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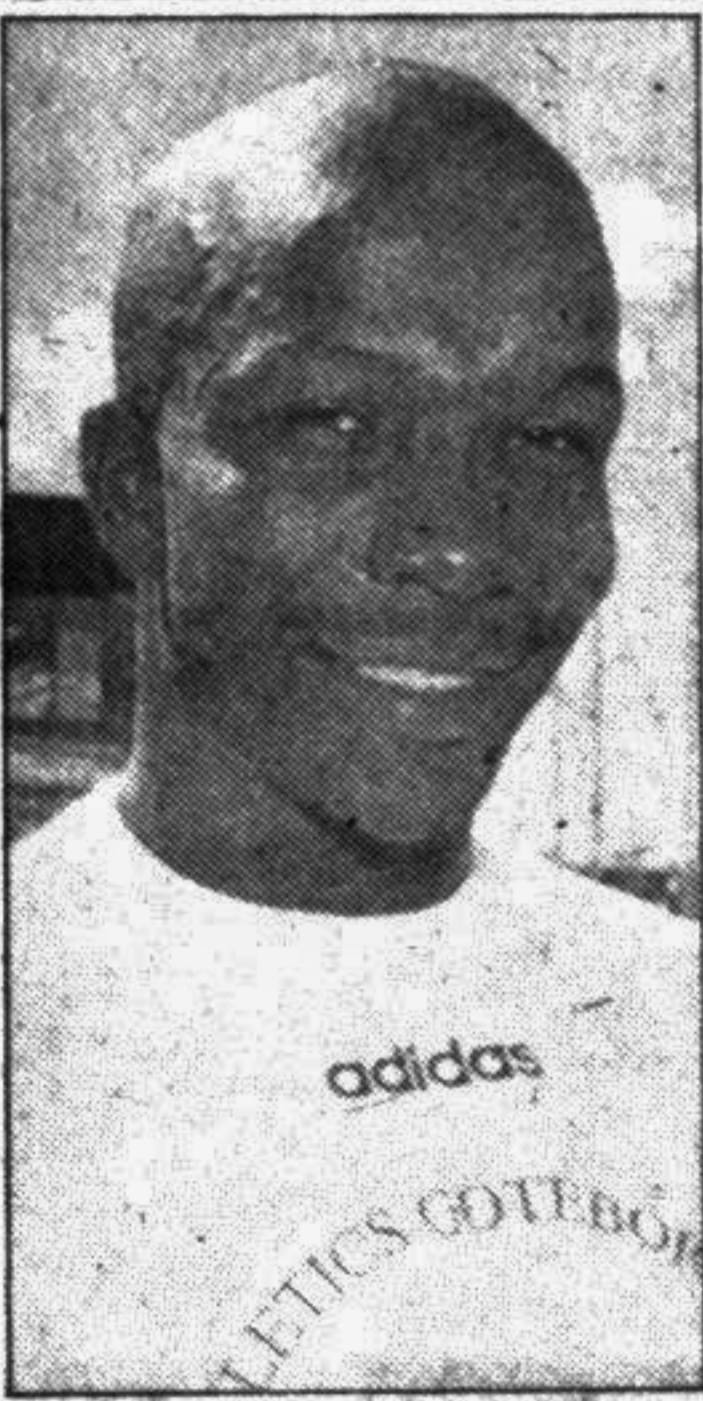
Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. June 28, 1996)

- 1. The fastest woman of the 1995 Madras SAF Games is...
2. Sprinter Owen Torrence is the current Olympic champion in...
3. The captain of the Croatian football team in the Euro '96 is...
4. Bangladeshis Riles have won the premier volleyball league title...
5. The surname of English cricket umpire Dickie Bird is...

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SPORTS TALK



Dortovan Bailey
(Jamaican-born Canadian sprinter)
There the people learn to do everything natural. They are taught not to set limits for themselves. And while they grow up there they live on natural fruits and other things and not frozen food. There, they live off the land.

Rinu & Ratna lift TT doubles title

Sports Reporter
Rinu and Ratna clinched the women's doubles title of the open table tennis championships with a straight sets win over the Shamima and Rumi pair at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

On the other hand, Pappu and Gautam, the Biman stalwarts who lost the first set 20-22, went on claim the next two game 21-14, 21-17 for a rough ride against Rubal and Manash.

Shuttlers set sail today

Sports Reporter
A five-member junior badminton team is set to leave for south India today to take part in two competitions - the All India junior and sub-junior badminton tournaments.

Steffi, Sampras saunter



The All-England tennis Championships after a topsy-turvy turn during the first three days where star performers tumbled like nine pins, has offered a rather sedate session on Thursday when top seed Pete Sampras and his counterpart in the



STEFFI GRAF
distaff side Steffi Graf crossed the second round hurdles without much fuss.

Seles still ill at ease



WIMBLEDON, June 27: Whether it's lack of match play, a sore shoulder or simply a slump, Monica Seles is not the intimidating player she used to be.

The shot-making, ruthless and killer instinct that once were Seles' trademarks are still missing Wednesday as she suffered her earliest defeat in 18 Grand Slam tournaments, report agencies.

Seles, normally the player who dictates the points, was almost always on the defensive. Instead of attacking and taking risks, she played safe on key points. And, maybe most surprising of all, she blew a 4-2 lead in the decisive set.

Fans fly off the handle

LONDON, June 27: Hundreds of English soccer fans went on the rampage in London and other areas of Britain early today, fighting police, overturning cars, looting shops and smashing windows.

Police said, at least 72 people had been arrested in the London area and 28 people had been injured. Ten needed hospital treatment.

U-16 soccer from July 12

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The preliminary rounds of the national youth (under-16) football championship, organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation, will begin from July 12, says a press release.

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Besides, among other women's seeds - Kimiko Date of Japan, former runner-up Czech Jana Novotna, Swiss sensation 15-year-old Martina Hingis, fourth seed Conchita Martinez, all had to face little troubles on their way to the next round.

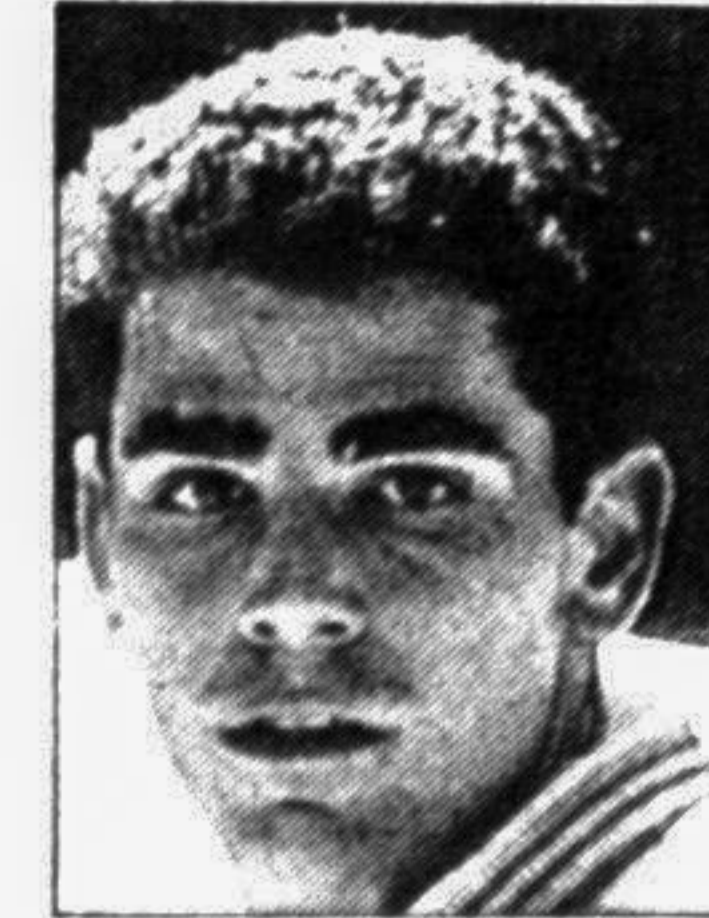
But for Sampras it was a sweet revenge against a touring Greek-Australian Philippoussis, who trounced the American thoroughly in the Australian Open early this year.

For Staff Graf, it was another day and another icing on the cake. The ever-green gritty German had faced a tough challenge from the unseeded Italian in the first set. By eventually broke Natalie's serve to claim the first set 7-5 and then went on to capture the second with consummate ease for a passage in the next round.

At the Wimbledon's infamous Court 2, renowned as the graveyard for the seeds, there was another upset recorded on the day with Lindsay Davenport of the United States making her exit conceding second round defeat at the hands of an unheralded campaigner Larisa Neiland of Latvia 3-6, 2-6.

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Obaidul Kader, State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture, reiterated his commitment that he would do everything to end the prevailing stalemate in soccer circuit and begin the leagues as soon as possible.

The minister made the assurance while he was addressing a group of national footballers at the conference room of the National Sports Council last night.



PETE SAMPRAS
Big-serving Croat Grona Ivanisevic hurtled down number of aces to outclass Pierre Bouteyre 7-6, 6-4, 6-4. The other winners in the men's circuit are - Mark Rosset and Cedric Pioline.

Kader vows to fulfil commitment

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While expressing his eagerness to commence the league Qader, though not quite familiar to this arena, vowed, "Even if it is single league, I'm determined to it this year."

Some problems might arise there with the cricket season as we have already passed two months of the football season. But that won't be a big problem. I think we can make some changes for the sake of football," said the minister.

Earlier, the minister gave a patient hearing to the problems players are facing and assured them of solving it with mutual understanding.

Saga of seven stooges!

BRIGHTON, England, June 27: Seven England football fans threw themselves into the sea after Wednesday's semifinal defeat by Germany, coastguards revealed Thursday, reports AFP.

The youths walked out of the Horatio Bar after the far and of the place pier in Brighton where they had watched the match and jumped straight into the freezing sea seconds after the game ended.

England the fairest team

LONDON, June 27: England have won the Euro '96 Fair Play trophy, reports Reuter.

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The Dutch supporters, winners of the UEFA "crowd assessment" competition, will also be honoured.

England also won the FIFA Fair Play award at the 1990 world Cup in Italy when they also lost Germany in another semifinal penalty shoot-out.

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In reply, Ireland managed just 80 all out from 33.3 overs.

Germany over the moon

BONN, June 27: Soccer fans hooped their car horns, chanted, cheered and set off fireworks in streets across Germany after the national side's thrilling victory over England in the European Championship semifinals on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Hundreds of revellers gathered on the Kurferstuedamm, west Berlin's main shopping area, some of them setting off fireworks to celebrate after Germany won the crunch game in a heart-stopping penalty shoot-out.

In Cologne, car drivers hooped their horns and waved red, black and gold German flags from their windows.

Even Bonn, the normally sedate seat of government, was not left out of the festivities. Dozens of jubilant fans, draped in flags and waving scarves, gathered at the main railway station.

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THE GALLANT GERMANS: (L to R) Christian Ziege, Stefan Kuntz, Stefan Reuter and Thomas Strunz are over the moon after edging bitter rivals England in the semifinals of the Euro '96 at Wembley on June 26.

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Supporters ran through the city centre streets to celebrate the historic victory. But one viewer in the pub was in no mood for celebration. "I'm disappointed but I suppose they deserved it," said English student Jenny Brokeman.

Fans in one Cologne city centre pub yelled, cheered and clapped their hands in jubilation after the match.

"It's just brilliant," said customer Nikolai Nengeken. "I'm not normally interested in soccer at all," confessed Andrea Rauch, another visitor to the pub, a short walk from the city's famous twin-towered cathedral. "But that was the most exciting game, I've ever seen."

Some Bonn fans showed they were among the country's more politically aware by poking fun at Britain's mad cow disease crisis. "At least we haven't got BSE," they chanted, referring to the scientific abbreviation of the disease.

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