

Americans now after Peter?

MANNHEIM, Germany, Oct 16: United States tax authorities have made inquiries about tax-returns that tennis star Steffi Graf filed in Germany...

German press reports have said Graf underreported her tennis winnings to US tax authorities...

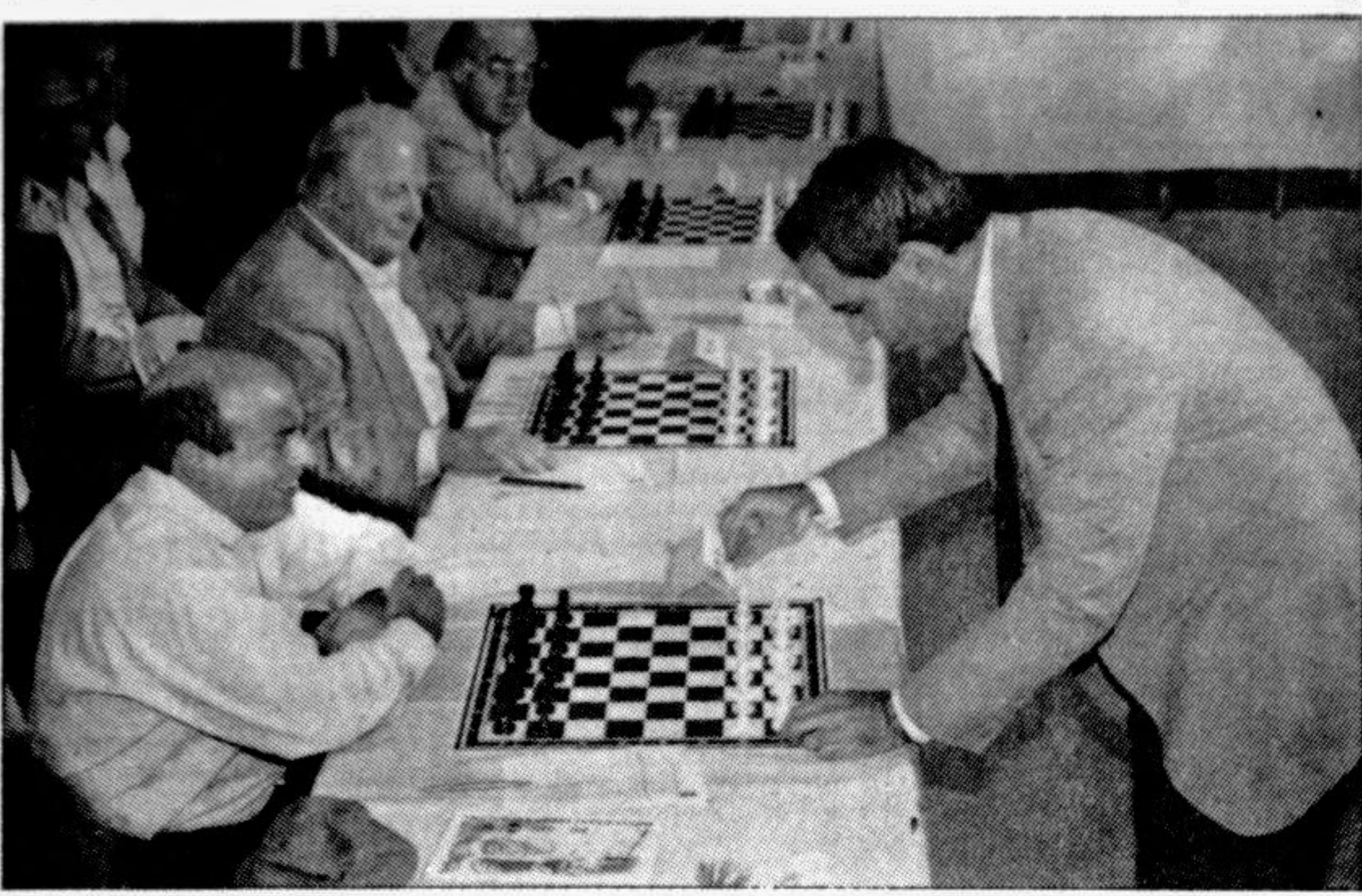
A query from the United States was received by the finance authorities in the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg...

Sampras wins

HONG KONG, Oct 16: World number one Pete Sampras found his rhythm quickly after a two-week break on Wednesday...

I thought I played pretty well, said the US Open winner. This is good preparation for the tournaments coming up in Stuttgart...

He beat me in Essen last time we played (last November), said Sampras of the world number three...



World chess champion Garri Kasparov (R) opens his game against Israeli Commerce and Industry Minister Nathan Sharansky (L)...

Kasparov meets 'Mr Fox'

JERUSALEM, Oct 16 (AP): World chess champion Garri Kasparov shuffled his feet in discontent...

The former dissident tied Kasparov in 1994. To beat him would cap off a banner year in which his Russian immigrants' party won a stunning seven seats...

kids to see a better future... and learn qualities like self-discipline, logic and responsibility...

On Monday, during a friendly meeting in Sharansky's office, the two joked that chess helped both of them survive communist Russia...

himself in check. Kasparov protected his king with a rook. Sharansky captured it, again threatening Kasparov's king...

Kasparov lost two more matches — to amateurs Michael Kraitsberg, 21, and Michael Lauria, 19 — and tied four more before the end of the night...

Krajicek's early exit

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic, Oct 16: Wimbledon champion and fourth seed Richard Krajicek crashed out of the first round of the Czech Indoor Open...

Second seed Wayne Ferreira of South Africa also had a rough ride but eventually overcame Italy's Renzo Furlan...

Krajicek, whose parents emigrated from then Czechoslovakia to the Netherlands when he was a child...

I'm not very happy with the way I played, and David returned my serve very well...

Former Wimbledon champion Michael Stich found the going much easier, taking a close first set before overpowering world number 71 Stolle...

After crashing out of the first round in each of his last two tournaments, world number seven Ferreira looked shaky at times...

But another early exit for the South African would have seriously jeopardised his chances of qualifying for the ATP Tour World Championship...

It's always a tough match against Renzo, he has a game that is suited well against mine, said Ferreira...

Fifth seed Todd Martin easily disposed of Slovakia's Jan Krosiak 6-3, 6-4 and eighth seed Bohdan Ulihrach fought back in the last set to defeat his Czech Davis Cup teammate...

Romario bids bye to Spain?

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 16: Tempestuous striker Romario, who is hoping to rejoin Rio de Janeiro club Flamengo...

Romario, who hired a minivan to transport his 13 suitcases from the airport to his luxury flat...

He says he is not going back while Aragonis is still there, he said. Valencia beat Slavia Prague 1-0 away in the UEFA Cup...

Romario, who joined the Spanish club only in August, was dropped from the team by Aragonis for the second time last week after oversleeping...

Flamengo president Kleber Leite travelled to Spain on Sunday to open negotiations with Valencia to bring back the unhappy striker...

Flamengo began the competition in which the top eight teams qualify for the quarter finals, fairly strongly but have lost their last four games...

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Triangular tourney begins today Tendulkar vs tactician

HYDERABAD, India, Oct 16: India and South Africa open a three-nation limited-overs tournament here Thursday...

The day-night international will be India's first at home since the humiliating defeat in the World Cup semifinal...

The South Africans, meanwhile, will be looking to prove themselves on the Indian subcontinent after losing two series in India...



BOB WOOLMER

South Africa's Indian-born coach Bob Woolmer indicated what lay ahead for his team by requesting video footage...

We watched the batting techniques of young Indian batsmen Saurav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid on videos...

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assignments in Sri Lanka and Canada, since taking over as captain in August...

South Africa and Australia are two of the best sides in one-day cricket...

Cronje said the World Cup defeat still rankled, but he was encouraged by his team's improved performance...

We beat both India and Pakistan in Sharjah in April and have just won a tournament in Kenya...

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spite a monumental 152 as opener during the Delhi Test, leaving newcomer Sujith Somasunder or Ganguly to open with Tendulkar...

India will be bolstered by the return of all-rounder Ajay Jadhav, who was dropped for the Test...

The teams play three matches against each opponent in a preliminary league spread all over India...



SACHIN TENDULKAR

SQUADS

India (from): Sachin Tendulkar (capt), Sujith Somasunder, Saurav Ganguly, Mohammad Azharuddin, Rahul Dravid, Ajay Jadhav, Nayan Mongia, Javagal Srinath, Venkatesh Prasad, Salil Ankola, Anil Kumble, Sunil Joshi, Aashish Kapoor, Pankaj Dharmani.

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D'Souza gives up his job?

NEW DELHI, Oct 16: Indian hockey was thrown into chaos on Wednesday after newspapers reported that national coach Cedric D'Souza had resigned...

D'Souza and Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) chief Kunwar Pratap Singh Gill refused to confirm or deny the reports...

I have been asked by Gill not to open my mouth to the press, the 41-year-old D'Souza told AFP from his home in Bombay.

Newspapers said D'Souza decided to quit after being held responsible for India's poor performance in Atlanta...

Hockey is one of the most popular sports here, along with cricket, and the country's high level of success at international tournaments has brought in turn a high level of expectations.

D'Souza was particularly

unhappy that skipper Pargat Singh and senior player Mukesh Kumar blasted him in print, saying the coach did not communicate with his players...

The resignation reports came as a surprise as D'Souza was expected to be retained for the prestigious Champions Trophy which India hosts in Madras in December.

D'Souza's predecessor Zafar Iqbal, a former national team captain, said a change at this stage would do irreparable damage to Indian hockey.

It would hardly be the ideal preparation for the Champions Trophy since the new man will not have enough time at his disposal to plan strategy...

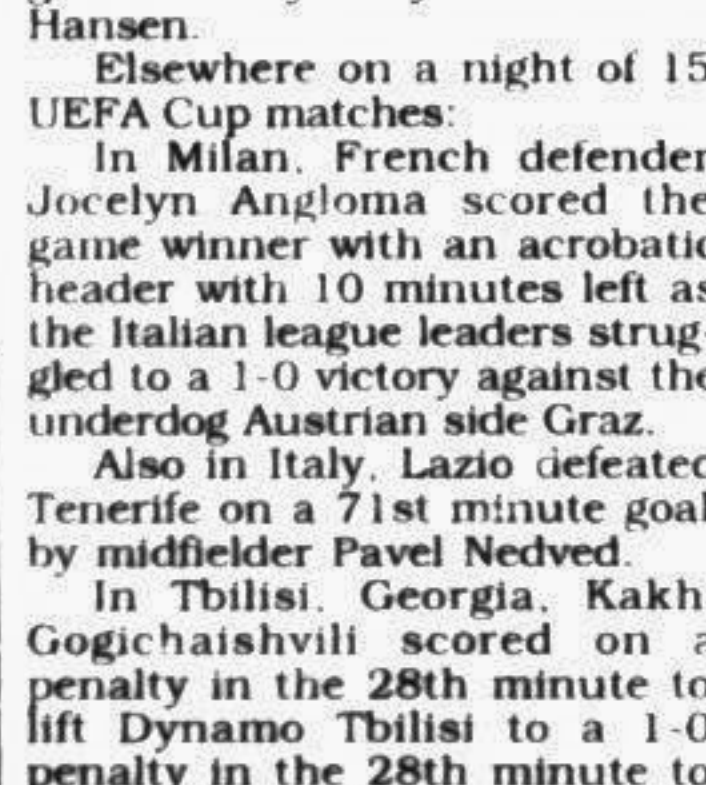
Gill said D'Souza's fate would be made public on Sunday when the IHF picks a probable line-up for the Champions Trophy.

D'Souza refused to disclose the contents of his 25-page report on India's Olympic debacle submitted to the IHF last week.

I have had my say about Atlanta, it's the IHF president's decision to make it public or not, he said.

India will take on Olympic champions Holland, as well as Germany, Pakistan, Spain and Australia in the upcoming tournament.

Former captain V Bhaskaran, coach of the Indian junior team, and FA Raphael, who coaches in Thailand, are in the running to take over from D'Souza, the newspapers said.



CEDRIC D'SOUZA

Britons in a quagmire

LONDON, Oct 16: British clubs, disappointed in recent years in European play, stumbled again on Tuesday in the second round, first leg of the UEFA Cup with losses by Newcastle and Aberdeen...

Newcastle, leading the Premier League behind the 21-million-pound (32.5 million dollar) strikers Alan Shearer and Les Ferdinand, fell 3-2 at Budapest side Ferencvaros on two goals by Krisztian Lisztes.

The Hungarians went ahead 2-0 after just 16 minutes. Ferenc Horvath got the first in the 6th when Newcastle goalkeeper Pavel Srnicek was beaten to a loose ball as he came out of the net...

Elsewhere on a night of 15 UEFA Cup matches: In Milan, French defender Jocelyn Angloma scored the game winner with an acrobatic header with 10 minutes left as the Italian league leaders struggled to a 1-0 victory against the underdog Austrian side Graz.

Also in Italy, Lazio defeated Tenerife on a 71st minute goal by midfielder Pavel Nedved.

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Also in Germany, Karlsruhe upended AS Roma 3-0 on two goals by Thorsten Fink. Fink scored late in the first half. South African Sean Dundee got the second in the 58th, and Fink added his second late in the second period.

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scored on a rebound from 10 yards (metres). Ferdinand made it 2-1 in the 24th and Shearer tied it in the 36th. But bad defence again cost the English side when Lisztes scored his second in the 56th minute. Lisztes took a pass at the 18-yard line and hammered the ball behind Srnicek.

In Scotland, Aberdeen dropped its home match 2-0 to Danish side Brondby and will have its back against the wall when second-leg matches are played in two weeks.

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In Warsaw, Polish Legia and Besiktas of Turkey played a 1-1 draw as Tomasz Sokolowski

Muster keeps grizzling

HONG KONG, Oct 16: Austria's Thomas Muster, still incensed at abuse directed at him in a Davis Cup tie in Brazil last month, said on Tuesday he would rather stop playing in the competition than risk injury at the hands of unruly fans, reports Reuter.

World number three Muster marched off court during the clash between Austria and Brazil in Sao Paulo, saying he felt threatened by the crowd.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) last week ordered Austria to forfeit 59,000 dollars prize money for failing to complete the tie and upheld 8,000 dollars fines imposed on the spot against Muster.

Muster, in Hong Kong for an exhibition event with world number one Pete Sampras and French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov, defended his actions and said the referee's report was nonsense.

Of course the ITF continues to support these countries and they continue to cause trouble, sooner or later somebody is going to be injured, he said.

But it will not be me. I am not interested in playing Davis Cup again (in those circumstances). It is not sport. I will play next year and see what happens.

It is easy for somebody at home watching on television to make a comment but it was me out there.

They have fined me for leaving the court — I have no choice but to pay the fine.



Brazilian star Romario along with his wife Danielle (R) arrives at the Rio de Janeiro Airport on Oct 15. Flamengo are currently trying to bring the volatile star back from Spanish club Valencia.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Rangamati Division, Rangamati

Tender Notice No. 03

Group basic tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from 1996-97 financial year enlisted/renewed first & second class 'A', 'C' & 'D' category contractors of Public Health Engineering Directorate for Tara deep-set tubewell sinking, shallow tubewell sinking, resinking & Ring well installation works in different unions of the thanas under Public Health Engineering, Rangamati Division under Rural Water Supply (GOB-4) Project of Public Health Engineering Directorate during 1996-97 financial year.

Tender document can be purchased at prescribed price (non-refundable) in cash from the office of the undersigned & office of the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Bandarban during office hours up to 27-10-96. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned, Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Kaptai Sub-Division & Office of Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Bandarban up to 2-00 PM of 28-10-96. Tenders will be opened on 30-10-96 at 12-00 Noon at the office of the undersigned before the tenders/firms, representatives (if any) present. No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender.

(Ring well installation, tubewell sinking & resinking in different unions of different thanas under Public Health Engineering, Rangamati Division under GOB-4 project).

Table with 7 columns: Serial No., Description of work, Group No., Estimated cost, Earnest money, Time limit for work, Class of contractor. Contains 23 entries for tubewell and ring well installations.

The authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender & reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Detailed description of work, specification and terms & conditions given in the document concerned will be treated as part of the tender. All other terms & conditions of Tender Notice can be seen in the notice board at the office of the undersigned and offices of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Kaptai Sub-Division & Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Bandarban.

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