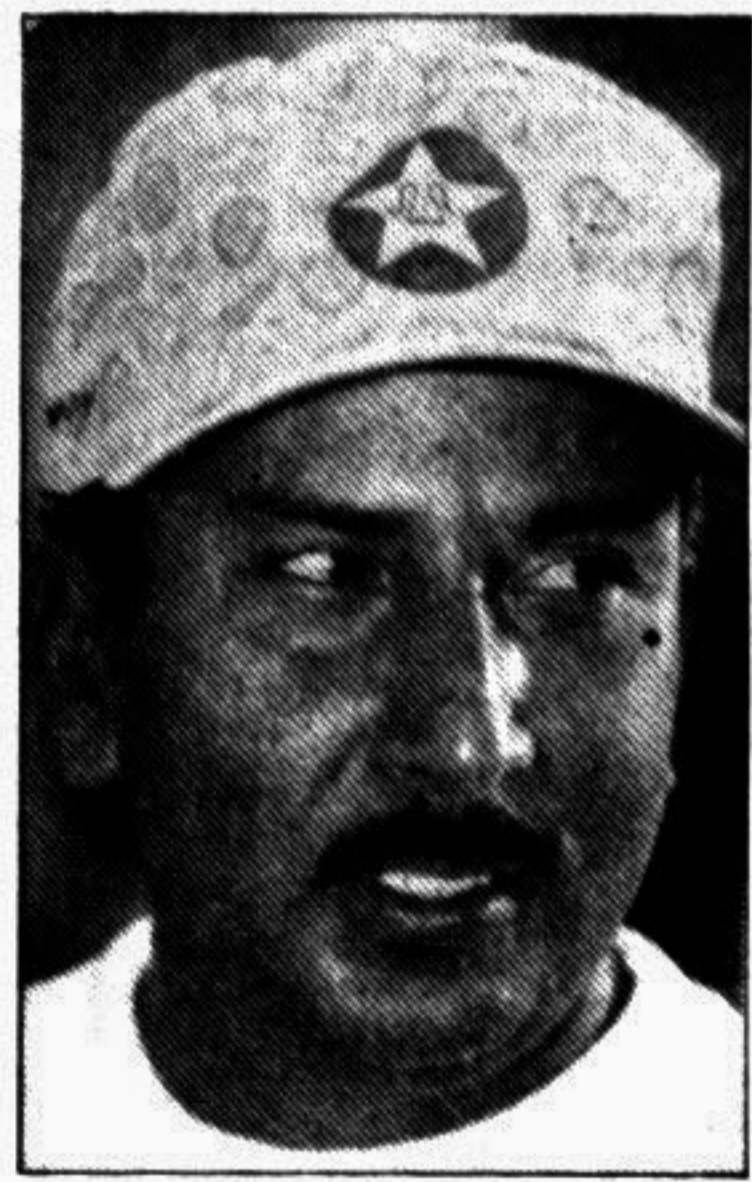


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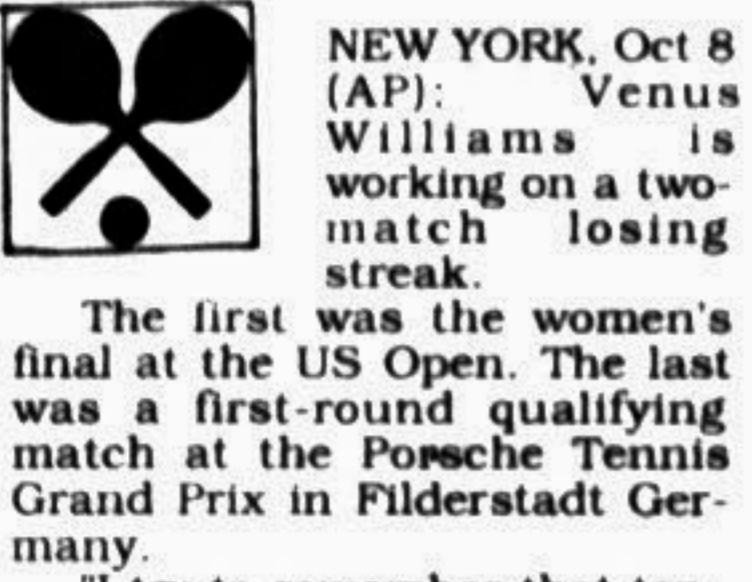
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Wembley to be shutdown in '99

WEMBLEY, England, Oct 8: Wembley Stadium, the home of English soccer, will close down in the summer of 1999 for a complete facelift that will leave only the famous twin towers standing, reports AP.

Venus looking forward



NEW YORK, Oct 8 (AP): Venus Williams is working on a two-match losing streak. The first was the women's final at the US Open. The last was a first-round qualifying match at the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in Filderstadt, Germany.

careers and doing well with it. Asked if she had talked to any players in the locker room, she said: 'I really haven't been in the locker room. There's not much more I can add to those myths.'



Russian Anna Kournikova makes a forehand return during her first round match against Austria's Barbara Schett at Filderstadt Grand Prix in Stuttgart on Oct 7. Kournikova won 6-3, 7-6.

Chang stoops to Stark

SINGAPORE, Oct 8: Defending champion Jonathan Stark knocked fellow American Michael Chang out of the Heineken Open 7-6 (7-1), 7-6 (8-6) in the second round Tuesday, reports AP.

Last year, the two met in the final. Stark won 6-4, 6-4. Before Tuesday's match in the Singapore Indoor Stadium, the top-seeded Chang said, 'It's a tough draw, but there is nothing I can do about it. These things happen.'

In Tuesday's other big match, Marcelo Rios of Chile knocked out up-and-coming American Justin Gimelstob 6-2, 6-4.

Stark next meets Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic; Rios' next opponent is Zimbabwe's Byron Black.

Boris takes over Davis Cup team

MUNICH, Oct 8: Boris Becker was named manager of Germany's Davis Cup team Tuesday in a bid to restore lustre to a squad he once led to memorable victories as a player, reports AP.

Becker, 29, replaces Niki Pilic, a Yugoslav who headed the team for 10 years, the German Tennis Federation said.

When someone as successful as him offers his services to German tennis, this is an exceptional stroke of luck, said federation spokesman Jens-Peter Hecht.

Former Davis Cup player Carl-Uwe Steeb, who helped Germany win its first trophy in 1988, takes over as team captain, also from Pilic.

Pilic led Germany to Davis Cup triumphs in 1988, 1989 and 1993, but his position was weakened after the team lost to France in last year's quarterfinals.

McNamee expects Graf Down Under

MELBOURNE, Australia, Oct 8: Former world number one Steffi Graf is still on course for a comeback at the Australian Open in January, organisers said today, reports AP.

Graf is recovering from knee surgery in June, which has been the main cause of her world ranking falling to number 15. Australian Open tournament director Paul McNamee said Graf was 'gunning' for the Australian title, 'that's Steffi's own words.'

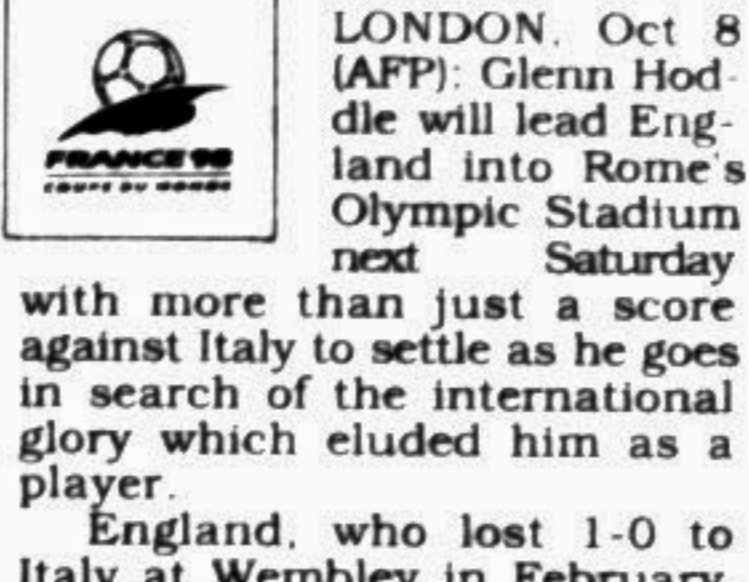
'She has had a fairly serious knee operation and is going through rehabilitation, she needs to go through that process and get out there and play matches,' he said.

All of her psyche and preparation are to be ready certainly in advance of the 1998 Australian Open, McNamee told journalists.

'So assuming everything goes well with Steffi she'll be here, there's no doubt about that,' McNamee said.

The tournament from January 19 to February 1 at the Melbourne Park Stadium is expected to attract most top women players.

Hodde riding higher



LONDON, Oct 8 (AFP): Glenn Hoddle will lead England into Rome's Olympic Stadium next Saturday with more than just a score against Italy to settle as he goes in search of the international glory which eluded him as a player.

England, who lost 1-0 to Italy at Wembley in February, will automatically qualify for the 1998 World Cup finals ahead of their hosts if they avoid defeat — but, for Hoddle, an England triumph would be especially sweet.

Hodde was one of the most gifted players ever to pull on an England shirt, but his extravagant talents were rarely in evidence on the international stage.

He won a total of 53 caps over a nine-year period between 1979 and 1988 but only occasionally produced the performances that made him such an exceptional midfielder at club level with Tottenham and Monaco.

Despite their love of open, attacking football England's managers of the time, Ron Greenwood and Bobby Robson, failed to exploit Hoddle's genius to the full as they sought to find the right balance in their teams.

'Perhaps it's a little bit of a chance to make up for lost opportunities,' says Hoddle ahead of England's most important game since the 2-0 defeat to Holland in Rotterdam — a result which all but sealed their failure to qualify for the 1994 finals.

But Hoddle, who featured in the World Cup finals of 1982 and 1986 as well as the European Championship in 1980 and 1988, insists that his international experience as a player has been the key to his success as a manager.

England have won 10 of their 12 matches under Hoddle, losing only to Brazil in the Tournoi de France in June and to Italy four months earlier.

Confidence in the squad is high following England's 2-0 defeat of Italy in the Tournoi and the 2-0 win over Poland in Katowice which gave England the edge in Group Two.

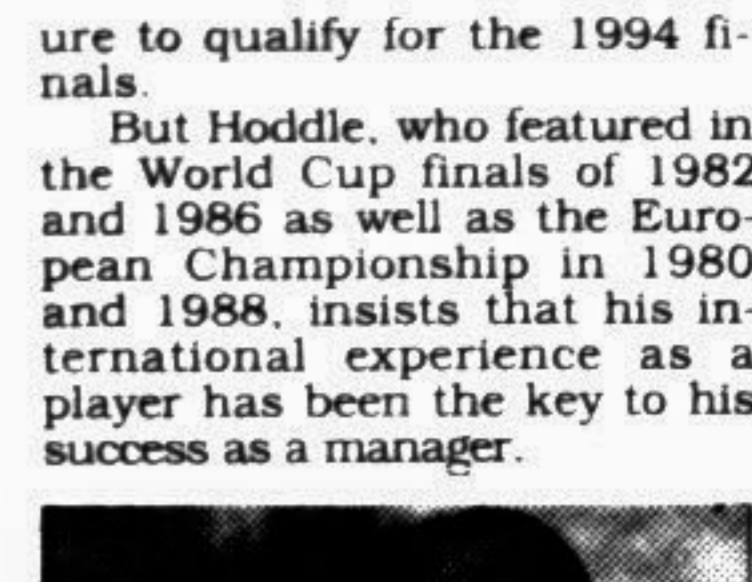
Last month's 4-0 victory over Moldova at Wembley coupled with Italy's goalless draw against Georgia has boosted English morale further while injecting doubt in the minds of the Italians.

England have not won in Italy since 1961 when a last minute goal by Jimmy Greaves secured a 3-2 win, but Hoddle believes the momentum of recent results gives England every chance of victory on Saturday.

Manchester United's spirited 3-2 win over Juventus in the Champions' League last week has also added to the England manager's mood of optimism.

'With so many England and Italy players in action at Old Trafford, the result was a bit of a psychological bonus. It might just sow a bit of doubt in their minds,' says Hoddle.

Aussies to adopt 'heat policy'



MELBOURNE, Oct 8: Australian Open matches will be halted if temperatures reach the searing level that brought protests from top players this year, organisers said today, reports AP.

Organisers started discussions with players' organisations, medical experts and other groups about two months ago and expected to have a new heat policy ready in advance of the next Open in January.

'We are working in consultation with the many parties which are concerned about a comprehensive policy,' said tournament director Paul McNamee.

He said it would cover not only such questions as breaks in matches in extreme heat and closing the roof of the Centre Court, but 'under what circumstances you would consider things like suspending play.'

Geoff Pollard, president of Tennis Australia, said 'We could be setting a precedent with the policy.'

McNamee stressed that it broke new ground and that the policy applied here could 'affect other tournaments around the world.'

Temperatures soaring into the high 30s Celsius had players' health exhausted at this year's Open and a controversial policy was adopted of closing the Centre Court roof for matches when the temperature hit 35 degree Celsius.

Next year's Open, the tenth at Melbourne Park has been moved a week later than usual and will run from January 19 to February 1. Also the prize money will be increased five per cent to 10 million Australian dollars (730,000 US\$).

The somewhat controversial gap between the men's and women's prize money remains but has been narrowed, with women now getting a bigger increase — playing for 93 per cent of the amount the men get.

Douglas injured

UNCASVILLE, Connecticut, Oct 8: Former world heavyweight champion James 'Buster' Douglas will not fight fellow American John Ruiz here on Saturday after suffering an injured hand in training, reports AP.

Douglas has won six fights in a comeback bid after eating himself into a life-threatening situation following his loss of the unified world crown to Evander Holyfield in 1990.

Rally of Italy Oct 12-15

The Rally of Italy, 12th round of the FIA World Rally Championship, begins on October 12, says a press release.

The four-day event will conclude on October 15. During the period the competitors will be travelling a distance over 1388 kilometres on an asphalt surface.

Here are some information about the Rally of Italy: Including Sardinia and Sicily, Italy covers approximately 301,270 sq km, an area slightly larger than the Philippines.

The west coast features bays, gulfs, and other indentations, which provide a number of natural anchorages. In the northwest is the Gulf of Genoa, the harbour of the important commercial city of Genoa.

San Remo is situated west of Genoa along the Gulf, and is famous for its flower market, wineries and fishing port.

Featuring palm-lined boulevards, casinos, gardens and beaches along the gulf, San Remo features as the chief resort of the Riviera del Fiori.

TERRAIN AND CLIMATE The Rally of Italy runs through the stunning regions of Liguria and Piedmont with some stages run on very narrow and twisting mountain roads.

The October climate of Italy is varied, ranging from the freezing temperatures in the Alps and Apennines to a subtropical climate along the coast of the Ligurian Sea, where San Remo is situated.

extremely slippery when wet and with the heaviest rainfall occurring in Italy during the autumn and winter months, road conditions may be treacherous.

ABOUT THE RALLY OF ITALY The Rally of Italy adopts a new format this year, with all the stages run solely on tarmac.

The Rally of Italy is the 12th round of the World Rally Championship.



The second leg of the Rally travels through the region of South Piedmont, a lush, green area with many famous castles and vineyards.

The second leg will consist of four special stages each run twice.

Tunis to host 2001 world judo meet

PARIS, Oct 8: The International Judo Federation (IJF) congress announced here on Tuesday that Tunis and Osaka would host the 2001 and 2003 World Championships respectively.

Tunisia will be hosting their first ever championships while it will be the fourth time that Japan has won the honour to put them 1995 on — Tokyo hosted them in 1956 and 1958 while Chiba had them in 1995.

The 1998 World Cup will be held in the Belarussian capital Minsk after the Netherlands withdrew — France are to host the Millennium Cup in 2000.

The congress also announced that the legendary Dutch judo competitor Anton Geesink, a former world heavyweight champion, and Briton Charles Palmer, a former president of the IJF, had been promoted to the highest level in judo of 10th Dan.

The Daily Star TV Guide

Thursday 9th October (All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programme.)

BBC 6:00am BBC World News 6:30 World Living: The Travel Show 7:00 BBC World News Inc World Business Report/Asia Today And 24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 11:00 World Focus: Black Wednesday 11:00 BBC Newsdesk 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 World Focus: Black Wednesday 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Airport 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: The Travel Show 5:00 BBC Newsdesk 6:30 World Focus: Black Wednesday 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC Newshour Asia and Pacific 8:30 World Living: Top Gear Special 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hard Talk 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Living: Floyd On France 11:00 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 World Focus: Panorama 2:00 BBC World News 2:30

World Living: Tomorrow's World 3:00 BBC Newsdesk Inc World Business Report & 24 Hours 5:00 BBC World News 5:10 Newsnight

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STAR PLUS 8:30am Ninaad 7:30, Good Morning India 9:00 Business Agenda 9:30 Ninaad 10:30 The Wonder Years 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Behind the Scenes 12:30 Allo Allo 1:00 Nine To Five 1:30 Picket Fences 2:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 3:00 Santa Barbara 4:00 The Crystal Maze 5:00 The Wonder Years 5:30 Maneka's Ark 6:00 Daal Mein Kala 6:30 Kohra 7:00 Ek Din Ek Jeevan 7:15 The Trial Show 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Meri Awaz 8:30 Tu Tu Main Main 9:00 Ghatun 9:30 Star News 10:00 Festival Special 'Baazigar' (Shahrukh Khan, Kajol, Shilpa Shetty) 1:00 Star News 1:30 Space Above and Beyond 2:30 Mystery Movie: Cadillac 'Raven in the Foregate' 4:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 5:30 21 Jump Street

STAR MOVIES 7:30am Family: Josh And SAM 15 9:30 Classic: The Inspector General PG (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Classic: The Boys in Blue 12:10 Action: Red Heat 15 3:30 Family: Magic Adventure G 5:30 Action: Rising Sun 15 7:30 Family: The Young Magician 12 9:30 US Top Ten 10:00 Romance: Circle of Friends 15 12:00 Action: Boxcar Bertha 18 2:00 Action: Bad Girls 18 4:00 Film Club: City's Edge 18 5:30 Romance: Circle of Friends 15

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