

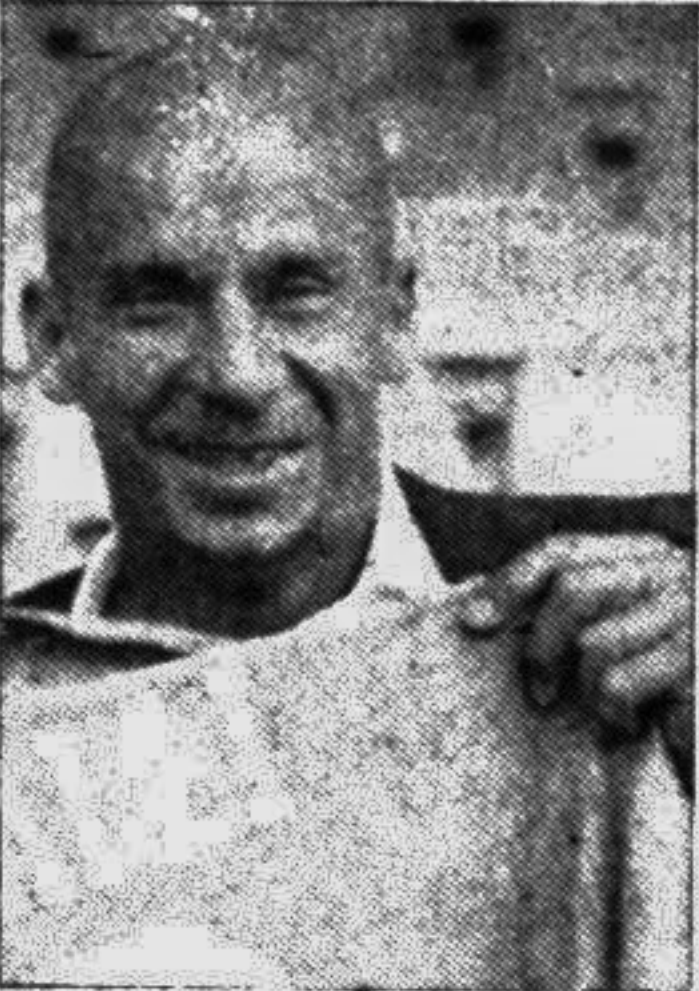
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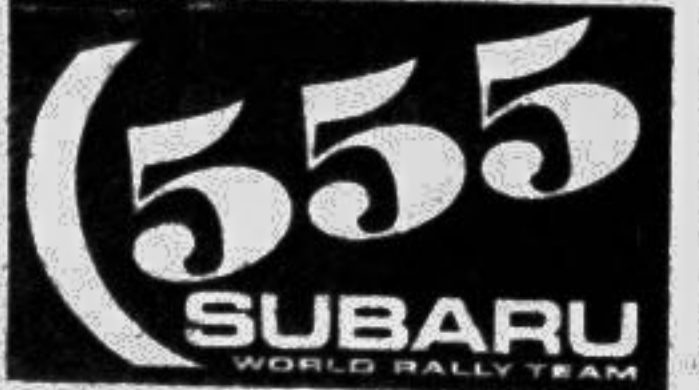
(Gianluca Vialli) (Italian striker) "But I hope to score as many goals as possible for Chelsea and that will put Sacchi in trouble."

Capriati skips Wimbledon

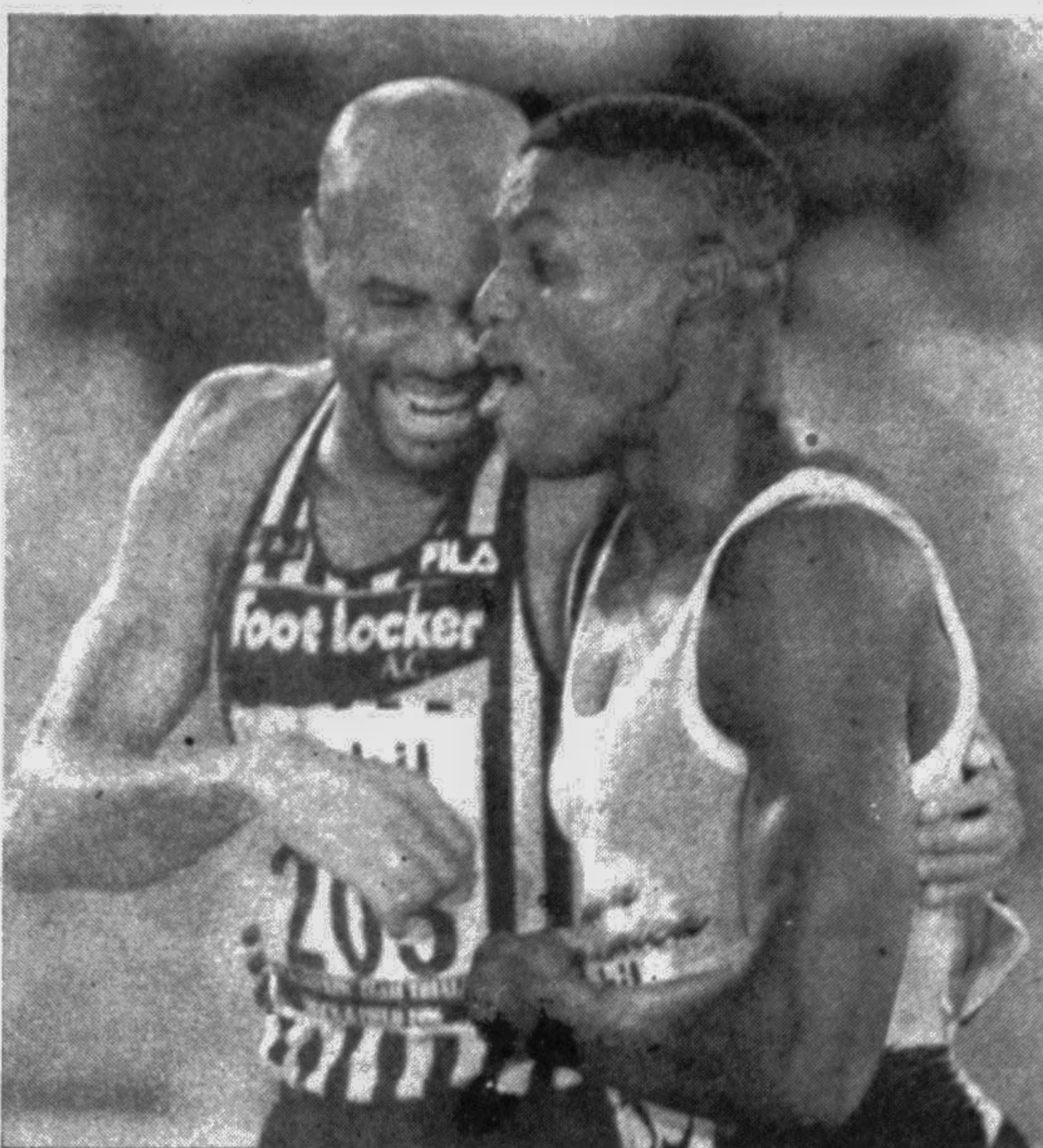
MIAMI, June 20: First came the opening round loss in the French Open. Now, Jennifer Capriati has hit another setback in her bid to reclaim her place among the top players in tennis, reports AP.

Eriksson wins Petronas Rally

555 Subaru World Rally Team driver, Kenneth Eriksson and co-driver, Staffan Parmander, took a convincing victory on the 20th Petronas Rally Malaysia to finish round three of the Asia-Pacific Rally Cham-

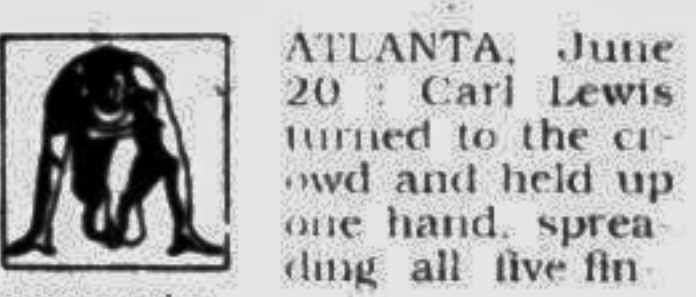


ampionship 1 minute 17 seconds ahead of their nearest rival, Kenneth, the current Asia-Pacific Rally champion, now heads this year's leaderboard with an 8 point lead over 555 Subaru team-mate, Piero Liatti, says a press release. "It is a relief to be at the finish of the rally and to have won for the second year running," commented the Swede. "We are in a good position now to defend our title and will be looking to increase this lead on the next round. The Subaru Impreza 555 has run perfectly for the whole event and once again Pirelli have ensured that we have had the best tyres for these conditions."



Mike Powell (L) and Carl Lewis toast after their successful finish in the long jump finals at the US track and field trials in Atlanta on June 19. — AFP/UNB photo

Lewis gets Atlanta pass



ATLANTA, June 20: Carl Lewis turned to the crowd and held up one hand, spreading all five fingers wide.

America's most decorated athlete was an Olympian for the fifth time, reports AP. He could just have easily held two of his fingers a scant inch (2.5 centimetres) apart for the margin he had for the third and final spot on the long jump team.

Lewis barely made the team after world record holder Mike Powell uncorked a huge leap of 27 feet, 6 1/2 inches (8.39 metres) on his last jump, moving from sixth place to first. That dumped Joe Greene to second place and Lewis and his best jump of 27-2 3/4 (8.30 metres) to third, just ahead of Mike Conley.

Lewis was exhilarated over his recovery after finishing last in the 100 metres and sixth in the first day of long jump competition. "There wasn't a time when I didn't think I was going to make the Olympic team," Lewis said.

Three of his eight gold medals have come in the long jump, making it understandably his favourite event. "It's the one event that never deserted me," he said. "It's always been there for me."

Lewis is closing in on his 35th birthday, but he sees himself as a legitimate threat in the long jump. "The trials is just creating opportunity," he said. "Once you get there, anyone can win."

Seles storms into qtrs

EASTBOURNE, England, June 20: Monica Seles, flanked by court-side security guards, eased into the quarter-finals of the Eastbourne grass court tournament on Wednesday with a straight sets victory over fellow American Meredith McGrath, reports AP.

It was Seles' first match on grass in four years and her first in Britain since she lost the 1992 Wimbledon final against Steffi Graf.

Yugoslav-born Seles won 6-2, 6-4 against McGrath, winner of last week's tournament at Edgbaston.

Seles' prolonged absence from the courts of England came after she was stabbed at a tournament in Hamburg, Germany, in April, 1993.

Top-seeded Seles broke McGrath in the third and seventh games of the first set and again in the ninth game of the second set as her powerful hitting and almost unwavering accuracy carried her through.

She has been suffering from a shoulder injury recently, but a beaming smile after winning was accompanied by a standing ovation from the packed crowd. "I feel pretty comfortable," said Seles, although she admitted the injury causes her considerable discomfort.

"All I can do is take it a match at a time, get through those for a couple of months then see what happens," she added.

people believe eventually will be his. The conditions were great," he said. "Everything was perfect. It's nobody's fault but mine that I didn't break the world record."

Johnson won the race, his 53rd consecutive victory in a 400 metres, in 43.44 seconds, a fraction off Butch Reynolds' mark of 43.29 and third fastest 400 of all time. Reynolds was second in 43.91, his fastest time since 1988, when he set the record. Alvin Harrison took the third spot.

Johnson led the race from wire-to-wire, but said he made

Bowe dares!

NEW ORLEANS, June 20: Five years ago, Riddick Bowe knocked out Bruce Seldon in less than two minutes. On Wednesday, Bowe challenged Mike Tyson to do the same, reports AP.

Bowe offered to bet Tyson 100,000 dollars that Tyson, the WBC champion, wouldn't knock out Seldon, the WBA title-holder, in less than 1 minute, 48 seconds on July 13 in Las Vegas.

"I'm writing you this letter to personally challenge you to knock out Bruce Seldon — real quick. Just in case you've forgotten, I knocked Seldon out in 1:48 of the first round," Bowe wrote in a letter to Tyson.

"I'd like to bet you 100,000 dollars that you can't finish off Seldon in less time than I did. I hope you're up to the challenge, Mike, because you're calling yourself the best heavyweight in the world."

The letter was mailed to Tyson in care of his promoter, Don King. Efforts to reach King were unsuccessful.

Bowe is training in New Orleans for his bout against Andrew Golota in New York on July 11.



Slav-American Monica Seles hurtles down her powerful service against Meredith McGrath during their second round encounter of the Eastbourne meet on June 19. — AFP/UNB photo

Karpov extends the lead

MOSCOW, June 20: Russian Grand Master Anatoly Karpov beat challenger Gata Kamsky in the seventh game of their chess World Championship match on Wednesday to take a 5-2 lead in the 20-game series, reports Reuter.

ITAR-Tass news agency said Kamsky, playing black, conceded defeat in the 71st move of a game carried over from Tuesday.

Kamsky, 22, who defected from the Soviet Union to the United States in 1988, is challenging the 45-year-old Veteran for the World Chess Federation (FIDE) title in Elista, capital of Russia's semi-autonomous Kalmyk Republic, near the Caspian Sea.

Players win one point for victory and half a point for a draw. If they are level after 20 games, the match will continue until one of them wins another game.

Victory for either contestant will be decided by the absence of world number one Garry Kasparov, who is not challenging because of a split with FIDE.

Fischer in a fixation!

BUENOS AIRES, June 20: Former world chess champion Bobby Fischer has come up with a new version of chess that he says will bring the fun back into the game and rid it of cheats, reports AP.

"Fischerandom" is based on the random distribution of chess pieces on the back row of the chess board at the start of each game. The positions are selected by a computerized "shuffler."

That means there are 960 possible variations of starting positions. The changes represent the first modification to the game in 500 years, the Argentine Chess Club said.

The idea is to rely solely on creativity and individual skill. Fischer told a news conference Wednesday. "Chess players have become slaves to computers and books,"

Fischer, world chess champion from 1972 to 1975, said grandmasters Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov were "absolute criminals" because they knew the game and all its moves so well.

"Imagine playing cards, blackjack for example, and every time both players have the same starting hand. What's the point of this?" he asked.

"Fischerandom" will be officially launched in Buenos Aires on July 11 and the following day Philippine Grand Master Eugene Torre will play the first game in Buenos Aires province against Argentine champion Pablo Rosado.

Fischer claimed his new invention would make chess once again a test of will and strength.

"Look at young players," he said. "They wear thick, heavy glasses because they are spending lots and lots of time in front of computers studying moves. Old chess just isn't fun anymore."

Fischer, himself a grandmaster at age 15, went into seclusion after withdrawing from the world chess championship final in 1975 because several conditions he demanded proved unacceptable to the International Chess Federation.

He emerged in summer 1992 to play another former world champion, Boris Spassky, in a highly publicized match in Yugoslavia.

Fischer beat Spassky 10-5 to win 3.35 million dollars in prize money. At the time, the US administration accused Fischer of violating UN sanctions against Yugoslavia by playing the match.

British trio triumph

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 20: British players produced a triple victory in Wednesday's second round of the 303,000 dollars (198,039-pound) Nottingham Open grass-court tennis tournament, reports AP.

Greg Rusedski, Mark Petchey and Tim Henman were the winning trio. It is the first time since 1978 that three British players have reached the quarterfinals of a tour event.

Eighteen years ago John Feaver, Richard Lewis, Mark Cox and Andrew Harrett all reached the last eight at Bournemouth, on the south coast of England.

Rusedski set the example to his countrymen, winning 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) against Martin Damm of the Czech Republic.

Petchey, ranked 243 in the world, had to rely on a wild card to gain entry to the tournament, but he swept aside Patrick Rafter of Australia 6-3, 6-4.

Rafter is number 78 in the world and won this event two years ago when it was held in Manchester.

Henman's progress was not so simple. He fell a set behind to Michael Joyce from Los Angeles before fighting back for a 6-7 (7-2), 7-5, 6-2 victory.

In other matches, the No. 8 seed from Spain, Alex Corretja, lost 6-4, 6-2 to Japan's Shuzo Matsuoka, leaving just two seeds in the tournament.

They are fifth-seeded Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands, who defeated Markwin Goeller from Germany 2-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3, and sixth-seeded Todd Woodbridge, who won 7-5, 6-4 against American qualifier Chris Woodruff.

Italy's ignominious exit



MANCHESTER, June 20: Brilliant goalkeeping by Germany's Andy Koepke sent Italy tumbling out of the European Championship on Wednesday after a frustrating goalless draw in their final Group C clash, reports Reuter.

Koepke was lucky not to be sent off in the eighth minute after he brought down Pierluigi Casiraghi with his feet when the Italian striker had broken clear in front of goal.

The Eintracht Frankfurt goalkeeper was not even booked for the foul and went on to save Gianfranco Zola's penalty and produce some superb saves later on to deny the World Cup runners-up the victory they needed to stay in the competition.

Italian fans suffered their

most frustrating night for years as their team failed to score against a stubborn German team who were reduced to 10 men in the 60th minute when wing-back Thomas Strunz was sent off for his second bookable offence.

The Italians finished level on points with the Czech Republic, who drew their final match with Russia 3-3. The Czechs went through on the basis of having beaten Italy 2-1 in the group clash at Anfield last week.

The Germans won the group and now meet Croatia in the quarter-finals on Sunday — the countries' first meeting since 1942. But Berti Vogts' team will need some time to get this match out of their legs.

Rarely has a German team had to absorb so much pressure.



German Thomas Helmer (L) and Italian Pierluigi Casiraghi engage in an aerial tussle during their European Championship encounter at Old Trafford on June 19. — AFP/UNB photo

The German fans roared Koepke's name during the wild celebrations at the end of the match and chanted "auf wiedersehen" at the Italian supporters.

It was a particular harsh way to react to a draw which their team were very fortunate to achieve after struggling for long periods.

Apart from a Juergen Klinsmann header which flashed past the post in the 28th minute and a long-range free kick from midfielder Andy Moeller which went over the bar in the second half, the 1990 World Cup winners produced nothing dangerous.

Italian goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi was largely unimpressed. Koepke was by far the best German player on the pitch. Apart from the penalty, his best save came at the start of the second half when he dived acrobatically to his left to block a fierce shot from Diego Fuser from the right hand side of the box.

But the line between success and failure for Italian coach Arrigo Sacchi was as thin as the material on Koepke's gloves.

The group was dubbed the "group of death" because it was the toughest of the championship. The Italians' early exit could mean the end of Sacchi who is now sure to come under pressure to quit from the Italian media.

His team have played some entertaining football in England but Sacchi made some controversial changes for the Czech match.

Roberto Donadoni was a constant danger for the Italians on the left side. Strunz, who came into the side for the injured Stefan Reuter, was clearly out of his depth.

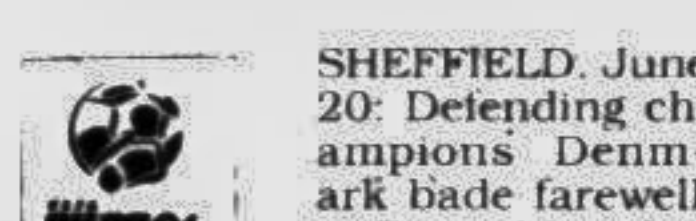
The Bayern Munich player was shown his first yellow card in the first half for a foul on the midfielder and was sent off in the 60th for another foul on the veteran.

After this far from impressive performance the Germans face Croatia team at Old Trafford on Sunday which Vogts called his "secret tip" to win Euro '96 before the championship.

The German manager said he was disappointed to see the Italians go out but praised Koepke and defender Thomas Helmer for what he called world-class performances.

"We played a very strong team today and we had to battle a draw. It is a shame that the Italians are no longer in the competition," Vogts said. "It is going to be very difficult against Croatia because Helmer may be doubtful and we may have to rebuild our defence."

Danes late in the day



SHEFFIELD, June 20: Defending champions Denmark bade farewell to Euro '96 with a flourish on Wednesday when they crushed miserly Turkey 3-0 in their final Group D match at Hillsborough, reports Reuter.

In front of a vast bank of their red-and-white army of fans, the Danes, who won the title on home soil in 1992, recovered from a dreary first-half performance to show glimpses of the once dynamic attacking play of former glories.

Led splendidly by brothers Michael and Brian Laudrup, whose creative skills gave the Danish supporters something to celebrate in the second period after a dreary first half, Denmark at least exited the tournament on a high note.

Knowing that Portugal were in command in the other group match, they determined to put on a show for their own fans and fully deserved their victory.

The Turks, cravenly defensive for most of the game and without a goal to show for their first appearance in the European finals, had little to offer in return, but were unlucky late in the game when they had one effort disallowed.

By then, however, the two

excellent Laudrup brothers had combined to put the game beyond their reach.

Brian Laudrup struck first for Denmark after 49 minutes and added a second six minutes from time after older brother Michael had set up Allan Nielsen to score the Danes second in the 69th minute.

The match unexpectedly produced five yellow cards in the second half as both teams attempted to score, but it was rarely a clash of the highest quality or commitment.

The first caution, when Turkish defender Tugay Kermoglu was shown the yellow card for foul on Brian Laudrup, was virtually the only noteworthy event in the opening period.

Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel made one fine save from a shot by Orhan Kirikci and Brian Laudrup, following up a parried shot by Allan Nielsen, lifted a close-range effort high and wide to break up the first-half boredom.

But it was a different story after the interval. Enlivened by something during the break, Denmark were a different team.

They struck their first blow when Brian Laudrup, running onto a perfectly-angled pass from Erik Bo Andersen, ran

round Turkey's hapless goalkeeper Rustu Recber to slide in the opening goal.

Central defender Marc Reeper had a powerful header blocked and Allan Nielsen wasted another chance, after a silky one-two with Michael Laudrup, before Denmark scored again.

This time the older Laudrup, Michael, was the architect with a clever pass for the industrious Allan Nielsen whose bright performance was deservedly rewarded as he stroked the ball into the net.

The Turks were by then bewildered and resorted to niggling fouls to break up the Danish play before Brian Laudrup, set up by Bo Andersen, skated through to score the third.

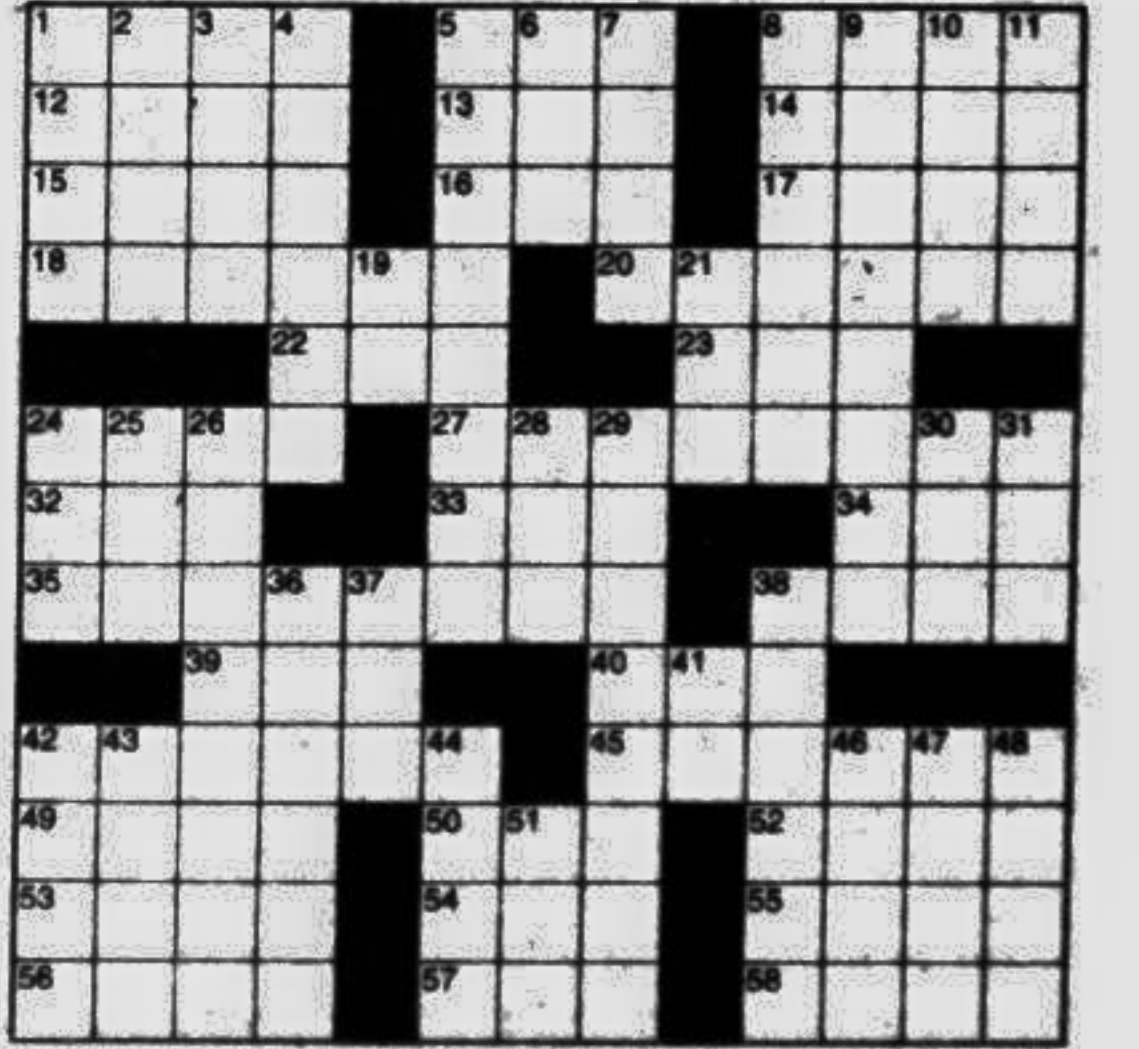
Turkey were unfortunate, during one brief spell of retaliatory attacking play, when substitute Saffet Sancakli rifled the ball home, but was ruled out by a linesman. It seemed a very narrow decision.

Bookings, however, for Tayfun Korkut and goalkeeper Rustu, who was lucky to escape a red card for handling outside his penalty area, said more about their performance.

The second-half cautions collected by Henrik Larsen and Thomas Helveg showed that the Danes, at last, were trying.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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