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Samuels recalled

BRIDGETOWN, June 18: Jamaican opener Robert Samuels has been recalled to the West Indies squad for the second and final Test against Sri Lanka in Kingston, St. Vincent, on Friday, reports Reuters.

Left-hander Samuels, overlooked for the recent series against India, replaces the injured Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who is being treated for muscle spasms in his neck after an injury during a domestic match. West Indies won the first Test in Antigua on Sunday by six wickets within three days.

SQUAD

Courtney Walsh (captain), Sherwin Campbell, Stuart Williams, Brian Lara, Robert Samuels, Carl Hooper, Roland Holder, Floyd Reifer, Courtney Browne, Ian Bishop, Curtly Ambrose, Franklyn Rose, Mervyn Dillon.

Arsenal land Overmars

LONDON, June 18: Ajax Amsterdam winger Marc Overmars signed for Arsenal on Tuesday for a reported fee of five million pounds (\$8.2 million dollars) as Arsene Wenger, manager of the Premier league club, continued his buying spree ahead of next season, reports Reuters.

Overmars was paraded in front of the press at Highbury along with another new signing, 19-year-old Portuguese striker Luis Boamonte who cost a further 1.75 million pounds (\$2.9 million dollars).

Wenger has also recently signed Frenchmen Emmanuel Petit and Gilles Grimaldi, both aged 26, as he attempts to build a younger side in Arsenal's challenge for honours in the forthcoming season.

Overmars, 24, who played 164 matches for Ajax over five years, scoring 43 goals, will become the second Dutch international at Arsenal, joining striker Dennis Bergkamp.

Tauziat in 2nd round

EASTBOURNE, England, June 18: France's Nathalie Tauziat ousted fifth seed Mary Joe Fernandez 7-6, 7-5 in the first round of the Eastbourne grass-court tournament on Tuesday to set up a second-round clash with birthday girl Venus Williams, reports Reuters.

Williams marked her 17th birthday with a 6-4, 6-4 demolition of world number 26 Chanda Rubin.

The teenager—resplendent in a shimmering silver outfit and with her white-beaded hair rattling in the south coast sea breeze—needed just 80 minutes to dismiss her fellow American on Centre Court.

Rubin won their only other encounter earlier this year on the slow clay courts of Amelia Island 6-4, 6-0 but Williams—despite having played just three matches on grass—now considers herself a grass-court player and was determined to avenge the defeat.

Tauziat's grass-court game was simply too polished for hard-court specialist Fernandez and her constant forays to the net proved the difference as she defeated the 1995 champion here in 6-3, 7-6.

Earlier, sixth-seeded Romanian Irina Spirlea laboured over beating Argentina's Ines Gorrochategui 6-0, 3-6, 6-4 while eighth seed Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, of the Netherlands, ousted grass-court veteran Czech Helena Sukova 6-3, 7-6.

American seventh seed Kimberly Po took a set and a half to wake up before she eventually saw off the challenge of Slovak Katarina Stutenikova 6-7, 6-2.

Today's action sees defending champion and world number two Monica Seles plays Naoko Sawamatsu and second seed Jana Novotna clashes with Jayuk Basuki.

WTA rankings

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, June 18: (Reuters): Leading women's tennis rankings as issued by the WTA tour on Monday:

1. Hingis (SWI)
2. Seles (USA)
3. Graf (GER)
4. Novotna (CZE)
5. Majoli (CRO)
6. Davenport (USA)
7. Coetzee (RSA)
8. Huger (GER)
9. Vicario (SPA)
10. Pierce (FRA)
11. Martinez (SPA)
12. Fernandez (USA)
13. Spirlea (ROM)
14. Po (USA)
15. McCarthy (NED)
16. Dragomir (ROM)
17. Paulus (AUS)
18. Habsudova (SLO)
19. Appelmans (BEL)
20. Wiesner (AUS)

Dalmiya becomes ICC boss



J DALMIYA

LONDON, June 18: India's Jagmohan Dalmiya yesterday became the first Asian to head cricket's world governing body as he took over as the International Cricket Council (ICC) president at Lord's today, reports PTI.

Dalmiya, the BCCI secretary, who assumed the coveted post as the first ICC president then declared that a "new era in management of international cricket has commenced."

Dalmiya, who replaces Sir Clyde Walcott of West Indies, will concurrently hold the post of ICC president and chairman of the executive board for a three-year term.

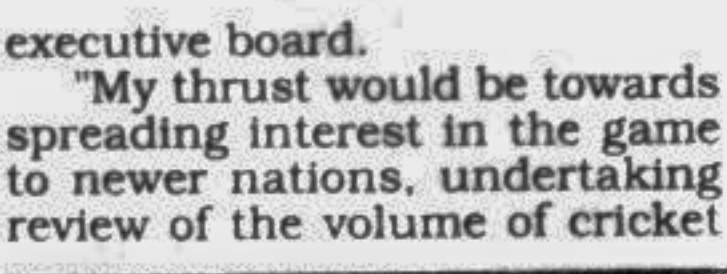
Soon after taking over, Dalmiya announced that he did not propose to shift the ICC headquarters from its famous venue. He however said he would have a president's secretariat at Calcutta.

The first meeting of the newly constituted executive board which besides the president and chief executive includes nine full playing members, three associate members and a chairman of committees and chairman of association would be held in Calcutta on December 8 and 9.

This would be the first ever meeting of the ICC board to be held outside England.

Dalmiya has said his election signalled the heralding in of a democratic spirit in the world governing body and pledged to aim at a "collective pull" towards globalisation of cricket.

"We have been losing ground to sports like soccer and tennis and our new thrust would be to spread the pull of the game to more countries and bring the crowds back to the majestic Test cricket," Dalmiya told PTI soon after taking over as ICC president and chairman of the



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executive board. "My thrust would be towards spreading interest in the game to newer nations, undertaking review of the volume of cricket by the outgoing chairman, Sir Clyde Walcott, would have two parts, one made up of former players including India's Sunil Gavaskar to deal with the playing aspect. The other would be made up of chief executives, who would lend their expertise on management issues.

The playing half of the committee is scheduled to meet on July 12 to decide further on improvement to standard playing conditions. Meanwhile the Duckworth/Lewis target score system will continue experimentally in several countries.

The management half would be headed by David Richards of Australia, who was re-elected ICC chief executive for the second five-year term. His present contract expires in 1998.

The newly constituted committee has accorded Bangladesh and Kenya 'first-class and one-day' status. Dalmiya said that progress of Bangladesh to play against strong countries as part of an intensive programme will be closely monitored and a further review on their demand for Test status made at the 1998 ICC annual conference.

The freshly constituted ICC also approved the new national grid panel of umpires and referees and brought in three umpires into the panel—Rudi Kortz (South Africa), Javed Akhtar (Pakistan) and V K Ramaswamy (India).

"My election as ICC president reflects a mood for bringing in more democratic spirit into it, with the thrust that all members are equal irrespective of the fact where the game was invented," Dalmiya said.

While agreeing that based at the Lord's, the game had adopted too much of a "snobbish and conservative approach" he said "Cricketing traditions had to be maintained. But we have to bring them in tune with changing times."

Dalmiya said the new cricket committee to be headed

played, fair distribution of Test and other matches and above all taking steps to revive spectator interest," he added.

Announcing a complete re-vamping of the ICC structure by setting up a new cricket committee, an upgraded development committee and a new finance and marketing committee, Dalmiya also announced that a meeting of national captains would be held at the Lord's on July 11 to study their complaint about too much cricket.

Dalmiya, the first Asian to head ICC, said the newly reconstituted ICC board was looking at a proposal for holding a Test World Championship and had constituted a sub-committee to fix the parameters.

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unsteady teenagers what it feels like to lose on their debut at the All-England Club.

So can Jim Courier and Goran Ivanisevic, not to mention Ivan Lendl. In Lendl's case, the 'Wimbledon effect' was so powerful he failed to escape its trip in 14 attempts. He gathered eight Grand Slam titles in all, but winning on grass was too much for him.

This year, though, the 11th championships will require everyone to read just to unfamiliar surroundings, even Boris Becker who has been back to the All-England Club every year since his debut in 1984.

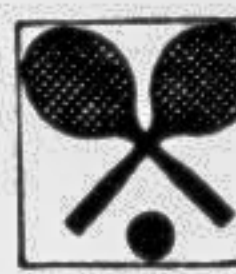
A brand new number one court, as well as two other new

tournament's middle Sunday. Similarly, as technicians worked frantically on Tuesday to cope with the demands of the 1,800 broadcasters who will be providing television and radio coverage in over 170 countries, as many staff were involved in planting geraniums and pots of instant hanging ivy.

Even tradition has to be given a helping hand before the cameras start rolling, but, after 120 years, the All-England Club continue to appreciate the value of a little mystique.

Officials admit they have consulted experts to discover ways to broaden Wimbledon's appeal, only to be firmly advised not to change a thing.

Grandest among the Slams



WIMBLEDON ROLL OF HONOUR

LONDON, June 18 (Reuters): If they played the World Series on roller blades or banned advertising in Formula One, the culture shock would be instantly familiar to first-time foreign players at Wimbledon.

Those emerald lawns, the hushed dark-green stands, the vicarage tea party atmosphere in the members' enclosure and beyond: more than a few have found it tough to handle even before they pick their rackets up and take their first tentative steps on grass.

Andre Agassi and Michael Stich both know how it feels to win the Wimbledon singles title, but can also advise today's

Nagano's cause of concern

NAGANO, Japan, June 18: As this city in the mountains of central Japan prepares to host next year's Winter Olympics, police are gearing up for what could be some of the world's longest traffic jams—backups stretching 120 kilometres or more, reports AP.

Kiyomitsu Kodaira, vice president of traffic planning for the Nagano prefectural police, said because of the many narrow, curvy roads in Nagano, jams regularly reach 60 kilometres or more during the ski season.

With twice as much traffic expected on the roads for the Olympics, lines could reach 120 kilometres in some areas, he said.

"Right now we are urging people to use public transportation to curb overall traffic by 30 per cent," he told earlier this week. "Some roads will be closed and others open only to vehicles with the proper passes."

Police believe traffic snarls could be worst on roads leading to the village of Hakuba, where the venues for ski jumping and downhill racing are located, and the Shiga heights area, where alpine slalom races and snowboarding competitions will be held.

Feb 13 — a Friday the 13th, no less — will probably be the biggest traffic nightmare because of a variety of different events scheduled that day, police say.

To ease things, police and city officials are working out arrangements for parking passes, trying to persuade companies to stagger work hours and will be asking drivers from the Tokyo area to use buses or other forms of mass transit.

Not everyone in Nagano is convinced that will work.

WIMBLEDON ROLL OF HONOUR

LONDON, June 18 (Reuters): List of men's and women's singles champions at Wimbledon since the Open era began in 1968:

Year	Men's singles	Women's singles
1968:	Rod Laver	Billie Jean King
1969:	Rod Laver	Ann Jones
1970:	John Newcombe	Margaret Court
1971:	John Newcombe	Evonne Goolagong
1972:	Stan Smith	Billie Jean King
1973:	Jan Kodes	Billie Jean King
1974:	Jimmy Connors	Chris Evert
1975:	Arthur Ashe	Billie Jean King
1976:	Bjorn Borg	Chris Evert
1977:	Bjorn Borg	Virginia Wade
1978:	Bjorn Borg	Martina Navratilova
1979:	Bjorn Borg	Martina Navratilova
1980:	Bjorn Borg	Evonne Goolagong
1981:	John McEnroe	Chris Evert
1982:	Jimmy Connors	Martina Navratilova
1983:	John McEnroe	Martina Navratilova
1984:	John McEnroe	Martina Navratilova
1985:	Boris Becker	Martina Navratilova
1986:	Boris Becker	Martina Navratilova
1987:	Pat Cash	Martina Navratilova
1988:	Stefan Edberg	Steffi Graf
1989:	Boris Becker	Steffi Graf
1990:	Stefan Edberg	Martina Navratilova
1991:	Michael Stich	Steffi Graf
1992:	Andre Agassi	Steffi Graf
1993:	Pete Sampras	Conchita Martinez
1994:	Pete Sampras	Conchita Martinez
1995:	Pete Sampras	Steffi Graf
1996:	Richard Krajicek	Steffi Graf

outside courts, will be in use following the demolition of the famous old steep, sided version last year. It will seat 11,000 spectators, an increase of 4,500 on its forebear, although anyone expecting a radical change of atmosphere at the world's most traditional sporting event should not get overexcited.

Until they rip up the grass — there will be rock concerts at Buckingham Palace first — Wimbledon will remain a monument to old-fashioned English restraint and decorum.

Instead of christening the new court in a blaze of fireworks, for example, the authorities decided to invite the BBC to record an edition of the religious programme, "Songs of Praise" to be shown on the

Chief executive Chris Gorringer is fond of saying that improvements are made "in a quiet sort of way" and it is scarcely an accident that the new court is a virtual replica of Centre Court in design terms.

For skilled clay court exponents like Thomas Muster, Marcelo Rios or Carlos Moya, the experience is likely to be as alien as ever, but newcomers can at least draw comfort from the example of American Dick Savitt in 1971, the last man to win Wimbledon at the first attempt.

If Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten can win the French Open, they argue, why not Nicolas Pietrangeli or Tommy Haas? As fields of dreams go, Wimbledon remains the ultimate.

Jones blames the biggies

MELBOURNE, June 18: Australian cricketer Dean Jones said Wednesday it would have been hypocritical for him to remain at Derbyshire after resigning as captain of the English county club, reports AP.

"I could have been a hypocrite, resign from the captaincy and keep taking their money, but I'm not like that," he said.

Jones, 36, flew back to Melbourne late Tuesday after resigning from Derbyshire last week.

He cited lack of support from other senior players as the reason for leaving.

"A lot of the senior players at Derbyshire don't understand the basic fundamentals of being a successful team," said Jones, who felt he still enjoyed the support of the club's board.

"I was quite prepared to shoot the bullets, but they weren't prepared to give me the bullets."

Jones and former Victorian state coach Les Stillman joined Derbyshire last season and helped lift the under-achieving side to second in the county championship.

It is in second-last place so far this year, but Jones said a tough draw and two rainouts in games where Derbyshire were well-placed had contributed to the bad start.

Jones said there were concerns among some players even before he arrived last year about his appointment as captain.

He said he would be open to offers to return to English county cricket next year, but was more concerned now with rejoining the Victorian squad for pre-season training.

"I'm going to try to get myself super-fit and finish on a good note by winning something," he said.

Passarella's men may quit Copa

COCHABAMBA, Bolivia, June 18: Argentina coach Daniel Passarella has threatened to withdraw from the Copa America if they were forced to play their quarterfinal against Bolivia at La Paz, reports AP.

"This is a complete disgrace," he said after organisers said Bolivia would play at La Paz if they finished second in their group.

The second-placed team in Bolivia's Group B had originally been due to meet the second-placed team in Argentina's Group B in Sucre, which at 2,700 metres high is only 100 metres above Cochabamba. La Paz is 3,600 metres high.

Sampras, Hingis favourites

WIMBLEDON, England, June 18: Pete Sampras and Martina Hingis are the favourites of British bookmakers to win Wimbledon. After the two top-seeded players, the betting field is wide open, reports AP.

Britain's two biggest bookmakers — Ladbrokes and William Hill — each list Sampras as at 13-8 to win his fourth Wimbledon title in five years.

Hingis, the 16-year-old who won her first Grand Slam title in the Australian Open, is listed as a 4-6 odds-on favourite by William Hill. Ladbrokes has her at a slightly less favourable 5-4.

William Hill has defending champion Richard Krajicek at 6-1 followed by Boris Becker (13-2), Goran Ivanisevic (7-1) and Mark Philippoussis (15-2).

Ladbrokes has the same four players listed behind Sampras but at different odds and in a different order — Becker (7-1), Ivanisevic (7-1), Krajicek (7-1) and Philippoussis (8-1).

On the women's side, the William Hill odds are: Hingis (4-6), Monica Seles (4-1), Jana Novotna (8-1), Iva Majoli (10-1), Amanda Coetzer (14-1), Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (14-1), and Lindsay Davenport (16-1). American Venus Williams is 100-1.

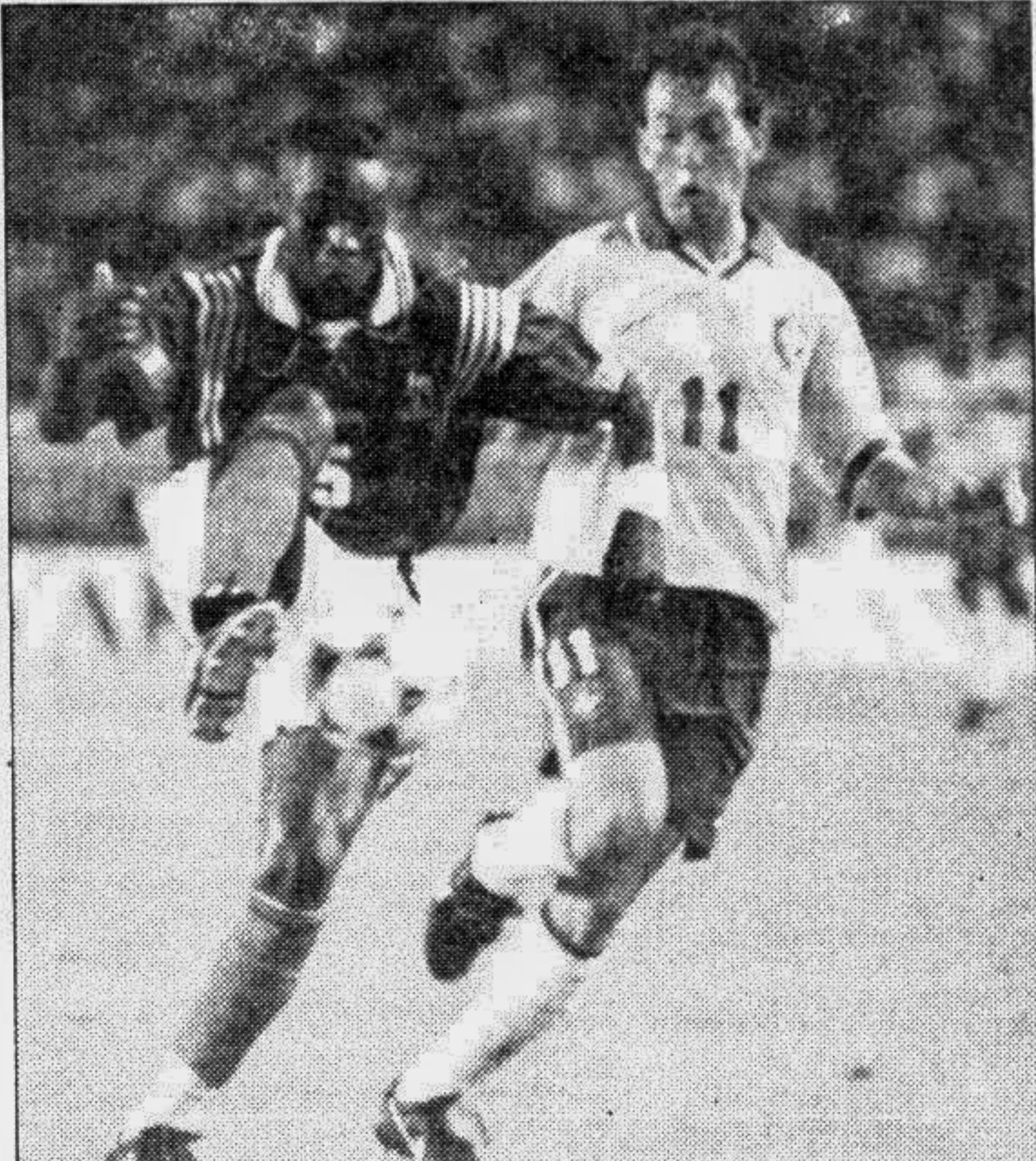
The odds from Ladbrokes: Hingis (5-4), Seles (3-1), Novotna (9-1), Majoli (12-1), Sanchez-Vicario (14-1), Davenport (16-1), Conchita Martinez (25-1) and Mary Pierce (25-1). William is 80-1.

Robson stays in Spain till June

BARCELONA, Spain, June 18: Barcelona insisted today that Bobby Robson would remain as manager until the end of the month at least, reports AP.

The former England boss has been linked with the vacant posts of both Celtic and Everton.

Barcelona face Real Betis in the Spanish Cup final on June 28 and then his future will be mapped out, the club said.



French William Gallas (L) and Martins Adailton of Brazil fight for the ball during their World Youth Championship clash at the Kuching Stadium in Kuala Lumpur on June 17. The Brazilians won 3-0. — AFP/UNB photo

Argentina, Ecuador in qtrs



COCHABAMBA, Bolivia, June 18: Paraguay goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert, playing against the team he loves to hate, scored his first goal of the Copa America as his side drew 1-1 with Argentina on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

It was the second time in a row that the Paraguay goalkeeper has scored in a match between the two countries.

The result in Group A put Argentina into the quarterfinals and means Paraguay must wait for the other two groups to finish to see if they go through as one of the two best third-placed teams.

In an eventful game between bitter rivals, Chilavert fired Paraguay in front from a 73rd minute penalty, but Argentina equalised in the last minute when Marcelo Gallardo, who had earlier missed a penalty, made good on his second chance.

Paraguay, who had a 13-month unbeaten streak snapped when they lost to Ecuador on Saturday, had slightly the better of the first half. But the real drama began after the break.

Chilavert, strangely subdued early on when he looked uneasy and was booked for dis-

sent, had two attempts at his trademark free kicks but the first deflected off the wall and the second was saved by Carlos Roa.

Argentina were awarded a penalty in the 55th minute but Gallardo, possibly psyched out by the intimidating figure of Chilavert, fired his effort high and wide of the target.

Chilavert, who spread his arms wide and jumped up and down on the line to make the goal look smaller, celebrated aggressively as the ball flew wide.

He then showed Gallardo how a penalty should be taken, sending Roa the wrong way in the 73rd minute.

But Gallardo had the last laugh in the dying seconds, this time blasting his shot into the roof of the net in the game's third penalty.

Argentina's Pablo Rotchen was sent off for clashing with the burly Paraguay goalkeeper, having earlier been booked.

Chilavert, who regularly scores from free kicks and penalties, had not enjoyed the best of tournaments before Tuesday.

But the clearly relishes matches against Argentina, the country where he plays his club soccer for Velez Sarsfield.

On the last occasion the teams met, in a World Cup

World Youth Cup scores

SHAH ALAM, Malaysia, June 18: Bernardo Romeo, Lionel Scaloni and Roman Riquelme all scored in the first 50 minutes to give Argentina a successful start in the defence of their under-20 World Cup title, leading a 3-0 victory over Hungary on Wednesday, reports AP.

Mexico also started with an impressive performance, routing the United Arab Emirates 5-0, and Spain defeated Japan 2-1.

Three games were set for later Wednesday with Costa Rica facing Paraguay, Australia vs Canada, and Ivory Coast vs England.

Argentina, who beat Brazil in the 1995 final and won the South American title earlier this year, are the top seed in Group E, which also includes Australia and Canada.

Mexico and the Emirates are joined by the Ivory Coast and England in Group F.

USA beat Israel

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, June 18: The US national soccer team beat Israel's national team 2-1 (halftime 1-0) in an international friendly at Alltel Stadium Tuesday, reports Reuters.

qualifier last year. Chilavert silenced the River Plate stadium in Buenos Aires when he scored from a free kick to give his country a 1-1 draw.

However, he will miss the return clash in Asuncion next month through suspension.

Ecuador, one of the Copa's biggest surprises, won again beating Chile 2-1 in another Group A to clinch a place in the last eight.

The result eliminated the uninspired Chileans, who lost all three of their matches and scored only one goal.

Chile were missing striker Ivan Zamorano and Ecuador were without playmaker Alex Aguinaga as both teams rested their star players for World Cup qualifying matches.

Argentina-born striker Ariel Graziani put Ecuador in front after 32 minutes, during which Chile had more possession but never looked like scoring.

Six minutes into the second half, Fernando Vergara ended 231 frustrating minutes for Chile when he scored their first goal of the tournament. But in the 55th minute, Jose Gavica struck the winner for Ecuador.

Ecuador were the surprise winners of the group, finishing with seven points, while Argentina were second on five and Paraguay third on four.

Kuerten sent packing



NOTTINGHAM, England, June 18: Gustavo Kuerten's first-ever match on grass ended in just 51 minutes as he was sent packing by Britain's Greg Rusedski Tuesday, reports AP.

The Brazilian's inexperience on grass showed as he went down 6-1, 7-5 in the first round to the big-serving left-hander, who took the match with a powerful serve which Kuerten couldn't return.

"I tried to play my best but it wasn't good enough," said Kuerten.

"I had barely one hour to practice but maybe I'll play better at Wimbledon."

Rusedski agrees that Kuerten could be a force at next week's prestigious grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

"In the first set he was getting used to the grass but in the second he improved a lot," said Rusedski.

"I could easily have lost that set. Luckily I didn't."

Kuerten's defeat means the top three seeds failed to make it into the second round, following Monday's losses by top-seed Carlos Moya of Spain and second-seeded Marcelo Rios of Chile.

Another seed to fall Tuesday was Australia's Todd Woodbridge, who looked far from happy as he went down 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 to Byron Black of Zimbabwe.

Woodbridge, seeded seventh, was given a code warning for unsportsmanlike conduct when he threw his racket across the court after falling 4-1 behind in the third set. He strode off court without waiting for Black as soon as the match was over.

His compatriot and doubles

partner Mark Woodforde fared better defeating Jonathan Stark of the United States 6-3, 7-6, while last year's runner-up, Sander Stolk, also of Australia, defeated Arnaud Boetsch of France 6-3, 7-6.

Jim Courier battled for 99 minutes before overcoming unseeded Johan van Herck 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Courier, the number six seed, could not break back against the Belgian who took the set with a powerful serve.

The final set produced just one break point which Courier converted with a perfect lob.

Courier's 12th ace brought up match point and a netted return of service by Van Herck on the next point put the American into the second round.

"I felt like I was in control out there," said Courier.

"On grass you have one or two bad points and you're down a break."

Courier will be looking for as much grass-court practice as possible this week before he opens his Wimbledon campaign next Monday with a very difficult challenge.

His first-round opponent is Germany's Michael Stich, a Wimbledon champion in 1991 who has announced that this year will be his last on the circuit.

"It's a tough draw for Michael and for me," said Courier.

"Perhaps it's even tougher for him because it's his last Wimbledon."

"I want to win Wimbledon — there's no doubt about that," added Courier. "But with a first round like mine I'm not looking any further."

Rusedski's win came despite the news of his Canadian-born British rival will face the world's fastest server, Mark Philippoussis of Australia, in the first round.

"It took a little bit of my focus away because I have probably the toughest draw of all the British players," he said.

Rusedski said the pressure would be on the Australian, who defeated Goran Ivanisevic in the final of last week's grass-court tournament at the Queen's Club in London.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

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