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Germany's Steffi Graf makes a delicate backhand return against Magdalena Maleeva during their quarterfinal match at the Hamburg Cup tennis tournament on Friday. Graf won 7-5, 3-6, 6-0. — AFP photo

Graf glides into final

HAMBURG, Apr 30: Steffi Graf marched into her 19th straight final of a WTA tour event on Saturday by rolling past Jana Novotna 6-3, 6-3 at the Citizen Cup, reports AP.

Novotna took a 2-1 lead against Graf in the first, but the German then ran off eight of the next nine points behind her powerful forehand on the way to a 5-2 lead.

Earlier on Friday Steffi Graf lost a set for only the second time this year but went on to beat Magdalena Maleeva 7-5, 3-6, 6-0 to make the semifinals.

Graf dominated against the World No 5, ending short-lived rally by the Czech by breaking her serve to take a 4-3 lead in the second set. Novotna had won three straight games to climb back into the match.

Novotna and Graf had played a memorable final at Wimbledon in 1993, when the Czech led 4-1 in the final set before collapsing.

The German top seed, who quickly won her first two matches on the Hamburg clay court, was given a run for her money by her sixth-seeded Bulgarian opponent in the first two sets of their quarterfinal.

"I didn't have a chance today," Novotna said. "She played very well."

Graf will be seeking her seventh Citizen Cup title in the last eight years. Last year, she was beaten by Sanchez Vicario in the finals after the Monica Seles stabbing in a quarterfinal match.

Maleeva, trained by former Graf coach Pavel Slozil, used sharp service returns and strong backhand ground strokes to keep up the pressure on the German.

An obsessed Graf fan leaned over from the bank and stabbed Seles when she was changing sides. The stabbing — and death threats against Graf — led to elaborate security measures this year at the tournament, including 150 bodyguards for the players.

Stich in BMW Open semis

MUNICH, Apr 30: Michael Stich, the world's second-ranked player, reached the semifinals of the BMW Open Friday by battling past South Africa's Wayne Ferreira in a ragged 6-4, 6-7 (3-7), 7-6 (7-1) match, reports AP.

Spain's second seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario beat Lela Meskhi of Georgia 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) to set up a semifinal against German sixth-seed Sabine Hack, who beat fellow-German Anke Huber, the fourth-seed, 6-3, 6-3.

China atop

SENDAI, Japan, Apr 30: Barcelona Olympic silver medalists China edged past South Korea here Saturday to finish top of League A at the 15th Asian women's basketball championships, reports AFP.

With a 82-71 (47-30, 35-41) win, China, South Korea and Japan ended with identically three wins against one loss, but the Chinese took top spot thanks to their better points average, followed by Korea and Japan.

Both China and South Korea fought for points in an error-prone beginning, but Zheng Haxis came to the rescue of the Chinese side taking advantage of the 204 centimetres to dominate under the hoop.

The Korean women fought back towards the end, but it was too late, as Zheng and Li Dongmei never allowed them to take the lead.

In the playoff match for the championship Sunday between the top two teams in the first stage, China will again face the Koreans at the Sendai city Gymnasium, northern Japan.

Japan, who Friday scored their first victory over China since 1976 losing all the previous 15 matches, overpowered Hong Kong 160-49 (8-16, 79-33) to enter the 3rd-4th place playoff match against Taiwan Sunday.

Even if Taiwan loses to Japan Sunday, they have secured a place in the World Championships to be held in Australia in June, while Hong Kong will have to be relegated to League B for the next championships.

In the League B competition, Kyrgyzstan downed Thailand 95-52, while the Philippines defeated Indonesia 95-93 after narrowly winning in extra-time 12-10.

Batistuta has a dream

BUENOS AIRES, Apr 30: Striker Gabriel Batistuta, whose goal in a play off against Australia clinched Argentina's place in the World Cup finals, says he is now ready to fill the boots of the great Mario Kempes, reports Reuter.

"I don't have any idols but in many ways I'm similar to Kempes, although he could play all over the park. Lets see if I can bag as many goals as he did in 1978," the Fiorentina striker said in an interview at the national teams training camp.

Kempes, a slick, roving forward, scored six goals in the 1978 tournament, including two in the final against the Netherlands, to help Argentina win their first World Cup.

Batistuta, sporting the same long locks and lanky physique as the "matador" Kempes, says he is far from daunted by setting himself such high expectations for what will be his first World Cup.

"This is another chance to show the world what I'm about and the motivation has kept me going all year," he said.

The softly-spoken striker from Reconquista, a rural town in the province of Santa Fe, also hopes to erase Argentina's reputation of being the rogues of international soccer, a side that play only for results regardless of performance.

"Nobody in the world likes the Argentine team, especially in Italy," he said. "Although the result is the most important thing, I'll be going out to attack and to put on a show."

Hero-worshipped in Argentina after two spectacular goals sealed victory in the 1993 Copa America final against Mexico, Batistuta is now itching to get back in the spotlight.

He sprang to fame two years earlier in the same tournament in Chile, finishing as top scorer with six goals in his first six internationals.

Then a Boca Juniors player — having joined them from River Plate, his first big club after kicking off his career at Newell's Old Boys of Rosario when he was 18 — he moved

season has been really tough," he said.

"You get knocked about a lot and have to play in empty stadiums and on bad pitches. But the thought of playing in the World Cup has kept me going throughout the hard times."

Batistuta, who boasts 18 goals in 28 internationals to date, is determined his dreams will come true in the United States — and makes no bones about his motivation.

"Scoring a goal is just the best feeling for a striker," he explained. "But it's hard to describe — orgasmic, I guess."

Such drive will please Argentina coach Alfio Basile, who saw his pedestrian side stumble through the group qualifiers scoring just eight goals in eight matches.

Lacking a partner since Claudio Caniggia was banned for cocaine abuse in March 1993, Batistuta has often been starved of service — as was the case in a recent defeat against Brazil.

"On that occasion I was very isolated when the team failed to produce the goods," Batistuta said. "That was due to a lack of teamwork. I had to come back and look for the ball and that's never easy."

But with Caniggia's ban due to expire on May 9 and Diego Maradona getting fit to play his fourth World Cup, Batistuta feels things are coming good just at the right time.

"I thrive on playing alongside Caniggia," he said. "We're used to each other and he provides great support."



to Fiorentina for the 1991-92 European season.

Batistuta made an immediate impact with 13 goals in his first season in Italy's Serie A and 16 in 32 games last season when his team were relegated.

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Drugs used in E German

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BERLIN, Apr 30: Top players in former East Germany's national soccer league were doped with stimulants, according to documents released Friday, reports AP.

Though doping his known to have been widespread in the communist country's sports apparatus, it had not previously been shown that the practice extended to top soccer teams.

The authority examining files of the East German secret police, or Stasi, released documents confirming a report published in March in the Munich-based Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper.

Stasi files included a 1983 report by a high East German sports medicine official, Manfred Hoepfner, telling the secret police that most players for the Berlin FC Dynamo team were doped with amphetamines during European competition.

Hoepfner wrote that the stimulants were sometimes given to the players in drinks without their knowledge.

East Germany, though it had only 16 million people, was a power in world sports and won that prestige at least partly on the strength of its doping labs. Much of the story has come out since German unification in 1990.

A symposium held Thursday in Berlin by the authority examining millions of Stasi files gave new evidence of how the secret police agency controlled East German athletes as well as being mixed in with the doping.

Pele gets married

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr 30: Pele recalls a bet he made with Sylvester Stallone when the two acted together in the 1981 movie "Victory": the first to marry again would buy the other dinner.

Pele owes Stallone a meal. On Saturday, soccer's greatest star is to wed psychologist Assiria Seixas Lemos in a religious ceremony in the coastal city of Recife, 1,500 miles (2,500 kms) northeast of Rio, reports AP.

"Stallone's office already has been in touch with me to collect," Pele laughed.

Lemos, 34, was born in southern Brazil and raised in Recife. She has lived for the past 15 years in the United States, where she got her medical degree.

The two met 10 years ago and resumed their romance in 1992. Pele's office said. Both are divorced.

Pele, 53 retired as a player in 1977 after a 20-year career with Santos and the New York Cosmos. He now is a sports commentator and prosperous businessman.

Some 300 guests were invited to the ceremony Saturday at an Anglican Episcopal church. Hundreds of police are to block off access to the church to keep fans at a distance.

Pele, whose real name is Edson Arantes do Nascimento, and Lemos were wed in a civil ceremony in Las Vegas on March 27.

They chose the Anglican church for the religious service because Lemos is Protestant and Pele is Catholic, his office said.

Pele said the honeymoon will be only after this summer's World Cup, where Brazil are among the 24 participating teams.

NZ take lead

CHRISTCHURCH, Apr 30: Brett Steven and Kelly Evernden teamed for a four-set doubles victory Saturday that lifted New Zealand to a 2-1 lead over Japan in their Asia-Oceania group Davis Cup second-round match at the Pioneer Stadium, reports AP.

The experienced New Zealand pair defeated Thomas Shimada and Ryuho Tsuchino 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 in the doubles after the opening singles on Friday were shared 1-1.

Steven and Evernden took two hours 13 minutes to seal the victory, pressuring Shimada, who dropped serve four times.

"They kept hitting the ball to me and I was having trouble hitting good returns and just putting the ball in the court," Shimada said. "Things just weren't clicking together."

Japan now needs to win both of Sunday's reverse singles to advance.

New Zealand No 1 Steven will first play Japanese No 1 Shuzo Matsuoka with veteran Evernden then matched against Yasufumi Yamamoto.

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2. When did Brazil first win the World Cup?	1954 <input type="checkbox"/>	1958 <input type="checkbox"/>	1970 <input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Which African country played in the 1970 Cup?	Zaire <input type="checkbox"/>	Morocco <input type="checkbox"/>	Tunisia <input type="checkbox"/>
5. How many goals did the Hungarian team score in the 1954 World Cup?	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	18 <input type="checkbox"/>	27 <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Which Brazilian scored in every round of the 1970 World Cup?	Pele <input type="checkbox"/>	Tostao <input type="checkbox"/>	Jairzinho <input type="checkbox"/>
7. How many players did France use in the 1978 World Cup?	11 <input type="checkbox"/>	18 <input type="checkbox"/>	22 <input type="checkbox"/>
8. How many goals did England score in the 1986 World Cup?	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	11 <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Who was Brazil's Cup-winning captain in 1962?	Zito <input type="checkbox"/>	Mauco <input type="checkbox"/>	Alberto <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Which famous player was called the "Little Bird"?	Boniek <input type="checkbox"/>	Zico <input type="checkbox"/>	Garrincha <input type="checkbox"/>

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Violence hosts' worst fear

LOS ANGELES, Apr 30: Los Angeles police, citing the potential for violence during this summer's World Cup soccer tournament, have drafted an emergency plan for quelling any unrest, officials said on Friday, reports Reuter.

In a report sent this week to the police commission detailing the security plan, police chief Willie Williams said eight mobile units totalling 400 officers would be available for deployment should emotional soccer fans go on a rampage.

Williams said the reason for the precautions — estimated to cost more than 500,000 dollars — was a history of soccer violence outside the United States, especially in Europe where it is known as hooliganism.

"Early meetings with international, federal state and local law enforcement painted a picture of soccer plagued by criminals and the potential for violence," Williams wrote.

"Careful follow-up and intelligence has diminished the negative criminal picture, however, violence remains a possibility," he added.

The World Cup gets underway nationally on June 17. The first game at the Rose Bowl Stadium in the Los Angeles suburb of Pasadena will take place the next day. The Cham-

pionship match will also be played at the Rose Bowl on July 17.

Williams said the Los Angeles Police Department would be ready. He warned that in the event of a referee's disputed call or a close game, "a celebration or expression of extreme disappointment may be out of hand."

Police intelligence units are

prepared to gather data, including the likely outcome of matches, characteristics of each team's fans and where they gather, the report said.

When Latin American teams play, a larger concentration of Spanish-speaking officers will be deployed "in anticipation of celebrations which might get out of hand," Williams said. Mexico, which enjoys fanat-

ical support among the area's sprawling Mexican immigrant population, is among the nations competing in the World Cup. Other nations with large ethnic blocs in Los Angeles are Colombia, South Korea and Bolivia.

The Los Angeles Police Department plans to man an emergency operations centre at city hall every day for the duration of the month long tournament.

Police commission executive director Rich Dameron said the police force for Pasadena, about 10 miles (16 km) north of downtown Los Angeles, would have responsibility for the area around the stadium and that Los Angeles police would cover their jurisdiction.

In addition to crowd control, officers are being trained to protect visiting dignitaries, including President Clinton and other world leaders. Police will also be on the lookout for pickpockets and scam artists preying on soccer fans.

Of the 527,000 dollars projected cost of tournament security in Los Angeles, the city Cup organisers only for the 108,000 dollars cost of staffing tournament-related events and running command centres, Dameron said.

