

The dancing Flamengos

SHIMIZU, Japan, Aug 5: Romario and Rodrigo each scored twice as Brazilian soccer team Flamengo crushed Japan's Shimizu S-Pulse 5-0 in a friendly match Saturday, reports AP.

Romario, the 1994 World Cup hero, struck his team's first goal 11 minutes into the first half and teammate Edmundo added another six minutes later.

In the second half, Romario made his second goal in the 32nd minute.

Rodrigo fired a pair of goals in the final minutes of the 90-minute regulation period before a crowd of 12,536 at Nihondaira Sports Stadium, southwest of Tokyo.

The visitors outshot the S-Pulse 16-7.

Shimizu finished 12th in the first stage of the 14-team Japanese Professional Soccer League's season.

Flamengo beat the Urawa Red Diamonds 3-1 on Tuesday and lost to the Kashiwa Reysol 3-2 Thursday.



Parma's Fernando Couto (L) tries to cut off a Roy Lassiter move of USA during their Parmalat Cup match at the Giant Stadium in East Rutherford on Aug 4. — AFP/UNB photo

Lancashire survived

LONDON, Aug 5: Test and County Cricket Board secretary Tim Lamb on Friday moved to quash speculation that Lancashire could face their second points deduction in two seasons after their pitch was reported by the umpires, reports Reuter.

Roy Palmer and Kevin Lyons, who are in charge of Lancashire's championship match with Sussex, were unhappy about the excessive spin generated on the first day, when nine of the 11 wickets fell to spinners.

On Friday's second day Lancashire captain Mike Watkinson captured seven wickets with his off-spin then Sussex leg spinner Ian Salisbury, who bagged six on Thursday, followed up with two more in an amazing spell of 4-4-0-2.

But Lamb stressed that the officials had only contacted Lord's in line with efforts to improve communication between umpires and the board concerning the quality of pitches.

He said the rest of the match would be monitored, but stressed that there was no immediate prospect of the TCCB making an official inspection.

Lancashire coach David Lloyd believes his side, currently lying fourth in the table have nothing to fear.

He said: "I do not believe there is any question of us being punished."

Last summer Lancashire were given a 25-point penalty for preparing a sub-standard Old Trafford pitch for the encounter with Middlesex. The deduction pushed Lancashire from third to 10th in the championship table.

The current match was evenly balanced at close of play on Friday with Lancashire 76 ahead with eight second innings wickets in hand.

SA stage strong fightback

WORCESTER, England, Aug 5: South Africa produced a determined fightback to restrict England's first innings lead at the close of the second day of the second under-19 Test to just 13 on Friday, reports AFP.

England looked to be cruising towards a match-winning total after another prolific opening stand from Marcus Trescothick and Anthony McGrath.

The duo, who put on a record 247 in the first Test, added another 466 in 36 overs after South Africa had been dismissed for 311.

But Trescothick eventually fell to Bruce Stigant for 88, made off 119 balls with 13 fours and a six, and McGrath was run out for 75 off 107 deliveries with 12 boundaries.

England were still well placed at 284 for three after a fourth wicket partnership of 69 between Anuraag Singh and David Sales.

But four wickets fell for nine runs in six overs with left-armed Stigant and pacer Makhya Ntini doing the damage.

Stigant finished with three for 82 from 36 overs after accounting for Sales and Alex Morris while Ntini sent back Singh, who hit seven fours in his 135-ball 60, and Andrew Flintoff.

Eighth wicket pair David Nash and Umer Rashid steered England into a narrow lead during an unbroken stand of 31 as the home side closed on 324 for seven.

Earlier in the day, spinner Jason Searle claimed two of the final three South Africa wickets to fall as the visitors advanced from their overnight 280 for seven to 311.

Searle finished with three for 62 and Rashid three for 73.

Sampson's dreadful debut

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Aug 5: Swedish international Tomas Brodin scored in the 74th minute Friday as Parma AC of Italy beat the United States national team 2-1 in the opening match of the Parmalat Cup at the Giants Stadium, reports Reuter.

The result spoiled the formal opening night of the regime of Steve Sampson, who two days ago was named head coach of the US squad after holding the position on an interim basis since April.

Parma, the 1995 UEFA Cup champions, held a 1-0 lead at the interval by way of an own goal by US defender Alex Lalas.

In the 33rd minute, left wing Gianfranco Zola made a short run down the left side before delivering a cross into the US penalty area from 25 yards. Lalas, marking forward Filippo Inzaghi, headed the ball over goalkeeper Jurgen Sommer, caught out a position, into the US goal.

Parma had other chances in the opening 45 minutes.

At 27 minute, forward Alessandro Melli struck a shot wide of the right post

from 12 yards. Four minutes later, Dino Baggio had a shot trail wide to the left.

The US grabbed the equaliser in the 55th minute when defender Mike Lapper's left-footed strike of a Cobi Jones corner-kick found its way under the cross bar.

The eventual game-winner came after Italian international Zola sent a through pass to right wing Alessandro Melli whose shot was stopped by a diving Jurgen Sommer in the US net only to have Brodin crack the rebounder into the goal.

US midfielder Mike Soreber provided the best chance of the second half when he forced goalkeeper Luca Bucci to make a diving save to his left.

The Americans had the better of play in the second despite the Brodin goal, and played the final six minutes with an extra man when Alberto DiChiara picked up a second yellow for a tackle on Chris Henderson.

The United States increased its offence and nearly tied the game on Mike Sorber's blast that Bucci deflected just wide.

The US was missing 11 players from the squad that reached the semifinals from the Copa America in Uruguay last month.

World Youth Cup Qatar, Nigeria split points

RIOBAMBA, Ecuador, Aug 5: Qatar managed to hold Nigeria to a 1-1 tie Friday on the second day of soccer's under-17 World Cup, reports AP.

Edward Anyamkyng of Nigeria, the current youth champions, scored the first goal in the 37th minute, following a rapid run through two Qatar defenders.

Qatar tied the match a minute later with a free-kick by Jaweed Ghulam.

The Nigerians dominated most of the game, which was played in Riobamba, 100 miles (160 kms) south of Quito, but the forwards had trouble with shots from a distance.

Nigeria, Qatar, Australia and Spain make up Group C of the tournament, which began Thursday.

In a convincing demonstration of their power, Brazil

handed Germany a stunning 3-0 defeat.

Brazil are one of the favourites to win the 16-team championship.

The winners dominated throughout the match, drawing applause from spectators in Ibarra, 46 miles (75 kms) north of Quito. Ibarra is the site of games for Group D, which also includes Oman and Canada.

Spain and Australia drew 2-2 in Group C.

Australia's goals were scored by Daniel Allsopp in the 15th minute and by John Maisano in the 76th minute, while Spain's Jesus Duarte scored in the 54th minute and teammate Miguel Ferrer netted from a penalty in the 62nd minute.

The well-matched teams showed themselves capable of mounting successive attacks and threatening the rival goals, especially in the last few minutes of the game.

Evan's double debacle

PASADENA, Calif., Aug 5: Janet Evans got trounced by Brooke Bennett in the 1,500-metre freestyle Friday night, leaving the ailing four-time Olympic champion 0-for-3 against her teenage heir apparent in the Phillips 66 national championships, reports AP.

The loss snapped Evans' eight-year winning streak in the 1,500 five days after Bennett

ended her eight-year run in the 400 free.

Amy Van Dyken lowered her American record in the 50 freestyle by five-hundredths of a second, winning in 25.13 seconds on the final night.

Summer Sanders finished second with a strong freestyle leg in the 200 individual medley to land a spot on the US team for next week's Pan Pacific Championships in Atlanta.

Bennett won the 400, 800 and 1,500 freestyles — the three events in which Evans holds world records. Evans was second in the 400, fourth in the 800 and fifth in the 1,500 with a time of 16 minutes, 27.99 seconds.

Bennett finished the 1,500 in 16:17.84.

"My goal was to win a national title and I won three," she said. "I know where I am now. I know where I can set my goals for the future."

At the halfway mark, she opened a lead of three-body lengths over Evans and was ahead by 15 metres with a lap to go.

Van Dyken gulped one breath at the wall and cruised home ahead of '92 Olympian Jenny Thompson in the 50 free. Crisley Ahmann-Leighton finished sixth in her comeback meet and failed to qualify for Pan Pacific.



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Seles revises schedule

CARLSBAD, California, Aug 5: Monica Seles has revised her preparation plan for this month's US Open and decided against playing a tune-up tournament in California, reports Reuter.

"Monica Seles has declined a wild card invitation to play Los Angeles," WTA media spokesman Jim Fuhse said Friday here at the Toshiba tennis classic.

"The hurricane played havoc with her practice schedule."

Seles returned to the court July 30 in an exhibition against Martina Navratilova for her first tennis competition since being stabbed in the back by deranged Steffi Graf fan Gunther Parche during a match in Hamburg on April 30, 1993.

After an impressive exhibition victory, the former world number one said she planned on two events before the Open, including one in either San Diego or Los Angeles.

However, a recent hurricane near her Sarasota, Florida, home interrupted her practice schedule, forcing her decision to skip the 430,000 dollars Los Angeles championship at Manhattan Beach.

Graf rebuffs rumours

BONN, Aug 5: Steffi Graf, whose father was arrested this week on suspicion of tax evasion in a probe that also targets her, on Friday dismissed speculation she might quit tennis, reports Reuter.

"The thought never occurred to me," the world number one told Germany's ARD television in an interview in New York.

In a quaking voice uncharacteristic of the German tennis star known for her cool and self-assured manner, she admitted she had put all her efforts into her game and had neglected her financial affairs.

"Certainly in the last 10 years I have mainly concentrated on my tennis and I made a mistake that I did not take care of my financial affairs. Now I must take the consequences," she said, looking clearly upset by the affair.

"In the next days I must think about taking more responsibility or full responsibility for these things and do



STEFFI GRAF kept a clear head. She is certain that she never consciously did anything wrong.

The German media reached a peak of hysteria in their quest to find her after her father's arrest.

where is Steffi Graf? demanded the popular Daily Bild in bold type. Was she in her Florida home or her New York residence or had she secretly flown home to her family's villa in southern Germany? Where is she hiding? it asked.

German television earlier showed footage of the 26-year-old star's two homes in the United States and an aerial view of the Graf residence in her home town of Bruchl — but no sign of her.

Graf, six times Wimbledon champion with a career income estimated at some 100 million marks (72 million dollars), had not commented previously on her father Peter Graf's arrest.

She has opted to stay in Germany and not move to a tax haven such as Monaco. She has said she left taxes to her father and advisers and did not even know how much she won at Wimbledon this year.

Graf is due to play at a tournament in Toronto on August 14 in preparation for the US Open, which starts on August 28.

Muster moves on

KITZBUHEL, Austria, Aug 5: Top seed Thomas Muster recovered from an early setback and later survived four set points before finally defeating unseeded Hungarian Sandor Noszaly Guay Hae on Friday in the Austrian Open quarter finals, reports Reuter.

French Open champion Muster, hot favourite to win his home tournament, trailed 5-2 in the first set after losing his opening service game with two double faults.

Noszaly, ranked 144 in the world, dominated the early stages with his powerful serve and volley.

But he choked on the big points and was punished for his failure to take advantage of the four set points.

Muster, seeking his ninth tournament win of 1995, took the tie-break 7-1 and stamped his authority on the rest of the match.

On Thursday, Muster also overcame a hesitant start before disposing of Denmark's Frederik Fetterlein 6-4, 6-3.

Pierce, Martinez in semis

CARLSBAD, Calif., Aug 5: Slowly by a strained left quadriceps Friday, Marianne Werdel-Witmeier, ranked 62nd in the world, will face the winner of Friday's night match between ninth-seeded Lisa Nagatsuka heads Japanese challenge

Witmeier hardly resembled the player who upset second-ranked Arantxa Sanchez Vicario just a day earlier in the Toshiba tennis classic, reports AP.

The American fell 6-2, 6-2 to France's Sandrine Testud in the quarterfinal match. "It doesn't get any more frustrating than this," she said.

Third-ranked Mary Pierce of France and No 4 Conchita Martinez of Spain easily advanced to a semifinal showdown Saturday.

Pierce, seeded third, beat Australia's Rachel McQuillan 6-2, 6-4, and Martinez, seeded second, routed Sweden's Asa Carlsson 6-0, 6-1.

Werdel-Witmeier, seeded 11th and ranked 25th in the world, said she couldn't put any weight on her left leg. The injury affected her serve and also limited her ability to

bend for low balls.

Werdel-Witmeier's strong ground strokes and power serves that were such a factor against Sanchez-Vicario were absent Friday. Testud took full advantage, breaking Werdel-Witmeier's serve on all live break chances.

Testud, ranked 62nd in the world, will face the winner of Friday's night match between ninth-seeded Lisa Nagatsuka heads Japanese challenge

NAGOYA, Japan, Aug 5: Kyoko Nagatsuka will spearhead a handful of local hopefuls against the Rest of the World in the inaugural TVA Cup women's tennis tournament September 12-17, organizers said Friday, reports AFP.

The 21-year-old, who has yet to win a major title, advanced to the Australian and French Open fourth rounds this season to move up to a career-high world ranking of 31st.

Raymond and 16th-seeded Gigi Fernandez.

Pierce, who lost just five games in her first two matches, looked as if she would roll right through McQuillan. But after winning the first set, Pierce ran into some difficulty in the second.

But with the players on serve at 4-4 in the second, Pierce won her service game and closed out the match by breaking McQuillan's serve.

"I felt that Rachel was starting to play better," Pierce said.

The easy victory was a departure for Martinez, who had struggled in winning her first two matches by the identical scores of 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Pierce and Martinez have split two career meetings, both this season.

Pierce beat Martinez 6-3, 6-1 in the semifinals of the Australian Open, a tournament she went on to win for her first Grand Slam title. Martinez took a 6-3, 6-3 semifinal-round victory en route to the Italian Open title.

IBF rankings

- LONDON, Aug 5 (Reuter): Leading world singles rankings issued by the International Badminton Federation (IBF) on Friday:
- MEN**
- 1. Heryanto Arbi (Indonesia) 326.03 points
 - 2. Ardy B Wiranata (Indonesia) 287.57
 - 3. Allan Budi Kusuma (Indonesia) 275.25
 - 4. Herwardan Susanto (Indonesia) 264.08
 - 5. Joko Suprianto (Indonesia) 262.40
 - 6. Park Sung-Woo (South Korea) 256.90
 - 7. Poul-Erik Hojers-Larsen (Denmark) 243.86
 - 8. Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen (Denmark) 220.15
 - 9. Lee Kwang-Jin (South Korea) 199.52
 - 10. Sun Jun (China) 193.70
- WOMEN**
- 1. Susi Susanti (Indonesia) 332.78
 - 2. Bang Soo-Hyun (South Korea) 331.90
 - 3. Yezhaoying (China) 312.89
 - 4. Lin Xiaoping (China) 283.72
 - 5. Mia Audina (Indonesia) 240.48
 - 6. Ra Kyung-Min (South Korea) 229.01
 - 7. Han Lingna (China) 213.15
 - 8. Camilla Martin (Denmark) 209.60
 - 9. Wang Chen (China) 193.31
 - 10. Kim Ji-Hyun (South Korea) 192.50

Young Aussies abased

LEICESTER, England, Aug 5: Young Australia suffered a huge defeat when they crashed to an embarrassing two-day defeat against Leicestershire on Friday, reports AFP.

The scheduled four-day game finished with the home side claiming an extra eight overs as they chased a modest victory target of 44.

Earlier, young Australia had been bowled out for just 146 in 37.3 over with left-arm pacer Alamyir Sheryar claiming career best figures of six for 30 in 11.3 overs giving him match figures of 10 for 85.

Alan Mullally snapped up four for 51 while Matthew Elliott top-scored for the tourists with a half-century.

At one stage they were 20 for five in seven overs but Elliott and Adam Gilchrist, who hit 48, put on 86 for the

sixth wicket.

It left the home side a modest target of 44 to win but pacer Brad Williams, who took two for 27, and Mike Kasprovicz, with four for 17, had the county side in disarray.

The game was eventually won when Williams was no-balled for a bouncer which flew over the head of Adrian Pierson, giving Leicestershire victory by four wickets.

Afterwards Leicestershire and the tourists agreed to play a 40-over-a-side match today.

The tourists' manager Dave Gilbert said: "When it was suggested we jumped at the opportunity.

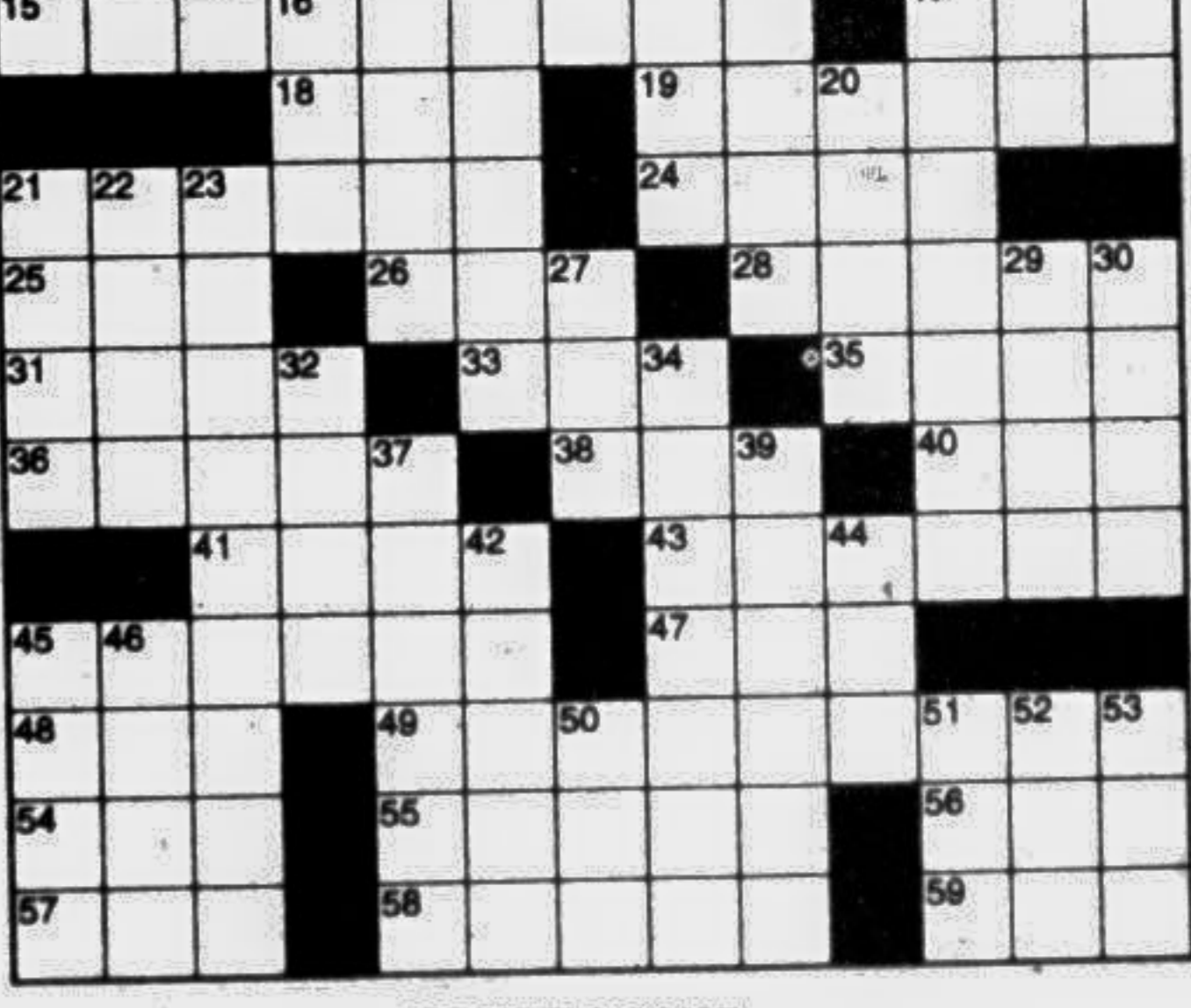
"We are here to play cricket and it's much better then having to fill in the day with net practice.

"It was certainly an embarrassing defeat for us because to lose in two days is not pleasant. We did not bat very well at all but I thought that Leicestershire's two left-arm pacers Alamyir Sheryar and Alan Mullally both bowled splendidly.

"It was certainly a lesson for some of our players. At least they came battling back in that last session to claim six wickets, even though Leicestershire wanted only 44 to win," he added.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Spelldown
 - 4 Brunhoff pachyderm
 - 9 Tramcar
 - 12 Hole-making tool
 - 13 Small egg
 - 14 "China Beach" locale
 - 15 Rooftop landing sites
 - 17 Anat. or phys.
 - 18 Flowery accessory
 - 19 Derivative of vinegar acid
 - 21 Made sport of
 - 24 Avis adjective
 - 25 Every last crumb
 - 26 Cribbage need
 - 28 Ricci and Simone
 - 31 Thought
 - 33 Flop
 - 35 Advantage
 - 36 Dell array
 - 38 One of Louisa's girls
- DOWN**
- 16 Sort
 - 20 Ohio county
 - 21 Injure badly
 - 22 Shoppe description
 - 23 Permission to take off
 - 27 Sticky stuff
 - 29 Farming: prefix
 - 30 Connery or Penn
 - 32 The gamut again
 - 34 Rotten
 - 37 45 Across has a famous one
 - 39 Resolute and courageous
 - 42 Humorous
 - 44 "Camera"
 - 45 Ardo
 - 46 Ruing the running
 - 50 Coach Parseghian
 - 51 Fluffy accessory
 - 52 "Abner"
 - 53 Toy-factory staffer
- Solution time: 27 min.**
- ALEXAPES LEFT**
FIRBURTOGEE
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NEYKEN
WAXEDBEDBUY
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WESTRYMAZES
POIPOW
BRAHMSLULLABY
LIMOMOPEMOE
ICONAVISINA
POSEMELTDOR



CRYPTOQUIP
 QTPXT GKPVGS PH ATW
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 BEES-GURWGU
Saturday's Cryptquip: OUR NEIGHBOR, THE MARINE BIOLOGIST, IS SHORE OF HIMSELF.
 Today's Cryptquip clue: V equals M
 The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.