

Copa America Hosts open against Venezuela

MONTEVIDEO, July 5: Uruguay coach Hector Nunez has pleaded with fans to be patient when the hosts kick off the Copa America against Venezuela here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

"We believe we can win this tournament but don't expect us to be a hit straight off," he said. "We may need time to get into our stride so I ask the fans to be patient."

Uruguay are pinning their hopes on veteran trio Enzo Francescoli, Daniel Fonseca and Marcelo Otero.

"The team has looked good in training and we aim to give the country something to cheer about," he added.

A sell-out 75,000 crowd will see the opening match at the Estadio Centenario kick off at 20h35 local (23h35gmt).

Argentina's BB attack had a cautious spell in training on Tuesday.

Gabriel Batistuta had a right leg strain and Abel Balbo a broken finger in his right hand.

But both will be fit for Saturday's group B match against Bolivia.

"I'm looking to score at least 10 goals," said a confident Batistuta who was leading scorer with 26 goals for Fiorentina in the Italian First Division last season.

Former World Cup winning captain Daniel Passarella, who took over as coach, from Alfio Basile after the 1994 World Cup, has picked 18-year-old Marcelo Gallardo in midfield.

FAM means business

KUALA LUMPUR, July 5: Malaysia will now ban corrupt players for life as it steps up a war to stamp out by next year bribery that has resurfaced and is threatening to destroy the sport, officials said today, reports AFP.

The Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) decided after a four-hour meeting late Tuesday that the annual Premier League would be suspended next year if the tougher measures still failed to clean up the game, FAM officials said.

"This (suspension) won't be a good idea as it will hurt both the game and the innocent players, but if everything we have done still cannot deter players from fixing matches, we have no choice," deputy FAM president Prince Abdullah Ahmad Shah was reported saying.

Prince Abdullah's father, Sultan Ahmad Saha, the ruler of the central Pahang state, who is also FAM president, had chaired the meeting following six fresh arrests of players from the Sabah team for allegedly rigging matches in this year's ongoing league tournament.

Officials said they were disappointed that rigging continued despite the arrests of about 150 players and officials in a nation-wide swoop last year.

Of those detained, 19 players and two coaches were sent into internal exile to remote areas, while 57 other players and an assistant coach were suspended for between one and four years.

FAM decided Tuesday that players found guilty of rigging either by a court of law or the FAM disciplinary board and banished into exile would now be banned from playing for life.

"We are also going to look into the possibility of filing civil suits against the 21 banished and the 58 suspended for bringing the game into disrepute," Prince Abdullah said.

Lewis floors Fortune

DUBLIN, July 5: Former WBC world heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis looked impressive with a tougher than expected fourth round knockout of unrated Australian Justin Fortune Sunday, reports AP.

Lewis came out in the fourth round after trainer Emmanuel Steward told him to pick up the pace, and a flurry of punches early on had Fortune wobbling.

One vicious right to Fortune's exposed head rocked the Australian and while he was stumbling on his feet, three brutal right uppercuts sent him against the ropes and on the canvas, and the referee stopped the bout.

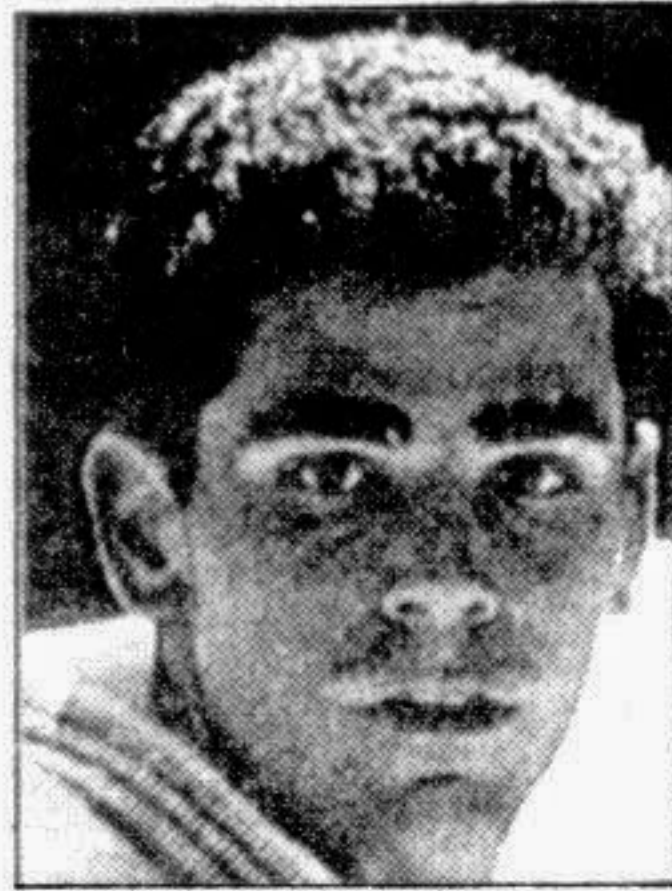
Desperate to have a change to win back the world title, he lost to Oliver McCall in two rounds in London last September, Lewis manager Frank Maloney said he expected him to have a title fight before October, with McCall's WBC belt the priority.

This was the Englishman's second outing after his loss to McCall.

WINDOW ON WIMBLEDON

From Our Sports Correspondent

LONDON, July 5: Top seed Andre Agassi has reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon for the fourth time in his career. He made his debut in 1987 and lost in the first round to Henri Laconte of France 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. He did not play at the Wimbledon until 1991. He was seeded number 5 and reached the quarterfinal but lost to David Wheaton 6-2, 0-6, 3-6, 7-6 and 6-2. He beat David Wheaton this year in the fourth round in four sets. In



PETE SAMPRAS

1992 Agassi, seeded number 12, won his first career Grand Slam singles title defeating Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 in the final. In 1993, Agassi, as the number 8 seed again lost in the quarterfinals, this time to eventual champion Pete Sampras 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-4. And last year as the number 12 seed lost in the round of 16 to Todd Martin 6-3, 7-5, 6-7, 4-6, 6-1.

For the first time Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands has



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reached the Wimbledon quarterfinals round. He reached his first Grand Slam quarterfinals earlier this year at the 1995 Ford Australian Open losing that round to Aaron Krickstein 7-6, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. His previous best at the Wimbledon was round of 16 finish in 1991 where he lost to his next opponent Andre Agassi 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Playing in his 27th career Grand Slam and 8th career Wimbledon, Goran Ivanisevic has lifted his career Grand Slam record to 63-26 (25-7) at Wimbledon and his career grass court record to 34-11. He has won more matches

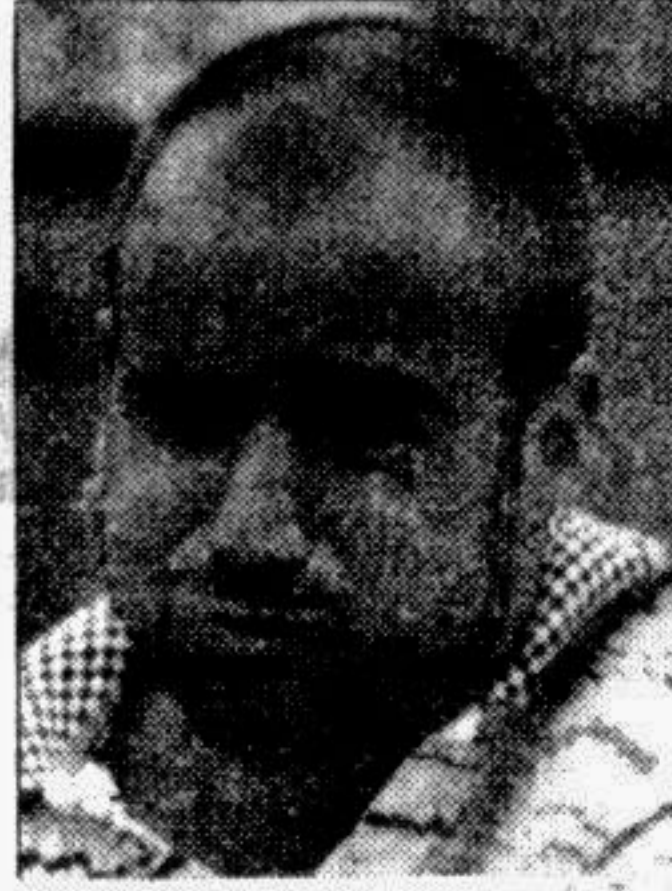
here at the championships than at any other Grand Slam played, reaching the final twice (in 1992 losing to Agassi 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 and in 1994 to Sampras 7-6, 7-6, 6-0). Between last year's Wimbledon and this year's, Ivanisevic had not won a Grand Slam match losing in the first round at the US Open, at the Australian Open and at the French Open. Ivanisevic played his first career Grand Slam at 1988 Wimbledon as a qualifier losing to Amos Mansdorf. At the 1989 Ford Australian Open, also as a qualifier, he reached the quarterfinals falling to Miloslav Mecir 7-5, 6-0, 6-3. Ivanisevic reached his first Grand Slam semifinals at 1990 Wimbledon losing to Boris Becker 4-6, 7-6, 6-0, 7-6.

Playing in his only 8th career Grand Slam and second Wimbledon, number 6 seed Yevgeni Kafelnikov of Russia has advanced to his first Wimbledon but third Grand Slam quarterfinal round. Kafelnikov achieved his first Grand Slam quarterfinal round at the Ford Australian Open defeating Todd Martin of the United States 6-1, 6-4, 6-2. In the round of 16, falling to eventual champion Agassi 6-2, 7-5, 6-0. At the French Open this year he achieved his first Grand Slam semifinals defeating Andre Agassi of the US in the quarterfinals 6-4, 6-3, 7-5 before falling to eventual champion Thomas Muster of Austria 6-4, 6-0, 6-4.

Playing in his 12th consecutive Wimbledon Boris Becker has achieved his tenth quarterfinal round at the championships. Since 1985 when Becker won his first Grand Slam title here, he only failed to reach, at least the quarterfinals once. In 1987 Becker lost in the second round here to Peter Dooan. Becker's Wimbledon history is as follows: 1984 lost in 3rd round to Bill Scanlon. 1985 won the title defeating Kevin Curren in the final. 1986 won little defeating Ivan Lendl in the final. 1987 lost to Dooan in second round. 1988 lost in the final to Stefan Edberg. 1989 won little defeating Edberg. 1990 lost final to Stefan Edberg. 1991 lost final to Michael Stich. 1992 lost QF to Agassi. 1993 lost SF to Sampras. 1994 lost SF to Ivanisevic. Becker holds five Grand Slam titles: 1985, 86, 89 Wimbledon, 1989 US Open, and 1990 Ford Australian Open. He has not reached a Grand Slam singles final since 1991 Wimbledon when he lost to Stich. Becker has improved his career Wimbledon match record to 60-8. He has won more matches here than any other active player, has better winning record here than Bjorn Borg at 51-4 and John McEnroe's career Wimbledon match record of 59-11.

Cedric Pioline of France has achieved his second

Wimbledon and third Grand Slam quarterfinal round. The advancement of Pioline to the Wimbledon round of 16 means that, for the fourth year in a row and the eighth time in the Open Era, at least one French man has achieved the fourth round at the Championships. Pioline reached his first Grand Slam quarterfinal at 1993 Wimbledon where he defeated Rade Masur 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-7, 8-6 in the fourth round falling to Stefan Edberg 7-5, 7-5, 6-3.



ANDRE AGASSI

Shuzo Matsuoka has achieved his first Grand Slam quarterfinal round. He is the first Japanese man to achieve this round in the Open Era and the last since Jiro Sato reached the 1933 Wimbledon semifinals. Prior to this Wimbledon Matsuoka had never before been past a Grand Slam second round.

Two time defending champion Pete Sampras won his 18th consecutive match here at Wimbledon as well as



GORAN IVANISEVIC

his 16th consecutive win on grass. His overall Grand Slam match record improves to 89-19. This is his seventh Wimbledon appearance with a record here of 24-4. He made his first appearance here in 1989 losing to Todd Woodbridge 7-5, 7-6, 5-7, 6-3. In 1990 Sampras also lost in the first round to Christo van Rensburg 7-6, 7-5, 7-6. In 1992 Sampras reached the semifinals defeating Michael Stich in the quarterfinals falling to Ivanisevic. In 1993 and in 1994 Sampras won the title. Sampras holds 33 career singles including four tournaments on grass.

Girlfriend, the rift

LONDON, July 5: Australian Davis Cup teammates Todd Woodbridge and Pat Rafter almost came to blows after Rafter took exception to remarks Woodbridge made to his girlfriend during their all-Australian men's doubles quarter-final on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Woodbridge, playing with partner Mark Woodforde against Rafter and his partner Mark Philippoussis, was upset by the vocal support Rafter's British girlfriend Alexandra Dixon was giving to Rafter and Philippoussis.

Towards the end of the match Woodbridge shouted at her "Oh! why don't you shut up," which upset her so much she left the court.

At the end of the match, which Woodbridge and Woodforde won 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, 7-6 Rafter showed Woodbridge an aggressive racket with the handle pointed at Woodbridge—and said "Don't you ever talk to my girlfriend like that again."

Grand Prix supervisor Bill Gilmore was called to the court but took no action but the ill-feeling continued in the dressing room where Rafter and Woodbridge almost came to blows.

Afterwards Woodbridge said, with more than a hint of sarcasm "I guess his girlfriend was pretty upset that her beau lost."

Opinion divided over Seles

LONDON, July 5: Moves to give Monica Seles her number-one world ranking back if she returns to the tour has split top players, reports AFP.

Steffi Graf, currently holding the number-one ranking has made it clear that she would like to see the Yugoslav-born American return but doesn't think she should automatically be given top ranking immediately.

"I don't agree with the proposals," said the German player referring to a stormy WTA meeting this week.

World number-two Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario has also said she would be "unhappy" if Seles was given back her former status.

Seles, 21, is expected to return to the tour after an exhibition against Martina Navratilova in Atlantic City later this month.

The left-handed baseliner, winner of eight Grand Slam titles but without a Wimbledon triumph, has not played since being stabbed on court in Hamburg in April 1993.

Gabriela Sabatini, eighth in the world and beaten by defending champion Conchita Martinez in the quarterfinals on Tuesday, said of a Seles return: "It is very tough to come up with something good for her and still be fair to the rest."

Familiar foes in last four



LONDON, July 5: A potential final between world number one Steffi Graf and defending Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez loomed ever larger on Tuesday after four quarterfinals which failed to shake the familiar order in women's tennis, reports Reuters.

All four top seeds cruised into the last four without dropping a set, led by five times winner Graf who romped through 6-3, 6-0 against 13th seed Mary Joe Fernandez and has dropped just 17 games en route to the semifinals.

She now faces Jana Novotna, a tearful loser when the pair met in the 1993 Wimbledon final, with the winner assured of a Spanish inquisition against either Martinez or Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario.

Martinez won a tense 7-8, 7-6 victory over Gabriela Sabatini, while a delighted Sanchez-Vicario reached the last four on grass for the first time with a 6-4, 7-6 win against Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands.

It is the third time in eight years at Wimbledon that the women's semifinalists have faithfully followed the seeding committee's list, and in each previous case the symmetry has persisted right to the final with the top two seeds winning through.

Third seed Martinez, though, will not be daunted by the prospect of facing compatriot Sanchez-Vicario on grass, while Graf's career record of 23-3 over Novotna speaks for itself.

Defenders of women's tennis were quick to point out the top four men's seeds have also progressed in an orderly fashion but only Graf's match was a contender for inclusion in any "best of" video of the championships.

Her second-set performance, in particular, left Fernandez helpless as she reeled off a succession of winners to wrap up a set to love for the third match in a row.

The German, who came into the tournament with doubts surrounding her fitness, admitted afterwards she was amazed at how well she had been playing.

"I felt I could do anything I wanted to," she said. "It's such a joy."

She conceded though, the women's game badly needed new talent, or better still a fit-again Monica Seles, to lift general morals. "I need the challenge, the tour needs it and the media need it," said Graf.

With the first set even at 3-3, Graf reeled off straight games. She won 14 straight points while finishing off the first set and moving out to a 3-0 lead in the second. She dropped only seven points during the second set.

Graf described it as her best performance in years and said it would be impossible to play any better.

Only last week, Graf

looked tentative as she struggled to cope with her chronic back condition and recent wrist injury.

"I've been surprised by how well I've been playing here. I have to say," she said. "I didn't have the best preparation for this tournament. In the start of the tournament, I didn't feel the best. To produce this kind of tennis, I didn't think about it being possible."

Fourth seeded Novotna looked to be coasting to victory over the sixth seeded Japanese after wrapping up the opening set in 32 minutes but did allow Date a temporary foothold in the second.

The chance to be the first Japanese woman ever to reach the last four at Wimbledon was clearly a big incentive but although Date saved three match points, Novotna finished the job at the fourth attempt to reach only her second Wimbledon semifinal.

Martinez's win capped a gritty performance but owed more than a little to the inconsistency which has dogged Sabatini's game throughout the tournament.

The Argentine made an excellent start and led 4-1 in

the first set before Martinez fought back to take it 7-5. She also enjoyed a brief purple patch in the second, saving two match points at 5-2 down before going on to force a tie-break.

Visions of a final set thriller were swiftly banished when Martinez won the tie-break 7-5 and the Spaniard believes she can return to the final stage she graced 12 months ago.

"I feel very confident and I'm very happy to be in the semifinals again. I think I'm playing good and wins like this give you confidence," Martinez said.

The look on Sanchez-Vicario face in the moment of victory against Schultz-McCarthy suggested the same was equally true for her.

She still looks a relative stranger on grass compared with her beloved Barcelona clay but the sense of achievement she felt at finally reaching the last four on her ninth visit to the All-England Club was clearly visible.

"It's one of the happiest days of my life," she admitted. "I'm getting better and better all the time. It's my best Wimbledon so far."



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Enlisted contractors of BAPEX will have to apply in their own pad for renewal to the General Manager (Construction), BAPEX within 31.8.95. For depositing renewal fee, permission from General Manager (Construction) is to be obtained during office hours within 31.8.95. If failed to deposit the renewal fee within stated date the contractors may deposit the renewal fee upto 31.10.95 by paying double the renewal fee in the respective categories and maintaining the above stated formalities.

No application for enlistment after 15.8.95 and renewal after 31.10.95 will be entertained.

DPP-16313-28/6 G-1046 General Manager (Construction)



Notice National Export Trophy for the Year 1993-94

Export Promotion Bureau invites application from exporters for award of National Export Trophy for the year 1993-94.

This time, the trophy will be product specific on the basis of the following classification:

- Jute goods
- Finished leather
- Frozen food
- Tea (Preference will be given for packet tea and coffee)
- Readymade garments
- Handicrafts
- Agricultural products
- Industrial products as a group
- Chemical products as a group (Including ceramic, pharmaceuticals and sanitary wares)
- Raw jute
- Hosiery, Specialised textiles and knitwear
- Electronic products
- Leather products
- Mechanical toys and
- All other products.

Provision is also there for the award of one best exporters trophy irrespective of the product areas. Export Houses will also be considered for export trophy, but they will have to opt either for individual product or all the products they handle as Export Houses.

The intending exporters are to apply in the prescribed proforma to be had from Export Promotion Bureau's Head Office in Dhaka, Regional Offices at Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi and Branch Offices at Comilla, Sylhet, Bogra and Barisal as well as offices of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh Chamber of Industries, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi and Exporters' Association of Bangladesh, Dhaka. Prescribed proforma may also be obtained from the concerned Trade Associations of Bangladesh.

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Martinez, an ignored champion



WIMBLEDON, July 5: It's tough being a Wimbledon champion, especially when everyone is convinced someone else is going to take your title, reports AP.

But Conchita Martinez isn't about to roll over and let

Steffi Graf stroll up to win her sixth championships.

"I'm the defending champion," Martinez said. "Nobody can take that away from me. Of course Steffi has won it four or five times. But right now I'm (champion) and I'm going to try and win it again."

The bookmakers favour

Graf. They make Graf a 4-9 shot to win her sixth title while Martinez is rated 7-2.

The 23-year-old Spaniard gets defensive when it's suggested she only won the title last year because Graf was knocked out in the first round by Lori McNeil.

She falls far behind Graf when it comes to popularity with the crowd, and last year she broke the hearts of Martina Navratilova's fans by beating the nine-time titlist in her final Wimbledon.

Martinez also feels she should have been accorded more appearances on Centre Court, bearing in mind she is the defending champion.

But she feels she can put these distractions behind her and beat her countrywoman, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, on Thursday and reach the final again.

"The only thing I can tell you right now is that I'm incredibly happy to be in the semifinals. I'm there," the No. 3 seed said after her 7-5, 7-6 (7-5) victory over eighth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini.

"I'm sure some things are upsetting me but the worst thing to happen now is to let these things upset me."

It's probably in the champion's favour that Sanchez-Vicario hasn't even made the Wimbledon semifinal before, let alone the final. Even though she is seeded one place higher, Sanchez-Vicario is considered the underdog for the match by the bookmakers.

"I have to be very happy because I've never passed the quarterfinals before," Sanchez-Vicario said after her 6-4, (7-6), (7-4) victory over Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands.



Defending champion Conchita Martinez (R) of Spain is being congratulated by Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina after their quarterfinal engagement of the All-England Championships at Wimbledon on July 4. The Spaniard won the match 7-5, 7-6 (7-5) to set up a semifinal clash with compatriot Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario. — AFP/UNB photo