

### 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 import, who 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 stride. 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 double-faults 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 trouble Germany's Bernd Korbacher 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 out.

### Promoter denies McCall's injury

LONDON, June 20: The promoters of the Oliver McCall-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 Vegas.



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 Sampras will have to settle the No 2 seeding behind Andre Agassi at this year's championships, reports AP.

The Wimbledon championships 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, five-time 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 big-serving 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 finalist, Michael Chang, who is seeded fifth to match his ranking, and fourth-ranked Thomas Muster, who is skipping Wimbledon altogether.

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 Seeded announced Monday for the 1995 Wimbledon championships, June 26-July 9, at the All England Club (world rankings in parentheses):

- MEN**
  1. Andre Agassi, United States (1)
  2. Pete Sampras, United States (2)
  3. Boris Becker, Germany (3)
  4. Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia (4)
  5. Michael Chang, United States (5)
  6. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia (6)
  7. Wayne Ferreira, South Africa (7)
  8. Sergi Bruguera, Spain (8)
  9. Michael Stich, Germany (9)
  10. Marc Rosset, Switzerland (10)
  11. Jim Courier, United States (11)
  12. Richard Krajicek, Netherlands (12)
  13. Stefan Edberg, Sweden (13)
  14. Todd Martin, United States (14)
  15. Andrei Medvedev, Ukraine (15)
  16. Guy Forget, France (16)
- WOMEN**
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  2. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Spain (2)
  3. Conchita Martinez, Spain (3)
  4. Jana Novotna, Czech Republic (4)
  5. Mary Pierce, France (5)
  6. Kimiko Date, Japan (6)
  7. Lindsay Davenport, United States (7)
  8. Gabriela Sabatini, Argentina (8)
  9. Anke Huber, Germany (9)
  10. Natasha Zvereva, Belarus (10)
  11. Iva Majoli, Croatia (11)
  12. Amy Frazier, United States (12)
  13. Mary Joe Fernandez, United States (13)
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  15. Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, Netherlands (15)
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## Women's European Cup Germans blitz Belgians



AMSTERDAM, June 20: Germany powered to a record victory in the European Cup women's hockey on Monday, crushing 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.

German captain Franziska Hentschel and left-winger Nadine Ernsting-Krienke both scored five goals and inside-right Britta Backer 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 tournament.

The Germans are level on six points with Ireland, who play England today, but the English have a vastly superior goal difference.

Germany led the Belgians 8-0 at halftime and were into double figures by the 38th minute.

Belgium forced a penalty stroke from their own shot in

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

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

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 of the game.

IRLAND 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 minutes 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 B.

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

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

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

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

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### 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.

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## Conflicts rock Russian soccer

MOSCOW, June 20: Russian football has found itself embroiled in a whole tangle 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 football.

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' jurisdictions.

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 national team, sharply criticised PFL leadership for running the game with corrupt referees.

Tolstykh, who is also the president of Dinamo Moscow Club, the run-away leader in the championship standings and the latest cup winner, has been the main target of Romantsev's attacks.

Romantsev is being backed up by at least two other clubs, CSKA Moscow and Tekstilshchik Komyship.

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 under review at the league's annual conference on July 12.

Tolstykh, meanwhile, pointed to Romantsev as the man with conflicts of interest.

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