

Sport

J-League roundup

TOKYO Nov 3: The Brazilian combination of Zinho and Sampaio kept the Flugs winning streak going with a last minute goal in their 2-1 win over defending champions Yokohama Marinos in the J-League Saturday, reports AFP.

With one minute left on the clock Zinho stepped up for a freekick 20 metres (yards) out on the left.

Seeing the Marinos had put six of their tallest defenders into a wall to block the shot, Zinho left them standing with a clever chip over their heads to Sampaio who was waiting to nod the ball in.

"I thought it was a big chance for me when I saw tall defenders prepared to save the shot by Zinho. A short defender came to check me," said Sampaio.

The win, Flugs's sixth in a row, brings their record to 21 wins against seven defeats and leaves them nipping the heels of league front-runners Kashima Antlers, who only have a better goal difference to keep them ahead.

The Antlers themselves narrowly held onto their lead with 5-4 penalty shootout win against Urawa Red Diamonds after a 0-0 draw at full-time.

With each team only having two games left to play, Nagoya Grampus Eight, Jubilo Iwata and Kashima Reysol are their slim hopes of winning alive with 60 points, 59 points and 57 points respectively against 63 for the leaders.

Grampus Eight, playing without key striker Dragan Stokjovic out for head-butting, but goalkeeper Yuji Ito came to the rescue winning a penalty shootout 4-2 against JEF United Ichihara.

Jubilo powered past Cerezo Osaka 3-0, while Brazilian Edison scored twice to lead Reysol to a 3-0 win over Sanfrecce Hiroshima. Edison tied for the lead with his compatriot Evair of Flugs in the rankings with 20 goals each.

In other games, two-time champions Verdy Kawasaki outclassed Gamba Osaka 3-1. Kyoto Purple Sanga edged past Bellmare Hiratsuka 1-0, and Shimizu S-Pulse defeated Avispa Fukuoka 3-1.

Campbell clears her conscience LONDON, Nov 3: A British woman who spent 11 years setting a record as the first woman to walk around the world has admitted she cheated, reports Reuter.

Flyona Campbell, who left home at the age of 16 on her global trek, said she skipped 1,000 miles (1,600 km) of her walk across the United States.

Campbell, 29, told British newspapers and television that her punishing regime of 25 miles (40 km) a day was too much.

"I shouldn't be remembered as the first woman to walk around the world when I cheated. I broke the unwritten rule of the Guinness Book of Records," she told Independent television news.

Campbell said she rode in her support truck for the leg between Indianapolis and Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

"I got into the back of the vehicle and drove ahead and didn't drive back to come and walk properly," she said.

She completed her walk in Scotland to cheering crowds in 1994. "They were walking beside me as a role model. To them I owe the biggest apology."

Campbell's round-the-world walk began in September 1983 when she walked from the northern tip of Scotland to land's end — the farthest southwest tip of England — in 49 days.

In the spring of 1985 Campbell, then 18, walked the 3,500 miles (5,600 km) from New York to Los Angeles in 151 days. She crossed the 3,200 miles (5,150 km) between Sydney and Perth in 95 days in 1988.

Campbell started walking from Cape Town to Tangiers in April 1991. She walked from Algeria, Spain, to Calais, France and then back to Britain in 1994.

Final nail in Mui's coffin HANOI, Nov 3: Vietnam said on Friday it had banned international Chu Van Mui for life for leading an attack on the referee at the domestic cup final last month, reports Reuter.

Soccer officials said Mui's team, who Chi Minh City Police, had been fined 910 dollars and the entire squad, including coaches and trainers, had been given personal warnings.

Mui's team, all professional policemen, attacked the referee as the final whistle blew after they had been beaten 3-1 by provincial side Dong Thap in the televised cup final on October 6.

The referee was kicked and punched and chased round the stadium. Mui was judged to have led the charge. Riot police ran on to the pitch to break it up.

A succession of injured players had been carried off and nine yellow and red cards were shown in a rough and chaotic game.

Soccer skills in Vietnam have yet to reach international standards but the game is followed with a passion which on several occasions has spilled into violence.

The punishment for the second humiliation for Mui, Vietnam's state media announced earlier this week, had also been demoted a rank in the national constabulary.

Peshawar crowd the killjoys

Saqlain torments tourists



PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Nov 3: Saqlain Mushtaq took four wickets in five balls, including a hat-trick, to spin Pakistan to a 77-run victory over Zimbabwe on Sunday in the third and final one-day international, which was marred by crowd trouble, report agencies.

The 50-over-a-side fixture was reduced to 46 overs after players had to wait for baton-wielding police to subdue boisterous fans who had been throwing rocks at Zimbabwe's fielders. More time was lost after a second rock-throwing incident, and play was ultimately reduced to 40 overs.

Bowling his sixth over, Saqlain removed Grant Flower, John Rennie and Andrew Whittall off his third, fourth and fifth deliveries.

The young off-spinner went on to claim his fourth wicket on the very first ball of his seventh over when he removed Gavin Rennie to finish with four wickets in five balls.

Saqlain became the fourth Pakistani to achieve a hat-trick in limited-overs competition.



S MUSHTAQ ... hat-trick

But his feat was overshadowed by the trouble in the stands, which began soon after Wasim Akram won his first toss of the series and decided to bat.

Play was suspended for nearly 22 minutes in the ninth over when spectators threw rocks at the Zimbabweans. Police armed with batons charged a group of spectators who had jumped a high fence around the boundary line and started to gather along the ropes.

Saqlain, 19, declared himself "delighted" but the man-of-the-match award went to

teammate Ijaz Ahmed who earlier had scored a fine 117, which included 10 fours and four sixes.



W AKRAM ... man-of-series

Azam Khan, in his first international, made a brilliant 72 while Moin Khan scored a rapid-fire 34 from 17 balls as the home side's last 20 overs yielded 194 runs.

The players had to leave the field once again at the end of the 17th over when Gavin Rennie was struck by rocks while fielding at the boundary line. It was only after the final warning by West Indian match referee Jackie Hendricks that play restarted.

Zimbabwe's turn at bat also was disrupted. Zimbabwe was set a revised target of 225 off 34 overs after a section of the crowd threw rocks at Pakistan's Abdul Razzak, who was fielding at long on. The play was halted for nearly 10 minutes with Zimbabwe 73 for one off 15 overs, chasing an actual Pakistan total of 264 for nine.

Four overs later, Akram led his team back to the dressing room when Razzak was hit by a rock with Zimbabwe 93 for one after 19 overs.

Zimbabwe finished at 147 for nine in 32.1 overs. Last man Alistair Campbell did not come out to bat as he had injured his left hand while fielding during the Pakistani innings.

The only consolation for Zimbabwe was an outstanding debut by Everton Matambanadzo who finished with four for 32, including a wicket in his first over.

Pakistan have already clinched the one-day series by winning two of three matches played at Quetta and Lahore. Earlier they also won the two-Test series against Zimbabwe 1-0.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard of the third, and final one-day international between Pakistan and Zimbabwe on Sunday:

**PAKISTAN** c P Rennie

b Matambanadzo	0			
Z Elahi c Houghton	1			
b Matambanadzo	1			
Ijaz c G Flower	117			
b Matambanadzo	1			
Raza c G Rennie	12			
b Matambanadzo	12			
Azam c P Strang b J Rennie	72			
Akram run out	1			
Moin c P Strang b J Rennie	34			
Malik c A Flower b G Whittall	0			
Shahid Nazir not out	3			
Razzak not out	5			
Extras: (lb-4, nb-3, w-12)	19			
Total: (for 9 wts in 40 overs)	264			
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-18; 3-43; 4-194; 5-199; 6-231; 7-251; 8-256; 9-263.				
<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O</b> <b>M</b> <b>R</b> <b>W</b>			
Matambanadzo	8	0	32	4
J Rennie	8	0	37	2
G Whittall	8	0	64	1
A Whittall	8	0	62	0
P Strang	4	0	33	0
Dekker	4	0	32	0

**ZIMBABWE**

G Flower c Moin b Saqlain	77
Dekker lbw Razzak	11
P Strang c Akram b Afridi	29
Houghton c Moin b Afridi	6
A Flower c Akram b Malik	1
G Whittall run out	0
G Rennie b Saqlain	6
J Rennie c Moin b Saqlain	0
A Whittall c Malik b Saqlain	0
Matambanadzo not out	2



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Campbell (absent hurt) Extras: (lb-5, nb-4, w-6) 15 Total: (for 9 wts in 32.1 overs) 147

Fall of wickets: 1-34; 2-95; 3-110; 4-118; 5-119; 6-143; 7-143; 8-143; 9-147.

**Bowling:** O M R W Akram 4 0 20 0 Nazir 6 0 16 0 Abdul Razzak 5 0 24 1 Saqlain 6.1 0 28 4 Afridi 7 0 25 2 Malik 4 0 21 1

Result: Pakistan won by 77 runs

Man-of-the-match: Ijaz Ahmed.

Wasim Akram: Man-of-series

Espinosa retains WBC crown

FUKUOKA, Japan, Nov 3: Luisito Espinosa of the Philippine stopped Japanese challenger Nobutoshi Hiranaka in the eighth round to retain his World Boxing Council (WBC) featherweight title on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Espinosa, 29, outclassed Hiranaka from the outset of the fight, stinging the ninth-ranked challenger with right straight-left hook combinations that swelled Hiranaka's right eye nearly closed.

Mexican referee Guadalupe Garcia halted the fight 32 seconds into the eighth round after Espinosa smothered the nearly helpless Hiranaka with a barrage of blows.

"My left hook hit the target very well and I thought in the third round that I could win," said Espinosa. Adding that he thought Garcia should have stopped the fight earlier.

It was the third title defence for Espinosa, a Manila native who sometimes fights under the name of Luisito Koizumi.

He extended his record to 40 victories including 21 by knockout against seven losses. Hiranaka (16-2) failed in his second bid at a world title following his defeat in August 1995 by World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight champion Eloy Rojas of Venezuela.

Saturday's fight was so one-sided that all three American judges — Chuck Hassett, Rody Ortega and Terry Smith — had scored it 70-63 in favour of Espinosa by the end of the seventh round.

Morrison stops Rhode

TOKYO, Nov 3: HIV-infected heavyweight Tommy Morrison did not spill one drop of blood today in a quick victory over fellow American Marcus Rhode in a none-title heavyweight fight here, reports Reuter.

Morrison, a former World Boxing Organisation heavyweight champion, had vowed to stop the fight if he was cut or started bleeding during the bout, creating a possible risk of infecting his opponent.

But Rhode, 24, brought into the fight at the last minute, barely laid a glove on the 27-year-old Oklahoman. Morrison's original opponent, Anthony Cooks, was forced to pull out after an arrest warrant was issued for him in the United States.

Morrison knocked down Rhode three times in the first round and the referee stopped the fight at one minute and 38 seconds.

The fight was a warm-up bout for the World Boxing Union heavyweight title fight between George Foreman and Crawford Grimsley.

Unlike most parts of the United States, Japan has no rules to prohibit anyone carrying the AIDS virus from taking part in professional boxing.

Maynard stays in saddle

SWANSEA, Wales, Nov 3: Glamorgan re-appointed Matthew Maynard as their captain for next season on Saturday, reports AP.

The 30-year-old former England batsman led the Welsh county to 10th place in the championship as well as the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup this summer.

Glamorgan secretary Mike Fatkin said: "It really was a very straightforward decision and took only a couple of minutes for the committee to decide."

Matt had a very difficult first year as captain with his benefit and being called up for England against India and Pakistan in the one-day internationals.

Mavrovic wins

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCH, Germany, Nov 3: Undefeated Zeljko Mavrovic retained his European heavyweight title Saturday after British challenger Clifton Mitchell was disqualified in the second round for two low blows, reports AP.

The Croatian, who is based in Germany, ran his record to 24-0 with 19 knockouts in the fight, which was halted with a few seconds left in the round.

Mitchell's record fell to 18-2. Mavrovic, 27, who sports a mohawk haircut, won the title last year when he knocked out France's Christophe Bizot.

He's likely to become the WBC's No. 1 challenger after Lennox Lewis and Oliver McCall fight for the organization's heavyweight title.

On the undercard, France's Julien Lorczy won the vacant European light heavyweight title after he stopped Russia's Boris Sinitin in the seventh round.

Indians in Titan final



MOHALI, India, Nov 3: India stopped a heroic Australian run chase in their tracks to pull off a dramatic five-run victory in the Titan triangular series here today, reports AP.

Chasing India's imposing 289 for six, the Australians were heading for victory when Michael Slater and Michael Bevan smashed 86 off 71 balls to lift the score to 241 for four by the 42nd over.

But India grabbed the last six wickets for the addition of 43 runs to complete a sensational victory with five balls to spare in the day-night international.

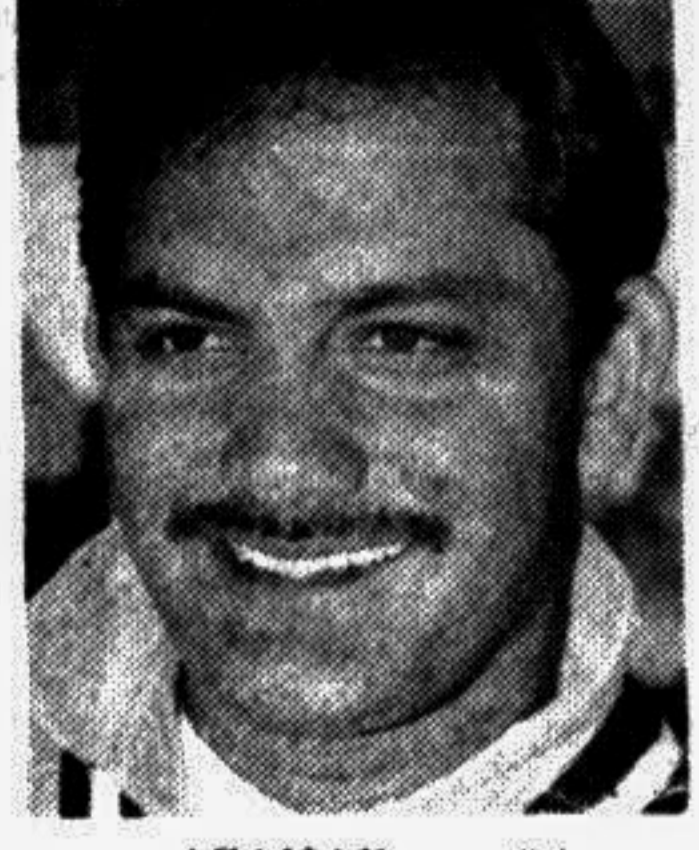
Wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia ran out Brad Hogg with the first ball of the final over, bowled by skipper Sachin Tendulkar himself after the regular bowlers ran out of overs.

The win carried the hosts into Wednesday's final against unbeaten South Africa, while the Australians return home without a victory in the five-week Indian tour.

Mohammad: Azharuddin

blasted 94 off 104 balls, skipper Sachin Tendulkar smashed 62 off 61 and Rahul Dravid contributed 56 as India levelled their highest one-day score against Australia.

The Australians, facing a do-



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or-die situation, made a solid start between openers Mark Taylor and Mark Waugh who put on 84 by the 17th over.

Australians Mark Waugh

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Titan triangular limited-over preliminary league match between Australia and India in Mohali on Sunday:

INDIA

S Tendulkar c Law b M Waugh	62
N Sidhu run out	11
J Srinath st Healy b M Waugh	3
M Azharuddin c M Waugh	56
b McGrath	94
R David c Taylor b Law	56

R Singh c Slater b Law	6
A Jadeja not out	25
N Mongia not out	19
Extras: (lb-7, nb-4, w-2)	13
Total: (for six wickets, 50 overs)	289

Did not bat: S Joshi, A Kumble, V Prasad.

Fall of wickets: 1-54; 2-75; 3-95; 4-205; 5-217; 6-253.

<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O</b> <b>M</b> <b>R</b> <b>W</b>			
McGrath	10	0	52	1
Reiffel	10	1	52	0
J Gillespie	9	0	63	0
M Waugh	9	0	38	2
Law	10	0	65	2
B Hogg	2	0	12	0

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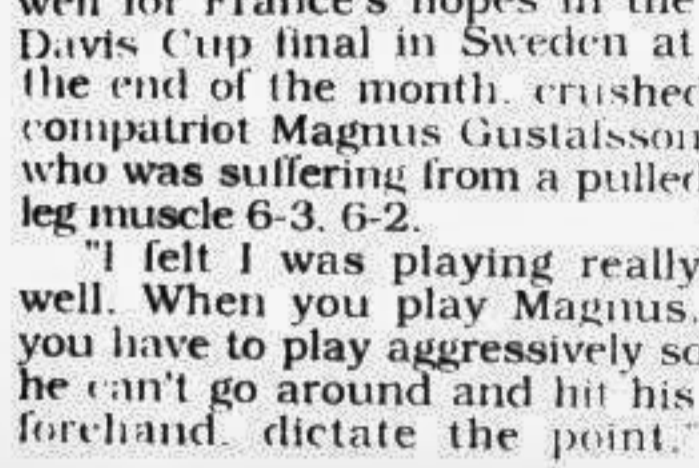
Yevgeny, Enqvist in final



top tennis Sweden's Yevgeny Kafelnikov

well for France's hopes in the Davis Cup final in Sweden at the end of the month, crushed compatriot Magnus Gustafsson who was suffering from a pulled leg muscle 6-3, 6-2.

"I felt I was playing really well. When you play Magnus, you have to play aggressively so he can't go around and hit his forehand, dictate the point."



Sweden's Thomas Enqvist in the Paris Indoor Open final today.

He explained: "When I was warming up this morning I pulled a stomach muscle serving. (during the match) I probably made the wrong moves trying to protect my stomach and pulled another muscle in my leg."

If it had not been a semi-final I probably would not have played. I was only 90, 95 per cent and that's not enough for the tennis of today."

Korda, French Open finalist in 1992, played well until late

LATEST

PARIS, Nov 3: Sweden's Thomas Enqvist upset Russian favourite and French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov to win the Paris Indoor Open here on Sunday and pocket a winner's cheque for 393,000 dollars, reports AP.

Enqvist chalked up a 6-2, 6-4, 7-5 victory in just under one-and-a-half hours.

In the second set, the match hinged on the failure of Korda, coming back from a long injury layoff and now ranked 37, to convert three break points in the ninth game of the second set that would have enabled him up to serve for the match.

"When it was four all, till 15-40, everything went in. Then it just didn't happen," Korda said. "I was just starting to get so tired... I just didn't have the energy to finish the match."

The Russian, also holder of the Lyon title, went on to level the match with the first of three set points, the Czech driving the ball wide.

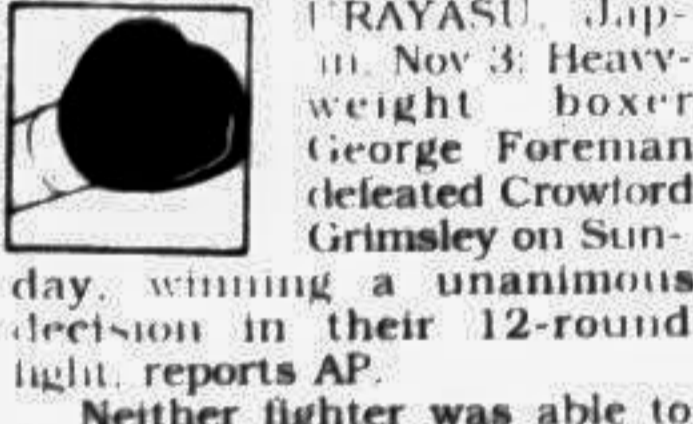
Kafelnikov never looked back after an early break in the deciding set but said afterwards he had to "play not 100 per cent but 150 per cent" to beat Korda.

"I felt he was tiring and wanted to win in two sets. Playing in the doubles takes a lot out of him. He finished very late last night," said Kafelnikov, who lost to Korda in the third round at Bercy in 1994.

"At first he was playing out of his mind, hitting winners all the time. I was just trying not to look a fool."

The semifinal was Korda's 11th match at Bercy since last Saturday, including singles qualifiers and doubles.

Foreman wins weary war



RAYASU, Japan, Nov 3: Heavyweight boxer George Foreman defeated Crawford Grimsley on Sunday.

Neither fighter was able to land any decisive punches. Only in the final round did they manage to exchange a sudden flurry of blows.

Foreman landed several punches, which at one point moved Grimsley toward the ropes. Both were bleeding at the end of the bout.

He was a good fighter," Foreman said of his opponent immediately after the fight. "He had a lot of heart. These young fighters, they seem to run from me," Foreman said.

"For much of the bout Foreman kept Grimsley away with left jabs, appearing to be

waiting for a chance to deliver one heavy punch that never came.

Foreman, who improves to 75-4, looked somewhat flabby around the waist and was slow and heavy on his feet. But otherwise he showed few signs of his 47 years, remaining standing in his corner between rounds.

Foreman panted slightly in his corner after the 8th round but by that time Grimsley was looking even more tired. Throughout the round Grimsley retreated from Foreman's advances, at times walking around the ring away from his opponent. Foreman followed, taking short steps.

Foreman had problems with his hand wraps unraveling in the final two rounds and in an earlier round, slowing down the fight. The referee had to call time, which slowed down action further.

The two boxers fought amid rows of empty seats for a match which received minimal publicity in Japan. Only the fringe WBU and IBA titles were at stake and Grimsley, who fell to 20-1, was little known.

But the crowd was clearly cheering for Foreman in his first fight in 18 months, often gasping when he landed solid blows to Grimsley's head and body. It was also Foreman's first appearance in Japan since 1973.

Foreman, who weighed in at 253 pounds (114 kilograms), had been stripped of the WBA and IBF titles because he failed to fight certain opponents. He has said the Tokyo fight would be the first of his last three fights.

Foreman, a two-time heavyweight champion, had said he was tackling two fights — one in the ring and the other for the integrity of boxing.

He was good-natured and generous after the fight, however, putting on Grimsley's trademark "terminator" wraparound sunglasses.

"I'm a gentlemen," Foreman said. "He (Grimsley) decided to go the 12 rounds. I'm not going to hit him from behind his back. As a preacher I can't chase around someone and hit them in the back," he added.

"Tonight I'm gonna have 16 cheeseburgers and some sushi for dessert," Foreman said.

FIFA for sitting spectators

ZURICH, Nov 3: FIFA on Tuesday barred any standing spectators at future World Cup matches following the stadium tragedy that claimed 83 lives in Guatemala earlier this month, reports Reuter.

In a letter to member associations, FIFA said no standing area tickets would be permitted to be sold and such sections must remain empty during a match.

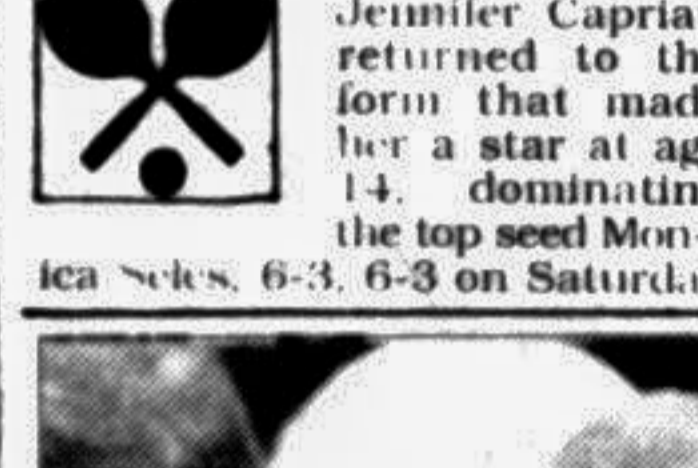
The ruling was one of eight emergency measures designed to improve stadium safety contained in the letter from FIFA, world soccer's governing body.

FIFA also said stadiums which continue to use fences for crowd control must make sure they were easily dismantled because evacuation gates had proven ineffective.

The FIFA executive committee will discuss a proposal to remove crowd control fences for all World Cup matches at its next meeting on December 7 in Barcelona.

The letter said only tickets for numbered seats would be allowed to be sold and stadium capacities must be meticulously checked and verified.

Jennifer-Jana showdown



CHICAGO, Nov 3: Jennifer Capriati returned to the form that made her a star at age 14, dominating the top seed Monica Seles, 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday night and moving into the finals of the Ameritech Cup, reports AP.

Capriati, now 20 and ranked 50th in the world, will face second seed Jana Novotna in Sunday's final. Novotna staged a comeback of sorts in her 7-5, 6-4 semifinal win against over-

Swiss teen Martina Hingis. The Ameritech Cup match was the first time Capriati and Seles had met since the quarter-finals of the 1992 French Open.

In her 10th tournament since returning to the Tour, Capriati displayed a disciplined style of long rallies and crisp forehand drives, catching Seles leaning on several shots.

Neither player held serve in the first four games of the match, and in the seventh game Seles fell behind 2-4, losing her serve.

Capriati blistered two straight forehand smashes, breaking Seles in the ninth game to capture the set.

Capriati kept up the pressure in the second set, forcing Seles to hit several shots into the net following long rallies.

Seles fell behind 4-2 in the sixth game, failing to hold serve, shooting a return into the net.

Capriati ended the 57-minute match in the ninth game, blistering two drives in the backhand court.

"What this match meant to me was that I just wanted to play well in my comeback," Capriati said. "I wanted to see if I still had it in me."