

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT soccer's global spread began at the end of the 19th century, when British traders, sailors, and workers carried the sport all over the world. Germans, Italians and Austrians were eager converts in Europe, while Argentines, Uruguayans, and Brazilians took quickly to the sport in South America. One nation that long resisted soccer's appeal was the United States. There, soccer was played, mostly among immigrants, but it was not until the 1970s that a national professional league gained some popularity. The North American Soccer League (NASL), founded in 1968, brought Brazilian star Pele to the United States, and by 1980 the league had 24 teams. The NASL suffered financially, and in 1984 it went out of business. However, the league left a legacy of growing American involvement in the sport at youth level. By the 1990s, soccer was recognised as the fastest-growing college and high school sport in the United States. Today the Soccer Industry Council of America may find about 20 million boys and girls under the age of 18 who play soccer.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-88

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm

on Feb 20, 1998

1. How many countries took

part in the World Youth

Cricket Cup?

14 15 16

2. What is the position of Korda

in ATP rankings at the

moment?

1st 2nd 3rd

3. How many Test matches

has Dave Richardson

played?

42 43 44

4. Who is the current 100m

world champion?

Bailey Greene Cason

5. Which team finished first in

the Premier Division soccer

league?

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Clive Lloyd

(West Indies cricket team

manager)

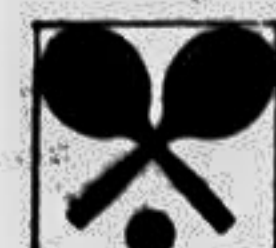
"They found Pakistan a dif-

ficult place to tour, but pride

will return at home."

About his team.

Hingis, Davenport roll



TOKYO, Feb 6: Battling a week-old cold, Swiss teenager Martina Hingis lacked the usual sharpness but still beat Rita Grande of Italy 6-2, 7-5 Friday in a quarterfinal match at the Toray Pan Pacific Open, reports AP.

Olympic gold medalist Lindsay Davenport of the United States, seeded second after Hingis, also advanced to the semifinals by ousting Irina Spirlea of Romania 7-6, 7-6.

On Saturday, the world's top-ranked and the tournament's defending champion Hingis meets her conqueror in the last French Open final, Iva Majoli of Croatia, who advanced with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over wild card Miho Saeki of Japan.

Davenport, ranked second in the world this week, will face third seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa. In the round of eight, the world's No. 6 Coetzer defeated Japan's Ai Sugiyama, ranked 16th 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

Hingis had the sniffling and coughed as she was broken after three deuces in the first game of the first set. But she quickly came back for 1-1, taking advantage of Grande's two double faults.

Hingis came to the net more often than usual and was in control after another service break for 3-1, hitting hard and deep, and finding the corners.

The No. 46 Grande was the aggressor in the second set, however, starting with a service break in love. But she made two errors in a row and was broken back for 1-1.

After tying four more times and at 15-15, Hingis scored seven straight winners, culminating with a volley to a corner and wrapping up the 67-minute match with a service break at love.

That was a tough victory compared to the effortless 43 minutes Hingis needed in her only previous game of the tournament on Wednesday for a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Elena Likhovtseva of Russia.

The cold didn't get better.

but it's all right. It doesn't affect the game," said Hingis. "I usually have one weak match in a tournament, and I always have a day which doesn't really fit me for everything."

Hingis said she is confident of winning if there is a Davenport vs. Hingis final. "We always have to be positive. I just won last week and I will be better tomorrow and for the finals, hopefully."

But Hingis has a tough draw in the semifinals, playing

against her former doubles partner Majoli, a tenacious baseliner.

In her first appearance in the Toray at the age of 15 two years ago, Hingis reached the semifinals but lost 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 to Majoli.

"Well, I have not played Martina since the French Open, so I am sure that it is going to be an exciting match," said Majoli. "I played Martina once on this surface and it was a good match also."



GRACEFUL: World No 1 Martina Hingis of Switzerland plays a sliced backhand return against Italian Rita Grande during their quarterfinal in the Toray Pan Pacific Open tournament at Tokyo on Feb 6. Hingis won 6-2, 7-5.

— AP/UNB photo

Boris stoops to Goran



SPLIT, Croatia, Feb 6: German veteran Boris Becker bowed out of the 400,000 dollar ATP Croatian Indoors tennis tournament on Thursday in a second-round loss to home favourite, Goran Ivanisevic, reports AP.

The 27-year-old Croat a double title-holder here, prevailed in three sets, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

"We played really well but I exploited my chances better than Boris," Ivanisevic said after the match.

In the other main match of the night, top-seed Greg Rusedski of Britain, led a good showing of seeded players, following the early exits of fellow Brit Tim Henman and Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine. Rusedski beat the 141st ranked Slovak Jan Kosiak 6-4, 6-3.

Ivanisevic, who lost to Rusedski in last year's final is hoping to make up for that this year.

In his match against Becker, Ivanisevic could have wrapped things up earlier, had he taken advantage of two match points in the second set tie-breaker.

"It's not easy to play against him. Of a thousand ideas during key points, you have to choose the right one," he said.

Becker, currently ranked 65th in the world, had the chance to break at 5-5 in the first set, following a delightful lob, but wilted with a fierce passing shot sent wide off the mark.

In the tie-breaker, he rallied from being down 4-1, to 4-4, and 6-4 to 6-6, only to lose the set in the next two points.

In the second set tie-break, the former World No. 1 also came back from 5-2 and staved off two match points to win 9-7.

Playing his first tournament this year, Becker described matches with Ivanisevic on a hard and quick surface, as a game of Russian Roulette.

"There are not many chances ... You have to find a bullet and pull the trigger," he said.

And he was right. The only break of serve was in the last set at 5-4 which Ivanisevic stole to win.

The 30-year-old German, whose career spans 15 years and 49 champion titles, repeated in Split that he no longer had the energy to endure the rigours of a full tennis season and would cut down his itinerary, especially Grand Slam events.

"I've been playing for a long time, and now it's time to change my priorities," Becker told the weekly Globus, saying that his family — including four year-old son, Noah — were more important than winning tennis

tournaments.

In other matches, fifth-seed, Marc Rosset of Switzerland made short work of ATP's 110th ranked player Czech Radomir Vasek, winning 6-3, 6-1.

The Swiss broke Vasek early in the first set and then won seven games in a row from 4-3, lashing out 10 aces in the process.

Seventh-seed Jiri Novak of the Czech republic ousted Emilio Alvarez of Spain, 6-1, 7-5, while countryman Martin Damin overcame Dutchman Jan Siemerink, 6-4, 6-3. Rainer Schuttler of Germany routed Russian Andrei Merinov 6-1, 6-0.



Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia is exultant after his hard fought win over German legend Boris Becker in the Croatian Indoors in Split on Feb 5. Ivanisevic prevailed 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

— AP/UNB photo

Adam escapes action

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb 6: England all-rounder Adam Holoake was cleared of dissent by match referee Barry Jarman after he queried his dismissal during the first day of the second Test against the West Indies at Queen's Park Oval on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Holoake was given run out by Indian umpire Venkatragavan, who was standing at square-leg, when he and Nasser Hussain got into a mix-up shortly after the tea interval.

Holoake immediately went to the umpire and told him that the West Indies wicketkeeper David Williams had removed one ball before he had the ball in his hands and then failed to remove the second ball.

"As I was running down the wicket I saw the wicketkeeper dislodge the ball and I just told the umpire what I saw," said Holoake.

Television replays of the view straight down the wicket clearly back up Holoake's suspicions although these were not immediately available to the third umpire Clyde Cumberbatch.

"I asked the umpire if Holoake had given him a hard time and he said 'no', said Jarman. "He politely said 'excuse me, I think you will find he had already removed a ball'."

Two years ago the South Africa captain Hansie Cronje, who was fielding at the time, was fined when he queried a decision by Dave Orchard during the fifth Test against England. Orchard then referred to a TV replay which showed Graham Thorpe was out.

In 1994 Brian Lara, now the West Indies captain, was given a one-match suspension after querying his dismissal in a one-day international against New Zealand in Goa.

Emburey hopes for the best

PORT OF SPAIN, Feb 6: England's assistant coach John Emburey remained confident despite seeing the West Indies have the better of the opening day of the first Test at Port of Spain on Thursday, reports AFP.

As England trooped off at the close after struggling to 175 for eight in their first innings, Emburey insisted: "We lost more wickets than we really wanted to — but if we can get the score up to 200 or maybe 225 it will be useful."

"Andy Caddick, Dean Headley and Angus Fraser are looking forward to bowling on that pitch, some of the bounce is uneven but you've got no control over the swing. It was swing and seaming all the way through."

West Indies captain Brian Lara commended his bowlers for taking eight wickets on the opening day, as well as keeping England below 200.

Curtly Ambrose bowled superbly as he took three for 17 but the whole of the home side's attack exploited the bowler-friendly conditions.

But the West Indies then let England off the hook and the

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Correct answers

1. Which Kiwi batsman scored the only ODI century against Pakistan?
Ans. Steve

2. Which is the highest ODI individual score?
Ans. 194

3. How many ODI centuries has Azharuddin hit?
Ans. 5

4. Who scored the only half-century for Bangladesh in the Independence Cup?
Ans. Aminul

5. Who is leading Bangladesh in the World Youth Cup cricket in South Africa?
Ans. Al-Shahriar

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(Please remember to bring your ID card and a passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star on Feb 11 at 8:00 pm).

Lively Windies control Day 1



PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb 6 (AP/Reuters): The West Indies, led by irresistible fast bowler

Curtly Ambrose, restricted England to 175 for eight at Thursday's close of play on the opening day of the first Test at the Queen's Park Oval.

Ambrose captured three wickets for 17 runs off 20 overs. He stretched his tally of wickets to 311 in his 76th Test, moving

tourists seized the opportunity. Alec Stewart, on 40 was missed by Lara, in the same position, off Walsh. Stewart had added just three when Carl Hooper spilled him at second slip off the impressive Kenny Benjamin.

Earlier, wicketkeeper David Williams had grassed an offering from John Crawley when the batsman was two, off the unlucky Benjamin.

Stewart and Crawley were starting to establish themselves

glove before catching the ball.

Umpire Venkatragavan was unsighted yet gave the England batsman out. Holoake asked him very politely according to match referee Barry Jarman, an Australian wicketkeeper 30 years ago — to consult the third umpire and Venkat complied.

That man, Clyde Cumberbatch, who amazingly did not have access to all the TV angles available to viewers around the world, erroneously confirmed the original decision.

Holoake was obviously disappointed but accepted the decision, and West Indies skipper Brian Lara appearing in his 50th Test, said he was happy with the way the whole matter was handled.

Lara said he approved of the way the umpire made a decision and changed his mind (consulting the third umpire). "This is a gentlemen's game but we must ensure it continues to be played in the best possible spirit," he said.

Two runs later, Jack Russell gave lively Nixon McLean his first Test wicket. The plucky left-hander edged his second ball straight to third slip where Stuart Williams again held on comfortably.

It's always nice to get the first one," said McLean, who praised the senior bowlers for their help. "I just hope they don't retire too soon," he added.

Nasser Hussain withstood the West Indies barrage with courage to end unbeaten 44. He also supplied useful stands with the lower order.

The England vice-captain added 17 with Andy Caddick before Caddick was lbw to Walsh for eight.

Then Hussain and Dean Headley raised 29 for the eighth wicket, the second highest stand of the day. But, with just three and a half overs to the close, Ambrose came back to remove Headley caught behind to a nasty lifter from around the wicket.

Angus Fraser survived to be undefeated but at stumps.

Walsh, Benjamin, McLean and Hooper have each taken one wicket.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the second cricket Test between West Indies and England on Thursday:

ENGLAND: First innings

Atherton c Lara b Ambrose	11
Stewart lbw b Benjamin	50
Crawley c S Williams b Ambrose	17
Hussain not out	44
Thorpe c D Williams b Hooper	8
Holoake run out	2
Russell c S Williams b McLean	0
Caddick lbw b Walsh	8
Headley c D Williams b Ambrose	11
Fraser not out	2
Extras (b-6, lb-5, nb-11)	22
Total (for 8 wks in 89 overs)	175
Fall of wickets: 1-26; 2-87; 3-105; 4-114; 5-124; 6-126; 7-143; 8-172	

To bat: P Tufnell

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Walsh	22	7	48	1
Ambrose	20	13	17	3
McLean	17	7	25	1
Benjamin	20	3	60	1
Hooper	7	3	6	1
Adams	3	0	8	0

Samaranch's plea to USA



NAGANO, Feb 6: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) still hopes the United States will back from military action against Iraq during the Winter Games, its president Juan Antonio Samaranch said today, reports AFP.

The 16-day Games open Saturday in the Japanese Alps city as the United States sends in extra military force to the Gulf in case of a showdown with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein over weapons inspections.

The United Nations Security Council passed a resolution this week calling for a truce during the Winter Olympics. But the White House responded by saying any decision on military action would not be swayed by "sporting events."

"We hope — I repeat we can only hope — that the world truce will be observed," Samaranch told a news conference.

Samaranch said he had not been in contact with the US administration.

"Our force is very limited, as

you know, but this resolution of the United Nations is quite important for us," he said.

"I am sure he (Clinton) will find the diplomatic methods to convince Iraq and its president to respect the resolutions of the United Nations."

US troops may be called in to protect athletes at the Nagano Olympics if a US strike on Iraq is carried out over the next two weeks, US officials said.

But Samaranch commented: "I hope they will not need this protection."

The IOC appeals for a world truce during every Olympic Games.

Meanwhile, Samaranch today decried the sporting establishment's record in fighting the war in drugs.

"The IOC invented the fight against drugs in 1968 and since then the Olympic community has spent 50 million dollars that means thousands and thousands of tests," he said of calls for the IOC and international federations to take tougher action against banned substances.

Swimming's governing body

FINA has been criticised for dragging its feet over doping, particularly in China, following last month's World Championships in Perth, Australia, where five of their swimmers and a coach were banned for doping offences.

Breakthrough Yuan Yuan, who was caught with human growth hormones at Sydney airport, was banned for four years and her coach, Zhou Zhewen, who admitted packing the substance, was handed a 15-year suspension.

Four other Chinese swimmers tested positive for drugs.

"I think FINA took a very strong position against doping. If all the international federations would act as FINA, maybe the doping would not be the same," Samaranch said.

However, he said he understood the position of the swimming coaches who had called for China to be expelled from international competition.

"I respect these coaches ... they were shocked to find in the China team so many doping cases," he added.

The Daily Star TV Guide

<p>Sat., Sunday 7th February (All programmes are in local time but subject to last minute change.)</p> <p>BTV</p> <p>Morning Session 9:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary 9:05 Moner Mukure 10:15 Movie of the Week 12:10 Second session programme summary</p> <p>Evening Session 0000 3:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary 3:10 Tripitak 3:15 Patriotic songs 3:20 Kishor Mancha 4:00 News in Bangla 4:15 Matamata 4:30 Open University 5:15 Mahe Ramadani 5:50 Nibedon 6:20 Health Programme 6:30 News 6:50 Gatemallity 7:25 Zumatul Wida 8:00 News in Bangla 8:40 Weekend Drama 10:00 News 10:30 Film Show: Hercules 11:30 News 11:35 Sunday programme summary Al-Quran 11:40 Closed</p> <p>BBC</p> <p>6:00am USA Direct 6:30 BBC World News 7:00 HARDtalk 7:30 BBC World News 8:00 Simpson's World 8:30 BBC World News 9:00 World Focus: Panorama 9:30 BBC World News 10:00 World Living: The Big Catch: Nile Perch 10:30</p>	<p>BBC World News 11:00 HARDtalk 11:30 BBC World News 12:00am World Focus: Correspondent 12:30 BBC World Headlines 12:35 Weekend World: Rough Guide To The Americas — Boston & Washington 1:30 BBC World News 2:00 World Living: The Rugby Club: Money, Money, Money 2:30 BBC World News 3:00 This Week 3:30 BBC World Headlines 3:35 Weekend World: Horizon — Assault on the Male 4:30 BBC World News 5:00 This Week 5:30 BBC World Headlines 5:35 Weekend World: Rough Guide To The Americas — Boston & Washington 6:00am World Living: The Big Catch: Nile Perch 6:30 BBC World Headlines 6:35 Weekend World: Rough Guide To The Americas — Boston & Washington 7:30 BBC World News 8:00 World Living: The Big Catch: Nile Perch 8:30 BBC World News 9:00 World Living: The Big Catch: Nile Perch 9:30 BBC World News 10:00 This Week 10:30 BBC World News 11:00 World Focus: Correspondent 11:30 BBC World Headlines 11:35 Weekend World: Horizon — Assault on the Male 12:30 BBC World News 1:00 World Living: The Big Catch: Nile Perch 1:30 BBC World News 2:00 HARDtalk 2:30 BBC World News 3:00 Simpson's World 3:30 BBC World Headlines</p>	<p>3:35 Weekend World: The World Debate — World Economic Forum in Davos 4:30 BBC World Headlines 4:35 Weekend World: Rough Guide To The Americas — Boston and Washington 5:30 BBC World News</p> <p>CHANNEL V</p> <p>6:00am Turn on TV 6:30 V News 7:00 Ampad 7:30 Rewind V: Sophia 8:30 Turn On TV 9:30 By Demand V: Trey 10:30 Amped 11:00 Over The Edge 11:30 70's Rewind 12:00am News 12:30am Mainstage 1:30 Peter Andre presents The Ride 2:30 Billboard US Countdown 4:30 [V] Hour Special 5:30 Turn On TV 6:00 The Drum 7:00 Udam Singh 7:30 BPL Oye 8:30 Liberty First Day First Show 9:00 The Ticket 9:30 Turn On TV 10:00 Close Up Close Encounters 10:30 Turn On TV 11:00 V Spot 11:30 Teachers Jazz 12:30am Turn On TV 2:00 Music Update Tokyo 2:30 V News 3:00 By Demand V: Trey 3:30 Turn On TV 4:00 BPL Oye 4:30 V News 5:00 BPL Oye 5:30 Turn On TV</p> <p>STAR PLUS</p> <p>6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 The Great</p>	<p>3:35 Weekend World: The World Debate — World Economic Forum in Davos 4:30 BBC World Headlines 4:35 Weekend World: Rough Guide To The Americas — Boston and Washington 5:30 BBC World News</p> <p>STAR MOVIES</p> <p>7:30am Family: Bye Bye Red Riding Hood PG 9:30 Family: Flight of the Albino 12:10 Action: Knockabout 15:10 Romance: Fine Things 15:30 Action: The Abyss 16:00pm Documentary: Sean Connery Close Up 17:30 Bye Bye Red Riding Hood PG 9:30 Movie Television 10:00 Saturday Mega Movie: Barb Wire 15:20mm Fight Night: Remote Control 18:20 Action: None But the</p>	<p>Escape 10:00 Suneet Varna's Style Gurus 10:30 A Question of Answers 11:00 Travel Asia 11:30 BBC Documentary "All Our Children" 12:30am Balm 1:00 Denver The Last Dinosaur 1:30 Saber Rider & Star Sheriffs 2:00 Around the World in 80 Days 2:30 Bakeman's Ooh La La 3:30 Gaatha 4:30 Jubilee Plus 5:30 Britania Marigold Turn Cinema: Prem Bandhan (Rajesh Khanna, Rekha) 8:00 It's a Small World 8:30 Kiran Kher Today 9:30 Star News 10:00 Kabhie Kabhie 10:30 Ek Din Ek Jeevan 11:00 Sur Sandhya Concerts 12:00mm It's a Small World 1:00 Newhart 1:30 Movie: The Two Lives of Carol Lather 3:30 Hardcastle and McCormick 4:30 The Darling Buds of May 5:30 21 Jump Street</p> <p>STAR SPORTS</p> <p>09:00 Cricket: Under-19 World Cup 01:00 NBA Inside Stuff 01:30 Asian Football Show 02:20 Inside Cricket 03:00 Olympic Destinies 03:30 Golf: Johnnie Walker Classic 06:30 Whitbread Round The World Race Boating 07:00 Asia Sport Show 07:30 Soccer: World Cup Hall of Fame 08:00 Rugby: Five Nations C'ships Live Wales vs England 10:00 Rugby: Five Nations C'ships Scotland vs Ireland 12:00 Golf: Omega Tour Classic Indian Open 01:00 Motorsports: Max Power 02:00 Inside Cricket 02:30 Asia Sport Show</p> <p>PTV</p> <p>8:00am Tilawat aur Tarjuma/Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoons 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Visitors Book 9:10 Phool Khushboo 9:25 Dastarkhawan 8:40 Mehman 1</p>
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