Games, we need more expo-

sure than we will be getting in

He says the Sixth All-

Africa Games will serve as

Africa's qualifying round for

next year's Olympics, but he

doubts whether any Zimbab-

weans will be among the

of an arduous, 22-hour road

trip to a regional tournament

in Lesotho earlier this year.

"We will also have to travel to

Botswana by road. But being

crammed into a minibus for

hours on end without any re-

freshments is no way to pre-

complains Malianga, is the de-

lay in fixing a venue for the

boxing events following the

realisation that the first

choice, the Harare Interna-

tional Conference Centre, had

already been booked for a

solar energy conference. More

than 600 boxers are expected

Netball Association chair-

Equally demoralising,

pare for a big fight," he says.

Malianga cites the rigours

Botswana."

qualifiers.

Imran-Jemima off to Kenya for honeymoon

LONDON, June 22: Honeymooners Imran Khan, the Pakistani cricket idol, and his British heiress bride Jemima Goldsmith left London's Heathrow airport Wednesday night for Kenya, reports AP.

Married in an Islamic ceremony in Paris last month, the couple affirmed their vows Tuesday at a London ceremony hailed as the social event of the season. Two cousins of Queen Elizabeth II were among the rich and fa-

mous guests. Mrs Khan told reporters at Heathrow before the couple boarded a scheduled flight to Nairobi: "We'll be away about

two weeks." The couple, who met in London, didn't disclose their travel plans. "I don't know exactly what we will be doing while we are in Kenya. I'm not the planner," Mrs Khan said. Her husband simply shrugged his shoulders.

Khan, 42, a handsome playboy who led Pakistan to victory in the 1992 cricket World Cup, has been tipped in Pakistan as a future prime minister, although he has twice turned down offers to become a government minis-

His 21-year-old wife, a halflewish convert to Islam, is the daughter of financier Sir James Goldsmith and his separated wife Lady Annabel Goldsmith.



James Goldsmith, to wed former Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan in London on Tuesday. - AFP/UNB photo

All's not well at Wimbledon

LONDON, June 22: Reuter Andre Agassi has a hip injury and Boris Becker's right calf hurts. Goran Ivanisevic admits he is mentally fragile and Michael Change is not quite strong enough.

Michael Stich is too inconsistent, Stefan Edberg is but a shadow of his former self and Todd Martin cannot straighten out his game.

All of which leaves Pete Sampras out in his own as a fit and healthy specimen, looking well placed to become the first man to win a third successive Wimbledon title since Bjorn Borg took his fifth straight in 1980.

Until he swept to victory in the London grass-court championships last weekend — in singles and doubles — Sampras looked no better that the rest of the ailing pack after a clay-court campaign that was almost an unmitigated disaster.

He built his early season around his hopes of a claycourt breakthrough at the French Open. But all he got for his pains was a semifinal place in the German Open to go with four first-round de-

One of those was to Austrian Gilbert Schaller in Paris and it was his first Grand Slam opening round defeat since Wimbledon in 1990, a setback from which he bounced back a few months later by winning the US Open for his first major triumph.

The pattern looks like being repeated this time, even if Sampras has been less overwhelming than he was a year

He wants to win not just for himself, not just for a third in succession and not only to help regain the top ranking from Agassi, but also for his ailing coach Tim Gullikson, who is recovering at home from a brain tumour.

Agassi's hip injury left him a forlorn quarter-final loser at the French and he want home to Las Vegas for treatment. The word from his family is that he is practising on grass fully intent on playing at

Olympic sweepstakes

ATLANTA, June 22: Ten million dollars worth of Olympic tickets are up for grabs in the Georgia Lottery Corp's latest scratch -off game, reports AP. The "Olympic Gold" game

begins Tuesday. Players who get matching symbols on their dirs 2 cards in "Tic-Tack-Toe" style can win cash or two tickets to any of more than two dozen events, including the opening and closing ceremonies.

They also can win entry into weekly drawings for cash and tickets. Two grand prize winners -to be selected just before the Games start next yearwill win dirs 50,000, two tickets to either the opening or closing ceremonies, four tickets to the best events for eight days, and hotel accommoda-

tions. "The demand for the opportunity to win Olympic tickets I think will make this the most successful game the Georgia Lottery has ever embarked on." said Rebecca Paul, the lottery corporation's president.

Wimbledon - which he in five sets in 1992 and to

year after injury threatened to keep him away and battled to the fourth round before losing

Becker, meanwhile, went back to Munich for treatment of a calf injury that bothered him during his Queen's club defeat by Guy Forget on Sun-

He pulled out of a scheduled debate at the prestigious Oxford University Union on Wednesday but fully intended to fulfil requirements for two exhibition matches in London at the weekend.

Before the injury struck, Becker had continued his comeback after arresting a decline which took him out of the top 10 rankings.

"A year ago people were saying I would never win another match. Now I'm world number three," he said.

Ivanisevic could reach only the quarter-finals at Queen's and he conceded that being a bundle of nerves has cost him dearly in his two Wimbledon finals which he lost to Agassi

1938 : Simone Mathieu

1939 : Simone Mathieu

1940: No Tournament

1941: No Tournament

1942: No Tournament

1943: No Tournament

1944: No Tournament

1945: No Tournament

1946: Margaret Osborne

would not do if he were not

The American played last to Martin in five sets.

For Becker, like Sampras, grass is the place to play. "The season starts for me on grass. I hardly feel I have to practise

Sampras in three last year.

'I seem to have a good Wimbledon every second year and so this year I want to have a good one to show that is not true," the lanky Croatian said.

The fourth seed, troubled earlier in the year by a serious knee injury, may have the best chance of anyone of unseating Sampras if they meet as scheduled in the semifinals.

"Some people win a major on their first chance. Some need more than that," the holder of the game's biggest served said.

Players like Chang, sixthseeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia and Spain's Sergi Brugguera, seeded eight, are not likely to prove threats.

Stich and Martin at least have the potential to be. Whether Edberg does in doubtful.

The Swede, champion in 1988 and 1990 when he beat Becker in the finals, seems to be on the decline, so much so that when Stich beat him in the second round in Paris, the German suggested that Edberg had already gone on too long.

Edberg insists, however, that he feels he has another major title still to come. Wimbledon could be his final chance.

French Open women's champions

UNDATED, June 22 (AP): Following are the French Open women's singles champions from 1897-1995.

Open women's singles cha	mpions from 1897-1995.
1897: Cecilia Masson	1947 : Patricia Canning Todd
1898 : Cecilia Masson	1948 : Neily Landry
1899 : Cecilia Masson	1949: Margaret Osborne duPont
1900 : Cecilia Prevost	1950 : Doris Hart
1901 : Mme. P. Girod	1951 : Shirley Fry
1902 : Cecilia Masson	1952 : Doris Hart
1903 : Cecilia Masson	1953: Maureen Connolly
1904 : Katie Gillou	1954: Maureen Connolly
1905 : Katie Gillou	1955: Angela Mortimer
1906 : Katie Fenwick	1956: Althea Gibson
1907: Mme. de Kermel	1957 : Shirley Bloomer
1908 : Katie Fenwick	1958 : Susi Koermoczi
1909 : Jeanne Mattey	1394 (1505 144)
1910 : Jeanne Mattey	1959: Christine Truman
1911: Jeanne Mattey	1960 : Darlene Hard 1961 : Ann Haydon
1912 : Jeanne Mattey	######################################
1913: Marguerite Broquedis	
1914: Marguerite Broquedis	
1915: No Tournament	1964: Margaret Smith
1916: No Tournament	1965 : Lesley Turner
1917: No Tournament	1966 : Ann Haydon Jones
1918: No Tournament	1967: Françoise Durr
1919: No Tournament	1968: Nancy Richey 1969: Margaret Smith Court
1920 : Suzanne Lenglen	
1921 : Suzanne Lenglen	1970: Margaret Smith Court
1922 : Suzanne Lenglen	19/1: Evonne Goolagong
1923 : Suzanne Lenglen	1972: Billie Jean Moffett King
1924 : Didi Vlasto	1973: Margaret Smith Court
1925 : Suzanne Lenglen	1974 : Chris Evert
1926 : Suzanne Lenglen	1975 : Chris Evert
1927: Kea Bouman	1976 : Sue Barker
1928: Helen Wills	1977: Mima Jausovec
1929: Helen Wills	1978 : Virginia Ruzici
1930: Helen Wills Moody	1979 : Chris Evert Lloyd
1931 : Cilly Aussem	1980 : Chris Evert Lloyd
1932: Helen Wills Moody	1981: Hana Mandlikova
1933: Margaret C. Scriven	1982 : Martina Navratilova
1934: Margaret C. Scriven	1983 : Chris Evert Lloyd
1935 : Hilda Sperling	1984: Martina Navratilova
1936: Hilda Sperling	1985 : Chris Evert Lloyd
1937 : Hilda Sperling	1986 : Chris Evert Lloyd
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1989: Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

1994 : Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

1987 : Steffi Graf

1988 : Steffi Graf

1990 : Monica Seles

1991: Monica Seles

1992 : Monica Seles

1993 : Steffi Graf

1995 : Steffi Graf

Saga of a sentimental

LONDON, June 22: Pete Sampras does not win just for himself these days, he wins for coach Tim Gullikson as well, reports Reuter.

Gullikson, Sampras's coach since the start of 1992 and one of his closest friends, was struck down by a brain tumour during the Australian Open in January and is still having treatment at home in Illinois.

"It has been the low point for me as a human being, Sampras said on Wednesday "It was the first time I have had someone really close to me go through some really serious health trouble.

"And, as a tennis player, it put everything into perspec tive, that tennis is a great game and I love to win every match I play but it's not the most important thing in life. Your health is the most important thing."

But Sampras, who lost his world number one ranking to Andre Agassi this year, believes winning matches is the best thing he can do for Gul

Sampras believes a third successive Wimbledon title next month would be an ex cellent tonic for Gullikson.

"It would make him feel a lot better because the last two months (on clay) have not been that great," Sampras said. "When he sees me losing out there, he feels for me."

But Sampras, who lost his opening match in four of his five clay court tournaments, denied Gullikson's illness in creased the responsibility on him when he plays.

"When I'm on the tour I'm trying not to think about Tim. I know he's doing well, we're all praying that he gets back to travelling again and lives a long, healthy life.

"He knows I'm trying to win my matches and that is all he really wants," Sampras

Martina hits back at Cash

EASTBOURNE, England June 22: Martina Navratilova hit back on Wednesday at Pat Cash's outspoken criticism of the state of women's tennis, reports Reuter.

Australian Cash, the 1987 Wimbledon champion, dismissed the women's game as "crap" in a television interview this week.

His comment clearly upset 38-year-old Navratilova, who was playing in the doubles event at the women's tournament on England's south

"I just wish he'd stop criticising us," she said. "We don't criticise the men. You don't trash someone just because they are having a bad time at

the moment. "Maybe the French Open wasn't so great, but these things go in peaks and valleys. Right now we are trying to get out of a valley.

Navratilova's retirement from singles, the enforced absence of Monica Seles and Jennifer Capriati's retreat from tennis has left the women's game desperately short of top-class performers. "There is a shortage of su-

perstars who can sell the sport," admitted Navratilova. "When you take away the biggest names like those the sport becomes a bit boring." But she added: "Mary

Pierce has the game and the personality to get up among the greats. She's halfway there already."

Race against time for the continental contest

By Tendal Madinah from Harare

Zimbabwean athletes and sports administrators are pleased that their country is hosting the forthcoming All-Africa Games, but many are unhappy, reports Gemini News Service, with the money they have been given to prepare for the event.

ESPITE promises that preparations for the All-African Games are on track, there are growing fears that neither Zimbabwean athletes nor facilities will be ready for action in September.

Several sports administrators and coaches say they will not benefit from home advantage in the 13-23 September competition "because we won't have time to practise on the new facilities.

They also complain that government grants to help individual sports prepare for the Games are either insufficient or were given too late.

Nevertheless, most sports officials are happy the prestigious event is being staged in Zimbabwe.

"The Games have greatly helped us because it has forced government to buy new equipment and give us money to help refine our athletes," says Neil Nativille, organiser of the gymnasitcs programme.

Although Zimbabwe can not expect more than bronze medals in gymnastics, he says, "after the Games, Zimbabwe sport will be many steps ahead of where it was last

Another official agrees "Just look at the magnificent swimming pool complex in Chitungwiza and the hockey pitches in Harare and Bulawayo. They would not have been built were it not for the Games. He admits that prepara-

tions are behind schedule but savs Zimbabwe deserves a "gold medal" for the highquality facilities that have been installed. "These will help improve our performance in the 1999 All-Africa Games." Says Lovemore Malianga,

president of the Zimbabwe Amateur Boxing Association "We don't want to pretend we're better than we are. The rest of Africa are too good for Malianga complains of a

lack of resources and money to help boxers get vital competition experience : "We wanted to take our boxers to the World Championships,

but the costs were out of our

"We asked for \$600,000 to prepare our team adequately for these Games, but we were only granted \$160,00," says

"This is nowhere near enough and it has badly af fected our training programme. Many of our boxers have been demoralised by

Malianga.

lack of resources." However, government funds have made it possible for his association to take a team of boxers to compete in an East, Central and Southern African Amateur Boxing Association tournament in

This is the last big competition before the Games in which Zimbabwe's boxers can get important experience against teams from 13 countries. Malianga, however, says it is not enough and does not match the sort of exposure

Botswana at the end of June.

to participate in the All-Africa contest person Evà Chirwa is angry that nobody will be competing for medals in netball because it remains only a demonstration sport. Chirwa describes their \$100,000 allocation as very small and says the money is almost exhausted: "We had

> enough grant to go to countries like Wales, England, Denmark, Sweden or Australia, where the sport is very popular. She says that the South African and Malawian teams have been preparing by training and playing in Europe, and that there is little

hoped to be given a big

poorly prepared team will be overshadowed. Chirwa wanted to join teams from Namibia, South Africa and Malawi for the World Championships in Sweden in July, but it has proved impossible to go. She is also upset that the netball court will be ready only in August, just weeks before the

doubt that Zimbabwe's

Zimbabwe's Amateur Athletics Association president, Robert Mutsauki, says Zim-

babwe faces a crisis of talent in field events and in women's

Mutsauki points out that although national records have been broken, they fall below even the qualifying requirements for the Games. As hosts, Zimbabwe will be allowed to compete, he says, but there is only a slender chance of picking up any medals.

Roland Vernueleim's 61.90m national record in the javelin, for example, is more than three metres short of the qualifying distance. The Zimbabwe pole vault record in 4.25 while the standard is 4 70m

But Mutsauki hopes for at least eight medals from the 10 European-based Zimbabwe athletes who will be coming for the Games. For the women, he says middle-distance track star Julia Sakala is Zimbabwe's only hope.

He, too, complains about inadequate funding. Only a quarter of the \$850,000 asked for was given.

This affects performances, he says: "We could have sent athletes to South Africa last year, but we failed because we didn't have the money We would have preferred that funds soon after the government decided how much to give each sporting discipline sometime last year, not just a few weeks before the Games. It would he unfair to demand that we deliver the goods

Even preparations for the country's most popular sport, soccer, have been a fiasco.

Zimbabwe has not played any friendly matches since they automatically qualified as hosts. Preparations for the Olympic Games Qualifier against Malawi in April were not taken seriously, although the same team was due to compete in the All-Africa Games. Since the inception of the

Games in 1965, three hosts -Congo, Nigeria and Algeria have won the tournament, but the chances for Zimbabwe to match their success look remote. Zimbabwe's Under-23

team faces a daunting task against Algeria, Mauritius, Nigeria, Zambia, Congo, Cameroon, Egypt and Guinea, all of which have excellent youth policies. Zimbabwe Football Asso-

ciation chairman Leo Mugabe says their \$100,000 allocation is inadequate — the same paltry funding as netball.

— Gemini News

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Foreman — aged, agile & ambitious 200 metres. They were

Games.

LOS ANGELES, June 22: George Foreman smiles a lot these days. After all, he's heavyweight champion, has just completed an autobiography and is frequently mentioned as a potential opponent for Mike Tyson.

Foreman would love to finish his long career against Tyson — but only on his terms, reports AP. His two conditions for

fighting Tyson, are - promoter Don King can't be involved, and it has to happen in the next seven months. Foreman said that under

no circumstances will be fight beyond the end of 1995. He turns 47 on Jan, 10, 1996. Foreman first became

prominent in his sport in 1968 when he won the Olympic heavyweight gold medal. Twenty-seven years later, he's still going strong. In November, he stunned

the boxing world when he knocked out Michael Moorer to become the oldest heavyweight champion and cap the comeback he began in 1987 Foreman first won the

Zimbabwean goalkeeper Bruce Grobelaar

enjoyed by boxers in South

Africa: "To stand a chance of

winning a medal at the

Only an outside chance of victory

heavyweight championship in 1973 when he knocked out Joe Frazier. His most recent bout was a controversial split decision over Axel Schulz of Germany on April 22. "It could be one (more

foreman said in an interview as he relaxed in his plush Century City hotel suit. "It's going to have to be the right He smiled again when

fight), it could be not any,

asked about fighting Tyson, who was released from prison earlier this year. "If he wants to do it before

the year end, it's a done deal, Foreman said." "(But) I'm not going to do any dealings with Don King. I'm going to discourage Mike Tyson from dealing with Don King. "I'm hoping Tyson will di-

vorce himself from Don King. He cannot be my promoter he'll never count my change.

"It's not that I don't like the man, I really love him. But he should not be promoting major fights.

"It's about an American story, it's me," he said. "I've noticed all the books coming and going. There's got to be a sensational point. That's not what I wanted to do."

When Foreman won his Olympic gold medal in Mexico City, he waved a small US flag in the ring to celebrate. The move came shortly

after Tommie Smith and John Carlos demonstrated by raising black gloved clenched fists a show of support for the civil rights protests in the United States at the time on the victory stand after finishing first and third in the

Sportsmen honoured

The Barbados cricketer Everton Weekes, one of the Greatest of West Indian Test batsmen, has been made a Knight. Everton Weekes became a key player in Test cricket from his debut in 1944-5 and was a major factor in his country's dominance in the 50s when he produced a string of record-breaking Test centuries.

Britain's recent matchwinning kicker in the current rugby World Cup, Rob Andrew is made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. Rob Andrew scored the lastminute dropped goal that secured an England quarter-final victory over Australia.

Among other sportsmen Peter Blake, the captain of New Zealand's yachting team which won the America's Cup, has been Knighted.

The list of 30 new Knights includes titles for the former athlete Christopher Chataway who is no chairman of Bri tain's Civil Aviation Author ity, for John Drummond, or ganiser of the BBC's famous Promenade concerts, for the yachtsman William Robert Knox Johston and for the historian Martin Gilbert. - LPS

Olympic village. Foreman says in his book, his waving the flag was misunderstood. "Despite the later press reports and most people's interpretation, my weaving the

quickly expelled from the

ture of patriotism it appeared to be", Foreman wrote. "Nor was it a counter-demonstration to Tommie Smith and John Carlos ... "I meant the waving to say,

flag wasn't exactly the ges-

"this is an American who won this medal." Along with collaborator Joel Engel, Foreman told of

giving up alcohol on his 19th birthday because of its negative effects on him, and of what he believes was a neardeath experience in Puerto Rico in 1977 following a loss to Jimmy Young. "In that dressing room, I'm

getting ready to die," Foreman recalled. "I had a vision in that dressing room. I was dead. I had another chance to live. I wanted people to love me. And I had a chance to love people. "It was in my thoughts, I

died. I didn't believe in religion. I was snatched out of my life," I ceased to exist. It was like a gigantic hand pulled me. The next thing I know, I was on the street, preaching. I was ordained in 1978. It over-took my life The rage I had, the meanness had, I lost in Puerto Rico. So I never boxed again. For more than 10 years anyway

"The last of 1987, I just literally ran out of money, and I had this youth centre, he said. "I either had to close this thing.

"I said, 'I know how to get money. I was 37 years old. I said. I'm going to be heavyweight champion of the world I weighed 315 pounds [143 kilograms], or more. That was a time when you don't get on the scale." Looking fit, Foreman said

he weighs about 260 pounds (118 kilos) "I box at 250 (113 kilos)",

he said "But not for much longer."

FALKE FOREMAN ... bits to end on a high