

# Sampras crowned on 4th of July

**WIMBLEDON, July 4:** Pete Sampras added a first Wimbledon title to his growing list of credits by winning the latest instalment of his American tennis civil war with Jim Courier today, reports Reuter.

The top seed and world number one marked his country's national Fourth of July celebrations with a 7-6, 7-6, 3-6, 6-3 success, giving him a second Grand Slam title to go with his US Open triumph in 1990.

"This victory means just a little bit more," Sampras said. "The US Open happened so fast... having been a top player for a couple of years I now appreciate more what it takes to win a Grand Slam. I feel as happy as I've ever felt."

It was Courier's second successive Grand Slam final defeat, following his loss to Spain's Sergi Bruguera at the French Open last month, and ensured he remains number two behind Sampras in the world rankings.

"It stinks, it stinks twice," admitted Courier, referring to his double disappointment. "It's been a rough month for me."

The third seed was never able to produce sufficient fireworks against his fellow-Florida resident, who served 22 aces against nine in a final which caught light only spasmodically.

Sampras, 21, again showed no sign of the shoulder problem which threatened his participation before the championships, his serve-and-volley game keeping Courier at bay in both first and second set tie-breaks.

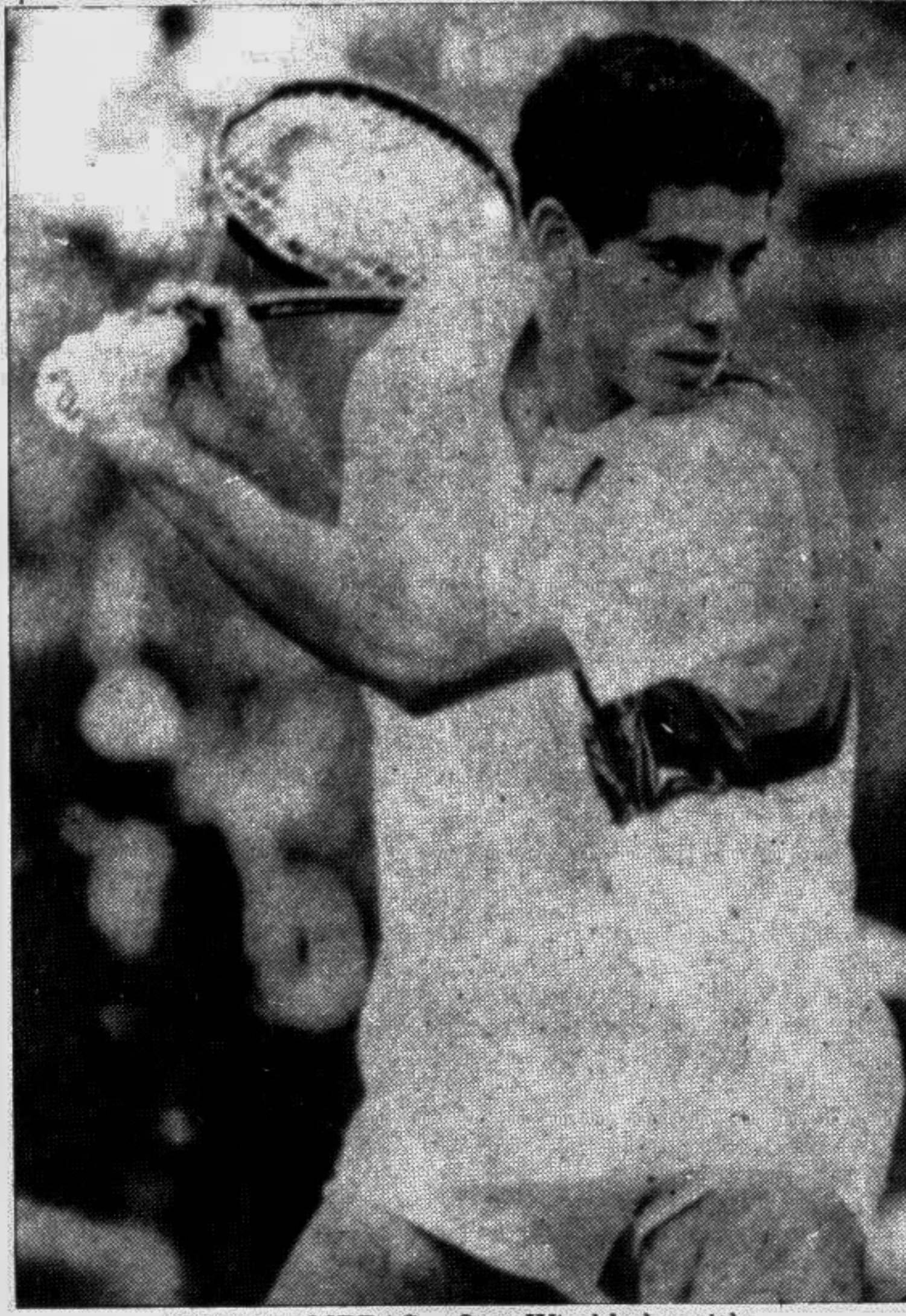
He dropped the third, tiring momentarily in on-court temperatures around 40 degrees Celsius, but recovered his composure to capture the 305,000 pounds sterling (461,300 dollar) first prize in just under three hours.

Sampras has now beaten his opponent eight times in 10 meetings, including all four of the finals they have contested.

Sampras will fly home tomorrow "drinking a glass of champagne or two" and reflecting on a fortnight which ended happily in blazing sun-

shine on Centre Court. "It's always been one of my goals to win this tournament. I'm pretty overwhelmed... I'll let it sink in over the next two weeks," he said. "I'm pretty speechless right now. This a

Jim on grass. It would have taken me six to 12 months to get over losing a Wimbledon final," he said. Defeat had locked an improbable fate from the outset in a slow-burning contest



PETE SAMPRAS... first Wimbledon title

huge life-long dream I've had." Sampras is the 21st American to win the coveted Wimbledon crown but a totally different character from his predecessor Andre Agassi, an extraordinary winner in 1992.

No-one had tipped Agassi, a baseliner like Courier, to succeed on grass, but Sampras, in contrast, has been looked upon since his teenage years as a potential Wimbledon winner.

The top seed admitted he would have been disappointed to lose to his friend and golf partner, having already seen off Agassi and Boris Becker in what turned out to be the tougher half of the draw. "I liked my chances against

which had spanned an hour and a half before either-players managed to force a break point. Sampras had dropped just 11 points on his own pretty 'flawless' serve going into the second-set tie-break, but then enjoyed one moment of good fortune which swung the match irrevocably in his favour.

Courier found himself with a set point at 6-5 only to watch a floppy Sampras forehand volley drop in close to the baseline. "He just hit a choker volley, but it went in," Courier said. "He just kind of pushed it there, but that's the way the cookie crumbles."

# When the loser takes it all

**WIMBLEDON, July 4:** It was Steffi Graf who lifted the famous silver salver, but the abiding image of the 100th Wimbledon women's singles final will always be Jana Novotna weeping on the shoulder of the Duchess of Kent, reports Reuter.

Everyone on Centre Court and million more watching on television understood her tears. On a beautiful summer's day, the 24-year-old from Brno in the Czech Republic had just blown the biggest moment of her life.

Serving at 4-1, 40-30 ahead in the deciding set, even Graf thought the game was up. Instead, the Czech served a double fault and one of the cruellest slides in modern sporting history had begun.

Graf won her next service game, then watched in disbelief as Novotna served three double faults in four points to allow the German defending champion back to 4-4. When she held for 5-4, there was only one winner — game, set and inquest.

Novotna, in her second Grand Slam final, did her best to deny the obvious assumption she had succumbed to nerves. "I don't think it was nerves at all," she said, putting on a brave if tear-stained face. "I don't think I gave it to

her. The main reason is that when you have a chance to go 5-1 up and don't make it, suddenly it's difficult to get out of it.

"In the last two matches I won against Sabatini and Navratilova, I won because I went for my shots. I decided to do the same thing today... but sadly it didn't work. Everyone knows that once Steffi gets started, it's very difficult to stop her."

Graf, however, knew better than anyone she had won her fifth Wimbledon title by the back door. "I felt bad at the end," she admitted. "At 4-1 up, you're

## Novotna misses another one

**WIMBLEDON, July 4:** Jana Novotna suffered a double disappointment at Wimbledon on Saturday, losing the women's doubles final after her defeat by Steffi Graf in the singles, reports Reuter.

The 24-year-old Czech looked tried as she and her Latvian partner Larisa Neiland, seeded two, went down 4-6, 7-6, 4-6 to top seeds Gigi Fernandez and Belarussia's Natalia Zvereva.

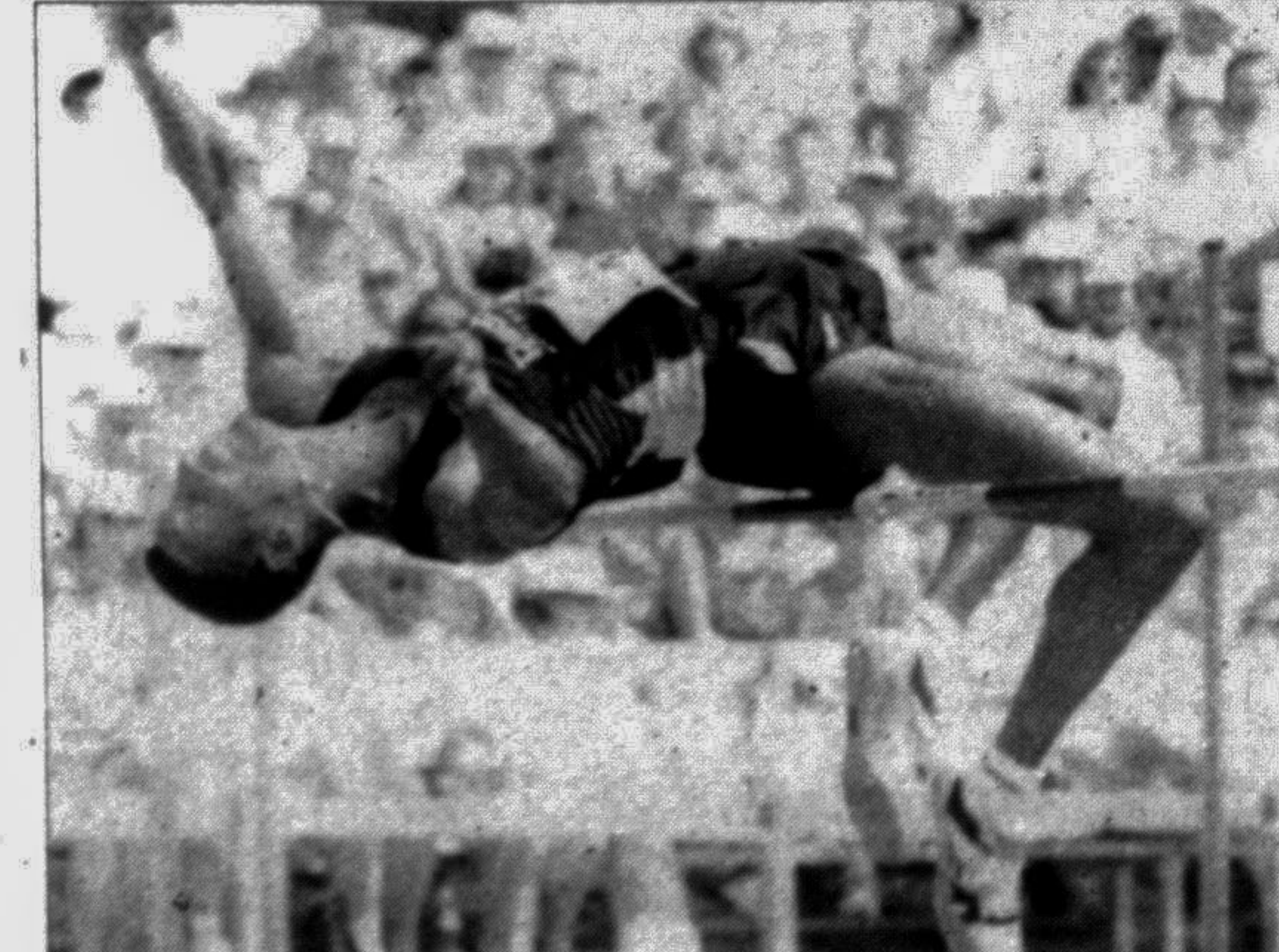
It was the second successive year Novotna and Neiland had lost in the final to Fernandez and Zvereva.

pretty much in a position where you have to win. I knew how she felt. There have been a few matches I've choked over the years."

Novotna told how Graf had shaken her hand and said: "I'm sorry... are you all right?" The eighth seed did her best to keep her composure, but when confronted with royal sympathy she broke down. "She said, 'I know you'll do it one day, don't worry and I just let go,'" Novotna revealed. "I have appeared in several doubles finals here and we kind of know each other. It was very emotional. She is really a very nice lady."

Novotna is by no means the first finalist to discover the All England Club lawns can be deceptively harsh territory. "She was very sad today too," said Novotna. She said, "don't worry about it, you went for it, that's the most important thing. We will come back next year and we can do it again."

If she is to triumph in the future, however, Novotna will surely have to acknowledge, if only in private, she froze at the gateway to stardom. "I have proved to myself during this tournament I can beat the big players on the big occasion," she pleaded. Sadly, on the biggest occasion of all, the available evidence did not convince the entire jury.



American high jumper Hollis Conway clears the bar at 2.38 metres to win the 15th international highjump meeting in Eberstadt on Saturday. In front of some 3,000 spectators Conway edged Olympic gold medalist Cuban Javier Sotomayor, who eventually finished second clearing 2.36 metres. — AFP photo

# Lewis to run both 100m, 200m

**PARIS, July 4:** Carl Lewis has agreed to run the 100, as well as the 200m as originally planned, in the IAAF Grand Prix meeting in Lausanne on Wednesday, announced the organisers, reports AFP.

The double Olympic and three times world 100m champion will face Andre Cason, who beat him into third place at Villeneuve D'Ascq on Friday, and Olympic silver medalist Frank Fredericks, who came second.

"I feel faster than ever," said Lewis, who decided to run the shorter sprint because he feels he is coming into top form.

Lewis is aiming for his fourth 100m world title in Stuttgart, Germany, next month.

Britain's Olympic champion Linford Christie also runs a 100m at Lausanne, but it is in a different line-up to "King Carl."

# Tanui in top shape

**NAIROBI, July 4:** William Tanui fixed his sights on winning a world title in Stuttgart in August after cruising to victory in the 800 metres at Kenya's national athletics championships on Saturday, reports Reuter.

"I am in top shape and my training is on course. There should be no problem winning in Stuttgart," he said. Tanui, who won in one minute 45.47 seconds, was followed home by Paul Ruto and teenager William Serem.

Joseph Kibor won the 5,000 metres in 13 minutes 40.62 seconds. Olympic champion Paul Bitok was second and Simeon Chemoyoi victorious at the African Championships in Durban last week third.

The Kenyans are keen to beat their Moroccan arch-rivals in the 5,000 metres at the World Championship.

"We are ready. Tell the Moroccans that this is one race where victory will not come easy," said Chemoyoi.

African champion Kennedy Ochieng won the 400 metres in 44.54 with Simon Kemboi second and Abednego Matilu third.

"(Ochieng) keeps improving and is definitely among the world's best over the distance," said chief national coach Mike Kosgei. World cross-country champion William Sigei came second in the 10,000 metres behind Ishmal Kirui — younger brother of Olympic silver medalist Richard Chelimo.

# Cason, Devers warm up well

**LILLE, France, July 4:** Americans Andre Cason and Gail Devers demonstrated on Friday they are on course to win World Championship sprint golds in Stuttgart next month, reports Reuter.

US champion Cason defeated a classy field at the Lille Grand Prix in a time of 10.03 seconds, second fastest in the world this year. And Olympic champion Devers went one better when she clocked 10.96 in the women's 100, quickest of the season.

The men's 100 featured the first three in the US trials — Cason, Dennis Mitchell and Carl Lewis — plus Namibia's Olympic silver medalist Frankie Fredericks.

Cason was quickest out of the blocks and held off a storming finish from Fredericks to win by 0.01 of a second. Lewis made a poor start but recovered well in the second half of the race to take third place in 10.07.

Cason, who lost his Olympic chance in 1992 when he tore an Achilles tendon in the US trials, said this time last year he had been lying on the track feeling sorry for himself. "So I feel very blessed and very grateful to be here," he said.

World champion and record holder Lewis looked relaxed and strong after he finally got away and his manager Joe Douglas predicted he would retain his title in Stuttgart. "His training is going as well as it was in 1991," Douglas said. "He'll run the fastest time of the year."

Devers said she planned to run both the 100 metres and 100 hurdles in Stuttgart. "I felt very good," she said. Sandra Farmer Patrick, the American champion, controlled the women's 400 hurdles until the final barrier when she lost her stride pattern.

Her sheer strength allowed her to pull away over the final metres to win in 54.78 seconds ahead of Russia's Anna Knorz who clocked 55.07. Czech Olympic champion Jan Zelezny made no contest of the men's javelin, launching the spear 91.40 metres, more than two metres ahead of second placed German Raymond Hechto. His own world record of 95.54 is the only longer throw this year.



World number one Germany's Steffi Graf proudly shows her Wimbledon silver salver after winning the women's singles title for the third consecutive year. Graf defeated Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic 7-6, 1-6 and 6-4 on the Centre Court Saturday to bag her fifth title in six years. — AFP photo

# Triumph tinged with sadness

**WIMBLEDON, July 4:** Steffi Graf lifted her fifth Wimbledon singles trophy on Saturday, but her moment of triumph was tinged with sadness, reports Reuter.

The 24-year-old German top seed had to struggle hard against Jana Novotna, before coming through 7-6, 1-6, 6-4. At 1-4 down in the final set and Novotna serving, Graf thought it was all over.

But the hapless Novotna, who had played such a fine match, could do nothing right after that and the trophy fell into Graf's lap. "I was very happy in the first few seconds after the win. But once I saw her I knew exactly what was going through her mind," a subdued Graf said afterwards.

"I've been in that situation quite a few times too, like all players... so I really felt bad at that moment." The entire Centre Court felt for the 24-year-old Czech when she dissolved into tears

on the Duchess of Kent's shoulder as she accepted the runners-up plate. And Graf, the tough, self-controlled winner of 12 Grand Slam titles, was not immune. "If you are 4-1 up and serving for it then you're pretty much in a position that you have to win... but it was disappointing in that way for me because she played so well and didn't make it," Graf said.

"There were a few matches when I've choked too." But Graf, who won the French Open last month, was also pleased with her own ability to stay in the match. "I just couldn't believe it, really to get back from there," Graf, who had not surrendered a set in the tournament before the final, said.

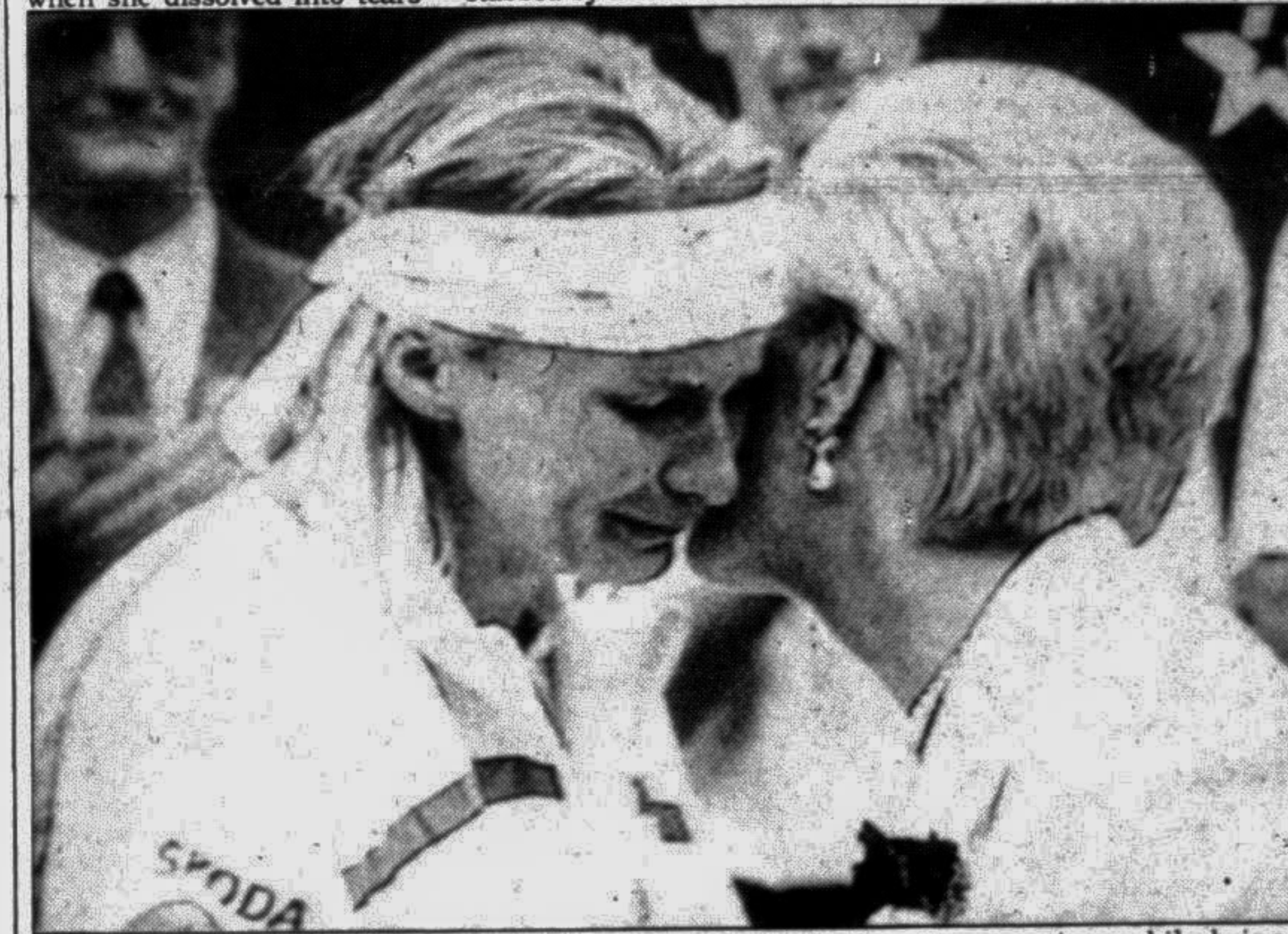
"I'm just very excited to win the match, to have hung in there." Graf took over the number one world ranking from Monica Seles after the French Open. Seles missed both Paris and Wimbledon after being stabbed by a disturbed German

spectator at a tournament in Hamburg in April. So Graf's victory is also tinged by uncertainty over whether she would still have won if the Yugoslav, whom she beat in the final last year, had been able to play.

And her fortnight has not been all plain sailing. Her first match was disturbed by a heckler, who had followed her from Paris and had to be ejected from the All England Club by officials.

After that she was surrounded by guards and harried by reporters over the question of security. But Graf is used to the lime-light now and used to winning.

Asked how she planned to celebrate, she showed little excitement. "No idea... this time I'm really unprepared... I don't know what I'm going to do right now," she said. Doubtless her thoughts will turn quite soon to the US Open starting next month, another Grand Slam title and another poignant ending.



Eighth seed Czech Jana Novotna wilts under the load of pent-up emotions while being kissed by the Duchess of Kent after the women's final of the Wimbledon tennis championship Saturday. Novotna raised the hopes of an upset when she led 4-1 in the deciding set but an experienced Graf rallied round to take the match and her fifth Wimbledon title. — Star TV photo by TA Khan

# FISU's way of decrying

**BUFFALO, New York, July 4:** Angered by a US refusal of entry to 79 Libyan athletes, the governing body for the World University Games has offered to pay their expenses as a means of circumventing the ban, reports Reuter.

The Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire (FISU) attacked the US move in a news conference on Saturday in Buffalo, site of the Games starting on Thursday and ending on July 18.

Citing economic sanctions imposed on Libya in 1986 and after the 1988 Lockerbie bombing, the US State Department on Friday recommended that the Treasury Department refuse the Libyans licences to spend money in the United States.

Treasury Department licences to spend money in the United States are required to obtain US visas. FISU offered to pay the Libyans' way so they would not have to spend any money in the United States.

"This solves the problem legally in the United States. This we have said today," FISU Secretary-General Roch Campana said in an interview on Saturday night.

Campana said FISU strongly objected to the prospect of athletes being denied the opportunity to compete at the Games because of political reasons. "These are not agents of Libya, they are athletes," he said.

He said FISU had been assured when Buffalo was chosen to host the Games that there would be no barrier to athletes entering the United States. "We were told four years ago there would be no problem," Campana said.

He said FISU, based in Brussels, as an international non-political body could not work directly to pressure the US government but local organisers could. "We cannot directly deal with the State Department," Campana said. "But they have a group of persons lobbying with the US State Department."

Campana said he was first made aware there would be a problem with the Libyan visas late on Friday. The 17th World University Games, the first since their inception in 1959 to be held in the United States, are expected to attract some 6,400 athletes from 135 countries.

# Libyan students union protests US decision

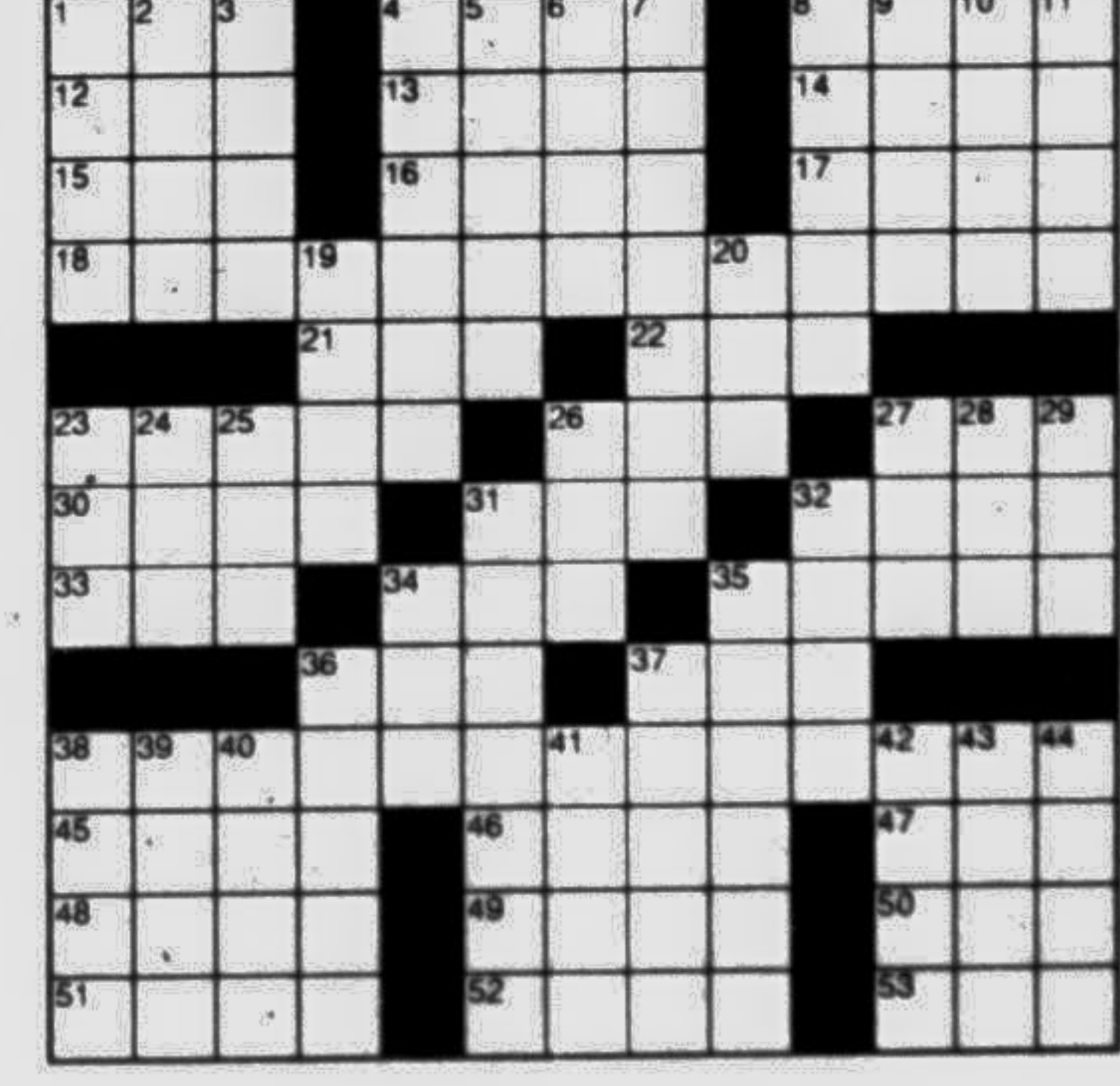
**TUNIS, July 4:** Libya's General Union of Students called on the US State Department today to reconsider its decision to prevent Libyan students from taking part in the World University Games in Buffalo, reports Reuter.

The US State Department's decision to deny entry visas to students who want to take part is "surprising," Libya's official news agency Jana said, quoting a statement from the students. Citing economic sanctions imposed on Libya in 1986 and after the 1988 Lockerbie bombing, the US State Department on Friday recommended that the Treasury Department refuse the Libyans licences to spend money in the United States.

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