

Column One SPORTS TALK

Rivalry wears rarity

NEW YORK, Sept 7: Greg Rusedski and Pat Rafter, both first time Grand Slam finalists, will revive a British-Australian Slam final rivalry that has been dormant for 62 years here today at the US Open, report agencies.

keep it low, it will give him some problem." Rafter has revived a career that had slumped following injuries at the start of the year, reaching the French Open semifinal.

number '13' ever to win a Grand men's final. Rafter is the first Australian in a US Open men's final since Ken Rosewall in 1974. The last Aussie to win the men's little here was John Newcombe in 1973.



GREG RUSEDSKI ... dates with destiny. — Star file photo

ROAD TO FINAL

NEW YORK, Sept 7 (Reuters): Road to today's men's final for Australian Patrick Rafter and Greg Rusedski of Britain at the US Open tennis championships:

Svetlana defends title

LAUSANNE, Sept 7: Russia's Svetlana Khorkina added another gold to her growing collection of gymnastic World Championship medals with a victory in the uneven bars final on Saturday, reports Reuters.

China's Zhou Duan took the silver narrowly ahead of Gogean. "This is very unfair," complained Pae. "It's totally absurd." If eight people were to get the top score, then all eight should get a gold medal.

Nemov, favoured to win the all-round, saw his chances at claiming the coveted title disappear when he ripped a grip during his rings routine sending him crashing to the mat and out of contention.

SA, Malaysia sports pact

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 7: South Africa and Malaysia have agreed to exchange coaches in various sports and cooperate in other athletic programmes, the national news agency Bernama reported Monday, reports AP.

Cairns crashes Kenyans

NAIROBI, Sept 7: Big-hitting Canterbury batsman Chris Cairns scored 157 runs Sunday as New Zealand piled up a colossal 363 for six in their 50 overs of the first one-day match against Kenya, report agencies.

Earlier on Saturday, the three-day match between the two teams ended in a draw. Kenyan vice-captain Steve Tikolo, who hammered a breezy 125 from 92 balls in the first innings, hit another magnificent 48-ball 44 to enforce the draw. He was later adjudged man-of-the-match.

Miura mauls Uzbekistan

TOKYO, Sept 7: Kazuyoshi Miura of Japan scored four goals in his side's 6-3 victory over Uzbekistan today in the Asian Group B qualifying match for the 1998 World Cup, reports AFP.



Australian Patrick Rafter raises his hands in jubilation after beating second seeded American Michael Chang in the semifinals of the US Open in New York on Sept 6. The Aussie won 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 to reach his first Grand Slam final. — AFP/UNB photo

Norway the ninth nation

LONDON, Sept 7: Norway became the ninth nation to book their place in next year's World Cup finals and the Netherlands all but joined them when they both won important qualifying matches on Saturday, reports agencies.

Belgium now have to beat Wales by 13 goals and the Dutch must lose their last match to Turkey for Belgium to take first place.

Finns with Adrian Kunz's 90th minute goal proving too little too late for the Swiss. The jostling for positions behind Romania in Group Eight continued with Ireland winning 4-2 in Iceland and Lithuania beating Macedonia 2-0.

Norway clinched their place when they won 1-0 in Azerbaijan thanks to a 43rd minute long-range goal from Chelsea's Tore Andre Flo. Norway join world champions Brazil, hosts France and qualifiers Nigeria, Morocco, Tunisia, South Africa, Cameroon, and Romania in the finals.

Germany who have only ever lost one World Cup qualifier — to Portugal in 1985 — looked to be heading for another defeat, also against the Portuguese, after Pedro Barbosa scored for the visitors in the 71st minute. But Portugal lost their momentum when Rui Costa was sent off five minutes later and Kiresen equalised for the Germans nine minutes from time.

Germany and Portugal are now both on 16 points, one point behind surprise leaders Ukraine, but Portugal have played one more game than the European champions. Germany need to win their last two home games.



Susanthika Jayasinghe (Sri Lankan sprinter) "I had only aimed at entering the finals and once I was there I was just looking forward to the bronze as a big bonus."

Boost sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-78

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Registration form for the Whizz Kid competition with fields for Name, Class, Roll No., School Address, and Phone.

Russian soccer

MOSCOW, Sept 7: Two goals by Oleg Veretennikov sent Rotor Volgograd top of the Russian league on Wednesday, ahead of Dynamo Moscow who suffered a surprise defeat in Tyumen, reports Reuters.

Rotor came from behind to beat bottom-of-the-table Lokomotiv in Nizhny Novgorod 2-1. Veretennikov, Russia's top scorer, first equalised in the 31st minute and then hit the winner from the penalty spot with four minutes left.

Monday 8th September (All programmes are in local time. There may be changed in the programme)

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Italy's Yuri Chechi grimaces on the podium after being awarded with the gold medal in the men's ring event at the World Gymnastics Championships in Lausanne on Sept 6. — AFP/UNB photo

Blame it on Afro-Greek pact

ROME, Sept 7: The disillusioned head of Italy's Olympic committee was quoted as saying on Saturday that Rome was denied the 2004 Games by a pact of mutual support between Athens and Africa, reports Reuters.

find that hard to do." Pescante was quoted as telling Italian daily Corriere Dello Sport. "A continent turned against us I can't see any other explanation. Africa didn't support us at all. Maybe they made an accord for the 2008 Games."

edition of the Olympic Games in 2004 and looks forward to working closely together with the Athens organisers," it said. "Athens' victory at Friday's meeting in Lausanne makes a European Olympics in 2008 less likely."

The Daily Star TV Guide

A large grid of TV program listings for various channels including BTV, STAR PLUS, PTV, EL TV, DD 7, ZEE TV, SONY ET, and ATN, listing show names and times.