Martinez mauls Maleeva



MOUNTAIN, Vt. Aug 1: Top-seeded Conchita Martinez swept into the

nals of the US women's hard court championships with a dominating straight set victory over fourth-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere on Saturday, reports AP.

in the other semifinal, fifthseeded Zina Garrison-Jackson benefitted from some questionable line calls to beat Beate Reinstadler 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Martinez, the world's sixthranked player, overpowered Maleeva-Fragniere in every aspect and won 6-1, 6-2. In the first set, the Spaniard lost one point in three service games.

"I played better than I played all week," said Maleeva-Fragniers, who had beaten Martinez in four of six previous matches. "She just played too

Martinez, seeking her fourth singles title this year, said she played her best match of the week. "I was feeling very confident today."

Martinez dropped the first game, but won nine consecutive games to go up 3-0 in the second. Maleeva-Fragniere then won two straight games, and led 30-15 on her serve in the sixth game when she came unglued. After reaching deuce.

Maleeva-Fragniere doublefaulted and Martinez hit a backhand winner to take the game and a 4-2 lead. Martinez then held easily and broke at love to win the

minutes. Maleeva-Fragniere said if she held serve in the sixth game it

won their semifinal matches at

the 1.65 million dollars Player's

Ltd International on Sunday,

world, upset sixth-seeded Petr

Korda of the Czech Republic 7-6

(7-4), 7-5. Martin, ranked 20th,

cruised to a 6-3, 6-4 victory for

his first career win in three at-

tempts against fellow-American

feature a more famous line-up.

Almost everybody who is any-

body - Pete Sampras, Jim

Courier, Boris Becker, Ivan

Lendl and Andre Agassi-was

But they all failed to read the

Martin will be playing in his

second straight tour final, after

losing to Israeli Amos Mansdorf

in last week's event in

tournament at Coral Springs.

Florida, in May. After the match

Swedes switch

to clay

dish Davis Cup captain John-

Anders Sjogren said Friday that

Sweden will use clay as playing

surface for the September 24-26

semifinal match with Germany,

players," said Sjogren, who an-

nounced the decision after talks

with the Swedish players and

officials. "When Stefan Edberg

is playing well the surface really

doesn't matter. So let's hope

he's in top shape for the Davis

ATP tour, reached the 1989

French Open final and has

played well on clay this year. He

did not play in the Davis Cup

quarterfinals against the

Netherlands two week ago be-

cause his wife was expecting

Edberg, ranked third on the

"Clay suits most Swedish

STOCKHOLM, Aug 1: Swe-

Martin won his first career

Today's final was meant to

Pernfors, ranked 95th in the

reports Reuter.

Richey Reneberg.

Washington, DC

reports AP.

Cup match.

1: Unseeded Mi-

kael Pernfors of

seeded Todd

Martin of the US

Sweden and 13th-

match, which lasted just 63

"could have changed

everything." "I knew I had to play incredibly well to win," she said. "Overall, she just played very

In the other semifinal of the tournament, the 162nd-ranked Reinstadler nearly pulled off her third upset of the week. She routed Garri-son-Jackson in the first set and led 4-2 in the second.

She had two break points in the seventh game, but ended up



CONCHITA MARTINEZ

losing it. On one break point, a Garrison-Jackson forehand appeared long but was called in. After the match, Rein-stadler

criticized the linesmen, calling the match the worst-officiated she has seen all year. The line calls were bad, it

should have been 5-2," said Reinstadler, who earlier upset seventh-seeded Lisa Raymond and third-seeded Helena Sukova.

Maybe it's America," the

Pernfors plays Martin in final

he displayed his placid de-

meanor that is almost unnerv-

would have been jumping for

joy and done all the first pump-

ing," said Martin. "I've accom-

plished quite a bit this week but

not as much as I want. So,

I've done so far."

there's no need to revel in what

double-fault of the week in the

South Korea win

singles crown

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 1

South Korean Kim Jae-Sik won

the singles title Suriday in the

second leg of the Mala ysian

International Tennis Satellite

Circuit 11, defeating Australian

Peter Tramacchi 6-4, 6-4 in 80

disappointment in the series

He was in the finals in the first

leg in Seremban last week, but

lost to South Korean Lee Jin Ho

international tennis, received

US dlrs 1,625, the national

news agency Bernama rep-orted

from Ipoh, 200 kilometers (120

In the semifinals Kim

miles) north of Kuala Lumpur.

defeated Filipino Roland So 6-4

6-4, while Tramacchi defeated

Yasufumi Yamamoto of Japan

China, Pakistan, South Korea,

Japan, India, Philippines, the

United States, Germany, Belg-

ium and Australia participated

in the singles competition at

lpoh's City Council tennis

was won by South Koreans

Wan, who defeated Gerald

Mandi of Germany and Richard

The third leg will be in

The best of the 24 singles

and 16 doubles players in the

three kgs will compete in the

final leg at the National Tennis

Nicholle of the United States 6

Johore later this week

Chang Eu Jong and Kim Chi

The doubles final Saturday

Thirty two players from

6-3, 6-3

Kim, ranked 519th in

It was Tramacchi's second

minutes, reports AP

Martin, who posted his first

"A couple of years ago I

Garrison-Jackson

acknowledged benefitting from some questionable decisions. The line calls were pretty mixed up on both sides," she said. "I got some critical ones at

key times." Garrison-Jackson went ahead 6-5 in the second set after holding serve at love, then broke Reinstadler to take the set. Garrison-Jackson struggled with her forehand early, and had trouble with her serve all day. She said the turning point came in the second set, when she relaxed and Reinstadler began tiring.

I saw she was getting tired and I started drop-shooting her," Garrison-Jackson said.

"That made a difference." Reinstadler acknowledge tiring and making "stupid

mistakes. "I'm really upset," she said. "

should have won that match." Garrison-Jackson looked ready to run away in the third set after opening a 3-0 lead. But, as she did all week, Reinstadler fought back and won the next three games.

After Garrison-Jackson held serve, she broke to go ahead 5-3. Again, Reinstadler battled back, saving three match points before breaking to cut the lead to .5-4. In the next game, Reinstadler held off three more match points on her serve before hitting what appeared to be a forehand winner. But the ball was called long and Garrison-Jackson won the match.

Garrison-Jackson has lost all four matches against Martinez. Their last match, in Philadelphia last year, went three sets with Martinez prevailing 6-4 in the final set.

ninth game of the first set, fin-

ished strong and closed the

ranked Reneberg break his

serve in the eight game of the

second set. He broke Reneberg's

serve in the fourth game of the

first set and the fifth and night

stream," said Reneberg. "I was

step forward for Pernfors, who

has struggled to regain the form

he displayed in reaching the

French Open final in 1986. His

career had been in jeopardy

when he underwent Achilles'

Pernfors' ranking plummeted

It's almost like I can't wait

Now that Pernfors reached

to 1001 by March, 1991, but he

persisted along the bumpy

to play the next point," said

Pernfors, 30. I guess I just love

his first final since winning the

Scottsdale: Arizona, tournament

in October 1988, his ranking

will move near the top 50 on

it," said Pernfors. "I have so

much love for the game, but I

never thought I'd make the final

wrong against Lendl on Friday,

was out of touch on Saturday.

unforced errors in the one hour.

47 minute match, he had 33 in

the first set and 22 in the sec-

was my legs were too heavy.

Korda said. "I was a half-step

too slow and that's why I made

so many mistakes. He didn't

There were an astonishing

1) service breaks, including six

in the first set, during the

After winning the tie-

breaker, Pernfors grabbed a 3-0

lead in the second set. Korda

won the next five games for a 5-

3 lead, but never won another

match.

win the match. I beat myself."

The Korda who could do no

He executed a startling 55

"My major weakness today

of a big tournament like this."

"I guess I fantasized about

to hit the ball over the net."

comeback trail

tendon surgery in April 1990.

always going the wrong way.

"I felt like I was paddling up

The tournament is already a

games of the second set.

Martin only let the 35th

match with an ace.

Costa clinches Dutch Open

HILVERSUM, Netherlands, Aug 1: Carlos Costa dropped just six games against Magnus Gustasson Sunday to win the dlrs 278,000 Dutch Open tennis championship, reports AP.

Costa, ranked 42nd in the world, won 6-1, 6-2, 6-3 in an 85-minute match against 26thranked Swede Gustafsson, who was suffering a recurrence of an arm injury. Neither finalist was seeded.

Costa made few unforced errors and sent a tired Gustasson running all around the clay court with delicate drop shots and lobs.

Gustafsson won his first service game, but the Spanish clay court specialist then won six games in a row to clinch the first set.

Costa's serve was impregnable throughout. He served six aces without facing a single break point, and broke Gustafsson twice in the second set and once in the third.

"Your can't take Gustafsson's injury into account, because he's always had problems with his arm," said Costa. "Sometimes he loses with ice cubes, sometimes he wins with ice cubes."

Despite his easy win, Costa maintained that the difference in skill between himself and Gustafsson "was not that great." Costa walked away with dlrs

33,800 in prize-money and 171 ATP points. Gustafsson said the pain

went away after a few games. "But I was mentally tired and my legs were tired," said the Swede, who threw hunself flat on his face on the court at one point in frustration at his play.

Chinese girls win Asian v'ball

SHANGHAI, Aug 1: Five-time world, Olympic and World Cup winners China retained the Asian women's volleyball cham pionship title here Saturday, reports AFP.

China used their taller players to mount an effective blocking defence, beating the Japanese spikers 15-5, 15-9.

China whitewashed Taiwar while Japan beat South Korea on Friday to reach the grand fi-

Meanwhile. South Korea scored a winning set against Taiwan, 15-3, 15-6, 15-6, to take the bronze medal in the tournament

Brazilian girls beat France in world ir b'ball

SEOUL, Aug 1: Brazil beat France 74-53 after leading 35-25 at half-time in the opener of the third world basketball championship for junior women (under 22) here Sunday, reports

In the second match of the opening day, South Korea crushed Zaire 111-30 after a half-time score of 57-13.

Participants are divided into two groups for a preliminary round, with Australia, Brazil China, France, Poland and Taiwan in Group A, and Bulgaria, Japan, South Korea, Russia, the United States and Zaire in Group B.

Springboks back with a bang

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug 1 Winger James Small scored a try in each half Saturday as South Africa signalled them return as an international rugby union power with a 19-12 victory over world champions Australia in the first Test at the Sydney Football Stadium, reports AP.

The Springboks hustled Australia into a series of errors and ran in three tries to nil to take a 1-0 lead in the three-Test

The Springboks were playing their first Test in Australia for 22 years and their drive and determination stunned the home team.

It was South Africa's 22nd win in 30 internationals against Australia and the Springboks reversed a 26-3 loss to the Wallabies in Cape Town last

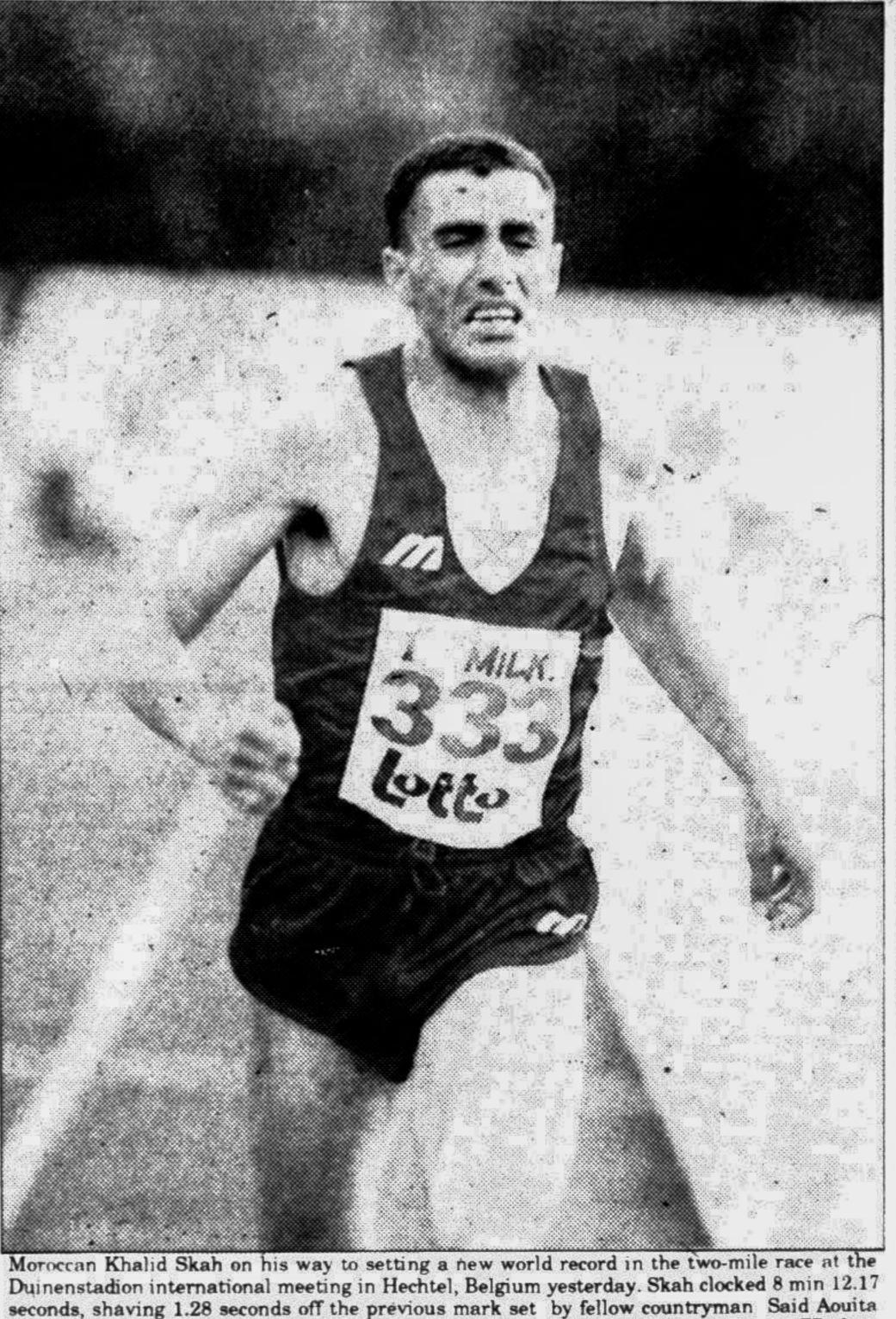
The South Africans more than held their own in the forward exchanges and attacked incisively when they gained possession.

Winger Small crossed the line in the 40th and 74th minutes, while center Pieter Muller also scored in the first half. Fullback Theo van Rensurg converted both tries.

"The guys really got together tonight and played with their hearts, not only their talent," said Springbok No. 8 Tlaan

Strauss. Australia's only points came from four penalties kicked by fullback Marty Roebuck.

Australia's backline found its opportunities restricted by the hard-tackling South African team. Winger David Campese made a number of mistakes, while Rookie fly half Scott Bowne made no impact.
"We played stupid football in



seconds, shaving 1.28 seconds off the previous mark set by fellow countryman Said Aouita - AFP photo way back in 1987.

Skah sets a new world mark

"I knew at the start I could



HECHTEL, Belgium. Aug 1: Moroccan Khalid Skah set a world best for two miles with a time of eight minutes 12-17 seconds at the night of the athletics meeting in

Hechtel on Saturday, reports Reuter. Skah unleashed a brilliant

solo run in the last kilometre to better the six-year-old mark of

Ashford triumphs

SAPPORO, Japan, Aug 1: American Evelyn Ashford, the gold medalist in the women's 100 metres in the 1984 Los Angels Olympics, won that race Sunday in 11.55 seconds in a "retirement race" in the Chuhei Nambu Commemorative track and field meet, reports AP.

Ashford won in Los Angeles with a time of 10.76 seconds.

The 36-year-old Ashford, a leading sprinter for 15 years. has said she will retire from active competition.

In other women's events, Galina Chistyakova of Ukraine won the triple jump with a leap of 14.18 metres (46 feet 6 1/4 inches) and then won the long jump in 6.32 metres (20 feet 8 3/4 inches), far below her world record of 7.52 metres (24 feet 8

8:13.45 by compatriot Said Aouita and clinch his first world

beat this record. Skah said. "This is a record I could beat during practice if I had to." Skah, the Olympic 10,000 metres champion, was assisted

for two-thirds of the race by fellow-Moroccan Rashid el Basir, 1,500 metres silver medalist at the Barcelona Olympics.

Skah, 26, said the record whetted his appetite for more world marks.

"Until now I didn't have the experience for this kind of race," he said. "Now I'll try and beat the world records in 5,000 and 10,000 metres, and why not the 3,000," he said

"But now I want to save some energy for the World Championships in Stuttgart,"

He said he had not yet decided whether to run the 5,000 or 10,000 metres in Stuftgart in August but might run both. In the women's 5,000 me-

tres. Olympic 10,000 metres silver medalist Elana Meyer of South Africa recorded the thirdfastest time ever when she clocked 14:46.41 after a long solo run.

Meyer had her sights set on Ingrid Kristianasen's world record of 14:37.33 but ran the opening laps too slowly to stand

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a serious chance of beating the Norwegian's record. "But it was a good test for

Stuttgart, said Meyer. I feel well-prepared for the 10,000

Russian Lyubov Gurina ran the third-fastest time of the year when she won the women's 1,500 metres in 4:03.42 only Ireland's Sonia O'Sullivan has run faster this season.

Devers' third in Olympic Festival

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Aug 1: Gail Devers, reigning Olympic champion in the 100 meters, captured her third title at the US Olympic Festival here Saturday night by winning the 100 metres in 11:29 seconds, reports AFP.

Devers, a favourite at the World Championships in Stuttgart in August, won the 100-metre hurdles and an chored a 400-metre relay triumph in competition Friday, then completed her appearance at the multi-sport event by easily winning the 100. Crystal Braddock of nearby

Austin, Texas, was second in

11:80. Devers was well off the meet record set 10 years ago by Evelyn Ashford, who set a then-

world record of 10,79 seconds.

Christie pulls out of Cologne meeting

LONDON, Aug 1: British Olympic 100 metres champion Linford Christie has pulled out of the Cologne athletics meeting today, feeling it would be an anti-climax after Friday's emotional and lucrative win over Carl Lewis, reports Reuter.

"Linford's just a little sore and felt running there would be an anti-climax after Friday," Andy Norman, Christie's race programme organiser, said on Saturday.

Christie, who produced a time of 10.08 seconds, beat world record holder Lewis into third place in Friday's highlypublicised duel, which carned the pair some 150,000 dollars each. Lewis' American compatriot Jon Drummond was sec-

In Colonge Christie was due to meet America's in-form Andre Cason, who ran a wind-assisted 9.85 at the US Championships in June.

Norman said he would be discussing the possibility of a rematch between Christie and eight-times Olympic champion Lewis at Zurich's Weltklasse meeting on Wednesday.

Lewis is already contracted to run the 100 metres in Zurich. If no deal emerges for a second showdown less than two weeks before the World Championships in Stuttgart, Christie may opt to run in the 200 metres.

First ever NFL game in Spain BARCELONA, Aug 1

American Bowl officials are expecting about 35,000 for Sunday's exhibition pre-season game between the San Francisco 49ers an Pittsburgh Steelers, the first-ever NFL game in Spain, reports AP. The two teams held light workouts Saturday near the

54,000-seat Montjuic Olympic Stadium, focal point of the 1992 Summer Games. Steve Young will start at quarte-rback for the 49ers and Neil O'Donnell will start for Pittsburgh. "The first game is for

evaluating talent, for seeing people under the gun," said Steelers Coach Bill Cowher. But we also want to win the game and get off on the right Cowher and three Steelers

players - linebacker Greg Lloyd, O'Donnell and fullback Merril Høge - attended a Saturday reception on the USS Belknap, a guided missile frigate and the flag ship of the

6th Fleet. Fleet commander, vice admiral T Joseph Lopez, welcomed the players and another 100 people in the Steelers and 49ers travel party. Lopez handed Cowher his navy cap - with his three-star

insignia on the bill - and promised him success. "I guarantee you when you hand in the plays they'll handsalute you," Lopez told Cowher.

Cowher, addressing the sailors said, "You people exemplify commitment. We give it to our job. You give it to our country. NFL president Neil Aus-trian

got the biggest applause from the crew on the warship when he promised to send them films from every NFL game - even louder than the applause for eight members of the 49ers cheerleaders, the "Gold Rush."

The NFL also gave the sailors about 300 tickets for Sunday's

Players in a wrangle over the control of the ball during second rugby Test between world champions Australia and South Africa in Sydney on July 31. The Springboks stunned the Aussies with a 19-12 win. -Star TV photo



the second half," said Australian captain Phil Kearns, "We made a lot of mistakes."

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CARPET MANUFAC-TURER FINDS HE IS ABLE TO RETIRE BECAUSE HE MADE A NICE PILE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: F equals Y

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.