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SPORTS TALK



Goran Ivanisevic (Croatian tennis player) 'It would be nice if I can finish my career with one Grand Slam tournament.'

Sampras top earner

MONACO, July 7 (Reuters): Leading prize-money winners issued by the ATP Tour today:

Table listing ATP Tour prize money winners: Sampras (1,511,578), Woodbridge (947,118), Chang (855,920), Muster (857,690), Rios (854,495), Kuerten (843,558), Corretja (811,987), Bruguera (778,718), Woodforde (746,017), Ivanisevic (736,407), Medvedev (648,078), Mantilla (639,383), Costa (616,239), Kafelnikov (604,977), Plioline (586,871), Philippoussis (585,531), Rafer (570,484), Krajicek (561,964), Moya (549,010), Haarhis (526,890).

ATP rankings

MONACO, July 7 (Reuters): Leading rankings issued by the ATP Tour today:

Table listing ATP rankings: Sampras (5,388), Chang (3,768), Ivanisevic (2,788), Muster (2,724), Kafelnikov (2,436), Corretja (2,208), Bruguera (2,176), Enqvist (2,148), Rios (2,143), Moya (2,085), Becker (1,884), Kuerten (1,851), Philippoussis (1,820), Costa (1,765), Krajicek (1,752), Mantilla (1,747), Medvedev (1,654), Rafer (1,634), Berasategui (1,603), Henman (1,584).

Riley sets pool afire

LOS ANGELES, California, July 7: Samantha Riley of Australia swam the world's fastest 100m breaststroke at the Janet Evans Meeting here Sunday, reports AFP.

The Olympic bronze medalist, who also won the 200m race, clocked 1 min 8.63sec to better the 1:09.11 Olympic champion and world record holder Penny Heyns of South Africa set earlier in the year. Australian swimmers warmed up for the Pan Pacific Championships at Fukuoka, Japan, on Aug 9-13 with nine men's wins and six women's triumphs.

Tomoko Hagiwara pulled off a women's backstroke double for Japan.

Tragic!

MOSCOW, July 7: Ten Premier league footballers died and 12 were injured when their bus ran over a precipice in the Central Asian republic of Kyrgyzstan, Interfax reported today, reports AFP.

'I didn't expect to win four by the of age 25'

Following is Pete Sampras' post-match press conference on Sunday, according to a Wimbledon press release sent by our Special Correspondent.

Q: What would you like to tell us, Pete?

A: What would I like to tell you? I'm really pissed! No, well, I mean, you know, as far as the game to me, this is what it's all about, the major titles, and you know, to have won ten by the age of 25, or something, I never really thought would happen, and this is what's going to keep me in the game, I hope for a lot of years, the major tournaments, I put so much pressure on myself to do well here, and at the other majors, it makes it all worth it, all the hard work I put into the game, I came through these couple of weeks, and played great tennis, pretty much. The only match I really struggled with was against Korda, but every other match, you know, I played very solid, I only lost my serve twice in the whole tournament. That's something that just happened, I served and volleyed about as well as I've ever served and volleyed in my career. So I'm really pumped.

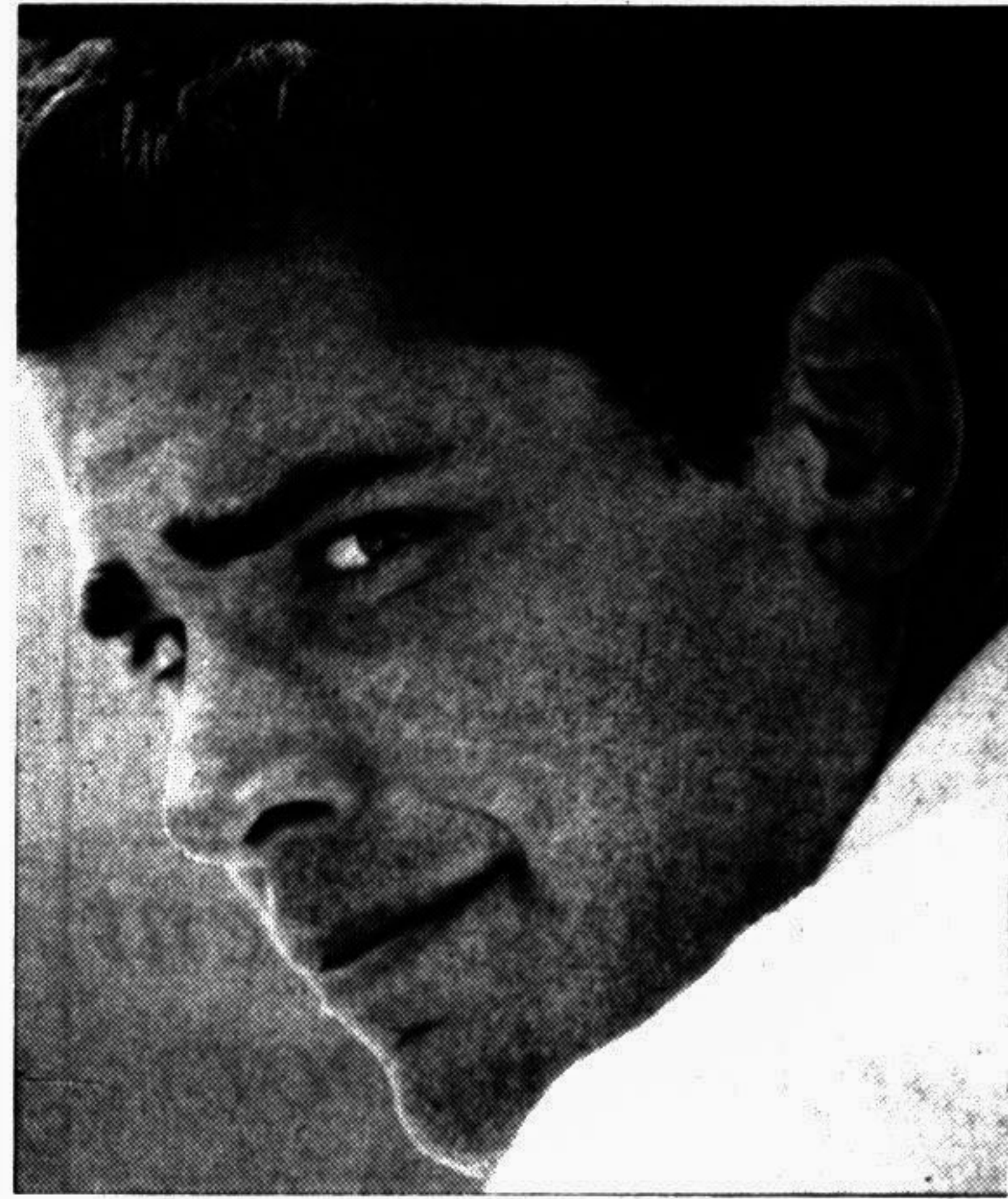
Q: Can you describe, Pete, what it feels like to play that well on such a major occasion?

A: Well, you know, the day off yesterday, it helped me physically, but mentally, I really — you know, you started thinking about the match, 2.00, you know, you get a little bit nervous, more nervous than my match really you've played in your career. That's the final of Wimbledon really for me. You walk out onto the baseline, you look across the net. It's the same court you grew up playing on, so you can't get overwhelmed in the situation. I've played many, many matches and this is just another tennis match. Once the first point starts, you know, you just kind of get into the mind set and the routine that you've done this for so many years, that it's all just muscle memory, and it just goes, and it's something that just clicks on at a certain time. That's one thing I was really pleased with, the pressure that was on me today, because I was the favourite, and to come through and play extremely well, you know, for most of the match, you know, is — part of it experience, having been here before, and the fact that I'm playing very well.

Q: What does it feel like inside, to know that you've really clicked and that you're really going? Is it exhilarating?

A: Well, it's kind of — since you're so keyed up and so anxious, waiting for 2.00 to come around, once you're finally out

there playing, and it feels great, especially once I got off to a great start like I did today, you know, you feel relaxed and my tennis just took over, and something maybe I've learned over the years and have dealt with, having been in some other majors in the finals, and it's experience, this is a time where experience helps, because Wimbledon, it's always special to me, especially the finals. So to have won this four times is



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great. I mean, I'm in a pretty good class of players.

Q: You've won four times now, four different opponents that you've beaten. American sports, for example, rivalries are part of what make big events, like yourself against Becker. Would it be historically more interesting for you in the future, do you think, if you were facing the same guy at least once or twice? Would you enjoy that a little bit more back out there?

A: You know, at this point in my career, there's always been two matches in my career that always stand out, the match in Hannover against Boris where I felt the rivalry was kicking up in Germany, when I played Agassi a couple of years ago at the Open, because there was a lot of interest, especially in the United States, where you need a rivalry, you need some different personalities and when we match up, you know, we have

ten or fifteen years ago, because the game is so much deeper, so many good players out there. Q: You have managed to come back four times. A: Yes, thanks. Q: You have equalled Rod Laver, one of your heroes, as the number of Wimbledon won. How does that feel? A: It hasn't really hit me yet. I'm sure when I get home and take a couple of weeks off it will settle in and, you know, to have won ten, you know, it just makes me feel that twelve is something that's so much more realistic, that I can break the record. So to be put into the same sentence as a Laver and those guys is something that, you know — you can't have a more flattering comparison to one of the greats of all time in Laver. So this is what's important to me. Q: With all due respect to Richard Krajicek, there was just a gravity and a determination

and a seriousness about the way you played here these weeks. Was there any sense at all that you had lost something that kind of belonged to you for a year? A: No, I really didn't feel that way at all I mean, I came into this Wimbledon, I haven't really played that well the last couple of months and Krajicek was one of the favourites. I thought I was one of the favourites, and I didn't feel any different this year. The only thing that was different was that I played a different day at a different time. But it wasn't a big deal I mean, sure you want to win every Wimbledon you play and last year I ran into a hot player in Richard, and you just have to accept that and move on and hope for next year. Q: Your win today was a tremendous accomplishment, but were you surprised in any way at how easy it was today and the whole tournament? A: Well, the Becker match was a big match for me, I mean, that was the one that, you know, I feared the most, because you know, we all know it's his last Wimbledon, and with the support he got from the crowd and the way he's played on grass, you know, it was a big match for me and today, with all the pressure that comes with being in a final, I thought I handled it very well and Cedric, you know, missed a couple of shots here or there. I think he — the situation might have got to him a little bit in the beginning, I felt he was missing some pretty easy shots. But this is what it's all about to me, really, majors, and, you know, it's one thing that's going to keep me going and playing and competing. Q: How much fear do you think you feel these days when you play tennis? You used the word 'fear' before with Becker. A: I really have no fear in the game. I feel like if I'm playing well I'm tough to beat. You know, I feel like I've got some options out there, I can stay back or come in and to serve as well as I have these past couple of weeks, I'm going to be tough to beat, because when I'm confident and playing well, you know, that's it for me. Q: Did you fear your first Wimbledon final? A: Yes, the first Wimbledon final, I was more nervous for that match than any other match I've played in my career because I just felt, you know, you're not sure if you're ever going to come back or get back to a final. Playing Jim, I remember it was kind of — the rivalry was there and I was so nervous for that match, but I just thought about that today, I was so nervous and I came out playing, when you get into the heat of the moment, it's just you've done this a thousand times and that's what helped me out today.

(To be continued)



Czech duo Helena Sukova and Cyril Suk, the winners of the Wimbledon mixed doubles, pose with the trophy after defeating Russia's Andrei Olhovskiy and Latvia's Larissa Nieland in the final on Sunday.

Women's soccer Italy beat Norwegians

STOCKHOLM, July 7: Two goals from Carolina Morace helped Italy beat Norway 2-0 and sent the reigning world champion out of the European women's soccer championships in Oslo, Norway on Sunday, reports Xinhua.

Carolina Morace put Italy ahead with just four minutes gone, silencing the 4,067 fans at Lillestrom outside the Norwegian capital of Oslo, with one minute left, the Italian star striker struck again. Morace, a 33-year-old lawyer from Modena, is one of the world's most capped players with 148 national team appearances. The victory gave Italy a 1-2-0 record and five points atop Group B, sending it to Wednesday's semifinals against Group A runner-up Spain. In the other game, Germany beat Denmark 2-0 on two goals in the final eight minutes, finishing the defending champion second in Group B and putting it into the semifinals against Group A winners Sweden. Norway finished third in Group B with a 1-1-1 record and Denmark was last with a 0-1-2 mark. The Sweden-Germany semifinal in Karlstad, Sweden, will be a rematch of the 1995 championship match, which Germany won 3-2 on home soil in Kaiserslautern. Spain will face Italy in Lillestrom. The final is set for Oslo's Ullevall Stadium on Saturday.

ALL-ENGLAND DIARY

LONDON, July 7 (AP): Wimbledon diary on Sunday: LOVE AND LOVE Pete Sampras' new girlfriend — American actress Kimberly Williams — nearly upstaged him at Wimbledon. "Pete Love Kim-Bledon," was Sunday's headline in the News of the World. The Sunday Mirror ran a photo of her in her role in "Father of the Bride." Next to the photo was the headline "Sorry Kim, but Pistol Pete's wed to tennis!" Williams was spotted in the crowd throughout the fortnight and was the first fan the BBC camera panned after Sampras easily won the final in three straight sets over France's Cedric Plioline.

Asked about the relationship, she said, "We'd prefer to keep the details to ourselves." Sampras was accompanied here the last several years by former girlfriend Delaina Mulcahy. FRENCH BLACKOUT The Sampras-Plioline final was difficult to see in France. And that's probably just as well. Television coverage of the final in France was limited to the pay-for-view Canal Plus, which is seen by less than a quarter of French households. Plioline's ascension to the final got a mixed reception at home, overshadowed in many ways by the Tour de France cycling race. "Good Luck Plioline," said a front page headline in the weekly Journal Du Dimanche, which paired his photo with one of the Tour. But the 28-year-old French-

man got scant coverage in Saturday's edition of the French sports daily L'Equipe. The front page was dedicated to the tour. Plioline was on pages 12 and 13. ROYAL WELCOME Here are faces you might have missed Sunday in the Royal Box. There were a host of former champions: Jack Kramer, celebrating the 50th year of his 1947 title; 1972 champion Virginia Wade; 1977 champion Stan Smith; 1960 champion Neale Fraser; 1949 champion Ted Schroeder; four-time runner-up Ken Roswall. Also on hand was Sydney Wood, who won in 1931 without playing a shot in the final. He won in a walkover when his opponent Francis X. Shields was injured an unable to play. Also spotted: IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, former Maine Senator George Mitchell; US Ambassador to Britain Admiral William J. Crowe; French Ambassador Jean Gueguinou; Sir Peter Ustinov.

One of the wettest Wimbledon in history didn't stop this year from setting an attendance record. The old record was 411,270 in 1988 when play extended to a third Monday. Attendance through Saturday was 410,659, with about 25,000 on hand Sunday. Four daily records were set and attendance was boosted by play on middle Sunday for only the second time in history. The new No. 1 Court, with several thousand more seats than the old court, also helped.

Woodies keep on ticking

LONDON, July 7: Australians Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodford won a record fifth successive Wimbledon men's doubles title, beating Dutch pair Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis in Sunday's final, reports Reuters.

The world's top ranked pair eclipsed their previous record of four Wimbledon titles with a 7-6, 7-6, 5-7, 6-3 win over the second seeds. Woodbridge, who lost in straight sets to eventual champion Pete Sampras in the men's singles semifinals, took his earnings at the tournament to 188,765 pounds (\$318,000 dollars). The pair, simply known as the 'Woodies', are the most successful Grand Slam combination in the Open era winning nine titles, two better than John Newcombe and Tony Roche and John McEnroe and Petr Fleming.

Velappan on Asian coaches

KUALA LUMPUR, July 7: Asian coaches must improve the mental agility of their players if the region is to compete in world football, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) warned today, reports AFP.

Commenting on the disappointing performance of Asian teams in the recent World Youth Championship here, AFC secretary Peter Velappan said Asian teams lacked tactical awareness and mental commitment. "It is pointless working hard on the field but not creating the opportunities to score," he said. "The lack of mental tenacity is the result of players not properly prepared for the highly competitive environment of the Youth Cup," Velappan said in a statement. Velappan said coaches need to reflect seriously on how to develop the younger generation of Asian footballers. The Asian coach has to be keenly aware of the progress taking place around him and in other continents. He needs to be tactically innovative," he said. Velappan said the AFC had asked China, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates and Malaysia to conduct a post-mortem on their disappointing performance at the tournament. Japan lost 2-1 to China in the quarterfinals. The UAE made it to the second round while China, South Korea and hosts Malaysia crashed out in the preliminary matches.



Three-time heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield and his wife Dr Janice appeared at a press conference after arriving at Johannesburg Airport on Sunday.

Holyfield feels forgiving

JOHANNESBURG, July 7: Evander Holyfield forgave Mike Tyson on Sunday for biting off part of his ear, but ruled out a foreign rematch if US boxing authorities ban the disgraced former champion, reports AFP.

Opening a global marketing campaign in South Africa, Holyfield said he was not angry with Tyson for the now-infamous bite night and had "put the incident behind."

"I laugh at it. Yes, he bit my ear. Now people call me the real deal. It's comical, it's part of life," Holyfield said, referring to his boxing nickname "real deal."

Holyfield, still sporting a jagged right ear from the altercation a week earlier, told reporters at Johannesburg international airport that he has "forgiven" his nemesis, and hopes other younger fighters will learn from the sensational incident.

"You can't be mad forever. Hopefully the young fighters will learn something from this situation," the World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight

champ said adding that his Christian faith had taught him "to forgive people and love people."

When asked if he would fight an overseas rematch if Tyson is banned from boxing in the US, the soft-spoken Holyfield said he would love to fight abroad but will "live with the rules and regulations."

He was referring to the Nevada state athletic commission which meets on Wednesday to decide Tyson's fate. The bites caused the controversial fighter to lose by disqualification, and could result in a temporary or permanent sanction from boxing and a three million-dollar fine.

Tyson would presumably be allowed to reapply for permission to fight again.

Other countries, including Britain could also institute a ban, but the manager of German middleweight world champion Dariusz Michalczewski has offered Tyson the chance to continue his career in Germany regardless of sanctions.

Holyfield said he remained confident about the boxing profession, despite "bad people... corrupt people and greedy peo-

ple" involved in the sport.

"Even though I succeeded in boxing, there is more than boxing in life," he added however, "I succeeded because of knowledge... and it is up to each generation to choose their own way in life."

Holyfield, who will spend five days in South Africa giving motivational talks to children, said he will offer a "special gift" to President Nelson Mandela that "I think he will appreciate."

"Very few people know what it is," Holyfield said smiling.

Holyfield has said his next World Boxing Association title defence will likely come in November against International Boxing Federation (IBF) champion Michael Moorer.

Holyfield, who has also said he will not fight for less than 20 million dollars, has suffered only three defeats. One came at the hands of Moorer which cost him two titles. The boxer was mobbed by several hundred excited fans at the Johannesburg airport, many of whom chanted "Holy, Holy, Holy," and harmonically sang "shosholozo," South Africa's unofficial sporting anthem.

Johnson still in limbo

STOCKHOLM, July 7: Plans to allow double Olympic champion Michael Johnson compete in the World Athletics Championships in Athens next month have run into trouble, reports AFP.

Johnson failed to make the United States team when injury forced him to miss the US trials last month. International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) president Primo Nebiolo then proposed giving him a wild card.

USA Track and Field, who have refused to change their strict qualification rules, immediately welcome the idea of a special invitation.

But there is growing opposition within the IAAF, the sport's governing body, to the creation of a wild card system.

"There is a powerful lobby opposed to the wild card scheme and it looks almost certain that no agreement will be reached before the championships," an IAAF source said on Monday.

"Time is running out and if a wild card ruling come into effect it will almost certainly be for 1999, not 1997," he added.

Many athletes competing at the DN Games here are also opposed to the idea.

"The only people a wild card will help will be the Americans. It is not fair and it not should be introduced," complained one sprinter. "They would end up

with four people in an event instead of three.

Other Americans who would suddenly be allowed to compete in Athens if wild cards are introduced include defending world champion sprinter Gail Devers, who missed the final at the US trials through injury, and decathlete Dan O'Brien, who was also injured.

Athens officials, however, are still hoping that Nebiolo will get his way.

Although Johnson has been struggling this season after his historic 200 and 400 metre double in Atlanta, the Greeks know that the presence of the American track star would give greater publicity to the event.

Athens are bidding for the 2004 Olympics and a spectacular championships would improve their chances of winning the vote, to be taken later this year.

But with only three weeks before the competition starts, time is rapidly running out and Johnson has been strangely quiet about the wild card plan.

World Junior soccer on

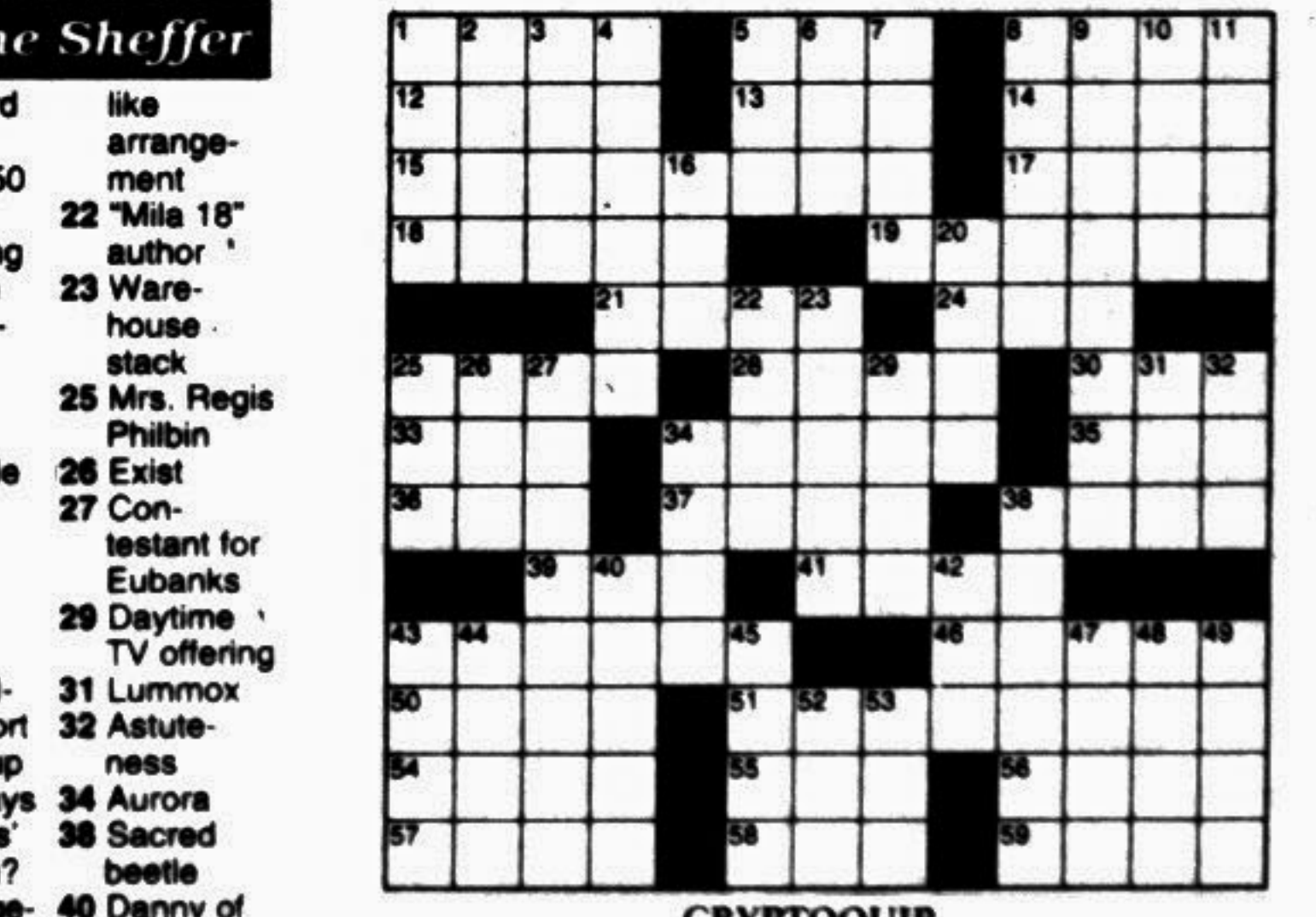
JOHANNESBURG, July 7: The American Florida surged from on goal down to beat China 2-1 in the inaugural World Junior Soccer Championship on Friday, reports Xinhua.

But the Americans levelled the score eight minutes later on a lapse of the Chinese defenders. The winner was net in the dying minutes.

In the day's other matches, Brazil's Sao Paulo blanked California of the United States 3-0 while Portugal beat Florida 3-1.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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