Sohail back

in Pakistan

squad

Test star Aamir Sohail was to-

day recalled to international

cricket after his recent ban over

match fixing allegations, re-

man side by the Pakistan

Cricket Board (PCB) under cap-

tain Ramij Raja for the Asia

Cup tournament due to start in

cricketers - Wasim Akram,

Waqar Younis, Mushtaq

Ahmed, Ijaz Ahmed and Mo-

hammad Akram - who are cur-

rently busy playing in England. Off-spinner Saqlain Mush-

taq, who is playing in Surrey

will join the team later, offi-

Former Test star and a

member of selection committee

Zaheer Abbas will manage the

team while Aamir Hayat Rokri

will be the assistant manager,

Haroon Rasid will be the coach.

SQUAD

Anwer (vice captain), Salim Malik, Inzamamul Haq, Aamir

Sohail, Saqlain Mushtaq,

Shahid Afridi, Moin Khan,

Aaqib Javed, Shahid Nazir,

Kabir Khan, Hasan Raza, Ar-

shad Khan and Mohammad

Haile regains

his crown

Gebrselassie of Ethiopia re-

gained the world men's 10,000

metres record with a time of 26

minutes 31.32 seconds at the

Bislett Games Grand Prix in

alone for more than half the

race, took nearly seven seconds

off the mark of 26:38.08 set by

Morocco's Salah Hissou on Au-

gust 23 last year, according to

10,000 mark has fallen at the

Games and third time in the

Barnsley rope

in Tinkler

English Premiership newcom-

ers Barnsley have landed their

third major signing of the

summer in the form of South

African international Eric

Tinkler from Italian side

with 25 caps to his name in-

cluding the recent interna-

tional against England at Old

Trafford, cost the tykes'

650,000 pounds (about 1.1 mile

Barnsley," said Tinkler. "The

club is clearly ambitious and

when they came in for me it was

a chance to realise my dream of

club's third recruit in as many

weeks following the arrivals of

goalkeeper Lars Leese from

Bayer Leverkusen for 250,000

Tinkler is the Yorkshire

"I am very happy to be at

The 26-year-old midfielder,

BARNSLEY, England, July 5:

It was the fourth time the

reports reaching here.

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playing in England."

The Ethiopian, running

STOCKHOLM, July 5: Haile

Ramiz Raja (captain), Saeed

The squad is without five ace

Sri Lanka on July 14.

Sohail was included in a 14-

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Oslo Friday.

KARACHI, July 5: Pakistan

Ireland finish third

SHAH ALAM, Malaysia. July 5: First-half goals by Desmond Baker and Damien Duff clinched Ireland a 2-1 win over Ghana to finish third place in the World Youth Championship here Saturday, reports

The result was sweet revenge for Ireland after they had lost 2 l to Ghana in preliminary group play. Third place is the furthest an Irish soccer team has ever reached in an international tournament.

Ireland grabbed the first goal in the opening minute when Damien Duff lobbed in a cross from the left flank for right winger Desmond Baker to run into the area and outjump the Ghanaian defenders and head the ball past keeper Osei Ocar Asamoah.

But Ghana drew level four minutes later in a similar move when Awudu Isaaka sent the ball in from the left wing to a crowded Irish area and the ball bounced to Baba Sule who sidefooted it into the net.

Ireland's Trevor Molloy almost scored a second in the 16th minute when he ran into the six-yard area alone to pick up a low cross from Baker but shot the ball weakly at Asamoah.

Duff got the second in the 32nd minute when at 30 yards out he received a deep pass from skipper Thomas Morgan at the half-way line. Alone Duff took the ball to just inside the Ghanaian area and let fly a shot past a diving Asamoah.

Donald destroys Surrey

LONDON, July 5: Allan Donald bo-wled Warwick-shire to the brink of victory with his season's best six for 55 as Surrey collapsed at Edgbaston in the county championship on Friday, reports AFP.

Donald, playing his first championship game in five weeks after recovering from a back injury, sent Surrey crashing from 87 for one to 144 all out with the South African paceman wrecking the innings with five wickets for eight runs in a devastating 28-ball spell

after tea.
Donald finished with match figures of 10 for 119, the eighth ten-wicket return of his career. and his six second innings wickets brought him his 49th five-wicket haul in first-class

Surrey's collapse left Warwickshire needing only 32 for victory but they were unable to complete a three-day win as they lost four quick wickets and will need nine more runs when the game resumes on Saturday. Only Australian batsman

Stuart Law put up any resistance to Somerset's Kevin Shine who polished off title contenders Essex to guide Somerset to a crushing ten-wicket victory at Chelmsford.

The 28-year-old paceman, recently awarded his county cap, returned figures of five for 72 from 19 overs as Essex were shot out for 129 in their second innings after trailing by 109 in their first.

Glamorgan look poised to go top of the table on Saturday after completely dominating the third of their clash with Gloucestershire at Swansea.

With leaders Middlesex struggling against Lancashire and second place Essex losing in three days, the Welsh county will be confident of taking advantage after forcing their visitors to follow on 186 runs behind. Hugh Morris smacked 173 as

Glamorgan declared on 400 for five 35 minutes before lunch then Dean Cosker weighed in with three wickets to help restrict Gloucester to 214 all out. And the West county side had

a tricky period to negotiate before stumps and they lost Wright for 28, caught by Cottey off Cosker again, eventually closing on 54 for one, still 132 runs behind.

Lancashire continued to dominate the match at Uxbridge with Middlesex 198 for six in their second innings, still needing 101 to avoid an innings defeat.

Jacques Kallis made a defiant 62 for Middlesex, but the home side are unlikely to recover after being bowled out for 118 in their first innings.

Alamgir Sheriyar recorded match figures of ten for 63 as Worcestershire smashed Sussex

by an innings and 35 runs. The left-arm pace bowler ripped through the Sussex batting by taking six wickets for 19 as the home side were skittled

out for 71 in 40.2 overs. Sheriyar was well-supported by David Leatherdale, who grabbed three wickets for just

12 runs from 6.2 overs. And in the second innings, Sheriyar took four for 44 with Stuart Lampitt grabbing five for 39 as Sussex were dismissed for 149 by the rampant pears.

A priceless third wicket stand of 150 by Darren Maddy (94) and skipper James Whitaker (87) helped champions Leicestershire to a first in-

nings lead of 95 against Yorkshire at Grace Road. Paul Nixon chipped in with an undefeated 52 after a minicollapse as Leicester closed on 363 for six in reply to York-

shire's 268 all out. Northamptonshire have been set 322 from a minimum of 96 overs to beat Kent in a rain-affected game at Maid-

stone. Northants declared their first innings on 84 for nought in reply to Kent's 306 after a four-hour delay. Kent made a rapid 99 for two declared. A result may be possible on Satur-

For the third day running, no play was possible at Chesterle Street between Durham and Hampshire.

Cedric's date with destiny From Tawfiq Aziz Khan

LONDON, July 5: Cedric Pioline. the unseeded Frenchman, has a date with destiny tomorrow. At 28.

Pioline is in the twilight zone of his career as a professional which started in 1989. Since his debut in 1987 he achieved the number 9th spot as his highest ranking in January 1994. Last evening he was up

against the German Michael Stich, a champion at the Wimbledon in 1991 against Boris Becker. Stich was considered as one of the very best on grass among the present crop of professionals. Trailing 6-7 in the first set

Pioline organised himself quickly and took the next two sets (6-2, 6-1) rather effortlessly with immaculate serves and breaking Stich on his service games. But Stich, playing in his last tournament, fought back valiantly as he was cheered by a packed Centre Court crowd and took the 4th set 7-5. The deciding set was a contest unto finish without any tie break at Wimbledon but an early break of serve by Pioline gave him the chance to take the set at 6-4.

On Friday the gritty Frenchman got better of the big serving Briton Greg Rusedski in Court No. 1 in quarterfinals in four sets. Michael Stich on the other hand accounted for the British hero Tim Henman in straight sets in the same court. A furious British press called it a "Double Fault.

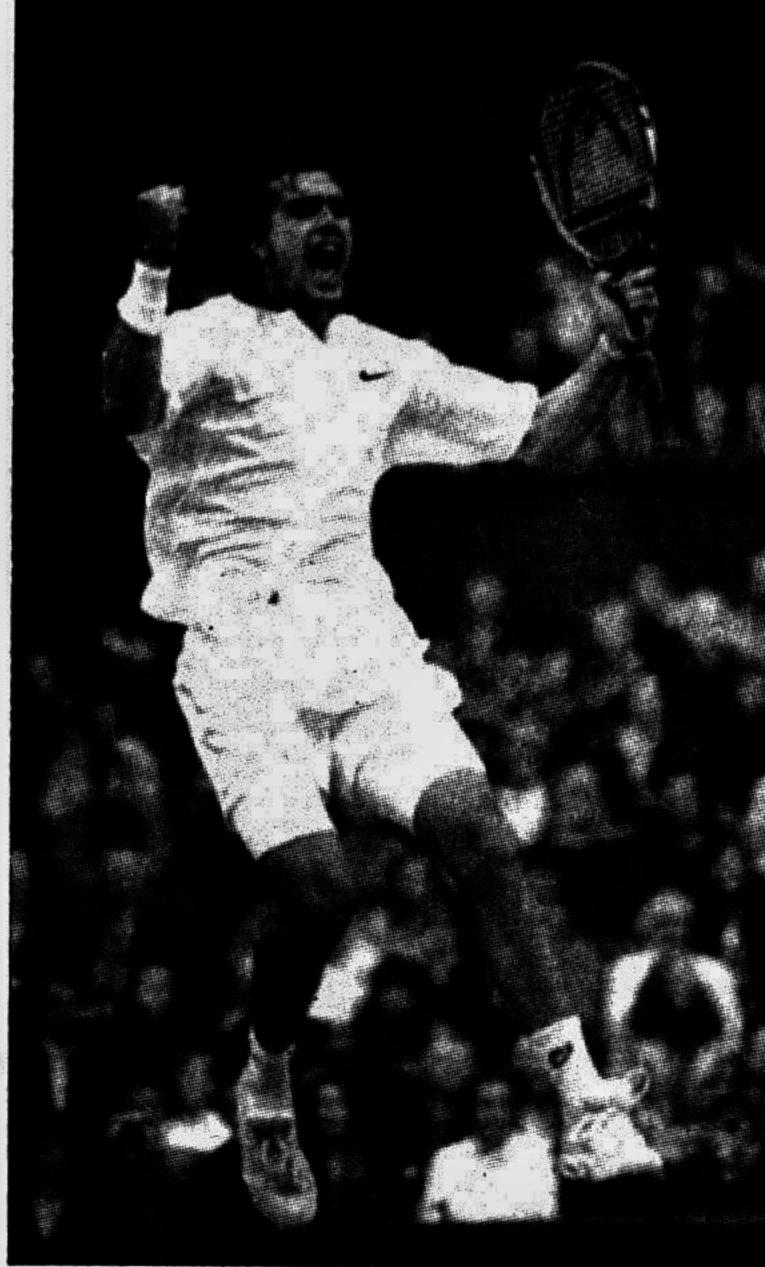
Pete Sampras, the other finalist has had a nicer time on the court. He had very little difficulty in brushing aside the Australian Todd Woodbridge better known for his skills as doubles player. This was Pate's fourth Wimbledon final. He won here in 1993, 1994 and 1995. His attempt at the fourth consecutive one last year was foiled by Richard Krajicek in the quarters.

For Pioline it is his second final in a grand slam event. His previous final was in the US Open in 1993 against Pete Sampras where he lost. It will therefore be a return match and Pioline had possibly the last chance of redeeming himself.

Inter in hot

water BYON, Switzerland, July 5: Italian club Inter Milan Friday have been fined 10,000 Swiss francs (about 6,700 dollars) by UEFA for permitting the Church of Scientology to advertise itself at one of their matches, reports AFP.

The controversial sect displayed banners at the San Siro stadium during Inter's UEFA Cup final second leg against German side Schalke on May



MOMENT OF JOY! Cedric Pioline of France celebrates after eliminating German Michael Stich in the second semifinal of the Wimbledon Championships on Friday. - AFP/UNB photo

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Paraguay face toughie



5: Paraguay, without suspended goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert, face a tough World Cup

match against revengeful Argentina in the South American qualifying zone on Sunday, reports AFP.

Chilavert was suspended for scuffling with Newcastle United striker Faustino Asprilla in April when Paraguay beat nineman Colombia 2-1.

Argentina are in an angry mood after their pathetic performance in the Copa America when an admittedly secondstring team had three players sent off as they lost 2-1 Peru in the quarterfinals.

Argentina will be without playmaker Ariel Ortega, still

Correspondent.

ASUNCION, July struggling to live up to his ollling as the new Diego Maradona, Ortega injured his right ankle against Peru. But in a World Cup qualifying match in Buenos Aires at the beginning of June that Argentina won 2-0.

"We weren't bothered about the Copa America. All we care about is the World Cup," said Argentine coach Daniel Passarella whose teams no longer seem to know how to lose.

Their 2-1 World Cup defeat to Bolivia in April ended in a fullscale brawl and needed troops on the pitch to restore order.

Paraguay, with a goal from Chilavert, drew 1-1 with Argentina in the Copa America in Bolivia on June 17.

"We didn't have our strongest

THE BIG BLASTERS LONDON, July 5: Following are the top speedsters at Wimbledon, according to a press release sent by our Special

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RANK	PLAYER	CTRY	KPH	MP
1	Brenda Schultz-McCarthy	NED	197.9	12
2	Venus Williams	USA	183.4	11
2 3	Jana Novotna	CZE	181.8	11
4 5	Monica Seles	USA		10
5	Nicole Arendt	USA		10
	Olga Barabanschikova	BLR		10 10 10 10 10 10
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8	Mary Pierce	FRA	168.9	10
9	Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario	ESP	167.3	10
	Clare Wood	CER	167.3	10
11	Martina Hingis	SUI	164.1	10
	Rachel McQuillan	AUS	164.1	10
13	Wiltrud Probst	CER	162.5	10 10
Yesy	Natasha Zvereva	BLR	160.9	10
15	Chanda Rubin	USA	159.3	
	Magdalena Grzybowska	POL	159.3	
	Iva Majoli	CRO	159.3	1
	Anne Kremer	LUX	159.3	3
19	Amy Frazier	USA	156.1	
	Elena Likhovtseva	RUS	156.1	3
	Virginia Ruano-Pascual	ESP	156.1	3
22	Gala Leon Garcia	ESP	154.5	
	Florencia Labat	ARG	154.5	11 9
24	Anke Huber	CER	152.9	3
25	Denisa Chladkova	CZE	149.6	
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7 Boris Becker GER	210.8 131
Jonathan Stark USA	210.8 131
9 Tim Henman GBR	209.2 130
Thomas Johansson SWE	209.2 130
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Jerome Golmard FRA	196.3 122
Paul Haarhuis NED	196.3 122
Andrei Medvedev LIKR	196.3 122
20 Marcello Craca CER	194.7 121
Richey Reneberg USA	194.7 121
22 Yevgeny Kafeinikov RUS	193.1 120
Mikael Tillstrom SWE	193.1 120
24 Michael Chang USA	191.5 119
25 Andrew Richardson CER	189.9 118
Javier Sanchez ESP	189.9 118
Jason Stoltenberg AUS	189.9 118

team," said Passarella who will link Fiorentina's Gabriel Batistuta with Parma's Hernan Crespo in an Italian league attack.

which the first four qualify for the 1998 finals in France, with 23 points - four more than Argentina.

travel to third-from-bottom Chile today. A 6-0 home win over Venezuela and a 1-1 draw at Ecuador have rekindled Chile's hopes of making the top four so Colombia, without the suspended Herman Gaviria, Patacior Palacios and Victor Aristizabal, must beware.

back to lead their attack, appeared confident when they arrived in Santiago.

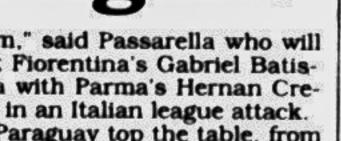
Venezuela in June.

Venezuela, without a win at match.

Paraguay top the table, from

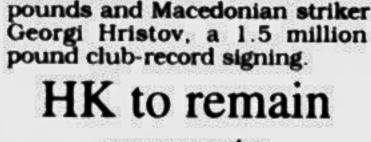
Third-placed Colombia

home or away, take on fifthplaced Ecuador, another poor traveller, whose best away result was a 1-1 draw with Peru in in another Sunday



But Colombia, with Asprilla

Bolivia, unlucky to lose to Brazil in the Copa America final, will be hoping to maintain that momentum away to Peru on Sunday. However, in three matches away from the 3,600mhigh La Paz, Bolivia have managed to avoid defeat only one in a 1-1 draw with bottom team

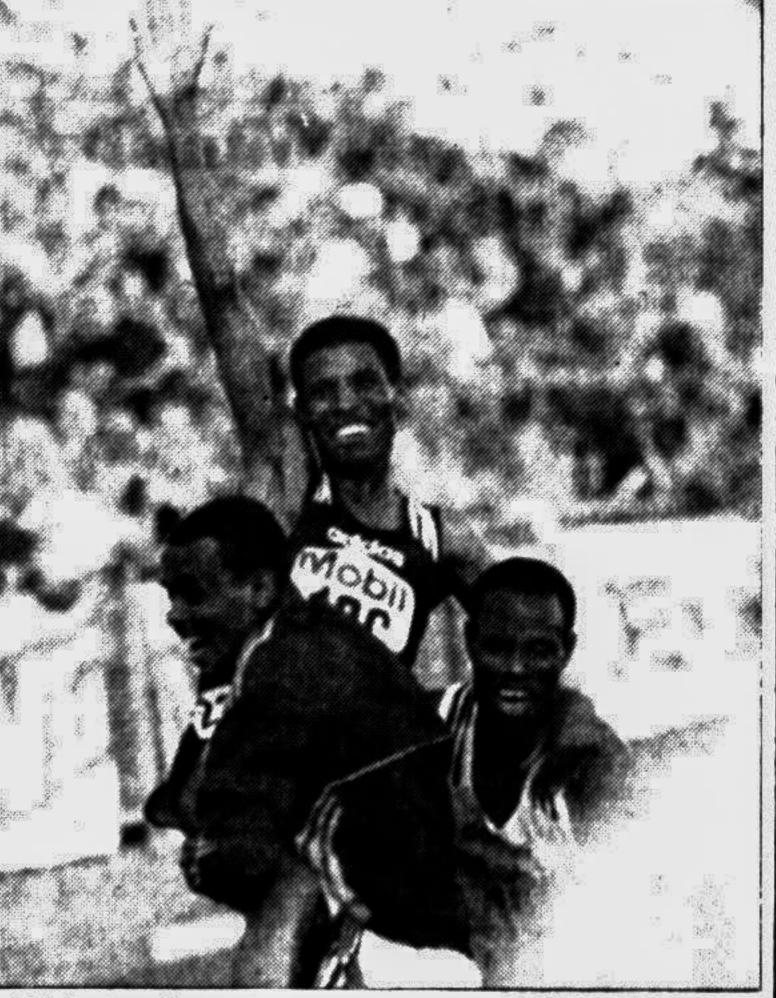


separate HONG KONG, July 5: The International Olympic Committee agreed Thursday that Hong Kong will continue to compete as a separate entity in international sports following the territory's return to Chinese sovereignty, reports AP.

Under an agreement signed by Juan Antonio Samaranch, the committee's president, and A de O Sales, president of the Hong Kong Olympic Committee, Hong Kong will be known as Hong Kong-China in future sports competitions. Hong Kong will fly its own

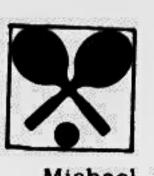
flag, and the Chinese national anthem will be played for flagraising and victory ceremonies for the territory, the agreement

The Hong Kong Olympic flag will feature the bauhinia flower with five rings, and the words "Hong Kong-China" underneath.



Ethiopian long distance runner Haile Gebrselassie responds to the crowd's cheers after setting a new world record in the 10,000 metres at a Grand Prix meeting in Oslo on July 4. - AFP/UNB photo

Goodbye to another German



WIMBLEDON. England, July 5: A day after it was bye-bye Boris at Wimbledon, it was bye-bye Micahel.

Michael Stich, the 1991 Wimbledon champion who rivaled Boris Becker for the German tennis soul but never quite matched him, announced that Friday's semifinal loss to Cedric Pioline on Centre Court at Wimbledon was his last match, reports AP.

"That's it," said Stich, who fell in a three-hour, 6-7, 6-2, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 marathon. It was the best tennis of a dreary, raindelayed fortnight at the All-England Club. Becker with few hints sprang

a bigger surprise 24 hours earlier, saying this Wimbledon was his last. The 29-year-old Becker now will play only smaller

Stich, 28, won't play anything.

Earlier he said he planned to retire after this September's Davis Cup match with Mexico. But he said he changed his mind as he walked to the net, embraced Pioline, and then stood several moments talking with

"Basically, I made up my mind after the match right away that this was going to be my last match and I just said, "Thanks for making it so excit-

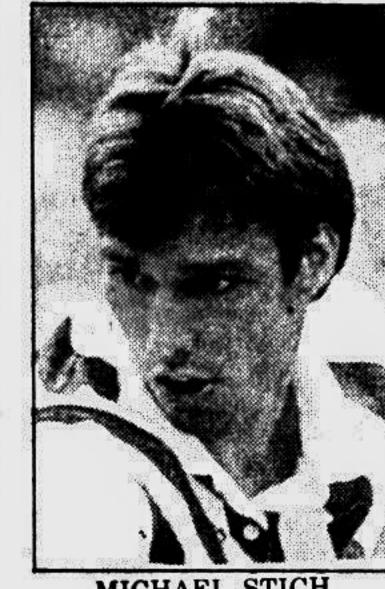
would like to play Davis Cup but I don't think I have the will to stay fit for two more months," he added.

Stich, who surprised Becker in three sets to win at Wimbledon six years ago, never won over the fans the way Stefan

Edberg or Becker did. He was never as demonstrative, never

at talkative with reporters. Stich always considered himself more than just a tennis player and often seemed aloof to his rivals. In assessing Pete Sampras' career, Stich revealed much about himself.

"He only thinks about tennis and nothing else," Stich said. "That's the person he is, and



MICHAEL STICH

that's great for him. I could have never done it. I never did it. I cared about a lot of other things in life. He is a person who just focuses on tennis, day and night, and I think that's part of his success." But Stich held little back as

he walked away from Wimbledon for the final time. He dabbed his wet eyes with a towel and then turned and raised his

right arm for a good-bye wave. "It was a great atmosphere exactly what's hoped for," said Stich, a runner-up in '94 to Andre Agassi at the US Open and

in '96 in the French Open to Yevegeny Kafelnikov. "I would have loved to win and go to another final, but those matches are very rare. I

am very happy I was part of this one today," he said. Stich, who reached his highest ATP Tour ranking at No. 2 in November 1993 is leaving because of a chronic ankle injury.

a nagging shoulder problem, and tennis burnout. "The shoulder has been bothering me for 12 months and I think that played a big part in my decision," said Stich, who is one of seven players to win at least one title every year this decade.

"But it's also that I just didn't enjoy being on the tour anymore. I don't enjoy going to practice courts and working on my game.'

Stich, who fell behind 2-1, came back in the fourth and fifth sets to nearly break Pioline who played the match of his career.

He won the fourth set 7-5 but was broken in the first game of the final set, which spelled the

"I've seen Cedric playing a lot and I've played him a lot and I've never seen him play that well," said Stich, who had a 4-1 edge on the Frenchman entering the match. They'd never played on grass.

"He played volleys, I don't know where he got them from but he found them somewhere. I don't know what he did, but he played incredible."

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BECKER BURIED

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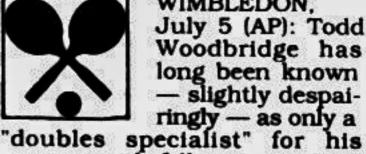
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WIMBLEDON NOTEBOOK



WIMBLEDON. July 5 (AP): Todd Woodbridge has long been known slightly despairingly — as only a

success with fellow Australian Mark Woodforde. He understands, but maybe

now he'll read it less. "Annoy me? No," replied Woodbridge who reached his first singles Grand Slam semifinal, losing to Pete Sampras 6-2, 6-1, 7-6 Friday at Wimbledon. "It's hard to escape when we've been as successful as we've been. So a result like this one, it

stands out more for me now." Woodbridge and Woodforde have won the Wimbledon doubles title for straight years and are in the semifinals against American Jim Grabb and Zimbabwe's Wayne Black

would he swap those doubles titles for a Grand Slam singles wouldn't trade my Wimbledon (doubles titles), I'd keen

all of those," he said. "I'd trade in all my others apart from my slams too, I guess." Woodbridge is out to crack the ATP Tour top 20 rankings

by year's end. He's now in the 30s and will move up following Wimbledon. "My goal at the beginning of the year was to get inside the top 20, because I've never been inside that," he said. "With a good

American summer I can jump

inside there. Woodbridge and Woodforde won their first three Wimbledon titles ('93, '94, '95) the same years as Sampras. They won again last year, but Sampras didn't. At the net he urged Sampras to get back into sync.

"I just mentioned to him that

RANK ACES PLAYER

Correspondent.

LONDON, July 5: Following are the ace leaders at

Wimbledon, according to a press release sent by our Special

WOMEN

Brenda Schultz-McCarthy

Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario

Irina Spirlea

Yayuk Basuki

Nicole Arendt

Monica Seles

Jana Novotna

Nathalie Tauziat

Radka Zrubakova

Elena Makarova

Gigi Fernandez

Martina Hingis

Barbara Paulus

Kristie Boogert

Kerry-Anne Guse

Corina Morariu

Larisa Neiland

Miriam Oremans

Sabine Applemans

Greg Rusedski

Pete Sampras

Michael Stich

Cedric Pioline

Nicolas Kiefer

Boris Becker

Tim Henman

Patrick Rafter

Magnus Norman

Wayne Ferreira

Marcelo Rios

Sandon Stolle

Javier Sanchez

Richey Reneberg

Todd Woodbridge

Frederik Fetterlein

Mark Woodforde

Rodolphe Gilbert

Jason Stoltenberg

Yevgeny Kafelnikov

Andrew Richardson

Alexander Radulescu

Petr Korda

Richard Krajicek

Goran Ivanisevic

Jonathan Stark

MEN

Karen Cross

PLAYER

ACES

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Conchita Martinez

Denisa Chladkova

Andrea Glass

Iva Majoli

Lindsay Davenport

Maria Luisa Serna

Helena Sukova

Mary Pierce

Anke Huber

Sandrine Testud

hopefully we can see him on Sunday night," Woodbridge RECORD

he should go for the four and

ATTENDANCE

Look for a new Wimbledon attendance record. The all-time record in 411-270 set in 1988 when play was carried over to the third Monday. Attendance this year is expected to surpass the old record whether the championships end Sunday or go into a third week. The reason for the record — despite a fortnight spattered with rain - is the new Court No 1 with seating for 11,000. The old No 1 had several thousand fewer seats.

NO SHOWS Why did Britain's Greg

Rusedski play before a halfempty house in his quarterfinal match Thursday with Cedric Pioline? The All England Club was clearly embarrassed by the no-shows for the 11 am match. Only 500 tickets of 11,000 were sold the day of the match.

"It is disappointing that No 1

Court should not have been more full, but in the end there is nothing the club can do to force spectators to arrive at a certain time," club chief executive Christopher Gorringe said.

David Felgate, the coach of Britain's other top player. Tim Henman, suggested the empty seats were a disgrace.

"If people have got tickets and they can't be bothered to come, then that's a shame for tennis.

The Express, a British tabloid, summed it up like this: "The winning and dining at Wimbledon yesterday suggested the event is more of a corporate hospitality shindig than the

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MATCHES

Britons' Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman. Becker broke the news in the early evening, perhaps a bit late for some deadlines. The

six tabloid pages to the Britons' losses and an eight-paragraph story to Becker. ODDS AND ENDS The best headline on Henman's loss to Michael Stich ran

in the Sun: "Tim's Blown Away By a Stich of Dynamite.' With no Brits left in singles and two lackluster men's semifinals on Friday, the BBC blacked out tennis and elected to telecast children's pro-

grammes and the cricket Test match between England and Australia ... This year's winning man gets 415,000 pounds. which is 697,200 dollars at the current exchange rate of 1.68 dollars to the pound. That makes it the richest of the four Grand Slams. The US Open winner gets 650,000 dollars. The female winner here gets 373,500 pounds (627,480 dollars).

Madrid on Denilson's mind

MADRID, July 5: Brazilian international striker Denilson of Sao Paulo was quoted today as saying, "He hopes to join Spanish champions Real Madrid if his present club will let him go," reports Reuter.

The Spanish sports daily Marca quoted Denilson as saying: "If it were up to me, I'd go to Real right now. "But it depends on Sao Paulo, and now the club has

said it's not prepared to negoti-

ate with anybody," added the

player, who has been widely linked with the Madrid side. Denilson said he thought Sao Paulo wanted to keep him until next summer's World Cup, where a good performance could significantly increase his transfer value.

Press reports have suggested Real are ready to pay as much as three billion pesetas (20.7 million dollars) for Denilson.

Denilson, 19, shot to prominence with his fine play in Brazil's recent Copa America triumph.

Vietnam's fourth this year HANOI, July 5: Englishman

Colin Murphy today became the fourth coach this year to take charge of the Vietnamese national football team, reports AFP. The former Derby county

player is to arrive in Hanoi on

July 7 to begin a four month 5,000 dollars-a-month contract, the Quan Doi Nhan Dan daily reported. The team came in for heavy criticism for its display during the World Cup qualifying com-petition and Murphy's job will

be to get the team ready for the

South East Asia Games in Jakarta in October. Vietnam were runners-up to Thailand in the 1996 SEA Games under German coach Karl Heinz Weigang, who quit this year following a dispute with the Vietnam Football Fed-

Trang Duy Long resigned after Vietnam lost all their World Cup qualifying matches last month and Le Dinh Cinh took over temporarily. Murphy was in the Derby

eration.

county side that won the English Championship in 1974-1975 and has coached teams in Ireland and the Middle East.