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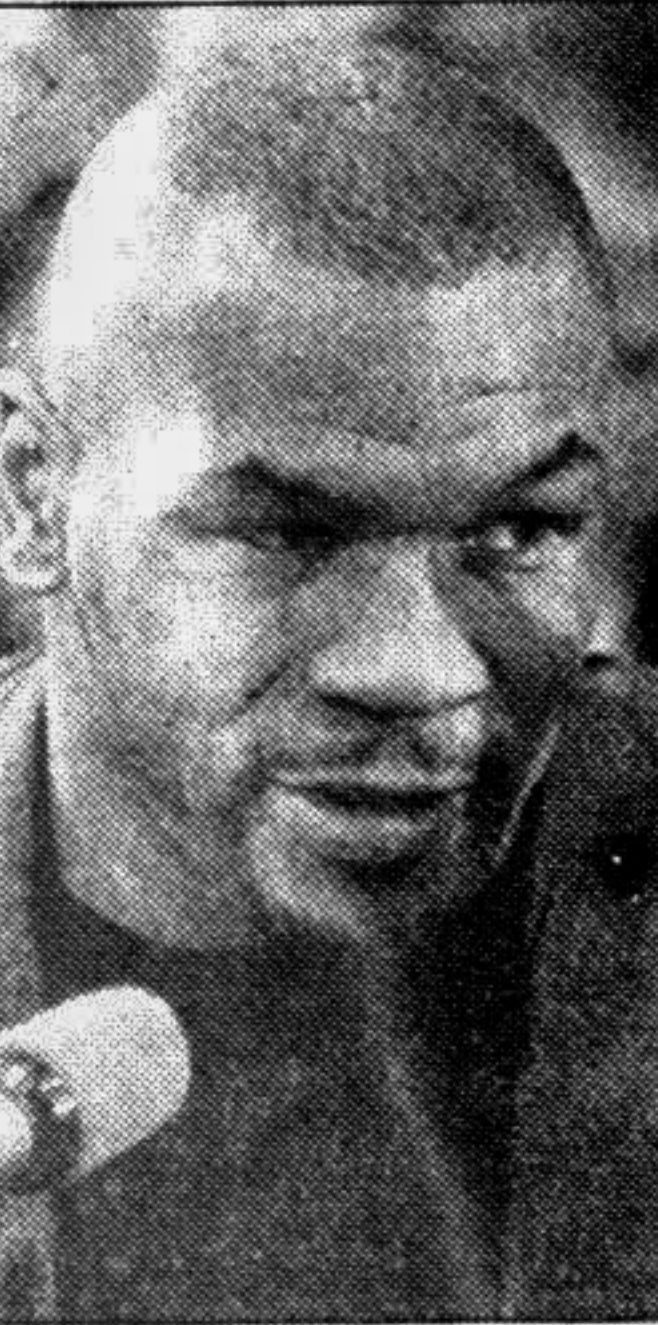
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- 1 What is the name of Brazil's new soccer coach? Zagallo Luxembourg Parrera 2 Who was the player-of-the-match in the fifth Test at Headingley? Butcher Donald Stewart 3 How many Tests will Australia play in Pakistan? One Two Three 4 Who is the No 1 on ATP rankings at the moment? Rios Rafter Agassi 5 Michelle Smith has been banned for 2yrs 4yrs 6yrs

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SPORTS TALK



Mike Tyson (Champion heavyweight boxer) 'I'm just a man. I'm no bad guy. I'm no good guy. I do what's reasonable for me to do.' During the hearing for a license in New Jersey recently.

Dominik clinches San Marino title SAN MARINO, Aug 17: Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty defeated Mariano Puerta of Argentina, 6-2, 7-5, in Sunday's final of the 300,000 dollars San Marino International tournament, reports AP. No. 3 seed Hrbaty ranked 42 in the world, ousted unseeded Puerta, ranked 73 in the world, and obtained his first title on the ATP Tour circuit.

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq A VERY GOOD PLAN BY THE DECLARER (Hand # 69) North (D) South (J) East (Akram) West (Mizan) cards and suits listed

BIDDING (Both side vulnerable) South (Sayeed) West (Mizan) North (Mazumdar) East (Akram) 2C Pass 2H Pass 4H Pass

North-South partnership plays 5-card major opening and does not generally show any 4-card suit in first response. However, when North opened 1 Spade, South with 12 HCP faced a response problem. He therefore broke the partnership bidding system and responded with 2 Clubs. North came back with his second suit of Heart and South booked game in that suit.

THE PLAY East led a small Diamond and West played the Queen. The declarer was happy not to receive a Club lead because in that case he might have lost two Club tricks. When West played the Queen of Diamonds, he ducked the trick to keep the lead with the West. A second Diamond return was won with Ace and the declarer cleared the trumps in three rounds. Next he played a small Spade toward the King which was won by West but there was no entry in the East hand. Thus, the declarer, by ducking the first Diamond trick in the West hand disrupted the East-West communication and avoided the unpleasant choice in the Club play if the lead were to come from East. However, had the East opened the J of diamond, and the declarer ducked, East could lead a Club at the second trick. Now, it was safe for the declarer, because on winning the Ace of Spades, West could not do any harm by leading a Club. He therefore returned another Diamond which was ruffed by the declarer, and threw three Clubs on the good Spades. Finally, a Club was ruffed in the dummy for the 10th trick. Note that the Ace of Spades could have been with the East in which case the declarer could not have avoided the unpleasant choice. However, there was an even chance that the Spade Ace would be with the West and it was a good plan for the declarer to take that chance.

Davenport handles Hingis

MANHATTAN BEACH, California, Aug 17: Lindsay Davenport kept Martina Hingis off-balance with powerful serves and deep groundstrokes to surprise the world's top-ranked player 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 Sunday in the Acura Classic for her third consecutive WTA Tour victory, reports AP.

Davenport's run of titles includes Stanford and San Diego, giving her a 12-match winning streak as she tunes up for the US Open beginning Aug. 31. 'To beat the No. 1 player in the world where I used to come and watch as a little girl and to win three in a row, this is a great ending for the whole month,' said Davenport, who grew up 20 minutes from Manhattan Country Club.

On Davenport's second match point, Hingis appeared to hit a winning lob and the crowd cheered only to see Davenport race backward and make the return, then hit a backhand volley into the open court for the victory.

'Lindsay played great the last three tournaments, so she's got to take a break now and let someone else win,' joked Hingis, who hasn't won a tournament in three months.

Davenport, ranked second in the world, took command early in front of a partisan home crowd. Ahead 4-2, she let the first set slip away with three unforced errors as Hingis broke

her twice in winning the final four games and the set 6-4. But Hingis, who reached her first final since May when she won the Italian Open, never felt comfortable returning Davenport's booming serves, who alternately zinged them up the middle and kicked them wide. 'Some of the balls she hit today were just amazing. What can you do about that?' Hingis said. 'I felt pretty OK, just sometimes I had some bad mishits.'

The Swiss teenager staved off two break points to hold serve at the start of the second set. But Davenport got the pivot



DAVENPORT

otal break in the fifth game when Hingis double-faulted to trail 2-3 and the American gave up just three points on her serve to even the match. 'My serves really almost won me the last three tournaments,' Davenport said. 'I have been able to hold serve and not struggle too much, therefore, you have more energy and you can be a little bit more relaxed when you are returning.'

Tied 1-1 in the third, Hingis dropped serve on two consecutive forehand errors. Davenport took the break and built a 4-2 lead, cracking a forehand winner down the line on what appeared to be an easy smash put away by Hingis.

'I had to risk a lot today. I had to be more aggressive than I usually am, so you have a couple bad shots,' said Hingis, who had 39 unforced errors. Hingis hit one of her 10 aces, negated by seven double faults, to trail 3-4. Davenport's toughest challenge on her serve came in the eighth game when she faced break point. She fought off duce as Hingis sprayed two errant shots to lose the game. Hingis tossed her racket in disgust, and as if to prove she couldn't get a break, it hit her in the head. She wasn't hurt.

Davenport earned 79,000 bringing her three-week California total to 237,000 dollars. She also took home a new Acura.

'This is the only car I've ever won in my pro career,' she said. 'I'm going to keep it.'



TOO HOT TO HANDLE: Michael Owen of Liverpool (2nd from R) evading desperate tackles from two Southampton defenders during their English Premiership match at Southampton on August 16. Owen scored the winner in a 2-1 victory. —AFP photo

Rafter stymies Sampras

MASON, Ohio, Aug 17 (Reuters/AP): Australian Patrick Rafter denied Pete Sampras a return to world number one status Sunday by beating the top seed 1-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4 in the final of the ATP Championship.

The victory was the reigning US Open champion's fourth this year. He is the first Australian to win four titles in a year since Rod Laver did it in 1975. It also earned the fifth seed \$361,000 dollars in prize money.

Rafter has reached the finals of four tournaments this season, also winning in India, the Netherlands and last week in Toronto. He has been the hottest player on tour recently, winning 10 consecutive matches — including six against top-15 opponents.

The match ended on a controversial note with a visibly angered Sampras questioning whether Rafter's final point was actually an ace or a fault.

The Australian world No. 3, playing great tennis as he approaches defence of his US crown, raised his arms in victory as soon as he hit a final point ace. The lineswoman called the serve out, but umpire Lars Graf immediately over-

ruled in Rafter's favour, leaving Sampras irate.

Although Sampras shook Rafter's hand after the match, he had words with umpire Graf, and was even overheard cursing at him about the final point.

'Clearly out,' said an annoyed Sampras who took 190,000 dollars as runner-up. 'I was clearly unlucky today. I think he made a bad decision, but there's nothing you can do now. It's not why I lost the match, but it ended it on a bad note.'

The normally placid Sampras made no apologies for his stormy protest. 'You guys think I'm some sort of robot out there, that I feel nothing. But it's certainly not the case.'

Sampras was replaced in the top ranking last Monday by Marcelo Rios, who also took the top spot from Sampras for four weeks this past April, and the American needed to win the final to supplant the Chilean.

Coming into the match, Sampras held an 8-1 winning edge over the third-ranked Rafter, having only lost their first encounter at Indianapolis in 1993.

At the beginning, it appeared the match would be a demoralising experience for Rafter, who couldn't pierce Sampras' all-round game no matter what he tried in the first set. In the end, despite posting 20 aces, Sampras fell short.

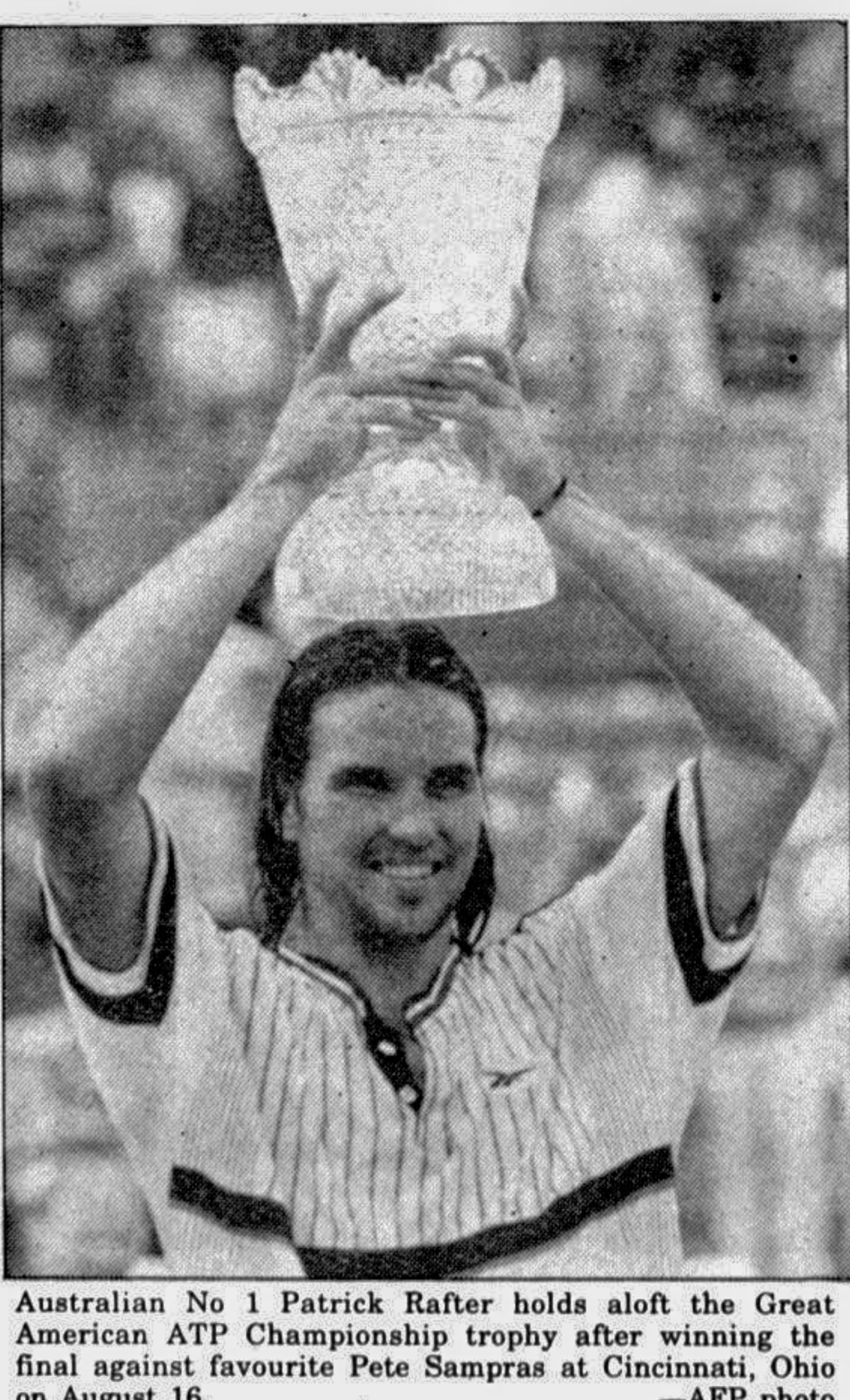
Rafter successfully changed tactics in the second set, forcing Sampras to return serve on his forehand side, and the tide began turning for the Australian.

The momentum really changed gears with Rafter serving at 4-4 in the second set, on another point where a questionable serve was called an ace.

At 30-40, Sampras was looking at a second serve and an opportunity to go on to serve for the match. That serve was declared an ace, but after the match Sampras insisted Rafter had really double faulted.

Rafter did not dispute Sampras' contention on this point. 'Well, I wouldn't have argued with that one,' Rafter said with a guilty smile. 'That one felt out.'

Other prominent players include Amanda Coetzer of South Africa and Anke Huber of Germany, while Ai Sugiyama of Japan, Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand, Li Fang of China, Wang Shi-Ting of Taiwan and Yakub Basuki of Indonesia lead Asian favourites.



Australian No 1 Patrick Rafter holds aloft the Great American ATP Championship trophy after winning the final against favourite Pete Sampras at Cincinnati, Ohio on August 16. —AFP photo

Lothar takes it easy

BONN, Aug 17 (Reuters/Internet): Lothar Matthaus said on Friday he was not surprised at being left out of Germany's squad for two friendlies next month, conceding he was getting too old and it was time to blood some new players.

'I feel fit but I can't hide the fact that I'm 37 and will be 39 for the next European Championship,' said the Bayern Munich libero, who has appeared a record 129 times for his country.

Matthaus earned a surprise recall for the World Cup finals but was overlooked by coach Berti Vogts who announced a squad on Friday for friendlies against Malta on September 2 and Romania three days later.

'I don't want to stand in the way of the reconstruction of the national side, which is absolutely necessary,' said Matthaus, who captained Germany to victory in the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

'I am grateful to Berti Vogts for having taken me to the World Cup and he knows that he can always count on me, as long as I stay in good health.'

Vogts, who will not name his full squad for the two friendlies until August 25, said he planned to build a new team after Germany were knocked out at the quarterfinal stage of the World Cup.

Pope propels DC United

WASHINGTON, Aug 17: Eddie Pope scored his first goal of the year in the 41st minute to give DC United a 1-0 victory over Mexican champions Toluca here Sunday in the CONCACAF Champions Cup final, reports AP.

The two-time Major League Soccer champions became the first United States team to ever capture the club championship of the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association football.

DC United outscored their rivals 11-0 in the eight-team event to win 125,000 dollars and the right to face South America's Libertadores Cup winner in the Inter-American Cup.

Pope scored after Toluca goalkeeper Mario Alberran nearly ran into two teammates and fumbled the corner kick by Marco Etcheverry.

Costa Rica's Deportivo Saprissa defeated Leon of Mexico 2-0 for third-place.

African Nations' Cup results

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 17: Kenya created one African Nations' Cup record and equalled another as they crushed Djibouti 9-1 this weekend in a preliminary-round clash, reports AP.

The victory margin matched that of Ghana in Niger 29 years ago and bettered by one goal those of Algeria and Morocco for a home match in the biennial qualifying tournament.

Debutants Djibouti are ranked 189 out of 192 football nations and are a cannon fodder for a Kenyan team that scored only twice in six qualifying matches during the previous Nations' Cup.

Sammy Okoth and Murrice Sunguti struck two goals each within 26 minutes of the kickoff and the Harambee Stars led 5-1 at half time before a 15,000 crowd in Nairobi.

Former champions Algeria outlasted Libya 3-0 in the eastern town of Annaba to complete a 5-0 overall triumph in a surprisingly one sided north African showdown.

Lakhdar Adjali gave the desert warriors a ninth minute lead and another French based professional Abdelhalid Tassafout completed the rout midway through the second half.

Namibia continued a timely revival by winning 1-0 in Malawi with defender Robert Nauseb from South African Glampour Club Kaizer Chiefs snatching the 15th minute goal.

Vogts draws the line

BONN, Aug 17: Germany coach Berti Vogts will quit if his team fails to qualify for the 2000 Euro Championship finals, reports Reuters.

'If we don't qualify, Berti Vogts will no longer be the national coach,' the 51-year-old Vogts told German television channel AD on Sunday.

After Germany lost to Croatia in the quarterfinals of the World Cup in France last month, the 1974 World Cup-winning defender said he would stay on at least until the European finals in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Reigning champions Germany have been handed a relatively straightforward passage to the finals, drawn with Turkey, Finland, Northern Ireland and Moldova in their qualifying group.

They play their first qualifying match away to Turkey on October 10.

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Vogts told AD that Bayern's Oliver Kahn would be his first choice goalkeeper for the two matches, replacing the 36-year-old Andreas Koepke.

Matthaus and Koepke are two of several German players whose international career probably ended in France, striker Juergen Klinsmann and defender Olaf Thon and Juergen Kohler have all said that they do not plan for Germany again.

But Vogts voiced support for Borussia Dortmund midfielder Andreas Moeller, who came under fire after poor performances in the World Cup finals.

Petrescu's caution

BUCHAREST, Aug 17: Romanian World Cup defender Dan Petrescu said today he plans to quit Chelsea and English soccer 'as soon as possible' after being told he was not guaranteed a first team spot, reports Reuters.

'I can not be a substitute in a team where I did good things and which I loved so much as Chelsea,' Petrescu told journalists before leaving Bucharest for Oslo with Romania's national team.

'I have had some offers from important clubs, but I can't name them yet,' he said.

Romania's new coach Victor Piturca picked Petrescu for his squad for this Wednesday's friendly against Norway — his first match after succeeding Anghel Iordanescu, now coach of Greece.

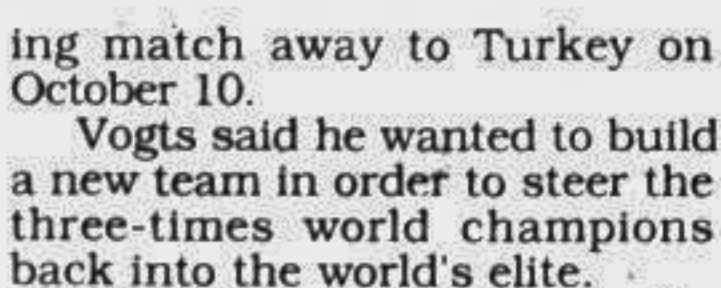
Petrescu, who has played 70 times for Romania, was an ever-present under former Chelsea coach Ruud Gullit, but current coach Gianluca Vialli has different ideas.

'Vialli told me that nobody would be sure of his place in the team, so I have to fight to be fielded,' Petrescu said. 'But I want to play so I have decided to go.'

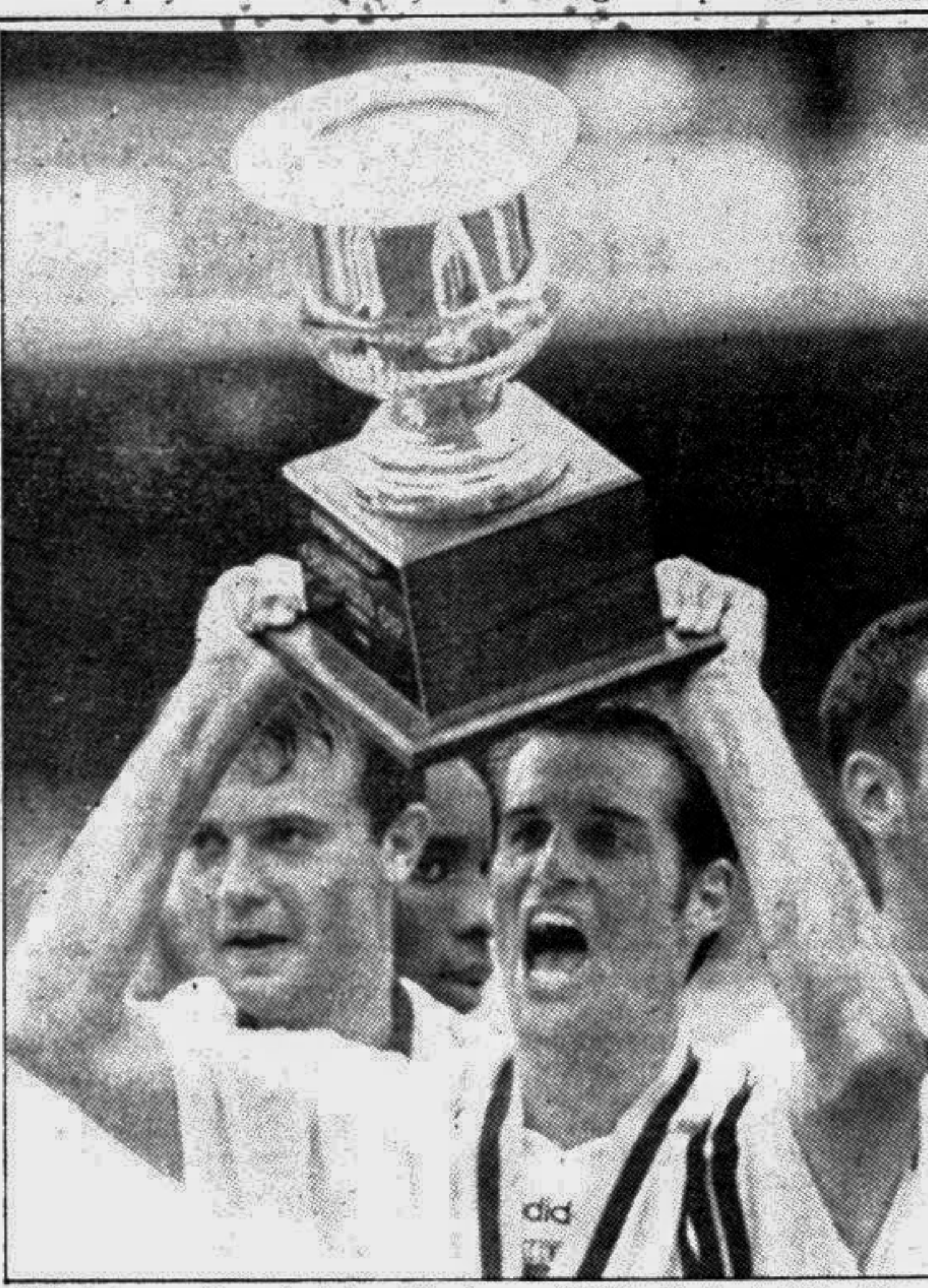
Uralan shock Spartak

MOSCOW, Aug 17: Russian Premier Division newcomers Uralan Elista upset champions and league leaders Spartak Moscow 1-0 in Elista on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Midfielder Alexander Ignatyev scored in the first half for Uralan, who moved up to fifth place in the standings. It was the first defeat in 16 consecutive league matches for Spartak and meant the Moscow side failed to extend their eight point lead over second place Rotor Volgograd who played to a 2-2 draw against Dynamo Moscow on Saturday.



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US international John Harkes of DC United lifts the CONCACAF Champions Cup after their triumph over Mexico's CD Toluca in the August 16 final at Washington DC. The hosts won 1-0. —AFP photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid and clues. ACROSS: 1 Pleasures, 5 Neighbor of ind., 8 Glaswegian, 12 What there oughta be, 13 Single, 14 Sunscreen abbr., 15 Dire, 17 Hit bottom, 18 Mr. Rockne, 19 Tranquilize, 21 Loco-motive's followers, 24 Moon vehicle, 25 Like that, 30 Mimic, 33 Alias: abbr., 34 Florida city, 35 Actress Charlotte, 36 Singer Torme, 37 Bubbly bandleader, 38 Swindle, 39 Citric quaff, 41 One side of the Urals, 43 —egg. DOWN: 3 Yellow Sea feeder, 4 Fabric sample, 5 Taro recipe, 6 Aardvark's tidbit, 7 Jailer's forte, 8 'Maltese Falcon' hero, 9 Squid, 10 Last writes?, 11 Poet/critic Allen, 12 'The Good 18 Culpa lead-in, 20 'Born Free' star, 22 Fight the clock, 23 La — Opera House, 25 Newsman Donaldson, 26 Banjo's kin, 27 The foot in Italy's boot, 29 Fraternal organization, 31 Crony, 32 Comic-strip scream, 34 Author Wister, 38 Wayne's alter ego, 40 Regiments, 42 'The stickup!', 43 Optimistic, 44 Eye amorously, 45 Bunco operation, 47 Frost, 48 Any minute now, 49 'The Way We —', 52 Iron or Bronze, 53 Rocket fuel.

CRYPTOQUIP

Cryptoquip puzzle grid and text: S L Z N Y I M Q F V E , L A Q N D Z L C Y I Z S Z L D A H H Z V Q V G Q E D W Q C Z M A F Z A H M W Z Y L M A G D Yesterday's Cryptquip: DO YOU IMAGINE DREAMY SAILORS OFTEN INDULGE IN FANTASEAS? Today's Cryptquip clue: G equals W 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.