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Competition-78

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Competition closes at 8 pm, Sept 19, '97

- 1 In which year did Pakistan and India suspend Test tours between them?
1986 1989 1987
- 2 Who won the Italian Super Cup football title?
Vicenza Bologna Juventus
- 3 Who is the England cricket captain?
Stewart Hussain Atherton
- 4 Who lifted the inter-division women's volleyball trophy?
Pabna Khulna Comilla
- 5 Which team clinched the Second Division chess league title?
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Boris Becker

(German tennis superstar)
"Tennis is a passion. There are periods when I know what I have to do, but I always need some special inspiration to do my best."



Dutch player Bas van de Goor kisses the trophy after his team defeated Yugoslavia in the final of the European Volleyball Championships on Sept 14. The hosts won 3-1.

— AFP/UNB photo

Felix fetches the fifth

BOURNEMOUTH, England, Sept 15: Spain's Felix Mantilla brushed aside compatriot and top seed Carlos Moya 6-2, 6-2 on Sunday to win the Bournemouth International Open in the sixth all-Spanish final of the year, reports Reuters.

It was the fifth title of the year — all on clay — for the world number 14, seeded second in 375,000 dollars tour event. His victory means the title stays in Spanish hands, Albert Costa having won the inaugural event in 1996.

World number five Moya, troubled by a heavy cough earlier in the week, looked sluggish and tired under a warm south coast sun on Centre Court and was broken in the very first game.

Mantilla managed to hold his opening serve after a mammoth 12-minute game and never looked back.

It took Moya — Australian Open runner-up in January — 24 minutes to get off the mark when he held serve to trial 4-1. He held once more in the opening set but an exquisite backhand lob saw Mantilla close out

the first set in 35 minutes. Baseline Moya became increasingly frustrated by Mantilla's consistency and resorted to serve-and-volleying in the second set but with similar results.

The top seed held serve to open the set but Mantilla reeled off five games in a row to go 5-1

ahead and finished the job minutes later.

"It's difficult playing Carlos because he is my friend and we practise together a lot, but I know he is a very good player and today I was too good for him," Mantilla grinned after being presented with his 54,000 dollars winner's cheque.

"In the beginning of the match I was playing unbelievable and he was not playing as well as we know he can."

Mantilla adds the Bournemouth title to Bologna, Gstaad, Umag and San Marino.

Only world number one and world number two Pete Sampras and Michael Chang have also won five titles this year.

"I just want to keep improving my game and winning more," Barcelona-based Mantilla said.

The friends held a joint press conference after the match and laughed and joked with each other throughout.

Moya said: "Most of the time we practise together at tournaments — we were practising together this week."

"That does make it hard but it's the same for both of us. This time he was just too good for me."

ATP's top 20

MONACO, Sept 15 (Reuters): Leading rankings issued by the ATP Tour today:

Player	Points
1. Sampras	4,585
2. Chang	3,442
3. Rafter	2,889
4. Kafelnikov	2,702
5. Moya	2,451
6. Bruguera	2,357
7. Rios	2,322
8. Ivanisevic	2,291
9. Corretja	2,284
10. Rusedski	2,277
11. Kuerten	2,230
12. Muster	2,229
13. Bjorkman	2,190
14. Mantilla	2,144
15. Enqvist	1,983
16. Korda	1,980
17. Becker	1,918
18. Krajicek	1,903
19. Costa	1,819
20. Henman	1,725

Lady Bradman passes away

ADELAIDE, Sept 15: Lady Jessie Bradman, the wife of Australia's most famous sportsman Sir Donald Bradman, died Sunday after battling cancer. She was 86, reports AP.

A funeral notice in the Adelaide Advertiser on Monday announced Lady Bradman "passed away peacefully in the bosom of her family on Sunday, Sept 14."

It was expected Lady Bradman would be buried privately while a public memorial service would be arranged and announced soon.

Sir Don and Lady Bradman married on April 30, 1932 and this year celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

South Australian Cricket Association chief executive Michael Deare said the association had known Lady Bradman had been very sick for the past six months.

"Her death was expected and obviously the association will express its sincere sympathy to Sir Donald in due course," Deare said.

Lady Bradman is survived by her husband, children John and Shirley and grandchildren Greta and Tom.

A deceased child Ross also was named in the notice.

Chinese coaches meet Quader

Four Chinese trainers called on State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader at his office on Sunday, reports UNB.

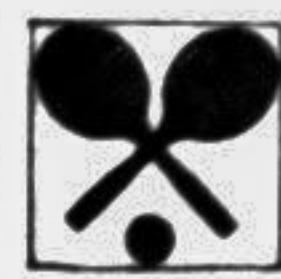
Zhang Ziciang in weight lifting, Lu Benxian in swimming, Zhang Kui in volleyball and Tian Zhou Ching in athletics arrived on Friday to train the local players and coaches for the next two years.

WTA rankings

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida, Sept 15 (Reuters): Leading women's tennis rankings as issued by the WTA Tour:

Players	Points
1. Hingis	6855
2. Novotna	3577
3. Seles	3482
4. Majoli	3341
5. Davenport	3120
6. Coetzer	2785
7. Huber	2505
8. Pierce	2459
9. Spirlea	2235
10. Arantxa	2166
11. Conchita	2138
12. Fernandez	1902
13. Graf	1788
14. Testud	1733
15. Schultz-McCarthy	1670
16. Paulus	1492
17. Dragomir	1473
18. Kimberly Po	1424
19. Appelmans	1379
20. Habsudova	1267

President's Cup Henman's



TASHKENT, Sept 15: Briton Tim Henman claimed his second ATP title of the year by beating Marc Rosset of Switzerland 7-6, 6-4 in the final of the President's Cup on Sunday, reports Reuters.

It was a rematch of their final in Antwerp, Belgium, last February when Rosset overwhelmed the Briton to win the European Community title.

This time the English second seed, who only dropped one set — to Frenchman Thierry Champion in the first round — took the opening set from the hard-hitting Swiss in a tiebreaker 7-2.

Henman, who won in Sydney at the start of the year, then

continued his form in the second set to wrap up the first prize of 58,000 dollars.

"I played good tennis from the beginning of the week," said Henman after receiving the winner's cheque and the silver trophy from Uzbekistan President Islam Karimov.

"My first match against Champion was probably my best and I was able to continue the winning form until the end."

Henman's triumph made it a weekend of mixed fortunes for Britain's two new stars, US Open runner-up Greg Rusedski, who has supplanted Henman as the leading British player, was beaten in the semifinal of the Bournemouth International on Saturday.

Henman's victory is expected to leave him unchanged in the world ranking in 20th position. Rusedski will be 10th when the new rankings are issued today.

In Saturday's semifinals, Henman had beaten Spaniard Francisco Clavet while Rosset upset top seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Rosset started well by breaking Henman in the opening game. But the 22-year-old Englishman battled back to level at 2-2 by breaking the giant Swiss in the fourth game. He then took the first set in a tiebreaker 7-2.

Henman got the key break of the second set in the fifth game and held on to win the first ATP tour event ever held in Uzbekistan.

Cappellini wins in Italy

CAMPIONE, Italy, Sept 15: Guido Cappellini of Italy subdued both Lake Lugano and the two men ahead of him in the drivers' championship of the 1997 UIM Formula One powerboat series to win his national race, the Grand Prix of Italy, on Sunday, says a press release.

For the longest time it appeared the race might not get under way, due to difficult weather conditions — thunderstorms and muggy temperatures afflicting much of Europe. Gusting winds had turned the picturesque Italo-Swiss lake choppy and race organisers waited for more than an hour after the scheduled start time of 4:15 pm to give the go ahead.

Gillman, who had set a track record of 35.59 seconds in Saturday qualifying, and winner of the four straight races before Cappellini broke the string in Moscow three weeks ago, started from the pole position, with the Gold Leaf F1, Racing

Team's Massimo Roggero second and Cappellini third.

However, the Finn ambushed the American right off the start and Cappellini caught



Gillman on the seventh lap. The Italian finally ran Leppala to ground on Lap 24 and never was headed from that point on.

In the end, Cappellini negotiated the 46 laps in 46 minutes and 47.29 seconds, nipping Finland's Pertti Leppala by just under three seconds. Gillman was third with 46:50.92, just behind the Finn's 46:50.04. Italy's Francesco Cantando and Japan's Yutaka Sugihara, fourth and fifth respectively, were the only other boats to complete 46 laps.

One lap behind in sixth place was Gold Leaf F1 Racing Team's Jonathan Jones, fifth on the starting grid after Saturday qualifying, and Roggero finished ninth because of mechanical difficulties. Jones turned in a time of 46:52.62, while Roggero was clocked at 47:12.72, both on 45 laps.

The race shook up the drivers' championship standings somewhat, as Cappellini's 20 points allowed him to edge closer to Gillman and Leppala. 1-2 in the classification since the season's third race, Gillman leads the series with 107 points, with Leppala and Cappellini in second and third at 90 and 85 points respectively. To entertain any hopes of repeating as the UIMF1 champion, Cappellini must win the two races remaining and hope that Gillman finishes out of the points at least once.

Gold Leaf's Jones moved up a spot to eighth overall, with the five points gained in Italy giving him 25 for the season, and Roggero added two points for a total of 15 and held onto 12th place.

The next round in the nine-race series will be the Grand Prix of China at Xiamen, Nov. 2.

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