

# Graf not pleased with her game

**PHILADELPHIA, Nov 16:** Winning four tournaments in a row isn't enough to satisfy Steffi Graf. It's a matter of standards, reports AP.

The four-time Wimbledon champion fought off Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 Sunday in the dlr 350,000 Virginia Slims of Philadelphia.

Afterward Graf talked mostly of shortcomings: too slow, too meek, too far from the net.

Never mind the dlr 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 side.

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



**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

about what I'm going to do for the next shot."

In addition to the dlr 35,000 second-place prize, Sanchez Vicario earned a move up in the world rankings to No 16.

The win improved Graf's lifetime record against Sanchez Vicario to 16-3. They could meet again this week in the semifinals of the season-ending Virginia Slims Championships 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 1 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 dlr 20,000.

# Kasparov doesn't think much of Fischer

**BELGRADE, Nov 16:** Retiring world chess champion Garry Kasparov was quoted on Sunday as saying he doubted he would ever play American legend Bobby Fischer, reports Reuter.

"Such a match is theoretically possible but I doubt it will ever take place," Kasparov said in an interview with the Montenegrin newspaper Pobjeda.

Rumours and speculation about the possibility of such a match flourished after Fischer, who won the world title from former Soviet champion Boris Spassky in Reykjavik 20 years ago, emerged from self-imposed seclusion in September.

In a marathon match in Yugoslavia Fischer again beat Spassky 10-5 in what the organisers called the revenge match of the century to win a 3-5 million dollar prize.

Kasparov, who dismissed the Fischer-Spassky match before it began as a mediocre contest between has-beens, seemed confident of victory if he were to play the American.

"Fischer's chances would be very slim," he said.

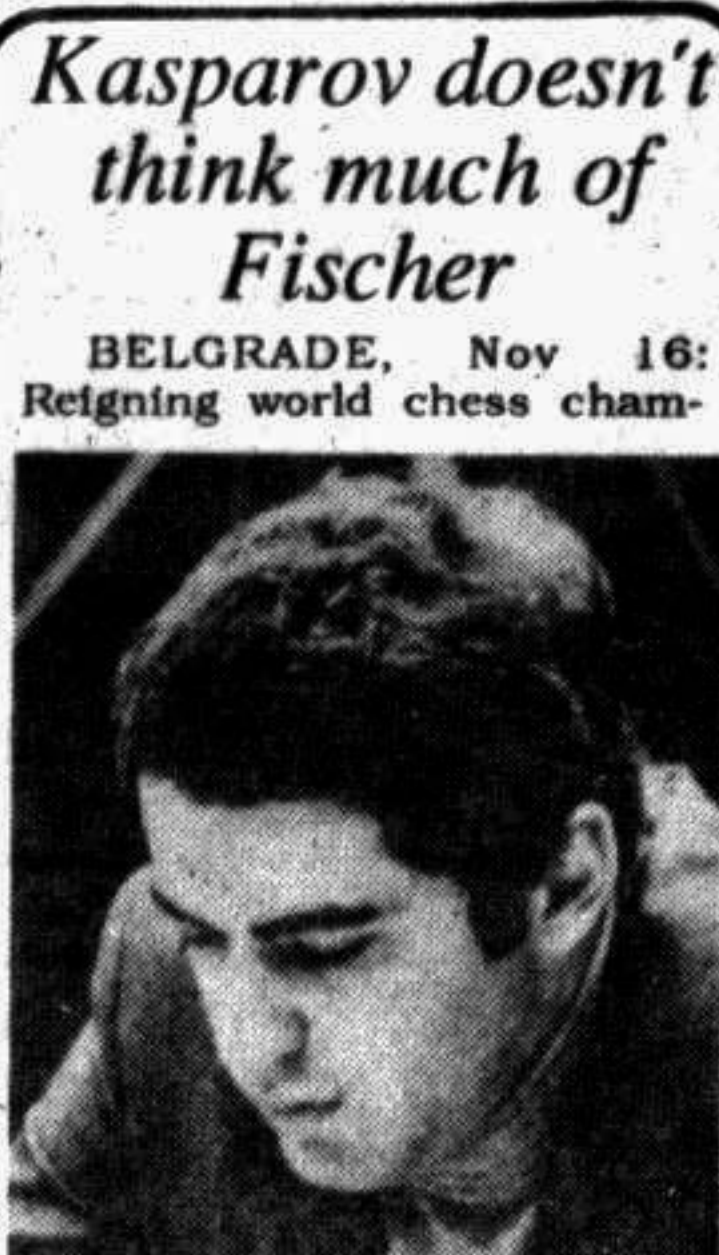
The prevailing view among experts was that in the latest encounter in Yugoslavia Fischer displayed little of the genius that enabled him to end decades of Soviet chess supremacy two decades ago.

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.



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# Becker is the man to beat

**FRANKFURT, 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 Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Former world number one Becker, who looked unstoppable 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 players.

The German, on his way back towards the top after sliding down the rankings because of a temporary disenchantment 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 week.

"My son is doing better," said father Karl-Heinz. "There's nothing to rumours about food poisoning. Boris is already on the way to Frankfurt."

Two of his victims in the French capital, world number one Jim Courier and Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, pose the



**BORIS BECKER**

most serious threat to his domination.

Hard-hitting Courier, who still heads the ATP rankings despite modest recent results, was brushed aside in straight sets by Becker in Paris and lost to Dutchman Richard Krajcek in the semifinals of the European Community Championship in Antwerp last week.

The in-form Ivanisevic, whose heavy artillery could work miracles on Frankfurt's fast synthetic surface, was demolished 6-1, 6-2 by the German at his breathtaking

Holder Pete Sampras of the United States, who beat compatriot Courier in last year's final, American Michael Chang, Swede Stefan Edberg, Czechoslovak Petr Korda and Krajcek complete the draw for the prestigious tournament which opens with around robin among two groups of four players.

Sampras and Edberg, two players with a brilliant, attacking game, both look weary as the season comes to an end while Chang and Korda, who feel more at ease on clay courts, might find it difficult to match the raw power of the big servers.

Krajcek, 20, who entered the world's top 10 for the first time after trouncing Australia's Mark Woodforde to take the European Community tournament on Sunday, will be hoping to stage a major upset.

The Dutchman clinched a place in the ATP Championship thanks to the late withdrawal of American Ivan Lendl with a groin injury.

This year's top men battle it out in the absence of Wimbledon champion Andre Agassi, who failed to qualify after pulling out of Antwerp with a thigh injury.

# Scotland recall Durrant for tie against Italy

**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 Park.

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

McCoist, last season's European Golden Boot winner, will team in attack with Tottenham's Gordon Durie for the game, which Scotland must win to stay in contention for the World Cup finals in 1994.

Scotland: Andy Goram (Rangers); Dave McPherson (Rangers); Maurice Malpas (Dundee United); Paul McStay (Celtic); Alan McLaren (Hearts); Derek Whyte (Middlesbrough); Gordon Durie (Tottenham); Gary McAllister (Leeds); Ally McCoist (Rangers); Ian Durrant (Rangers); Tom Boyd (Celtic).

Substitutes: Henry Smith (Hearts); Eoin Jess (Aberdeen); John Collins (Celtic); Jim McInally (Dundee United); John Robertson (Hearts).

# A tough draw for Fernandez

**NEW YORK, Nov 16:** It really makes no difference who Mary Joe Fernandez play in a tennis tournament — or when, reports AP.

"If you're going to win this tournament, you have to beat everybody," Fernandez said. "It's a good challenge."

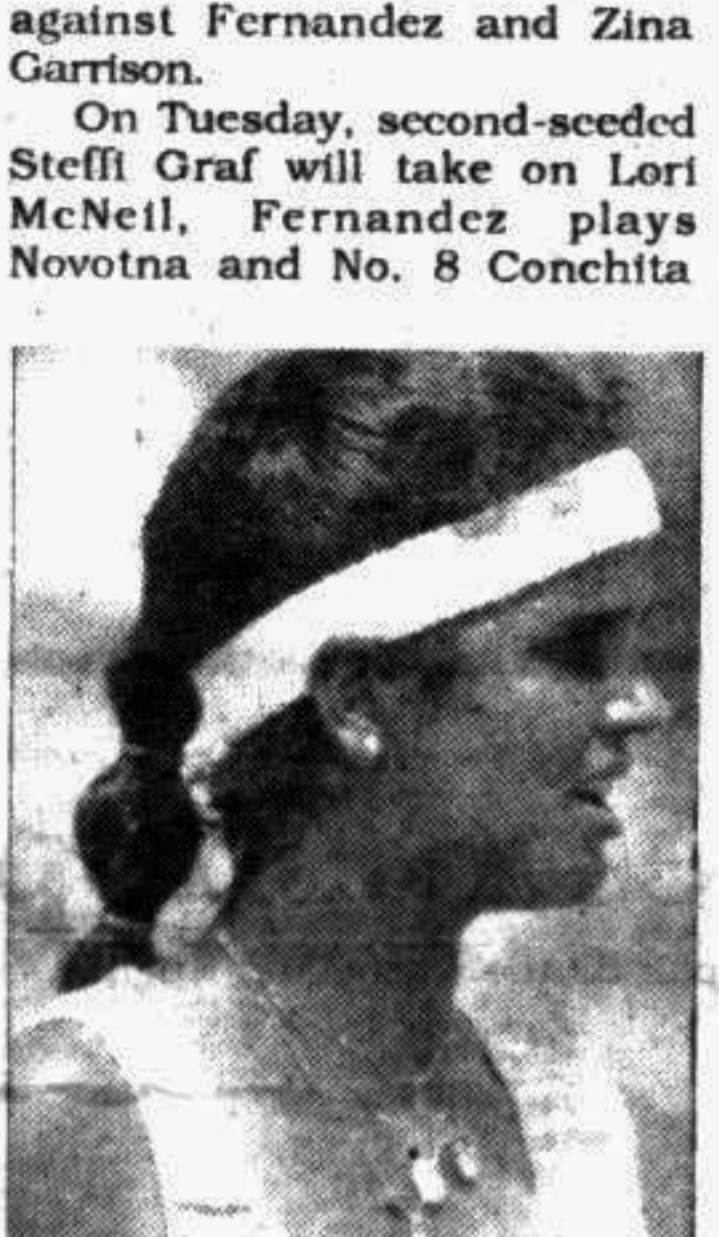
The No. 6 seed, Fernandez will be challenged in the opening round of the season-ending Virginia Slims Championships when she meets Jana Novotna Tuesday night.

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 Fernandez.

If she wins, Fernandez could face top-seeded Monica Seles, who begins her search for a third straight Championships title when she takes on Nathalie Tauziat of France Monday night.

In Monday night's other singles match, fourth-seeded Martina Navratilova battles Switzerland's Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere. Navratilova, 35, has won this Madison Square Garden event four times, her last title coming in 1986. But she did reach the final last year before losing to Seles.

Monday night's schedule also includes two first-round doubles matches: second-seeded Larisa Neiland and Novotna against Jill Hetherington and Kathy Rinaldi, and the fourth-seeded team of Navratilova and Pam Shriver



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against Fernandez and Zina Garrison.

On Tuesday, second-seeded Steffi Graf will take on Lori McNeil. Fernandez plays Novotna and No. 8 Conchita Martinez of Spain faces Bulgaria's Katerina Maleeva. The first round will be completed on Wednesday with No. 5 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario against Zina Garrison, No. 7 Jennifer Capriati against Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia and No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini against Amy Frazier.

"I've been playing a lot more 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 winners. I used to try to just keep the ball in play."

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The Virginia Slims Championships, which features dlr 1 million in tournament prize money and an additional dlr 2 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.

The winner of the week-long event gets dlr 250,000.

# "Monica Seles of Nigeria"

**LAGOS, Nov 16:** Clara Udofia is being hailed as the "Monica Seles of Nigeria" after winning the national championships at the age of 14, reports AP.

Udofia beat Nigeria's number one Nusa Imafidin 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 Omata 6-4, 6-3.

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# It hasn't sunk in for Bowe yet

**ARLINGTON, Nov 16:** More than two days after the biggest victory of his life, Riddick Bowe still hasn't accepted that he's the world heavyweight boxing champion, reports AP.

"I suppose it will probably sink in Monday or Tuesday, once I stop hurting," said Bowe, who defeated Evander Holyfield 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.

"I 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 complete control."

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

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



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

# Lennox Lewis may have to wait a while

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17 French resort  
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23 Beauty parlor  
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**Solution time: 27 mins.**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MEN WHO CONSTRUCT SAND CASTLES DURING WINDSTORMS ARE GOING AGAINST THE GRAINS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: L equals P

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.