Susanti, Kusuma singles champs

KUALA LUMPUR, July 9: Indonesia won both singles titles Sunday night in the Malaysian Open badminton championship, with Susi Susanti taking the women's crown and Allan Budi Kusuma winning an all-Indonesian men's final, reports AP.

Kusuma, the Olympic gold medalist and fifth seed here, scored a minor upset with his 15-5, 15-8 triumph over Ardy Wiranata, the 1993 champion and fourth seed. Kusuma collected dlrs 14,000 and Wiranata 8,600 dollars from the total purse of 180,000 dol-

In the women's final, Susanti, the second seed, trounced top-seeded Bang Soo-hyun of South Korea 11-1. 11-6. The victory was worth dlrs 8,000. Bang received 5,000 dollars.

The top seeds also feel in the women's doubles final as fourthseeded Julie Bradbury and Joanne Wright of England beat South Koreans Gil Young-ah and Jang Hye-ock 15-10, 15-11. The winners received 9,000 dollars and the Koreans 6,000 dollars.

The men's doubles was to be played later Sunday.

In the mixed doubles final Saturday, South Koreans Kim Dong-moon and Gil Young ah defeated Tao Xiaoqing and Wang Xiaoyuan of China 15-7, 15-9. The winners collected 6,000 dollars and the losers 4,000 dollars.

Larlier on Saturday Indonesian Olympic champion Allan Budi Kusuma beat world champion and top seed Heryanto Arbi in a surprise victory to reach the final.

Kusuma won 17-5, 15-4 and in today's final will meet another compatriot, Ardy Wiranata who upset second seed Park Sung-Woo of South Korea 15-10, 15-5,

The women's singles final will be between old rivals top seed Bang Soo Hyun of South Korea and defending champion Susi Susanti of Indonesia.

Bang recovered from a game down to beat world champion Ye Zhoving of China 2-11, 11-8, 11-2 while Susanti routed All-England champion Lim Xiaoqing of Sweden 11-2, 11-1,

Arbi, exhausted and forlorn after the defeat, said a minor hamstring injury hampered his movements.

I was very tired after the two earlier matches," he said.

Kusuma, who is chasing his first Malaysian Open title, said he knew he had a good chance of upsetting Arbi.

"He looked tired and was slow his stamina was not good, and I took advantage of the situation," he said.

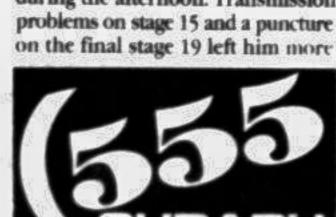
In the only final played Saturday, South Korean pair of Kim Dong-moon and Gil Young ah captured the mixed doubles crown with a 15-7, 15-9 victory over Tao Xiaoqing and Wang Xiaoyuan of China.

McRae takes control in Indonesia

With two days of the Rally of Indonesia complete, 555 Subaru World Rally team driver Colin McRae established a commanding lead over Mitsubishi's Kenneth Eriksson yesterday, says a press release.

McRae started yesterday's second log as he finished the first, setting the fastest time in all but one of the five morning stages. Eriksson could do nothing to close McRae's 11 second overnight lead, losing a further 7 seconds before lunchtime as the British driver made light work of the island's punishingly rough roads.

Eriksson lost even further ground during the afternoon. Transmission problems on stage 15 and a puncture



the Rally reached its overnight halt in Parapat, 180km south of Medan. Once again yesterday the intense heat, oppressive humidity and rough

than two minutes behind McRac when

roads took their toll on the competitors — of the 57 cars that started the even 26 have now retired. Finland's Tommi Makinen started drive still suffering the effects of heat exhaustion. Nevertheless, he quickly

recovered his form, closing the gap on Eriksson to less than two minutes - despite puncturing a tyre on stage For reigning Asian-Pacific Rally champion Possum Bourne the day

started badly with confirmation of a one minute penalty at the end of vesterday's stage six. Nevertheless, the New Zealander drove steadily throughout the day, gradually clawing back time on those above him and finishing in overall 4th place. Local hero MP Hutomo extended

his lead over Japan's Kenjiro Shinozuka during the morning but wheel damage on stage 14 lost him more than 10 minutes — throwing him back from 5th to 15th place. Hutomo's fellow countryman Tonny Hardianto fared better, finishing the day in 6th position.

Another missing in Special Olympics NEW HAVEN, USA, July 9: A sec-

ond participant in the 1995 Special Olympics world games has gone missing, and authorities said Saturday he may be seeking asylum in the United States, reports AFP.

Juan Carlos Balbuena, 20, of the Dominican Republic, disappeared from the Yale University Stadium early Friday and has not been seen since then, said David Phelps, a spokeswoman for Special Olympics international.



two familiar foes at the court, top seed Steffi Graf of Germany (L) and second seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain, are all smiling with the Wimbledon trophy on July 8. Steffi Graf won the title for the sixth time defeating Sanchez-Vicario 4-6, 6-1 and 7-5 in the final. - AFP/UNB photo

Graf yet to call it a day

LONDON, July 9: Steffi Graf sidestepped rumours she is contemplating retirement after the

exhausting Wimbledon final tussle of her career against Arantxa Sanchez Vicario on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Graf, who came into the tournament nursing back and wrist injuries, admitted the two-hour struggle to secure her sixth Wimbledon singles title had left her close to collapse in the fi-

But the 26-year-old German, choosing her words carefully, indicated she would return to defend her title at the All England Club next June.

"I do hope to be back next year. I really count on that," she said, dismissing reports that her back condition was threatening to curtail her ca-

"I'm maybe cutting down a little bit on tournaments, but I hope the back's not going to be in my way.

"It's been very exhausting the last few weeks and I intend to take some time off. Then I'm going to try and work more on my physical condition and build up to the US Open."

Graf teased reporters after her semifinal win over Jana Novotna on Thursday, saying she would be announcing something significant in 10 days time.

NEW HAVEN, USA,

Seles, off the tennis

our for more than

two years

being stabbed, said Saturday she

plans to play at the US Open but has

made no final decision, reports AFP.

US Open but have not decided yet."

Seles said. 'I'm ready physically and

emotionally. I hope to return and play

back while resting during a match in

Germany in 1993, said she will decide

whether or not to make her come

back in New York after a July 29 ex-

hibition match against Martina

game and I will see how it goes from

the top of the WTA rankings by new

Wimbledon champion Steffi Graf, is

not worried about playing as a wild-

card entry as she recovers from her

layoff. A WTA bid to give her special

said. Even if I need only a wildcard I will take it. You have to move for-

from the emotional shock of the at-

tack and undergo months of practice

guess the security will be much tighter

when I will play," said Seles, who

promises she will not be looking over

Yordanov hopeful

of his return

Cup midfielder Ivailo Yordanov said

on Saturday that he was confident of

returning to play for Sporting Lisbon

after suffering back and chest injuries

Neuro-surgeon Manol Vanev told

in a road accident, reports Reuter.

Seven Day radio that Yordanov had

not suffered any damage to his cen-

tral nervous system following the ac-

cident on a mountain road in northern

thing is that I am bed-ridden."

Yordanov told the same radio sta-

tion, adding he could freely move his

back to international soccer. I am

sure Sporting will be correct in fulfill-

ing its contractual obligations," he

"I feel fine. The only unpleasant

'I have the wish and the will to get

Haven on July 8

Bulgaria.

hands and legs.

SOFIA, July 9: Bulgarian World

to try and regain her past form.

her shoulder for attackers.

"I will accept the decision," Seles

Seles said she has had to recover

"I always wanted to come back, I

"I will be able to evaluate my

Scles, who has been replaced at

Seles, who was stabbed in the

at the US Open.

Navratilova.

there." Seles said.

seeding was rejected.

ward, let me play as it is."

I'm planning to compete at the

July 9: Former world

number one Monica OK."

after

She shed no further light on the matter on Saturday, but knows it would be the ultimate irony if she decided to call a halt just as Monica Seles is poised to return to the tournament scene after an absence of

more than two years. Since the infamous knife attack in Hamburg in April 1993, Graf has won six Grand Slam titles and now has a total of 17, one short of joining contemporary greats Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert on 18

major titles. The latest triumph, though, was only settled deep into the third set

Graf at a glance

The full list of Steffi Graf's 1 Grand Slam victories are as follows. 1987: French Open

1988: Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, US Open 1989: Australian Open Wimbledon, US Open

1990: Australian Open 1991: Wimbledon

1992: Wimbledon

1993: French Open, Wimbledon, US Open

1994: Australian Open 1995: French Open, Wimbledon.

Seles may end self-exile

"I'm gone over that," she said

Seles also said she wants to play

"It's very hard to understand the

again in Germany despite a decision

German laws, but I love Germany and

I want to play again there." Seles said.

there to release her attacker.

"I'm still a little bit nervous but it's

after Sanchez Vicario had served with the score at 5-5.

Graf ultimately broke for 6-5, but only after 20 minutes of top quality tennis which elevated the final to a position among the best of recent

Never in my whole life have I played such a long game with so many high quality points," said Graf, "I was so tired at the end of it.

"I think it was a final that will stand out for many years."

At the end, there was even a kiss for a mystery admirer in the crowd who Graf revealed had been supporting her at Wimbledon for "eight or nine years."

but you can always hear him out of the crowd...His voice is very specific," said Graf. He just screams to me Come on Steffi, but he never mentions his name."

I don't know how he makes it,

The name Graf must be becoming painful for Sanchez-Vicario, also beaten by the German world number one in the French Open Final in June.

Seles wearing a blue and white

tennis dress, smiled throughout her

session at the Special Olympics and

said she is relaxed about facing

Navratilova, who retired from WTA

said. "Tennis is my life. It's my plea-

Monica Seles L., the self-exiled former world number one tennis player, giving

instructions to a girl during a clinic of the 1995 Special Olympics World Games in New

"There will be no pressure," Seles

word retirement.

singles play last year.

The Spaniard made a lighthearted grab for the trophy at the post-match ceremony and whispered to Graf, "You could have given me that one." Donations, needless to say, are

Babu and Rose remained not out not in Graf's vocabulary if her back on 30 and 22 respectively. holds up, her rivals may also have to In the day's other match, Banani wait longer than expected to hear the Youth Club defeated Srijoni Crick-

eters by 12 runs at the Jagannath Hall

Rashid scored highest 34. Rana took four for 13 while Milo

bagged three for 21 among the Srijoni Sangha bowlers. In reply, Srijoni scored just 100 before being bundled out in 25.2

Abeed of Banani Youth Club had reports AFP. "I defaulted because I lost track

three for 20 while Akbar and Milo took two wickets apiece.

Young Aussie cricketers in bad patch

NEATH, Wales, July 9: Matthew Maynard and Tony Cottey hit out for Glamorgan against Young Australia here on Saturday after David Hemp had notched up 88 in this three-day match, reports AFP.

Cottey made his fifth first class century of the season with 16 fours and a six off 165 balls after he had teamed up with Maynard at 206 for 4 and added 137.

Glamorgan eventually ended their innings on 362-6 declared.

Maynard hit a splendid 56 in his role as acting captain, but Hemp also played a major part as he raised Glamorgan from 54 for 2 by hitting 14 fours and a six.

When Glamorgan declared, Cottey was unbeaten on 123 having notched a further five boundaries including one six.

Young Australia fielded enthusias-

tically but, as was noted at Taunton in their previous match, their bowling is not as good as their batting. Mark Harrity had opened with a wicket in the third over of the morn-

ing before conceding a century of

runs while Shaun Young bowled economically for his 1 for 15 from 13 The Young Aussies were left with eight overs to negotiate and they lost opener Martin Love in the seventh of those, caught by Cottey of Robert

Lotus-Kamal cricket results

Croft, while reaching 22 by the close.

Sports Reporter The Lotus-Kamal Second Division qualifying cricket league resumed vesterday after a five-day recess due to inclement weather.

Young Ones Club recorded an emphatic 110-run win over Shawkom's CC at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Powered by a polished 51 from Asad and a blistering unbeaten 48 off 26 balls by Moni, Young Ones compiled an impressive 196 for seven in the stipulated 35 overs.

Fuad and Russel took two wickets apiece for Shawkom's.

Set to score 197, Shawkom's CC were bundled out for a paltry 89 in 25.1 overs.

Yameen of Young Ones was the wrecker-in-chief claiming five for 15 while Moni completed a superb allround show by grabbing three for 10

At the City Club ground, Kagojitola Social Club handed a crushing eight wickets defeat on Rakhtim Sangha.

Sent in to bat Rakhtim Sangha were all out for a meagre 73 in 24.4

Rauful Islam was the pick among the Kagojitola bowlers with a haul of four for 16. In reply, Kagojitola Social Club

rattled up the required 74 in only 15 overs losing two wickets.

Batting first, Banani Youth could muster 112 before being all out in 32.2

of time and was late for work, Jensen

LONDON, July 9: Middlesex boosted their English County Championship hopes by collecting 24

points as they beat Gloucestershire by an innings and 11 runs inside three days on Saturday.

reports AFP. Resuming on 410 for two at Bristol, Middlesex were bowled out for 441 — a lead of 233 as Javagal Srinath took six for eight from 8.4

overs. Mike Gatting made 108 and England test discard Mark Ramprakash 133. But Gloucestershire were then found themselves dismissed for 222 in their second innings as only Mark

Alleyne (69) showed much resistance. Worcestershire completed their fifth win in six championship games when they beat Durham by 10 wickets at Darlington.

Phil Newport claimed match figures of nine for 72, including a spell of three for one in 25 balls as Durham were dismissed for 255 after following on 233 behind on 191. Manoj Prabhakar made 59 in both innings for the hosts.

Needing 23 for victory, Tim Curtis (23) helped speed Worcestershire to 25 for no wicket off nine legitimate deliveries and two wides. Sri Lankan Test star Aravinda de

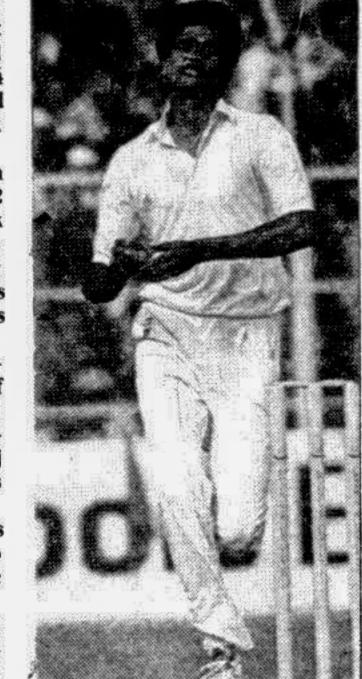
Silva followed his first innings 255 with a flamboyant 116 for Kent at Maidstone, but it could not save their clash with Derbyshire from ending in a

Derbyshire were set 328 to win in a minimum of 48 overs but could only manage 168 for the loss of four wick-

De Silva became only the fourth Kent player to score a century and a double century in the same match.

The fixture produced a total of 1,587 runs, an aggregate record for

matches involving Derbyshire. Championship leaders Northamptonshire avoided the follow on



SRINATH ... 6 for 8

against Lancashire at Old Trafford, but face an improbable victory target

Lancashire declared on 280 for nine in their second innings before

Wasim Akram fired out Richard Montgomerie to leave Northants 29

for one at the close. The visitors had resumed their first innings on 212 for five but were still four runs short of the follow on

target when their last wicket pair

came together. Neil Mallender and Paul Taylor, however, scrambled six runs before Mallender was lbw to Ian Austin leaving Lancashire with a first-innings lead of 147.

A century partnership between Mark Butcher (59) and Darren Bicknell (50 no) helped Surrey reach 123 for two - an overall lead of 67 against Essex at the Oval.

It was slow stuff, though, as Butcher took 81 balls to reach his second half century of the match and then spent a further 55 balls hitting his next nine before being caught by Darren Robinson off Mark Ilott.

Earlier Ronnie Irani had helped Essex take their score on to 493, and a first innings lead of 59, with the third first class century of his career.

Australian Test batsman Michael

Bevan hit his second ton in consecutive matches as Yorkshire-having started the third day still 204 behind at 225 for two overhauled Hampshire's first innings total of 429 at Southampton.

Bevan scored 107 in just over four hours before being bowled by Cardigan Connor with the score on 411. Yorkshire advanced to 431 for eight before captain David Byas, who himself hit 62, declared.

By the close Hampshire had reached 166 for three with opening batsman Paul Terry on 76 not out.

Pitch paves way for WI?



BIRMINGHAM, England, July 9: England captain Mike Atherton branded the Edgbaston pitch

as terrible after seeing his side crash to defeat by an innings and 64 runs in the third Test against West Indies Saturday, reports

Atherton's men — 147 all out in the first innings — finished on 89 for nine second time around, with the injured Alec Stewart unable to bat as West Indies took a 2-1 lead in the six-

"You want a Test match to last five days. People will be disappointed. They have bought tickets for Saturday and the fourth day, and

it's wasted money. "Obviously, when you're playing at home you want the groundsman to try to help you out as well. Wherever

you go in the world, pitches tend to try to favour the home side - that's

the point of home advantage. Unfortunately here neither designs were met. The pitch allowed the came to finish in two and a half days,

which was totally unsuited to the

home side. "To my knowledge, what the England management asked for out of the pitch was even bounce and some turn at then end. Unless I was

seeing things, I didn't see either of that here." It was England's second lowest total against the West Indies in this

country, despite a brave knock of 41 from emergency opener Robin Smith, who had hit 46 in the first innings. Atherton added: "They were two fantastic innings. Although he only made 41 Saturday, it was worth a 100

in anybody's book. There are not

many people in the world who would

have played an innings like that." West Indies captain Richie Richardson was understandably not as critical as his opposite number of the pitch.

He said: "We though it looked quite interesting. We couldn't quite figure out what was happening. There was a lot of pace and bounce, and our bowlers exploited it."

Indonesia aims

to revive



July 9: Murphy Jensen turned up here Saturday at a

youth clinic, won dering why everyone had made such a fuss about his disappearance from a mixed doubles match at Wimbledon.

he said. "I've gotten more press for being late for a match than winning

furor over his absence was blown out

was all wrong. The British press was a joke, I have yet to see an article that was close to the truth."

"As far as all the speculation, that

Jensen said his tale was much less lurid than stories he was trying to

French star Mary Pierce. Jensen said he was in a cab on his

over the radio he had been defaulted out of the tournament, so he had the driver let him out and tried calling his family from a hotel lobby. "People don't understand how

tennis scheduling works," Jensen said. "If a match goes fast, or someone defaults, the starting time can change." When no one answered, Jensen

said he called his sister in the United States, told her he was going on a much-awaited fishing trip and departed. He flew to Scotland but never had the chance to set a line because he did not have proper permits. "It just became a place to hide

for a couple of days," Jensen said. "I

knew I had screwed up and decided to take a break." Jensen returned to London for his belongings and has spent the past few days in Atlanta, where his sister lives, he said.

Jensen, 26, said he has not yet

spoken with Brenda Schultz-

McCarthy, the Dutch woman who was

to have been his partner in the ill-

fated mixed doubles match.

old glory JAKARTA, July 9: Indonesia aims

to recover badminton glory this week in the US 170,000 dollars Indonesian Open after being battered in last month's disappointing defeat in Switzerland, reports Reuter. The international badminton championship, featuring 400 players

England and Denmark, starts on Wednesday and runs until Sunday. Both the men an women's world number one singles players, Indonesia's Hariyanto Arbi and South Korea's Bang Soo-Hyun, will compete along with the second-ranked Women's singles player Susi Susanti of

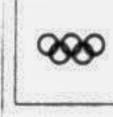
and officials from 19 countries in-

cluding China, Malaysia, South Korea,

Indonesia. Favourite Indonesia lost to China 1-3 in the last round of the Sudirman Cup mixed team championships in Lausanne, Switzerland, last month when Susanti lost the number one position she had denied Bang since

Karsono, chairman of the event's organising committee, said that with 81 players Indonesia would be the favourite.

Schultz a visionary some excitement.



GS, Colorado, July 9: The US Olympic Committee needs to concentrate on mo-

difying rules and de-

Schultz said the committee also Olympic decision making bodies, without appearing "like the ugly

veloping a joint fund over the next

in Olympic sports for professional baseball players. Schultz, who had been head of

lead the U8 Olympic Committee into the 21st century. He now oversees the day to day operations of a far-flung organisation with a \$ 400 million budget and two Olympic games on its doorstep. Critics of Schultz's appointment

ground will make it easier to work out those problems. at a time when college baseball in this country is at its zenith. But, he said

"If not from the standpoint of

having dream-team participation, but for the welfare of the sport," he Schultz said he tried to turn down

the executive director's job, but de-

cided to take it after the United States was awarded two Olympics in the next seven years. He said it is a rare opportunity to showcase Ameri-The Olympic Games celebrate their 100th anniversary in Atlanta next

summer. Salt Lake City will be host to

Tyson gets

the 2002 Winter Games.

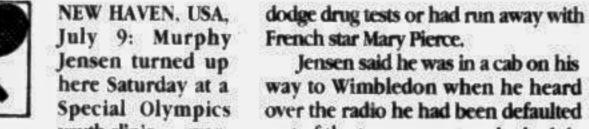
permission LAS VEGAS, July 9: Mike Tyson

has received permission to raise a block wall in front of his 3.7 million dollar mansion from 6 feet (1.8 metres) to 10-feet (3 metres), reports Clark County officials gave their

approval despite objections from 75 residents who live near the former heavyweight champion's palatial home on the city's southeast side.



Jensen puzzled



said. "It's not like I swore at an official or mooned the Queen of England." Jensen was defaulted out of the Grand Slam event in London on Monday and made no public appear ances until here. The 1993 French Open doubles co-champion said the

of proportion. "This is the most amazing thing," the French Open. It's frightening.

COLORADO SPRIN-

five years. Dick Schultz, the committee's new executive director. said Friday, reports AP. wants to get more Americans on

And, he said there may be a place

the NCAA, was appointed June 23 to

cited his age of 65, some actions during his NCAA tenure that slashed nonrevenue sports at colleges and his abrupt departure from that job and the charges he lied about an improper student loan while athletic director at Virginia.

- AFP/UNB photo

Schultz Defended his NCAA role Friday, saying colleges cut the funding, not the NCAA. He said it's hard, for college presidents to justify subsidising sports when they don't have

He recommended setting up a

fund to subsidise Olympic sports for schools and conferences. "If an institution wanted to start an Olympic sport, like team handball

there would be money to get the pro-

gramme off the ground," he said.

money to fill teaching positions.

If a programme such as wrestling were in danger of being dropped, the school could apply for a grant. The money would be provided by the NCAA and the USOC.

He also said the USOC needs to

it easier for athletes to train. "A lot of work has been done in that area, but a lot needs to be done," he said. Schultz said his NCAA back-

international interest in the sport is

waning and it may be time to inject

work with the NCAA on rules to make

The new director said it is difficult for him to argue to allow pro baseball players to join the Olympics

Srinath in superb form