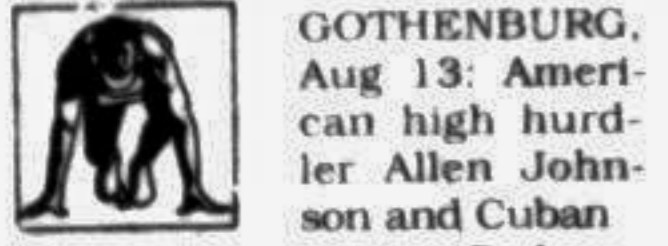


# Pedroso proves his price



GOTHENBURG, Aug 13: American high hurdler Allen Johnson and Cuban long jumper Ivan Pedroso emerged as new stars of track and field with their first major titles at the World Championships on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Johnson, who is 24, wrestled the men's 110 metres hurdles title back into American hands with a composed but powerful run in a personal best of 13 seconds dead, equalling the fourth fastest performance of all-time.

The 22-year-old Pedroso, who jumped one centimetre further than American Mike Powell's four-year-old world record of 8.95 last month without having it officially recognised, clinched the crown with an 8.70 metre leap.

The Gothenburg championships look like marking the end of an era with veterans such as Linford Christie and Heide Drechsler failing to make an impact. Pedroso and Johnson are leading a new breed of young athletes who are ready to take over.

Johnson, largely unknown on the world scene until he broke world record holder Colin Jackson of Britain's 4-race unbeaten run earlier this year and who went on to win the world 60 metres indoors title, kept his cool despite hitting the last hurdle.

Britain's Tony Jarrett, who finished second behind Jackson at the 1993 championships in Stuttgart, looked capable of keeping the title in British hands after some impressive performances in the heats.

But, despite a brilliant start, the 26-year-old Briton had to settle for silver in 13.04 seconds with American double Olympic champion Roger Kingdom winning the bronze in 13.19.

"Being the world champ both in and outdoor feels great," Johnson said. "A stumble yesterday motivated me I wasn't concentrating well. Now I was all through all the race."

Johnson used to look up to 1984 and 1988 Olympic champion Kingdom, the veteran who has made a comeback this season after serious knee problems in the last few years.

"The next generation is coming up. Allen wants to learn and he is eager to listen," Kingdom 32, said. "I knew sooner or later a man like that is going to knock us off our pedestal."

Johnson's victory lifted an American team jolted earlier when their men's 4x100 metres relay squad, winners

of all four previous world titles, crashed out in the heats after a calamitous baton change between Jon Drummond and Tony McCal.

Pedroso recorded his 8.69 on a windy day in the Italian ski resort of Sestriere at the end of last month. Saturday's gold provided the Cuban with some consolation for it not being recognised as a world record.

Defending champion Powell, who set the existing record in winning the championships in Tokyo in 1991 recorded 8.92 metres but missed out on the silver after a dramatic last jump of 8.30 from Jamaican James Backford.

The Swedish crowd was clearly aware that Pedroso

world record again."

Ireland's Sonia O'Sullivan clinched her first global title with a powerful final kick in the women's 5,000 metres, a distance included in the World Championships for the first time.

The European champion took off with 200 metres to go and stormed past 10,000 metres winner Fernanda Ribeiro of Portugal to win with several strides to spare in 14 minutes 46.47 seconds.

Ribeiro held on for the silver with 14.48.54 with Morocco's Zohra Ouaziz third in 14.53.77.

Other titles of the day went to Ellina Zvereva of Belarus, who threw 68.64 metres to win the women's

Italy	2	2	1
Portugal	2	1	1
Germany	2	1	0
Ukraine	2	0	0
Russia	1	3	7
Jamaica	1	2	2
Britain	1	2	0
Cuba	1	2	0
Kenya	1	1	2
Finland	1	1	1
Canada	1	1	1
Ethiopia	1	1	0
Spain	1	1	0
Bahamas	1	1	0
France	1	0	2
Tadjikistan	1	0	0
Syria	1	0	0
Ireland	1	0	0
Denmark	1	0	0
Algeria	1	0	0
Romania	0	2	0
Morocco	0	1	1
Bulgaria	0	1	1
Zambia	0	1	0

# Anurat Asian snooker champ

Anurat Wongjan of Thailand emerged champion in the 12th Nescafe Asian snooker championship beating compatriot Theppachai Woratraiphob 8-7 in the final in Bangkok yesterday (Sunday) and earned a trip to Australia, reports UNB.

In the nine frames first session, Theppachai had captured a massive 6-3 lead, but Anurat, the seventh seed, recorded an amazing recovery in the second session to win the match that kept a big crowd at the Thai-Japan Youth Welfare Centre on their tenterhooks for more than six hours.

Earlier in the day, Young Kien Foot of Malaysia beat Sri Lankan's Susantha Botetu 4-1 in the third place deciding match and book a seat in the Australian Masters, according to a faxed message received here from the Thai capital.

With this title, Anurat not only received the trophy and cash awards, but also earned the right with Kien Foot of Malaysia to travel to the Australian Masters.

The WPBSA has earmarked a quota of three players for Asia at the masters which will be staged in Melbourne next months.

The third Asian representative at the tourney will be the winner of the 1995 Asian Under-21 championship, Phaitoon Pholbun of Thailand.

# John Rock-Enroe!

LIPZIG, Germany, Aug 13: John McEnroe raised a racket here and barely broke a sweat, reports AP.

In a sleeveless T-shirt, baseball cap and jeans torn at the knee, the 36-year-old former tennis ace and his band Package rocked an audience of 300 Friday night at a student club in this eastern city.

"I'm trying to slowly break away from tennis," McEnroe said of his 15-year-old guitar-playing hobby. "Music is so much more fun than playing tennis."

It was the band's first gig in Germany. McEnroe was in Leipzig for an exhibit of works by the German expressionist Emil Nolde that he organised with a local art dealer.

# Muster, Gaudenzi in San Marino Open final

SAN MARINO, Aug 13: Top seeds Thomas Muster of Austria and Italian Andrea Gaudenzi will meet in today's San Marino Open final after both enjoyed easy wins over unseeded semifinal opponents on Saturday, reports Reuter.

World number three Muster, playing on his favourite clay court surface, brushed aside Italian Stefano Pescosolido 6-4, 6-2.

Second seed Gaudenzi, who like Muster is coached and managed by Ronnie Letigeb, dismissed Belgian outsider Filip de Wulf 6-4, 6-0.

# Kirui keeps 5,000 m title

GOTHENBURG, Aug 13: Kenyan Ismael Kirui ran a brave race from the front to defend his men's 5,000 metres title at the World Athletics Championships today, reports Reuter.

Kirui took up the running after the first lap and produced two superb kicks on the last to win in 13 minutes 16.77 seconds.

Moroccan Khalid Boulami took the silver in 13.17.15.



Newly crowned long jump world champion Ivan Pedroso of Cuba displays his gold medal during the award giving ceremony at the World Athletics Championships in Gothenburg on August 12.

was in the form of his life. There was a sense of expectancy every time he walked onto the runway. After an opening jump of 7.82 he clinched the gold with his second effort.

"I thought it would be a tougher contest because Powell seemed to be in good shape," Pedroso said. "It seems as if I killed the competition with my second jump. I tried to beat the

discus, and Spaniard Martin Fiz who won the mens marathon in stifling conditions in two hours 11 minutes and 41 seconds.

# MEDALS TABLE

United States	9	2	5
Belarus	2	3	2
Namibia	0	1	0
Mexico	0	1	0
Kazakhstan	0	1	0
China	0	1	0
Burundi	0	1	0
Bermuda	0	1	0
Poland	0	0	2
Hungary	0	0	2
Trinidad and Tobago	0	0	1
Saudi Arabia	0	0	1
Norway	0	0	1
Dominica	0	0	1
Brazil	0	0	1

# New name in Irish irony

GOTHENBURG, Aug 13: Sonia O'Sullivan, an exile in an extended Irish tradition, carved herself a place

in the history books on Saturday by winning the first world or Olympic women's 5,000 metres title, reports Reuter.

Body honed by thousands of kilometres of relentless

performances in the second half of 1993 owed as much to drugs as they did to draconian training regimes.

O'Sullivan has been diplomacy itself on the subject, contenting herself on Saturday with saying she had long forgotten Stuttgart.

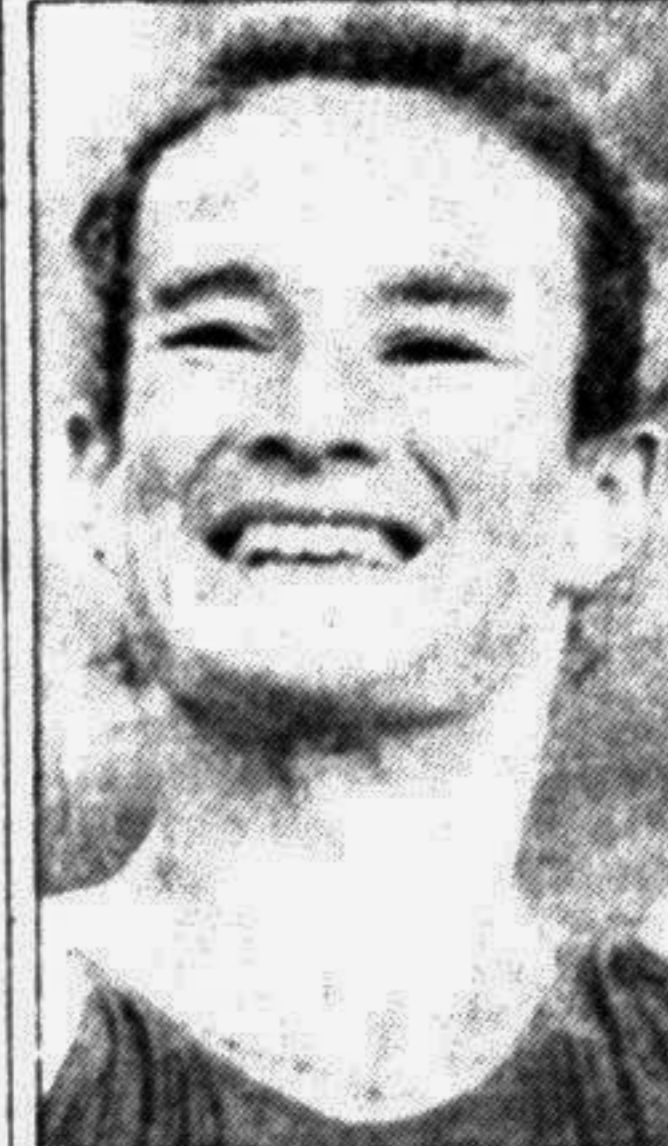
"I'm ready to race them (the Chinese) anytime," she said.

"But it's not something I worry about or think about. I'm happy to win here. I'm disappointed that I never got a chance to race them."

But there was a sting in the tail, when one reporter asked if the Chinese were concentrating now on next year's Atlanta Olympics.

"We didn't have any races against them last year - so they've been training for quite a while," O'Sullivan replied.

Whatever her private thoughts, O'Sullivan responded to the Chinese avalanche of titles and world records by increasing an already tough training load.



SONIA O'SULLIVAN training at her base in southern England. O'Sullivan ran the perfect race, easing past Portugal's 10,000 metres champion Fernanda Ribeiro on the final lap to win in 14 minutes 46.47 seconds.

Ireland, accustomed to losing poets and prophets over the centuries, has become equally injured to seeing its leading sportsmen and women depart.

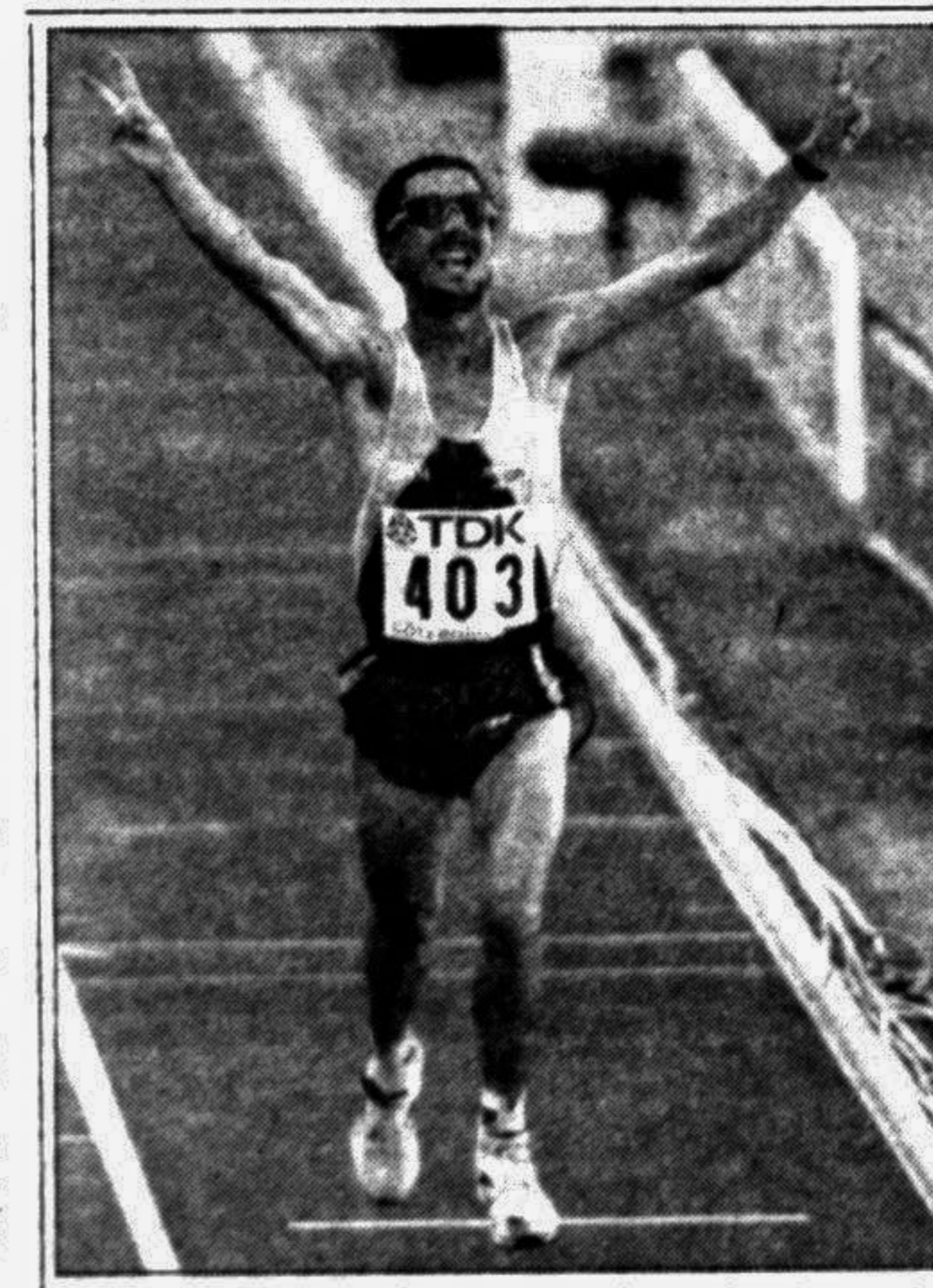
Eamonn Coghlan, who won the men's 5,000 metres at the inaugural World Championships in Helsinki 12 years ago, was based in the United States as were a stream of his successors, including Frank O'Mara and Marcus O'Sullivan.

Sonia O'Sullivan, an outstanding cross-country talent, also crossed the Atlantic on an athletic scholarship to Villanova University.

She now trains with some of the outstanding Kenyan internationalists in the English country side and spends her summers travelling on the lucrative European Grand Prix circuit.

O'Sullivan finished second to Chinese Liu Dong in the 1993 Stuttgart World Championships 1,500 metres final and watched helplessly as three Chinese swept past her to take the medals in the 3,000.

The Chinese have disappeared as suddenly as they arrived, adding to the speculation that their astonishing



A delighted Martin Fiz of Spain shows the victory sign after winning the marathon gold at the World Athletics Championships in Gothenburg on August 12.



Tennis star Monica Seles exchanges ideas with her father and coach Carlo Seles before a charity match at Toronto on August 12.

# Testing time for Seles

TORONTO, Aug 13: Monica Seles was in a very upbeat mood on Saturday when she talked with a group of Canadian journalists about her return to competitive play at the Canadian Open, reports Reuter.

Seles, who was stabbed in the back by German Guenther Priebe during a racket here and barely broke a sweat, reports AP.

The 21-year-old former Yugoslav spoke about the difficulty she may have in putting the nightmare of Hamburg out of her mind, and was generous in her praise of sports psychologist Jerry Russel form Nevada, who has worked with her for more than a year.

"It's still hard and there are days when you struggle with it," she admitted about the memories, "but I have someone I can talk to and I go through exercises that help me to sit down in that chair again." She was stabbed while seated during a change over at Hamburg tournament.

While she expressed the hope that security provisions "will be stronger," Seles emphasised that "I'm not going to be obsessed with it or

worry about it too much. My job is to go out there and play great tennis and have fun."

Co-seeded number one with German Steffi Graf, Seles has a bye before meeting the winner of a first-round match between 26th-ranked Martina Habsudova of Slovakia and a qualifier.

Seles has no ranking because of her inactivity but according to special WTA rules she was placed in the number two seed's position at the bottom of the draw.

For her first two non-Grand Slam tournaments that include the number one and number two-ranked players (Graf and Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario), Seles will be placed in the number two seed's spot and will automatically have the number two-ranked player (Sanchez Vicario) in her half of the draw.

That means they would meet in the semifinals if the tournament proceeds according to form.

About her goals for the 806,250 dollars Canadian Open at the National Tennis Centre in Toronto, Seles insisted: "I'm really looking forward to playing and I'm just going to try to do my best this week. I want to get in a lot of matches and work

on my mental toughness for the (US) Open.

"When I was playing before, I never thought about getting to the quarters or whatever. That's worked for me in the past, so I'll stay with it."

She is mainly pointing towards the US Open which starts on August 28.

"My knee is feeling a lot better so I decided I wanted to play a tournament before the Open," Seles said.

"I've had tendinitis in my left knee for over a month but it's getting better," she explained. "I love to run and I got it from running long distances. Playing and running, you can't do both. I've learned that the hard way."

Seles will continue to have her father, 62-year-old Karoly, as her one and only coach.

"I love him and I think for my lifetime he'll be my coach," she said.

"We just click so well. You hear a lot of very negative stuff in the press about father-daughter relationships, but all I can say is that, in my experience, it's been amazingly positive."

"When my dad and I finish practices, we never take tennis off the court. We're able to get back to just being father and daughter."

# An all-American affair

MASON, Aug 13: It was a scorcher on stadium court at the 1.8 million dollars ATP Championship on Saturday but Andre Agassi was cool as can be as he quickly disposed of 13th seeded Thomas Enqvist of Sweden 6-4, 6-2, reports Reuter.

In an all-American final, the top seeded Agassi will take on fourth seeded Michael Chang, whom he leads 8-3 in career matches.

The fifth ranked Chang won an impressive 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) victory over eight seeded Michael Stich of Germany in a match that showcased the sport at its finest level.

Chang today will be trying to become the first player to win this title three years in a row.

Agassi was so comfortable during his one hour, 10 minute match that he had plenty of time to glance over

at on-court thermometer.

But the only thing that seemed hot about Agassi was his tennis.

Agassi is now 59-7 in match play in 1995 and 80-9 since last year's US Open, which he won.

The current king of tennis, Agassi came out aggressively, determined to be on the offensive and put pressure on Enqvist's powerful serve. The strategy worked. Enqvist felt the squeeze and ended up with a low 44 per cent first service percentage.

Agassi, who evened his career head-to-head with the Swede to 2-2, broke Enqvist's service on his third break point in the fifth game of the first set.

A quick service break in the first game of the second set and Agassi was on his way to a 5-1 lead.

Both Chang and the eighth-ranked Stich came to Saturday's semifinal after surviving three-set quarter

final matches where they faced match points.

Stich seemed in control of the match after taking the first set.

But Chang, who now has a 3-2 edge over Stich, never believes a win is impossible, no matter how behind he is in a match.

Chang broke Stich's serve in the fourth and eighth games of the second set.

That second set produced a dazzling shot by Stich on the second point of the second game.

In a remarkable rally, Chang hit a ball wide to the deuce court with Stich at the net in the ad court. Stich raced crosscourt, then backtracked towards the baseline, hitting a winner while running with his back to the net.

The momentum went back and forth in the third set. But Chang, although hindered at the end with a blister on his racket hand, won the final two points of a see-saw tiebreaker.

# Rubin puzzles Vicario

MANHATTAN BEACH, California, Aug 13: Tenth seed Chanda Rubin took full advantage of a below-par Arantxa Sanchez Vicario to defeat the top seed 6-3, 6-1 on Saturday and advanced into the final of the Acura Classic against Conchita Martinez of Spain, reports Reuter.

The second-seeded Martinez beat unseeded Indonesian Yayuk Basuki 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) in the day's second semifinal.

Sanchez Vicario broke to lead 2-1 and then held two break points for a 4-1 lead.

But the rest of the match belonged to Rubin the 19-year-old Louisiana, daughter of a judge.

Her strong forehand and ability to stretch her opponent wide, backed up by her willingness to come into the net when she had the opportunity, meant the biggest win of her career was well-deserved.

"I really attacked well and executed my game plan, which was to hit out on my forehand and get in when I could. I wanted to get her on the move, and to mix it up and not hit everything deep,

and it worked," said Rubin, who upset Argentine Gabriela Sabatini in the quarter-finals.

While Rubin was aggressive, Sanchez Vicario was a pale shadow of her normal self. Her serve was completely ineffective, she was slow and lethargic, and after the first few games she posed no threat at all.

"I was a little bit off and not as fast into the ball. It was a very bad day for me. Sometimes it happens but

the thing to do is to forget it," said the disappointed Spaniard.

Sanchez Vicario put only 49 per cent of her first serves into play, which was exactly what she didn't want against an opponent with such a good return.

Martinez reached her second final in two weeks by ending the run of Basuki, who had upset three seeds on her way to the semifinals.

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