Rusedski does it again

NOTTINGHAM, England June 20: Greg Rusedski, the Canadian who recently opted for British citizenship, flopped for the second time in eight days on Monday in his newly adopted country, reports Reuter.

Rusedski was beaten 6-3, 7-6 in the first round of the Nottingham Open by Argentina's Javier Frana after his vaunted booming serve let him down badly.

"It was horrendous," the tall new member of the British Davis Cup team said.

"If I don't do better at Wimbledon next week maybe I'll be watching the Davis Cup from the sidelines instead of playing for Britain.'

The lanky Canadian imwho has an English mother, has become the country's top-ranked player at 58 in the world.

Last week Rusedski, in his first match since switching allegiance, was beaten by 114th-ranked British teammate Mark Petchey in the first round at Queen's Club in London.

With Frana ranked 10 places above him at 48. Rusedski's defeat was not of the same proportions. But he knew he had let his

new fans down again. "It's disappointing for the crowd," he said. "They were right behind me today and I'm disappointed for them.

But I've got to be positive and take it in my strike. It is only two defeats and it is not Wimbledon. "I've been having a lot of

problems with my serve. It was horrendous today, but when, I've got that sorted out it will be the key to my game. "I was a little more tight today than last week but I'm not feeling the pressure of any expectations.

"Frana's a good player but I've beaten him before and I'll be better when I'm playing five set matches like at Wimbledon.

The 21-year-old left-hander's first ATP Tour title came in 1993, ironically with a win over Frana in the final in Newport, Rhode Island.

But this time 10 doublefaults proved costly and Frana, who has come back strongly after missing four months of last year with hepatitis, triumphed with a classier, all-round game.

Stich moves on

HALLE, Germany, June 20: Defending champion Michael Stich struggled and grumbled his way to a win Monday in the first round of the ATP Tour tennis tournament in Halle, defeating German countryman David Prinosil, reports AP.

Playing on a bumpy Centre Court that looked more like it had been used for a week of military maneuvers than grass court play, world No 10 Stich needed a dozen aces, 92 minutes, and 14 double-faults by his opponent to win 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

"The court was in a miserable condition and worse than in Wimbledon after 14 days. It would be better to close down the center court here and play on the training courts," Stich said.

Indeed the side courts were in better condition, and American Patrick McEnroe took advantage of it to trounce Germany's Bernd Karbacher 6-4, 6-1 in a lopsided match.

In other matches, first seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov breezed to an easy 6-4, 6-3 win over Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic, and little-known Sjeng Schalken of the Netherlands held on to win in three sets 2-6, 7-5, 6-4 against Henri Leconte of France.

On Tuesday, Jimmy Connors, now 42 and the winningest man in professional tennis with 109 career titles in singles, plays Sebastian Lareau of Canada.

Connors, 42, was lured into the Halle tournament with a wild card after world No 9 Sergi Bruguera pulled

Promoter denies McCall's injury

LONDON, June 20: The promoters of the Oliver Mc-Call-Frank Bruno world heavyweight title fight at Wembley Stadium Monday dismissed rumours that WBC champion McCall had injured a hand and pulled out of the July 22 contest, reports AP.

"It's just nonsense. It's a rumour that spread around at the weekend after the Riddick Bowe fight," said Andy Ayling, spokesman for British promoter Frank Warren. "We've spoken to Don King and Oliver McCall's not injured. He's coming over here July 2 to set up his training camp and everything's on schedule."

Warren's people contacted King after the injury rumors hit London after apparently starting at Saturday's Riddick Bowe-Jorge Luis Gonzalez fight for the WBO title in Las



PETE SAMPRAS . . . defending Wimbledon champion.

All-England Championships begin June 26

Agassi No 1, Sampras No 2



WIMBLEDON England, June 20: Two-time defending Wimbledon champion Pete will Sampras

have to settle the No 2 seeding behind Andre Agassi at this year's championships, reports AP. The Wimbledon champi-

onships committee decided Monday to stick with the world rankings and made



STEFFI GRAF

Agassi, the 1992 champion, the top men's seed when play begins at the All England Club next week.

In the women's draw, fivetime champion Steffi Graf, who lost in the first round last year, is again the No 1 seed.

Sampras is coming off his worst clay-court season since his emergence as a top player, but again proved his dominance on grass by winning the singles title Sunday in the Queen's Club warmup tournament.

Agassi won this year's Australian Open and later claimed the No 1 world ranking from Sampras. He lost to Todd Martin in the fourth round at

last year's Wimbledon. Unlike the other Grand Slam tournaments, Wimbledon doesn't go strictly by the rankings when naming its seeds. Officials take into account the unique style of play required for grass courts in their attempt to produce a more realistic draw.

Three-time champion Boris Becker is seeded third, matching his world ranking. But bigserving Croat Goran Ivanisevic, a two-time finalist, is rewarded with the No 4 seed two places above his world ranking.

Ivanisevic was bumped ahead of this year's French Open finalists: Michael Chang, who is seeded fifth to match his ranking, and fourthranked Thomas Muster, who is skipping Wimbledon alto-

Also receiving a boost for his grass-court prowess is Frenchman Guy Forget, who finished runner-up to Sampras at Queen's. Forget, ranked No 21, is seeded 16th.

The women's draw contains only one deviation from the world rankings: 1993 runner-up Jana Novotna is seeded fourth, trading places with Mary Pierce, who will be seeded No 5 in her Wimbledon debut.

Defending champion Conchita Martinez is seeded third behind Graf and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, even though Sanchez Vicario has yet to progress beyond the quarterfinals in eight Wimbledon appearances.

The only top 10 women's player not seeded is Magdalena Maleeva, who withdrew from the championships with an injury.

Seedings announced Monday for the 1995 Wimbledon championships, June 26-July 9, at the All England Club

SEEDINGS (world rankings in parentheses): 1. Andre Agassi, United States 2. Pete Sampras, United States 3. Boris Becker, Germany 4. Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia 5. Michael Chang, United States 6. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia 7. Wayne Ferreira, South Africa

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held at the Singapore Indoor Stadium from November 29-December 3, 1995, says a press release.

established the World Grand Prix Badminton (WGPB) Circuit and the finals in 1983 to link the top badminton tournaments worldwide. In a system similar to the ATP Tour in tennis, the 1995 WGPB Circuit combines 21 Open championships throughout the world. By playing this year-long circuit, players earn points according to their success in order to qualify for the WGPB finals.

In May 1994, in a historic long-term alliance which has revolutionised international badminton, Star TV joined forces with the IBF and International Management Group (IMG) to stage the World Grand Prix badminton finals and to promote certain major tournaments on the WGPB Circuit. In 1995, these tournaments include the Korean Open, Malaysian Open, Indonesian Open, US Open

(which is an Olympic Test tournament for Atlanta), and China Open.

minton into a new league,' entertainment".

- men's singles (16 singles if such players do not

The finals prize money will be US \$325,000 — the largest in international badminton. Each event on the WGPB Circuit is given a star rating, from one to six stars. The star system is based on a minimum of total prize money.

The stars of Asia update will begin after the Malaysian Open [4-9 July] providing information for the Grand Prix

Heryatno (INA) is leading in Star points. Top men's doubles players are the young popular and very energetic, Ricky and Rexy of Indonesia.

In the ladies' doubles Denmark (Kirkegaard/Olsen) is leading the pack with 915 points, with two Korean [Gil/Jang] close behind with 900 points.

Lund/Thomsen have quite a large lead of 1,320 points. After each Grand Prix event Star TV/IMG/IBF will hand out the stars of Asia update, keeping the public informed of the players that are gaining on points and which players are truly the Stars of Asia.

Mike Richter, head of sports development, Prime

SSL slaps 1-yr ban on Jansher

LONDON, June 20; World champion Jansher Khan has been banned from playing in the British squash league for the rest of the year after being accused of not trying in a club match, reports Reuter.

Jansher was beaten 10-8, 9-0, 9-0 by Scottish champion Peter Nicol in the third and last match of a semifinal playoff in Bristol last April which his club, Welshback Wizards, had already lost to Cannons Club after lansher's two teammates were both defeated. He played again the following day and won his match in the third-place play-

John Milton, chairman of the Super Squash League (SSL) disciplinary committee, said at the weekend Jansher carried a responsibility as world champion always to display the highest level of professional behaviour.

Milton had earlier communicated the decision to Jansher's agent in a letter, saying the league considered the world number one had not played in a responsible or professional manner against Ni-

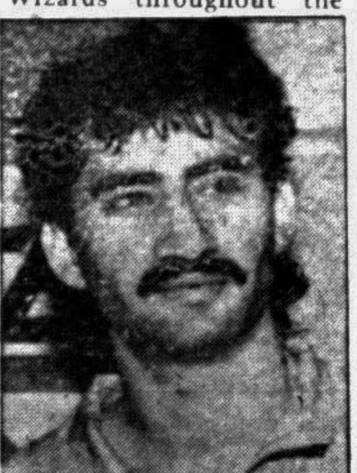
"The SSL must insist on the highest professional standards being set in all departments of the game," he wrote.

Jansher will not be allowed to play for any SSL team for the first seven matches of the 1995-96 season.

"The club is refusing to pay my fee and the league has banned me for not trying hard enough to win in a semifinal dead rubber," Jansher said last week in London.

Jansher, who was breaking his journey home to Peshawar, Pakistan, after winning a tournament in New York, added.

"I do the best I can in every circumstance and I think I gave full value to Welshback Wizards throughout the



JANSHER KHAN

weekend. I just happened to lose what had become an unimportant rubber to a player who can beat me on my bad days." Nicol is the only man to have defeated Jansher in tournament play in the last two years.

Jansher's agent Satinder Baiwa complained the SSL had given them no chance to advance their side of the argu-

TOP RANKINGS

Leading men's world squash rankings' issued on Monday:

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2. Rodney Eyles (Aus)	3,51	1,342.5
3. Brett Martin (Aus)		1,050
4. Peter Marshall (Eng)		977.5
5. Anthony Hill (Aus)		637.5
6. Peter Nicol (Scot)		561.25
7. Stephen Meads (Eng)		523.75
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10. Philip Whitlock (En	g)	422.5

Women's European Cup

Germans blitz Belgians



AMSTERDAM June 20: Germany powered to a record victory in Schefer. the European women's

Belgium 15-0, reports Reuter. Their success in a Group A match eclipsed the former Soviet Union's 11-0 win over Austria in 1984.

hockey on Monday, crushing

German captain Franziska Hentschel and left-winger Nadine Ernsting Krienke both scored five goals and insideright Britta Backet collected a hat-trick

Seven of the goals were corner conversions, the rest came in open play.

Germany's win moved them up to second place in Group A, two points behind England, who beat them 1-0 on Saturday and routed Belgium 9-0 earlier in the tour-The Germans are level on

play England today, but the English have a vastly superior goal difference. Germany led the Belgians 8-0 at halftime and were into

six points with Ireland, who

double figures by the 38th minute. Belgium forced a penalty

stroke from their one shot in of the game.

the match near the end but German goalkeeper Birgit Beyer made a fine save from Belgian captain Marianne

Earlier, Jill Atkins marked her 100th England international with two goals against Italy that effectively put her side into next Friday's semifi-

England beat Italy 3-0 their fourth win without conceding a goal - and are two points clear at the top of Group A.

Atkins scored in the 20th and 42nd minutes with direct corner strikes, giving her a total of 24 goals for England, before Tammy Miller got the third from another corner in the 44th minute.

England rarely displayed the smooth play of their earlier games, being confronted by a physical Italian side who kept most of their players in their own half for the majority of the match.

Sonia Scalia, acting captain with Carla Cotelli under suspension after getting a red card on Saturday, also had to hand over the captaincy when she received a temporary suspension, the only yellow card

Ireland secured their regular spot in the fifth to eighth place play-offs with a 2-1 win

over France. Both their goals were scored by captain Sarah Kalleher, the first from a penalty stroke after 16 minutes and the second four min-

utes into the second half.

French, captain Sophie Llobet reduced the deficit by converting a corner five minutes later, her fifth goal of the competition.

Olympic champions Spain joined the scoring spree at the end of the day, beating the Czech Republic 7-0 in Group

Their fourth victory virtually ensures them of a place in the semifinals for the first

Spain's goals were shared between five players, Maider Telelria and Nagore Gabellanes each scoring twice.

At the end of a high scoring day, Franziska Hentschel (Cermany) and Ellen Kuipers Netherlands) headed the leading scorers with seven goals. Jill Atkins and Mandy Nicholls of England, Nadine Ernsting Krienke (Germany) and Maider Telleria (Spain) each have six.

Conflicts rock Russian soccer

MOSCOW, June 20 : Russian football has found itself embroiled in a whole tapestry of conflicts this season which have rocked the game to its core, reports AFP.

Before the football season even started there was a conflict involving two most influential figures in Russian foot-

Nikolai Tolstykh, the president of the Professional Football League (PFL), and Vyacheslav Koloskov, the president of the Russian Football Union (RFU), were at odds over their organisations rurisdictions.

After an exchange of words in Russian press between the two parties, FIFA intervened to clarify their roles.

During the last month, two more separate conflicts broke out, with Tolstykh in the middle of the controversy in both cases. First, Oleg Romantsev, the

head coach of Spartak

Moscow and the Russian na-

tional team, sharply critised PFL leadership for running the game with corrupt referees. Tolstykh, who is also the president of Dyunamo Moscow Club, the run-away leader in the championship standings and the latest cup

target of Romantsav's attacks. Romantsev is being backed up by at least two other clubs, CSKA Moscow and Tekstilshik Komyshin.

winner, has been the main

Spartak's coach called for Tolstykh to resign his PFL post, if not he said "Spartak may pull out of the Russian championship.

"I will not yield to an ultimatum," stated Tolstykh. His job as league president will come upon review at the league's annual conference on July 12.

Tolstykh, meanwhile, pointed to Romantsev as the man with conflicts of interest. "He (Romantsev) wears

three different hats himself, as coach and president of Spartak and the national team

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coach," said Tolstykh. The latest controversy over the reversal of the match

result between Dynamo-Gazovik of Tyumen and CSKA highlighted the sorry state of the Russian game, with problems ranging from backroom politics to bribery, cheating and allegations of widespread match fixing. The executive committee of the PFL has banned three

tuous week of a actions and counteractions over a controversial game in which the losing side complained. The referee, Viktor Yarygin, a 12-year veteran of officiating in the Russian professional league, disallowed two goals in a 2-0 Tyumen home

referees for life after a tumul-

that the visiting side said were good. The day after the game, CSKA field a protest, claiming "deliberate, biased officiating," using as proof a videotape of

win over CSKA on May 13

the match. Symptomatic of the confusion reigning in Russian football, the league first refused the appeal, then changed its mind last Tuesday and ordered the game replayed.

But the decision contradicted FIFA's March 4, 1995 ruling that "a match cannot be replayed because of referees' mistakes" and also that videotape evidence can only be used to determine players

Brazil beat France

TOULON, France, June 20: Brazil beat plucky France 1-0 here on Wednesday night and lifted the Toulon under-21 trophy for the first time in 12 years, reports AFP.

chances in an evenly-balanced game of entertaining football, but French hopes of an upset were dashed with barely 10 minutes left.

Both sides had scoring

Therefore, the PFL had to reverse its decision again during its meeting with the RFU last Friday and upheld

suspensions, not goal deci-

the original result. Antic joins Atletico MADRID, June 20: Serbian Radomir Antic has signed a

one-year contract to coach

Atletico Madrid, the 20th man to occupy the hot seat during the eight-year reign of volatile chairman Jesus Gil, reports Reuter. Antic, coach of Real Oviedo for the past three seasons after a year on the Real

Madrid bench, signed a con-

tract with Atletico on Mon-

day night and declared himself ready to "work with great enthusiasm for a great club. Atletico, one of the big names of Spanish football but struggling against relegation for the past three seasons,

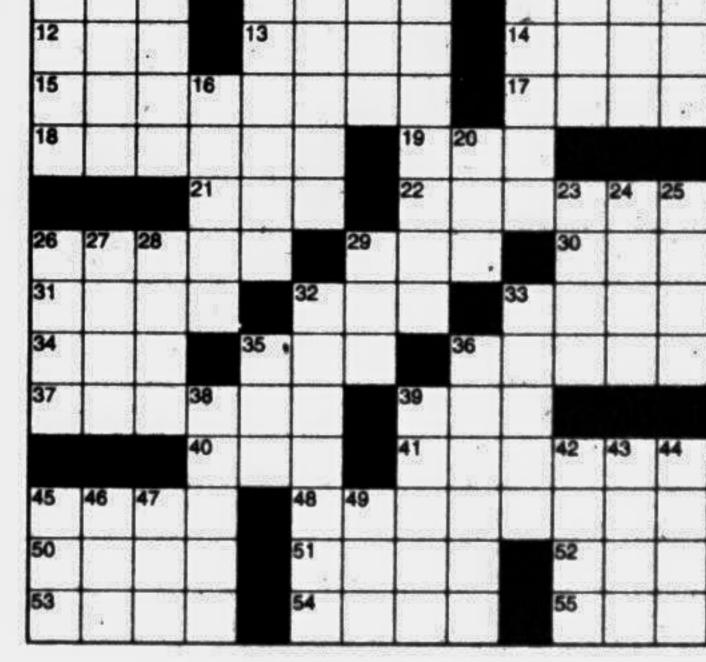
escaped the play-off zone in the last game of this season by forcing a draw at Sevilla. The volatile Gil, whose tempestuous relationship with successive coaches has been as many five come and go within the same season, fell out with

team manager Alfio Basile earlier this month as bad results persisted. Basile walked out amid a vitriolic exchange with Gil, whom he accused of infesting Atletico with informers and

former Argentine national

lackeys. · Antic whose calm professionalism turned Oviedo into one of the most solid teams in the league and sparked the revival of Croatian midfielder and Real Madrid reject Robert Prosinecki, said he had reached full agreement with Gil on his contract.

"I did not propose more than one season as I have confidence that my work will be the guarantee needed for a renewal if the situation arises," he told reporters.



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YHA'S NQAY PEWPRQAP. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I BET THAT HALF A LOAFER IS BETTER THAN NO SHOE AT ALL.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: P equals G

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.

ACROSS '95 World Grand Prix finals 1 Crony 4 Million: prefix



It was announced in Singapore Tuesday that the 1995 world Grand Prix badminton finals will be

· The International Badminton Federation (IBF)

"The IBF/Star/IMG alliance has lifted international badsays David Shaw, IBF executive director. "1995 is the first full year of the agreement and we will build on the success of the 1994 finals and this year's events to ensure that 1995 event in Singapore sets new standards in presentation and

The 1995 WGPB finals will consist of five individual players), Ladies' singles (12 players), men's doubles (8 pairs), ladies doubles (8 pairs), and mixed doubles (8 pairs). Singapore, as the host can have two wild card entries in both the men's and ladies' automatically qualify.

Series points. After the sixth event in the 1995 World Grand Prix Series (All-England 14-18 March), Arbi

the Men's singles with 1,350

In the mixed doubles

Sports/Star TV stated "Badminton is the people's sport of Asia and because Asian players dominate badminton world rankings, Star TV is pleased to present these events to our viewers from the early rounds on through the finals, live and compre-

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