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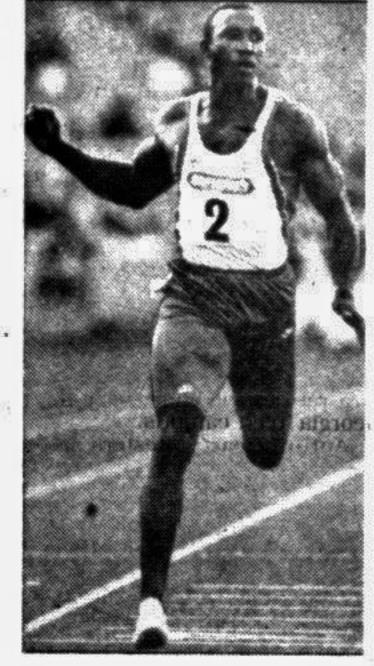
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#### Linford Christie

(British sprinter) "I go into every race believing I can win. You've got to be confident. If you're not confident in this world you get into trouble."

After deciding to defend his Olympic 100 metres title.

#### Game 13 drawn

ELISTA, Russia, July 2: Russian title-holder Anatoly Karpov managed on Monday to secure a draw against his American challenger Gata Kamsky in the 13th game of the World Chess Championship being held in Elista, reports

Karpov fought hard to get half a point on move 90 after almost 10 hours of play as he was two pawns down in a difficult ending. This 13th game had been adjourned on Sunday evening after a first session of six hours of play.

With seven games to play, Karpov is leading by 8 points The 14th game will be

## Age-group tennis

played today.

Sayed Aziz Raj and his counter part on the distaff side Shefat Nusrat clinched the u-11 single; titles of the national age-group tennis championships at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

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An upcoming 'Shahriar Haider claimed the u-12 boys' title defeating Alamgir 8-6 in the best of 15 games.

In the boys u-14 final Aziz Raj had a rather easy sail over Sico, who surrendered meekly conceding a 6-1, 6-3 defeat while in the girls' section Nus-

rat beat Duyti Shanchayeeta. Sohel captured the boys' u-10 singles crown with a 6-3

thrashing of Yousuf Aman. Meanwhile, Fahim Ahsan Romi set up a final clash with Salahuddin in boys' u-16 section with a sensational 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) win over top seed Rahat Kamal in the first semifinal of

#### Schools kabaddi Sports Reporter

the day.

Shahid Nabi, High School and Rifles Public School and College won their respective 6th schools kabaddi championship matches at the kabaddi court of Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

## Steffi, Sanchez in semis

LONDON, July 2 Defending champion Steffi Graf shifted up a gear to leave sixthseeded opponent Jana Novotna struggling to keep pace in their women's singles quarter-final clash at

report agencies. Graf, who is campaigning for a seventh singles title in the world's most prestigious tournament, produced her best tennis of the championships so far to score a 6-3, 6-2 victory in just over one

Wimbledon here on Tuesday.

The 27-year-old German champion now plays either 12th seed Kimiko Date of Japan or Mary Pierce of France for a place in Saturday's final

The other semifinalists are fourth seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain and unseeded Meredith McGrath of the United States.



STEFFI GRAF

Sanchez-Vicario survived an early service break and came storming back on the No. 1 Show Court to beat experienced Judith Wiesner and reach the last four.

Wiesner, 30, the first Austrian ever to reach the last eight at the championships and enjoying her most successful run at a Grand Slam tournament after eleven years

on the tour, led 4-2 in the first

But Sanchez-Vicario, cunner-up twelve months ago and yet to play a seeded player at this year's championships. surged back to clinch a 6-4. 6-0 victory in one hour and nine

McGrath surprised ninthseeded compatriot Mary Joe-Fernandez 6-3, 6-1 to reach her maiden Grand Slam semi-In men's play, defending

champion Pete Sampras powered into the Wimbledon quarterfinals with a straight-sets victory over Cedric Pioline.

The top-seeded Sampras served 17 aces - including two in the final game - to beat the 16th-seeded Frenchman 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. The Centre Court match lasted only I

hours, 38 minutes. Sampras broke Pioline four times, converting all four of his break points. He never lost serve saving all four break points against him.

Though he struggled at times with his volleying, the 24-year-old American fired 17 aces and had too many shots for the Frenchman, who failed for the seventh time in as many attempts to come to grips with the power of Sam-

Sampras' biggest scare came in the first game of the third set when he hurdled his chair after running full speed for a sharply-angled shot by Pi-

Sampras landed with both feet on top of a three-foot high ball container. As his racket flew out of his hands. Sampras somehow managed to keep his balance and drop safely to the ground

Unscathed, Sampras won six of the next seven games to close out the match. Sampras' quarter-final op-

ponent on Wednesday will be the dangerous Dutchman Richard Krajicek who beat the 1991 champion Michael Stich of Germany 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, American Todd Martin, the

only seed left in the other end of the men's draw, took another step towards a probable spot in the final by completing a 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2 victory over Swede Thomas Johansson in a match suspended after three sets on Monday.

Martin, a semifinalist here in 1994, earned a quarterfinal berth against Tim Henman the first Briton to reach the fi nal eight since Roger Taylor in

1973. Two more unseeded players. Romanian-born German Alex Radulescue and American Malivai Washington, also reached the last eight and will face each other to ensure that there is an unseeded semifinalist for the first time since John McEnroe in 1992.

Radulescue, a 21-year-old ranked 91st in the world, took his tally of aces to 101, more than any other man so far. as he cruised to a 6-3, 6-0, 6-4 triumph over South African



SANCHEZ-VICARIO

qualifier Neville Godwin. Godwin had reached the fourth round after Boris Becker withdrew due to a wrist injury during their match last Friday. Washington progressed at

the expense of Dutchman Paul Haarhuis, winning 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. He has not dropped a set since his first round match against Australian Richard Fromberg.

# Martina takes horns back



WIMBLEDON, England, July 2 (AP. Reuter): Steffi Graf beat one Martina and took a swipe at another at Wimble-

don on an irritating day of too much rain, too little tennis and testy tempers. Graf turned in one of her

best performances of the tournament Monday in a 6-1, 6-4 rout of Martina Hingis to reach the quarterfinals, then turned on the Swiss teen's namesake. Martina Navratilova, for implying that Graf exaggerated her

'She's lucky she doesn't have to live with them." Graf said icily. "I think she should know better than to say these

things Relations between Graf and Navratilova have been frosty since Wimbledon last year. when they were scheduled to play doubles together before Graf backed out at the last minute. Navratilova was left without a partner and no chance to tie Billie Jean King's record of 20 overall Wimbledon titles. Navratilova came up one short when she won the mixed doubles with Jonathan

Stark. Their tiff continued recently when Graf won the French Open for her 19th Grand Slam singles title, surpassing Navratilova's total, and reportedly felt miffed by not

WIMBLEDON:

England, July 2:

While three-time

champion Pete

Sampras may

think he owns

Centre Court at

Wimbledon, it seems like Tim

Henman has property rights

Court again for the third time

in four days Monday, rewarded

his home country following by

beating Magnus Gustafsson in

straight sets to become the

first British man to reach the

quarterfinals in 23 years, re-

Brit to make the men's final

eight in 1973. Now the British

public is pulling for Henman to

become in the first to win the

men's title since Fred Perry in

the quarterfinals, but I have to

keep looking forward," the 21-

year-old Henman said after his

7-6 (7-2), 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) win

over Gustafsson. "I am pleased

with what I have achieved but

there's still more tennis to be

get carried away with things."

"It's important you don't

Last year, Henman made

Wimbledon history of another

kind. He became the first

player ever kicked out of the

tournament when he slammed

a ball in anger during a doubles

match, accidentally hitting a

breaking my ankle, the lowest

point of my career." Henman

said. "I think 12 months ago, it

was a slight concern that was

going to be my lable. But there

is another incentive to pro-

duce good results and hope-

fully people will begin to forget

about that and think about the

will be either No. 13 Todd

Martin or Thomas Johansson.

Martin led 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 when

their fourth-round match was

suspended by darkness Mon-

Henman's next opponent

"That was, along with

ball girl in the head.

positive."

"I'm very pleased to be in

Roger Taylor was the last

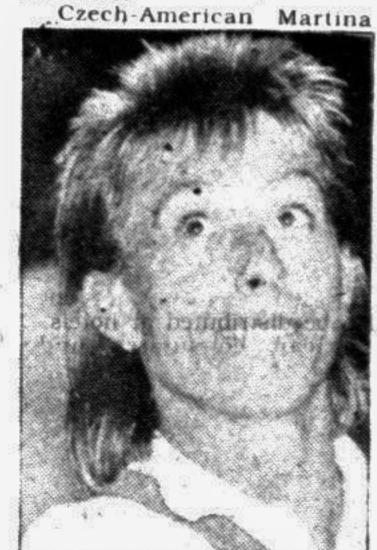
Henman, back on Centre

this year.

ports AP.

played.

receiving a congratulatory note from her.



M NAVRATILOVA

Navratilova was, however, quick to defuse the row with

The argument between two of the game's most famous players erupted when Navratilova said Graf's recent knee injury "is just an excuse ahead of time in case she needs it.

Navratilova, holder of nine Wimbledon singles titles, said, "Steffi Graf could run in the quarter-mile at the Olympics.

Henman grew up watching

British players failing to live up

to the nation's hopes at Wim-

"I very much enjoyed

watching (Wimbledon), and

you saw some good British

performances." he said, "But it

was disappointing that they

If you read the newspapers you'd think she belongs in hospital, if you look at her today she's running like a gazelle. Her quips while commen-

tating at Wimbledon for the American HBO television network sparked tabloid headlines about "volleys of abuse." But Graf, who is bidding to win the singles title for the seventh time, revealed on Monday that they had patched up their differences. Graf, who has been wearing

a brace in practice and a small while bandage on her knee in matches, said "I wish the things she says were true. don't like to talk about injuries, or use it as an excuse." Graf said she confronted Navratilova about the comment in the locker room a couple of

days ago. "She said she was sorry the way it was put," Graf said, "And she didn't really mean how she said it."

"I have never been a person who likes to talk about injuries and use them as an excuse. I've never done that and I hope I never do," Graf said.

Graf, whose career catalogue of injuries includes a broken right thumb, chipped foot bones and a stress fracture, pulled out of a British tournament at Eastbourne last month because of she hurt her

didn't advance as far as every-

body liked. So I think that gave

me an incentive to try and put

don was hit by a players' boy-cott that robbed the field of

the sport's top names. Taylor

wound up losing in the semifi-

In 1973, the year Wimble-

things right."

England's new hope Tim Henman slams down a rising

return from Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden during his

- AFP/UNB photo

fourth round match at the Wimbledon on July 1.

left knee during practice. Britons dream a dream

#### The national cricket team kicked-off their series of exhibition matches in North America with a convincing 87run win over Flamingo Club at West Bridge Ferry Park, Yew York, on Tuesday.

According to a faxed message received here last night. the Bangladesh national team. which is on a month-long tour to the United States and Canada as part of their preparation for the forthcoming ACC and ICC trophies, had finally rolled into action in a reduced 40-over-a-side match? shrugging of the frustration due to incessant rain during the last

couple of days. On a slow and heavy outfield, Bangladesh, sent into bat by Flamingo skipper Zamin Amin, scored a fighting 153 before being bowled out in their share of 40 overs. In reply. Flamingo were shot out for a meagre 66.

the Flamingo

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Opener Athar Ali Khan top scored with a gritty 29 followed by a rapid-fire 24 by long handled Mohammed Rafique. Besides, skipper Akram Khan (20) and Enamui Huq Moni (18) were the other notable run-getters for the vis-

Former West Indies wicketkeeper David Williams apart from his regulation job behind the wickets added movelty with the cherry for Flamingo. offering the visitors venomous Caribbean chill by claiming three wickets. His skipper Zamin, who bowled nippily, gave 28 runs for his three scalps

But on a matting wicket Bangladesh budyed by the fired-up pace duo of Hasibul Hossain Shanto and Saiful Is-Flamingo batting line-up which dressing room with ducks.

Bangladesh, who missed their first exhibition match with Guyana XI on Monday due to rain, will play their next match with Cosmopolitan XI today.

### Federation polls within a year

Sports Reporter

The State Minister for Youth. Sports and Cultural Affairs, Obaidul Quader, has emphasised on democracy for the survival of local sports.

The Minister said this while speaking as chief guest in a seminar on the role of sports journalists, organised by the Bangladesh Sports Writers Association (BSWA), at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday evening.

In the seminar, arranged to observe the World Sports Press Day, the Minister reiterated that elections in the all the sports federation would be completed within the next one

"We are a patriotic nation. But it's sad that we could not even reach the SAF standard. This happened only due to political interference in our sports arena. I shall do everything possible to keep this arena free of politics," said the minister.

Presided over by the BSWA president Roquibul Hasan. three speakers - Badiuzzaman of Daily Ittefaq, Ataul Haque Mullick of Daily Al Muzadded and Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed. discussed on the role of sports journalists in the seminar.

The BSWA also honoured two senior sports journalists -Abdul Awal Khan and Masir Hossain Hiru, on the same occasion.

A good number of audiences including prominent sports journalists and organisers were present on the occasion.

#### Imran inter-thana chess champ,

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Mir Imran Ali of Dhamrai emerged unbeaten champion in the inter-thana chess competition of Dhaka district which ended at the Dhaka DSA auditorium yesterday. With three wins in the

three-round meet, Imran earned full three points to lift the title. Mofazzal Hossain of Dohar won the second spot with two points.

## **England** bids to host 2006 World Cup

on Monday launched a bid to stage the soccer World Cup in 2006, after its success in hosting the European Championship, reports Reuter.

told Parliament that the government would support an offer from the FA "in every way possible." She praised the "phe-

F A chief executive Graham tion any longer our ability to stage the biggest sporting



Fahim Hasan Romi plays backhand against Rahat Kamal Islam (not in picture) during their national junior age-group tennis championships under-16 semifinal engagement at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. Fahim won 6-4, 7-6 (7-5). - Star photo

## Date drives out Conchita



LONDON, July 2: Wimbledon's most interrupted day's action since 1993 could not stop emerging hero Tim

Henman from ending two decades of British tennis hard-luck stories on Monday by reaching the quarterfinals. reports Reuter.

Henman rewarded the patience of the centre court crowd on a cool, showery afternoon by beating Swede Magnus Gustafsson 7-6, 6-4, 7-6 to become the first Briton to enter the last eight club since Roger Taylor in 1973.

There was also a shock exit for 1994 women's champion Conchita Martinez, dumped unceremoniously out of the championship 5-7, 7-6, 6-3 by Japan's Kimiko Date.

The Spanish third seed's emotional triumph over Martina Navratilova two years ago suddenly seemed as distant as the days when British players ruled the lawns, as Date book herself into the last eight of the women's singles for the second year in a row. Until Martinez's late

Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario had threatened to divert attention away from Henmen's impressive progress. Graf dismissed 15-year-old Martina Hingis 6-1, 6-4 in the same cool manner she dealt

demise, only Steffi Graf and

with suggestions by Navratilova she was faking a knee injury. while Sanchez-Vicario survived one wobbly set against Sabine Appelmans to join her rival in the quarterfinals. Rain has been a rare visitor to the All-England Club in recent times, but until now the

drought encountered by British tennis has been relentless and unbreakable. According to the nation's comedians, the only Brits ever involved in the second week are the ice-cream and straw-

berry salesmen. But Henman, straight-

made of sterner stuff and is beginning to invite cautious, if premature, comparisons with a youthful Pete Sampras or Stelan Edberg.

The 21-year-old now faces either American 13th seed Todd Martin or Swede Thomas Johansson and sees no reason why he cannot progress even further in the bottom half of a draw which is wide open.

"Obviously I'm very pleased to be in the quarterfinals but I have to keep looking forward," said Henman, currently ranked



CONCHITA MARTINEZ

62nd in the world. Gustafsson, ranked 37th, had had suggested his young opponent had elements of Sampras in his make-up, and the way the youngster reacted at moments of stress was worthy of the reigning cham-

In between three interruptions for, rain, he recovered from 3-0 down in the second set to take it 6-4 and, even when he dropped his own serve with the match at his merey at 6-5 in the third, reacted nervelessly to win the tie-break 7-4 and clinch a worthy victory in just under two hours.

"He's a guy for the future, as said before," said Gustafsson. "Give him one or two years and you won't be surprised he's in the quarterfinals of Wimble-

Australian Jason Stoltenberg, also advanced to his first Grand Slam quarterfinal, beating Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek 6-2, 7-6, 6-2. Stoltenberg was 4-0 down

saved by a rain break. The rain really helped. It was the turning point. I was going down and was able to get away, regroup and come back." Despite the unsettled weather, all the women's last

in the second set only to be

16 matches were completed with Czech Jana Novotna and Mary Pierce of France making significant progress. Novotna will now play Graf after beating Canadian Patricia Hy-Boulais 6-3, 6-1, while

Pierce plays Date as a reward for her straight sets win over Russia's Elena Likhovtseva. The conqueror of Monica Seles, Katarina Studenikova of Slovakia, went down to Meredith McGrath to set up an all-American quarterfinal with

be Sanchez-Vicario's opponent The departure of Martinez. though, appears to make life easier for Graf in the top half. "I'm not playing bad, I just had a bad match," said the Spaniard. "I wasn't very com-

Mary Joe Fernandez, while

Austria's Judith Wiesner will

fortable and my strokes weren't working." Her failure means only six. women's seeds remain. The situation in the men's draw, from which 10 seeds including Andre Agassi, French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov. Stefan Edberg, and the injured

exits, is even bleaker. Goran Ivanisevic, a four-set winner over Australian Pat Rafter, is the only seed definitely through to the last eight with five fourth-round men's

Boris Becker made first-week

#### backed and serious-minded, is results still outstanding. THE WIMBLEDON DIARY

LONDON, July 2 (Reuter): She may have found Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario too much to deal with,

Appelmans, 24, plays left-handed. But it was not always that way. As a youngster she was a

but Belgium's Sabine Appelmans is certainly a hit in her homeland. The 24-year-old, the first Belgian in the fourth round since 1975, has been nominated by a Belgium magazine as the world's "ideal woman," placing her ahead of Claudia Schiffer, Sharon Storie, Michelle Pfeiffer and Pamela Anderson.

right-hander but at a tennis camp she decided to join the left-handed group rather than be

separated from a friend. World number 13 Kimiko Date went the other way. A natural left-hander, she was forced by Japanese tradition to play right-handed.

Big-serving Croat Goran Ivanisevic has more than his ballistic deliveries to distinguish him at this year's Wimbledon.

The fourth seed is the only remaining left-hander in the men's field. Ivanisevic is hoping to become the first left i.e. man since John McEnroe in 1984 to win Wimbledon. Ivanisevic also believes in fate and the even years have served him. Having made the semifinals in 1990 and the final in 1992 and 1994. Could it be third time lucky?

more than Date. Mary Pierce had played the fewest games after four rounds, with her total of 69 one less than Steffi Graf and Jana Novotna.

The hardest worker of the women's championship going into the quarter-finals has been Meredith McGrath. The Zurich-based American has played 99 games in her four matches, one

Match points are usually tense — but spare a thought for Karolina Jagieniak.

She led Ireland's Claire Curran 6-1, 5-1 and 40-30 and was preparing to serve at match point in their girls' singles second round tie on court 15. But rain intervened and the unlucky French girl was left fretting for three-and-a-half hours before she wrapped up the point needed for victory.

A Swedish visitors to Britain, lucky enough to obtain Wimbledon tickets, waxed lyrical in the women's lavatory high above Centre Court, but not about the tennis. "This is the best view from any toilet I have ever been in," she exclaimed as she looked out north east over the wash basins towards a Panorama of London from Canary Wharf to Battersea

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I DON'T RECKON COF-FEE COULD BE CALLED BREAK FLUID, COULD IT? Today's Cryptoquip clue: P equals V

# LONDON, July 2: England

The English Football Association (FA) announced the bid after Virginia Bottomlery, the minister responsible for sport.

nomenal success" of Euro '96 and added: "to have the World Cup would be a great triumph and a great day for Britain." Kelly said: "It's the next logical step for us. Nobody can ques-

tank

events in the world."

#### lam, were seldom troubled in taming the otherwise inspired helplessly watched three of their batsmen return to the Only David Ram, a member of the Guyana Youth Eleven. and C Mangale, who earlier played for a Trinidad youth selection, were the only doubledigit scorers for the vanquished with 15 and 17 respectively.