Fischer

Reigning world chess cham-

GARRY KASPAROV

pion Garry Kasparov was

quoted on Sunday as saying he

doubted he would ever play

American legend Bobby Fisc-

cally possible but I doubt it will

ever take place," Kasparov said

in an interview with the

Montenegrin newspaper

about the possibility of such a

match flourished after Fischer,

who won the world title from

former Soviet champion Boris

Spassky in Reykjavík 20 years

ago, emerged from self-im-

posed seclusion in September.

Yugoslavia Fischer again beat

Spassky 10-5 in what the or-

ganisers called the revenge

match of the century to win a

In a marathon match in

Rumours and speculation

"Such a match is theoreti-

her, reports Reuter.

Pobjeda.

BELGRADE, Nov 16:

Germany, Nov 16:

Boris Becker,

born again as a

tennis player, will

be the man to

stop when he takes on the

world's best before his home

fans in the ATP Tour World

Championship starting on

Becker, who looked unstop-

pable on his way to victory in

this month's Paris Open, could

prove too strong for his rivals

in the 2.5 million dollar event

featuring the season's top eight

back towards the top after

sliding down the rankings be-

cause of a temporary disen-

chantment with the game, will

be hard to beat if he has fully

recovered from a fever which

forced him to pull out of an

exhibition event in Rome last

said father Karl-Heinz.

"There's nothing to rumours

about food poisoning. Boris is

already on the way to

French capital, world number

one Jim Courier and Goran

Ivanisevic of Croatia, pose the

2-0 defeat away to FC Utrecht

ended an unbeaten run that

had driven them to the top of

the Dutch league and into the

semi-final series in the

FC Porto, one of Eind-

hoven's Champions Cup rivals

and the Portuguese league

leaders, also came a cropper,

going down 1-0 to Boavista in

ness as usual with Bayern

Munich and Eintracht Fran-

kfurt both winning to leave

the top two places unchanged.

Elsewhere a busy World Cup

programme this week meant

no league matches in Italy,

ship of Polish international

Wlodzimierz Smolarek and

Pieter Bijl got a goal apiece to

But the leaders' slip did

give Itrecht a memorable vic-

limited damage as closest ri-

vals Feyenoord also lost their

unbeaten record in a 3-0 home

defeat by Ajax. A win would

have put Feyenoord within two

points of Eindhoven with a

striker Stefan Pettersson

scored his seventh goal of the

season as Ajax hit Feyenoord

Utrecht's striking partner-

But in Germany it was busi-

the Porto derby match.

Spain or Belgium.

European Cup, reports AFP.

Two of his victims in the

PARIS, Nov 16:

PSV Eindhoven

were brought do-

wn to earth with

a thump at the

weekend when a

"My son is dong better,"

The German, on his way

Former world number one

Tuesday, reports Reuter.

players.

week.

Frankfurt."

Hard-hitting Courier, who

still heads the ATP rankings

despite modest recent results,

was brushed aside in straight

BORIS BECKER

sets by Becker in Paris and lost

to Dutchman Richard Krajicek

in the semifinals of the

European Community Cham-

pionship in Antwerp last week.

whose heavy artillery could

work miracles on Frankfurt's

fast synthetic surface, was de-

molished 6-1, 6-2 by the

German at his breathtaking

PSV brought down to earth

with three goals in a 20-

above Feyenoord on goal dif-

ference in second place by

beating Roda JC Kerkrade 4-0

Cup holders Ajax are now best

placed. They trail Eindhoven

by five points in fourth but

home to Nuremburg but a goal

from defender Thomas Helmer

six minutes from time ensured

wed a bit more style as they

over powered VFL Bochum

with three second half goals of

a 4-1 victory. Ghanian striker

Anthony Yeboah went to the

top of the strikers' chart with

his eighth and ninth goals of

the season in the 68th and

late equaliser from Marco Bode

to take a point off Borussia

Dortmund in the biggest

match of the weekend but that

Austrian international mid

was enough to lift them from

fielder Andreas Herzog stun-

ned the 40,000 crowd by

putting Bremen ahead after 15

minutes but two goals in the

space of three minutes from

Borussia skipper Michael Zorc

had put the home side in con-

feat away to lowly Dynamo

Karlsruhe's shock 3-0 de-

Werder Bremen needed a

Eintracht Frankfurt sho-

Bayern Munich left it late at

they have two games in hand.

Of the chasing teams, UEFA

FC Twente Enschode went

minute second half burst.

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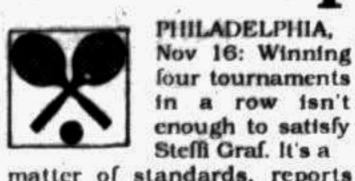
78th minutes.

fifth to third

trol by the break.

The in-form Ivanisevic,

# Graf not pleased with her game Kasparov doesn't Becker is the man to beat think much of FRANKFURT, most serious threat to his best.



Steffi Graf. It's a standards, reports The four-time Wimbledon

champion fought off Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 Sunday in the dirs 350,000 Virginia Slims of Philadelphia. Afterward Oraf talked

mostly of shortcomings: too slow, too meek, too far from the net. Never mind the dirs 70,000

first-prize check. "When I'm not playing up to the standards I wish I would.

I'm not satisfied, even if I win," Graf said. After a week of demolishing three players in less than an hour each, the 23-year-old German faced a tenacious competitor who didn't mind a long hard chase from side to

In the 22-point third game of the second set, Graf had five chances to break Sanchez Vicario's service. Twice she hit forehands out, once she hit a backhand out and twice the 20-year-old Spaniard fired two-handed backhands down the line

"She has a very good instinct for where the ball's going to go to," Graf said. "She knows very well. That's why she's very dangerous."

Sanchez Vicario said she was happy with her game and had tried to slow down the match instead of letting Graf set the pace.

"She is a player who rushes a lot," Sanchez Vicario said. "I like to take my time and think

ment - or when, reports AP.

tournament, you have to beat

everybody," Fernandez said.

will be challenged in the

opening round of the season-

ending Virginia Slims Cham-

pionships when she meets

Jana Novotna Tuesday night.

While only the top eight

players are seeded in this

elite 16-player field, Novotna

is ranked ninth in the world,

just three spots behind

could face top-seeded Montca

Seles, who begins her search

for a third straight Cham-

pionships title when she takes

on Nathalic Tauziat of France

singles match, fourth-seeded

Martina Navratilova battles

Switzerland's Manuela

Malceva-Fragniere. Navratilova,

35, has won this Madison

Square Garden event four

times, her last title coming in

1986. But she did reach the fi-

nal last year before losing to

also includes two first-round

doubles matches: second-

seeded Larisa Neiland and

Novotna against Jill Hethe-

rington and Kathy Rinaldi, and

the fourth-seeded team of

Navratilova and Pam Shriver

Monday night's schedule

In Monday night's other

Monday night.

Seles.

If she wins, Fernandez

"It's a good challenge."

"If you're going to win this

The No. 6 seed, Fernandez

16: It really ma-

kes no difference

who Mary Joe

Fernandez play in

a tennis tourna

In addition to the dirs 35,000 second place prize, Sanchez Vicario earned a move



STEFFI GRAF

4, passing Martina Navratilova. Graf, ranked No 2 behind Monica Seles, hasn't lost a match since the US Open, when Sanchez Vicario beat her in the quarterfinals. Since, she

against Fernandez and Zina

Steffi Graf will take on Lori

McNeil, Fernandez plays

Novotna and No. 8 Conchita

M J FERNANDEZ

Martinez of Spain faces

Bulgaria's Katerina Maleeva.

The first round will be com-

pleted on Wednesday with No.

5 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

against Zina Garrison, No. 7

Jenniser Capriati against

Helena Sukova of Czech-

oslovakia and No. 3 Gabriela

aggressive, taking a lot more

chances," said Fernandez, once

known for her patient and

somewhat boring backcourt

game. "I'm trying to take the

ball a little bit early, trying to

hit the ball harder, go for win-

ners. I used to try to just keep

the ball in play."

"I've been playing a lot more

Sabatini against Amy Frazier.

On Tuesday, second-seeded

Garrison.

Zurich, Brighton and now Philadelphia.

The win improved Grafs lifetime record against Sanchez Vicario to 16-3. They could meet again this week in the semifinals of the seasonending Virginia Slims Cham-

pionships in New York. "I think I had a very good tournament," Sanchez Vicario said. "That gives me a lot of confidence for next week, for the championships. I'm just going to try to do my best."

"I've had a good year and been very close to number four, so that's a big success for me," said Sanchez Vicario. "I wanted to finish the year being number four and I made it."

Graf's last loss on the tour was at the hands of Sanchez Vicario in the quarter-finals of

the US Open. Graf was a little unhappy

with her play. "I think I just played too slow," said Graf, who hit 21 winners but had 50 unforced errors in the one hour 40 minute contest. "I made too many mistakes. I just waited. I was going for too many shots, going for the lines, instead of being patient."

Despite her winning streak, Graf said Seles is the favourite to win the championships.

"She's clearly the No player right now," Graf said. "I just want to do my best, that's all. I'm really eager. We'll see what happens."

In the doubles final, second-seeded Gigi Fernandez and Natalia Zvereva of Belarus defeated Conchita Martinez of Spain and Mary Pierce of France, 6-1, 6-3. The winners shared dirs 20,000.

She reached the final of the

Australian Open in January for

the second time in three

years, losing to Seles, then

ousted Sabatini to reach the

semifinals of the US Open in

Virginia Slims Championships,

Fernandez teamed with Gigi

Fernandez to capture the gold

medal in doubles at the

Barcelona Olympics. The two

is a veteran on the tennis tour.

In 1985, she was the youngest

player, at 14 years, I month,

Seles and Graf should be

favoured on the Madison

Square Garden carpet, Fer-

nandez said an exhibition she

played two weeks ago in

France has helped her confi-

tournament title, winning the

Virginia Slims of Philadelphia

Sunday by defeating Sanchez

Vicario in the final. The loser

came away happier than the

The Virginia Slims Cham-

pionships, which features dirs

l million in tournament prize

million in the Virginia Slims

bonus pool, differs from all

other tournaments in that the

entire field has to qualify based

on the season-long Kraft Tour

points. The tournament also

features the only best-of-5 sets

singles final in women's tennis.

long event gets dirs 250,000.

The winner of the week-

Graf is coming off her latest

ever to win a US Open match.

Though just 21, Fernandez

While acknowledging that

Playing in her fourth

It has worked.

September.

are not related.

dence immensely.

Kasparov, who dismissed the Fishcher-Spassky match before it began as a mediocre contest between has-beens. A tough draw for Fernandez seemed confident of victory if he were to play the American. "Fischer's chances would be very slim," he said.

3-5 million dollar prize.

The prevailing view among experts was that in the latest encounter in Yugoslavia Fischer displayed little of the genius that enabled him to end decades of Soviet chess supremacy two decades ago.

Fischer demanded from the organisers and the press to be called the world champion, claiming he had never lost the title in a match, but only by default.

After winning the crown from Spassky in 1972, he refused to play against Anatoly Karpov three years later until the world chess federation FIDE accepted a long list of demands.

Fischer's title was then awarded to Karpov when the American failed to show up for the match.

Fischer has dismissed Kasparov's playing abilities, claiming his matches against Karpov were rigged. Kasparov returned the compliment by describing Fischer as a shadow of his former self.

Monica Seles of Nigeria"

LAGOS, Nov 16: Clara Udofa is being hailed as the "Monica money and an additional dirs 2 Seles of Nigeria" after winning the national championships at the age of 14, reports AFP.

Udofa beat Nigeria's number one Nusa Imafidon 7-6, 6-2 in Saturday's final. In the men's event, Davis Cup player innocent Modika

won his first national title by beating Godwin Omuta 6-4, 6reports AP.

for the undisputed title in a fan-pleasing fight Friday night. Let that fact sink in with the public and let Lewis, of

Britain, become better known like to do.

fence. Newman

on this side of the Atlantic. That's what Newman would

"Early this morning started talking to Dan Duva about what it might take to

fight Lennox Lewis in Riddick's first or second desaid

next three fights. He also has

options on Lewis, who

stopped Razor Ruddock in the

United States, reports AP.

now 1-1 in Group A.

### Scotland recall Durrant for tie against Italy

Holder Pete Sampras of the

United States, who beat com-

patriot Courier in last year's fi-

nal, American Michael Chang,

Swede Stefan Edberg,

Czechoslovak Petr Korda and

Krajicek complete the draw

for the prestigious tournament

which opens with around robin

among two groups of four play-

players with a brilliant, attack-

ing game, both look weary as

the season comes to an end

while Chang and Korda, who

feel more at 'ease on elay

courts, might find it difficult to

match the raw power of the

the world's top 10 for the first

ing to stage a major upset.

Lendl with a groin injury.

Dresden saw them slip from

third to sixth place and cham-

pions VFB Stuttgart continued

to struggle in a 0-0 draw with

chance to move level on points

with FC Porto at the top in

Portugal but behind them

Sporting Lisbon and Benfica

both won well to close the gap

drawing 0-0 an Famalicao.

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a thigh injury.

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on the leaders.

goals.

Guimaraes, Double

Krajicck, 20, who entered

big servers.

Sampras and Edberg, two

GLASGOW, Nov 16: Glasgow Rangers midfielder Ian Durrant was Monday named to Scotland's starting lineup for the first time since being seriously injured four years ago, reports AP.

Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh also named three other Rangers players - including striker Ally McCoist to the team for the World Cup group one qualifying game against Italy at Rangers' Ibrox

Durrant, noted as a creative player, made brief comebacks as a substitute in Scotland's two previous qualifying games, against Switzerland and Portugal.

time after trouncing Australia's McCoist, last season's Mark Woodforde to take the European Golden boot winner, European Community tournawill team in attack with ment on Sunday, will be hop-Tottenham's Gordon Durie for the game, which Scotland The Dutchman clinched a must win to stay in contention place in the ATP Chamfor the World Cup finals in pionship thanks to the late

withdrawal of American Ivan Scotland: Andy Goram (Rangers); Dave McPherson This year's top men battle it (Rangers), Maurice Malpas out in the absence of (Dundee United), Paul McStay Wimbledon champion Andre (Celtic), Alan McLaren Agassi, who failed to qualify af-(Hearts), Derek Whyte (Midter polling out of Antwerp with dlesbrough), Gordon Durie (Tottenham), Gary McAllister (Leeds), Ally McCoist (Ran-

> Tom Boyd (Celtic). Substitutes: Henry Smith (Hearts), Eoin Jess (Aberdeen), John Collins (Celtic), Jim McInally (Dundee United), John Robertson (Hearts).

> gers), lan Durrant (Rangers),

Mexico march on MEXICO CITY, Nov 16: Mexico downed Honduras 2-0 Sunday, taking another step toward qualifying for the 1994 World Cup of soccer in the United States, reports AP. With Sunday's victory before

65th minute after a scramble in front of the Honduran goal.

#### Lennox Lewis may have to wait a while LAS VEGAS, Nov self, after winning the title by . Saturday. Bowe was stopped by Lewis 16: Bowe knows outpointing Evander Holyfield Duva has options on Bowe's



game in hand.

Swedish

boxing.

Reddick And Bowe's manager, Rock Newman,

international

says he knows the boxing business. So he wonders why it wouldn't be good business to delay a showdown with top contender Lennox Lewis.

"I am the heavyweight champion of the world," the 25-year-old Bowe said, sounding like a man pinching him-

second round of what the WBC called a title elimination match, Oct 31 at London.

Newman talked about Bowe and Lewis each having another fight before meeting each other - Bowe in a defence against. 43-year-old George Foreman and Lewis possibly against fellow-Briton Frank Bruno.

in the second round of the super heavyweight final in the 1988 Olympics.

Not fighting Lewis in his first defence could cost Bowe the WBC portion of the title. He currently is champion of the WBC, WBA and IBF - and most importantly, the public.

"The WBC stands for 'we will be corrupt at all times'," Newman said. "We will not be dictated to."

### It hasn't sunk in for Bowe yet been telling kids to stay in 16: More than



reports AP.

two days after the biggest victory of his life, Riddick Bowe still hasn't accepted that he's the world heavyweight boxing champion,

"I suppose it will probably sink in Monday or Tuesday, once I stop hurting," said Bowe, who defeated Evander Holysield Friday night in Las Vegas to capture the championship belt. "Evander Holyfield carried the heavyweight title with a lot of dignity and class. It's up to me to carry on in the same manner that he did." Bowe, who grew up in

Brooklyn, NY, moved to Fort Washington, Md, three years ago. He was greeted by about 200 well-wishers when he arrived at Washington National Airport Sunday night.

just want to thank all the people who came out to welcome me' home, " Bowe said. "This makes me an official part of the community."

Bowe captured the crown with a unanimous decision over Holyfield. It was the first ' time in 32 professional fights that Bowe went 12 rounds.

"I wasn't worried about that," Bowe said. "I knew what I was capable of doing heading into the fight. After the second round, I knew I was in compicte control."

Bowe said he planned to take some courses in business administration, drama and broadcast journalism at Howard University.

Twe been out of school for six years now," he said. "My mother always told me to practise what I preached. And I've

school and away from drugs



New world heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe (R) kisses his daughter Brenda on November 15 after arriving at the Washington National Airport. Bowe won the world heavyweight boxing title on November 13 beating holder Evander Holyfield over 12 rounds in Las Vegas. -Photo AFP

manager, wouldn't discuss a timetable for Bowe's first title defence. He did say, however, that he wanted to work out a deal with British challenger Lennox Lewis as soon as possi-

"We'd like to get a signed agreement in which Riddick would fight Lennox Lewis on either his first or second defence," Newman said. "I think it's extremely important to get that taken care of as soon as possible. But I want the best deal for Riddick that I possibly can get."

Lewis is ranked as the world's No. 1 contender. One possible scenario would have Bowe meeting George Foreman first, possibly in China. A bout with Lewis could then follow in the summer of 1993.

While Newman wouldn't discuss specifics, he did say that he expected the 25-yearold Bowe to fight possibly as much as "three or four times a year".

"Riddick has always done well when he's kept active," Newman said. "Ideally, if he fights four times a year, that means he trains three times each year. He's always been a better fighter when he's stayed in training."

Newman did add that one possible site for a title defence could be Bowe's adopted hometown.

"Riddick wants to fight in Washington DC and he will fight in Washington, DC," Newman said. "That might even include a title defence, under the right circumstances. He could sell out any arena in the area, just like that."

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: L equals P

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip; MEN WHO CONSTRUCT

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