he is seeded to face No. 8

Goran Ivanisevic, should he

get past Ivan Lendl in the

Michael Stich, the No. 3 seed

who opens against Stefano

Pescosolido of Italy, is slated to

meet No. 5 Pete Sampras in

Should the seedings hold,

the four men's quarterfinal

matchups would be: Courier vs

Chang, Becker vs Korda, Stich

vs Sampras, and Edberg vs

Ivanisevic. The projected

semifinals are Courier-Becker

headed by Seles, who has won

the last five Grand Slam tour-

naments in which she com-

peted. She withdrew from

Wimbledon at the last minute

last year with what she later

described as shin splints and a

The women's field is

another quarterfinal.

and Edberg -Sampras.

stress fracture.

Defending champion

fourth round.

### Tendulkar keeps the Tykes waiting

Then in Yorkshire's final

group match he was bowled by

a good delivery from Notting-

hamshire paceman Andy Pick

as Yorkshire crashed out of the

competition with only one win

his first match in the competi-

tion with a ton against Hamp-

shire at Headingley, falling 14

even better in the next match

against Gloucestershire,

reaching 92 before stepping

back to cut a ball from left-arm

spinner Mark Davies and being

"If I had made those extra

14 runs on my championship

ferent, because there's a big

psychological difference be-

tween being out in the 80s and

scoring a century," Tendulkar

did not feel under any great

pressure and that is still the

"I said when I arrived that I

debut, it would have been dif-

The diminutive Indian did

Tendulkar has fared better

in four matches.



LEEDS, England, June 17: After nearly seven weeks with their first overseas import in their

side Yorkshire are still waiting for the real Sachin Tendulkar to emerge, reports Reuter.



SACHIN TENDULKAR ... yet to hit a century

prodigy, who arrived in a blaze of publicity at the end of April as the replacement for injured Australian fast bowler Craig runs short to Jon Ayling, who McDermott, has so far failed to trapped him lbw. live up to the hype.

The 19-year-old from Bombay has yet to score a century and as a result the county have failed to make an impact on any competition so far this season.

When he was given his debut against Kent on April 30, the hope was that his arrival would inspired Yorkshire to reach the quarter-finals of the

Benson and Hedges Cup. But it was not to be. For the first time in his career Tendulkar suffered the anguish of being run out at the bowler's end when backing up.

but the one problem has been adjusting to the different type of pitches in England. "I started at Headingley, then found myself on a very different track at Canterbury

case, but the fact is that I'm

not in great nick for some rea-

ence of playing seven days a

week in various competitions,

"I've enjoyed the experi-

and it was different again when we played Hampshire at Basingstoke."

Tendulkar managed only 15 and eight against Kent at Canterbury, and his nought in the first innings at Basingstoke was only the second of his first-class career.

He followed that with 34 in the second innings and there more disappointment when Yorkshire played Somerset at Middlesbrough on a pitch which should have suited his stroke-making. He totalled just 13 before being bowled off his body.

However, his fielding has been highly impressive and he took three outstanding catches at silly point in that match of slow left-armer Phil Carrick.

Tendulkar also played a key role in Yorkshire's first championship win of the season over Derbyshire on a turning pitch at Harrogate this week.

Although his 89 occupied four hours and was hardly the sort of innings he would ideally like to play, it was precious to Yorkshire, as it gave them a first-innings lead of 78. Yorkshire captain Martyn

Moxon is certainly happy with

his charge, although he has only just returned from injury. He said; "Of course we would have liked Sachin to have made more runs, but I'm not worried in the slightest. It is only a matter of time before

he makes someone suffer with

a very big 100."

**Booters off** to Bangkok

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh soccer team left Dhaka for Bangkok yesterday afternoon to participate in the Group Five qualifying competition of the 10th Asian Cup championship to be held from tomorrow, Friday to June 23 in the Thai capital.

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) officials saw the squad off at the Zia International Airport. Rizvi Karim Rumi and Syed

Rumman-bin-Wali Shabbir are the captain and vice-captain respectively while Dr Musa Qadri, a vice-president of the BFF, is the manager. Bangladesh will take on the

row and play Thailand on June The group champions of this three-nation meet will qualify for the finals, to be held in Hiroshima, Japan from

favourites South Korea tomor-

October 28 to November 8. The 25-man team is expected to return on June 25.

## More injury woes

ADVIDABERG, June 17: ports AFP.

And striker Kalheinz Riedle, scorer of the first goal in the 2-0 victory over the Scots, is also uncertain after taking a heavy blow on his nose, team doctor Heinrich Hess said.

Buchwald, who lost consciousness for 30 seconds. needed stitches in his left ear but should recover with a few days of rest out of the sun, he

## for Germany

German desenders Guido Buchwald and Stefan Reuter are out of Thursday's clash with Holland following injuries incurred in Monday's bruising encounter with Scotland, re-

## Heavyweight title bout against Holyfield on Friday Holmes knows he has nothing to lose



LAS VEGAS, June 17: Larry Holmes, a 42-year-old grandfather, knows that he will have nothing to lose

and everything to gain when he climbs into the ring at . Caesars Palace here Friday night to try to take away the world heavyweight title from unbeaten champion Evander Holyfield, reports AFP.

Holmes, who has won 19 world fights in his career, reigned over the category from 1978 when he outpointed fellow-American Ken Norton. He was dethroned seven years later by Michael Spinks.

Never the most popular of champions - perhaps because he ended the career of the legendary Muhammad Ali in by a humiliating eleventh-round knock-out -Holmes will almost certainly be the crowd's favourite on Friday.

Holyfield, 29, who shattered the dreams of another ageing former champion George Foreman with a points win last year, started out as the world light-heavyweight champion back in 1988.

He moved up to take the full heavyweight crown by defeating compatribt James Buster' Douglas in October

1990. Winner of all of his 27 professional contests and having stopped 22 of them inside the distance, Holyfield owes much of his success to his scientific approach to fitness.

He has sculpted his body with special diet and weightlifting under the guid-



LARRY HOLMES

ance of a large team of advisers - among them a woman dance teacher - and, unless there is a major upset, Holyfield should prove too fast and too accurate for the challenger.

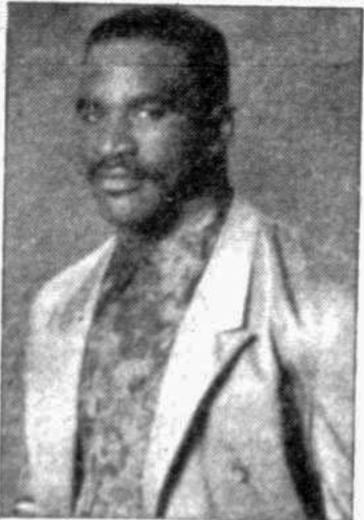
The former champion, however, remains supremely confident.

Just because a guy turns forty-something, it doesn't

mean he's over the hill," said Holmes - a 6-1 underdog against Holyfield. The former champion, who

boasts a career record of 54 wins against just three defeats, added: I know I can do it."

Columes decided to come



EVANDER HOLYFIELD

out of a first retirement in order to face the awesome Mike Tyson - now in prison after being found guilty of rape charges. That title bid failed dismally, however, when Holmes was knocked out after four punishing rounds.

> The Georgia-born former titleholder came out of retirement for a second comeback

in 1991, mostly because of "boredom".

"All I had to do was sit in the office and wait for the damn cheques to come in,' said Holmes, who owns a fivestorey office building in Eas-

But he was also upset that many of the still top-ranked fighters were men he had beaten - among them fellow-Americans Tim Witherspoon and Carl 'The Truth' Williams. Holmes has since lined up

when he survived a slow start to outpoint the 1988 Olympic champion Ray Mercer. Although he appears to be carrying some unwanted extra

six consecutive victories - his

last win came in February

weight around the midriff, Holmes can still rely on his famous left jab. Although not as effective as

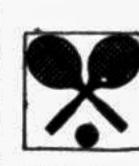
it once was, it is still a punch which can frustrate opponents. Holmes expects Holyfield to make a fast start.

"He is going to come out throwing bombs and hoping to find the old man sleeping again like he was against Mercer.

"But that will not happen this time.

The oldest boxer ever to win the title was Jersey Joe Walcott who was 37 when he knocked out Ezzard Charles in

# Tough draws for Courier, Seles



England, June 17: Jim Courier

and Monica Seles, both halfway to the Grand Slam, face potentially tough

roads to their first Wimbledon titles, reports AP. The No. 1 seeds have firmly established themselves as the

world's top players with victories this year at the Australian Open and French Open. But they have yet to prove themselves on the grass at Wimbledon. Tucsday's draw left both,

especially Courier, with a tricky course to reach the finals. The tournament begins next Monday.

Courier's first-round opponent is Marcus Zoecke, a 6foot-5 German whose huge serve could pose problems on grass. But Zoecke's status became uncertain when he suffered an injury Tuesday during a match at a Wimbledon Warmup tournament in Manchester.

ATP Tour trainer Bill Norris said Zoecke came down hard on his left foot and strained his achilles tendon. He described Zoecke's condition as day-by-

third-round opponent for Courier is another German, Davis Cup veteran Carl Uwe

In the fourth round, Courier could face either 16th seeded David Wheaton, John McEnroe or Pat Cash.

The most intriguing earlyround match could be a second-rounder between McEnroe and Cash, two former Wimbledon champions who are both near the end of their careers but are always dangerous on grass. They also are good friends who like to play rock guitar together.

First, McEnroe will have to get past Luiz Mattar of Brazil. Cash, a wild-card entry, has a tougher first-round assignment in Jacco Elthing of the Netherlands, who reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon last

Should Courier advance to the quarterfinals, his potential

#### Shelton extends Gilbert

MANCHESTER, England June 17: Brad Gilbert needed two hours and 15 minutes to defeat fellow American Bryan Shelton on Tuesday, while several other top seeds were ousted from the dlrs 235,000 men's grass-court tournament in Manchester, reports AP.

Gilbert, the No 2 seed, prevailed 7-6 (8-6), 6-7 (2-7), 6-3 when Shelton netted a forehand return of serve on match

"It was a struggle," said Gilbert "He's so totally dominant on his serve."

The top seed, Alexander Volkov of Russia, was eliminated 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 by grasscourt specialist Wally Masur of Two other seeded Russians.

No 6 Andrei Cherkasov and No 7 Andrei Chesnokov, were ousted in three-set marathons by American opponents. Paul Annacone beat

Cherkasov 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (2-7), 7-6 (9-7), while Jeff Tarango defeated Chesnokov 7-6 (8-6), 2-6, 7-6 (14-12). In another upset, qualifier

Luis Herrera of Mexico beat No 8 Omar Camporese of Italy 6-2,

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opponents include seventh seeded Michael Chang, whose Weakest surface is grass, and French all-court players Guy

Forget and Henri Leconte. The other half of Courier's draw is headed by fourthseeded Boris Becker, a three



Others in that group include No. 6 Petr Korda, No. 12 Andre Agassi, No. 14 Wayne Ferreira and 39-year-old Jimmy Connors.

Becker has been struggling Looming as a potential lately and even fired his coach, Tomas Smid, earlier this week. He has a potentially troublesome start against Italy's Omar Camporese, who stretched him to the limit in the Australian Open in 1991 before losing 14-12 in the fifth

LOS ANGELES.

June 17: A pin-

ched nerve in the

left ankle kept

Edwin Moses fr-

om trying to earn

a berth on his fifth US Olympic

team, but he says it won't

cause his retirement, reports

mer, I could pop up next

summer at the World Champi-

onships," Moses said Tuesday.

"I'm not counting myself out. I

be thankful the 36-year-old

Moses won't be in Barcelona

nated his event for years. He

has a streak of 122 consecutive

victories in the intermediate

hurdles, four world records

and two golds and one bronze

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streak in 1977. It came to an

end when Danny Harris beat

him in 1987. Moses won

Olympic gold medals in 1976

and 1984, and the bronze in

might have kept him from

(seconds) in 1980; no one else

was running under 48," he

said. "I wish I had that (gold

medal) now. There's no ques-

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"I put all of my energy into

track and field," he said. "At

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The US boycott in 1980

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(another medal)," he said.

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Moses began his unbeaten

in four Olympics.

Intermediate hurdlers may

Moses thoroughly domi-

haven't lost much at all."

for the Summer Olympics.

"I could pop up this sum-

Agassi opens against Andrei Chesnokov of Russia. In the round of 16, he could meet Korda, runnerup in the French

Open this month. Connors, who will be playing his 20th Wimbledon, faces Luis Herrera of Mexico in the



Another American, Aaron Krickstein, pulled out of Wimbledon Tuesday, citing an injury

In the other half of the draw, second-seeded Stefan Edberg has an apparently easier path than Courier. The twotime Wimbledon champion starts against Andres Gomez, who won the French Open on clay in 1990 but has had little success anywhere else since.

Edberg has relatively clear sailing to the quarters, where

"I'm a track man from the

old school; there are just a few

of us still around. Those were

the days when it was done a lot

more naturally. My thing has

always been natural training,

stretching, flexibility, proper

diet, proper training. I take

Moses said he's disap-

great pride in that."

Champion Moses takes

setback in stride

#### Seles first plays Jenny Byrne of Australia, a grasscourt specialist who lost in the finals of a Wimbledon warmup JIM COURIER in Birmingham last week. "Obviously it's not Monica's favourite surface and it is mine," Byrne said. "I'm playing

been going my way lately, so may be I can give her a scare." Seles' potential quarterfinal opponent is seventh-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez, with No. 4 Martina Navratilova and No. 5 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario expected to reach the other

well and I've had a lot of

matches on grass. Things have

quarterfinal in her half of the The 35-year-old Navratilova, winner of a record nine Wimbledon singles titles, has an interesting first-round

matchup against 17-year-old Magdalena Malceva. "I've played her once in Tokyo and beat her." Navratilova said. "It's not the kind of first round you would want, but it's on grass.

The other half of the women's draw features No. 2 Steffi Graf, a three-time champion, and No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini. Both have easy starts, Graf against Noelle van Lottum of France and Sabatini against Christelle Fauche of Switzerland.



pointed he is injured, but said Olympic track and field, all those victories and every thing," he said. "I really didn't lose too many of the almost 200 races I ran. I feel able to attempt realistically go-

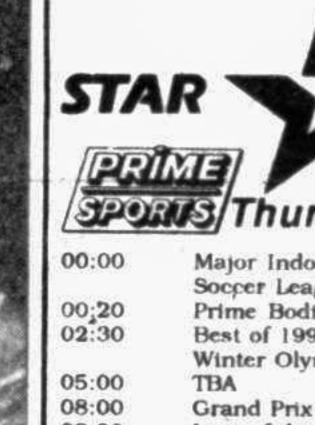
The decision kind of made itself. (But) I can't feel sad or feel like I was ripped off. It could have happened to me in the last 15 or 16 years, and it never did."



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**EDWIN MOSES** 

he's hard-pressed to complain. "I had a great career in honoured to be even physically ing for a fifth Olympics."

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## It'll be a more relaxed Biondi at Barcelona



CASTRO VALLEY California, June 17 : Matt Blondi is hoping less means more in Barcelona, reports Reuter. The theory is that less

help him become the first American male swimmer to win gold at three Olympic Garnes. "We are in a position where all the dependency shouldn't rest on one person's shoulders as much as it did in 1988.

pressure from the team, less

training and fewer races will

said Olympic men's team coach Eddie Resse. "And that's probably a good thing. Matt faced a lot of pressure people don't think about or probably even realise ex-

Ironically, sore shoulders are a continuing bother for the 26-year-old, who is cutting his training back to ensure his health for the Barceiona Games.

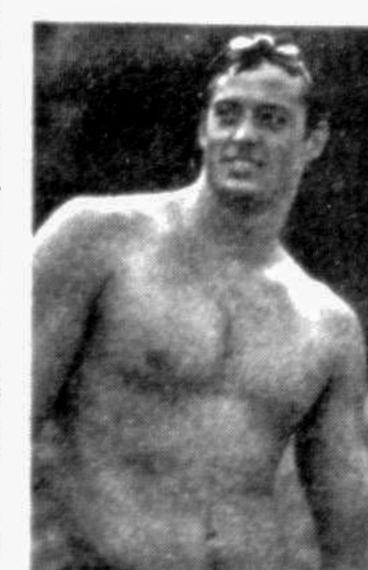
Pressure will be sure to follow Biondi to Barcelona but nobody expects him to match his stunning performance at Seoul in 1988 where he won five gold medals after claiming a single gold in the 1984 Los Angeles Games. A world record holder in

the 100-metre freestyle, Biondi missed a week of prac tice with shoulder problems before competing recently in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in a mandatory team meet. He fintshed a disappointing third in the 50-metre freestyle because of a bad start.

"It's more of a factor of working too hard," Biondi said. "Fortunately, we're over the aerobic phase now...When I swim a lot I tend to swim with

less technique, I lie more on

the side and my shoulders get cramped up. Biondi expects to be healthy by the time he competes in



MATT BIONDI

the first of four events at Bareclona, the 100 metre freestyle on the third day of the swimming competition.

Biondi, who swam in seven events in Seoul, will limit him self to the 100 and 50-metre freestyle, 4x100m freestyle and 4x100 metre medley re-

His Seoul gold came from wins in the 50 and 100-metre

freestyles, and all three relays (4x100 and 4x200 freestyle and medley). He also earned a silver in the 100 butterfly and a bronze in the 200 freestyle and swam 11 times in eight After Scoul, Biondi retired

ing, bought himself a house in Castro Valley and settled down to pursue a spot on the 1992 US men's water polo team. The Olympic exposure carned him a six-figure salary in endorsements, prize-money races and speaking engagements. He was paid 54,970 US

dollar in stipends by US

Swimming based on past per-

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formance, world and American records. But in the middle of a water polo practice session, Biondi realised how much he missed the competition and decided to resume his swimming ca-

"After 1988, swimming opened a lost of opportunities." Biondi said. 'I was able to earn a living at it. As my friends were entering the workforce wearing coats and ties, I could continue swimming."

Biondi said he is enjoying his abbreviated training regimen. He swims once a day and runs in the morning with his dog, a black Labrador named "We go up a big hill right

behind my house," Biondi said.

"It's not really running, it's

walking but it's such a steep hill that it's still a great work-OLDER TEAM The US Olympic 25-man

roster averages 23.5 years, a full two years older than the 1988 team. Fifteen swimmers are over the age of 23 including stars Tom Jager, Mike Barrowman, Pablo Morales and Biondi Though Jager and Morales were voted team captains by

the team, Biondi is also considered a team leader. "We are seeing the age of the swimmers getting older because there's more financial support from our federation," Biondi said. "We are the best at what we do and certainly we should get paid. The best doc-

tors and garbage collectors gct

paid the most, so why not swimmers ?" Biondi and Jager, his chief rival in the 50, are looking past the Olympics together and thinking about starting a bed-and-breakfast hotel in northern California or New

"If I don't do well at this Olympics then I'll have a lot of free time to plan it," Biondi As far as this year's Olympic goals go, Biondi said he is set-

Mexico, where Jager lives.

ting his sights on enjoying the Games. He may have less pressure on him to succeed but, in one way at least, he wants to do "I'm basically a shy person

and it's hard for me to relate to people," Biondi said. "This time around I want to be conneeted with everyone on the team. I like being involved with the team. I'm not so isolated as I was in 1988

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