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**Grolsch Open Norman's**

AMSTERDAM, Aug 9: Swede Magnus Norman ousted Australia's Richard Fromberg 6-3, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 Sunday to win the Grolsch Open ATP clay-court tournament, reports AP.

Only in the third set did Norman show signs of the heat exhaustion for which he received courtside treatment during his Saturday semifinal win over Argentine Mariano Zabaleta.

"Maybe I'm the only one here who wants bad weather," said Norman after the match. "But I was really glad it wasn't as hot today as yesterday."

Norman picked up 66,400 dollars with Fromberg's prize money 39,300.



Kim Batten of the United States raises her arms in triumph after winning the 400m hurdles. — AFP photo

# Women dominate Day One

MONACO, Aug 9: Women runners produced four season bests and men two but world records refused to fall at the Golden League athletics meeting here on Saturday, reports Reuters.

On a hot, still night, Russia's Yelena Afanasyeva and American Kim Batten opened the meeting in dramatic fashion, clocking world best performances in the 800-metre and 400-metre hurdles respectively.

Batten, the Olympic champion and world record holder, blasted from the blocks and took advantage of the ideal conditions, powering to the third best time in history, 52.47 seconds.

Just minutes earlier, Afanasyeva had warmed up the large crowd that included Prince Rainier, by posting 1:56.63 in a thrilling 800-metre that saw Mozambique's Maria Mutola suffer her first defeat of the year.

Afanasyeva ran a tactically perfect race, watching Mutola and Belarussian Natalya Dukhnova battle furiously for the lead.

The Russian finally made her move as they turned into the home straight, pinning Mutola by 2/100ths of a second.

Late, Romania's Gabriela Szabo joined in the run by outlasting double Olympic champion Vetalina Masterkova of Russia recording the fastest women's 1,500m this season of 3:56.97 in a sizzling race that saw eight runners go under four minutes.

The string of world best performances came to an end when American sprint sensation Marion Jones roared to victory in the 100-metre in 10.72, narrowly failing to better the 10.71 she had run twice earlier this year.

"My next objective is 10.70 in Zurich. The track is so fast there I think I can beat my personal best," said Jones, who showed no signs of the sore back that had forced her out of a meeting in Stockholm on Wednesday.

Glory Alozie of Nigeria claimed the fourth season best of the evening and kept her season's unbeaten record in the 100-metre hurdles intact, running 12.44. The time betters the 12.46 she set last month in Salamanca.

Ethiopia's Haile Gebreselassie, who has already claimed world records in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres this season, came to the Rivers determined to add Danial Komen's 3,000 metres mark to his collection but left with a season best time of 7:25.54.

Hopes of a world record hung in the moonlit night until the final race, the 3,000-metre steeplechase.

But that ended in the sixth season best of the night, with world record holder Bernard Barmasai of Kenya crossing in 8:00.67 ahead of compatriot and former-record holder Wilson Boit Kipketer in 8:04.97.

Michael Johnson easily won the men's 400m clocking the second best time this season of 43.96 but failed in his bid to claim Butch Reynold's 400m record, which will turn 10 years old on August 17.

With the seven fastest men

over the distance this season in the starting blocks and ideal conditions, it looked as if Johnson might threaten the longest standing men's track mark.

But the 200-metre world record holder was unable to hold his form over the final 100-metre and settled for the second best time this season.

Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj also failed in his attempt to lower the 1,500-metre world record he set earlier this year at the golden gala in Rome, running the second best this season of 3:28.37.

"Today I was a bit worried because I was ill. I had a few stomach pains," said El Guerrouj.

Namibia's Frankie Fredericks saw his hopes of sharing in the Golden League 1 million dollars jackpot come to an end when Trinidad's Ato Boldon blitzed to victory in the 100 metres in time of 9.92 ahead of Olympic champion and world record holder Donovan Bailey of Canada.

Athletes must win all their races in the six Golden League events and the final to share in the million dollars.

After three of the six Golden League meetings only five athletes remain in the hunt for the jackpot — El Guerrouj, Gebreselassie, American Brayan Bronson in the men's 400 metre hurdles, Nigeria's Charity Opara in the women's 400m and Marion Jones.

Britain's Jonathan Edwards lost his chance at a big payday when he was forced out of the triple jump with a sore ankle after recording no jumps on his first three attempts.

# Super 9 series begins today

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Aug 9: Pete Sampras faces a fight to regain the world number one spot as he heads into next week's 2.45 million dollar ATP Championship tournament, reports AP.

Sampras will need to bounce back quickly after losing on Friday in Canada to fast-rising rival Andre Agassi, who is heading back into the top ten after a 100-place fightback over the past nine months.

The defeat of Sampras in the Toronto quarterfinals will put Chile's Marcelo Rios on top of the world for Monday's start of the elite Mercedes Super 9 tournament.

The Chilean has not played since losing to Karol Kucera of Slovakia in the semifinals at Stuttgart last month, a defeat which kept the South American from seizing back the top spot which he held during April.

Rios withdrew from a clay tournament in Kitzbuhel, Austria, a fortnight ago, complaining of a pulled thigh muscle and a skin ailment whereupon to New York for treatment.

Absent through injury is Briton Greg Rusedski, at sixth in the world the only member of the top ten to be missing from the tournament.

Rusedski is still not fit after falling on his ankle at Queen's Club two months ago. The

Canadian-born naturalised Briton had a bad fortnight as he was forced to retire from his first round Wimbledon match with Australia's Mark Draper and lost his coach Tony Pickard, who was irritated that last year's US Open runner-up had gone against his advice by trying to play.

However Britain will be represented by Wimbledon semifinalist Tim Henman, seeded 11, who begins against Austria's evergreen former world number one Thomas Muster, who has been suffering from shoulder problems.

Of the world top 20, only Rusedski, Kucera and Thomas Enqvist of Sweden — also injured — will not play.

Sampras, who had a blister removed from the bottom of a foot a few weeks after claiming a fifth Wimbledon title, will start his comeback with a first-round bye and could then come up against either Czech Martin Damm or Australian Mark Woodforde.

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EAST MAKES AN ABORTIVE DOUBLE (Hand # 62)

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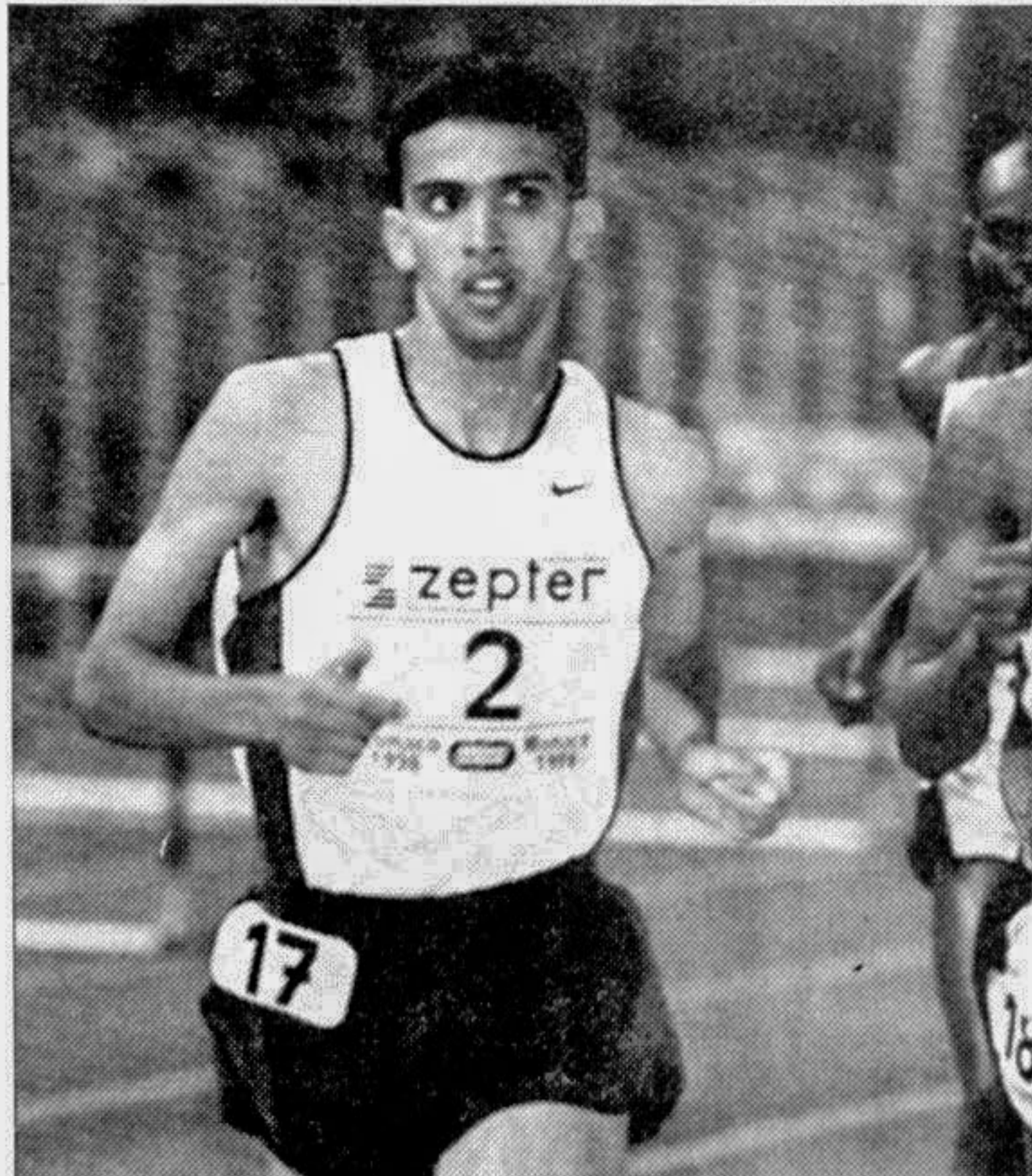
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1D*	Pass	INT**	Pass
2H	Pass	4H	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

\* Artificial  
\*\* Artificial, 10-12 HCP

South opened a light hand with only 11 HCP. However his decision was influenced by a singleton in Spades and 5-card suit in Clubs. He expected to make at least a part game. When North showed 10-12 HCP, South came up with his 4-card Heart suit. North with 11 HCP and good holding of Hearts jumped to game. East doubled 4 Hearts, an action based on no solid ground.

**THE PLAY**

West led the Ace of Spades and continued with 9. The declarer ruffed the Queen of Spades and played the J of Hearts which was covered by West. The declarer's decision to place the Queen of Hearts with West was based on the assumption that East would not have doubled with the Queen of Hearts as South was the opener of the suit. The declarer then played the King of Clubs from the dummy. East won the trick and returned a Diamond which was won with the King by West when the declarer played low. West played a Heart which was taken with the 10. Next he played the Queen of Clubs and Diamonds and returned to his hand with the Ace of Hearts and cashed all the good Clubs. Thus, defence scored a Spade, a Diamond and a Club only. North-South made a doubled game.



Moroccan Hicham El Guerrouj (L) leads Kenyan William Tanui during the 1500 metres at the Golden League meeting in Monaco on August 8. — AFP photo

## Elber engulfs Stuttgart

LEVERKUSEN, Germany, Aug 9: A first half hattrick by Giovane Elber helped Bayern Munich crush VfB Stuttgart 4-0 in the final of the lucrative German League Cup on Saturday, reports Reuters.

The Brazilian's treble and a goal from Carsten Jancker with seconds remaining earned Bayern 2.5 million marks (1.41 million dollars) in prize money.

As in the earlier rounds, the crowd was disappointing with only 14,000 turning up for the final.

Elber fired in the first after four minutes and volleyed home the second in the 25th after an astute pass from midfielder Stefan Effenberg.

Four minutes from the interval, Elber completed his hat-trick by heading in a Mario Basler via Stuttgart defender Thomas Berthold's leg.

Stuttgart showed very little in the match and Bayern completed the rout when Jancker broke on the counter-attack to make tie 4-0.

"Let's hope it's only the beginning," said a delighted Elber. "If we can play that well in the championship, we should be successful."

New Stuttgart coach Winfried Schäfer was obviously disappointed by his side's performance.

"When you let a team like Bayern play their game, you have to expect that kind of result," he said. "We should have been much more aggressive."

Bayern will have little time to rest, as on Wednesday they will play OBlic Belgrade in a Champions' League qualifying match.

"I'm pleased with what I saw tonight but Wednesday's game is much more important," said Bayern's new coach Ottmar Hitzfeld.

"It's a tricky game because we know very little about our opponents."

The six-team German League Cup was introduced last year to replace the Super Cup, in which the Champions faced the cup winners, but the much-criticised format may be changed again.

**Villa threaten Unsworth**  
by Chris Moore

BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug 9 (Reuters/Internet): The David Unsworth transfer saga took yet another twist on Sunday as Aston Villa threatening to stop his wages if he fails to rejoin them on Monday morning.

Unsworth has been ordered to report for training at Villa's Bodyroom Heath headquarters after Everton failed to meet Friday's 1600 GMT deadline for settling his three million pounds (\$4.94 million) transfer fee to Goodison Park.

But the former England defender is threatening to ignore that instruction and remain at home in Liverpool.

That could force Villa manager John Gregory to call in the Football Association (FA) and Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) to try to resolve a situation which even the player's agent admits has become a "complete farce".

Villa's secretary-director Steve Stride has made a personal plea to Unsworth to change his mind and return to the Midlands club.

"The lad has a career and he needs to think about that," said Stride. "The situation is clear. He is still our player and if he doesn't turn up tomorrow then he will be fined. The maximum we can fine him is two weeks wages."

"But if he doesn't train or play for us he won't be paid either. I would hope that if he is thinking about not coming back he has a change of heart. If he doesn't I wouldn't like to say what will happen long-term."

The saga began 17 days ago when Villa signed Unsworth from West Ham. Within 48 hours the player told Gregory he had made a terrible mistake and wanted to rejoin his former club Everton.

Villa reluctantly agreed and struck a deal with Everton's new manager Walter Smith to be fully re-nursed.

But acc'd. to Gregory: "The Everton chairman will not agree to the transfer."

## Palace, Bolton split points

LONDON, Aug 9: A last-minute equaliser from Arnar Gunnlaugsson spoiled former England boss Terry Venables' return to English football on Saturday as Crystal Palace had to share the spoils with Bolton, 2-2, on the opening day of the First Division season, reports AP.

A goal from Bolton Old boy Sasa Curcic against his former club in the battle of the relegated clubs looked to have sealed a splendid fightback by Palace after they had looked second best going into half-time.

Sean Holdsworth's scorching 25-year shot gave Bolton the interval lead but it was a different story after the break. Highly-rated Eagles striker Matt Jansen levelled the scores five minutes into the second half before Serbian star Curcic put his side 2-1 ahead within 16

# Palace, Bolton split points

minutes of the restart.

But Palace took their foot off the pedal and let Iclander Gunnlaugsson salvage a point with seconds remaining.

Record-breaking striker Kevin Phillips put Sunderland's play-off heartache firmly in the past by starting where he left off last season. Phillips hit a late winner from the spot against Queen's Park Rangers in front of 41,000 spectators at the stadium of light.

Barnsley, the third club to be relegated from the Premiership last season, needed a late equaliser from Arjan de Zeeuw, his second of the match, to salvage a 2-2 draw with West Brom at Oakwell.

Steve Bruce's managerial career got off to the perfect start as Sheffield United beat Swindon 2-1 at Bramall Lane, former Everton star Graham Stuart opened the scoring before Greek defender Vassilis Borbokis added the second.

Wolves striker Robbie Keane won the day in the showdown of the 5-million-pound-rated teenagers at Molineux.

The 18-year-old Republic of Ireland international, pushed up from midfield to play alongside former England ace Steve Bull this season, beat 19-year-old Trammere 'keeper Steve Sidman to give his side the lead at Molineux.

Another former England man Keith Curte scored a late penalty to seal a 2-0 win for Mark McGhee's men.

It was another highly-rated teenager, Craig Bellamy, who gave Norwich their first goal of the season. Crewe hit back through Mark Rivers, but Darren Kenton made it 2-1 to give former Arsenal coach Bruce Rioch a winning start at the East Anglian club.

A goal apiece from strikers Paul Furlong and Dele Adebola made sure Birmingham carried their promising pre-season form into the new campaign with a 2-0 win at Port Vale.

Jason Lee hit a late winner at Portsmouth as Watford enjoyed a successful return to the First Division. Australian striker John Aloisi put Pompey ahead but two goals in the last 10 minutes saw Graham Taylor's side triumph, with Andy Thomson scoring an own goal before Lee struck.

## FA to double drugs checks

LONDON, Aug 9 (Reuters/Internet): The English Football Association (FA) is stepping up its drug testing programme in the wake of claims by former Aston Villa manager Ron Atkinson that "drugs are used by footballers at the highest level".

Atkinson, in his book entitled 'A Different Ball Game', says cannabis and cocaine are taken by players and that the biggest drug dealer in the game is "reputed to be a well known England international".

Atkinson says that while in charge at Villa in the early 1990s he subjected his players to blood tests without telling them what they were for and that at least two players were found to have taken an illegal substance.

On Sunday FA spokesman Steve Double said: "We currently have a proposal with the government to double the existing drugs programme."



Bayern Munich's new signing Stefan Effenberg rises to head during the German League Cup final against VfB Stuttgart in Leverkusen on August 8. — AFP photo

# Agassi express comes to halt

TORONTO, Aug 9: Andre Agassi couldn't put away Richard Krajicek on Saturday night and saw his impressive run end in the semifinals of the 2.45 million dollars Canadian Open, reports AP.

Krajicek's 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 victory earned him a berth in Sunday's final against Patrick Rafter, a 6-2, 6-4 winner over Tim Henman, and ended Agassi's winning streak at 15 consecutive matches over three tournaments.

"I had six break points in the second set," said the unseeded Agassi, who beat top-seeded Pete Sampras on Friday night. "I was just a snuff from a 6-4, 6-3 match. He weathered my storm."

Still, Agassi will be ranked No. 9 when the ATP's new rankings are announced Monday, his first time in the top 10 since January 1997.

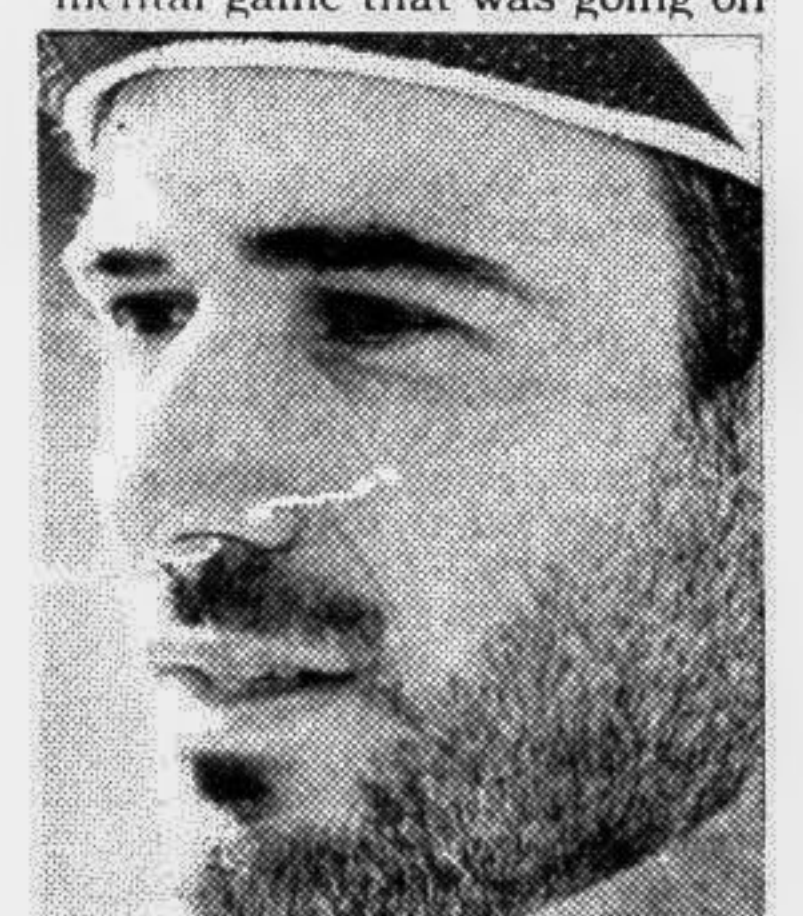
Agassi was looking for his fourth Canadian Open title and he seemed to be on the way when he took the first set from the sixth-seeded and ninth-ranked Krajicek, who double-faulted on the set's final point.

As the native of the Netherlands grew more and more frustrated with his play, he started having conversations with his racket. With Agassi leading 3-2 in the second set, Krajicek put three service returns into the net to trail 15-40. The talk with his racket must have kicked in as Krajicek saved the game to tie 3-3, saved

three break points on his next serve, and finally broke Agassi to go up 6-5.

Krajicek served to win the second set 7-5, and broke Agassi to go up 3-2 in the third set. The 1996 Wimbledon champion broke Agassi again to win the set and match.

"I didn't play very nice tennis out there in the first set or second set, but I think I won the mental game that was going on



**ANDRE AGASSI**

out there," Krajicek said. "The only thing I was thinking was hold serve and hang in there."

Krajicek finished with 15 aces to none for Agassi and had 55 winners to Agassi's 19.

The other semifinal between Rafter, the Australian seeded third and ranked fifth, and the seventh-seeded Henman of England, was a one-sided match.

Rafter won his seventh and eighth consecutive sets over

four matches — three against seeded players. Rafter had straight-set wins over fellow Australian Mark Philippoussis (No. 14), Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden (No. 5) and Henman.

Rafter had 12 unforced errors and took just over an hour to beat Henman, who had 23. Rafter also had 29 winners to 12 for Henman and didn't commit a single double-fault.

Rafter has only one win in seven meetings against Krajicek.

"It doesn't really matter if it's Agassi or Krajicek," Rafter said after the first semifinal. "They both give me a hard time. They're both completely different style players."

It matters to Krajicek.

"In general I always feel I was the better player," Krajicek said. "That's why I beat him. But this week it doesn't look like that."

"I have the feeling he has showed better than me so far this week, but I have the mental edge."

Krajicek should also have the physical edge.

Rafter and Bjorkman, his doubles partner, are the only players ranked in the top 10 in both singles and doubles. Rafter played three matches Saturday — the singles semifinal and the doubles quarterfinal and semifinal, from which Rafter and Bjorkman retired after Rafter said he had a forearm injury.

"Maybe he's going to be extra warmed up," Krajicek said of Rafter, who said he would play in the singles final. "He's a strong guy, he's young. It's OK."

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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