

Taylor & Co off to India



SYDNEY, Sept 30: Captain Mark Taylor, recovering from back surgery, left here Sunday with a 14-man Australian cricket squad for a six-week tour of India that includes one Test and a one-day series, reports AFP.

Taylor returns to lead the team after sitting out the recent four-nation limited-overs tournament in Sri Lanka to recuperate.

"I don't know whether he's 100 per cent fit, but nothing could keep Mark away from the tour," said new team coach, the former Test opener Geoff Marsh.

All-rounder Steve Waugh was hoping the tour would see the Australians well prepared for their defence of the Frank Worrell trophy against West Indies at home this summer.

"It's good if we win the Test and then play the West Indies in Australia," Waugh said.

Australia won the Worrell trophy 2-1 in the Caribbean in April-May 1995. West Indies' first home series loss to Australia since 1972-73.

Leg-spinner Shane Warne

withdrew from the squad last week to give his injured spinning finger time to heal from recent surgery. He was replaced by South Australian wrist-spinner Peter McIntyre.



MARK TAYLOR

Strike bowler Craig McDermott is another major absence as he prepares for full fitness to lead Australia's new-ball pace attack against the West Indians

later this year. The Australians open their Indian tour with a three-day match against a President's XI beginning in Patiala on October 5.

The New Delhi Test from October 10-14 will be followed by a tournament involving Australia, South Africa and India.

The triangular series begins on October 19 with each country meeting each other three times before the final in Bombay on November 6.

Australia last toured India in 1986 when they played a memorable tied Test in Madras with Dean Jones scoring an epic 210.

Two members of the Australian squad, Michael Bevan and Stuart Law, played the last season in English county cricket, Bevan finishing with 1,225 runs at 64.47 and Law, 1,545 at 61.80.

SQUAD

Mark Taylor (capt), Ian Healy, Michael Bevan, Damien Fleming, Brad Hogg, Jason Gillespie, Stuart Law, Glen McGrath, Peter McIntyre, Ricky Ponting, Paul Reiffel, Michael Slater, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh.

Expectation & expiation



BASLE, Switzerland, Sept 30 (Reuters): If winning seven titles, including the US Open, is a bad year, then says he wouldn't mind having a few more.

In devastating form, the world number one claimed his seventh tournament title of the year and 43rd of his career on Sunday with a straight sets victory over Germany's Hendrik Dreeckmann at the Swiss Indoor Championship.

With 137,000 US dollars in the pocket, Sampras pushed his season earnings over 1.7 million dollars and leaves on course to finish the season as the world number one for the fourth straight year.

But despite his accomplishments and continued presence atop the rankings, talk persists that this has been a sub-par campaign for the 25-year-old American.

That perception exists primarily because the focus has been on what Sampras has lost this season, rather than what he has won.

For the first time in four years Sampras failed to win at least two Grand Slam titles, settling for one — his fourth US Open.

And he also let the French Open title, the only Grand Slam

title to elude him, slip through his fingers — again.

"Everyone has been talking about what a bad year I have had, but it's been fine," said Sampras, winner of a career high 10 titles in 1994. "OK, maybe it hasn't been as good as some in the past but I've been pretty consistent."

"I might even call it a great but not phenomenal like winning Wimbledon and the US."

"If I didn't win the US Open it would have been a disappointment."

"But people have to realise you can't have the kind of years every year like I've had the last three."

The fact is Sampras hasn't been having a bad year, just a difficult one — off the court.

Early in the season he struggled with the death of close friend and coach Tim Gullikson.

Now as it draws to a close, he finds himself having to deny reports that he's suffering from anaemia.

The picture of an exhausted Sampras hunched over his

racket vomiting on court during his gruelling quarterfinal match against Alex Corretja at the US Open has prompted speculation about the state of Sampras' health.

"This whole anaemia thing is a bunch of nonsense," said Sampras, who showed no signs of fatigue at the Swiss indoors, only a little rust. "Everyone is just guessing — I am not anaemic."

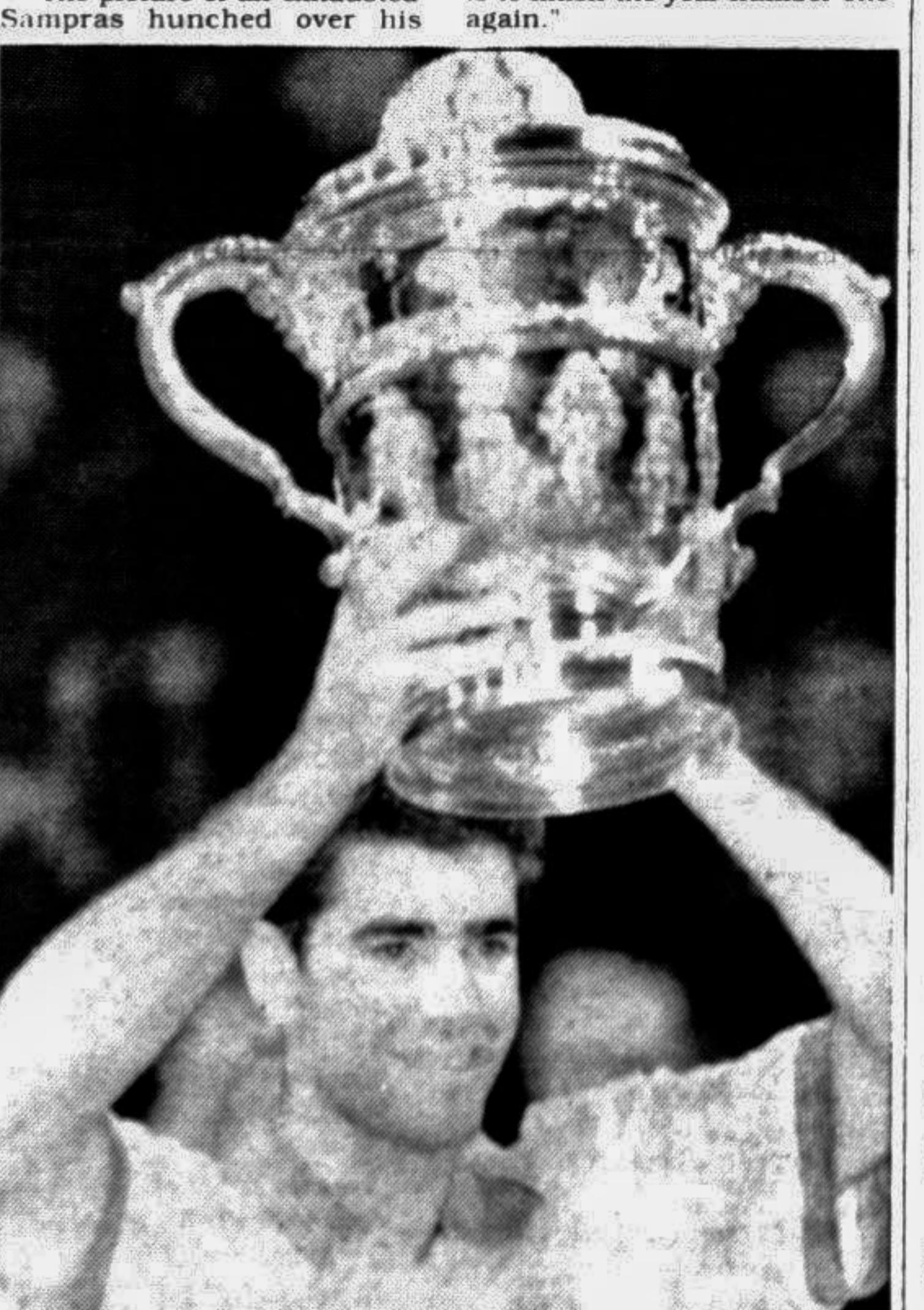
"It was just a very hot day and I ran out of fluids and minerals."

The anaemia was just someone speculating on why I was getting tired."

It will be a well-rested Sampras who arrives back in Europe next month to put the finishing touches on the defence of this number one crown.

Sampras returns home to the US on Monday to prepare for events in Stuttgart, Paris and the ATP Tour Championships in Hanover.

"Those will be big tournaments," said Sampras. "My goal is to finish the year number one again."



World number one Pete Sampras holds aloft the trophy after defeating Germany's Hendrik Dreeckmann 7-5, 6-2, 6-0 in the final of the Swiss Indoor Championship on September 29.

— AFP/UNB photo

TELECAST SCHEDULES

Date Match Time

Oct 3 Michael Chang Feature Match 19:30 (BST) Delayed

Oct 4 Quarter Finals 16:30 (BST) Live

Oct 5 Semifinals 12:00 (BST) Live

Oct 6 Final 12:00 (BST) Live

Star Sports will bring viewers in Asia more tennis action when the ATP circuit travels to the capital city of China for the Beijing Open from October 7-13.

The Spaniard argued the call

for a 5-0 shutout of Spain by taking

the two dead rubbers.

In the doubles, Mary Joe Fernandez and Linda Wild

defeated Leon Garcia and Virgilia Ruano-Pascal 6-1, 6-4.

Since Seles made her Fed

Cup debut against Japan in the

semifinals, the United States

has a perfect 10-0 match record

in the competition.

Sport

SL-SA tie today

NAIROBI, Sept 30: Sri Lanka face a stern test in the four-nation cricket tournament when they meet South Africa at Nairobi Club on Tuesday, reports AFP.

The outcome of this match will determine which of the two countries will reach the final, as both countries have two points each.

Former world champions Pakistan and Kenya are the other participants in this tournament, billed as the biggest cricket tournament in Africa.

It will be a match in which some names are set to emerge prominently.

In-form Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, hero of his side's seven-wicket victory over Kenya last Saturday, comes up against more formidable opponents.

His career was at the crossroads between last December and January when during Sri Lanka's tour of Australia he was controversially cautioned for throwing and was replaced by Ruwan Kalpagam in the subsequent limited-overs match against Australia.

But he has recovered remarkably as he demonstrated against hapless Kenya.

In Sri Lanka's recent Test against Zimbabwe in Colombo, Muralitharan claimed 14 wickets, bringing his Test total to 95.

Against Kenya on Saturday, Muralitharan took four wickets for an economical 18 runs.

But the South Africans also have their stars and will be looking in particular to Jonty Rhodes for results.

Rhodes' recording breaking four-wicket partnership with Darryl Cullinan against Pakistan of 232, after South Africa had been struggling at 38 for 3, contributed to South Africa's eighth victory over the Asian nation in a one-day International.

The South Africans are currently in great form and their strength lies in all departments, although their finishing batsmen were shaky against Pakistan despite an impressive total of 321 all out in 50 overs.

But Davenport's shoulder

turning what could have been a pressure-packed match into a meaningless exhibition.

The Olympic champion beat Gala Leon Garcia, who was filling in for Conchita Martinez 7-5, 6-

2. "It feels great. I was very glad when the match was over," said Seles, also noting her team-mates' joy.

"I was very relieved," said Olympic champion Davenport.

"We wanted it over in three."

"I have a terrible record against Conchita and the doubles, you never know what's going to happen when it comes down to two-all, so we definitely wanted it over," she continued.

Unfortunately, precious few people got to see Davenport's smile light up the Atlantic City Convention Centre. Those who decided to stay behind at the slot machines missed a Seles-Sanchez clash that had all the intensity of a Grand Slam final, before the co-world number one clinched the 15th Fed Cup title for the United States and first in six years, ending Spain's stranglehold on the trophy.

Sanchez and Martinez had led Spain to its sixth consecutive Fed Cup final with a chance to win a fourth straight championship and fifth overall.

"We expected Monica to win, maybe too easily. In the first set Arantxa played unbelievable," said Davenport. "I was so nervous during the last two sets, screaming in the team room."

Sanchez came out of the blocks fast, going for her shots and running Seles ragged with end-to-end groundstrokes and well-timed drop shots.

"I gave everything I had," said Sanchez. "We both came with great shots. I played very well, she just better to beat me."

"She just came up with great shots when she needed them. It could have been a different story if I had won," she said.

Seles struggled on her service games in the first set in marked contrast to Saturday's match against Martinez when she served four love games.

Seles also demonstrated genuine sportsmanship at a cost to herself during the seventh game when Sanchez had an apparent ace called out.

The Spaniard argued the call



American Fed Cup team poses with the trophy after outgunning defending champions Spain 5-0 at the Atlantic City Convention Centre.

Deng in World Cup TT final

HONG KONG, Sept 30: China's world champion and Olympic gold medalist Deng Yaping beat her younger teammate Yang Ying three games to nil to take the top honor of the first final women's table tennis World Cup tournament here Monday, reports Xinhua.

The world number-one won the match 21-18, 21-18, 21-17.

Wang skips China Grand Prix

BELJING, Sept 30: Olympic 5,000m champion Wang Junxia pulled out of the Chinese Grand Prix athletics on Monday depriving the season finale of its top star, reports AFP.

Wang who also got the 10,000m silver medal in Atlanta, should have been making her first appearance in China since her Olympic triumph at the Grand Prix.

"Since coming back from Atlanta, Wang has been in demand all over China and unfortunately could not come for the Grand Prix final," said Lou Dapeng, vice-chairman of the Chinese Olympic Committee.

Wang is currently at her base in Liaoning but is scheduled to visit Hong Kong later this week.

In her absence, Cai Wenyuan was the star of the event in front of just a few hundred people at the Olympic Stadium in Beijing. She twice set an Asian record for the women's pole vault.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয় (সওজ)

মুসিলিম সড়ক বিভাগ, বাগমারুদ্দীন

মুসিগঞ্জ

(সওজ) কোটেশন সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মুসিগঞ্জ সড়ক বিভাগের অধীন কোটেশন বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০২/আর, ডি, এম, ১৯৯৬-৯-১৫ ইং সনে অতি দন্তরে আরক নং-৮-৮-২/২০০১ (২০), তাৰিখ-১১-৯-৯৬ ইং এৰ মাধ্যমে ২য় আলোচনাকৃত কোটেশনে ১ম ও ২য় ধৰণৰী ফেরি মাটেৰ ইঞ্জৰা ১ (এক) বৎসৱে হলো ২দুই (২) বৎসৱ ইহৈবে এবং কোটেশনেৰ যে সমস্ত দ্বানে বা দফায় ১ (এক) বৎসৱ বা ১২ (বাৰ) মাস লিখা আছে, সে সব দ্বানে বা দফায় ২ (দুই) বৎসৱ বা ১২ (বাৰ) মাস পড়িতে হইবে। কোটেশনেৰ ইহৈৰোলৈ লিখা টাৰ্মস এত কোভিন্সন ১০ নং দফাটি নিম্নলিখিত হইবে।

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Heineken Open tennis results

SINGAPORE, Sept 30: Australia's Patrick Rafter, serving sharply, defeated Japan's Shuzo Matsuoka 6-4, 6-2 Monday in the first round of the Heineken Open 1996 Singapore, reports AP.

But fellow Australian Scott Draper was eliminated by Sweden's Thomas Johansson, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

In other first-day matches of the US 414,500 dollars tournament, South Africa's Grant Stafford defeated big-serving Czech Martin Damm 7-6 (8-6), 6-0 while Frenchman Guillaume Raoux ousted South African Neville Godwin 6-3, 6-3. American Jonathan Stark, serving 13 aces, rallied to stop France's Jean-Philippe Fleurien 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

By the third set, Sanchez

seemed to know her golden opportunity had slipped away and, while she kept fighting, Seles was in control, winning the last five games of the match.

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