



Participants of the Olympic Day Run marking the World Olympic Day '95 start off from the Army Stadium, yesterday. — Star photo

### Wimbledon's leading ladies

**LONDON, June 23:** Mary Pierce has arrived and Martina Navratilova has gone, but the new-look women's singles draw is unlikely to upset Steffi Graf in her pursuit of a sixth Wimbledon title, reports Reuter.

The elegant Pierce, winner of the Australian Open, adds glamour to the tournament, but her style, so effective on slower surfaces, is little adapted to grass.

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The US based Frenchwoman, who has shunned Wimbledon up to now, dropping out with only 48 hours to go last year, will be giving her best shot in 1995.

"Although the surface is a very rare one to me, my game is one which you can enjoy on any surface," Pierce, seeded fifth, maintained.

She takes heart from Andre Agassi's record. The men's number one, hardly a serve and volleyer himself, avoided Wimbledon for several years then blazed in to win the title.

"I've just got to practise a lot and treat it like a hard court with a few dodgy bounces."

With Navratilova gone after more than 20 years of Wimbledon singles, there are few fast court specialists

among the women.

Jana Novotna comes near, with her athletic attacking game and sharp volleys. But the fourth-seeded Czech has a ragged temperament which has let her down too often, most notably in 1993 when she went on the Duchess of Kent's shoulder after losing a commanding lead to Graf in the final.

Sheer will power and paucity of opposition are likely to propel second seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario through the draw as she slugs it out from the baseline.

But the Spaniard could have trouble in the third round where she is scheduled to meet experienced campaigner Zina Garrison-Jackson, runner-up to Navratilova in 1990 and winner of the Birmingham warm-up tournament last week.

Fellow-Spaniard and defending champion Conchita Martinez proved during her emotionally charged final battle with Navratilova last year, that she could keep her nerve and attack.

She has had some success this year with wins at Amelia Island, Hilton Head, Hamburg and Rome, but she does not enjoy Graf's range of shots.

The draw has some dangerous floaters, however, and Graf in particular will be more than wary of players capable of rising to the occasion at the

All-England Club.

Last year, the German world number one went out in the first round to hard-hitting American Lori McNeil, runner-up at Birmingham this year and always a menace on grass.

This year she faces 14-year-old Swiss prodigy Martina Hingis, who has risen to Number 19 in the world rankings in her first full year on the adult tour.

Hingis, last year's French and Wimbledon junior champion could consider herself unlucky to be meeting Graf in her first outing but she is full of youthful optimism.

"Certainly, it is not an easy draw. But if I have to play Steffi I will prefer to meet her in the first round than later. Anyway, I just love playing at Wimbledon," she enthused.

The 26-year-old Graf, who felt last year's humiliation keenly — she was the first reigning women's champion to go out in the first round for 32 years — is unlikely to make the same mistakes twice.

She has had a rough 12 months, losing to Sanchez Vicario at the US Open, losing her top world ranking and suffering from a debilitating back condition which put her out of the game for six weeks in April.

Her comeback was then delayed by illness and it was relatively untried that she returned to capture the French Open, proving she had lost none of her eagerness to win.

"I discovered I could not only still play well but also win again and there is no better feeling," she said.

Graf is currently in Germany receiving treatment for an injured right wrist, but it is not thought serious.

### Bruguera, Berasategui pull out

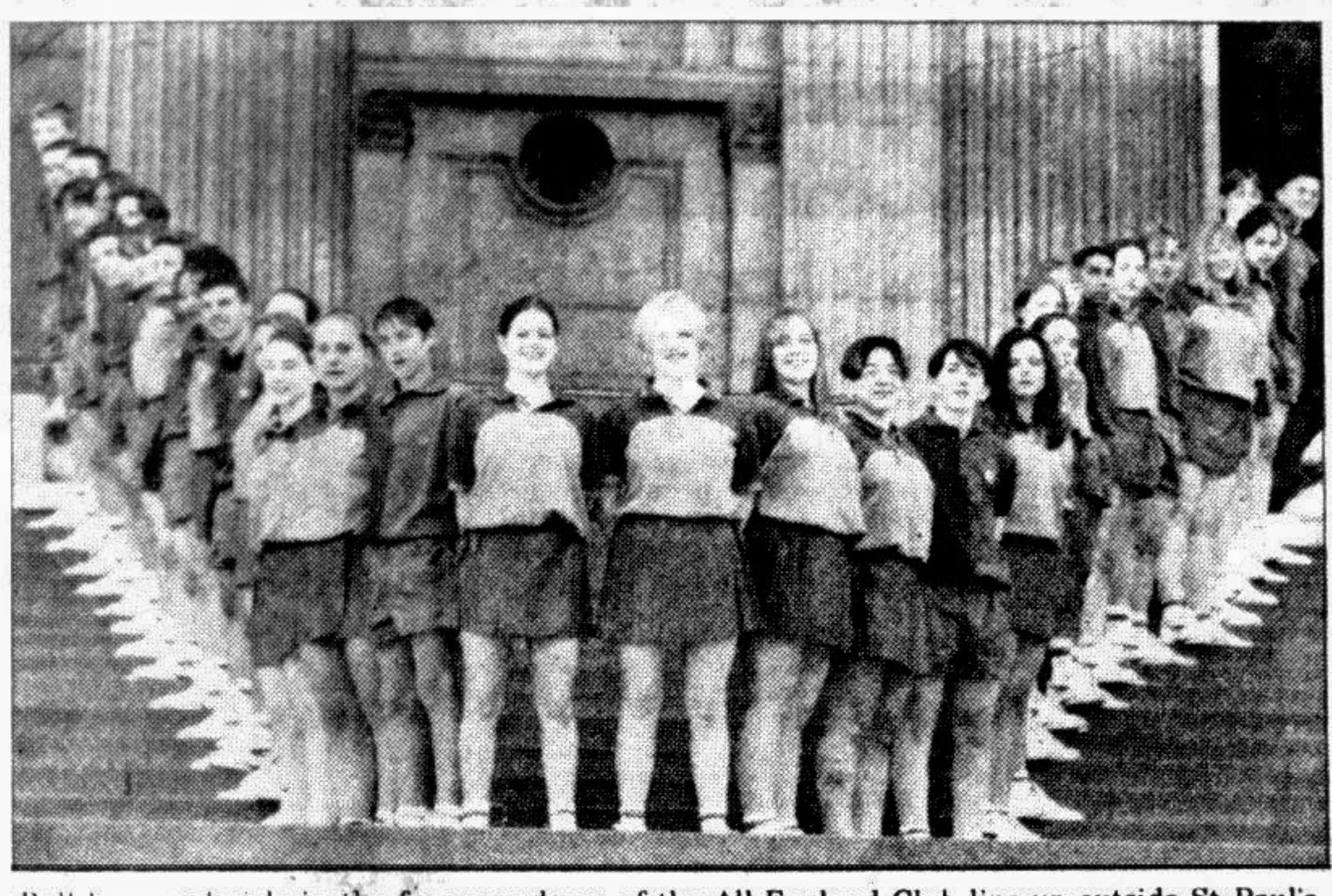
**WIMBLEDON, June 23:** Spanish clay-court specialists Sergi Bruguera and Alberto Berasategui withdrew Thursday from the Wimbledon championships, reports AP.

A statement from the All England Club said that both Bruguera, the No. 8 seed, and Berasategui cited injuries for their withdrawals. The statement did not specify what the injuries were.

Because the draw has already taken place, Wimbledon will request both players to undergo medical examinations to confirm the injuries before the championships start Monday.

Bruguera defeated Berasategui in the French Open final on clay last year, but both players have shown a disdain for grass. Bruguera has played at Wimbledon only once since 1990, and Berasategui has never played at the All England Club.

Berasategui, ranked No. 12 but not seeded by the Wimbledon committee.



Ball boys and girls in the famous colours of the All-England Club line-up outside St Paul's Cathedral before a memorial service for the late British tennis legend Fred Perry. — AFP/UNB photo

### Tributes paid to Perry

**LONDON, June 23:** World tennis stars gathered at a special memorial service at St Paul's Cathedral here on Thursday to pay tribute to England's three-time Wimbledon champion Fred Perry who died four months ago, from injuries sustained when he slipped in his bathroom at the Australian hotel he was staying in for the Australian Open, aged 85, reports AFP.

Perry, who won his crowns at the All-England Club in 1934, 1935 and 1936, was known simply as "Mr Tennis" to many of the players and celebrities packed inside the cathedral.

The current world number-one Steffi Graf was to have read one of the verses of Rudyard Kipling's famous poem "If" at the service — but she was unable to attend after returning to Germany for treatment to a wrist injury sustained in training for this year's championships which start on Monday.

Her place was taken by nine-time Wimbledon champion Martina Navratilova while other verses were read by Britain's Virginia Wade, John Newcombe of Australia and this year's defending Wimbledon champion Pete Sampras.

Ball boys and girls in the Wimbledon Club's famous green and purple colours, lined the steps to the cathedral, and among former players attending the service were Romania's Ilie Nastase, Australian Ken Rosewall, and Americans Stan Smith and Tony Trabert.

"He was Mr Tennis for me. He was Mr Tennis for everybody. He was the best," said Nastase.

Wade, who became the last British player to win a singles crown at Wimbledon in 1977, said: "He was larger than life. He had a tremendous character and personality."

Trabert, Wimbledon champion in 1955 and a friend of Perry's for 45 years, summed up the Englishman when he said: "He was simply fun to be around."

The congregation delighted in the retelling of Perry's tennis triumphs, his Wimbledon hat trick and his Davis Cup wins for England.

"Fred obviously loved tennis very, very much and no-one watched more tennis than Fred," said Trabert.

"The media just loved him. To the young and the old alike he was always friendly, always courteous and very quotable, he passed his elegance on to the game."

The American recalled what Perry said after the

Englishman was inducted as the first non-American into the tennis Hall of Fame in 1975.

"This is like being embalmed," Perry said, "Or like being at your own funeral while you're still alive."

A former world table tennis champion, Perry won eight Grand Slam titles, including the US Open in 1933, '34 and '36, the Australian in 1934, and the French in 1935.

Perry, who is survived by his wife Bobby, turned soon after his third Wimbledon title and was ostracised by All-England Club officials because of their strict stance on amateurism. But he returned as a broadcaster and worked for the British Broadcasting Corporation well into his 80s.

### Seles takes a first step

**ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, June 23:** The site of Monica Seles' first tennis match in more than two years, a three-set exhibition with Martina Navratilova, will be Atlantic City, promoters announced on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The "return of champions" match will be held at the Atlantic City Convention Centre.

Seles, 21, has not played professionally since April 30, 1993, when she was stabbed during a match in Hamburg, Germany. She was the top-ranked woman player in the world at the time.

Navratilova, 38, retired from four singles events last year after winning more tournaments than any other tennis player ever. She is competing in doubles next week at Wimbledon with current singles world number one Steffi Graf.

### Agassi alive & kicking

**LONDON, June 23:** World number-one Andre Agassi, who limped out of the French Open earlier this month with a hip injury, flew into London on Thursday and declared himself fully fit for next week's Wimbledon, reports AFP.

The 25-year-old American top seed, who is hoping to add a second singles win after his 1992 triumph, said his injury had responded well to intensive treatment back in the United States and that he was raring to go.

"The injury is great now and I am fully fit," grinned Agassi, who was wearing a baseball cap and heavy silver-framed sunglasses.

"I have managed to play a bit on grass and I'm looking forward to the championships."

### Demoralised Date!

**EASTBOURNE, England, June 23:** World number six Kimiko Date said on Thursday her Wimbledon preparations had been badly affected by unwarranted gossip following a story in a Japanese magazine, reports Reuter.

The 24-year-old from Tokyo revealed hidden heartbreak to account for Thursday's surprise quarter-final defeat in the women's grasscourt championships at Eastbourne by little-known American Chanda Rubin.

Top seed Date crumbled 3-6, 0-6 then disclosed her anguish over a story suggesting the French Open semifinalist was having an affair with coach Kadr Maruyama.

"That hurt me deep inside," said Date. "The writer of that article bothered me and now I'm unstable mentally."

"There was no truth whatsoever in what he wrote. But it has affected my working relationship with my coach."

"Because of this gossip, I am not as disappointed about going out of the tournament as you may think. I just couldn't get into it."

Date believes she will be unable to recover her composure before facing Belgium's Sabine Appelmans in the first round at Wimbledon next week.

She added: "It will take a long time for me to feel better about this. I hope the writer realises that."

Date didn't even move on Thursday as Rubin smashed an ace to clinch her place in the semifinals.

There she will meet another unseeded player, Germany's Christina Singer, who defeated Indonesian Yauk Basuki 6-4, 6-4.

The other semifinal will be between Natasha Zvereva of Belarus and Nathalie Tauziat of France, who ousted Lori McNeil the woman who sent champion Steffi Graf spinning out in the first round at Wimbledon last year.

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### Tender Notice

Memo No. MOEF/PS-ITA-8/95/18 Dated: 17 June, 1995  
 Project Title: National Environmental Management Action Plan (NEMAP)  
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 Tenders are invited from bonafide printing firms for the printing of various documents (Multicolour) of the above mentioned Project.  
 Dummy sample of the documents will be available at the office of the undersigned and interested printing firms are advised to inspect the documents prior to participating in the tender. Evaluation of the tender will be done on a two envelopes system where the financial offers of only the technically qualified firms will be opened.  
 Schedules will be available from 28 June, 1995 during office hours from the office of the undersigned. Interested firms must drop their completed tenders by 12:30 PM at the office of the undersigned on 8 July, 1995. The tender will be opened at 12:45 PM on the same day in presence of the tenderers (if anyone is present). No schedule will be distributed on the day of opening of the tender.  
 The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all of the tenders.

**Karar Mahmud Hasan**  
 National Project Director  
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 Deputy Secretary-MOEF.  
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### Notice Inviting Tenders

No. 108 of 94-95

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from special class-I, class-II (one) approved Bldg. contractors of PWD, class-II, Bldg. contractors of PWD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka, class-III, Bldg. contractors of Savar PWD Circle, Dhaka and class-IV, Bldg. contractors of Savar PWD Division, SB Nagar, Dhaka for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineers, Manikgonj PWD Division, Manikgonj/Gazipur PWD Division, Gazipur/Mirpur PWD Division, Dhaka/Eden Bldg. PWD Divn. Dhaka in the respective offices up to 12-00 Noon of 28-6-95 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in sealed cover with the name of the work superscribed on it. No tender will be sold to the contractors/firms who has no "VAT" Registration.

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3. Estimated cost :  
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6. Tender Form No. 2911 together with schedule of items, special terms and conditions specifications etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and the office of the Executive Engineers as mentioned in Sl. No. 1 up to 27-6-95 during office hours on payment of usual charges and no tender will be sold on the date fixed for opening of the tender.

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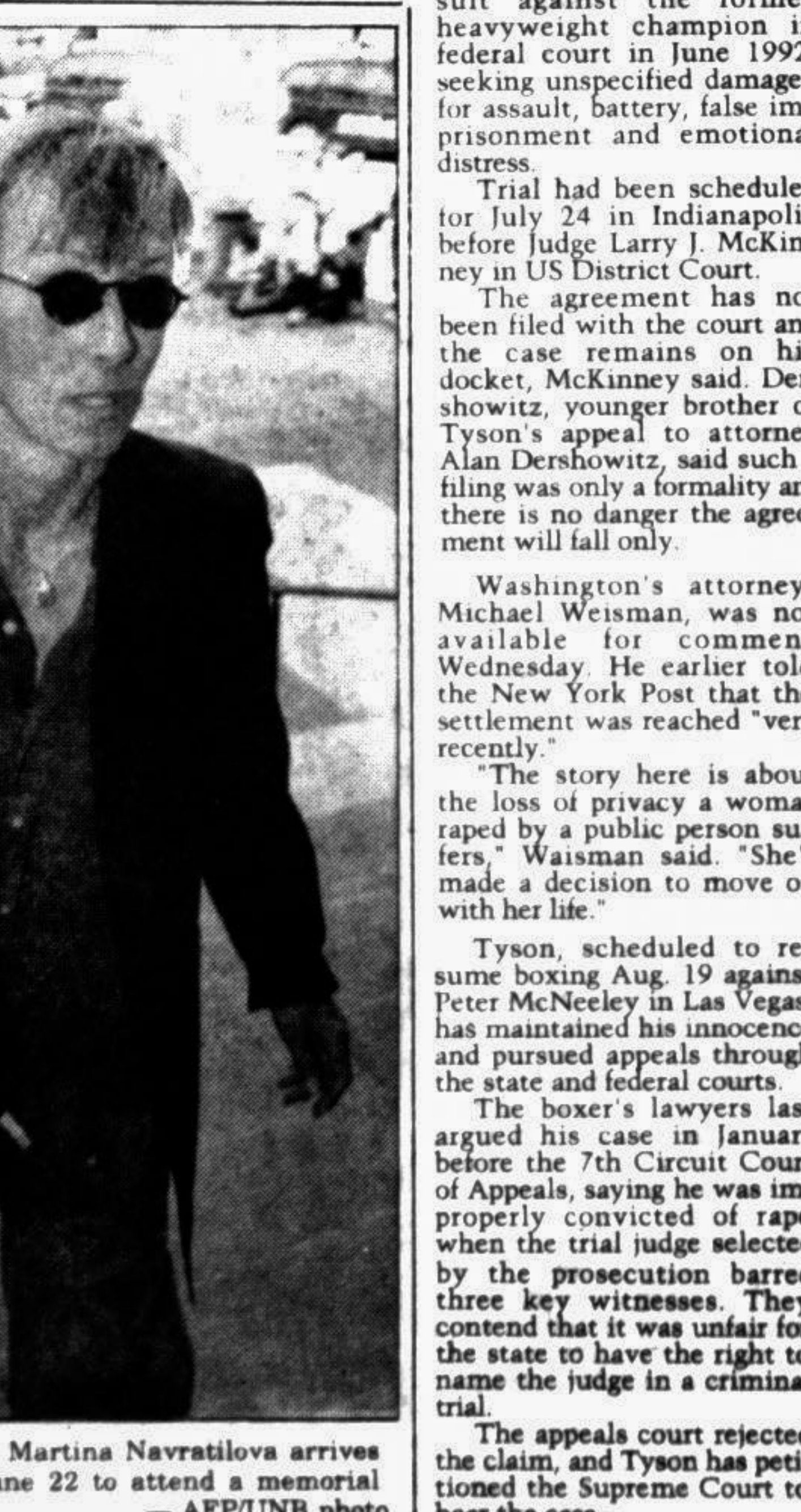
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 Dhaka-1207

Memo No: LGED/PT-ST-IT-1/95/559 Dated: 21-06-95

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 (c) Cable and telephone numbers;  
 (d) The names of the partners/directors of the firm(s) and corporate profile of the firm(s);  
 (e) List of key personnel likely to be involved in this work with curriculum vitae;  
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4. The application must be directly responsive to the requirements mentioned in para 3 above. Information on 3 (e) and 3 (f) should be in sufficient details to be verifiable.

5. Applications for prequalification will be received by the office of the undersigned on or before 12-07-95 during office hours.

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 Project Director.  
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