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(Competition closes : 8 pm September 13, 1996)

- 1. Pakistan batsman Salim Malik's century in The Oval Test was his 11th 10th 14th
2. How many athletes from Bangladesh went to Atlanta this year? Two Three Four
3. The top seed of this year's US Open is Sampras Agassi Muster
4. Pakistani pacer Waqar Younis has signed for English county Glamorgan Surrey Kent
5. Cricket umpire Steve Bucknor is from Kenya Zimbabwe West Indies

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SPORTS TALK



Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (Spanish tennis star) 'It's a new mood of clothing. I thought it would be nice to be able to wear it tonight.' About the new dress she wore on Thursday night during a match at the US Open.

Real rope in Illgner

COLOGNE, Germany, Aug 31: Bodo Illgner, the former German national team goalkeeper, has signed for Real Madrid, his German club FC Cologne said Saturday, reports AP.

Illgner, 29, quit the national team after 54 games following the 1994 World Cup in the United States. He has spent 13 seasons in Cologne, his only German club.

2002 WC goes high-tech

TOKYO, Aug 31: The Japanese and South Korean telecommunications ministers pledged on Wednesday to boost high-tech cooperation for the 2002 football World Cup finals, including 'virtual stadium' television, reports AP.

The new technology, known as the virtual stadium, will be on the table, said Kozo Iwata of the International Policy Division of the Japanese ministry of posts and telecommunications.

Japan sweetened its bid with plans to develop a virtual stadium—a dome-shaped screen carrying three-dimensional television pictures of games in progress at other venues. It will help fill stadia where matches are not played.

The two countries will study cooperation in such technical fields as circuits and computer systems for broadcasting, the officials said. The two ministers also agreed to hold regular talks, the officials said. Joint research will focus on the so-called Asia-Pacific Intelligence Infrastructure (APII), a high-speed, large-capacity regional telecommunications network, the officials said.



An airborne Brothers Union custodian Saidul intercepting an Abahani cross during their Danish Premier Division football league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Abahani won the match 1-0. — Star photo

Squeaky win for Abahani

Defending champions Abahani KC crossed a major hurdle in the Danish Premier Division football league with a 1-0 win over Brothers Union at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNI.

In the 33rd minute, a Don header returned to play hitting the cross piece while another of his crosses in the 43rd minute went outside near the far post. Most of the play in the second session was confined in the mid-field with both teams re-laying more on physical force.

Jahangir easily found the net with a right footer amidst wild cheers by Abahani fans. Yellow cards: Monem Munna, Swapan (Abahani KC), Gobinda, Bakhtiar, Joy and Tipu (Brothers Union).

BFF acting GS off to Singapore

Acting General Secretary of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Sirajul Islam Bachchu leaves Dhaka today for Singapore to attend a joint meeting of the South Asian and South East Asian football federations, reports BSS.

FAKIRERPOOL WIN

Earlier, in the day's other Premier Division match at the same venue, Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool chalked up their second consecutive victory beating newcomers Bangladesh Boys Club, also by a solitary goal.

Jansher in semis

HONG KONG, Aug 31: England's Mark Cairns sounded a rallying call to his fellow professionals to stop the seemingly invincible Jansher Khan after the top seed beat him 15-10, 15-6, 5-7 in the quarter-finals of the Hong Kong Open on Friday, reports Reuters.

Tiger Cup kicks off today

SINGAPORE, Aug 31: Southeast Asia's richest football championship kicks off here Sunday with Singapore taking on arch rivals Malaysia in the opening match of the 10-nation Tiger Cup, reports AFP.

pulling out last year from the Malaysian league because of a row over gate receipts and alleged match-fixing. 'There are many rivalries in the region, but the height of them will be when Malaysia and Singapore meet,' said Paul Mory of the cup organising committee.

Singapore, who will be counting on home support to upset the Thai bid, have received a boost with the return of captain and star player Fandi Ahmad from a two-month lay-off caused by a knee injury.

Americans beat El Salvador

LOS ANGELES, Aug 31: Forward Joe-max Moore scored twice and Eric Wynalda, the US national team's leading scorer, added another goal as the United States beat El Salvador 3-1 in an international soccer friendly on Friday, reports Reuters.

Moore scored his 13th and 14th international scores and Wynalda his 25th. Moore opened the scoring in the third minute after collecting a John Harkes through ball at the top of the penalty area.

The Thais will be under pressure from Vietnam, who are determined to prove that they are a force to be reckoned with in regional football and want to finish here as winners after their surprise final appearance in Chiangmai.

Solidarity for Sarajevo

MONTE CARLO, Aug 31: Olympic champion Kenny Harrison and world record holder Jonathan Edwards will both take part in a triple jump competition at the Solidarity meeting for Sarajevo on September 9, reports Reuters.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation said on Friday that a schedule reshuffle had allowed organisers to hold a men's triple jump as well as the women's long jump on the 'one usable runway at the war-devastated' Kosovo Stadium.

Atlanta Games silver medal winner Edwards has called on other leading athletes to take part in the Sarajevo meeting—a goodwill gesture towards Bosnia as it recovers from the war in the Balkans—two days after the Grand Prix final in Milan.



HERO OF THE NIGHT: Abahani striker Jahangir who scored the match-winner against Brothers Union last night, being hugged by his teammates after the goal. — Star photo

Div I soccer roundup

Wari Club, Victoria Sporting Club and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society won their respective Danish First Division football league matches held yesterday at the Mirpur Stadium.

Wari Club, relegated to the First Division from the elite group last year, recorded a solitary goal win over Police Athletic Club. Muhlibul Haque scored the all-important goal for the winners.

This was the first victory for Wari Club in three league matches. With this victory and a draw earlier, Wari have collected 4 points. In the next match, Victoria Sporting Club beat BRTC Sports Club 2-0.

With yesterday's win, Rahmatganj earned nine points from three matches while PWD remained glued to their previous four points.

ACC Trophy Qayum named tour manager

Qayum Reza Chowdhury of the Wari Club has been appointed as the tour manager of the Bangladesh cricket team which will take part in the ACC Trophy, scheduled to begin in Kuala Lumpur from September 7.

BAM to be revamped

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 31: All 21 employees of the Badminton Association of Malaysia (BAM) have been told to resign under a proposed major shake-up to make the national body more professional, news reports said today, says AFP.

Serve seals Gabbi's fate

NEW YORK, Aug 31: Gabriela Sabatini's hopes of brightening up a bleak year with a good performance in the year's last Grand Slam were dashed Friday as she was knocked out of the third round of the US Open tennis championships, reports AFP.

Serve seals Gabbi's fate

Once again, Sabatini's downfall was her serve. She scattered 14 double faults through the two-hour match. She was happy with her serve in her first two matches here, but said that once it starts to go wrong, she can't recover.

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Sweden's Asa Carlsson, ranked 59th in the world, beat Sabatini 7-5, 3-6, 6-2 to advance to a fourth-round match with fourth-seeded Conchita Martinez. It was the first time since 1986 that Sabatini exited the US Open before the quarter-finals. She won the event in 1990.

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'I guess I have to accept that I lost, it's going to be hard,' she said. 'This tournament is a big tournament for me. I always did very well here. This is where I really wanted to do well.'

Seles enters Round Four

NEW YORK, Aug 31: Following her own advice, second seeded Monica Seles didn't waste any time in beating Dally Randrianteny of Madagascar to march into the fourth round of the US Open on Friday, reports Reuters.

You don't want to play around with night matches. You just want to finish and go home,' Seles said after winning the first 11 games on her way to a 6-0, 6-2 win under the National Tennis Centre Stadium lights.

In fact, Seles has spent very little time this week actually on the court after losing just one game in her opening-round match and then winning her second-round match on Wednesday without hitting a single ball—Laurence Courtis couldn't play due to a knee injury.

Spain Seles looked fit and in good form through the 57-minute win that filled out the bottom half of the fourth round women's pairings.

Also getting through were eighth-seeded American Lindsay Davenport and fourth-seeded Spaniard Conchita Martinez.

Devenport, winner of her last two tournaments, beat Anne-Gaëlle Sidot of France 6-0, 6-3 for her 14th consecutive match win. Martinez beat veteran Czech Helena Sukova 6-4, 6-3.

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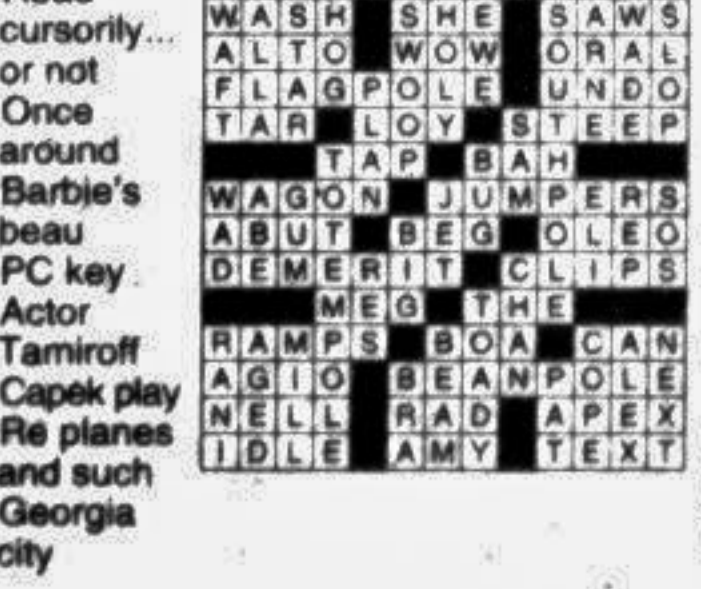
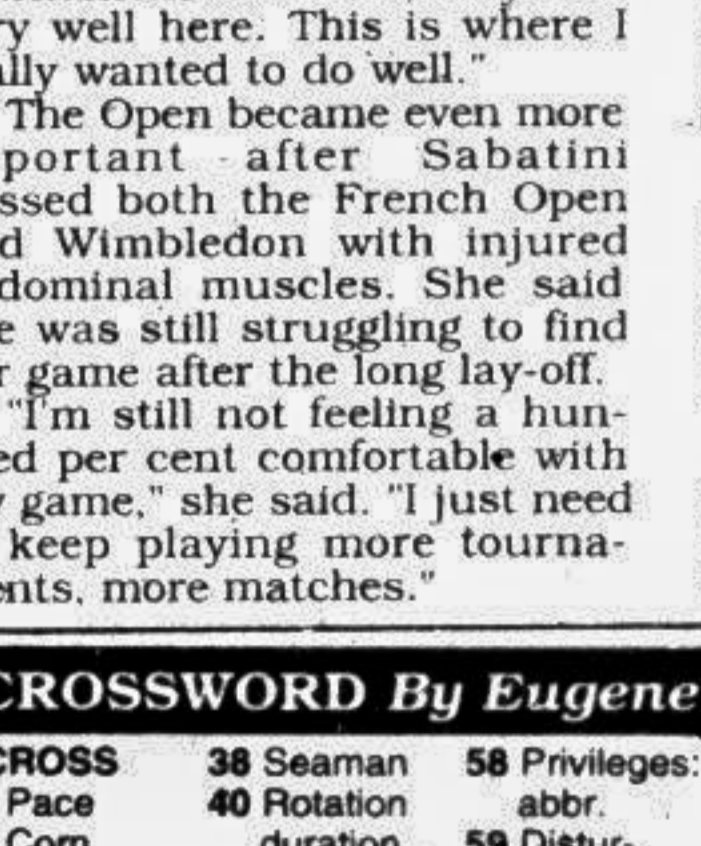
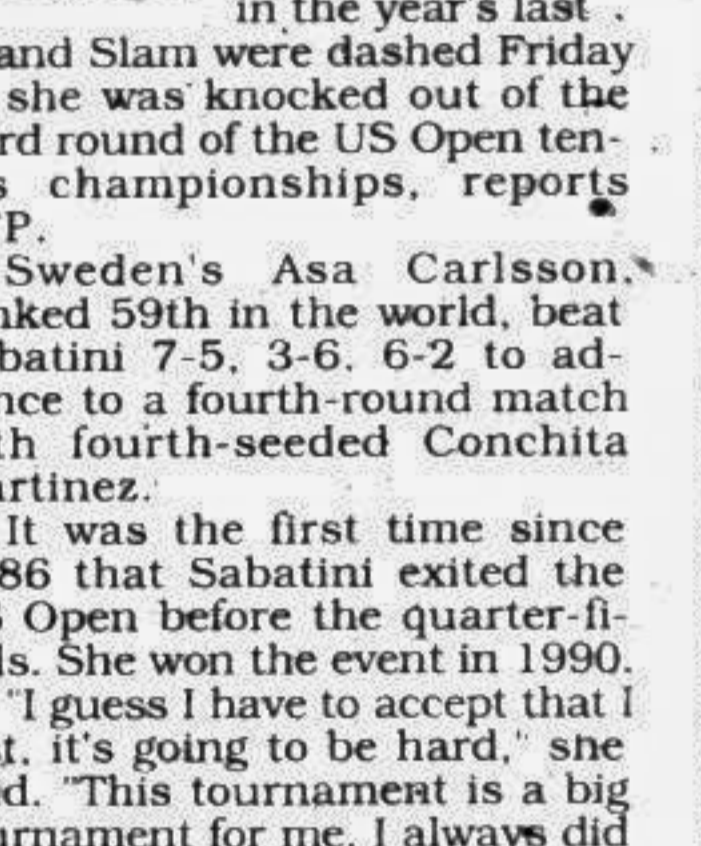
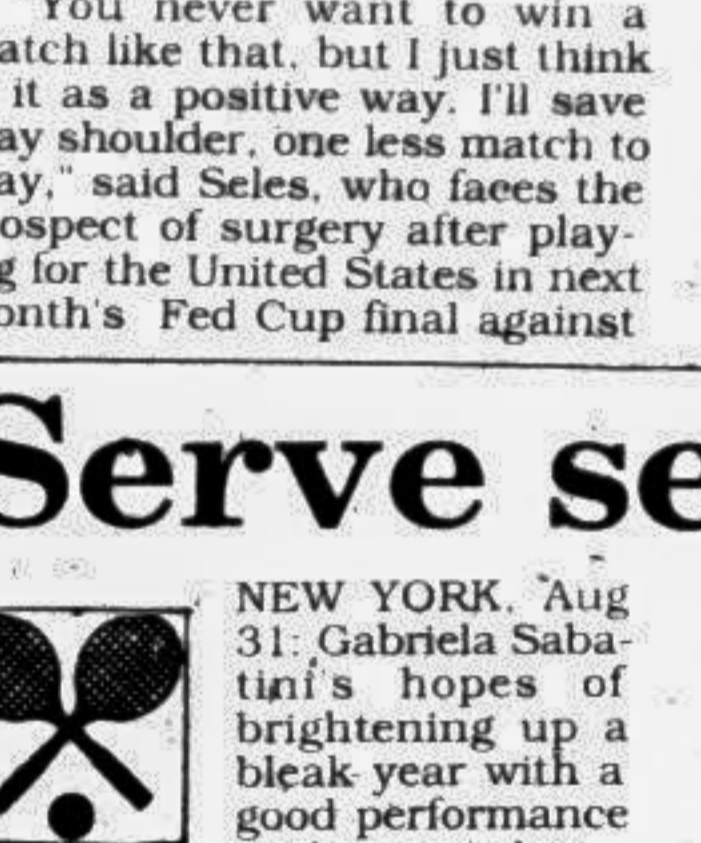
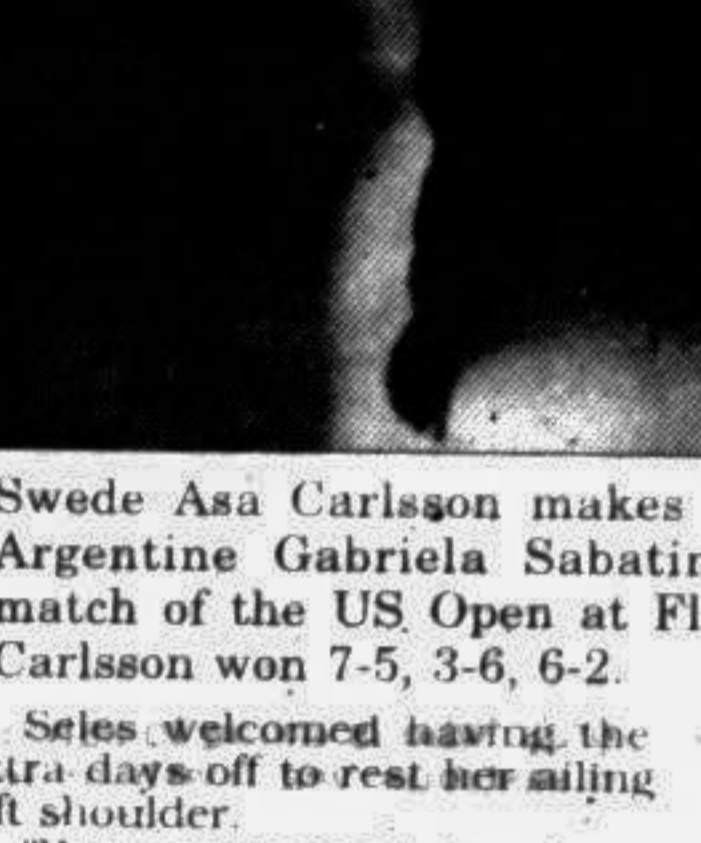
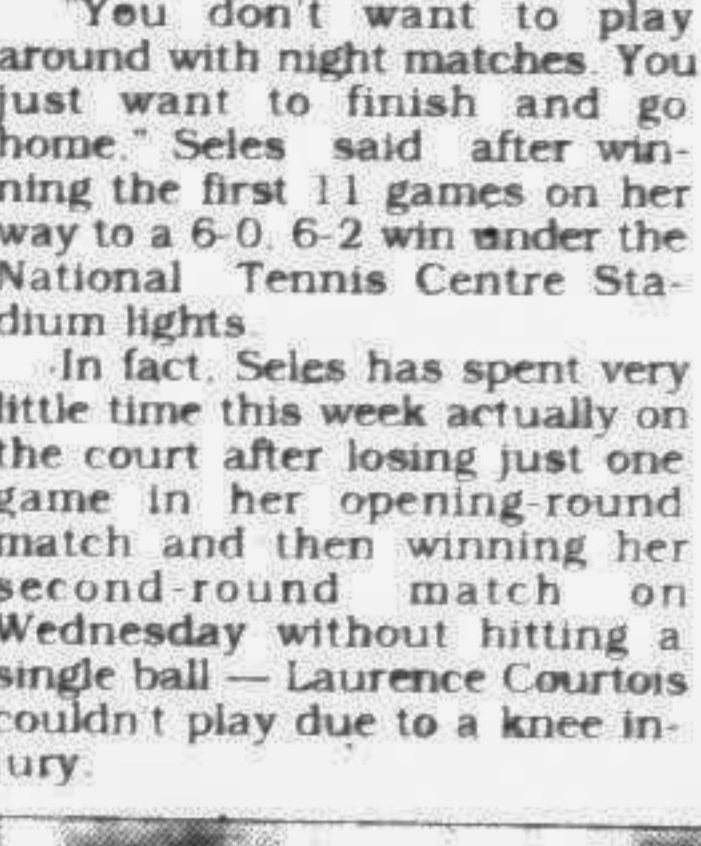
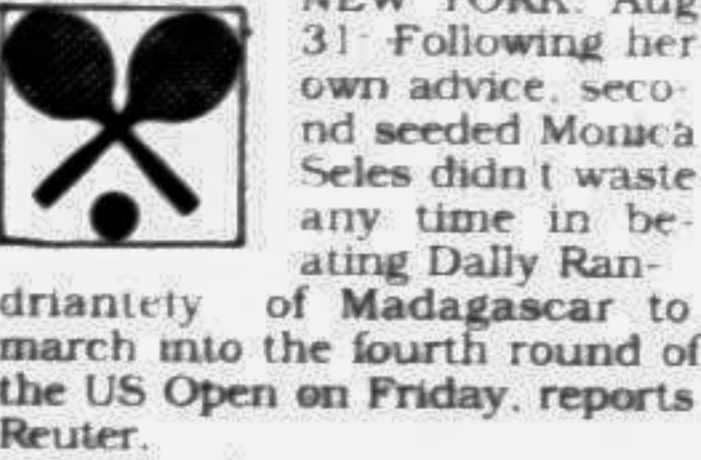
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The Open became even more important after Sabatini missed both the French Open and Wimbledon with injured abdominal muscles. She said she was still struggling to find her game after the long lay-off.

'I'm still not feeling a hundred per cent comfortable with my game,' she said. 'I just need to keep playing more tournaments, more matches.'

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CRYPTOQUIP ELX YPZMY IXPRPIMNE ZMILE MHJXXJ RMUX EPJFMHUNYPEYLPH ELXFPYUN Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DO YOU SUSPECT THAT CHILD PHARAHO'S STARTED THEIR LETTERS, 'MY DEAR MUMMY?' Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals C The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.