opponent Gianluca Pozzi during his second round match at French Open in Paris on May 28. Agassi won 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.

Graf breezes past Coetzer

PARIS, May 29: Second seed Steffi Graf advanced easily Friday to the fourth round of the French Open, but two other highly seeded women, Mary Joe Fernandez and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere, were victims of stunning upsets, reports AP.

The surprise winners, Sabine Hack of Germany and Manon Bollegraf of The Netherlands, had never before survived the third round of a Grand Slam event.

Hack, ranked 42nd in the world, beat No 6 seed Fernandez, 7-6 (7-1), 6-2. It was the latest in a series of Grand Slam disappointments for the 20-year-old American, who despite her high ranking, has never won one of the major titles and reached only one final.

Bollegraf, 28, with a world ranking of 57, beat eighth-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragnier, a Bulgarian-born Swiss, 7-5, 6-2.

Graf, the winner here in 1987 and 1988, and yet to lose more than three games in a set this week, was quicker and

steadier than 20-year-old South African Amanda Coetzer, routing her 6-2, 6-1 in their 59-minute match.



MARY JO FERNANDEZ

round matches.

Seles and No 1 men's seed Jim Courier won their second-round matches easily Thursday, as did most big names. Three of the lesser women's seeds No 9 Anke Huber of Germany, No 11 Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria, and No 16 Sabina Amisimians of Belgium were losers.

Hack lost of Fernandez in straight sets here last year, but said she learned her lesson.

"I played very disciplined," she said. "I hit long balls to keep her in the back ... she started to make a lot of unforced errors because she lost her discipline."

Fernandez concurred.

"She was pushing me back," Fernandez said. "I made a lot of errors. You have days like that."

"Last year when I went out on court I thought I had to be special because she was a top 10 player but she doesn't do anything special so I wasn't afraid this time," said Hack.

Fernandez said her timing had gone to pieces.

"All the girls are playing better than they used to," she added. "It is a lot tougher, there aren't as many easy matches as there used to be."

IAAF to review Krabbe's case
TORONTO, Canada, May 29: The International Amateur Athletics Federation said on Wednesday it will review the case of world sprint queen Katrin Krabbe, who was cleared last month of cheating in a dope test, reports AFP.

The executive council of the IAAF meets here from Friday to Sunday, and top of the agenda is a report from the German Athletic Federation (DLV) on sprinters Krabbe, Grit Greuer and Silke Moller.

All three were suspended by the DLV for four years in February after they allegedly produced identical urine samples for a routine drug test.

The DLV then reversed its decision in April apparently clearing the way for the women to compete in the Barcelona Olympics.

IAAF officials say the executive council could reinstate the ban, accept the DLV's final ruling or refer the affair to a special IAAF committee.

Also on the agenda here are membership applications from the 12 former Soviet republics and South Africa.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: E equals M

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.