

Top-seeded Aranxa Sanchez Vicario outlasted Japan's upset minded Miyagi on Saturday for a spot

against Amy Frazier in the finals of the Nichirei Interna tional women's tennis championship, reports AP. Sanchez-Vicario of Spain. the world's second-ranked

player, beat 127th- ranked Miyagi 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 in one hour, 55 minutes. Miyagi was erratic in the

first set, committing seven doublefaults. But her serves and passing shots began hitting the mark as the Japanese took the second set.

On Thursday, Miyagi shocked third-seeded American Lindsay Davenport 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 and on Friday she eliminated sixth-seeded Sabine Hack of Germany 7-6 (7-3), 7-5.

Sanchez-Vicario, full of confidence after winning the French and US Opens, started to get to the net more in the final set hitting several effective drop shots and broke the fifth game forcing Miyagi to make stroke errors.

Miyagi managed to stave off one match point at 4-5, but the Spaniard fired a backhand passing shot down the line to finish off the 115-minute

"In the third set, I decided that I have to be a little more aggressive. I served much better, and then when I had a short ball, I decided to go to the net and I made some very good drop shots," said the top

"I'm happy, because this match gives me a lot of confidence to go into the final tomorrow, it's better to have a tough match, it's always a great feeling doing like this."

But it was not a bad week for Miyagi, whose ranking will skyrocket from 127th to 68th after eliminating eighthranked American new hope Lindsay Davenport and 15thranked Sabine Hack of Germany.

On the other hand Sabatini continued her disappointing run without a title since the

Italian Open in May 1992 by bowing out to Amy Frazier of

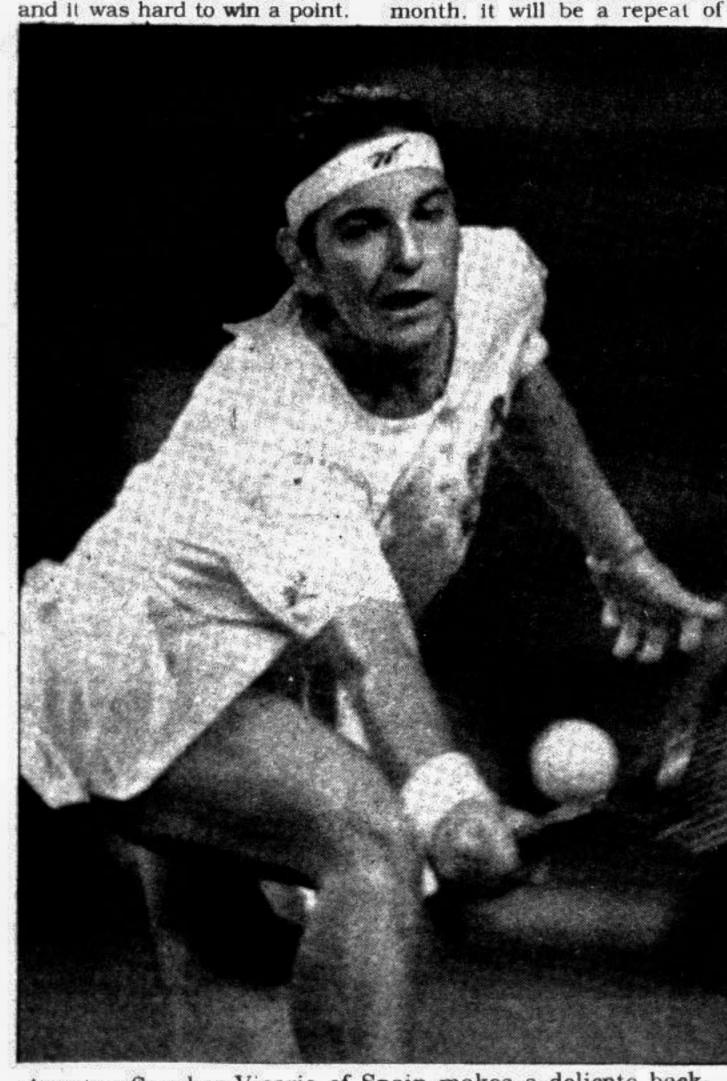
the United States 1-6, 3-6. "Yesterday, we played for more than three hours and today, physically I couldn't recover 100 per cent," said Sabatini, who committed nine double faults and managed to hold only two games against Frazier throughout the 64minute struggle.

"She hit very, very deep and it was hard to win a point.

had planned," said the Argentinian.

"It's been a good year in Japan for me. But tomorrow, I just have to play each point, there's no change in my game. so I just go out there and try my best," said the 18thranked American.

For Frazier, who captured her first victory in two and a half years in Los Angeles last



Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain makes a delicate backhand return against Nana Miyagi of Japan during her semifinal match of the Nichirei women's tennis tournament in Tokyo yesterday. Sanchez won 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

really had to make a big effort. In the second set. I got closer, but I couldn't do as I

— AFP photo last year's quarter-finals when she faced Sanchez-Vicario That time she lost 1-6, 2-6.

Russians make history at holders' expense



HAMBURG, Sept. 24: Russia reached the Davis Cup final for the first time when Yevgeny Kafelni-

kov and Andrei Olho-vskiy won Saturday's doubles to give their team an unbeatable 3-0 over defending champions. Germany, reports AP.

The Russians beat the German pair of Michael Stich and Karsten Braasch 6-4, 7-4 (7-1), 3-6, 6-7 (3-7), 10-8 serve. ending the hopes of the three-

time champions. Kafelnikov and Olhovskiv wasted a match point in the fourth set, and saved three in the fifth before winning in

three hours, 39 minutes. Sunday's reverse singles cannot change the outcome of the best-of-five series

Russia had never advanced past the first round of the Davis Cup since they joined the 94-year-old competition in 1962, then as the Soviet Union.

Germany lost at home for the first time since the 3-2 defeat by Sweden in the 1985 final.

In December's final, Russia will meet the winners of the other semifinal between the United States and Sweden.

I think we can even win the cup," Russian captain Vadim Borisov said.

Kafelnikov beat Bernd Karbacher and Alexander Volkov upset Stich Friday to put Russia 2-0 ahead after the opening day.

Stich decided to play Saturday although he had received a death threat late Thursday and appeared listless during his loss to Volkov.

Organizers stepped up security by bringing more bodyguards to the Rothenbaum arena. Bodyguards also shadowed Stich's wife Jessica.

Germany needed to win Saturday's doubles to stay alive and the German pair broke for a 2-1 lead on Kafelnikov's

But the Russians broke right back and took control of the match. With Stich serving. the Germans saved one set point, but the Russians clinched the set when Braasch hit

There were no breaks in the second set and the Russians swept the tiebreak

a forehand into the net.

The match turned late in the third set. The Germans gained two break points on Kafelnikov's serve. Braasch scored with a volley and the Germans broke for a 5-3 lead. Stich served out the set, which ended with Olhovskiv hitting a

forehand long. The Germans appeared headed to level the score when they broke Olhovskiy for a 3-2 lead in the fourth set. The Russians saved two break points but Stich set up the third with a lob and Kafelnikov's backhand voiley attempt

ended in the net. The Russians broke right back, again on Stich's serve. with Kafelnikov hitting a brilliant backhand diagonal shot that even escaped Stich's great

With Braasch serving to keep Germany's hopes of defending the cup alive, the Russians gained a match point when Braasch hit a wild smash into the stands. But Braasch saved with an ace and then produced two service winners to force a tiebreak.

And the Germans survived. winning the tiebreak 7-3 and sending the match into the decisive fifth set.

The Russians immediately broke Braasch's serve when the German sent a volley wide and took command of the fifth set. They saved three break points in the fourth game.

But the Germans were not finished. They broke Olhovskiv's serve to level 4-4.

From then on it was an even battle until the 16th game. when the Russians had to save three match points, on Olhovskiv's serve.

"If you don't use your opportunities, you lose," Kafelnikov said.

With Braasch serving in the next game, Olhovskiy converted Russia's third break point with a volley to give his. team a 9-8 lead.

Kafelnikov served for the match and faced a break point, but Braasch sent a weak volley est quality. attempt into the net. A service winner gave Russia its second match point and Kafelnikov thundered a serve that Braasch returned into the net.



Food Minister Mir Shawkat Ali is being introduced to participants of the Mostafa Allama - Star photo Gold Cup football tournament which began at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Toronto to host '97 Special Olympics

TORONTO, Sept 24: Toronto has been selected to host the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games after the two rival bidders dropped out it was announced on Thursday. reports Reuter.

Organisers said they expect the largest ever turnout of more than 2,000 mentally disabled athletes from 80 countries at the sporting event, to run from February 1-8.

Toronto, Canada's largest city, and the Ontario lakeside resort of Collingwood were chosen by Special Olympics International (SOI) after the Norwegian capital of Oslo and Lake Placid in New York withdrew their bids earlier this

"You did not get these Games by default, we voted for you as the best candidate for the Games," Will Hoehndorf. SOI's director of international programmes, told reporters.

Events include Alpine and Nordic skiing, floor hockey. figure skating and speed skat-

Swiss duo seals it

JAKARTA, Sept 24: Jacob Hlasek and Marc Rosset booked Switzerland's place in the 1995 Davis Cup World Group on Saturday when they beat Indonesia in the doubles rubber of their qualifier here, reports AFP.

The Hlasek-Rosset duo. winners of the 1992 French Open, won 6-3, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 against Bonit Wirvawan and Donny Susetyo to add to their singles victories on Friday, giving the Swiss an invincible 3-0

Switzerland, Davis Cup ilnalists in 1992, have been languishing in the Europe-Africa Zone Group 1 this year. Defeat for Indonesia mean they will play in their zonal Group 1 competition in 1995.

The Indonesian duo, playing for the first time as a doubles team, provided strong resistance during the three hour-long match, but were obviously not in the same league as the more senior Swiss pair.

The tall, Olympic champion Rosset and Hlasek are respectively the Swiss number one and two, and feature in the top 20 in the ATP world ratings. Their Indonesian opponents are both ranked in the 700s.

In the first set, the Swiss pair broke to lead 4-1 and their powerful serves and Hlasek's strong backhand clinched the first set 6-3. The second set was a tense affair full of deuces with Hlasek and Rosset finally squeezing home on the tie-break.

But Wiryawan and 20-yearold Susetyo were soon overpowered in the third.

On Sunday, Wijaya takes on Rosset and Suwandi plays Hlasek in the return singles which are now only a formality.

Aussies edge in front

CHRISTCHURCH. New Zealand, Sept 24: Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde took just 85 minutes to score a straight sets doubles victory Saturday that lifted Australia to a 2-1 lead over New Zealand in their Davis Cup qualifying round teanis match, reports

Woodbridge and Woodforde, the second-ranked pair in the world defeated Brett Steven and Kelly Evernden 6-3. 6-4. 6-1.

The Australian pair, the Wimbledon champions, dominated exchanges at the net. where veteran Evenden was

sluggish. Woodbridge was in out standing form. His cross-court returns, ability around the net and serving were of the high-

The Australians moved into top gear in the third set with their instinctive combination and movement around the court often leaving the New Zealanders scrambling.

South Africa lead India

JAIPUR, India, Sept 24 Doubles pair Wayne Ferreira and Piet Norval Saturday put South Africa into a 2-1 lead against India in their Davis Cup World Group qualifying round match in Jaipur, reports AP.

India's top player Leander Paes and teammate Gauray Natekar surrendered 4-6, 4-6, 1-6 to a more superior South African side that is ranked 13th in the world.

"The boys played very well under pressure and tough conditions. It was very hot and humid," said South Africa's non-playing captain. Frew McMillan.

Allama Gold Cup soccer on The Mostafa Allama Kishore

Gold Cup football tournament began at the Outer Stadium vesterday, reports BSS.

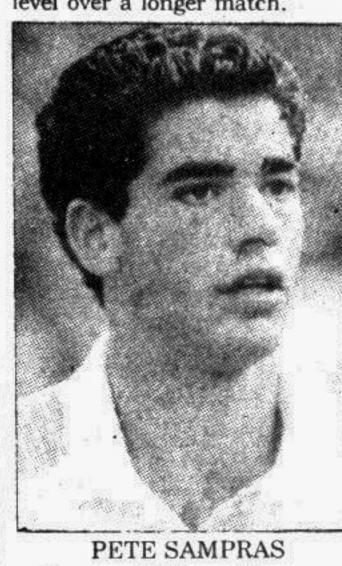
Thirty-two teams, 24 from Dhaka and eight from seven districts of the country, are taking part in the month-long US lead 2-0 against Sweden in Davis Cup semis

Sampras sails, Edberg fails



Sweden, Sept 24: Magnus Larsson's delivery was near-perfect in the opening set,

Pete Sampras knew the tall Swede couldn't maintain that level over a longer match.



Larsson didn't and Sampras escaped with a 6-7 (3-7), 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) victory Friday to give the United States a commanding 2-0 lead in the Davis Cup semifinals, reports AP.

Todd Martin continued his mastery over Stefan Edberg, beating the Swede in 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. 6-3 in the opening singles of the best-of-five series on the Scandinavium Area's fast car-

Winning the first set gave Larsson confidence, but his serves turned less effective at the outset of the second set

"Once I got into rallies I liked by chances much better." said Sampras, who was playing his first, match since a fourthround loss to Jaime Yzaga in the US Open. "My chances of winning a point was pretty slim when he got his first serve in. I just had to hang in

"Magnus has a quick toss and a serve that is tough to read. When it goes in it's pretty much unplayable. The court is so quick. So you just have to wait for your chances and take advantage of those."

Jared Palmer and Davis Cup rookie Jonathan Stark can

HAMBURG, Sept

24: Michael Sti-

ch threatened to

Davis Cup team.

saying Saturday

the national tennis federation

had refused to give him eno-

ugh protection after a death

a bad joke," but Stich blasted

Germany's tennis officials and

particularly the federation's

manager, Christian Thiemann.

whose job also includes secu-

The man has no idea about

security," Stich said after

Germany lost the doubles and

the Davis Cup title, trailing 3-0

call from a man late Thursday

at his hotel, and the man

threatened to kill him and his

Stich asked the German

Tennis Federation (DTB) to

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clinch the Americans' victory if they win Saturday's doubles against Swedes Jan Apell and Jones Bjorkman, who are undefeated in Davis Cup doubles

play this year. Sweden, who have won the Davis Cup four times and made the finals as many times, have only come back twice from 0-2 deficits to win Davis Cup matches in 61 years.

Sampras lost the first-set tiebreaker 7-3 to Larsson, but the world's top-ranked player took command of the match by breaking the Swede's serve early in the next two sets.

The fourth set went with service all the way, forcing another tiebreak at 6-6. Larsson, who reached the French Open semis only to struggle through the tour this summer with elbow problems, had his chan-In the fourth game, the

Swede had four break points, but Sampras finally held with a final ace. Larsson also had a break point in the eighth game but

serve got him out of trouble. Sampras said Martin's victory gave him a lot of confi-

once again the American's big

"I'd much rather be up 1-Q than down 1-0," he said For Martin, it was the third victory over Edberg in as many

matches this year. Martin, who made his Davis Cup debut earlier this year in the World Group's first round in India, came from 1-3 in the third set to turn the match around.

Martin, who's ranked sixth. in the world, dropped behind 1-0 in the third set after Edberg broke him in the opening game. Martin broke back in the

eight game, winning the first point with a perfect lob. He then held to love and broke Edberg again to win the set 6-"I was fortunate to start

playing well just in time,

Martin said. "After I won the

first set I lost 10 out of 14 games, which is very bad. "Stefan was playing very well. I was almost finished in the third set. To win that set was very important. If Stefan

had won that set it would have

been very tough for me to win

part-timers employed by the

Rothenbaum club, the arena

where the Davis Cup match

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MICHAEL STICH

the measures that I re-

quested," Stich said. "These

people are not trained, there

are professionals trained for

"I was afraid for myself and

was played.

(the match)."

Martin made some changes in the third set and they

worked very well. "The biggest change was my second serve," he said. "He was returning it very well, so started hitting it harder and with a little bit more spin. It threw his timing off I think and really helped me."



Martin broke for a 4-2 lead in the fourth set after hitting a forehand return in the open court on Edberg's weak second

The Swede broke back in the next game, but dropped his serve again to trail 5-3 after starting with a double-

Edberg double-faulted on several crucial moments in the match, including the final point in the second game of the first set that gave Martin a 2-0 lead.

Edberg 'also . ended the eighth game of the third set with a double-fault that enabled Martin to level at 4 all.

"I was playing very well up to that point," Edberg said. "Then he hit a good lob. I missed a backhand volley and then double-faulted.

"That's when the match changed. I couldn't believe it. Ten minutes I lost the set. Edberg also lost to Martin

this year in the Australian Open and Queens, a Wimbledon tuneup. "He played better in those

such a job and I wanted to use

quences for my future Davis

"This will have conse-

"I took a risk and I played,

Stich said Thiemann had

"But after what happened to

Seles, who was at the time

Monica Seles, I couldn't take it

the top-ranked woman player

in the world, was stabbed in

the back by a man who

jumped from the stands during

a match at the Rothenbaum

club in April 1993. She has

turned out to be a hoax, how-

day, we talked for 15 minutes.

He said he was a Boris

(Becker) fan, that he was very

sorry and that it was a very

Becker, Stich's German ri-

bad joke." Stich said.

The threat Stich received

"The person called yester-

but the DTB gave me no feeling

that I could feel safe," he said.

dismissed the threat as noth-

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not played since.

two matches." Edberg said. "Just a few points changed the momentum today." guy for that. I'm not surprised Michael Stich taken for a ride

a champion like Faldo pulling

up his golfing roots.

peans is they can lose their special talent for versatility which they pick up from the variety of courses they play on and the varying speeds of the

greens over here. "Nick may lose his touch on bump-and-run shots and chipping. And that could cost him at the Masters and when

Trevino downplays Faldo's current lack of success in major championships after pick ing up five top titles in five

riod. It happened to Nicklaus. I player in the world than Nicky them," Trevino said.

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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.

Kamsky, Anand surge ahead LINARES, Spain, Sept 24: American Gata Kamsky and Indian Viswanathan Anand kept their winning streaks going, taking a 3-0 lead Friday

after winning third round matches in the Intel World Chess Championships semifinals, reports AP. Players receive one point for a win, one-half for a draw.

and none for a loss. The 10-

Nigel Short of Britain, playing black, used the Sicilian Najdorf opening for the first time in his career. He lost to Kamsky in 78 moves.

game series ends Oct. 6.

Anand, playing white, beat Englishman Michael Adams in 36 moves, using the Ruy Lopez opening Adams had lost to Anand with in the second round Adams zoomed through his

first seventeen moves in less then 10 minutes, but paused in thought for 20 minutes at the critical stage of his opening as his trainer fretted in the press Up to move 28. Anand duplicated a game he had played in Spain last year, giving Anand

a major advantage over Adams. who appeared not to be familiar with the prior game. The winners of the semifinals will face each other early next year, with that winner playing PCA world champion

Faldo's move to PGA Tour hailed SAINT-NOM-LA-BRETE-

Garri Kasparov later in the

CHE, France, Sept 24: Senior stars Lee Trevino and Gary Player, both invitees at the Lancome Trophy here this week, welcome Nick Faldo's move to the US PGA Tour, reports AP. Faldo is scheduled to play a

minimum of 17 US tournaments next year. "It's fabulous for the US Tour," Trevino said. "I don't

see many Americans coming this way, It's a great compliment to the quality of the American circuit." Winner of six Grand Slam titles and currently topping the Senior Tour money-list.

the Trevino has been a consistent admirer of the Englishman for years. "Faldo's like Jack Nicklaus because he knows what he wants. You've got to respect a

he's going." Trevino said. Trevino only sees one potential technical drawback for

"The big danger for Euro-

he comes back for the British Open," Trevino said.

"Everyone has a down pe-

still think there's no better Faldo. He'll win more majors. that's for sure. Several of South Africa's Gary Player

Faldo's move but is less sure of the Englishman's future. "Faldo should go to the

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