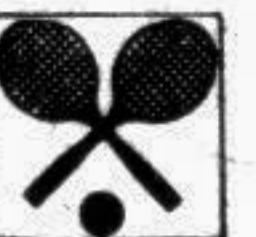


## Sport

## Erratic Edberg exits early



NEW YORK,  
Sept 5: Stefan  
Edberg has only  
himself to blame.

For years,  
Swedish tennis  
players took their cue from  
Bjorn Borg, roaming the base-  
line and depending on heavy  
top spin to pull the ball down  
into the court.

Then along came Edberg  
and his serve-and-volley game,  
climbing to No 1 in the world  
and winning six Grand Slam  
titles, including two US Opens,  
reports AP.

Sunday night, Edberg met  
his clone — another Swedish  
serve-and-volleyer — and on  
this night, Jonas Bjorkman  
dominated.

Bjorkman had the bigger  
serves, the crisper volleys, the  
more penetrating ground-  
strokes. And when it was over,  
it was Bjorkman who had a  
birth in the US Open fourth  
round following an easy 6-4, 6-  
4, 6-0 victory over the fifth-

seeded Edberg.  
"The game I play is exactly  
like Stefan's game, so I've al-  
ways been looking at him, how  
he plays, and try to do the  
same thing," Bjorkman said.

Sunday night, he did it bet-  
ter than the real thing.

Bjorkman next foe will be  
Joern Renzenbrink of Ger-  
many, a 6-4, 6-1, 6-3 winner  
over Italy's Andrea Gaudenzi.

In other third-round  
matches Sunday, top-seeded  
Pete Sampras overtook Roger  
Smith of the Bahamas 4-6, 6-2,

6-4, 6-3; No 4 Michael Stich  
defeated Byron Black of  
Zimbabwe 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 6-1;  
No 14 Yevgeny Kafelnikov of  
Russia stopped Spain's Carlos

Costa 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; Karel  
Novacek of the Czech Republic  
outrasted Todd Woodbridge of  
Australia 1-6, 5-7, 7-6 (8-6),  
6-2, 7-6 (7-3); Argentina's  
Javier Frana eliminated Marcos  
Ondruska of South Africa 6-3,  
6-1, 6-7 (3-7), 3-6, 6-2; and  
Jaime Yzaga of Peru defeated  
last year's surprise finalist,  
Frenchman Cedric Pioline, 1-  
6, 5-7, 7-5, 6-1, 6-4.

Advancing to the women's  
quarterfinals were second-  
seeded Arantxa Sanchez  
Vicario, No 5 Kimiko Date, No  
8 Gabriela Sabatini and Gigi  
Fernandez.

Sanchez Vicario defeated  
Ann Grossman 6-2, 6-2; Date  
stopped Leila Meskhi of

Georgia 6-2, 6-7 (5-7), 7-5;  
Sabatini ousted Elena Likhov-  
seva of Kazakhstan 6-2, 6-1,  
and Fernandez downed Ginger  
Helgeson 6-3, 6-4.

Edberg fell down on the  
first point of the 10th game of  
the match, appearing to injure  
his right wrist. But he said it  
was not a major factor in the  
loss.

It took a couple of points  
before it started feeling a little  
bit better, but it probably cost  
me the first set a little bit,"  
Edberg said. "It was bad tim-  
ing, but it didn't bother me the  
rest of the match.

I lost the momentum a lit-  
tle bit. He got away with the  
first set and I think he gained  
some confidence. Then he  
didn't really give me a chance  
because he was serving very  
well."

The only service break in  
the second set came in the fi-  
nal game, when Bjorkman  
broke at 15. Edberg double-  
faulted on set point.

From then on, it was all  
Bjorkman, finding angles and  
passing lanes or booming un-  
returnable serves.

I was really solid in my  
serve and volley and never  
made any easy mistakes,"  
Bjorkman said. "And in the  
third set, I finally got my re-  
turns going. Then everything  
was there."

Everything except Edberg  
when the match ended 1 hour,  
35 minutes after it started.

Sampras, seeking his third  
Grand Slam title of the year —  
his only loss was in the French  
Open — had a tougher time  
than the score might indicate.  
Smith, the second qualifier  
Sampras has played in his  
three matches so far, gave the  
world's No 1 player problems  
with his slice backhand, taking  
all of the pace off the ball.

"When I started, I didn't  
have the timing," Sampras  
said. "I felt a bit sluggish. I  
managed to get through somehow.  
He serves pretty well,  
and I had a hard time with  
that. It was a good match to  
get through."

He has a pretty good serve  
and he masses the ball well.  
He has that chip backhand that  
comes back low. I didn't know  
what was coming. It took me a  
while to get used to his game."

Smith fought back from 5-0  
in the fourth set, winning  
three straight games before  
Sampras closed it out.



Unseeded Swede Jonas Bjorkman stretches to make a forehand volley against fellow countryman Stefan Edberg, the fifth seed, during their third round encounter of the US Open at the Stadium Court of the National Tennis Center on September 4. Bjorkman showed Edberg the way out with a comprehensive 6-4, 6-4, 6-0 victory.

— AFP photo.

## IOC for shifting Atlanta marathon

PARIS, Sept 5: IOC medical  
officials Monday said track au-  
thorities should consider moving  
the men's marathon and  
50-kilometre walk at the  
1996 Atlanta Olympics to as  
early as 7:00 am because of  
risks to the athletes, reports  
AP.

"We have drawn attention to  
the fact that there may be dan-  
gers," said Prince Alexandre de  
Merode, head of the Interna-  
tional Olympic Committee's  
Medical Commission.

"But it is the responsibility  
of the IAAF," said de Merode,  
referring to the International  
Amateur Athletics Federation,  
track's governing body, which sets  
the competition times and  
favors an afternoon marathon.

Critics say the summer heat  
poses a risk to marathoners,  
who run 42.195 kilometres  
(26.37 miles) through city  
streets. Scores drop out during  
the race, some of them treated  
for heat exhaustion.

Competitors in the 50-  
kilometre (31.25-mile) walk  
face similar conditions.

Temperatures in Atlanta  
typically are in the mid-80s F  
(around 30 degrees C) or  
higher, with high humidity.

"We didn't say it had to be  
at 7 am, but we felt there was a  
danger," de Merode said at a  
news conference after he pre-  
sented a medical report to an  
IOC general session here.  
"That's as far as it went."

The track and field competi-  
tion is the only part of the  
athletic programme at the  
Atlanta Games that has not  
been finalised, largely because  
of the debate over the timing  
of the marathon, which nor-  
mally begins between 2:00-  
4:00 pm.

The conditions between  
Atlanta and Barcelona are simi-  
lar, perhaps better in Atlanta  
than Barcelona," IAAF spokes-  
man Enrico Jacomini said.  
"There will not be a change in  
the scheduling of the men's  
marathon as the closing event  
of the Olympic Games."

The men's marathon, one of  
the marquee events of the  
Games, is traditionally held in  
the afternoon on the final day  
of the Olympics, always a  
Sunday, shortly before the  
Games' closing ceremonies.

Television viewership is  
high at that time and broad-  
casters who pay hundreds of  
millions of dollars for TV  
rights support keeping the  
marathon in its current slot.

The issue is to be consid-  
ered before the IAAF's own  
medical commission.

## US OPEN NOTEBOOK

NEW YORK, Sept 5 (AP): According to cultural beliefs in  
Japan, women are not meant to be left-handed.

That's why US Open quarter finalist Kimiko Date, a natural  
southpaw, plays tennis right-handed.

Date described Sunday why she learned to conform.

"In Japanese society, traditionally, women should be  
(right-handed) because everybody is right-handed," she ex-  
plained via a translator. "It is not good in Japanese society to  
be unique. When she (Date) was left-handed, her father made  
her learn to use her right-hand. So, when she started to play  
tennis, she saw that everybody was using the right-hand, so it  
is the right way to play. Now it is changing, people are  
accepting left-handed more."

Date, however, will occasionally revert to the left hand in  
an emergency.

No. 6-ranked Date, who writes with her left hand and  
is ambidextrous when eating and playing other sports, will  
switch her tennis racket to the left hand when a ball seems  
out of the reach of her right hand.

Date doesn't believe the hand switch has affected her  
tennis.

There is a possibility that if she played left-handed, she  
may not have gotten this far," Date said through the translator.

**TORTS IN TENNIS:** Delaina Mulcahy didn't have any trouble  
finding something to occupy her time while waiting for  
boyfriend Pete Sampras to play at the US Open Sunday.

The studious Mulcahy had her law books — which she was  
diligently underlining with a fluorescent yellow highlighter —  
spread out on a table in the players lounge.

Mulcahy, who has just started her second year of law  
school, has rarely travelled with Sampras since starting  
school last year. But when she does travel, she looks for every  
opportunity to study.

Rosemary Gullikson, the wife of Sampras' coach Tim and a  
recent graduate from Northwestern Law School, did some  
legal conferring with Mulcahy at the table.

The best commuting effort Mulcahy has made since re-  
turning to school was flying to Australia for a weekend. When  
Sampras reached the final of the Australian Open in January,  
Mulcahy boarded a plane at Tampa, Fla., and flew all the way to  
Melbourne to watch the match live.

Bugno banned  
for two years

MILAN, Sept 5: Two-time  
professional world cycling  
champion Gianni Bugno was  
suspended from the sport for  
two years Monday because he  
tested positive for an excessive  
amount of caffeine after a mil-  
nor Italian road race last  
month, reports AP.

It could be the end of the  
career for the Italian cyclist,  
who's 30 years old.

The suspension and a fine  
of 3,000 Swiss francs were de-  
cided by the Italian League of  
Professional Cyclists after sec-  
ond tests of Bugno's urine  
samples confirmed an excess-  
ive amount of caffeine.

Bugno, one of the most  
popular Italian cyclists, can  
appeal the suspension.

In cycling, caffeine in large  
amounts is considered a per-  
formance-enhancing sub-  
stance.

The Italian Olympic Co-  
mmittee (CONI) reported last  
week that Bugno's urine tested  
positive for 16.8 milligrams  
per liter. The maximum  
permitted is 12 milligrams per  
liter.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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