the world, evened his record at

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champion who is ranked fourth

in the world, is a clay-court

specialist who has never beaten

Ivanisevic on another surface.

Following an opening-day loss

to Stefan Edberg, Bruguera

dropped to 0-2 and is out of

Bruguera, the French Open

Sampras on Wednesday.

contention.



LONDON, Nov 19: England manager Graham Taylor is facing an uncertain future and almost certain

dismissal - not to mention continuing vilification from an increasingly rabid tabloid press corps, reports Reuter.

His Welsh counterpart Terry Yorath has started a warof words with his bosses and has been sounded out by clubs in Greece and Turkey.

Northern Ireland's manager

Billy Bingham has retired. Scotland's newly appointed coach Craig. Brown is just two days into the job on a permanent basis following the resignation in September of his predecessor Andy Roxburgh.

While their international bosses face up to their own personal nightmares, more than 100 of Britain's top players known they can book their summer holidays anywhere in the world next June and July because none of them will be playing in the World Cup finals in the United States.

That was the bleak, sobering scenario facing the devastated soccer elite of England. Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales on Friday, two days after all four countries officially ended their involvement with the 1994 tournament.

The only representation from the British isles will be the Republic of Ireland. coached by Jack Charlton. ironically a member of the England, team who won the World Cup in 1966 and whose first choice side almost all play their league football in England.

One other English manager will be involved - Roy Hodgson who has taken Switzerland to their first finals for 28

But unlike Charlton and Hodgson, almost everyone else associated with British soccer has been left wondering where it has all gone wrong because when the World Cup finals kick off there will be no British teams present for the first time since 1938.

Lineker goes to

hospital again

English national football cap-

tain Gary Lineker underwent

reconstructive surgery on the

big toe of his right foot in hopes

of being ready for the coming

Japan league season, reports

1986 World Cup scorer and

two-time footballer-of-the-year

in his homeland. He signed

two-season contract last year

with Grampus Eight of Nagoya.

a 1991 injury that has not im-

proved despite medication, the

therapy and a prior operation.

The operation was performed

last week but revealed in public

They don't

trust CODA

Residents of impoverished

neighbourhoods facing renova-

tion for the 1996 Olympics said

they do not trust promises from

city government officials who

"We don't object to people

want revitalisation at any price,

coming in to build buildings or

clean up," said resident Greg

Duhart. "But we do object to

people coming in and doing

whatever they want, thereby

pushing current residents further outside the mainstreams of

The objections came at a

hearing here Thursday with the

Corporation for Olympic Devel-

opment in Atlanta (CODA), a

city government group aimed at

easing construction projects in

an area that has suffered from

Olympic Village and many ho-

tels are in the affected area, in-

cluding the 209-million-dollar

Olympic stadium now under

lent or mean-spirited." Duhart

said. "We just want things to be

Clara Axam, CODA's presi-

dent, said the Olympics give At-

lanta the chance to create a

new future for the city with

ment for the people in these

however, said they felt it was

all about the Olympics and they

were getting shoved aside for

around, there was no private in-

terest in these communities.

stadium task force member Otis

"Now there are prospects for

growth and investment in these

communities. People feel these

groups will come in to get rich

quick and say to hell with the

destroyed many poorer neigh-

bourhoods for commercial de-

velopment with little compen-

sation for land owners.

In the past, city governments

"Until the Olympics came

neighbourhoods," she said.

The Games' greater glory.

This is all about empower-

The neighbourhood people,

"We're not trying to be vio-

Ten major venues, the

years of neglect and decay.

ATLANTA, Georgia, Nov 19:

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reports AFP.

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Hunter said.

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The toe problem stems from

Lineker, 32, was a three-time

CHICAGO, Nov 19: Former

Failure to qualify is a disap-

pointment for all four countries - but is a major blow to England where the soccer in dustry fears it will lose out on around 30 million pounds (44 million dollars) in lost revenue from associated sales, advertis-

ing and endorsements. Most soccer experts agree that a drastic overhaul is needed because England's fall from grace has been a swift, inglorious one. Their almost unanimous call is for a move away from the long-ball game. for improvements in coaching standards - especially for youngsters - and for the top



GRAHAM TAYLOR

players to play less matches. Under former manager Bobby Robson, England reached the semifinals in 1990 and were only denied a place in the final by losing a penalty shootout to eventual champions Germany.

The blame for the decline since then has been laid almost unanimously on Taylor, who succeeded Robson imme-

diately after those finals. His task has not been helped by self-interested clubs and injuries to key players. But many feel those are not valid enough excuses — and say the technical abilities displayed by the players in Wednesday's largely meaningless 7-1 win over San Marino were woeful.

Bobby Charlton, a member of the victorious 1966 World Cup winning side who won 106 England caps between

1953 and 1970, pointed an accusing finger at the English Football Association and its theories on coaching.

"We have fallen years behind the rest of the world. I am now heavily involved in coaching youngsters and we are not able to teach them properly because of restrictions imposed on us by the authorities.

"In Germany, in Spain, in Italy, gifted boys can become members of the big clubs when they are seven or eight years

"They are taught the right way to do things from the world go. But that is not allowed to happen in England. Some of the San Marino players looked better on the ball doing the basics than we did and they are amateurs and our top men earn 8,000 pounds (11,000) a week. It was shameful.

Alan Mullery, who won 35 caps in an eight-year international career, was just one of dozens of voices who joined the chorus calling for Taylor's immediate dismissal on Thursday. It was hard to find any support for Taylor anywhere.

"He has taken our game backwards for three and a half years," said Mullery.

"His tactical thinking has been muddled, his selections have been a disaster. He should do the honourable thing and resign because he has failed in the major task handed to him which was to make sure he got England to the 1994 World Cup finals.'

England's fate was effectively sealed when they lost 2-0 to Holland in a critical qualifier in Rotterdam a month ago.

Although England duly ended their unsuccessful qualifying campaign with the win over San Marino their performance was criticised for its sterility and the abject lack of variety, imagination and control among the players.

San Marino even took the lead after only eight seconds and held it for 20 minutes while England floundered. Gary Stevens, another

former England international said on Thursday. "Those 20 minutes represent the absolute lowest point of England's soccer history. We were atrocious. But perhaps some good can come out of this - a major rethink of the way we run football in this country. It would be the only positive step ahead."

The English FA, run by expublic schoolboys with loyalties to institutions like Oxford and Cambridge University, the Army, the Navy and the Royal Air Force, is a notoriously conservative body where reform

moves along at a snail's pace. But even the FA has been so stunned by England's failure to qualify for the finals for the third time in 19 years that Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, has hinted at what amounts to revolutionary change in the running of the national squad.

Kelly has said that a new two-man managerial team could be appointed with a younger coach being groomed to take over from a more experienced man — an exact copy of the system used to great success in Germany.

"We are interested in getting the structure right, looking at the system, long term, not just sacking Graham Taylor then appointing his successor as the next most successful club manager," says Kelly.

Perhaps there will be major reform in England - but all this has been proposed before.

Exactly 20 years ago this month, England failed to reach the 1974 finals when they were held to a draw by Poland at Wembley.

As the Daily Telegraph said then, in words frighteningly familiar today "The long difficult task of rehabilitation must begin immediately. The mammoth job now is to pick England off the floor, rebuild the squad, reshape the system and produce some new ideas."

The FA promptly ordered a full-scale investigation to "restore England's prestige."

Two decades on, millions of fans are still waiting for the improvement

French coach vows to fight on



PARIS. Nov 19: French soccer team boss Gerard Houllier, under heavy pressure to resign following

France's shock exit from the World Cup, vowed on Thursday to fight on until next year. reports Reuter. English scoring leader, the top

"We will see if they fire me but for the time being, my contract runs until 1994 and I intend to get back to work," Houllier told a packed news

conference. French federation president Jean Fournet Fayard confirmed Houllier would keep his job even though France, semifinal ists in both 1982 and 1986. have now failed to qualify for

two successive finals. "We keep our trust in him." he said. "He is under contract until June next year and, as from today, their is no question of breaking that contract."

draw to book a place in next year's World Cup finals, lost 2-1 to Bulgaria at the Parc des Prince on Wednesday with Emil Kostadinov scoring the winner

give away both goals but I feel sorry for the players because they deserved to be in the finals," said Houllier, who took over from Michel Platini following France's poor showing at the European Championships in June last year.

Wednesday's match was the second time in a month that France lost and important World Cup qualifier in the dying minutes. A month ago France were

leading 2-1 at home against Israel with only seven minutes to play before losing 3-2. On Wednesday the agony

was even worse. France were only moments away from a place in the World Cup before Bulgaria scored to win 2-1 and qualify instead.

"I'm not looking for any excuses but if we missed our chance. I think it was rather against Israel then against Bulgaria," said Houllier

After the Israel match. Platini, now heading the organising committee of the 1998 World Cup to be held in France, said he thought Houllier should resign if France did not qualify.

with Paris St Germain striker

David Ginola, how said before the match he was sick and tired of being left on the bench while Jean-Pierre Papin and Eric Cantona always had a place in the team.

But Houllier did not have too many kind words for the PSG striker either. "David Ginola committed a

crime by putting pressure on some players at a moment when fraternity was badly needed. said an angry Houllier.

The 44-year-old former English teacher, regarded as a soccer intellectual and an expert on tactical theory, said he had been under heavy pressure. "I'm not paranoid and I'm not saying some people are after me but I've had to prepare many matches with somebody making comments or writing something which put a lot a pressure on me," he said.

Houllier, who trained current league leaders Paris St Germain from 1985 to 1988 and took them to their only championship title in 1986, said things would never quite be the same in French soccer.

"It is certain that the team has turned a page and now we must concentrate on the European Championships in 1996 and on the 1998 World Cup," he said.

"There is plenty of work to do but I feel in a fighting mood."

FIFA does not want to rock the boat

LONDON, Nov 19: Soccer's world governing body FIFA dismissed speculation Friday that Britain's four soccer-playing nations should combine into one team for future World Cups, reports AP.

For the first time, none of the four British nations -England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland - have made it to next year's World Cup in the United States.

One British tabloid, the Daily Express, suggested FIFA would support the idea of the four combining to enter a stronger team and making it easier for other nations to qual-

But FIFA spokesman Guido Tognini said that wasn't true.

"FIFA doesn't want to take anything away from anybody. he said. "People all over the world have discussed this idea but it has never come to us to

"Sometimes we have heard people talking about it when two or three British teams. qualified. But it would mean big changes to the statutes and don't think anyone would want

Some nations, notably in Africa where soccer is developing fast, have complained that Britain has four teams trying to qualify. If there were one, it would mean a better chance for other nations to get through.

Although the move would mean that star players such as England's Paul Gascoigne and David Platt, Welshmen Ryan Giggs, Mark Hughes and Ian Rush, and Scotland's Gary McAllister and Ally McCoist all would be on the same team, the British nations would oppose the idea.

The four teams all have their own Football Associations and their own identities and one problem would be finding one man to be manager.

"It's about national pride," said Terry Cooper, a former England player who now is manager of division one Birmingham City.

"We invented the game, we should play it as England."

Asian b'ball in semifinal stage

JAKARTA, Nov 19: South Korea will face China while North Korea will play against Iran in the semifinals of the 17th men's Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) to be held on Saturday, reports AFP.

Defending champions China will face the second-ranked South Korean team after it crushed Taiwan 97-67 Thursday. China had led by 47-35 at half-time.

South Korea obtained its semifinal berth by beating Japan 89-66 earlier Friday.

By half-time, the South Koreans lagged by one point at 38-39 to the Japanese team, mainly motorised by Akifumi Yamasuki and Hideaki Tayomi.

South Korea's Mon Kyung Eun was the star in both halves, reducing Japan's lead by three shots in the last minutes of the first, adding another three points six minutes before the game ended.

Fifth-ranked North Korea claimed its place in the semifinals after it easily crushed the high hopes of Saudi Arabia 74-61 (37-23). The Saudis had already scored an upset win against champions China in the preliminary rounds.

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5 Future

Sampras going great guns

ing event in 1991. Edberg,

champion in 1989, is the only

other previous winner among

the current top eight players in



FRANKFURT, Nov 15: It's been a great year for Pete Sampras, and it's looking better and better.

Sampras advanced to the semifinals of the ATP Tour World Championship Thursday by heating Stefen Edberg 6-3, 7-6 (7-3), reports AP. The American, who is al-

year as the top-ranked player, raised his round-robin record to Sampras won the tour-end-

ready assured of finishing the

the world competing in this dirs 2.75 million event.

Edberg, ranked fifth, is 1-1 and could still reach the semifinals if he beats Goran Ivanisevic in the last group match Friday.

Earlier, Ivanisevic overcame breathing problems and beat Sergi Bruguera 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) to keep alive his hopes of advanc-

Ivanisevic, ranked eighth in

Michael Stich, also 2-0, is a certain semifinalist from the Stan Smith Group. His semifinal opponent will be the winner of Friday's match between Edberg and Ivanisevic. Andrei Medvedev, the rookie from Ukraine, beat Michael Chang 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 late Thursday to earn a semifinal clash with Sampras. Chang has now failed to get past the round-robin section of the event in three attempts. Medwedev, ranked sixth, rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the second set, winning five games in a row to level the score. He

was a break down in the decisive set but came back once again. Medvedev saved to break points before serving out the Sampras has won eight titles this year, including Wimbledon and the US Open. His singles record is 81-14 and he is the

first player to win 80 or more matches in a year since Ivan Lendl in 1985. He broke for a decisive 3-1 lead, but had trouble putting the first set away. He fought off a break point after some erratic

ply, but finally clinched it with a service winner. The two traded breaks at the start of the second set, but from

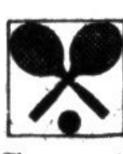
then on it went with serve. In the tiebreaker, Edberg served a double-fault and then

hit a volley into the net to give Sampras a 4-1 lead. Sampras wasted two match points on Edberg's serve, but converted the third when Edberg's return sailed long. Ivanisevic only served four

aces against Bruguera, a dismal number for one of the biggest servers in the game. Early in the second set,

Ivanisevic was given smelling salts by the tournament doctor during two changeovers.

Pierce nips Navratilova



is Mary Pierce.

The game is power tennis. Navratilova, playing in a tournament she won four times and facing an opponent less than half her age, lost 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the Virginia Slims Cham-

"She hit a couple of forehands as hard as anything that I have seen," Navratilova said.

Pierce, 18, registered her second straight upset in this dlrs 3.5 million season-ending tournament. She advanced to the semifinals where she will meet the winner of Friday night's match between No 2 seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and No 7 Jana Novotna.

Taking notice of what hap-

tinez and No 8 Anke Huber. Navratilova, 37, has said 1994 will be her final year on the tour. With her will go players whose games are built on touch, spin and guile. Remaining will be the young power hitters like Pierce and Monica Seles, whose idea of changing pace is hitting harder.

The Madison Square Garden crowd was solidly behind the woman who has won a record 166 tournaments. Pierce didn't let that bother her, and by the end the fans were roaring for her laser groundstrokes and service re-

muttered "Yep" as the ball went whizzing past for a clean winner. On the final point, Pierce slammed a screeching forehand that found the far corner as Navratilova turned and walked off the court. She has seen enough winners in her 21-year professional ca-

The match wouldn't have

56 minutes -nor as entertaining without the skill and determination of Navratilova.

Pierce couldn't miss to begin the night, and Navratilova had trouble unpacking her

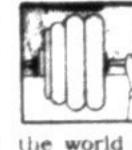
Pierce, who now calls France home, overran the world's third-ranked player, breaking Navratilova at love in the fourth game and at 15 in the sixth. Twenty-four minutes into the match, Pierce zipped

through the first set. She began the second set as if she had a car double-parked, grabbing a love-40 lead on Navratilova's serve. But Navratilova didn't win more than 1,600 matches by folding.

Instead of heading to the net at every chance, Navratilova stayed back and traded groundstrokes. That meant Pierce no longer had a target for her passing shots, nor did she have the sharp angles she had in the opening set.

And Navratilova's hopes for a fifth Virginia Slims title were shelved until her final appearance next year.

Russian gold drought ends



Tregubov and Sergei Syrztsov ended Russia's medal drought at he world weightlifting cham pionships by sweeping the gold medals Friday in the 99 kilogram division, reports AP.

Nov 19: Viktor

Syrztsov, world champion in 1991, won the snatch gold medal with a lift of 190 kilograms (418 3/4 pounds) and Tregubov then won the clean and-jerk with 222.5 kilograms (490 1/2 pounds) and the overall title with a total of 407.5 kilograms (898 1/4

pounds). Tregubov, the 1992 Olympic champion, edged Syrztsov out of the overall gold on body weight after they both had the same total.

He also got medals to replace his Olympic gold medal. which was stolen when his apartment was burgled six months ago. "I won't be leaving these

medals in my apartment," he said. "I will either take them with me when I leave home, or put them in a bank."

Tregubov also won a bronze medal in the snatch behind Syrztsov and silver medalist Nicu Vlad of Australia, while Boris Burov of Ecuador took the bronze in both the jerk and overall total

Romanian-born Vlad had been aiming to win Australia's

first-ever gold at a world championships but missed all three of his jerks - two at 220 kilograms and one at 222.5 kilograms

"I just can't explain it," he

said. "I have lifted 230 in training and lift 220 all the time." Tregubov and Syrztsov, close friends and rivals, are among only six Russians com-

onships. Russia originally was banned from the championships, along with Poland, after three of its competitors failed International Weightlifting Federation

peting in the world champi-

drug tests. The Russians were readmit ted after paying a US dirs 50,000 fine and cut back their team numbers because of financial difficulties.

"Not knowing whether we were coming to the championships or not made it difficult for us psychologically." Tregubov said. "It was hard to prepare the right way." Tregubov also beat Syrztsov

on body weight at the

Barcelona Olympics. "That is the sport. There is nothing I can do." Syrztsov said. in the women's competition, a shoulder injury to Xing

Shuwen robbed China Friday of its perfect record - and indirectly sparked a political row. Xing easily won the snatch gold medal in the new 83-

kilogram division with a lift of

107.5 kilograms (237 pounds) but injured her left shoulder in the process and had to with draw from the clean and jerk That opened the door for Chen Shu-chih of Chinese

Taipei to win the gold medals

for both the jerk and overall

total Chen, who took the silver in the snatch with 102.5 kg (226 pounds), hoisted 127.5 kg (281 pounds) in the jerk for a winning total of 230 kg (507

pounds) A row broke out after the gold medal ceremony when organizers declined to play an anthem for Chinese Taipei. leaving the medalists standing

of the Chinese Taipei delega-

Chang Chao-kuo, the head

tion, lodged an official protest and Chen said she was "bitterly disappointed." Organizers said they were bound by International Olympic Committee rules which permit only the IOC anthem to be played when

Taiwan wins international

sporting contests. China and Taiwan have had political differences since 1949, when the island state declared its independence. China claims Taiwan as part of its territory.

Officials said it was the responsibility of the Chinese Taipei delegation to provide the IOC anthem.

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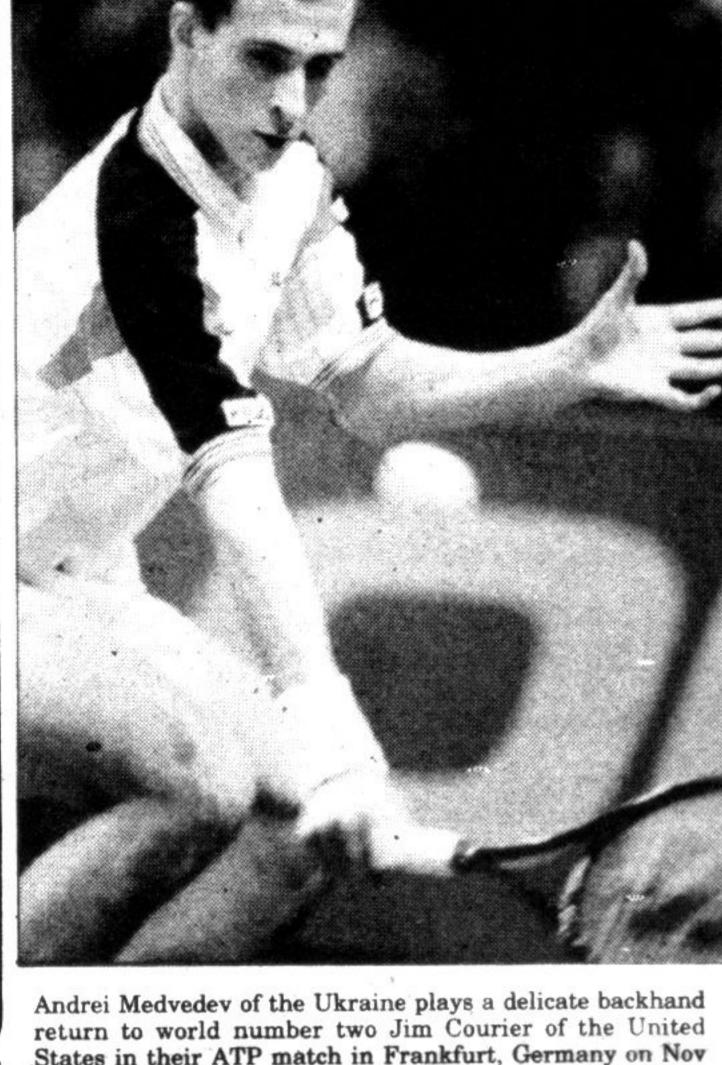
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States in their ATP match in Frankfurt, Germany on Nov - AFP photo

> NEW YORK, Nov 19: Martina Navratilova met the future Thursday night. Her name

pionships, reports AP.

pened to the tournament's No 3 seed, top-seeded Steffi Graf took no chances, crushing Amanda Coetzer 6-1, 6-2 to grab a semifinal berth against the winner of Friday's match between No 4 Conchita Mar-

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54 CRYPTOQUIP

Saturday's Cryptoquip: FOR SOMEONE WHO STARTS A NEW DIET EACH MONDAY, HER CALEN-

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