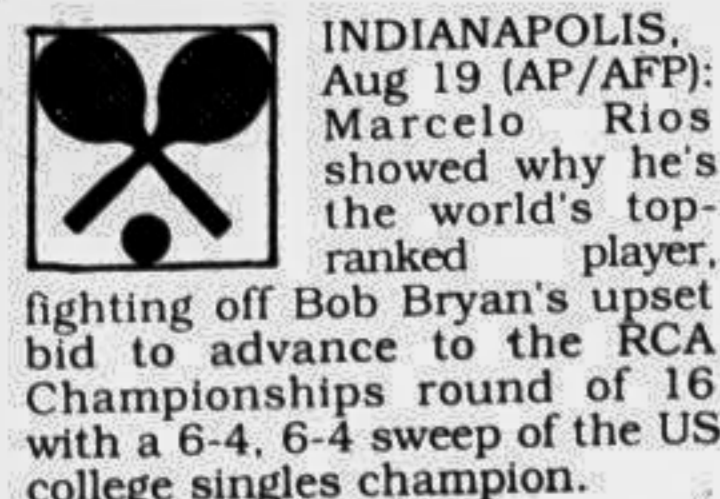


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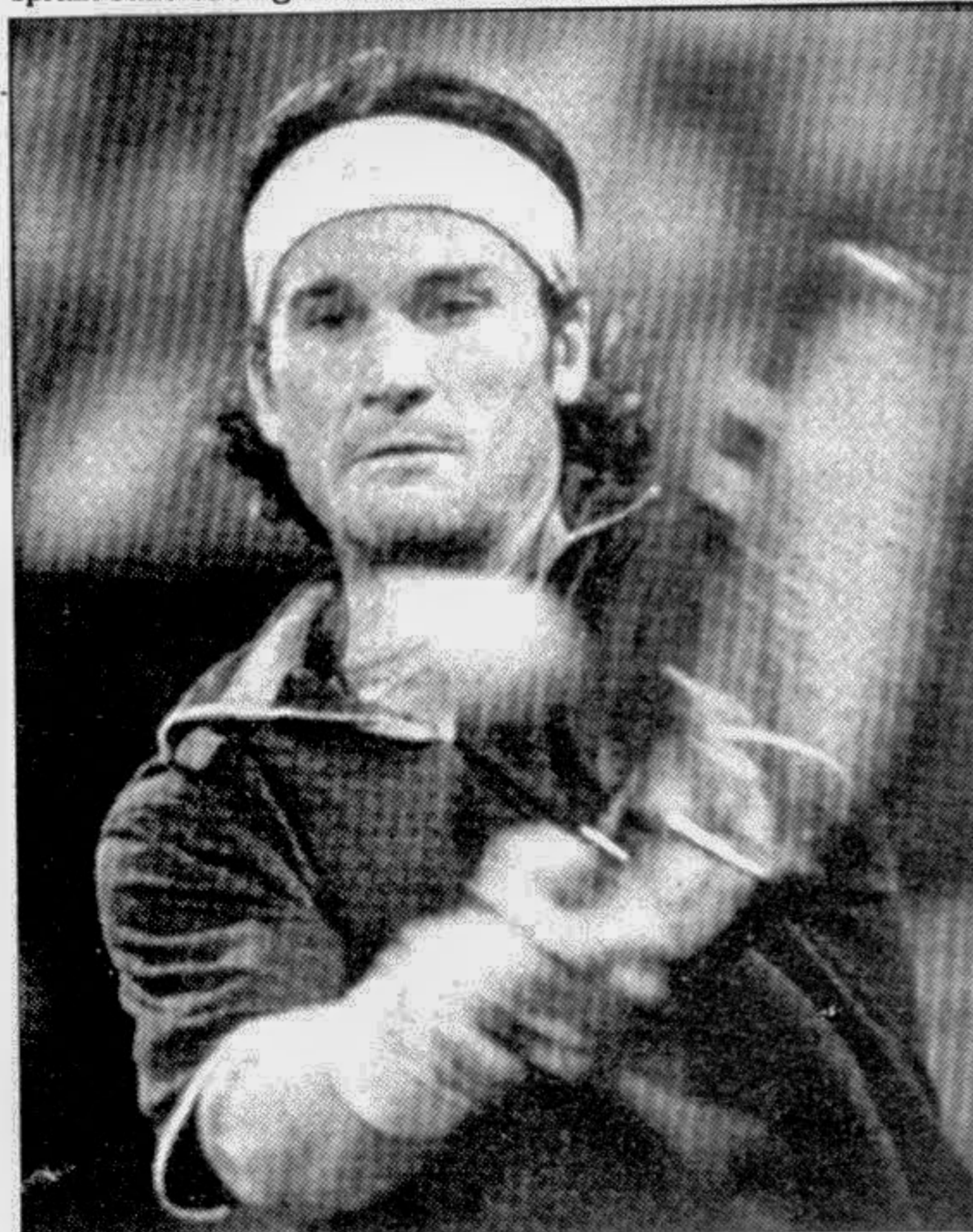
Rios too hot to handle



INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 19 (AP/APP): Marcelo Rios showed why he's the world's top-ranked player...

was aware of his shortcomings. "My game didn't feel great. Partly, that's because of him, but I felt like I could have done better...

on the grass. "I'm not worried about the ranking or defending the US Open finalist points. I'm just taking it one match at a time..."



Spaniard Carlos Moya executes a backhand against Thomas Johansson of Sweden during their RCA Championship match at Indianapolis on August 18.

Gabriel Batistuta

(Fiorentina's Argentine striker) "They are two great footballers who will take Inter to the top. I am sure about that. It makes me laugh when I read people in the newspapers saying that those two might have problems playing together. That's really a joke..."

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Empoli coach fired

MILAN, Aug 19: Luigi Delneri was sacked as coach of Italian Serie A side Empoli on Monday after less than three months in the job...

Club president Fabrizio Corsi said: "There's no point hiding the fact that we were very pleased with what the team did last season, and that we don't want to change the system of play..."

SIX NO TRUMPS

A GOOD CONTRACT MISPLAYED! (Hand # 71)

Table with 4 columns: North, West, East, South (D) and 4 rows of card symbols.

BIDDING (North-South vulnerable) table with 4 columns: South (Mazumdar), West (Sayeed), North (Mizan), East (Zaglu)

Good bidding and a good contract of Little Slam was reached.

THE PLAY

West led his singleton Club. The declarer had a Spade loser, so wanted to give a Club trick to East who could not do any harm as South would be in control...

Dalmiya prefers digital

NEW DELHI, Aug 19: Yielding to demands for greater use of technology to reduce umpiring errors, the International Cricket Council has decided to allow the ground umpires to consult the third umpire on all dismissals except leg before wicket (lbw)...

But lbw decisions, probably the most contentious of all, will remain the domain of the umpire at the wicket, at least for now, with ICC unwilling to make the game "too mechanical..."

But ICC has no immediate plans to introduce mandatory drug testing. "We are not against it, but tests have their hazards too and ICC is not for introducing it for a fashion..."

Didier defends Juve

ROME, Aug 19: France's World Cup captain Didier Deschamps told an Italian magistrate investigating allegations of doping in Serie A on Tuesday that his Juventus team was a tough taskmaster but achieved its results by hard work alone...

Guariniello's investigations have focused on Juventus after AS Roma coach Zdenek Zeman alleged in an interview with news magazine L'Espresso that drug taking was rife in the world's most prestigious soccer league...

Diego says it again!

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 19: Argentina's Diego Maradona is planning a seventh return to professional soccer to play friendly matches for Second Division Spanish side Badajoz...

He said Argentina's 1986 World Cup-winning captain would probably play his first match for Badajoz in September or in October, when he will celebrate his 38th birthday...

Weah's warning

MILAN, Aug 19: Star striker George Weah warned the Liberian government on Tuesday that he and his teammates would quit the national side if there wasn't more help for sport in his country...

ICC's rejection

LONDON, Aug 19: The International Cricket Council Wednesday rejected speculation it was ready to extend the role of the third umpire to adjudicate on bat-pad appeals in Test matches...

ICC chief executive David Richardson said comments by ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya on the Council's "liberal" use of TV technology had been misinterpreted by the media...

Richardson said the ICC was concerned that it would be encouraging umpires to make their own decisions and then force them to use technology when they reached the highest level...

That is an effect we are wary about but obviously, if technology will help us and the sport in general, we will look closely at using it. I am sure our cricket committee will discuss it again in the future..."

Poland beat Israel

WARSAW, Aug 19: Poland's national soccer team overcame the country's domestic soccer turmoil to score a 2-0 win over Israel in an international friendly at Wilsa stadium, Krakow, on Tuesday, reports AP...

Poland extended the lead in the 71st minute when Rafal Siadacka drove home the goal and put the issue beyond doubt. Only half of the expected 12,000 spectators turned out for the match because the game's organisers decided only to allow underaged fans entry if they were accompanied by an adult...

Poland's domestic competition is in turmoil, with First Division teams boycotting league matches and demanding that national soccer federation president Marian Dziurowicz resign amid speculation of corruption and mismanagement...

Tarango, Hewitt win

NEW HAVEN, Aug 19 (Reuters/AP/APP): Veteran Jeff Tarango of USA and tour rookie Lleyton Hewitt of Australia won first-round matches at the Pilot Pen International Tuesday to set up second-round meeting against two of the best in the business...

Tarango posted a 6-2, 6-2 victory over 127th-ranked qualifier Lionel Roux of France to move into the second round against Patrick Rafter. The second-ranked Rafter, who won the Toronto and Cincinnati Super 9 titles in the past two weeks, holds a 3-1 lead in matches against Tarango...



England's Graeme Hick prepares to sweep during the Emirates triangular tournament match against South Africa at Edgbaston on August 18.

England, the lucky loser

EDGBASTON, Aug 19: South Africa won the battle but lost the war here on Tuesday beating England but failing to reach the final of the Emirates triangular one-day tournament against Sri Lanka, reports AFP...

The tourists set England a target of 244 and bowled them out for 230. But England had scored enough to qualify for the final on run-rate when Ian Austin's boundary took them past 198...

It must have been a bitter frustration for Hansie Cronje's team but their determination to win was undiminished. At the end, Allan Donald and Shaun Pollock were roaring in as though this were the first match of the summer and not their last...

When Nick Knight and Graeme Hick were together England were cruising into the final. Hick made 64 off 72 balls before holding out to Symcox off Hansie Cronje's Knight "carry on for 74 off 114 balls. Their partnership of 113 could have won the match..."

Instead, South Africa broke it and forced the game back their way. Nasser Hussain, Adam Hoolioake and Robert Croft were bamboozled by Cronje, Symcox and Mike Rindell respectively. Donald and Pollock then polished off the tail and in between times Jonty Rhodes took a fantastic flying catch in the covers to dismiss Croft...

Hoddle in more hot water

LONDON, Aug 19: Already under fire for publishing details of his pre-World Cup bust-up with Paul Gascoigne in an autobiography, England soccer coach Glenn Hoddle was accused Wednesday of making money from a business venture with a faith healer, reports AP...

Hoddle's revelations in "Glenn Hoddle: My 1998 World Cup Story" has already led to calls for the Football Association to fire him for allegedly breaching confidences. Now the papers have continued the attack by suggesting that the England coach would profit from a business link with faith healer and long-time friend Eileen Drewery...

Through his agent, Hoddle said he stood to gain nothing. Hoddle's use of the faith healer for his players before the World Cup in France dominated headlines in the media and the profile Drewery — the mother of his former girlfriend — increased dramatically...

He has stood firm amid calls for him to step down as national team coach for betraying the trust of his players, saying the players didn't have a problem with him. In a serialised publication of his book in the Sun newspaper, Hoddle has criticised Gascoigne, midfielder David Beckham, Manchester United Manager Alex Ferguson and several other players...

He described in detail how Gascoigne, apparently drunk, kicked over a chair and smashed a bedside lamp after being told he would not play in the World Cup. Hoddle also mentioned Drewery on 14 pages of the book and defended her therapeutic use with the England players during the World Cup buildup. Hoddle told a media confer-

Alec Stewart escaped a second ball lbw appeal to strike a 32-ball 27 before cutting a catch to Rhodes. Knight and Hick then steered England towards the final. Their 100 partnership took 106 balls...

The tourists' innings highlights were an aggressive 70 from Daryll Cullinan and the sparkling 51 from Symcox. He hit four sixes and took 17 of the 49th over bowled by Peter Martin...

Darren Gough was the pick of England's bowlers finishing with three for 43. The top three Gough accounted for both openers and removed the dangerous Cullinan as South Africa reached 244 for seven in their 50 overs...

Gough had Mike Rindell lbw in the fifth over. Gary Kirsten chased a wide delivery and was caught behind by Alec Stewart two overs later. Cullinan and Rhodes (15) set the innings back on track with partnership of 48 before Alan Mullally tempted Rhodes outside off stump...

Mullally upped the tempo and moved briskly on to 70 from 73 balls as he threatened to take the game away from England. Gough began a new spell with an inswinger that flattened the leg stump. Mullally, Ian Austin and Robert Croft then kept South Africa in reasonable check. Croft trapped Hansie Cronje (31) in front, sweeping, though there was a suspicion of glove in the shot. Jacques Kallis (19) played on to a ball from Austin. Had Adam Hoolioake caught Symcox in the deep when he had eight, the South African innings might have quietly subsided. Instead it flared into life. The violence of Symcox's hitting threatened spectators

well back in the stands. Eventually he swung across a straight ball from Mullally and was bowled, having put on an invaluable 69 with Shaun Pollock, who finished unbeaten on 22 and Mark Boucher on three. It was all too little to get South Africa into the final which will be contested by England and Sri Lanka on Thursday at Lord's.

SCOREBOARD Table with columns: Team, Runs, Wickets, Overs

ENGLAND: Knight b Symcox 74, Brown run out (Rhodes) 0, Stewart c Rhodes b Pollock 27, Hick c Symcox b Cronje 64, Hussain c and b Cronje 1, Hoolioake b Symcox 10, Croft c Rhodes b Rindell 8, Austin b Donald 10, Gough lbw b Pollock 15, Martin c Cronje b Donald 1, Mullally not out 1, Extras: (lb-7; w-1; nb-1) 19

Result: South Africa won by 14 runs. Player-of-the-match: Pat Symcox. Umpires: J Holder and G Sharp. Next match: Final, England vs Sri Lanka, Lord's August 20.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

CRYPTOQUIP

Z R Z L N Q U W B S N A J U W J S R W Z J N X S N K H B V B S R W P A S N I Y R S Z P W W Z ? Yesterday's Cryptiquip: DENTISTS AGREE THAT RICH CHOCOLATE DESSERTS ARE FAR TOO FILLING. Today's Cryptiquip clue: Y equals B. The Cryptiquip 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.