

Column One

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT I would be very upset if you didn't know that football is the most popular sport...

Football is the world's most popular sport, played by men and women of all ages...

Much of the world's football is played informally on patches of ground, without field marking or real goals...

SPORTS TALK



Ruud Gullit

(Ex-Dutch soccer superstar) I don't know too much about them, but it's a challenge...

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Competition closes: 8 pm November 8, 1996. Table with 5 questions and multiple choice options.

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PSA rankings

- LONDON, Nov 2: (Reuters) Latest men's world rankings issued by the Professional Squash Association (PSA) on Friday...



LAST TANGO IN PARIS: Swede Stefan Edberg salutes the crowd after losing to compatriot Thomas Enqvist in the quarterfinals of the Paris Indoor Open on Nov 1. This match is Edberg's last in France.

Enqvist ends Edberg's run

PARIS, Nov 2: Stefan Edberg's next-to-last tournament ended Friday when Thomas Enqvist stopped Edberg's Paris Open run in the quarterfinals, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6)...

win over Paul Haarhuis. Magnus Gustafsson defeated Marc Rosset, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 to gain the first semifinal berth...

him up off the tour for a full year between May 1994 and May 1995. He won titles in St Petersburg, Russia, and Bastad, Sweden this year...

A gentleman's sunset ride

PARIS, Nov 2 (AP): And then there was one. One more tournament for Stefan Edberg before he finally leaves the competitive tennis circuit...

Swedish Davis Cup team that meets France in the final in Malmo, Sweden, Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1.

You can't say enough good things about Stefan. He's a class act on and off the court. He'll be greatly missed...

Foreman set for Sunday

TOKYO, Nov 2: When George Foreman defends the world boxing title here on Sunday, the 47-year-old heavyweight legend is to battle not only a knockout artist in Crawford Grimsley...

not just an old man looking for money. I'm the champion of the world," said "Big George," who was stripped of the WBA and IBF titles...

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New feather in Pete's cap

MUNICH, Germany, Nov 2: Pete Sampras will receive a new award named after former Wimbledon champion Fred Perry for being the best player in the Grand Slam season...

The US Open champion will receive the Fred Perry award during the tournament in Munich in December. Perry's widow will be present at the prize giving.

Sampras ended the Grand Slam season as world number one with 1090 points, ahead of fellow American Michael Chang (942).

Perry died last year at the age of 85. He won three Wimbledon and US open titles and French and Australian Open titles.

Gazza gets Hoddle's nod

LONDON, Nov 2: England manager Glenn Hoddle on Friday retained Rangers midfielder Paul Gascoigne in his squad to play Georgia in a World Cup qualifier despite calls for him to be dropped following allegations of wife beating...

Hoddle included Gascoigne in a squad of 23 for the European Group Two match in Thessalonica on November 9.

Goalkeepers: David Seaman, Ian Walker, David James. Defenders: Gary Neville, Stuart Pearce, Andy Hinchcliffe, Gareth Southgate, Tony Adams, Sol Campbell, Dominic Matteo...

Becker skips Stockholm Open

MUNICH, Germany, Nov 2: Boris Becker pulled out of next week's \$25,000 Stockholm Open tournament on Friday, blaming an ankle tendon injury and the hectic ATP schedule...

A short statement released by Becker's manager said it was difficult to understand why this week's Paris Open had to begin straight after the Stuttgart Open, which Becker won last week with a thrilling victory in the final over Pete Sampras.

Becker and Agassi, nonetheless, qualified for the season-ending ATP World Championships joining Sampras, Chang, Thomas Muster, Goran Ivanisevic and Kafelnikov in the final eight at Hanover, Germany Nov 19-24.

Hingis drubs Davenport

CHICAGO, Nov 2: Jennifer Capriati advanced to a semifinal round for the first time this year, earning a match with top seed Monica Seles in the 450,000 dollars Ameritech Cup, reports Reuter.

This is the year for both our comebacks," said Capriati, who advanced after injured Meredith McGrath withdrew from their quarterfinal match on Friday trailing 5-2. "It's exciting, really. I will be fun for me."

Swiss teen sensation Martina Hingis will try to avenge a loss in the Zurich final when she faces second-seeded Czech Jana Novotna, ranked fifth in the world, in the other semifinal match.

Novotna defeated Dutchwoman Brenda Schultz-McCarthy 6-2, 7-5 while Hingis edged third-seeded sixth-ranked American Lindsey Davenport 6-3, 6-7, 5-7, 6-2.

A McGrath found that playing both doubles and singles in her first tournament since arthroscopic surgery on her right knee was just too much.

I thought that the more I played it would loosen up but it didn't," said McGrath, whose right leg was completely taped during the match. "When she broke me (in the sixth game) and went up 4-2, I couldn't imagine myself coming back."

Capriati and Seles, who were considered the next great rivalry in women's tennis in 1991, are both making comeback bids and have not faced each other since the 1992 French Open.

Capriati, 20, missed two years because of personal problems.

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Hingis fired a forehand winner for the match, breaking Davenport in the final game. The two now have played three set matches all four times they have met.



MARTINA HINGIS

Inter in draw dilemma

GENEVA, Nov 2: UEFA Cup specialists Internazionale, who needed a penalty shoot-out to see off the champions of Casino Graz in the second round, were drawn against Porto again side Boavista in Friday's third round draw, reports Reuter.

Inter were taken to the limit by the unfancied Austrian side on Tuesday after having England midfielder Paul Ince sent in extra time.

Boavista are not regarded as one of the competition but Inter, bidding for a third UEFA Cup triumph in seven seasons, will not treat them lightly in view of their close shave against Casino Graz.

Spain's Valencia, conquerors of holders Bayern Munich in the first round, were paired with Turkey's Besiktas who beat Legia Warsaw in the second round.

Valencia will be without goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta for the home leg. He will be serving an automatic suspension for his sending-off in the second half of Tuesday's goalless draw with Slovia Prague.

The Spanish club qualified 1-0 on aggregate.

Valencia president Francisco Roig said his side were in buoyant mood having beaten the holders and Slovia Prague.

The Turkish fans have a reputation for volatile behaviour but we expect quite a lot of our fans to travel to Turkey where we will be playing for the first time.

I don't think there will be any problem," he said. The three German clubs to reach the last 16 managed to avoid each other in Friday's draw.

Hamburg face arguably the sternest test after being paired with Monaco, surprise conquerors of Germany's Borussia Muenchengladbach in the last round.

Graf, who was sidelined more than two years after being stabbed in the back in a 1993 tournament in Germany. The Yugoslav-born US citizen has won four events including the Australian Open since that return.

But more recently, a sore left-shoulder sidelined Seles for four weeks prior to the Chicago event.

Maybe we're both still a little rusty," said Capriati, ranked 50th in the world.

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