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2 Who won France '98? Croatia France Brazil
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4 What was Holland's position in France '98? Third Fourth Fifth
5 Michael Owen plays for? L'pool M United Arsenal

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SPORTS TALK



(Joao Havelange) (Former FIFA president) "Football is not just a sport. It is the only universal link that there is. It is the most democratic of all sports, we all talk to each other, in a football stadium everyone is equal."

Public apology for Bates

LONDON, Aug 2: Controversial Chelsea chairman Ken Bates on Friday was given a public apology and awarded "substantial" undisclosed libel damages over a newspaper story that he planned to replace player-manager Gianluca Vialli if he failed to win the Premiership or a Cup competition, reports AFP.

SIX NO TRUMPS

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Muriel Hurtis (L) of France on her way to finishing first in the 100-metre at the World Junior Athletics Championships in Anney, France on August 1. — AFP photo

Malcolm: A Christie in the making?

ANNIECY, France, Aug 2: Christian Malcolm showed on Saturday he might be the man to fill the void in British sprinting left by the retirement of Linford Christie, reports Reuters.

Collymore injured

BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug 2: Controversial Aston Villa striker Stan Collymore will miss the start of the new English Premiership season through injury and could be sidelined for the first three weeks of the campaign, manager John Gregory said Saturday, reports AFP.

Villa's 7 million pound record signing suffered a thigh injury in Friday's behind-closed-doors friendly with Peterborough United and was substituted at half-time. Villa could now face a striker crisis before the big kick-off against Everton on August 15, if Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson comes back in with an acceptable package for 15 million pound-rated Dwight Yorke.

"We thought initially that the problem was not too serious and that it was just a tweaked thigh," Gregory said. "But it's not as good as we first thought, and Stan will probably be out for the first three weeks."

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Malcolm, 19, won the World Junior 200 metres in a championship best of 20.44 seconds after starting his gold medal collection with a 100 metres victory on Wednesday.

The eight-man field were all in contention at the halfway point but the long-striding Malcolm, pulled comfortably clear as the line drew nearer.

Malcolm had hoped to run faster despite going into new territory for both his victories. "But times don't matter now. I've got two medals of the right colour."

Two other men's championship bests were broken on the fifth day of the event, which ends today.

Kenya's Reuban Kosgei sped away from his compatriot Abraham Cherono on the last lap of the 3,000 metres steeplechase to win in eight minutes 23.76 seconds and notch Keny's sixth consecutive victory at the event they dominate at all levels.

Finland's Olli-Pekka Karjalainen was a convincing winner of the men's hammer.

He was the only man to break the 70 metres barrier, which he managed with all three of his legal throws. His best of 72.40 metres came in the second round of the competi-

tion. On a day when the cloud of controversy over China's presence at the championships was lifted with the French customs authority's declaration that the substance confiscated last weekend had proved to be innocuous, the country added two more gold medals to its impressive women's tally.

Feying Liu won the women's discus with 60.66 metres while Shengfei Shen took the heptathlon title with 5,815 points.

The hosts nation's anthem was played for the first time at the championships when France's Muriel Hurtis won the women's 200 metres in 23.23 seconds.

Romania's Tonut Punga lead the men's triple jump from the first round before producing his winning leap of 16.94 metres, the best in the world this year by a junior, with his penultimate effort of six.

The unseasonably damp conditions depressed the distances in a lacklustre men's shot put competition, won by Slovakia's Mikulas Konopka with 18.50 metres. The women's high jumpers suffered as well and Russia's Marina Kuptsova found a first time clearance of 1.88 metres was enough for victory.

But ironically, now that the country is savouring the sweet taste of democracy, sports are highlighting the social problems and inequalities that exist in this vast South American nation. Brazil lost its bid to be the host city for the 2004 Olympic Games because of its uneven and sporadic social development. Among the reasons for opting to fix the venue of the Games in Argentina instead, are Brazil's high levels of pollution, poor roads, and widespread violent crime.

Agassi versus Henman

LOS ANGELES, Aug 2: Andre Agassi cranked up his famed return of serve to beat Justin Gimelstob 6-0, 7-6 (7-2) on Saturday in the Mercedes Cup semifinals, his 10th consecutive victory without dropping a set, reports AP.

Agassi, the fifth seed, advanced to the final here for the first time since 1988. He'll face No 2 seed Tim Henman of Britain, a 7-5, 6-3 winner over Frenchman Guillaume Raoux in the night semifinal.

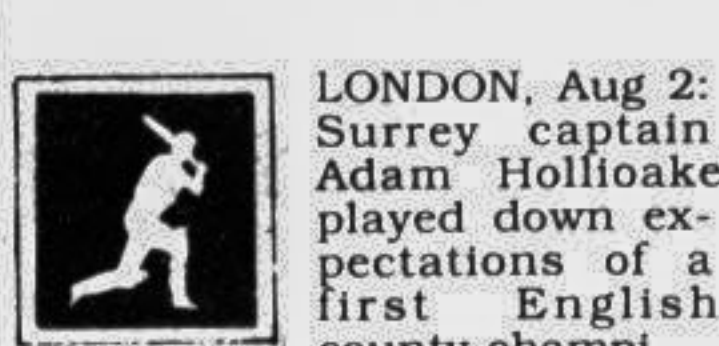
"It's not about winning to me at the moment," Agassi said. "It's about execution and dedication myself to my goals day after day."

Agassi raced through the first set in 22 minutes under a cloudless sky and blazing sun on the UCLA campus, where Gimelstob won the US collegiate doubles title for the university before turning pro in 1996.

Henman has been on a roll since Wimbledon, where he was the toast of Britain for making the semifinals despite losing to eventual champion Pete Sampras.

Raoux, a semifinalist last year, blew a 3-1 lead in losing the first set. Down 1-2 in the second, he was broken by one of Henman's huge forehands for the only break of the set. Henman closed out the match with two consecutive 130 mph-plus (209 kph-plus) serves.

Hollooake keeps his head



ADAM HOLLOOAKE

LONDON, Aug 2: Surrey captain Adam Hollooake played down expectations of a first English county championship title in 27 years after his side crushed Sussex by an innings and 69 runs inside three days at The Oval on Saturday, reports AFP.

"Martin and Saqlain have bowled superbly, but Ian Salisbury has picked up over 40 wickets. Ben (Hollooake) has picked up crucial wickets, and Alex Tudor has bowled well, too."

"We're happy with the position we're in," said Hollooake, as his team strengthened their grip on top spot. "But there's a long way to go, and we've got plenty of good teams to play."

"You'd be a fool if you said you'd fancied our chances from here. Cricket is a funny game, when they were 93 for none in their first innings, you'd never would have thought the game would be over in two and a bit days."

Both fast bowler Martin Bicknell and Pakistani off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq passed 50 first class wickets for the season in the match, and Hollooake paid tribute to his bowlers.

"We've got a fantastic bowling attack. We always know we're going to get 20 wickets. Our only worry is getting the runs," he said.

"We're just worrying about ourselves. Sometimes in the past, we've been easily distracted, and it's hard enough for us just to concentrate on our own game, never mind anyone else's," he added.

One of the bizarre aspects of this season has been the disparity between Surrey's championship efforts and their performance in the Sunday League, where they are bottom of the table.

"People still think of us a powerful one-day side, but one day cricket isn't quite so suited to the team we have here now. We've lost Brendan Julian and Chris Lewis and we're not the fastest in the field," he said.

A key factor in Surrey's rise to the top has been the performance of their back-up batsman when Alec Stewart, Mark Butcher and Graham Thorpe have been away on England duty.

He added: "It's no fluke that players like Ian Ward have come into the side and done well for us. We've put a lot of efforts into their batting and we don't look on them as back-up players, but valuable members of our squad."

Experience shown the exit

PALO ALTO, California Aug 2 (Reuters/AP): Top seed Lindsay Davenport produced some inspired tennis on Saturday to overcome fourth-seeded crowd favourite Steffi Graf in the semifinals of 450,000 dollars Bank of the West Classic.

Davenport prevailed 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 as the former world number one succumbed to the American's big hard court game and a case of severe leg cramps in the latter stages of the two-hour clash.

In today's final, Davenport will play third seed Venus Williams. Williams outplayed Monica Seles 6-3, 6-4.

Although the recently injured Graf was playing only sixth tournament of the year Davenport considered the result a big triumph.

"I thought she was playing pretty well, it was great win, Davenport said.

"I thought I played pretty well throughout. I give myself almost an eight out of 10. There were some lapses in the second set, but I stayed concentrated throughout most of the match."

Graf, 29, said she began to

cramp in both legs at 3-3 of the third set.

"I didn't know how to move anymore," said Graf. "I haven't had any tough three-set matches in more than a year and it showed."

Davenport came out smoking a first serve, rarely missing numerous rallies with sharply angled two-handed bullets that helped her score the first break for a 3-2 lead.

Graf failed to convert a break point in the eighth game that would have put the set back on serve when the 6-foot-3 (1.90 m) Davenport won a pounding 10-ball rally with a crosscourt forehand winner.

Graf fought off two set points at 4-5, but missed a forehand return of serve to give Davenport the first set.

The 21-time Grand Slam champion briefly gained control in the second set, jumping out to a 4-1 lead with a service break in the fourth game.

Graf led 5-3 and served for the second set. But Davenport broke the German star and eventually sent the set into a hotly-contested tie-break, which Graf won 7-4 to send the match into the climactic third

set. The tie-break featured a rare display of anger from the former world number one, who loudly disputed the chair umpire's overrule of a backhand that appeared to touch the baseline and would have put Graf up 4-1.

Graf had numerous opportunities in the third set. She held a break point at 2-2 but pushed a forehand slice into the net, and had two more break points at 3-3, only to miss a backhand



MONICA SELES

and then watch Davenport slam an ace.

With Davenport up 4-3, Graf became crippled by cramps and appeared unable to bend for the top seed's low backhands, dropping her serve to leave Davenport serving for the set.

The American ended the match on a thundering overhead smash, her 33rd winner of the day.

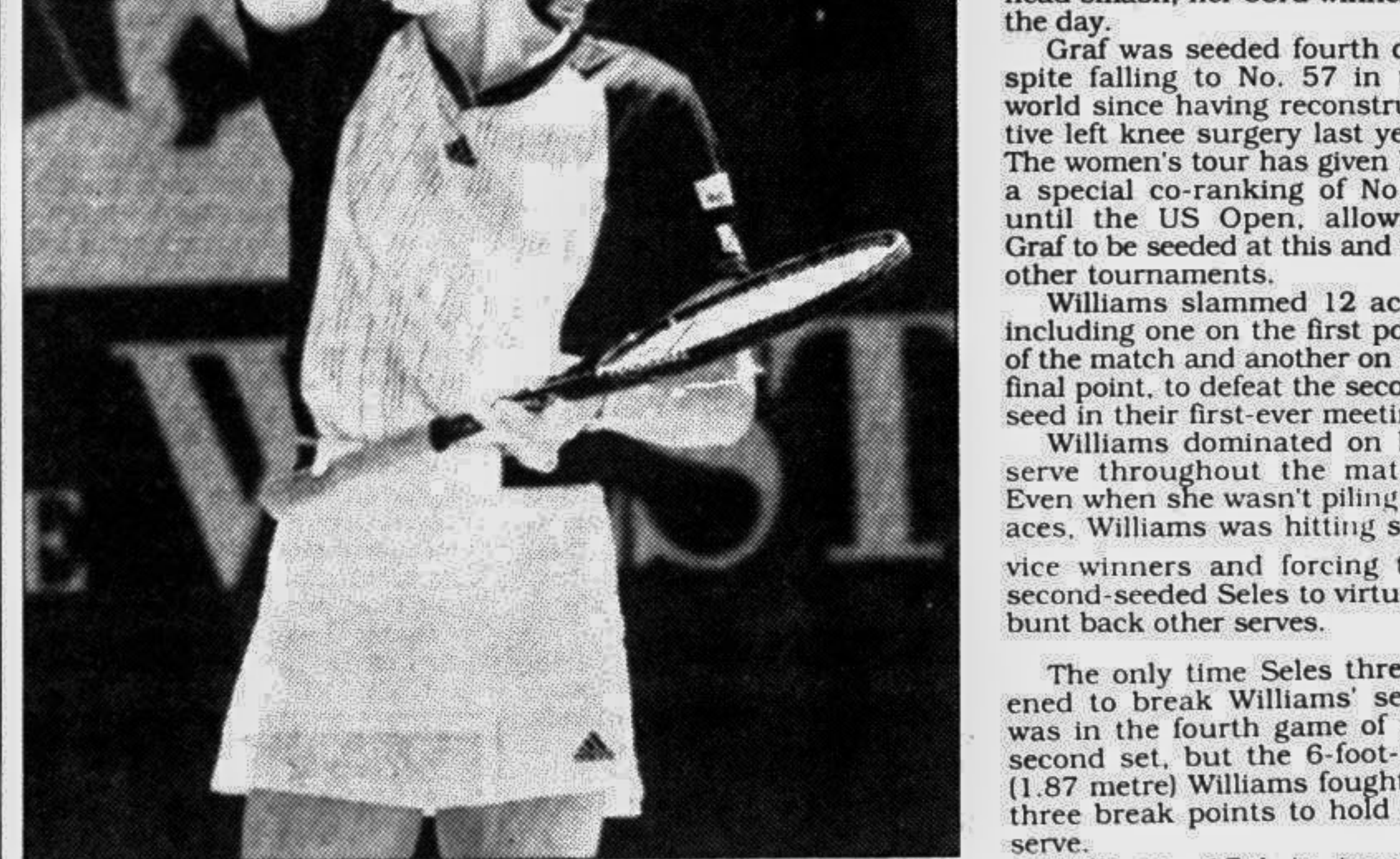
Graf was seeded fourth despite falling to No. 57 in the world since having reconstructive left knee surgery last year. The women's tour has given her a special co-ranking of No. 7 until the US Open, allowing Graf to be seeded at this and two other tournaments.

Williams slammed 12 aces, including one on the first point of the match and another on the final point, to defeat the second seed in their first-ever meeting.

Williams dominated on her serve throughout the match. Even when she wasn't piling up aces, Williams was hitting service winners and forcing the second-seeded Seles to virtually punt back other serves.

The only time Seles threatened to break Williams' serve was in the fourth game of the second set, but the 6-foot-1.5 (1.87 metre) Williams fought off three break points to hold her serve.

Williams, 17-1 in tournaments in the United States this year, went to the side of the court to receive congratulations from her father, Richard Williams, immediately after the match.



FRUSTRATION! Germany's Steffi Graf may have easily wiped the perspiration away but the same could not be said for the 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 defeat at the hands of Lindsay Davenport in the semifinals of the Bank of the West tournament on August 1. — AP/UNB photo

Sports for new life

by Nelza Oliveira

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 2 (WFS/News Network): In 1969, Brazil's internationally renowned football star, Edson Arantes de Nascimento, better known as Pele, dedicated his one-thousandth goal to the world's children. Now, as Brazil's minister of sports, the man considered the best player of the century is making one of his long-cherished dreams come true: to help Brazil's poorest and most deprived youngsters.

The football star's innovative programme, "Solidarity through Sports", was launched last year in Rio de Janeiro. It is intended to show children living in poverty some of the paths to a better life.

"I've never understood why Brazil didn't support these types of projects before. I owe everything I am, and everything I have, to sports," Pele told the weekly magazine Veja. Pele himself comes from an impoverished family.

The football legend's goal is to build a string of Olympic villages in different parts of the country, where children can participate in various sports, receive medical attention, learn about nutrition and be encouraged to attend their local schools. Current plans call for implementation in ten Brazilian states, with facilities for 350,000 children. Already, in the state of Rio de Janeiro, five Olympic villages have opened to serve the children of some of the poorest and most violent slums. Children in these areas often know more about the local drug-baron than any sports hero. While the central and state governments contribute most of the funds for the US \$25 million programme, local municipalities maintain the villages. Each has a football pitch, an athletics track, and an indoor gymnasium, as well as a health care clinic, dining areas and gardens. Some villages even have showy innovations such as athletics tracks covered with taralex, a synthetic material similar to that used for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 1849 outcry, 5 Harbor, 8 Colombian city, 12 Locality, 13 Olympic champs, often, 14 Privy to, 15 Robin, 16 Clari, 18 Air rifle, 20 Arcane, 21 Slaughter territory, 23 Flamingo, 24 1948 John Wayne movie, 28 Physical, 31 Time of your life, 32 State with the most counties, 34 Berlin's 'What'll -?', 35 Taj Mahal's initial purpose, 37 Lucille Ball et al., 39 Butterflies - Free, 41 Mongkut's kingdom, 42 Type of cooking oil, 45 He often calls out, 49 Detroit squad, 51 Reclined, 52 Bellicose, 53 Born, 54 Muscat's last, 55 Fashion, 56 Early hrs., 57 40 Down's territory, 19 Monad, 22 Longtime battling factions, 24 Deserter, 25 Counter-part, 26 Put one's foot down, 27 Diameter halves, 29 Put together, 30 Calendar, 33 Counterfeit, 36 Explore the Internet, 38 Put on the payroll, 40 See 57, 42 Pull an all-nighter, 43 Re planes 'n' stuff, 44 Teacher in, 41 Actor, 46 Line-man for the county, 47 Irani money, 48 Feminizing suffix, 50 Prized possession

VIH LWA NID NQM P Q K A Z H V D Z A E M I H N Q K V H A Q Z W C I V M K Q P L Saturday's Cryptquip: MOST NEAT BUILDING CUSTODIANS ARE OFTEN LABELLED AS CASES OF GOOD BROODING. Today's Cryptquip clue: P equals C. The Cryptquip 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 locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.