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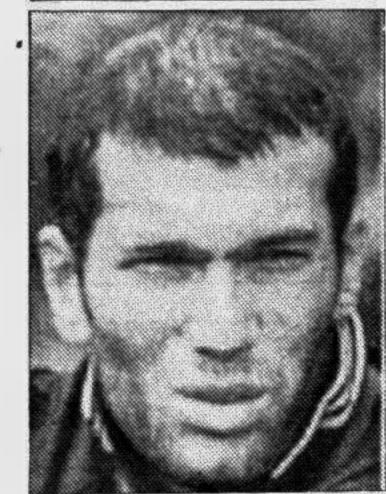
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Zinedine Zidane

(France's World Cup hero) 'I was so hungry to score a World Cup goal that I made it

After the final.

Agassi moves into qtrs

LOS ANGELES, July 31: Fifth-seeded Andre Agassi beat young Jan-Michel Gambill 6-4, 6-4 on Thursday night to complete the quarterfinal field of the Mercedes Cun reports

Agassi, ranked 13th in the world, ran his match streak to eight in a row and avenged a loss to Gambill in the quarterfinals at the Newsweek Champions Cup at Indian Wells, California, in March.

Top seed Patrick Rafter, feeling no pain again after a series of nagging injuries, beat unseeded Martin Damm 6-3, 5-7,

In other second-round results. Sandon Stolle ousted fellow Australian Andre Ilie 6-3. 7-6 and unseeded local favourite Justin Gimelstop moved into his third quarterfinal of the year when eighthseeded Vince Spadea retired from exhaustion trailing 6-3, 3-

Agassi, who was to face Stolle today, displayed his unrelenting ground game to turn back Gambill in a baseline battle that lasted one hour, 18 minutes on the hard courts of the UCLA Tennis Centre. Agassi broke four times in

seven chances. He broke in the seventh game for a 4-3 advantage before serving out the first set. The second was knotted at 4-4 when Agassi broke in the ninth game after his opponent netted a backhand on game point. He served out the victory with a forehand drop volley on second

match point. Rafter has been bothered by injuries to his knee and back in a summer that has seen the serve and volley stylist drop three spots from his careerhigh number two ranking on the ATP Tour computer.

Kafelnikov, Muster exit

KITZBUEHEL, Austria, July 31: Second seed Yevgeny Kaefelnikov and local hero Thomas Muster crashed out of the Generali Open in straight sets on Thursday, while thirdseeded Spaniard Albert Costa struggled into the quarterfinals, reports Reuters.

A wary Kafelnikov lost 6-4, 6:1 to unfancied Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador, while Muster bowed 6-2, 6-4 to last year's winner here. Belgian Filip Dewulf, in what the Austrian called 'one of this worst performances ever."

Costa, the 1995 Kitzbuehel winner and highest remaining seed, struggled on the clay court but got past French qualifier Stephane Huet 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in his third round contest and now faces a highly motivated

Dewulf. The Belgian, who recorded his only other tournament win in Austria at the CA-trophy in Vienna, required a little under an hour to oust 1995 French Open champion Muster.



Ecstatic US 4x100-metre ladies' relay squad members (L-R) Richelle Fox, Cristina Teusher and Sylvia Bereknyei cheering on teammate Jennifer Thompson at the Goodwill Games in New York on July 30. The USA won the gold. — AFP photo

Meadow.

cal condition.

pital in Manhattan.

week at the hospital in East

benefit from "one of the few

model spinal cord injury cen-

ters in the United States," said

Dr. Brock Schenebel, chief med-

ical officer for the Goodwill

Games. However, he said in a

statement, "there has been no

change in Sang Lan's neurologi-

treatment - including an exper-

imental nerve-building drug -

the teen-ager will get moral

support from Chinese staff

doctors and students at the hos-

her. And we can give her an-

other kind of care - make her

feel she's not alone," said Dr

1,000 paper birds - Symbols of

that many wishes for a quick

recovery from her friends in

China. The birds flew from her

homeland with her parents.

the competition circle because

she is very courageous, and with

the excellent medical (care), the

doctors and hospitals in Amer-

ica," her father, Sang Shisheng.

Sang will learn to "optimise her

physical skills ... and enhance

her transition back to everyday

It was at Mount Sinai that

New York Jets football player

Dennis Byrd was treated for a

paralyzing spinal cord injury

he suffered during a game six

years ago. The defensive end's

recovery was termed "miracu-

US super-heavyweight

champion Dominick Guinn had

the rare distinction of forcing

his opponent, World Champi-

onship silver medalist Alexis

Rubalcaba into a standing

count in the third round, but it

was not enough to lift him to

vailed 11-9 with some smart

evasive work in the final round

to book a berth in the final

against Italian veteran Paolo

Vidoz, a convincing 8-2 winner

The Cuban will start hot

over Dmitri Diagilev of Russia.

favourite but Vifoz has a secret

weapon, his purple trunks: "I

put on these trunks on the first

day and I've been putting on the

same trunks for every bout

since."

US teenager Venus Williams prepares to serve during her

Bank of the West tournament second round match against

Corina Morariu of Romania at Standford, California on

- AP/UNB photo

Rubalcaba from Cuba pre-

victory in a furious bout.

activities," Granick said in an

For the next several weeks.

"I am sure she will be back to

who arrived Saturday.

said earlier in the week.

earlier statement.

Jian Dong of Mount Sinai.

"We're going to translate for

She also has the company of

In addition to physical

At Mount Sinai, she will

A Titanic experience a Chinese reporter earlier this

NEW YORK, July 31 (AP): In a single week, paralysed Chinese gymnast Sang Lan traded one dream for another — gold in the Goodwill Games for a golden hour with her movie idol, Leonardo DiCaprio.

On Thursday evening, just hours after the teen-ager arrived at a clinic in New York City's Manhattan borough in an ambulance, the "Titanic" star appeared at her bedside.

The 17-year-old was transferred from Nassau County Medical Centre for what her family hopes will be the first step in a return to athletic competition. But doctors warn she may never even walk again. Immobilised on a stretcher,

with her parents walking alongside, Sang was carried through a media horde into the Mount Sinai Rehabilitation In-Though unable to compete,

the vivacious young woman quickly revealed another desire earlier this week - to meet Di-Caprio. To buoy her spirits, she kept his picture on a bulletin board in the Long Island intensive care unit, along with cards from hundreds of well-wishers. The young Chinese woman

even learned a few words of English — just in case the 23 yearold movie star showed up. On Thursday, presumably, she got to practice her "Hi, how

are you?" The details of her dream encounter are a bit of a secret for

The actor did pay a private visit to Sang, according to a one-sentence statement released by a public relations firm on his behalf. The visit was confirmed by hospital spokesman Mel Granick, who had no further information ex-

NEW YORK, July

31: Celebrating

his 18th birthday

with the biggest

win of his career,

flyweight Roberto

Benitez led a trio of American

teenagers into gold medal bouts

at the Goodwill Games on

US light-welterweights Ebo

Elder, 19, and Ricardo

Williams, 17, will clash for the

gold while their compatriots

20-year-old Teaunce Shepherd

and the old man of the group.

Olanda Anderson, 25, also pro-

low-southpaw and 1997 World

Championship quarterfinalist

Vakhtang Darchinyan of Ar-

menia was the product of some

furious punching by the New

"I proved I'm ready for any

"I feel that I am mature

Benitez's opponent will be

Williams fought with excep-

tional maturity to dispose of

Russian Paata Gvasaliya 12-5

while his opponent in the final.

Elder had to come from behind

in his semifinal against Rus-

control after two rounds, but

Elder overhauled him to lead 8-

7 after four and held on for a 12-

11 victory, despite Pavluchenkov closing the bout

with a thundering left to his op-

mentally I want to push my

man," Elder said. "I know I can

go farther than my opponent

featherweight bout with Alek-

sander Mitishev, but squeezed

second is to entertain", said

Shepherd who will meet 19-

year-old Andrei Kozlovsky, af-

ter the Russian moved past an-

other American youngster

Russian Denis Lebedev Thurs-

Anderson, a 5-1 winner over

July 30.

Michael Evans, 3-2.

"When I get behind like that.

Shepherd fought a ponderous

"My first goal is to win my

The tough Russian looked in

sian Dmitri Pavluchenkov.

swift-punching Yersin Jailauov

of Kazakhstan who demolished

another American, John Med-

ina, 11-1 Thursday

ponent's face.

can".

by 8-4.

Yorker in the middle rounds.

ily sang "happy birthday."

type of level," said Benitez as a

large group of friends and fam-

enough, old enough to compete

against the best in the world

and I proved it to everybody.

Benitez's 18-8 disposal of fel-

gressed to the finals.

Thursday night, reports

Reuters.

cept to say the pair met for

about an hour. Sang had been disappointed when told the movie "Titanic" wasn't yet available on video. but Paramount Pictures rushed to the rescue, and a studio copy was on its way.

Sang, who was China's 1997 national vault champion, "is fascinated with American pop culture," said Shelley Lotenberg, spokeswoman for Nassau County Medical Centre, where she had stayed since the accident early last week

The teenager broke her neck during a Goodwill Games warmup vault at the Nassau Coliseum. She underwent surgery Saturday, but has little sensation from the chest down. Doctors have discounted some toe movement as an involuntary twitch. Still, her spirits were high.

"I am so happy. I feel no more pain in my neck," she told



LEONARDO DICAPRIO

Benitez leads USA to final

day will have his hands full

against 1997 World Champi-

onship bronze medalist Israel

Alvarez in the final of the light-

Alvarez was dominant from

It will be a tall order too for

start to finish in cleaning up

Yevgeni Makarenko of Russia

Russian light middleweight

Gaidarbek Gaidarbekov in the

light-middleweight final, fac-

ing 29-year-old Cuban Juan

with a spirited 13-9 victory over

American Jermain Taylor

while Hernandez, the 1994

Goodwill Games light-welter-

weight champion had little

trouble with a 12-1 win over

veteran American Darnell Wil-

Giadarbekov won through

heavyweight division.

Hernandez.

by PSG

TOURS, France, July 31: A superb goal created by Marco Simone and volleyed home by Yann Lachuer gave Paris St Germain a 1-0 win over RC Lens in the French season-opening Champions' Trophy on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Italian Simone, normally a striker for French Cup holders PSG but lying deeper in a playmaking role, crossed brilliantly from the left in the 53rd minute with his back to goal.

Midfielder Lachuer, signed in the off-season from AJ Auxerre, came in behind the champions' defence on the right to strike the cross first time into the net inside goalkeeper Guillaume Warmuz's near post.

It was PSG's second victory in the match between the previous season's champions and French Cup winners after their victory on penalties against Nantes the first time it was played in 1995.

The last time PSG and Lens met the Parisians won 2-1 in the French Cup final at the Stade de France in May to complete a double after also winning the League Cup.

Lens overcame the disappointment to secure their first league championship a week later.

The champions missed several good chances in the second half, while PSG goalkeeper Dominique Casagrande saved brilliantly from a volley by Lens captain Eric Sikora midway through the first half.

Simone had not even been expected to play after recent contractual differences with

But PSG's signing on Wednesday of Nigeria's Jay-Jay Okocha from Fenerbahce, a clear indication of their ambitions, has apparently revived Simone's enthusiasm for staying in the French league.

Okocha watched from the stands and, still unfit after a post-World Cup holiday, could also miss their first French league championship match away to Girondins Bordeaux on August 8.

Venus, Monica in last eight

PALO ALTO, California, July 31: Third seed Venus Williams turned things around in the second set and beat Corina Morariu 4-6, 6-1, 6-0 on Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of the 450,000 dollars Bank of the West Classic at Stanford University, reports Reuters.

Second seed Monica Seles posted an easy 6-3, 6-1 win over France's Anne-Gaelle Sidot in a 58-minute quarterfinal after suffering dehydration in a victory over Fang Li on Wednesday.

As the only member here of tennis' so-called Spice Girls (with her sister Serena, Mar-Hingis and Anna Kournikova) and in a field highlighted by legends Seles and Steffi Graf, the 18-year-old Williams is carrying a heavy load for her generation.

Williams appeared rusty against Morariu, the aggressive 20-year-old American-raised daughter of Romanian immi-

Morariu generated tremendous pace off her one-handed backhand in the first set, but Williams began to read her groundstrokes and serve in the second set. After Morariu held to 1-3 in the second set, Williams kicked her game into high gear and ran off nine straight games.

Next up for Williams was seventh seed Elena Likhovtseva after the Russian scored a 6-1. 6-4 victory over American Amy Frazier.

Seles will play the winner of the Williams-Likhovtseva quarterfinal on Saturday.

Fifth seed Natasha Žvereva of Belarus also advanced to the quarters, setting the stage for a rematch of her recent stunning upset of Steffi Graf at Wimbledon. Zvereva beat Ukrainian Elena Tatarkova 0-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn dashed the hopes of US teen Alexandra Stevenson. blowing her off the court 6-2, 6-0 to set up a meeting with Davenport in the quarterfinals.

MU close in on Kluivert on Trinidad and Tobago inter-



LONDON, July 31: Patrick Kluivert is due to fly into England this weekend after Man-chester United

and AC Milan reportedly agreed a fee of nine million pounds (14.8 million dollars) for the Dutch World Cup striker, reports Reuters.

But to clinch the player's signature, United manager Alex Ferguson will almost certainly have to break the rigid wage structure at Old Trafford.

Ferguson has operated a 20,000 pounds (32,900 dollars) a week ceiling to avoid dressing room jealousy but this may have to go to persuade Kluivert to play in the English Premier The imminent arrival of

Kluivert has not dampened United's interest in Aston Villa striker Dwight Yorke, according to United chairman Martin Edwards. "It doesn't mean our interest

in Yorke has dropped ... it just means we can be a bit more relaxed about the situation now. "Our bid for Kluivert has

been accepted but we have not had a chance to speak to the player because he went on after holiday after the World Cup. Obviously he will want to speak to Alex Ferguson and the two of them will together as soon as possible." British media said the fee for Kluivert was nine million pounds.

Villa manager John Gregory has put a 16 million pounds (26.3 million dollars) price tag



PATRICK KLUIVERT

national Yorke. United have offered David May, Denis Irwin, Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunner Solskjaer, Plus cash, at different times to try to tempt Gregory to sell and now they are reported to be ready to offer Andy Cole plus five million pounds (8.23

million dollars). Gregory said: "I always thought that if United were to sign a top class striker then the chase for Dwight Yorke would

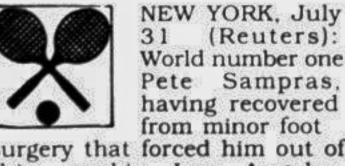
"But my view now is that Alex Ferguson probably sees Kluivert and Yorke playing together.

"Kluivert is what you would consider to be a number nine and so is Andy Cole. They seem too similar to me to be playing alongside each other."

If United do sign both strik-ers it will bring their summer spending to almost 40 million pounds (65.81 million dollars).

Ferguson has already bol-stered his defence with the 10 million pounds (16.45 million dollars) signing of Dutchman Jaap Stam and he spent 4.4 mil-lion pounds (7.24 million dol-lars) on Swedish winger Jesper Blomqvist from Parma.

Winning start Destination Grand Slam city



31 (Reuters): World number one Pete Sampras. having recovered from minor foot surgery that forced him out of this week's Los Angeles

tournament, declared himself ready to get back on the road that could lead to a recoveredtrying 12th major title at the US Open. Sampras took a wild card

into next week's Toronto tournament, where he begins a delayed summer hard court season that includes stops in Cincinnati and New Haven as a prelude to a run at a fifth US Open crown. "I'm going to be ready each

week I'm playing this hard court season, but you always

have the US Open in the back of your mind," Sampras said Thursday in a teleconference from his new home in Orlando. Florida. "But in order to play well

there, you want to have a good summer, you need to be winning events. "You always feel going into a

US Open that it's good to have a good, solid summer and to have been playing well and confident. I certainly hope that happens this year," said Sampras, who was briefly sidelined after having a troublesome planters wart removed from his foot.

"I've had it for the past year or so. It didn't give me any prob-

lem at Wimbledon," he said. "After Wimbledon, when started practising on the hard

court, sweating down here in

Florida, it was pretty sore to play on. I felt it was best to get it removed, especially with a lot of tennis coming up," he explained. Sampras said the healing

process took about twice the four or five days he had figured on, scuttling his plans to play in front of friends and family in Los Angeles.

An uncharacteristically inconsistent year turned around for Sampras when he picked up his fifth Wimbledon crown this month, winning a five-set final from Goran Ivanisevic, who was forced to settle for the runner-up trophy for the third

While acknowledging that all of his Wimbledon titles have been special, Sampras said this one really stands out.

"In the finals I didn't feel I really play my best but I kind of fought through it," he said.

You know, a fifth set at a Wimbledon final, that's the biggest moment of someone's career," he said. "To come through and raise my level just enough there in the fifth, not playing the way I wanted to, like I was in control, means

'It was definitely my toughest final by far," Sampras said. As has become his custom, Sampras relived the triumph by watching a replay of the match

on videotape. "One thing that stood out in my mind was the ceremony after the match, looking at Goran's face. He was really very distraught. I felt bad for him, admitted the top-ranked American, who said he found it "a little overwhelming" to think that he has won as many Wimbledon titles as Bjorn Borg.

Now, the owner of 11 Grand Slam singles titles finds himself on the brink of equalling Australian great Roy Emerson's record of 12.

"I'm in a great position to hopefully break the all time record," he said. "I'm in the middle of my career and I have a lot of good years left to try to do it."

Early retirement is clearly

not in the mind of the millionaire tennis star. 'I feel very motivated ... I still

enjoy it. I still love to compete," he said. "I'm almost 27 now, and you

look at some of the guys who have stopped over the past three or four years, (Boris) Becker, (Michael) Stich, (Stefan) Edberg, 29, 30 years old. I see myself playing beyond those years.

'I feel if I can contend for a Grand Slam, I'm going to continue to play. For Sampras, the road to tennis immortality resumes

next week in Toronto.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: R equals B The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to

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balance during her routine at the Goodwill Games on July - AFP photo

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