

Agassi too hot for Edberg

NEW YORK, Sept 3: Like a magician in command of all tricks, world number one Andre Agassi put on a dazzling display of power tennis at the US Open on Saturday, blowing away Stefan Edberg in straight sets to reach the fourth round, report agencies.

It was the first marquee match-up of the 1995 Open — the current number one against a former top-ranked player, the defending champion versus the 1991 and 1992 winner.

It seemed like it should have been a final or semifinal, but Edberg, unseeded here for the first time in 11 years, fell into Agassi's path in the third round and got run over by the American with the killer return of serve 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.

Edberg did not play badly, and the middle of the match produced some of the most scintillating tennis of the tournament so far.

But the way Agassi was pulverising the ball, it's a wonder it didn't disintegrate into a cloud of yellow dust.

"He's a great champion and I'm happy to get through it in straight sets," said Agassi, whose run to number one in the world began with his US Open title last year.

Two nights earlier, a sluggish Agassi was kept on the Stadium Court for five sets by Spanish clay court specialist Alex Corretja, and he survived only by virtue of superior fitness over the long haul.

A different Andre Agassi answered the bell at the National Tennis Centre Saturday and Edberg never really had a chance.

In a run of 11 games in the second and third sets, Agassi crushed returns of serves as if the balls were floating instead of coming at him at more than 175 kph (110 mph).

Agassi appeared to be in trouble when Edberg won the first three games of the second set, then escaped from that jam by sweeping the next six games to take the set. Any hopes Edberg had of mounting a comeback vanished when Agassi won the first five games of the third set en route to a fourth-round match against 75th-ranked Jared Palmer.

Agassi's path was made even easier when in the last match of the evening, unseeded American Vincent Spadea bounced out seventh seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Spadea's upset took out the last remaining seed in Agassi's quarterfinal bracket, so the defending champion would not meet a seeded player until the semifinals.

The match was a stunning reversal of the pair's meeting on clay at the Swiss Open in July, easily won by Kafelnikov.

"His groundstrokes were more solid than mine," said Kafelnikov, who made 56 unforced errors, more than twice as many as Spadea. "I just couldn't do anything."

Kafelnikov, who had marched into the Open on a winning run after taking the Hamlet Cup title on Long Island last week, was philosophical about the loss.

"Maybe I had a bad day. I can't play good tennis all the time. It just happens," he said.

Earlier, fourth seed Boris Becker rolled into the round of 16.

Three-time Wimbledon champion Becker defeated Australian Jason Stoltenberg 6-2, 4-6, 6-0, 6-4 in a contest that featured seven successive service breaks at one stretch.

"It didn't seem like a man's match," Becker said of the peculiar run.

Once the German star settled down from the service line, he produced some excellent tennis to live on into the second week of the year's final Grand Slam event.

"Last year I lost in the first round, so I am already 300 per cent better than that," said the 1989 champion of his 11th US Open campaign.

"I feel very good about my game right now," said Becker, who next faces 13th-seeded Swiss Marc Rosset, a 6-1, 7-6 (7-2), 3-6, 7-5 conqueror of Italian Renzo Furlan.

As sharp as Agassi was, Monica Seles was even sharper.

The black brace she wore on her left knee for the first time hinted ominously she might be breaking down the longer the Open goes on, her tendinitis flaring up and the pain increasing the more she pounds the hardcourts.

But she had no need to worry against Yone Kamio of Japan, sweeping past her 6-1, 6-1 in 54 minutes for her easiest victory so far. The competition, though, will be getting tougher starting in

the fourth round when Seles meets No 11 Anke Huber.

Seles looked no less mobile, powerful or accurate with the brace on her knee, and she overwhelmed Kamio with blazing serves and punishing groundstrokes into the corners. Seles hit 18 winners to Kamio's five.

"My knee was sore this morning so I thought it was better to be safe," Seles said, explaining why she wore the brace.

Seles has struggled much less than top-seeded Steffi Graf, who has been under stress since the arrest of her father on tax evasion charges related to his handling of her earnings.

"Steffi's problems are very different," Seles said. "Hers are taxes, mine's a stabbing."

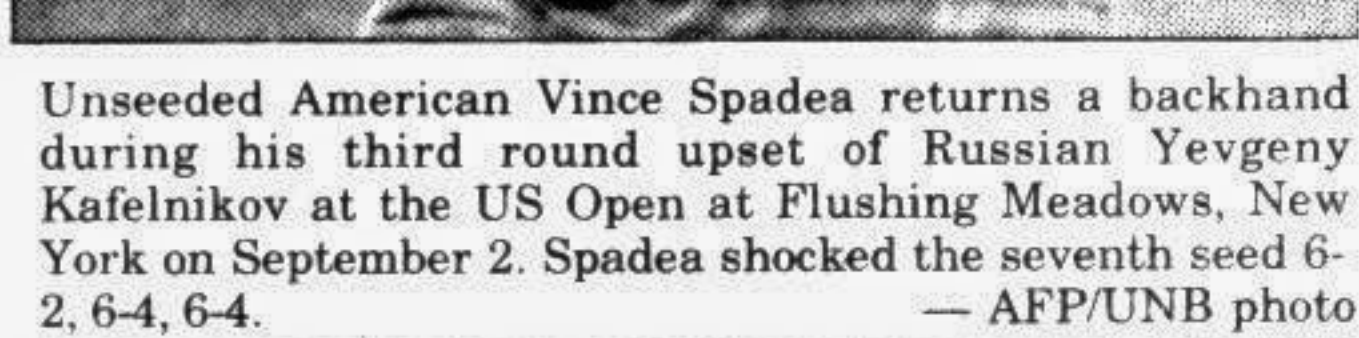
Seles, who beat Huber two weeks ago in Canada in a close but straight-sets match, knows she'll have to be healthy and on target against the German.

Huber, who rallied for a 2-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory over Elena Makarova, was eagerly looking forward to playing Seles again.

"For sure, it is going to be very tough," Huber said. "She is playing well."

Since starting her comeback, Seles is 8-0, and this victory was her 16th straight in the Open, going back to the titles she won in 1991 and '92 before missing the next two years. In her three matches this year, Seles has won 36 games while yielding only nine in a total of about three hours.

Other women who scooped up round-of-16 berths Saturday included fifth-seeded Czech Jana Novotna, seventh seeded Kimiko Date of Japan and veteran American Zina Garrison-Jackson, who followed her second-round upset of 10th seed Lindsay Deyenport with a straight-sets win over Sandrine Testud of France.



Unseeded American Vince Spadea returns a backhand during his third round upset of Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov at the US Open at Flushing Meadows, New York on September 2. Spadea shocked the seventh seed 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. — AFP/UNB photo

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US Open quips and quotes

NEW YORK, Sept 3 (Reuters): Quips and quotes heard around the courts during the first week of the US Open.

American junior champion, Justin Gimelstob, 18, and a college student at UCLA, when asked what he would be studying his second year: "Girls".

Lisa Raymond, after losing her second round match, and her concentration, on a bad call: "I stepped up to the line just wanting to kill the umpire."

After Andre Agassi said he had improved his thinking on the court, this exchange with a reporter followed: "I think a few years ago you said you are not at your best when you are thinking. So have you kind of changed your thinking about your thinking?"

Agassi: "I don't know. I haven't thought about it, to be honest."

Jeff Tarango on the toll the fines and punishment is taking in the aftermath of his Wimbledon explosion: "I feel like a victim. That is probably the word I would use — used and abused. I go to the chiropractor three times a week. He says I am so stressed out he can't even turn my neck."

Pete Sampras on his old friend Tarango: "He just went over the line and he paid the price."

Shuzo Matsuoka on why he did not call for a trainer upon collapsing on court in agony from severe cramping during a match: "I wanted to ask it, but I only can do the screaming at that time."

Martina Hingis, on comparisons between her and teenaged burnout victim, Jennifer Capriati: "I live in Europe. Jennifer Capriati lives in America. It is another family. I don't know Capriati and there just hasn't been the same kind of theatre around me as there has been around Capriati."

Jim Courier, raised in a small, conservative, southern town, on why he prefers a baseball cap over a bandanna: "Dade city people don't wear bandannas too much."

Pete Sampras on his much discussed rivalry with Andre Agassi: "This rivalry has been talked about and the hype has been extreme... the rivalry just seems like it is a little bit out of hand now."

Luke Jensen on the fleeting nature of fame: "I was in New Haven with Rod Lever and some kid came up to me and asked for my autograph and didn't ask for Rod Lever's... so my 15 minutes to contribute to this game is right now."

Luke Jensen on Thomas Muster's decision to skip Wimbledon: "Thomas Muster is going to look back one day and his grandkids are going to say: Hey, grandpa, how did you do at Wimbledon? He goes: You know, I didn't play. It is like grandkids are going to say 'What was wrong with you? What were you taking? What were you smoking?'"

Thomas Muster on opponent Luke Jensen's frequent shirt changes: "It is just difficult when you look at him every two games and you have to look around with the new shirt to find him."

Zina Garrison Jackson on Billie Jean King, who helped convince Garrison Jackson to go with her heart and postpone retirement: "Sometimes I think she is like this little angel that hangs over people or something."

Byron Black of Zimbabwe on the prospects of persuading his father to come over to watch him play: "He told me when my brother and sister are in the main draw he will come over. It is tough to get him off the farm."

Todd Martin, joking about his goals at the US Open: "My main objective is to avoid the groupies that are handing around in the players' lounge."

Mats Wilander, when asked if he thought he could have beaten today's top players in his prime: "Did you ever think about the girls that you get when you are 18 compared to 45? It is not going to happen, okay. It is never going to happen again. I am telling you."

Two-time French Open champion and clay court specialist, Sergi Bruguera, on new coach John McEnroe's inability to get him past the second round: "Well, he is not God."

Confident Russian, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, ranked 7, when asked what he needed to add to his game: "I have everything."

Martinez gathers momentum

NEW YORK, Sept 3: Conchita Martinez has not lost since the Wimbledon semifinals eight weeks ago.

On Saturday night, the Spaniard made 15 matches in a row, beating Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan 6-1, 6-2 to reach the fourth round of the US Open, reports Reuter.

It's been quite a perfect summer — the fourth seed said of her tournament victories at San Diego and Los Angeles and two wins in

Spain's victory over Germany in the Fed Cup semifinals.

"You know I'm playing great tennis and when I'm playing great tennis I'm happy, too, so it's quite perfect."

Her winning streak gives her some needed momentum coming into the Open.

"I never played real good at this tournament," said Martinez, who has reached the quarterfinals just once in seven tries. Coming here is always a little bit of nerves.

The winning streak has been great for my confidence, which is super, because this had always been a very difficult Grand Slam.

So far, it hasn't been very difficult. Martinez has lost a total of 12 games.

Against Sawamatsu, the 1994 Wimbledon champion controlled the game with her punishing groundstrokes, picking up 31 winners against 13 for the outgunned Japanese opponent.

"I was very happy with the way I played tonight," Martinez said of the 80-minute victory on the National Tennis Centre Stadium Court.

"I have a very good feeling and a lot of confidence and the longer the tournament goes, the more I improve every day."

Martinez, though, knows she should get a test next when she meets veteran Zina Garrison-Jackson, who has become a tournament sentimental favourite.

(Two bronze medals awarded in each judo category. Some events tied).



The soft-spoken Spaniard Conchita Martinez makes a backhand return during her third round match against Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan at the US Open on Sept 2. The fourth-seeded player crushed the Japanese 6-1, 6-2. — AFP/UNB photo

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Media Christie's curse

LONDON, Sept 3: Linford Christie claims media pressure of the wrong kind will probably convince him not to defend his Olympic 100 metres title in Atlanta next year, reports AFP.

The 35-year-old British sprinter, who recently became a grandfather and whom his three children by two women, said he wants to lead "a normal family life."

"A clear mind is the most important thing for an athlete. But I haven't had a clear mind. Whose side is our media on? We are part of the British team. The media should be part of the British team too."

When asked if he would like to run in Atlanta, he replied "Yes."

But he stressed: "Nothing goes on for ever. It is always nice to get out at the top. I have got to the stage where I am just fed up that every time it gets to a major game the media hassle my friends, my family, they dig up things from way down."

He insisted his age was not a factor.

"It is nothing to do with my age," he told psychiatrist Dr Anthony Clare in an interview to be broadcast on ITV today.

"I haven't deteriorated at all. I am good because I am good. Forget age. Age is just a number."

Christie whose mother Mable died in June, told Dr Clare: "The day after the funeral, I ran in the European Cup and I was criticised because I kept the team waiting overnight, until the last minute when I knew I was going to be in the right state of mind."

"You know, I went through hell that night. We had journalists ringing and asking my dad on the phone if they can take a picture of my mother's body."

Christie, the only athlete to have simultaneously held Commonwealth, Olympic, European and World titles, said: "I have won everything there is to win in athletics."

"Why put myself through that pressure when I can get out there and chill and live? You know, I need to get back to a normal life. I have got a family."

"My sister's had a little boy and he's walking and talking and I have missed all that because I have been so busy away doing athletics, so I just want to get back to having a normal life."

"I just want to sit back along with my millions of British fans and appreciate that I believe I am the greatest British athlete of all and enjoy that."

The Jamaican-born millionaire athlete has come under fire recently for not taking a full enough interest in his children.

He is reported to pay just 60 pounds a week towards the upkeep of his 10-year-old twins, whose mother is on state benefits.

He became a grandfather last month when his 16-year-old son's girlfriend had baby girl.

Christie said he hoped his children would eventually understand why he had not been around during their early years.

Asked whether he worried about his role as a father, he replied: "In a way I do. All that happened when I was pretty young. As all human beings, we make mistakes. It is all history. It is all in the past. I don't think I can do anything to turn the clock back."

"You have when the kinds grow older they will find out the truth and they will make their own conclusions."



LINFORD CHRISTIE

Hosts, US go neck to neck

FUKUOKA, Japan, Sept 3: American sprinters secured their third gold of the day to keep the United States up with hosts Japan in the World Student Games gold medal tally today, reports AFP.

Takaki Morikawa and Masako Kusakaya had earlier won the men's and women's marathons to take Japan to 24 golds, three more than the United States.

But the Americans easily won the men's and women's 4x100 metre relay and Ryan Hayden, Leonard Byrd, Andre Morris and Anthon Maybank wound up the 12-day competition with a new meet record of 3:00.40 to win the men's 4x400m.

"The Japanese are the most competitive people here. This is their home. We had to fight with them in every event for gold medals and unfortunately we were tied," said Hayden after receiving the United States' 24th gold.

The US 4x100m squad, led by Terrence Bowen, timed 38.96sec to beat Britain and Italy, while Cheryl Taplin anchored the women's team to a winning time of 43.58sec to beat Russia and Nigeria.

In other events, Romania and Russia took two gold medals each, while defending champion Abdel Kader Chekhermani of France won the men's 1,500m in 3:46.53, beating Andrea Giocondi of Italy and Abdohamid Slimani of Algeria.

"It gives me great confidence looking forward to the Atlanta Olympics next year," said Chekhermani, who was sixth at Gothenburg last month.

Gabriela Szabo defeated American Julianne Henner and Ursula Friedmann of Germany to win the women's 1,500m in 4:11.73, while

teammate Felicia Tilea and Claudia Isaila made a Romanian one-two finish in the women's javelin.

Kirill Sossounov leaped 8.21m to win the men's long jump, beating Georg Ackermann of Germany and Gregor Cankar of Slovakia.

The Russian women runners — Ioulia Sotnikova, Natalia Khroouchcheleva, Elena Andreeva and Tattiana Techebykina — won the 4x400m relay race in 3:28.32.

Tragic!

BRESCIA, Sept 3: Former Italian soccer player Edoardo Bortolotti, 25, died on Saturday after falling from a third-floor balcony, and police and his family said they believed he had committed suicide, reports Reuter.

Bortolotti, who played as a defender for Brescia in both the First and Second Divisions and made four appearances for Italy's under-21 side, died in hospital in the northern town of Brescia, where he was flown by helicopter after being found injured.

Police said he had fallen 10 metres from the balcony of his parent's third-floor apartment in the village of Gavardo. He was alone in the apartment at the time.

Bortolotti broke his leg in a serious injury in January 1991 and was banned from soccer for 12 months from May of the same year for cocaine use. A random test when he appeared on the bench for Brescia in April 1991 had shown traces of the drug.

Bortolotti played 11 Serie A games for Brescia in the 1992-93 season, his last as a professional.

"Edo never used drugs, my son was just ill, extremely depressed," Gazzetta Dello Sport newspaper today quoted Bortolotti's father Giacomo as saying.

University Games final medals table

The final medal standings at the World Student Games which closed today:

Country	G	S	B
USA	24	27	18
Japan	24	16	24
Russia	15	12	23
China	13	10	16
South Korea	10	7	10
Hungary	8	4	2
Germany	6	6	8
Bulgaria	5	4	2
Ukraine	4	5	6
Romania	4	5	2
Cuba	4	3	3
Italy	3	7	11
South Africa	3	1	0
France	2	6	7
Brazil	2	5	2
Belarus	2	3	3
Mexico	2	1	2
Yugoslavia	2	1	0
Australia	1	2	3
Netherlands	1	2	2
Kenya	1	2	0
Taiwan	1	1	2
Nigeria	1	1	2
Slovakia	1	1	1
Czech Rep	1	1	1
Belgium	1	0	1
Croatia	1	0	1
St Vincent	1	0	0
Madagascar	1	0	0
Britain	0	3	7
Poland	0	3	4
Spain	0	2	1
Kazakhstan	0	2	0
Canada	0	1	2
Greece	0	1	1
Morocco	0	1	1
Armenia	0	1	0
Austria	0	1	0
Barbados	0	1	0
Finland	0	0	1
Switzerland	0	0	1
Portugal	0	0	1
Algeria	0	0	1
Slovenia	0	0	1

Dominguez retains WBC crown

GALEGUAYCHU, Argentina, Sept 3: Marcelo Dominguez of Argentina retained his world Boxing Council cruiserweight title Saturday, defeating Miami-based Argentine Reynaldo Gimenez by knockout in the 12th round, reports AP.

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1. Sealed tender in Foreign currency is invited from bonafide Manufacturers/ Dealers/Indentors (Not necessarily enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy.

Sl No	Description and Qty	Tender Selling Date	Tender Opening Date
a.	140-150 KVA Portable Emergency Generator Set, Qty — 01 No	24-8-95 to 5-10-95	7-10-95 (Foreign)
b.	100 KW Emergency Generator Qty — 01 No	..	..
c.	Base Injection System, Qty — 01 No	..	..
d.	50 KW Emergency Generator Set Qty — 01 No	..	..
e.	Fuel Injection Pump Test Stand Qty — 01 No	..	..
f.	Skid Mounted Air Compressor Qty — 02 Nos	..	..

2. The tender schedule with detail specification will be available at given rate (Not refundable) on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened at 1000 hours on the above mentioned date in presence of the present tenderers.

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