

Muster makes a history

PARIS, June 11: Thomas Muster crowned a perfect clay-court season and won the trophy he used to dream about as a kid when he overpowered Michael Chang 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 for the French Open title Sunday, reports AP.

Muster, 27, is unbeaten on clay this season and extended his winning streak to 35. Chang, the 1989 champion here, led 5-2 but Muster won 11 of the next 13 games to go two sets up.

He broke Chang for a 5-4 lead in the third set and served out the match to become the first Austrian to win a Grand Slam title.

When Chang hit a backhand wide on Muster's second match point, Muster fell on his back and clasped his hands over his head, while the sellout crowd of 16,500 at the Center Court of Roland Garros rose to give him an ovation.

He then ran into the stands to hug his coach, Ronald Lettgeb.

"It's very special. It's fantastic. I don't know what to say," Muster said after his victory in two hours and one minute.

"I said before the match that a victory won't change my life and I hope it won't. It's been a wonderful day for me."

Muster, seeded fifth, has now won 22 straight finals on clay since losing to Karel Novacek in Munich in 1990.

This was his sixth title this year, all of them coming on clay. His streak includes titles in Monte Carlo and the Italian Open.

Muster had surgery to reconstruct left-knee ligaments crushed when a drunken driver backed into him before the final in Key Biscayne, Florida in March 1989.

He returned to tennis less than six months later, but was still unable to play at Roland Garros and was working as a television commentator when Chang won the title in 1989 as

the youngest male Grand Slam champion at 17.

"When I was a kid I used to dream of standing here and holding the cup."

Every time I had a match



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point I used to think that's the one here."

"I really wanted it and there is not much to say after that," Muster said in a brief victory speech on Center Court. "I hope to see you next year when I defend the title."

Chang praised Muster's consistency. "It's a great accomplishment to go from the beginning of the clay-court season all the way to here. That's commendable."

"Thomas played a great match. It's difficult to play against him when you fall behind."

Muster picked up about \$660,000 for his victory, with Chang getting half of that. After the match, Muster said he would skip Wimbledon, the Grand Slam event, and

take a break after a long clay-court season.

Muster won the 29th title of his career, and all but one have come on clay.

His last loss on clay was in September 1994 in Palermo, Italy, in the second round against Emilio Sanchez.

Chang, 23, wasted four break points and a chance to go up 5-1 in the first set. He did lead 5-2, but Muster broke Chang twice in a row to clinch the set.

"He played tough and hung in there," the American said. "Once he got ahead, Muster rolled on, picking up pace with every shot."

"I started putting more pressure on him and I started playing better tennis. I just tried to relax and play my game."

Chang saved three break points in the fifth game of the third set, but he was doomed in his next service game.

Muster fought off several seeming winners by Chang, retrieving balls from every corner and then won the game with an amazing backhand down the line that stunned the American.

Chang broke right back, however, to level at 4-4 and appeared to be back in the match.

But his hopes were quickly dashed. Muster slammed a forehand winner off Chang's weak second serve and a forehand to the next gave Muster the chance to serve for the match.

On his first match point, Muster hit his usually reliable left-handed forehand into the net but he had the greatest victory of his career when Chang's backhand went wide.

Chang said Muster deserved the victory. "I did have chances to win the first set, but he started playing better tennis and errors crept into my game. But you have to give him credit. When he needed to put his tennis together, he was able to do that over the two weeks here."

Barcelona's fate hangs in the balance

MADRID, June 11: Deposed Spanish champions Barcelona slumped to a shock 1-0 defeat at home against struggling Albacete on Saturday, leaving them still unsure of a place in European competition next season, reports Reuters.

A first half goal by Albacete midfielder Nenad Bjelica was enough to sink Barcelona and bring down the jeers of 80,000 disappointed fans in Nou Camp Stadium.

In third place on 44 points with just one game left to play, the Catalans must watch anxiously today's battle between Seville rivals Real Betis and Sevilla, both two points back and capable of snatching a UEFA Cup place at Barcelona's expense.

The defeat was a sad departure note for Dutch international defender Ronald Koeman, who returns to his home country to play for Feyenoord Rotterdam next season after five successful years, including four league championships, with Barcelona.

The victory for Albacete, third from bottom before this weekend's fixtures, gives them a new lease of life and puts pressure on fellow relegation play-off candidates Atletico Madrid, Racing Santander and Compostela.

New champions Real Madrid scored a late but comfortable win away at modest Celta de Vigo to celebrate their first title in five years, clinched last weekend with a home win over only rivals Deportivo Coruna.

Youngsters Aul Gonzalez and Jose Rivera, both 17, scored in the 82nd and 87th minute of a match Madrid controlled throughout to emphasise the gulf between the top and the bottom of the league.

Deportivo, condemned by last week's defeat in Santiao Bernabeu Stadium to be second in the league for the second year running, took out their frustration on bottom club Logrones.

Five first half goals — two from Bebeto and one each from Miroslav Djukic, Fran Gonzalez and Julio Salinas — sank sad Logrones without trace.

The second half was spent waiting for the final whistle and a crowd invasion to pay tribute to retiring veteran coach Arsenio Iglesias, for whom the match marked his last occasion on the Deportivo bench after a career-long association with the club.

Porto perhaps Robson's last

LISBON, June 11: Former England soccer manager Bobby Robson said on Friday that his job as coach of Portuguese champions Porto will probably be his last in football after turning down an offer from Arsenal, reports Reuters.

"I had an excellent opportunity to return to English football. It could have been perhaps my last contract in football. Perhaps now my career will finish here," said Robson.

"My association with the president (of Porto) is very strong. We have a wonderful relationship and I like working here," he added.

Robson, 62, said he was very honoured to receive Arsenal's invitation to manage the club, but Porto's president Jorge Nuno Pinto da Costa had pressed him to stay.

"I am definitely staying. I will honour my contract for two years," Robson said. "Porto is a magnificent club and we have a good team here."

Arsenal named Bruce Rioch as manager on Thursday as successor to George Graham, who was sacked in February over allegations of irregular transfer payments.

3 Greek booters sent off

HELSENKI, June 11: Three Greek players were sent off on Saturday in their team's 1-0 defeat by Finland in a European under-21 soccer championship qualifier, reports Reuters.

Defender Kefalos was dismissed for chopping down a Finnish attacker two minutes before half time.

Fellow defender Zicos collected his second yellow card in the 80th minute for tripping and teammate Samaras was sent off in injury time after a second dangerous tackle.

Finland striker Jalonen's 21st minute winner has left them with a comfortable lead in Group Eight with 15 points, ahead of Scotland on 12.

Sporting beat Maritimo

LISBON, June 11: Sporting beat Maritimo 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in the final of the Portuguese Soccer Cup on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Scorer: Ivailo Jordanov (9th minute, 86th). Attendance: 55,000.

Double delight for Graf

PARIS, June 11: Steffi Graf captured her fourth French Open title and the No. 1 ranking from Arantxa Sanchez Vicario with a 7-5, 4-6, 6-0 victory Saturday and then broke into tears on the court where she won her first Grand Slam crown eight years ago.

Graf, four days away from her 26th birthday, dominated the defending champion in the decisive set to extend her unbeaten streak this year to 25, reports AP.

It was Graf's first Grand Slam title since the 1994 Australian Open and the 16th Grand Slam crown in her remarkable career.

Graf burst into tears after receiving the trophy and delivering a brief victory speech on Centre Court. "I just want to say I am very happy." Overcome by emotion, she was unable to continue.

Graf's first Grand Slam title came in 1987 at Roland Garros, where she also won in 1988 and 1993.

"This one perhaps meant more. It's not my favourite surface but this win feels really good because two weeks ago I don't expect to be here," Graf said later.

The No. 1 ranking changed hands between Graf and Sanchez Vicario for the sixth time this year.

It was the first time since the 1987 Wimbledon final between Graf and Martina Navratilova that the two top-ranked players met in a Grand Slam final for the No. 1 ranking.

Battling back and leg injuries, Graf has played sparingly this year. But she has lost only two sets, and both here, one in the final to Sanchez Vicario and one in the semifinal against Conchita Martinez. She has won all five tournaments she has played this year.

"It's been a tough year. I played only four tournaments before and I didn't really expect that I would come into the final and be able to win," Graf said. "All that makes this win very special."

The victory was worth 503,740 dollars to Graf, while Sanchez Vicario had to settle for 251,870 dollars.

The final was suspended twice by rain, the second time at 5-0 in the final set, with Sanchez Vicario about to serve to stay in the match.

When they came back 45 minutes later, Graf completed the victory by breaking the Spaniard. Sanchez Vicario won only six points in the 20-minute final set, three of them

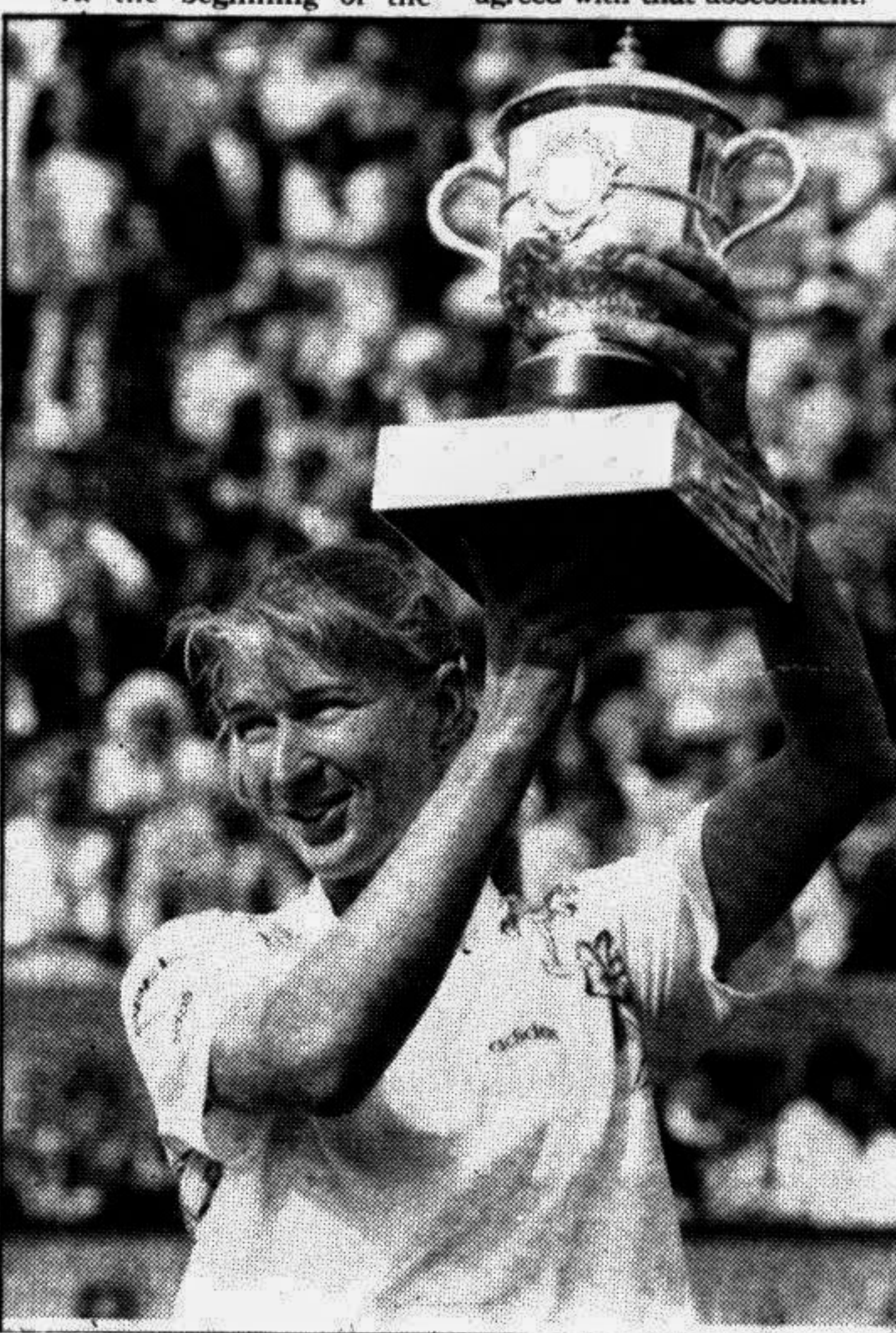
on Graf errors.

The match ended after one hour, 49 minutes when Sanchez Vicario hit a backhand wide.

"At the beginning of the

the Spaniard said.

Graf, who had a tougher route into the final and had to beat three seeded players in six matches to reach the final, agreed with that assessment.



Germany's Steffi Graf holds aloft the French Open trophy after beating Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in the women's singles final at Roland Garros on Saturday. Graf won 7-5, 4-6, 6-0.

third set she hit some lines and I was unlucky and it was 2-0. She played well and she didn't miss as much as I thought she would," said Sanchez Vicario, who was shooting for her third French Open title. She won here also in 1989.

"She got a bit tired in the end and she was making more errors," said Graf, who is battling a cold and allergies, as usual when she comes to Paris.

Sanchez Vicario has been plagued by a stomach virus and fever earlier in the weeks but she had not lost a set until the final and had to play only one seeded player.

"I wish I had more energy today, but I made many more mistakes and she was much more aggressive and played very well when she needed to"

Sanchez Vicario, 23, had lost only once in 22 matches on clay this year until the final.

Graf now holds a 25-8 career edge over Sanchez Vicario, who won the last two matches and beat the German in their last clash, at the US Open final.

With her fourth French Open title, Graf tied for third on the all-time Roland Garros list with Helen Wills-Moody of the United States. Chris Evert leads with seven.

She is two Grand Slam wins away from tying Martina Navratilova on the all-time list.

Graf won the first set when Sanchez Vicario netted a backhand.

The German led 2-0 in the second, then lost the next four games with a series of unforced errors.

GRAF AT A GLANCE

PARIS, June 11 (AP): A quick look at Steffi Graf's tournament victory statistics after beating Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 7-5, 4-6, 6-0 in the French Open final:

Steffi Graf:
1995 Finals record: 5-0
Grand Slam finals record: 16-8

Career finals record: 91-27
Grand Slams won:
1987 French Open
1988 Australian Open
1988 French Open
1988 Wimbledon
1988 US Open
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Graf also won the 1988 Olympic gold medal in women's singles.

All-time leaders of the WTA Tour career singles titles win list:

1. Martina Navratilova 167
2. Chris Evert 157
3. Steffi Graf 91
4. Evonne Goolagong Cawley 88
5. Margaret Court 79

All-time leaders of Grand Slam singles titles win list:

1. Margaret Court 24
2. Helen Wills-Moody 19
3. (tie) Chris Evert 18
4. Martina Navratilova 18
5. Steffi Graf 16

Big blow for Mutwol

NAIROBI, June 11: William Mutwol, Olympic and world bronze medalist, suffered a big defeat in the 3,000 metres steeplechase at the Kenya armed forces athletics championships on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Mutwol finished eighth in eight minutes 44.6 seconds, way behind little-known winner Joseph Keter (8:28.6) on the second and last day of the championships.

Former world junior champion Christopher Koskei was second in 8:29.0. The race produced five qualifiers for the World Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden, in August and the All Africa Games in Harare a month later.

"I waited far too late to get into the picture, thinking these boys were not strong enough. I will have to wait for another chance," Mutwol said.

World champion Ishamel Kirui was beaten into second place in the 5,000 metres when Simon Chemoiwo pipped him on the home stretch.

Chemoiwo clocked 13:37.4 and Kirui 13:37.8 relatively unknown Simon Kiplimo was third in 13:38.1. Olympic silver medalist Paul Bitok and world cross country champion Paul Tergat both failed to finish.

"I am about to come back to my top form and I promise to successfully defend my world title," Kirui said.

He was beaten into second place in the 10,000 metres on Friday by former record holder William Sigel.

Former world 10,000 metres record holder William Sigel, out of action with an ankle injury since February, returned with a win.

The twice world cross country champion won the 10,000 metres in 28 minutes 35.4 seconds from world 5,000 metres champion Ish-mael Kirui, who clocked 28:37.2.

Japan, Sweden split points

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 11: A blunder by veteran goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli seven minutes from the end handed Japan an equaliser and a 2-2 tie in the four-nation Umbro Cup Saturday after Kennet Andersson had fired two goals for the Swedes, reports AP.

Ravelli, playing his 127th international game and team captain, was two yards (metres) outside his area when he mis-hit a clearance to Motohiro Yamaguchi.

The Japanese midfielder headed the ball to striker Hisashi Kurosaki, who rounded a defender before shooting home from eight yards.

Earlier, Toshiya Fujita fired Japan ahead after eight minutes before only 5,591 fans at Nottingham Forest's City Ground, but Kennet Andersson, who plays for Caen in the French league, turned the game around with strikes in the 51st and 68th minutes.

After defeats by England and Brazil, Japan would up with one point from their three games in the tournament and Sweden, who lost to Brazil and tied 3-3 with England, finished with two.

The title will be decided Sunday when England meet Brazil at Wembley.

Swedish manager Tommy Svensson admitted his team had thrown the game away for the second time in three days. Against England at Elland Road Thursday, Sweden conceded two late goals after leading 3-1 with three minutes to go.

"Once again it was a case of throwing the game away at a time when we had control," he said. "But it also proves that we have a lot of inexperienced players who are coming through. Hopefully, they will learn from this."

"But I don't blame just Ravelli for the goal. It was a very difficult and unnecessary pass for him to deal with. Then again, he should have done better."

Japan's manager, Shu Kuno, said he was encouraged by the result and the performance of his team.

"Japan is a small island and it is very difficult for us to play frequently against teams of this quality," he said. "The experience of playing against England, Brazil and Sweden will encourage the team to improve."

"Just by playing three matches like this doesn't mean that Japan is approaching first class. But in Japan young players are growing so probably in a few years the team will be very close to first class."

England U-21 booters win

TOULON, France, June 11: Nick Forster's goal earned England a 1-0 win over Angola on Saturday and put them on course for a semifinal spot in the Toulon under-21 tournament, reports AFP.

Forster headed home just before the break from a cross from front partner Julian Joachim to leave them in second place in Group B behind Brazil.

After the break, Angola tried hard for the equaliser, but it was England who should have added to their tally. But David Beckham's missed penalty was to prove less costly than originally thought.

Brazil head the group with maximum points from two matches after their 3-0 win over Malaysia.

Juninho opened the scoring on 25 minutes. And Leonardo hit home twice after the break through to complete the convincing victory.



Singapore's soccer star Abbas Saad (C), a Lebanese-born Australian, is escorted by policemen as he leaves the court on June 10. Abbas was found guilty for match-fixing and fined US \$35,700 dollars.

IOC to back Samaranch's bid

BUDAPEST, June 11: While the IOC meets this week to select the site for the 2002 Winter Games, another decision could have even greater impact on the future of the Olympics, reports AP.

Members of the International Olympic Committee are expected to approve a rule change that would clear the way for IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch to stay in office into the next century.

Samaranch, who has held the position since 1980, turns 75 in July. Under current age-limit provisions in the Olympic Charter, he would be ineligible for re-election when his third term expires in 1997.

The rules state that IOC members face mandatory retirement at the age of 75—if the IOC president or other executive board members reach 75 while in office, they are required to step down at the end of their term.

Samaranch recently sent a questionnaire to all IOC members to sound out their views about changing the rules. He asked them to check one of four options:

- Do away with the age limit for all members.
- Raise the limit to 78.
- Eliminate the limit for a president in office.
- Make no change.

Olympic officials said the replies showed a consensus in favour of changing the rule, although it wasn't yet clear which option should be used.

The IOC is scheduled to vote on the change this week.

"Some feel the 75 age limit is discriminatory," said Anita DeFrantz, the US member of the IOC executive board. "There are others who say it's important to be able to elect who you wish."

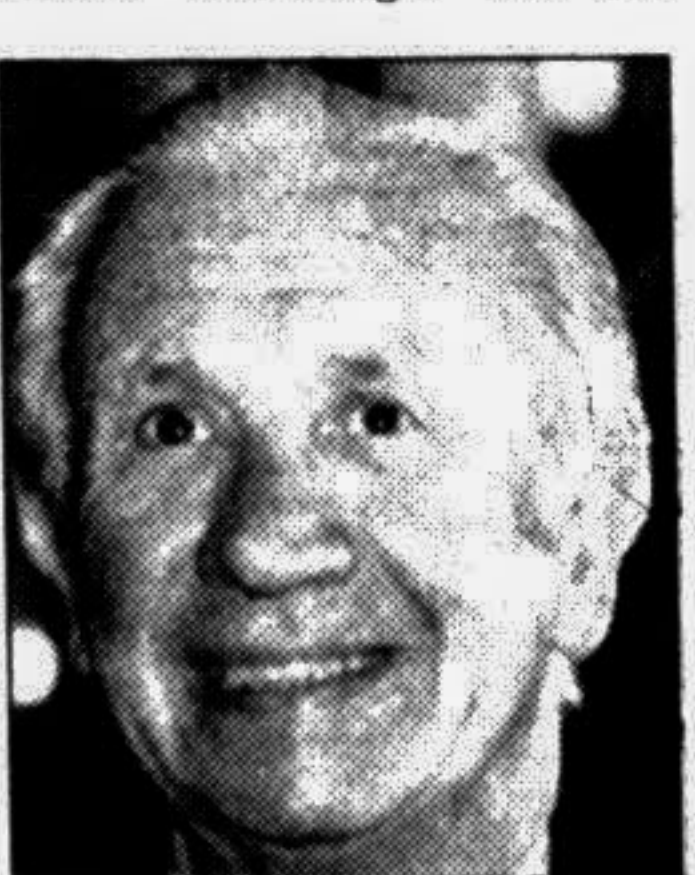
Less enthusiastic about the move is Dick Pound, an executive board member from Canada who was the favourite to succeed Samaranch in 1997.

"I think we would all be complete laughing stocks if we removed the age limit," he said. "We would be laughing stocks if we all moved up to 78 so Samaranch can run again."

That leaves you with the age limit that doesn't apply to the president in office. The result, as far as he is concerned, is the same.

Samaranch seems as reluctant to leave office as two

other elderly sports leaders: Jaoao Havelange, 79, the



SAMARANCH
Brazilian president of world soccer's governing body FIFA, and Italy's Primo Nebiolo, who will be 72 when he is re-

elected in August as chief of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

While Samaranch hasn't announced that he definitely will run in 1997, he will now have the option to do so. Indications are that, if healthy, he will seek another four-year mandate.

With France due to get a new IOC member, there is strong speculation that Samaranch will choose ski great Jean-Claude Killy, winner of three Olympic gold medals in 1968 and co-organizer of the 1992 Albertville Games.

The centerpiece of the IOC meetings will be Friday's vote to designate the 2002 host city. Salt Lake City is the favourite over three other candidates: Ostersund, Sweden; Quebec, Canada, and Sion, Switzerland.

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