

Lothar back from blur

MUNICH, Germany, Nov 19: Lothar Matthaeus returned to the Bayern Munich side after a long injury lay-off on Saturday...



Pakistan's Rameez Raja (R) falls on the crease while taking an evasive action off a nasty bouncer as Australia's Paul Reiffel looks on during the second Test in Hobart yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

Mushtaq adapts Warne's wizardry Taylor Pakistan's thorn

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SL start on wrong foot

CAIRNS, Australia, Nov 19: Sri Lanka's cricket tour of Australia urchin to an uncertain beginning here today when Arjuna Ranatunga's men crashed to a 46-run one day defeat to Queensland, reports AFP.

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Extras: (lb-5, nb-9, w-1, b-6) 21 Total: (102.1 overs) 306 Fall of wickets: 1-120; 2-125; 3-132; 4-189; 5-233; 6-255; 7-256; 8-298; 9-306.

PAKISTAN: Second innings Selm Elahi not out 7 Aamir Sohail retired hurt 0 Rameez Raja not out 6 Extras: (lb-2) 2 Total: (No wkt (nine overs) 15

The tourists fell away badly after a brilliant springboard established by the technically-proficient Roshan Mahanama (58) and Asanka Gurusinha (50) who shared in a 119-run second-wicket partnership off 166 balls.

Rain the spoiler

PRETORIA, Nov 19: Rain washed out the fourth day's play in the first Test between England and South Africa at Centurion Park today, reports Reuter.

New probe body for Peter Graf

BONN, Nov 19: The father of tennis star Steffi Graf will appear next month before a German parliamentary committee investigating the family's tax affairs, his lawyer was quoted on Saturday as saying, reports Reuter.

Peter Graf has been in prison since August, when he was placed in investigative custody to stop him fleeing or hiding evidence in a multi-million dollar tax evasion probe which also targets his daughter, the six-time Wimbledon champion.

He will appear before the committee in the regional parliament of Baden-Wuerttemberg on December 6, lawyer Steffen Ufer told the Bild Am Sonntag weekly in an article released ahead of publication on Sunday.

The committee is probing accusations that local tax authorities in Baden-Wuerttemberg, the family's home state, gave preferential treatment to the 26-year old tennis star.

"We want to achieve two things through my client's statements," Ufer told Bild Am Sonntag. "We want to get Steffi Graf out of the matter completely and we want to try and get my client out of custody before Christmas."

The scandal has been front-page news in Germany since it was announced in July that the Graf family homes in Germany had been raided by tax investigators.

He hopes that Peter Graf's appearance at the committee could finally bring the facts of the case into the open may be short-lived. Most of the committee's sessions so far have been held behind closed doors, in accordance with tax secrecy laws.

Indian lifter sets world mark

GUANGZHOU, China, Nov 19: India's Karanam Malleswari set a world record in the women's 54 kg category at the World Weightlifting Championships today when she lifted 113.0 kg in the clean and jerk, reports Reuter.

Malleswari, who went on to win the gold medal, beat the previous record of 112.5 kg set by China's Long Yuling in December 1993.

Paulus, Qian in final

PATTAYA, Thailand, Nov 19: Top seed Barbara Paulus of Austria will meet China's Qian Yijing in the final of the Pattaya WTA women's tennis tournament on Sunday, reports AFP.

Chang vs crowd & Becker



FRANKFURT, Nov 19: Michael Chang's metamorphosis into an all-round tennis player paid huge dividends on Saturday when he swept world number one Pete Sampras out of the Semifinals of the ATP Tour World Championship, reports Reuter.

Former French Open champion Chang, who has been working overtime on improving his game on faster courts in the last few seasons, caught the Wimbledon and US Open champion on an off-day to clinch an impressive 6-4, 6-4 victory.

The 23-year-old Chang now faces one of his biggest challenges on an indoor court in Sunday's best-of-five sets final when he takes on Boris Becker in front of his fanatical German fans.

The triple Wimbledon champion battled his way past Thomas Enqvist, one of the most impressive new performers at the championship, in a 6-4, 6-7, 7-5 victory in the second semifinal.

Surprisingly Chang and Becker have clashed only three times in the past. Their only meeting in 1991 in

Brussels when Becker won in straight sets. Their last meeting was on hard court in the semifinals of last year's Japan Open which Chang won.

Chang will not only have to cope with Becker's big serve on the fast court on Sunday but also with 9,000 partisan German fans in the Festhalle arena, just a short drive from Becker's home town of Leimen.

The difference in the two players' success at the prestigious year-ending championship is also striking.

Before Saturday, Chang had won just four of his 15 matches in five years of competing at the championship and the event it replaced on the circuit, the Masters which was held in New York.

Becker, by contrast, won the event in 1988 and 1992 and has been runner-up four times, including last year when he lost to Sampras.

The Frankfurt crowd as a major help to Becker against Enqvist. They chanted the German's name like soccer supporters.

When the match went to a decisive third set, they inspired Becker to fend off break points in a crucial seventh game.

The German then broke Enqvist's serve in the 12th game to clinch the match after two hours and 18 minutes.

Chang showed no signs of inferiority against Sampras despite losing to the world number one six times in the last three years. He ran hard for every point and produced some superb passing shots from the back of the court.

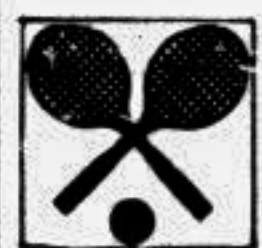
The tennis workaholic, whose baseline game is better suited to slower courts, has been doing a great deal of overtime on his serve in the last few years. Saturday's victory provided Chang has become a much more versatile player.

Sampras, winner in 1991 and 1994, is certain to finish the year at the top of the world rankings despite the defeat. But his serving was not as sharp as usual on the key points and he seemed to struggle with his accuracy from the back of the court.

"Today was one of those days when a lot of things worked really well for me," Chang said.

A disappointed Sampras added: "I had an off-day today, plain and simple. But Michael played well. He returned well and he won all the important points."

All-German final in NY



NEW YORK, Nov 19: Three-time champion Steffi Graf restored some semblance of protocol to the upset-ravaged WTA Tour Championships on Saturday with a straight sets semifinal victory over Natasha Zvereva of Belarus, reports Reuter.

Despite a brief concentration lapse early in the second set, the top-seeded world number one needed just 62 minutes to end the giant killer run of the feisty Zvereva 6-4, 6-3 and set up the first all-German final in the history of the season-ending championships against 12th-ranked Anke Huber.

Huber played a near-perfect match and did a superb

serve pretty well, I knew this was coming," said Schultz-McCarthy, who upset seventh seed Magdalena Maleeva and second seed Concita Martinez to reach the semifinals.

"She reads my serve pretty good or she just guesses right," Huber, who committed just one unforced error in the first set, held Schultz-McCarthy two aces in the second set after the Dutchwoman had drilled 10 in the first - the fastest clocked at 114 miles per hour (183 kph).

"At the beginning I just looked back at them and didn't know where they went," Huber said of her opponent's booming delivery.

"But I just got used to it and I got better and better,"

named adopted its present 16-player format in 1983 that three unseeded players reached the semifinals.

But Graf made quite sure that there would be no all-unseeded final with her impressive win over versatile Zvereva.

The 15th-ranked Zvereva surprised even herself by upsetting third seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in the first round, then had the audacity to pick off New York crowd favourite Gabriela Sabatini, the fifth seed defending champion, to reach the semis.

Graf, however, raised her career record against Zvereva to a perfect 15-0 and will face a third consecutive opponent who has never beaten her. Graf is 9-0 against Huber and now 13-0 against quarterfinal victim Mary Joe-Fernandez.

Still, the German star, who will go for her ninth title of the year Sunday, insisted she did not take Zvereva lightly.

"She's had a great tournament. She was somebody I definitely had to watch out for," said Graf, who won this event in 1987, 1989 and 1993.

Although she lost a service game for the first time in the tournament, Graf was again extremely effective from the service line.

It's very hard to read where's she's going to serve the ball because of the high toss," said a cheerful Zvereva who said that she did not sleep at all following her win Friday night over Sabatini.

And then there is Graf's vaunted forehand to deal with.

"Her forehand is a bullet and for me to try to get every single ball to her backhand, it's very hard," Zvereva said.

Graf, who drilled 28 winners to just nine for Zvereva, took the first set on the strength of a single service-break in the third game.

In the second set however, managed to break Graf in the second game and then held her own serve to love with the help of two of her five aces for a 3-0 lead.

"I lost a little bit of concentration in the beginning of the second set," said the French Open, Wimbledon and US Open champion.



Anke Huber of German musters up every bit of strength to return a booming serve from towering Dutchwoman Brenda Schultz-McCarthy during their WTA Tour Championship semifinal clash in New York on Nov 18. Huber won 6-3, 6-3. — AFP/UNB photo

job of handling the biggest serve in women's tennis to blitz 14th-ranked Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands 6-3, 6-3, also in 62 minutes.

"She always returns my

Saturday's action market the first time since the tour-

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