

Zimbabwe win by a whisker

HARARE, Nov 5: Alistair Campbell's first one-day century set Zimbabwe on the way to a dramatic two-run win over Sri Lanka in a high-scoring match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Campbell's unbeaten 131 and a fluent 76 from captain Andy Flower lifted Zimbabwe to an impressive 290-5 in their 50 overs.

Needing 25 from the last two overs, Sri Lanka fell short at 288-8 despite opener Roshan Mahanama compiling his second successive century of the series (108) and an unbeaten 97 from Aravinda de Silva.

Zimbabwe were recording only their third international success but at 233-2 in the 43rd over it was Sri Lanka who appeared to be heading for victory.

Mahanama's departure, well caught by Grant Flower at mid-wicket, triggered a middle-order collapse with four wickets falling for 12 runs in three overs.

Zimbabwe's Heath Streak finished with 4-44 in his 10 overs and was the outstanding bowler on either side.

Earlier, left-handed Campbell was in sublime form with his century arriving from 96 balls. Remarkably his second 50 came up from just 28 balls. In all, he faced 115 deliveries, striking 11 fours and four sixes.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the second 50 overs one-day cricket international between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka at Harare Sports Club on Saturday:



CAMPBELL ... 131 n.o

ZIMBABWE	
A Flower b Vass	76
G Flower run out	21
A Campbell not out	131
D Houghton c Kalpage b Pushpakumara	22

A Waller c Tilkekeratne v Vaas	3
M Dekker b Vaas	9
G Whittall not out	15
Extras (lb-8, b-2, w-3)	13
Total (for five wickets, innings closed)	290
Fall of wickets: 1-60; 2-152; 3-228; 4-235; 5-250.	
Did not bat: G Martin, H Streak, S Peall, J Rennie.	
Bowling:	
Vaas	10 0 59 3
Pushpakumara	10 1 43 1
Wickremasinghe	10 0 55 0
A Ranatunga	5 0 38 0
Kalpage	10 0 53 0
Gurusinha	5 0 33 0

SRI LANKA			
R Mahanama c G Flower b Streak	108		
S Jayasuriya c Waller b Streak	37		
S Ranatunga run out	15		
A de Silva not out	97		
A Ranatunga c Waller b Whittall	1		
A Gurusinha c G Flower b Streak	4		
R Kalpage lbw b Streak	0		
H Tilkekeratne run out	7		
P Wickremasinghe b Whittall	1		
C Vaas not out	0		
Extras (lb-3, lb-3, w-10, nb-2)	18		
Total (for eight wickets, innings closed)	288		
Fall of wickets: 1-66; 2-111; 3-233; 4-234; 5-245; 6-245; 7-276; 8-278.			
Did not bat: R			
Pushpakumara:			
O	M	R	W
Streak	10	0	44
Rennie	8	0	54
Whittall	8	0	57
Martin	2	0	24
Peall	10	0	52
G Flower	7	0	28
Dekker	5	0	23

Result: Zimbabwe won by two runs.

7th Nasiruddin memorial tennis

Sports Reporter
Professor Rashiduddin of Dhaka Club overcame age and Shabbir of Engineers' Club on his way to winning the inter-club singles title of the seventh Nasiruddin memorial tennis championships at the Officers' Club court yesterday.

The 57-year-old neurosurgeon pulled off a sensational 6-3, 6-2 victory against a player almost half his age in a surprisingly one-sided affair. Shabbir, who was favoured to win the final, had very little to offer against the spirited professor of Neurology.

In the inter-club doubles semifinal, Zahurul Haque and Mesbah of the hosts won 6-0, 4-6, 6-0 to set up a date with Syed Wahid and Captain (Retd) Munir of Gulshan Club, 6-3, 6-4 winners over clubmates Wahidul Alam and Azmat Moyeen on Friday, in the final. National champion Hira Lal will take on Maruf in the open final. The date of the open and inter-club doubles finals has not been fixed yet.

Barisal soccer

From Our Correspondent
BARISAL, Nov 5: Tuhin notched a double hat-trick to power local Abahani Krira Chakra to a mammoth 9-0 victory over Rupital Pratik Sangha in the Emma Overseas senior division football league at the local stadium here today.

The winners led 4-0 at the breather with Tuhin completing his hat-trick after Shamim opened the Abani account in the 15th minute of the proceedings.

In a one-sided affair, Abahani's onslaught continued in the second half with Tuhin adding five more goals to finish with a match haul of eight goals.

Manju Smriti Sangsad will take on Touch Video Club today.

Div II B'ball

Sports Reporter
The Old Fawzians Association (OFA) and Hawks won their respective Mohsin Cup Second Division basketball league matches at the National Sports Council wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

In the first engagement of the day, OFA prevailed over Young Star 62-54, after racing to 32-24 lead which proved crucial in the end.

Both sides scored 30 points each in the second session.

Tribid (18) and Karim (15) were the leading marksmen for OFA while Tasu, who top scored with 21 points in the match, got little support from his Young Star teammates.

In the other match of the day, Hawks inflicted on title aspirants Bakshibazar a 45-31 defeat.

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Ma's warning

BONN, Nov 5: European athletes will fall behind their Asian counterparts if they spend their time accusing countries like China of doping rather than improving their own training techniques, according to Chinese coach Ma Junren, reports Reuter.

"If the Europeans forget their training because they are continuing to point the finger, they will not be winning anymore in the year 2000," Ma said in an interview with the German athletics magazine Leichtathletik.

"People have to learn that China and Asia are catching up ... and it is not only in athletics and swimming that Asia is coming to the front. It will also happen in other sports. And the Chinese won't be the only ones to win the medals in the future."

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The success of Ma's coaching in women's middle-distance running has brought accusations of doping in the west since their world record breaking performances at the world last year.

Sanchez sails into semis

OAKLAND, Calif, Nov 5: Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, who eliminated 14-year-old phenomenon Venus Williams in her opening match, had to overcome a screaming infant on Friday in advancing to the semifinals of the Bank of the West Classic, reports AP.

While the infant cried and whimpered near centre court, Sanchez Vicario beat Zina Garrison-Jackson 6-3, 6-3.

"He was quiet, and then he'd start screaming," Sanchez Vicario said. "Then I'd have to stop serving. I just tried not to think too much about it."

Her next thoughts are centred on a Saturday night semifinal against No. 7 Lindsay Davenport, who beat Anke Huber 6-2, 6-2 Friday night. In the other semifinal, Debbie Graham meets No. 5 Martina Navratilova.

Sanchez Vicario avenged a loss to Garrison-Jackson earlier this year at Wimbledon, only her second in 10 career head-to-head matches.

"Sometimes it's good to lose a match," Sanchez Vicario said. "It helps you for the next one." She was also much sharper

than in her match against Williams on Wednesday night, where she trailed 6-2, 3-1 before winning 11 straight games to take the match.

The 22-year-old from Spain said she took on the role of the aggressor from the opening volley.

"I knew I had to be aggressive in order to beat her," she said. "I put pressure on her right away. That's what I didn't do at Wimbledon."

Garrison-Jackson said she anticipated such an assault.

"I knew she was going to come out fighting, come out pumped up, and ready to go," she said. "I had chances in the first set, but I wasn't aggressive at all after that. I kept missing my approach shots just by a couple of inches."

Graham, the last unseeded player remaining, reached the semifinals with a 6-0, 6-2 defeat of Jolene Watanabe. Navratilova hasn't lost a set in three career matches against Graham, defeating her most recently in the 1993 Italian Open. They also played in the 1991 US Open and in Los Angeles in 1990.

Graham, ranked 90th, upset seventh-seeded and 17th-ranked Lori McNeil in the first round and beat Fatty Fendick in three sets to reach the quarterfinals.

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Sanchez Vicario and Graf are scheduled to play in the final event of the year, the WTA Championships in New York. Only Sanchez Vicario will be at next week's event in Philadelphia. Graf withdrew, citing back problems.

Garrison-Jackson has her own opinion on how the debate should be settled, and they don't involve computers.

"I don't think it's clear cut," she said. "I think it has to be decided on the court. The computers, whether we like it or not, say who's No. 1. But hopefully, it will come down to the Championships."

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Foreman for fairy-tale

LAS VEGAS, Nov 5 (AP): Return back 20 years and six days to steamy Zaire, when George Foreman was the young, sullen heavyweight champion and brash veteran Muhammad Ali was able to pull off one of boxing's big upsets.

Flash forward to Saturday night, when the now 45-year-old Foreman hopes to cap one of the most unlikely of role reversals by beating a favoured Michael Moorer to become boxing's oldest heavyweight champion.

"I'm going to show the world the 45-56 is not a death notice," Foreman said. "I'm not taking this on only for George Foreman. I'm taking it on for mankind."

Two decades after he lost the title to Ali, Foreman is reborn as the talkative, self-promoting underdog, getting perhaps his last chance at a title against a champion who was only 6 when Foreman last held it.

Moorer, meanwhile, has been more than willing to recreate Foreman's original role as the brooding, moody champion willing to deal with the demands of his title defence on his terms only.

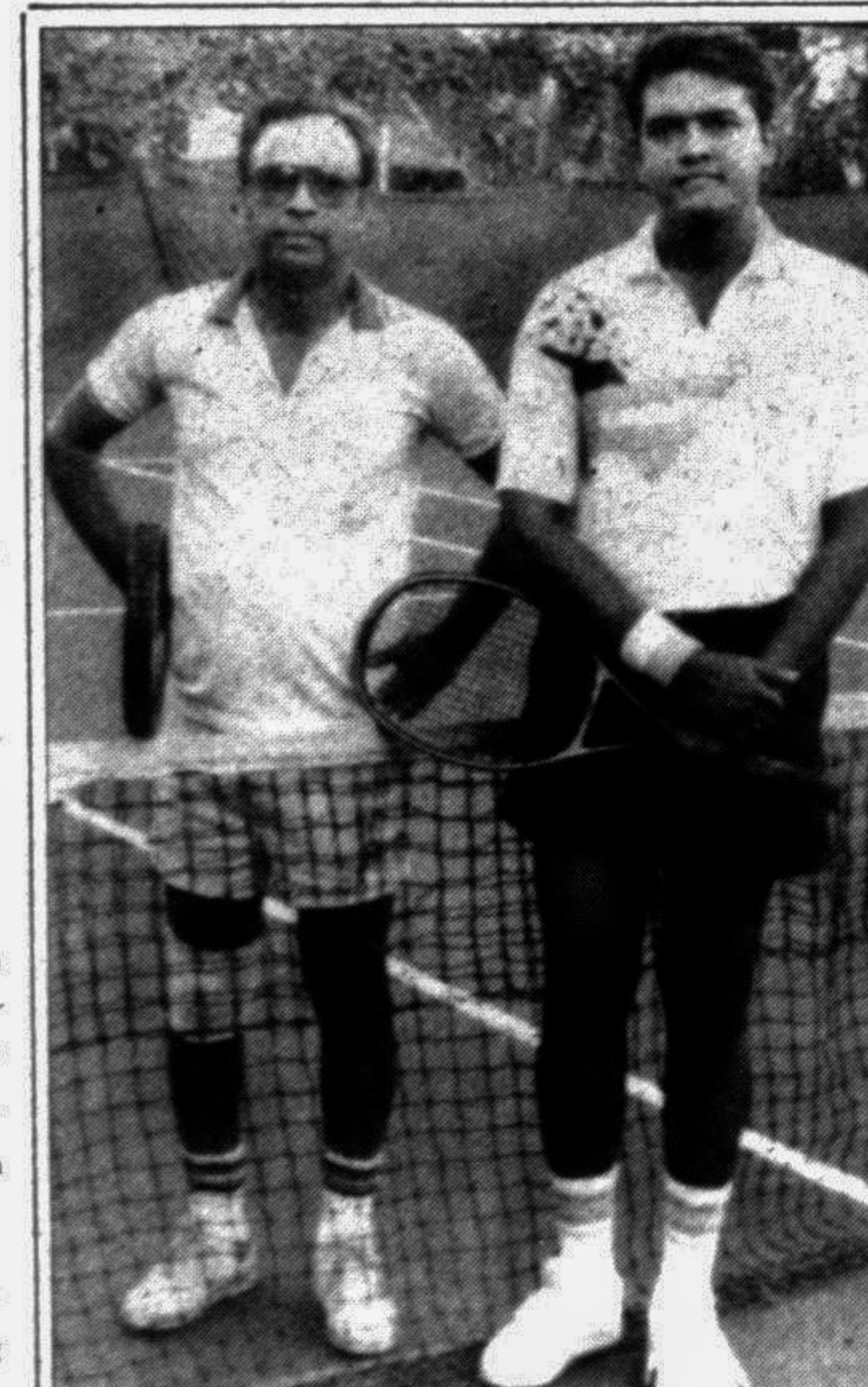
"I'll be glad when all this is over," Moorer said this week.

The 26-year-old Moorer makes the first defence of his WBA and IBF titles in a scheduled 12-round fight that could be the last hurrah for a comeback that has now lasted as long as Foreman's original pro career.

Moorer is a 3-1 favourite to retain his titles before an expected near capacity crowd in the 15,000-seat MGM Grand Garden arena.

The bout matches boxing's first left-handed heavyweight champion, undefeated in 35 pro fights, against an aging boxer who hasn't fought in 17 months but still retains tremendous punching power.

"There's a chance I could get hit and go down," said Moorer, who did just that in the second round of his April win over Evander Holyfield for the titles.



Professor Rashiduddin (L) of Dhaka Club and Shabbir of Engineers' Club share a moment with the photographer before the start of the inter-club singles final of the seventh Nasiruddin memorial tennis tournament at the Officers' Club court yesterday. Professor Rashiduddin clinched the title.



Swiss Marc Rosset rejoices after beating German Boris Becker in the quarterfinals of the Bercy Open tennis in Paris on Friday. The big-serving Swiss won the match 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (9-7).

Big servers bundled out

PARIS, Nov 5: No. 1-ranked Pete Sampras, three-time champion Boris Becker and last year's winner Goran Ivanisevic put on a serving display in Friday's quarterfinals of the Paris Open, reports AP.

Sampras had 19 aces, Becker 15 and Ivanisevic 23.

All had another thing in common. They lost.

Andre Agassi beat Sampras, 7-6 (8-6), 7-5; Switzerland's Marc Rosset edged the sixth-seeded Becker 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (9-7) and Michael Chang defeated No. 2 Ivanisevic, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

Fourth-seeded Sergi Bruguera, the two-time French Open champion, was the fourth semifinalist by beating unseeded Czech Petr Korda, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

Rosset and Chang meet on Saturday followed by Bruguera versus the eighth-seeded Agassi in the other.

The No. 1-ranked Sampras couldn't handle the pressure of some blistering service returns by Agassi in a match worthy of

the last two US Open champions and the winners of the last three Wimbledon.

"It's the best Andre has played against me in a long time," Sampras said. "I think we bring out the best in each other."

"I am playing my best tennis I have ever played now and when you are playing really well, you want the best players because it is a great chance for your ranking, a great chance for your confidence," Agassi said.

The Becker-Rosset affair had both men with serves at more than 200 kilometers an hour (125 mph).

It was a matter of inches that decided the contest. Sometimes even less.

In the second set tiebreaker Becker had two set points at 6-5 and 7-6 but did not convert either.

"It came down to me having two set points and one on my serve and I missed an ace just by half an inch," Becker said. "I hit a good second serve. He hit a good backhand return. I had a low volley which caught me really by surprise. I hit that

volley behind him and he hit it down the line which saved him probably the match."

At 7-7 Becker netted a forehead volley to give Rosset a match point. A good solid forehead down the line following his serve gave Rosset the victory after 1 hour 38 minutes.

The second-seeded Ivanisevic had three times as many unforced errors — 45 to 15 — to keep Chang in the match.

"Goran is the type of player, who will serve well and hold his serve; then on your serve, he will take a lot of chances... go for ground strokes and try to get in," Chang said. "It is just too difficult to win matches day in and day out like that."

Chang, seeded seventh, came back from a first-set deficit to even the match when he was able to break Ivanisevic in the ninth game of the second set.

"I got him back in the match. I started to miss a lot of things," Ivanisevic said. "I didn't come in like I was coming in the first two sets and that is it."

Joining the Bulgarian into the final four were second-seeded Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands, defending champion Nathalie Tauziat of France and American Chanda Rubin.

Schultz also needed three sets to defeat sixth-seeded American Linda Harvey-wild 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 6-4 and set up a meeting with fourth-seeded Tauziat, who eliminated eighth seed Elna Reinach of South Africa 6-2, 6-4.

Third-seeded Rubin withstood a strong challenge from her frequent practice partner, Canadian Patricia Hy, before prevailing 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

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Capriati comes back after one-year layoff

PHILADELPHIA, Nov 5: Jennifer Capriati will return to competitive tennis for the first time in more than a year at next year's Virginia Slims of Philadelphia, reports Reuter.

Philadelphia tournament officials said the 18-year-old Capriati had received a wild card entry to play the 750,000 dollars event, which begins on Monday.

The troubled tennis star, who has not played since a first-round loss at the 1993 US Open, was expected to make her return at a pair of European tournaments last month but pulled out, citing injuries.

Capriati, a teenage prodigy who joined the women's tennis tour prior to her 14th birthday, left the game after her devastating defeat at Flushing Meadow and has since undergone drug rehabilitation treatment following an arrest on a marijuana possession charge last May.

Capriati reached the final in her first pro tournament in 1990 when she was only 13. She became the youngest player in history to reach a Grand Slam semifinal later that year at the French Open at the age of 14 and was the youngest player ever to win a match at Wimbledon later that summer.

The 1992 Olympic gold medal winner in singles had multi-million dollar endorsement contracts cancelled following her drug arrest.

Capriati's recent problems, which also included a shopping incident last year, were a major catalyst in the WTA decision to raise the age at which players will be allowed to turn professional. The new rule goes into effect next year.

Maleeva edges out Coetzer

QUEBEC CITY, Canada, Nov 5: Katerina Maleeva outlasted top seed Amanda Coetzer in a two-hour and 34-minute match filled with exciting end-to-end rallies on Friday to advance to the semifinals of the Bell Challenge tournament, reports Reuter.

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