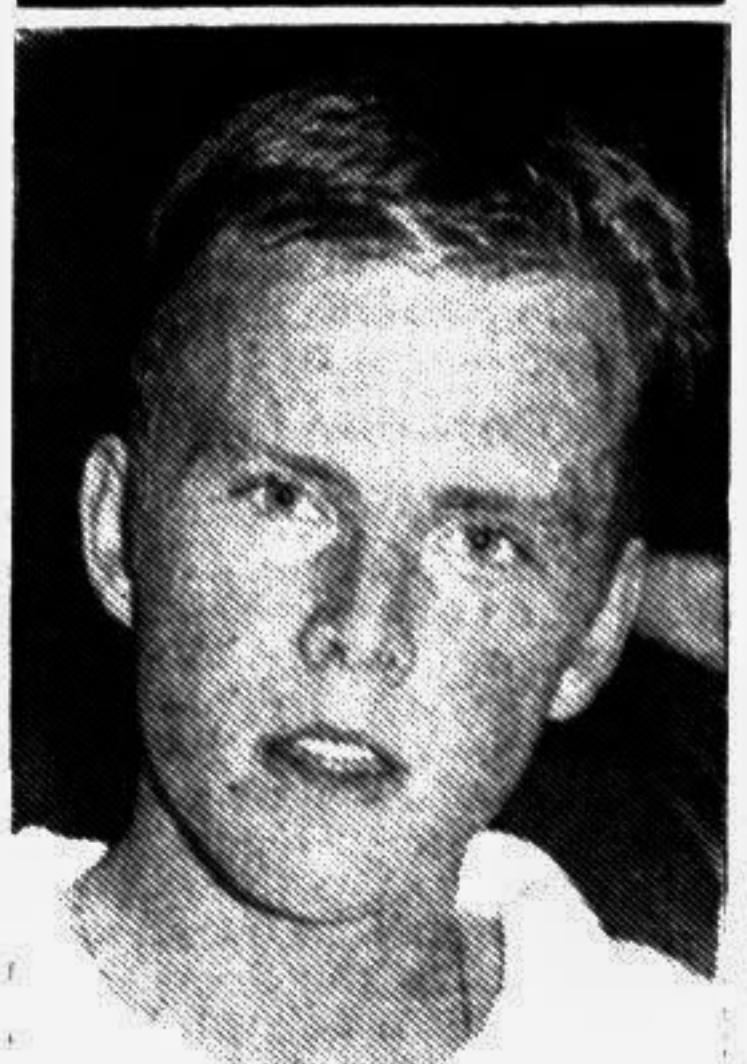


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Peter Nicol

(Scottish squash player)
It was one of those days when everything I went for worked."

After defeating world number one Jansher Khan to win the Al Ahram International title.

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Competition-76✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Competition closes at 8 pm.
August 22, '97

1	The current New Zealand cricket captain is
	Fleming German Thompson
2	Brazilian star Ronaldo's new Italian club is
	AC Milan Inter Milan Juventus
3	Who scored the golden goal for Abahani against Mohammedan in this year's Federation Cup semifinal?
	Mizan Zahir Tipu
4	Who is the coach of Kenyan national cricket team?
	Patil Amarnath Wadekar
5	The 100 metres world record holder is
	Greene Bailey Fredericks

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Reconciliation?

BEIRUT, Aug 18: Trying to make amends for refusing Iraqi athletes admission to the Arab Games last month, Lebanon on Monday welcomed an Iraqi team for a friendly soccer match, reports AP.

The visitors arrived some five weeks after Lebanon refused visas for Iraqi athletes in advance of the Eighth Arab Games, which were held in Beirut July 12-27.

The Iraqi soccer players were invited by the Lebanese Football Federation for a game Thursday that has been dubbed the "Arab Solidarity Meet." It will be the first contest between the two national teams since 1971.

The Iraqi team of 38 players and coaches flew into Beirut International Airport from Amman, Jordan, where they had traveled by land from the Iraqi capital Baghdad.

Government of the People's
Republic of Bangladesh
Selected Private Secondary Schools
Renovation & Development Project
Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education
Bangladesh, DhakaTender Notice
No. SHE/RDP/Chemi/15/97/2091 Dated: 10-08-97

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from bona fide agents/distributors/dealers/suppliers for purchase of chemicals for schools under "Selected Private Secondary Schools Renovation & Development Project" under implementation of the Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education, Shiksha Bhaban, Dhaka.

Bid tender schedule can be purchased on application by the tenderer to the Project Director, "Selected Private Secondary Schools Renovation & Development Project", Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education, Shiksha Bhaban (6th floor), Dhaka/ Assistant Secretary, Development Section, Building No. 6, Room No. 1801/1, Ministry of Education, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka and cash payment of Tk 750/- (Seven hundred fifty) only during office hours from 25-08-97 to 28-08-97.

Earnest money Tk 1,20,000/- (one lakh twenty thousand) only in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of Project Director, "Selected Private Secondary Schools Renovation & Development Project" must be attached with each tender & submitted.

Bids will be received at the office of the undersigned, Shiksha Bhaban, Dhaka/Assistant Secretary, Development Section, Building No. 6, Room No. 1801/1, Ministry of Education, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka on 13-10-97 from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM and opened on the same day at 2:30 PM in presence (if any) of the bidders.

The certificates/papers to be submitted with the tender document will be mentioned in the schedule as per tender. The authority is not bound to accept the lowest bid and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.

Cameroon's third in a row

HARARE, Aug 18: Cameroon's "Indomitable Lions" qualified for their third straight World Cup finals on Sunday, earning Africa's fifth and final berth for the quadrennial championship with a 2-1 victory over Zimbabwe, reports AP.

Striker Patrick Mboma scored a pair of goals in the first 16 minutes of the second half to give Cameroon a 2-0 lead, and eventually send the West Africans to their fourth appearance in soccer's ultimate spectacle since 1982.

The victory gave Cameroon a 4-2-0 record and 14 points atop Group 4 of the final round of African qualifying. Angola entered the day two points behind Cameroon, but needed a victory by already eliminated Zimbabwe (1-1-4) and then had to beat Togo later Sunday to get to France.

Mboma beat reserve goal-

keeper Ernest Chirambadare in the 48th and 61st minutes. Chirambadare was playing in place of regular keeper Bruce Grobelaar, who served as coach for Zimbabwe after being declared unfit because of a knee injury.

Grobelaar, who recently was cleared of match-fixing charges in Britain, refused to speak with reporters after Sunday's match.

British-based Coventry City striker Peter Ndlovu threatened Cameroon's goal several times, but it was Edelbert Dinah who finally scored for Zimbabwe in the 86th minute.

In Tunis Tunisia ended their African Zone World Cup Group 2 campaign with a convincing 4-0 win over Namibia.

Tunisia had already clinched a spot.

Zoubeir Beya scored twice for the winners. He opened the scoring in the 19th minute then added another in the 57th.

Eskander Souayah scored in the 31st minute to make it 2-0 at halftime then Jamel Limam

ended the scoring with 18 minutes left in the game.

Tunisia finished with a record of five wins and a draw. Namibia ended with a 1-4-1 mark at the bottom.

The Namibian team players were threatening a strike after not receiving payment for earlier wins. The Federation responded with threatening to send an under-23 team to the match but the main team backed down and played.

Following teams have qualified for the 32 team 1998 World Cup finals to be held in France from June 10 to July 12. The host nation and defending champions Brazil earn automatic places.

AFRICA (5): Cameroon, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, Tunisia.

ASIA (3 or 4): None.

CONCACAF (3): None.

EUROPE (14): None.

OCEANIA (0 or 1): None.

SOUTH AMERICA (4): None.

Note: () indicates number of places allotted to the continent

Dhaka Club
Orion bridge
champs

Dhaka Club made a dramatic comeback and convincingly won the Orion national team bridge championship Sunday night by beating Kamal and Partners by 58.83 International Match Points (IMP), reports BSS.

Dhaka Club is the first two of the six-session final had been trailing by 50 IMPs.

The winners were represented by AK Ferzoe Ahmed, Faruq Sobhan, Walid Huq, Azizul Huq and Moazzem Hussain Khokan. The runners up were represented by Shamsuzzaman Kamal, Shujauddin Rafiqul Huq Siddiqui, Ghulam Faruque, Tutul and Mamun.

The championship began here on August 8 with 36 teams from the capital and other towns of the country participating. Twelve teams qualified to play in the robin league from where four teams — Dhaka Club, Kamal and Partners, Partizan White and Aces Alpha reached the semifinals and two of them entered the final played in six sessions of 16 boards each.

In the doubles final, Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes, the fifth-seeded team from India, defeated Sebastien Lareau of Montreal and American Alex O'Brien, the No. 3 seeds, 6-4, 6-2.

Kafelnikov's steady path to

the final started with American qualifier Cecil Mamit, followed by wins over Slava Dosedel of the Czech Republic, No. 7 seed Tim Henman of Britain and No. 5 seed Petr Korda of the Czech Republic.

It was the 13th career title for Kafelnikov, who also won at Halle, Germany in June, and the fourth time Rafter has lost in a final this year. His lone tournament win came in 1994 at Manchester.

Rafter, who climbs to No. 14 in the world to become the top-ranked Australian, past doubles partner Mark Philippoussis, said he is "sort of a bit sick and tired of coming in second place, but I guess it's better than coming in 56th, isn't it?"

The first-place prize of 150,000 dollars pushed Kafelnikov's 1997 winnings to 980,327 dollars, and the title moved him up three spots to No. 3 in the ATP rankings, return-

Pilot Pen Kafelnikov's

ing to the highest spot he has ever reached.

Kafelnikov's matches in this tournament, including his semifinal in suffocating heat against Korda, were played in the daytime. Rafter, on the other hand, played his last three matches under the lights before Sunday's daytime finale.

"He never was facing hot weather and humid weather," Kafelnikov said. "And maybe today he was getting tired. I'm

just seems not to use up any energy at all."

Kafelnikov didn't face a break point until the first game of the second set and was on course to serve out the match when he lost his service for the first time and left Rafter in position to force at least a tiebreak.

Down 5-3 on Kafelnikov's service, Rafter, desperately needing a break, used a backhand pass to go up 30-15. Then, after an unforced error by Kafelnikov, he took the game with a forehand down-the-line.

But Kafelnikov had a couple of nice shots to come right back and break Rafter to win the match, including a forehand lob that Rafter couldn't chase down after a charge, and backhand cross-court pass.

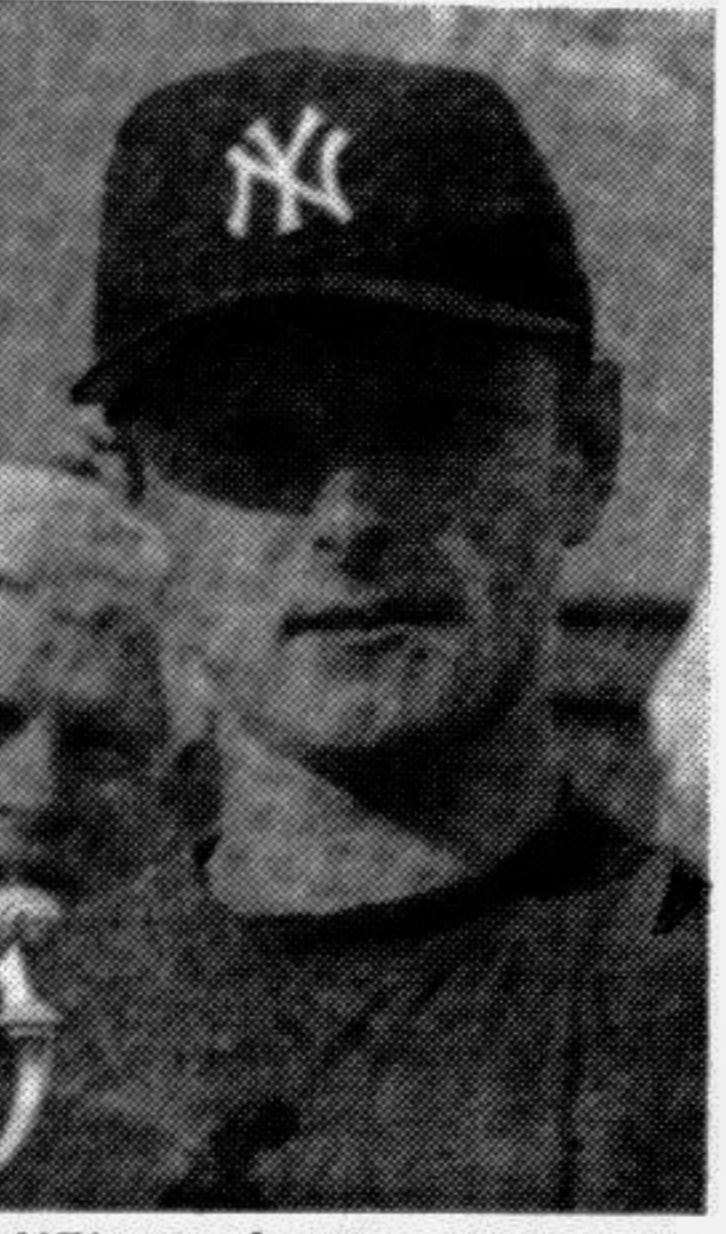
"He tried to come in on every single shot possible, and you know, for quite a few moments, he did it successfully," Kafelnikov said. "Fortunately I was able to pass him in the last game ... that was the key. If he would have held his game, it would have been 5-4, and you never know what can happen. Because when I was serving for the match he played marvelous game ... for a second I started feeling a little bit shaky."

The contrasting styles of Kafelnikov and Rafter neutralised each other throughout the first set, as Rafter was able to counter Kafelnikov's steady groundstrokes with his constant charges, slicing some nifty drops well out of reach.

Although the first set was played on serve, Rafter had to dig himself out of more trouble, saving two break points in the opening game and once more in his fourth service game.

Both played solid through most of the tiebreak, with Rafter's double fault at 2-2 leaving him at a disadvantage.

"It was definitely costly," Rafter said. "I went for it ... probably went for it a little bit too much, I suppose."



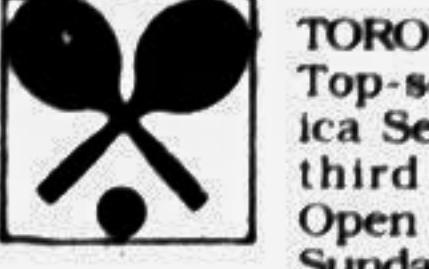
YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV

sure, as the match progressed. There was an advantage for me, I think."

Rafter acknowledged he had to adjust to the heat, but downplayed its significance, saying Kafelnikov could have been at an equal disadvantage after playing under the stifling conditions all week.

"I mean, it was very hot during the day and that can drain you as well," Rafter said. "He had to do a lot of hard work. The great thing about Yevgeny's game is that he's so smooth. He

Seles maintains streak



TORONTO, Aug 18: Top-seeded Monica Seles won her third Canadian Open in a row on Sunday with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over eighth-seeded Anke Huber of Germany, reports Reuter.

Seles earned the first prize of 150,000 dollars in extending the string of Canadian Open titles she began two years ago when she made a triumphant return to tennis after her April 1993 stabbing in Hamburg, Germany.

That was the first tournament when I came back after the stabbing," Seles answered when asked to compare her victory this year with 1995. "I remember everything like where my family was sitting in the stands. It's hard to have that same kind of nervousness and excitement again because I've been back on the tour for two years now."

This year, her mother is at home in Sarasota, Florida, with her father, who is battling cancer.

The victory was her eighth in a row over the eighth-ranked Huber — all without losing a set — and it moved the 23-year-old Seles from third to second in the rankings behind top-ranked Martina Hingis of Switzerland.

Under scattered clouds at

ATP rankings

MONACO, Aug 18 (Reuter): Leading rankings (in points) issued by the ATP Tour today:

1. Sampras	5,388
2. Chang	3,739
3. Ivanisevic	2,788
4. Muster	2,414
5. Corretja	2,409
6. Woodbridge	2,383
7. Kafelnikov	2,276
8. Bruguera	2,275
9. Moya	2,247
10. Kuerten	2,162
11. Rios	2,143
12. Mantilla	2,003
13. Philippoussis	1,924
14. Becker	1,918
15. Krajicek	1,710
16. Korda	1,677
17. Costa	1,658
18. Henman	1,584
19. Rafter	1,560
20. Woodbridge	1,539

MONICA SELES, beaten someone," Huber added. "Because it's always in the back of your head even if you don't want to think about it."

"I didn't play the big points very well, I tried to overpower the ball too much."

Commenting on Huber's second set comeback Seles said, "I got a little tired and a step or two shot but she also started playing better."

Though Huber led 4-3, 30-love on her serve, Seles said she wasn't overly concerned. "I'd made two unforced errors so I just tried to stay calm and take

the ball too much."

ADDIS ABABA, Aug 18: World 10,000 metres champion Haili Gebrselassie was back in training on Friday after sustaining a slight injury on Thursday night in the Ethiopian capital, state radio said on Friday, reports Reuter.

The radio said Gebrselassie had been returning home from Addis Ababa Airport when his car was involved in an accident.

Sampras tops earners' list

MONACO, Aug 18 (Reuter): Leading Prize-money winners (in dollars) issued by the ATP Tour today:

1. Sampras	1,860,078
2. Chang	1,143,920
3. Kuerten	1,119,958
4. Muster	1,074,190
5. Woodbridge	1,054,218