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Seles' appeal rejected

Guenter's sentence upheld

HAMBURG, Apr 3: The man convicted of stabbing tennis star Monica Seles remained free Monday on a two-year suspended prison sentence after a judge rejected an appeal by prosecutors and the injured athlete's attorney to put the attacker in prison, reports AP.

aside from his fixation on Graf and Seles, Parche was harmless. The evaluations were both positive. Both expect that he will never be moved to do something like that again," the judge said.

"We can't rule out that he meant to do more than he did to Miss Seles, but we also can't prove this," the judge said.

The judge said Parche's confession and his written



GUENTER PARCHE

letter of apology to Seles counted to his credit.

Prosecutor Rolf Rosenkranz had acknowledged in his closing arguments, "From the previous life of the accused, there is nothing to show that he was aggressive."

But Rosenkranz said the 40-year-old Parche should be im-

prisoned because he had carefully planned the attack, because it was carried out in public, and was in part based on political prejudices.

Parche had spoken of his dislike of Serbs, Seles, an ethnic Hungarian, was born in the Serbian area of Yugoslavia and is now an American citizen.

On April 30, 1993, Parche stabbed Seles, then 19 years old, in the back while she was sitting on a bench during a break in her match at a tournament at Hamburg's Rothenbaum Stadium.

Seles' psychologist, Jerry Russel May of Reno, Nevada, testified that she was suffering post-traumatic stress disorder. She has trouble doing normal, public daily tasks, such as going to the grocery store, may testified.

But homicide detective Rolf Bauer, who headed the interrogation of Parche after the attack, testified at the appeal hearing that Parche had given a credible explanation that he didn't want to maim Seles for life, only put her out of action until Graf could regain the top spot in women's tennis.

"It was obvious to us all that the man belonged with a doctor and not in jail," the detective said.

"We assume that Parche's act is the reason that Seles is not able to play tennis anymore, but this can't be said with certainty because Miss Seles was not willing to testify in court," the judge said.

Seles wrote a letter to the court, saying Parche's attack had "destroyed my life."

The judge accepted testimony by police officers and psychiatrists who said that,

Nat'l youth hockey

Wins for Sylhet Munshiganj Sports Reporter

Sylhet and Munshiganj moved into the next round of the 14th national youth hockey tournament after winning their respective matches in the tie-breaker at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In the first match of the day, Sylhet were locked in a one-all draw with Dhaka Education Board during the stipulated time before scrapping home 2-1 on penalties.

Ismat Ali gave the eventual winners a 39th minute lead while Zulfair neutralised it ten minutes later for Dhaka Education Board to force the see-saw encounter into a tie-breaker.

Meanwhile, the other match of the day had the same fate when Munshiganj and Jessore failed to break the deadlock in the 90-minute regulation period.

In the penalty shot-out, Kamruzzaman and Moniruzzaman scored for Munshiganj while Ziaul Haq converted for the losers.

BHF picks 33

The Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) yesterday picked thirty three players for the second phase after a month-long initial trial of fifty seven boys to select a team for the forthcoming sixth Commonwealth youth championship, reports UNB.

The tournament is scheduled to be held here in August.

The second-phase selections are: Monirul Haque (Rajshahi), Saiful Islam (Pabna), Solaiman Sumon, Abu Kaiser, Enamul Haque, Sultan Mahmood Litu (Chittagong Metropolitan Sports Association), Abul Hossain, Syed Mostafa Jahangir, Ashraf Ali Bhuiyan, Akul (Dhaka DSA), Salahuddin Palash (Surjadyo KC), Saidur Rahman Nayyan (Old Ideals), Kajal Sharma (Pragati Boys Club), Azmat Sarwar, Shah Jamal, Mohammad Lutfar (Army), Tajul Islam, Manjural Hossain, Iqbal Hossain, Azizur Rahman, Mohammad Mostafa, Mohammad Dipu (Navy), Mojibur Rahman, Atiquzzaman, Humayun Kabir (BDR), Shaikh Saad Ahmed, Habibur Rahman, Nurul Islam (Police), Rafiqul Islam, Omar Faruq, Mohammad Rabiul (Ansars), and Abdus Sattar (Shaheed Nabi High School).

The players have been requested to report to coach Mohammad Ali Asgar at the federation office by April 8.

Baresi off to J-League in 1996

MILAN, Apr 3: Franco Baresi, the charismatic captain of Italian and European champions AC Milan, is likely to transfer to Japan in 1996 to finish out his career in the Japanese soccer league, club officials disclosed Monday, reports AP.

Milan's managing director Adriano Galliani said Monday that "Baresi's future is neither in Italy nor in Europe."

He suggested that the 34-year-old Italian player, one of the best ever European defenders, may leave Milan for Japan in March 1996.

Baresi's contract with AC Milan expires in June this year. Club sources said the player may extend it through February 1996 and leave in March, when the Japanese League begins.

Jubilo Iwata, the Japanese club which signed Italian striker Salvatore "Toto" Schillaci last year, is one of the teams bidding for Baresi and other European players.

Milan's sports daily Gazzetta dello Sport wrote Monday that Milan's veteran forward Daniele Massaro and Dutch Ruud Gullit, a former AC Milan star, are expected to join Baresi in Japan.

Baresi has been playing with AC Milan since 1977. He was the captain of the Italian team which lost the World Cup finals to Brazil in Pasadena last year.

Singaporean booter charged

SINGAPORE, Apr 3: Singapore football star Abbas Saad was Monday charged with plotting to fix matches, the fifth person hauled to court for soccer corruption in recent months, officials said, reports AP.

Abbas, a Lebanese-born Australian and prolific goal-getter, pleaded not guilty and was released on bail of 100,000 Singapore dollars (\$66,667 US) until April 17 when he has to appear in court.

The 27-year-old Abbas was accused of plotting with a Czech professional Michael Vana, who has since fled to Prague, a bookie and several others to fix matches in neighbouring Malaysia's national league last year.

McManaman mesmerises Bolton Wanderers Liverpool win League Cup



LONDON, Apr 3: Sir Stanley Matthews, who helped destroy Bolton Wanderers in the "Matthews Cup final" of 1953, played a small part in their downfall again on Sunday as Wanderers succumbed to another virtuoso performance in the English League Cup final, reports Reuter.

This time Wanderers were effectively beaten by 23-year-old England midfielder Steve McManaman, whose two solo goals helped Liverpool to a 2-1 vic-

tory over the First Division side at Wembley.

Forty-two years ago, Matthews, "the wizard of the dribble," now 80 and the guest of honour on Sunday, weaved his magic to set up a hat-trick for Stan Mortensen as his Blackpool side beat Bolton 4-3 in that cup final.

And after being voted man of the match for the way he destroyed Bolton on Sunday, McManaman revealed: "Before the game Sir Stanley told me he liked the way I dribbled. Coming from him that was

quite a compliment. It inspired me, I knew it was going to be a special afternoon.

Matthews must have been taken back to his own heyday as he watched McManaman score on two outstanding individual efforts, one in each half, to give Liverpool their first trophy in three years and a place in next season's UEFA Cup.

McManaman, who played in Liverpool's last trophy-winning side which won the FA Cup in 1992, said although that was also a great occasion, Sunday's victory surpassed it for him.

"Today was better than 1992. We started the season with people writing us off but we have won a major trophy and are back in Europe. It was a fantastic day."

Sir Stanley was not the only man singing the lanky youngster's praises.

Liverpool manager Roy Evans lauded him for the way he took both goals, but added: "Apart from Steve, we did not play all that well today. But overall we deserved to win."

"It was Steve's game. Any player who scores two great goals in a Wembley final... well, it's very special."

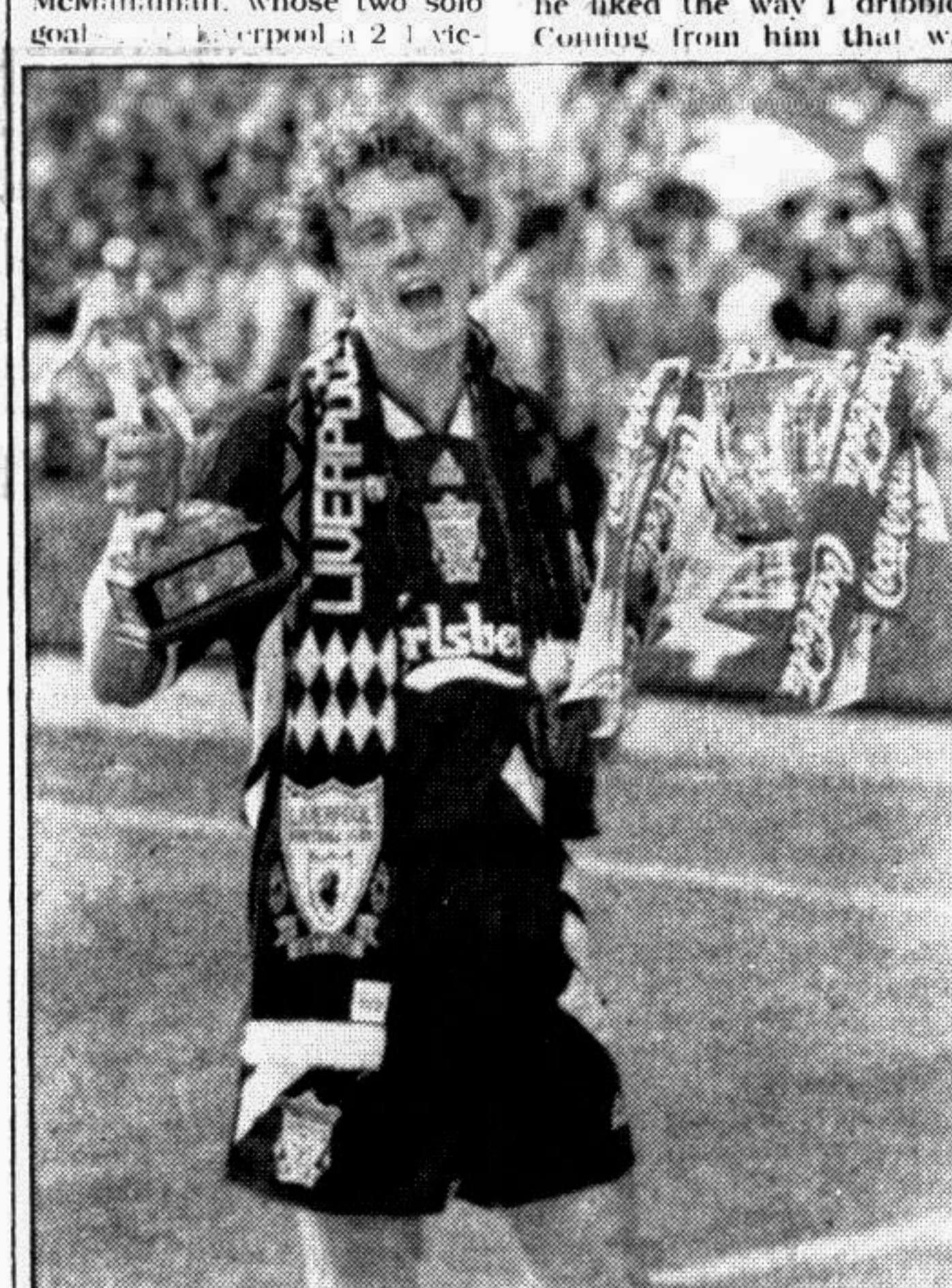
McManaman was at the heart of almost everything Liverpool created, roaming free on Wembley's open spaces to tease Bolton this way and that.

He is also at the heart of a revival under Evans, who took over as manager 14 months ago.

Whether a new dynasty is taking shape to rival Liverpool's great teams of the past is still uncertain.

But with McManaman coming of age in a footballing sense, and with Europe about to witness his sublime skills in next season's UEFA Cup, the jury may be leaning in Liverpool's favour.

"It is idealistic to think this is the start of a new run," said Evans cautiously. "But the signs are all good."



Liverpool's Steve McManaman poses after scoring both goals against Bolton Wanderers in the English League Cup final at Wembley Stadium on Sunday. Liverpool won 2-1.

Marital problems made Maradona disappear

BUENOS AIRES, Apr 3: Diego Maradona, on the run from the press for six days, reappeared late Saturday and explained that he had been having marital problems, reports AP.

"It was just a little tiff," Maradona, 34, said in a television interview at his Buenos Aires home.

Maradona, who left his wife Claudia on Monday, was tracked down by reporters Thursday at a downtown hotel where he clocked himself in his suite and refused to come out.

The former Argentine captain, who is serving a 15-month ban from soccer for failing a doping test at the World Cup, signed a one-year contract in January to coach first division Racing Club.

Troubled by personal problems, clashes with referees and an impending court case, he has repeatedly missed training sessions and failed to show up Saturday for Racing's 2-2 draw with Talleres.

"I want to tell Racing fans that their coach is not crazy," Maradona said. "And he is not undergoing drug rehabilitation."

President Carlos Menem on Thursday expressed concern for the hero of Argentina's 1986 World Cup triumph amid reports that the former star was suffering from depression.

Shortly after Maradona was spotted Thursday, Argentina's state television channel set up a special telephone line for members of the public to leave messages for the former star.

Maradona, whose career has been marred by controversy, faces a possible four-year prison sentence for firing an air rifle at reporters last year.

Racing Club has won just one of five matches under Maradona. In December he quit as coach of struggling Deportivo Mandiyu after his side won one out of 12 games.

Serie A title almost Juventus'



PARIS, Apr 3: Juventus look almost guaranteed to take their 23rd Italian title after a weekend of play, reports Reuter.

Meanwhile in France, Nantes stretched their season's unbeaten record to 31 matches by sharing a bad-tempered 1-1 home draw against Lens to stay ten points clear in the title race.

And Spanish legends Real Madrid remain six points clear of rivals Deportivo and Barcelona, despite a dropped point after a 1-1 draw at modest Compostella.

Juventus' impressive 2-0 away win at AC Milan on Saturday, coupled with Parma's 1-0 defeat at fourth-placed Roma, all but confirm the Turin club's first title since 1986.

Veteran striker Gianluigi Vialli, snubbed by Italy's selectors, sealed Juventus' win with seven minutes to go. Fabrizio Ravanelli, who did play for the national side in last week's wins over Estonia and the Ukraine, netted the opener just before the break.

AC Milan ended with ten men when Croatia's Zvonimir Boban was shown the red card shortly after Vialli's goal.

The Juventus result will delight French side Paris Saint Germain who play AC Milan in the European Champions' League semifinal in Paris in midweek.

Parma, meanwhile, saw their diminishing league hopes all but wiped out by Abel Balbo with a 22nd minute goal.

Sunday's matches seemed a mere afterthought but sixth-placed Fiorentina found their touch with four goals in the 4-0 win over visiting Brescia.

The prolific Argentinian Gabriel Omar Batistuta was yet again among the goals with a 12th minute strike from close range — his 20th of the season — which allowed his side to edge closer to Lazio after its 0-0 stalemate at Cremonese.

Inter Milan stayed in seventh, doing just enough at Reggiana to win 1-0 thanks to Giuseppe Bergomi's 69th minute goal while Torino, one place below, cracked three goals past Cagliari in a 3-2 thriller. Ghanaian Abedi Pele grabbing two goals in three minutes in the second half.

Nantes had three players sent off against Lens, fourth in the table, in shameful scenes Sunday.

Lens also had one man dismissed in the final minutes after snatching a 1-1 draw at the death.

Nantes striker Japhet N'Doram and Lens' Frederic Dehu were shown the red card in the 86th minute after a brawl and then defender

Christian Karembeu appeared to slap Eric Sikora on the head after his 90th minute equaliser before rowing with the referee.

Fellow French international Reynald Pedros got his marching orders two minutes into injury time after prolonging the argument.

Nantes, who opened the scoring on the stroke of half time through Eddy Capron, also had five men booked, including Karembeu and N'Doram, while Herve Arsenne of Lens was shown a yellow card as well.

The result, in front of 43,000 fans, left the side with a record of 18 wins and 13 draws, giving them 67 points, ten ahead of Lyon and 13 clear of Paris Saint Germain.

Lyon drew 1-1 with Rennes on Saturday, while the Parisians overcame Cannes 2-1 on Friday.

Jocelyn Gourvenne put Rennes clear after just seven minutes but Eric Roy equalised for the visitors midway through the second half.

Paris Saint Germain's two goals in the first half an hour were enough for victory, their goals coming from Jose Cobos and David Ginola. Charvet scored a consolation goal for Cannes with seven minutes left to play.

In other matches Auxerre's disappointing late season run continued when they were beaten 2-1 by Martigues.

An own-goal after eight minutes by Frack Burnier gave Bordeaux victory at Bastia, a Laurent Blanc penalty after 73 minutes ended Monaco's hopes at St Etienne, and Montpellier scored their seventh win from 31 games by beating visiting Caen 3-2.

Real Madrid, looking ragged and unimpressive, nevertheless took the lead against Compostella through Raul five minutes before half-time, but the home side were back on level terms six minutes after the interval thanks to a goal by Fabiano.

Barcelona were left kicking themselves at Tenerife where they slip a 1-0 lead to lose 2-1 despite the fact that the home side were down to ten men for 70 minutes after Argentina goalkeeper Ojeda was given his marching orders for a foul on Berguitano.

Manager Johan Cruyff had refused to call up his Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov for the match, although the forward trained with the team on Friday after competing for Bulgaria in the European Championship qualifier in midweek.

Cruyff said he would not select Stoichkov for a fortnight because of the east European player's criticisms of his teammates and of Cruyff.

In Sunday's match Amor put Barcelona clear on the hour, but Ramis (75) and Lorente (86) gave Compostella victory.

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Martinez keeps Family Circle Cup HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, Apr 3: Wimbledon champion and second seed Conchita Martinez needed just 58 minutes to overwhelm Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva 6-1, 6-1 here Sunday and retain her Family Circle Cup title, reports AFP.

Seles practices on court WILLIAMSBURG, Apr 3: Monica Seles, out of tennis since being stabbed in the back two years ago, practiced Sunday with a college administrator at William And Mary's new tennis centre, reports AP.

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