Sanchez-Vicario

gets in

Navratilova's way

Spain's Arantxa Sanchez-

Vicario overcame a sluggish

first set to beat Martina

Navratilova 1-6, 7-6(7-5), 7-6(7-

3) here Sunday in the finals of a

400,000-dollar WTA tourna-

doubles Saturday night, finish-

ing only 12 hours before the

start of the singles final and

managing only five hours of

and have enough energy for to-

day," she said. "Even though I

was down, I never got discour-

umph in the next-to-last event

of her 21-year-career, even

though she played well and

came within two points of the

title in the third set. At age 38,

she would have been the oldest

winner of a WTA event in 11

I know I didn't retire too late,"

Navratilova said. "It's nice to be

able to play great tennis. I just

Navratilova will conclude her

Navratilova won the first set

in 24 minutes and led 4-1 in

the second set before Sanchez-

Vicario rallied, winning five of

"It was like, 'Oh my God,

look at that shot I just hit,"

Navratilova said. "I hadn't

played tennis like that in a long

Navratilova, a five-time win-

ner here, has won two titles a

year since 1975 but that streak

is in jeopardy. Her only title this

dollars for her eighth tour title

of the year. Navratilova took

home 40,000 dollars from her

Schuster still

out of favour

manding form of 34-year-old

veteran midfielder Bernd

Schuster will not after all bring

an international recall for

Germany's prodigal son, who

quit the world stage in 1984

with just 21 caps to his name,

A day before naming the

squad for Germany's

November 16 European

Championship qualifier against

Albania, national coach Berti

Vogts said on Monday he was

pleased Schuster had said he

would like to play for

Schuster for one or two

matches, " he said. "I wouldn't

be doing him a favour. And

when all the players are fit, I

have Matthias Sammer.

Andreas Moeller and Thomas

Franz Beckenbauer agreed,

looked woefully shot on cre-

ativity in two friendlies this

season following their disap-

now, it would look like an

emergency. But this isn't

emergency situation," he told

superb performance on

Saturday, scoring in

Leverkusen's 2-1 win at

Hamburg, and had made clear

he would like to be part of

PHILADELPHIA. Nov 8

Meilen Tu, a 16 year-old

Californian, won for the first

time as a professional Monday

upsetting Amanda Coetzer 6-1

6-3 in the opening round of

the Virginia Slims of Phila-

is ranked No. 16 in the world

Last year the South African

won tournaments in Australia

and Japan, but was able to win

only one service game in this

match - the fourth game of

in the ninth game of the sec-

ond set between the two, each

using a two-handed backhand.

Tu closed the match when

Tu, who won the US Open

junior crown last summer, was

playing in her second tourna-

ment as a pro. Last week, she

made her debut in Oakland,

Calif. losing 6-3, 6-4 in the

first round to Meredith Mc-

Indonesian sweep

at Thai Open

Susi Susanti of Indonesia de-

BANGKOK, Nov 8: Top seed

Coetzer hit a lob out of court.

A long deuce battle ensued

Coetzer is seeded No. 8 and

delphia, reports AP.

the second set

Grath

"If Vogts recalled Schuster

Schuster produced another

pointing World Cup.

the Bild Daily.

even though Germany have

Former national coach

Haessler for that position."

"But I can't just use Bernd

reports Reuter.

Germany again.

BONN, Nov 8: The com-

Sanchez-Vicario won 80,000

year was in Paris in February.

career later this month at the

Virginia Slims Championships

wish I could finish it off."

in New York.

time."

239th final.

the next six games.

"When I play tennis like this.

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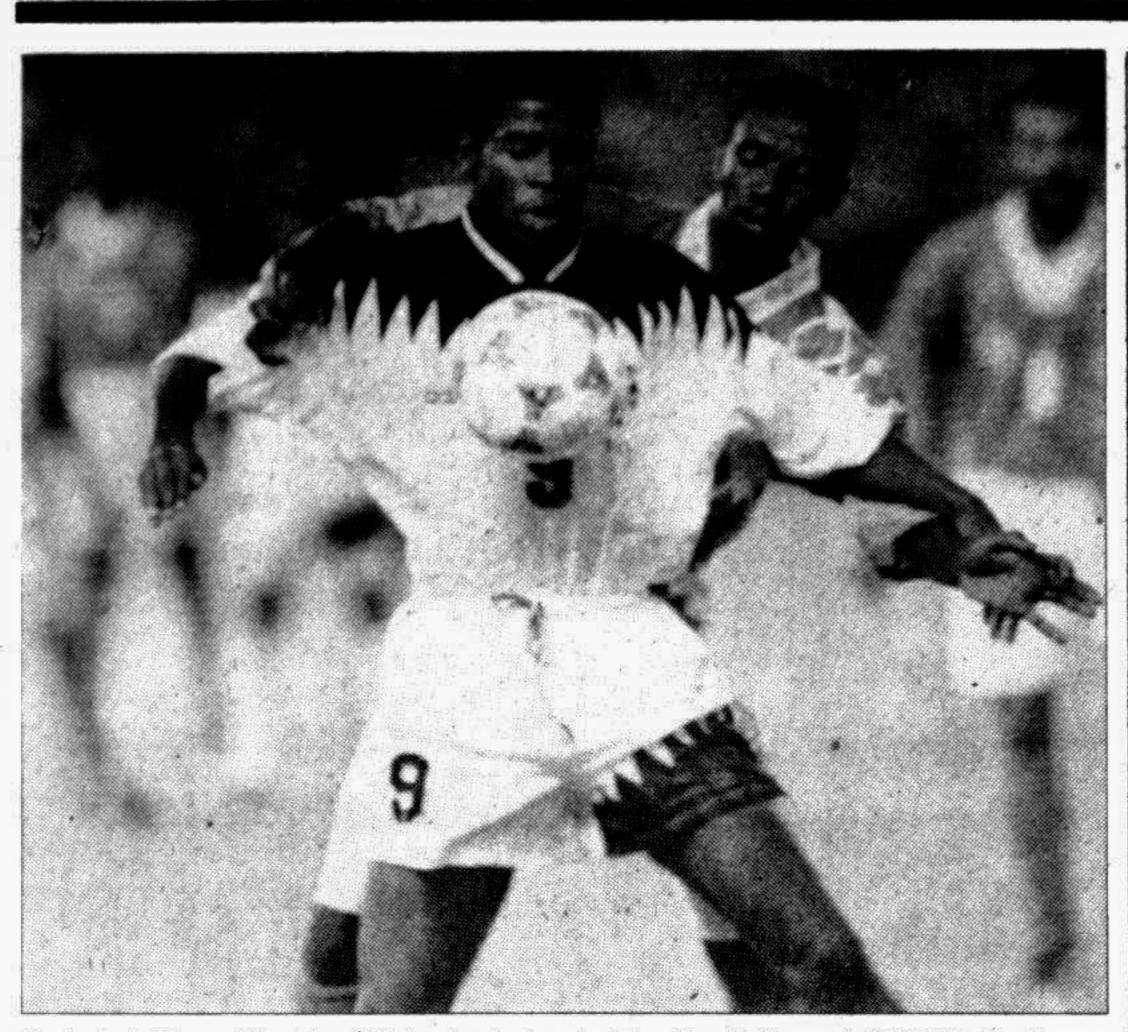
Navratilova was denied a tri-

"It was hard to come back

Sanchez-Vicario played

ment, reports AFP.

OAKLAND, California, Nov 8:



Emirates' Naser Khamiss (9) is closely marked by Saudi forward Abdullah Souliman Mohammed during a match of the 12th Gulf Cup played at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi on Nov 6. The game ended in a one all draw. AFP photo

# Tide may be turning AC's way



LONDON, Nov 8: After weeks of indifferent form in their domestic league the tide may be turning

for European champions AC Milan, who showed their class at last at the weekend, reports Reuter.

Milan have made a miserable start to the season by their own high standards and although they did not beat league leaders Parma, coach Fabio Capello was buoyant after their 1-1 draw and confident enough to issue a warning to all would be pretenders to the Milan throne.

"I say that all our rivals had better be very very careful. This Milan is still capable of a

Capello spoke after a convincing performance which came only three days after they beat' AEK Athens 2-1 in a European Champions' League match.

Although Milan are joint eighth and eight points behind Parma. Capello is not unduly dismayed, adding "I haven't given up on the title contest for a second. Only a madman would give up when you still have 25 games to play. Today we played very well and produced our best display of the season.

But while Milan's domestic form may at last be improving. French champions Paris St Germain's grip on their title seems to be loosening.

PSG, as lacklustre in the league as they are brilliant in the Champions League. squandered two points as they were held to a 1-1 draw in artigues. They trail leaders

Heavyweight Ge

orge Foreman's

defeat of Michael

Nantes by eight points. It was a bad weekend for

PSG whose supporters went on the rampage in the streets of nearby Marseille and threw missiles on the pitch, forcing the kickoff to be delayed half an hour.

PSG's hard core fans are rapidly becoming among the worst in Europe and a growing problem to the game in France which otherwise has relatively little soccer hooliganism to worry about.

But PSG's morale was boosted somewhat at the weekend when striker David Ginola was named as player ofthe year in a poll of his fellow professionals.

#### HAGI UNHAPPY Spanish champions Barcelo-

na. who destroyed Manchester United 4-0 with an exhilarating display in the Champions' League last week, stayed fourth after a 1-0 home win over Real Oviedo.

But their celebrations were marred by rumblings of discontent from Romanian World Cup star Gheorghe Hagi, left out of the team for the Manchester Match and brought on only for the final 20 minutes on Sunday.

Hagi, newly signed by Barcelona from Brescia in Italy, said he understood coach Johan Cruyff's desire to stick with a winning line-up but added: "Twenty minutes is very little time for me to show anything. This situation is new for me and I don't know if I will stand it. I will have to think and see what happens."

There were no such problems at Real Madrid, who celebrated the arrival of a new star after a class performance by 17-year-old Raul Gonzalez in the 4-2 victory over neighbours Atletico Madrid.

Raul, brought into the first team two weeks ago from the lower ranks, had a hand in the first two Real goals and scored the third himself with a brilliant finish. The current malaise at

German champions Bayern Munich — they are ninth in the table six points behind leaders Borussia Dortmund - is reflected by coach Berti Vogts's likely inclusion of only three Bayern players in his squad for Germany's European championship qualifier against Albania next week — Veteran libero Lothar Matthaeus, defender Christian Ziege and Oliver Khan as reserve goalkeeper.

Bayern were held to a 1-1 draw by Bayer Uerdingen at the weekend while Dortmund stretched their lead with a 2-0 win over Werder Bremen.

Manchester United's bid for a third successive English title maintained its momentum when they recovered from their mauling in Barcelona to beat Aston Villa 2-1 with goals from Paul Ince and Russian Andrei Kanchelskis on Sunday. But the main talking points

in England revolved around London clubs Tottenham and Queen's park Rangers, who are both embroiled in managerial

Managerless Spurs, who sacked Ossie Ardiles last week. lost 2-0 at Blackburn on Saturday, while QPR, whose manager Gerry Francis has resigned but not yet left the club, went down 2-1 at leaders Newcastle. Both issues are set to be resolved this week.

"The tougher the going, the

exposing the brittle frailties of the get-rich-quick generation."

Pundits, of whatever age or sex, agreed his achievement laid greatness on Foreman.

Australia's Kleine Zeitung said Foreman had "Ko'd" the sport of boxing with the greatest comeback of all time" and called him "the old-

But newspapers warned Foreman against trying his Mike Tyson, due to leave prison next year. Some expressed sorrow boxing should be so devoid of talent that a 45-year-old could event think

"Time of the dinosaurs" said le Monde, expressing a mixture of disbelief and sadness in French newspapers.

and phenomenal magic trick which Foreman achieved, an unbelievable return destined for sporting history," it said. "What happened in Las Vegas is for boxing both magical and tragic ... it is a big step backwards."

### Ctg soccer

feated second seed Lim Xiao CHITTAGONG, Nov 8: Chi-Qing of Sweden 11-5, 12-10 to clinch the women's singles title for the fourth consecutive year in the Thafland Open badminton championships 1994 here Sunday, reports In the men's singles final.

The other match between

Silva wins NY Marathon

NEW YORK, Nov 8: German Silva 100 yards ahead. outsprinted fellow Mexican Benjamin Paredes at the finish on Sunday

to win the 25th anniversary New York City Marathon in its closest finish ever, reports Reuter. Overcoming a near-disas-

trous mistake just before the finish line, Silva put on a desperate surge to catch and overtake Paredes to win in an official time of two hours, 11 minutes 21 seconds. Silva momentarily lost his

way by taking a wrong turn off the course within a mile of the finish line, but still managed a victory by two seconds. His win is the closest in race

history, eclipsing the four-second duel in 1982 won by American Alberto Salazar over Mexican Rodolfo Gomez, who co-incidentally coaches both Silva and Paredes.

In the women's race. Tegla Loroupe of Kenya cruised to a runway victory.

Running in her first marathon, the Kenyan took the lead for good at the 19-mile mark and pulled away to win in 2:27:37, for a nearly two and half minute victory over Russian Madina Biktagirova. American Anne Marie Letko was

"I'm so very happy," said the 21-year-old Loroupe, the youngest winner since the race expanded into a citywide course in 1976. "I felt very strong."

As Silva and Paredes duelled shoulder to shoulder. Silva inexplicably veered off the course into Central Park about a block before the correct entrance. "I was very concentrated on

the pace and I don't know exactly how it happened," said the 26-year-old Silva. "I was thinking he was coming with me." Neither Silva nor race officials laid blame at the cause of

the mistake. "I don't put the blame anywhere," said Allan Steinfeld, the

Silva went about a dozen strides, with policemen and others lining the route trying to wave him in the right direction, before he realised that Paredes had not followed him and reversed direction.

"I could see very quickly." Silva said of his mistake. " could see a lot of people on the street during the race, and ahead of me there were no peo-He sprinted back on the

course and saw Paredes about

"I was thinking I had to fight," said Silva, the race's second consecutive Mexican winner. "I was very lucky."

Using his superior shortdistance speed, he finally passed the tiring Paredes on a slight incline about 385 yards from the finish line of the 26.2 mile race. Silva's win came in only his

third marathon. He finished third at London earlier this year and did not finish in his marathon debut last year at Rotterdam. Silva and Paredes, who train

together, had waged a good

spirited duel after taking the

lead with about three miles left

up a short steep hill into

Central Park. As Silva went by in the final

him a gentle pat on the back. Earlier, as the duo ran shoulder to shoulder, they twice shared a

cup grabbed from water sta-Arturo Barrios, a Mexican born naturalised American and one of the pre-race favourites. finished third for the second

consecutive year. Another ex-

pected contender. Vincent

Rousseau of Belgium never fac-

tored in the race. Rousseau had

won three of his last four

marathons. Both champions won 20,000 and a luxury car.

The race was the first without the marathon's founder, 62year-old Fred Lebow, who died four weeks ago of brain cancer. He had been director of the race since 1970.

The starting field of 27,000 observed a moment of silence steps of the race, Paredes gave before the starting gun.



Swiss Marc Rosset in the final of Paris Open on Nov 6. Agassi won the four-setter 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5. - AFP photo

# Foreman & fat endorsements



race director.

NEW YORK, Nov 8: Boxer George

obile muffler commercials even before his improbable heavyweight title victory over a man young enough to be his

Can new commercial roles - maybe pitching pain pills to his fellow middle agers - be far behind?

"His stock is way up." Lloved Kolmer, who matches celebrities with advertisers. said Monday. "He just made it for every old fat bald person in the country."

of his 46th birthday, knocked out Michael Moorer, 26, on Saturday and recaptured at least part of the championship he lost to Muhammad Ali more He became the oldest

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since resuming his boxing career about seven years ago.

The list includes regional or national ads for Kentucky Fried chicken. Oscar Mayer hot dogs, McDonald's hamburgers, Nike sneakers and Texaco ga

Boxing has seldom pro duced athletes who are both widely known and are embraced by admakers for their ability to influence consumers.

But American Data Sports found in a survey of more than 2,400 people last year that Foreman placed eleventh out of 77 athletes in terms of consumer recognition and was 17th in terms of influence as a product endorser.

"If he did that well just be ing a contender, the victory probably increases his endorsement potential geometrically," said Harvey Lauer. president of the sports and leisure research firm.

"He was in a commercial for

Doritos in 1992 with his four sons," said Lynn Markley, a spokeswoman for the tortilla chip brand's owner Frito-Lay Inc. "He is a lovable guy who has a big presence. He delivered for us.

Talent brokers said Foreman could probably do a good job pitching pain relievers like baseball's Nolan Ryan did for Advil and tennis' Jimmy Connors did for Nuprin. Others say his 250-pound (113-kg) girth makes him a natural for fast food and his strength could appeal to a pickup truck maker. But others say Foreman's

triumph at age 45 only shows the quality of top fighters has deteriorated since Ali and Rocky Marciano reigned.

"I see him being used in a specific campaign that calls for an older athlete who has come back," said Stephen Disson. who advises companies on signing athlete endorsers."

## TA may shut Williams out

MELBOURNE, Nov 8: American prodigy Venus Williams is likely to be prevented from playing in the Australian Open, her first Grand Slam event, by Tennis Australia organisers. reports AFP.

Williams made her professional debut at the age of 14 in California last month. She joined the WTA Tour before the enforcement of new age rules applying an age limit of 16 on the circuit.

The American rookie has indicated she wants a wild card into the New South Wales Open, the lead-up Sydney event to January's Australian

Australian Open tournament director Paul McNamee said today that while he had not received any request for a special entry for Williams, he could not support granting one.

· Tennis Australia is keen to support the recent age ruling of the Women's Tennis Council

McNamee said, "Tennis Australia was a party to formulating the new rules regarding young girls playing professional tennis and it would be difficult for us to give her a wild card." NSW Open organisers are

keen for Williams to play in Sydney, but if Tennis Australia rejects an open wild card there is little hope she would travel to Australia just to play in one state event

Masters said he planned to talk to agents for Williams during the ATP Tour Masters Championship in Frankfurt this weekend. Fellow 14-year old sensa

tion Martina Hingis of Switzer land and 18-year-old Jennifer Capriati, starting her comeback to the tour this week, are likely to play in the Australian The new rules, which come

into effect on January 1, do not apply to Hingis, who has been on the circuit long enough to earn the points to give her a direct entry into the Open.

#### Maleeva wins at last QUEBEC CITY, Canada, Nov

8: Katarina Maleeva of Bulgaria won her first tournament in three years on Sunday when she defeated Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands 6-3, 6-3 in the final of the 150,000 dollars bell Challenge, reports Reuter

Maleeva, the fifth seed, broke the second-seeded Schultz's serve in the sixth game of the first set, and in the fifth and ninth games of the second set for the winning margin in the 65-minute match

Maleeva, currently ranked 41, earned 27,000 dollars for her 11th career title, the first since winning in Indianapolis exactly three years ago. Schultz took away 13,500 dollars

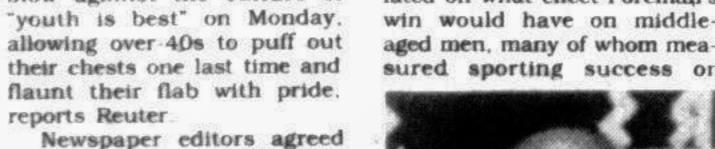
#### Aussie-Sino initiative

CANBERRA, Nov 8: Australia and China have agreed to push for the creation of an Asia and Oceania anti-doping forum. Australian Sports Minister John Faulkner said today, reports Reuter.

"To ensure that there is a strong voice in world anti doping initiatives. Australia and China will commence work to establish an Asia and Oceania anti-doping forum. Faulkner told parliament

He also detailed earlier an nounced Australian measures to help China set up an independent drug-busting agency able to concentrate on more out-of-competition tests.

#### Germany's qualifying campaign Moorer was haiall," said Jeff Powell of the the end of the fight. for the 1996 European led as a hammer Daily Mail. Many newspapers specu-Championships in England. fighter to win a championship blow against the culture of lated on what effect Foreman's in any weight class. Meilen makes "youth is best" on Monday. win would have on middlemore Foreman and real old-Even before the victory. has cultivated a remarkably allowing over 40s to puff out fashioned men like him are aged men, many of whom mea-Coetzer rue



Newspaper editors agreed with Foreman, 45, that his 10th-round knockout defeat of a man 19 years his junior was a triumph for "every guy who ever got told to act his age". "All that matters, for the time being, is that every middle-aged man on the face of

London Sun's John Sadier. "World champ with a grandpa's fists" ran the frontpage headline in Gazzetta Dello Sport in Italy. "Foreman fortifies the over-40s", said the London daily Telegraph. "This

the earth can wake with a

smile on his face," said the

reports Reuter

## Hide goes to court

LONDON, Nev 8: World heavyweight boxing champion Herbie Hide went on trial on Monday, accused of attacking his former girlfriend in a jealous rage, reports Reuter.

The court heard that Hide. the World Boxing Organisation (YBO) champion, flew into a fury in October 1993 after seeing a photograph of Deborah Edmonds with another man. It was alleged he punched

and kicked Edmonds, with

whom he had a relationship

for several years, and then hit

her with a shoe. Hide denies assaulting Edmonds causing her actual bodily harm, theft of 500 pounds (dollar 750) worth of her clothing, and criminal damage to a photo frame. The trial continues.

old man came punching home," said the Johannesburg Star over a picture of Foreman being hustled to his corner at

sured sporting success on



GEORGE FOREMAN

whether they could lob an empty beer can into the waste paper bin while watching soc cer on television.

Experience, even, if it was measured in a bulging waistline, could still show the kids a thing or two, they agreed.

"If the spirit is willing the body will make it too. Once again the veterans have proved the power of the will," said Vienna's Die Presse Foreman was ridiculed before the fight as being a

preacher without a prayer of a chance because of his age and a stomach which put meat behind the term heavyweight. "Absolutely flabulous" read a couple of headlines in Britain where writers, for once spared

exploits of sportsmen half their age, were in ecstasies. "No other single fear of heroism could have done more

having to eulogise about the

Fortification of over-40s to challenge and so drastically revise the preconceptions of a society in which the young had grown accustomed to having it

est and the greatest." luck against former champion

of winning the world belt

"It's certainly an unlikely

ttagong Mohammedan Sporting Club earned two valuable points in the CJKP First Division football league beating Ispath Ekadosh 4-2 at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS. Indonesian Joko Suprianto defeated Sun Jun of China 10-

Muktijoddha Krira Sangsad 15. 15-11, 15-5 in a hard and Shatadal ended in a 2-2 fought battle

### Foreman had amassed an impressive list of commercials



Foreman has been a regular in snack food, sneaker and autom-

Foreman, two months shy

than 20 years ago, reports AP.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: QUR LOCAL POST OF-FICE DECIDED TO STAMP OUT CRIME. Today's Cryptoquip clue: G equals F

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 '~ locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error