

Sport



Karbacher who? For the time being another German on the line, beaten by Agassi in the Wimbledon opener yesterday. Maybe next year he will hit the headlines. Few knew his compatriot Michael Stich who overnight shot into the stardom by winning the Wimbledon. — Star TV photo

Ederberg favoured to win Wimbledon

LONDON, June 21: Pete Sampras may be the world number one but Stefan Ederberg is the bookies favourite to win a third Wimbledon title here this week, reports AFP.

As the championships got underway, Ederberg was quoted at 7-2 against with Sampras, last year's finalist Goran Ivanisevic and 1991 champion Michael Stich all at 5-1.

Andre Agassi's prospects of retaining his title after a season wrecked by his wrist injury are seen as slim and the American is only seventh favourite at 14-1, behind Jim Courier (9-1) and Boris Becker (7-1).

Becker, who has shown signs of recovering his form after a disastrous clay court season, said he would be backing himself after being offered to see his chances of a fourth title played down.

If the men's event looks reasonably open, the absence of Monica Seles means that Steffi Graf has been installed as a runaway favourite at 4-7.

Martina Navratilova's win at Eastbourne on Saturday was not sufficient to earn her second favourite status. That goes to Gabriela Sabatini at 7-2.

Navratilova is at 7-1 with Jennifer Capriati and Arantxa Sanchez both at 12-1.

Muster makes it

GENOA, Italy, June 21: Austrian Thomas Muster won the 300,000 dollar ATP tennis tournament here on Sunday to prove his current top form the day before Wimbledon, reports AFP.

Muster, who won last week's event in Florence, beat world number 37 Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden 7-6 (7-3) 6-4 after a high quality, closely-contested match.

Third seed Gustafsson led 6-5 and squandered four set points in the first set, before Muster hit back to win the 12th game and the tiebreak.

In the second set, top seed Muster began to contain the powerful forehand from the Scandinavian, and managed to win the decisive set after one break of service.

Navy meet on

KAPTAI, June 21: The annual sailing, pulling, shooting, endurance swimming and cross-country competitions of the Bangladesh Navy got underway at BNS Shaheed Moazzam here this morning amid great enthusiasm, reports BSS.

About 150 competitors from eight different ships and establishments of the Bangladesh Navy are taking part in the four-day meet, an ISPR press release said.

Kiev's title

KIEV, June 21: Dynamo Kiev, who won 13 Soviet league titles from 1936 to 1990, clinched the Ukraine football league for the first time on Sunday, reports AFP.

They beat Dnepropetrovsk on goal difference after both clubs finished on 44 points.

Tavria Simferopol, who won last year's inaugural championship, finished third from bottom and just avoided relegation.

Kiev won 4-1 at Kremenchug on Sunday while Dnepropetrovsk beat Toppedo Zaporozhyh 3-1 at home.

Alcindo finds Midas touch

TOKYO, June 21: Alcindo scored the first hat-trick of his career keeping Kashima Antlers top of the Japanese football league last week while his fellow Brazilian teammates remained on the sidelines, reports AFP.

The former Gremio forward also kept his league individual scoring lead with 10 points while former German international Pierre Littbarski pulled JEF United Ichihara behind the Antlers with a spectacular left-foot volley.

Springing back from a midweek slipup against the Yokohama Flugels, the Antlers beat Grampus Eight minus injured former England captain Gary Lineker 4-0 at Nagoya Saturday. Alcindo scored for the first time in three matches.

Despite the absence of veteran Zico and another Brazilian Santos through injuries, the Antlers consolidated their position in the 10-team J-League with eight wins and three losses against 6-5 for five other clubs.

JEF United stood in second spot with a better goal difference. Littbarski's fourth-minute goal lifted them to a 1-0 win over Sanfrecce Hiroshima at Ichihara.

In other weekend matches, 33-year-old Argentine forward Ramon Datz scored as the Yokohama Marinos beat Verdy Kawasaki 2-0 at Tokyo.

Gamba beat bottom-of-the-table Red Diamonds 3-1 at Urawa while an inawinging goal from a corner gave S-Pulse a 1-0 win over the Flugels at Shimizu.

Sprucing, the Chinese way

BEIJING, June 21: Beijing authorities are to demolish a whole district and expel some 200 families living there this week as part of plans to spruce up the city ahead of the Olympic Games which the Chinese capital has not even been awarded yet, reports AFP.

After six months of resistance, the 200 families are finally packing their bags ahead of their expulsion from the Youganani quarter, located in a business district in the east of the city.

Before Friday, the 1,000 people who have lived for more than 20 years in ramshackle buildings will make way for luxury homes, office towers and a commercial centre more in keeping with Beijing's vision of itself as the modern host of the 2000 Olympics.

"To ensure Beijing success as a candidate for the Olympic Games, it is necessary to demolish any dirty, dilapidated or disorganised housing," the office in charge of modernising the area said in a letter to residents.

"No one wants to remain in these flats but the problem is we don't know where to go. We have been given a week to leave," said one angry resident who moved out Sunday along with around 100 others in a tense atmosphere and under the close watch of police.

The city has built some temporary replacement housing in a suburb but few residents have moved, complaining of the distance, poor transport and a lack of heating and water.

Families have been promised that they will be resettled in new, modern apartments in the outskirts in around 18 months.

Although they are pleased at the prospect of better accommodation, albeit at a higher price, they still have doubts about the promises.

Mary recalled the situation in a neighboring area where residents were moved to make way for the capital's tallest building, the Jing Guang Centre. Despite promises of resettlement in two years, they are still waiting after six years.

When the city authorities first asked people to leave Youganani six months ago, they met with strong opposi-

tion.

Residents demonstrated in front of the Town Hall, outraged at the expulsions and the demand for high deposits on their future apartments.

The deposits were finally returned, but there was no reprieve of the expulsion order and warnings from the authorities were stepped up.

Official posters and the permanent presence of uniformed and plain-clothed police attested to the fact that the authorities would tolerate no further dissent.

For the past week, residents have had to put up with the sound of broadcasts giving the reasons for the resettlement and calling for public backing for Beijing's Olympic bid.

Beijing has launched a campaign to suggest a big display of public support for the Games, forcing taxis to put stickers in their rear windows and businesses to display banners.

During an International Olympic Committee (IOC) inspection tour of Beijing in March, authorities cut heating

supplies, even to hospitals, to reduce air pollution in the city.

Dannong, the diversified group that has acquired the land and neighbouring plots for the development of Yongnanli and the surrounding area, has already spent huge sums and its executives are growing impatient.

One of those executives is Chen Xiaotong, son of the powerful Chen Xitong, a former mayor of the capital, party secretary for Beijing and none other than the head of the committee organising the Olympic bid.

Beijing residents have been told the mushrooming of building projects in the past year, which are to transform the city and shift much of the population to the suburbs, is a race against time because of the Olympics.

But if Beijing, whose main rival for the Games is Sydney, is not chosen in Monaco on September 23, many of those who have justified their investments as being in the public interest will lose out in the eyes of the public.

US Congress irks IOC

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, June 21: The International Olympic Committee angrily criticised the US Congress on Sunday for passing a motion against Beijing hosting the 2000 Games, reports AFP.

Francois Carrard, director general of the Lausanne-based IOC, said the House of Representatives initiative was "a clumsy intrusion into Olympic affairs. The IOC will not allow such influence to be put on its members."

Dick Pound, Canada's IOC executive member, was even more severe. "To say the least it was an unfortunate interference," he said.

Pound, who is considered a possible successor to IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, added: "The Americans have wideranging and good relations with the Chinese. I would have thought the American representatives would have shown more maturity."

"We show every day that we are worried about human rights problems. The case of South Africa is the proof," said Keba Mbaye, a former international court judge who is

Senegal's representative on the IOC.

Carrard said Games hosts were chosen according to the conscience of IOC members and "the best wins."

But the IOC came under new pressure on Sunday from a group campaigning against Beijing's candidature who met Mbaye and Carrard at the headquarters.

Two members of the Association for Tibetan Youth in Europe explained their campaign which is based on China's human rights abuses in Tibet. The IOC made no comment about the meeting.

"We came to explain the reasons why Beijing does not deserve the honour of holding the Games," said Dicki Lamdark, a member of the protest group.

Afterwards, more than a dozen group members stood outside the IOC offices with banners calling on the IOC to turn down China.

The IOC will choose from Beijing, Brasilia, Istanbul, Manchester and Sydney for the 2000 Games on September 23.

Griman TKOs Ioka

OSAKA, Japan, June 21: David Griman of Venezuela successfully retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) flyweight title when he defeated challenger Hiroki Ioka of Japan by technical knock out in the eighth round here Monday, reports AFP.

Referee Manuel Rodriguez of Colombia stopped the fight two minutes 38 seconds into the round when the champion cornered Ioka on the ropes, unloading an array of punishing blows to disappoint local fans at the Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium.

It was Griman's first defence of the title he wrested from his compatriot Aquiles Guzman in Caracas in December.

Griman has now stretched his record to 18 wins — 12 of them inside the distance — against one loss. His only defeat came when he crashed to Thailand's national hero Khaosai Galaxy in July 1991.

For Ioka, who failed to become the first Asian boxer to win three world titles in three different categories, it was his fourth defeat against 22 wins and a draw.

Ioka first captured the World Boxing Council strawweight title in 1987 before losing to Napa Kiatwanchai of Thailand in 1988, then became the WBA junior flyweight champion in December 1991, beating Yuh Myung-Woo until the South Korean regained the title in November last year.



Reigning champion Agassi waits for Bernd Karbacher of Germany to serve. The jazzy American won his Wimbledon opener against the unheralded German yesterday to mark the opening of the prestigious grass court meet in London yesterday. — Star TV photo



Olympic gold medalist Hassiba Boulmerka pays for her complacency as Frenchwoman Frederique Quentin (L) snatches victory from her when the Algerian slowed down in the last 50 metres in the 1500m event in the Mediterranean Games on June 20 thinking she had won. Quentin and Boulmerka both finished with the time of four minutes and 11.09 seconds. — AFP photo

Morceli misses world mark by a whisker

NARBONNE, France, June 21: Algeria's Nourredine Morceli came within 36 hundredths of a second of his 1,500 metres world record at the Mediterranean Games in Narbonne on Sunday, reports AFP.

In gusty conditions and against a weak opposition, Morceli ran 3 min 22.22 secs on the final day of the Games.

The Algerian had announced the day before that he would be going for the record of 3 min 28.86 secs that he set in Rieti last September. As he had feared, the lack of a pacesetter and the wind held up his attempt.

But Morceli was still the star of the lacklustre Games, that ended in the southern French city on Sunday with the home country getting most medals.

Morceli said he plans to race at Lille, France, on July 2, then in Stockholm on July 5 and Oslo on July 10 before devoting three weeks to training for the World Championships in Stuttgart in August.

The Algerian said he thought he was capable of running a 3 min 25 secs 1,500 metres.

Flo Jo, McMillen to head Clinton's sports council

WASHINGTON, June 21: President Bill Clinton has picked athletics ace Florence Griffith Joyner and former congressman and basketball star Tom McMillen to head his sports council, reports AFP.

The duo is to replace Republican campaigner Arnold Schwarzenegger, the bodybuilding actor appointed by former President George Bush to lead the President's council on physical fitness and sports.

Griffith Joyner and McMillen will advise the President "on way to enhance opportunities for all Americans — not just the young — to participate in physical fitness and sports activities," Clinton said.

Flashy track star Griffith Joyner won three gold medals at the Seoul Olympics, and later announced plans to pursue acting and writing interests.

McMillen, who played on the 1972 Olympic basketball squad, went on to play for 11 years in the National Basketball Association. He also served as a Democratic Congressman from Maryland from 1987-1992.

Lydia de Vega, Joscelyn Yeo stars of 17th SEA Games

SINGAPORE, June 21: Two women—one a track veteran, the other a 14-year-old swimmer — were the stars of the 17th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games which ended here Sunday with Indonesia dominating the medals table, reports AFP.

Singapore President Wee Kim Wee closed the Games — which will be hosted next by Thailand in 1995 — in front of a 60,000 crowd packed into the National Stadium here.

Fifty-two Games records were broken, including 24 in the swimming pool and 15 on the track.

Indonesia, the region's most populous country and traditionally the most powerful

team at the Games, picked up 88 of the 319 gold medals on offer, but the Games belonged to two women.

Philippine sprint queen Lydia De Vega-Mercado set the only new Asian record of the Games.

The 28-year-old's 23.38 sec 100m race off her own SEA Games record set 12 years ago, and bettered the 23.42 sec set by China's Han Qing in the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing. She confirmed her status as the region's top woman sprinter by also taking the 100 metres gold.

Just half the age of the sprint veteran, Singapore school-girl Joscelyn Yeo made

waves in the pool by grabbing nine gold medals and several Games records.

14-year-old Yeo, set new marks in the 100 metres free-style, breaststroke and butterfly, 200 metres free-style and individual medley on her way to nine gold medals.

Thailand were second in the medals table with 63 golds, followed by the Philippines with 57, hosts Singapore with 50, Malaysia with 43, Vietnam with nine, Burma with eight, Myanmar won a single gold while Laos had to be content with a silver.

Thailand clinched the last, but most-prized, gold at stake when they beat Burma 4-3 in the football final Sunday.

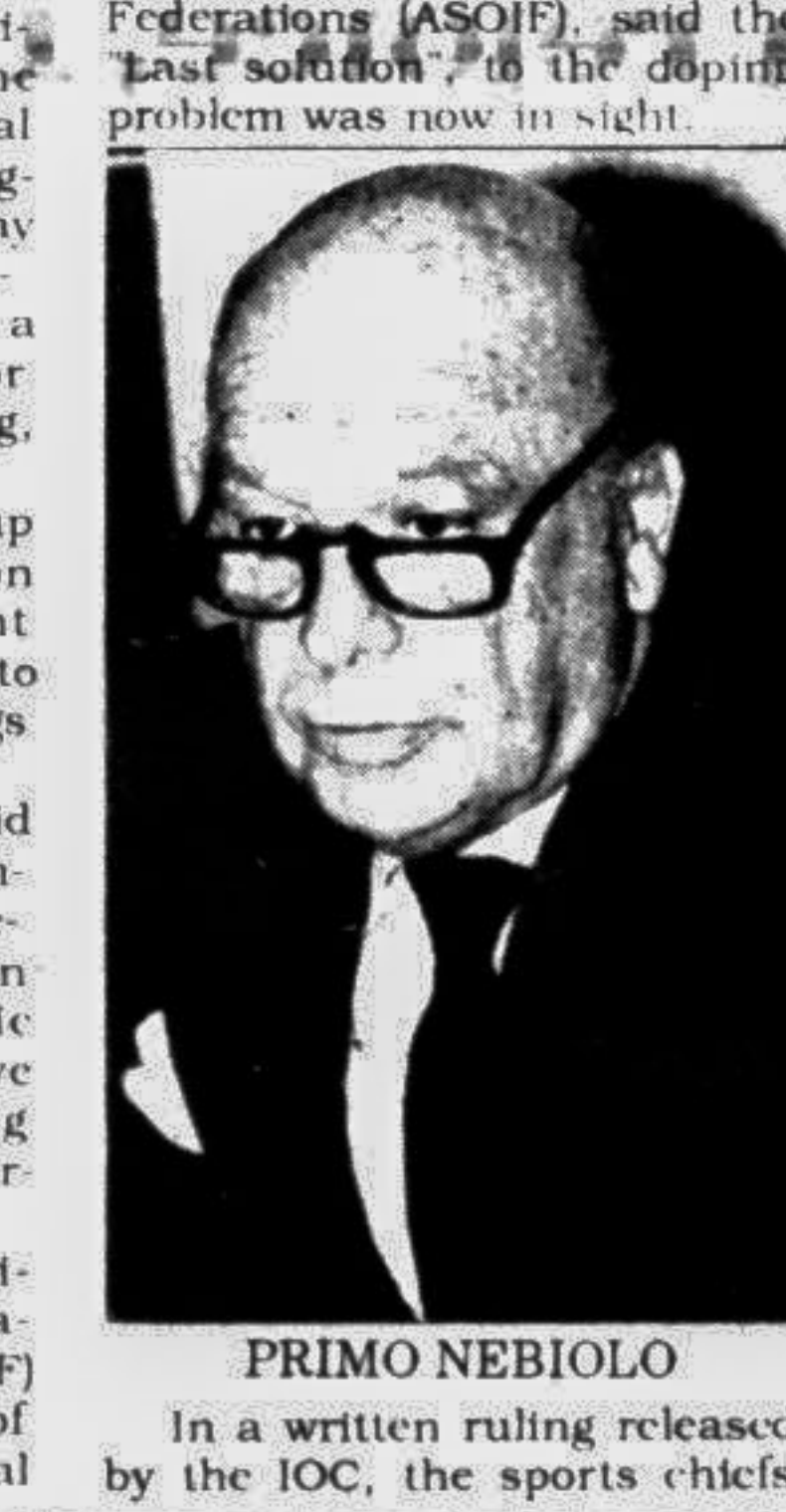
New dimension to anti-drug campaign

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, June 21: International sports chiefs agreed on Monday to institute standardised dope testing with a two-year minimum ban for athletes caught cheating, reports Reuter.

They also decided to set up a new supreme arbitration body that would prevent Olympic athletes turning to the law courts to have drugs bans lifted.

The move, designed to rid the world of sport of its damaging drugs scandals, was decided at a meeting between the International Olympic Committee's ruling executive board and the body grouping Summer Olympic sports federations.

Primo Nebiolo, the president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) and head of the Association of Summer Olympic International



PRIMO NEBIOLO In a written ruling released by the IOC, the sports chiefs

decided to accelerate unification of dope testing procedures and bans, which currently differ widely between sports.

They said sports governing bodies had to update their lists of banned substances every year and use IOC-accredited laboratories for testing.

And, in a clear threat to rogue federations that they could be excluded from the Olympics, they said all Olympic sports would have to toe the line.

Prince Alexander de Merode, the Belgian head of the IOC Medical Commission, told a news conference the meeting had accepted as the minimum sanction the two-year ban currently recommended by the IOC but said longer bans could be imposed.

De Merode described the agreement as "a historic step", saying the IOC had finally moved from words to action on an issue it first pronounced in 1989.

Olympic sources say the scandals of last year's Barcelona Summer Games, where the designer drug Clenbuterol stole the headlines from the sporting performances, had forced the action.

The new rules on testing and bans will not, however, take effect until some time next year. De Merode said they would have to be implemented by a meeting of the IOC, regional Olympic committees and sports governing bodies in Mont-Carls in September.

In another move to curtail the doping scandals, the IOC and ASOIF decided to institute a "Supreme Council of Arbitration" to stop the growing trend of athletes taking legal action over dope bans, Nebiolo told reporters.

Nebiolo's IAAF still owes American world 400 metres record holder Butch Reynolds 27.3 million dollars in unpaid damages after Reynolds sued over a disputed ban ahead of last year's Barcelona Games.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- Spade or club
- Overlook
- Kitchen flooring, for short
- Botheration
- Dosage, perhaps
- Baffler
- It sounds like 15
- Without a sibling
- Governing body
- Dustin Hoffman role
- Menu
- Well-endowed
- North Pole employee
- Moonshine container
- Hard to find
- Census datum
- Chinese secret society
- Caesar's "I love"
- "Alice" spinoff

DOWN

- Benevolent bunch
- Occupation
- In due time
- Famous
- "The McLaughlin Group" group
- The rite words?
- Street pit
- Parody
- Raccoon's tropical cousin
- Under the weather
- Thickness
- Deadlock
- Not functioning
- mutton
- sleeve
- Hardly the pick of the litter
- Quiche maker's must
- Spirited steed
- One of the Three Bears
- Simple protein
- Spanky's pal
- Pedicurist's target
- Gift-tag word
- Money-maker
- Lecherous
- Manner of speaking
- Cartoonist Peter
- Camp-analogy sound
- Like child's play
- Rabbit's temporary home?
- Clay, today
- Foul up

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TEACHER OF UNPOPULAR COURSE IS PROBABLY IN A CLASS BY HERSELF.
Today's Cryptoquip clue: D 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.