

Graf glides, Pierce slides

MONTREAL, Aug 19 (AP): At a time when brush teens are...

said. "It took me a lot of time to get used to all the injuries...



STEFFI GRAF

The Canadian-born Pierce, ranked as high as third in the world in 1995...

"I'm not upset, because I know that I wasn't ready to play," Pierce said.

On Tuesday night, No. 5 Monica Seles beat American Tara Snyder 6-2, 6-1 and No. 9 Irina Spirlea beat Canada's Sonya Jeyaseelan 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (7-5), 6-0.

Mallorca gain edge over Barca

PALMA, De Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Aug 19: Yugoslav midfielder Jovan Stankovic fired home from a free kick to give Mallorca a 2-1 victory over Spanish league and cup champions FC Barcelona in the first leg of the Spanish Supercup final here Tuesday.

The Supercup, the season's first trophy, is played between the winner of the First Division and the King's Cup.

From there on in Mallorca appeared to realise that with a bit of daring in Barcelona's half, they could unsettle their mighty opponents.

But neither did Mallorca, coached by Argentine Hector Cuper, put them under any pressure until 13 minutes into the second half when Dani Garcia, recently signed from Real Madrid, drew the home team level following a pass from Cameroon midfielder Lauren Bisan-Etane Mayer.

Jana, Lindsay in the Chase

NEW YORK, Aug 19: Defending champion Jana Novotna and Lindsay Davenport joined world No. 1 Martina Hingis as qualifiers for the season-ending Chase Championships on Wednesday.

Davenport, ranked second in the world, clinched a spot in the tournament for the top 16 women's tennis players by beating Hingis in the final of the Acura Classic Sunday.

Nakata set to prove his mettle

MILAN, Aug 19 (AFP): Italy may have forgotten about luckless Kazuyoshi Miura, but the world's toughest league is about to discover a new Japanese soccer star in Perugia's Hidetoshi Nakata.

Nakata's playmaking skills which led to the talented 21-year-old being voted Asian player of the year in May also made him Japan's outstanding player at the World Cup finals.



HIDETOSHI NAKATA

and that's essential for a great midfielder. Sceptical teammates have similarly been won over in a matter of weeks.

Fellow midfielder Sergio Campolo said "I thought it was just a business operation — but Hide really is good."

Nakata who has also been making progress in learning Italian is clearly determined to succeed where "Kazu" failed. But he insists "I'm doing this for myself, it annoys me to think I am seen as a flag bearer."

Nakata is clearly not letting his early success go to his head. "I don't feel that I have made that great a start. I'm not yet on form and I feel there is a lot more still to give," he said. I also have a lot to learn."

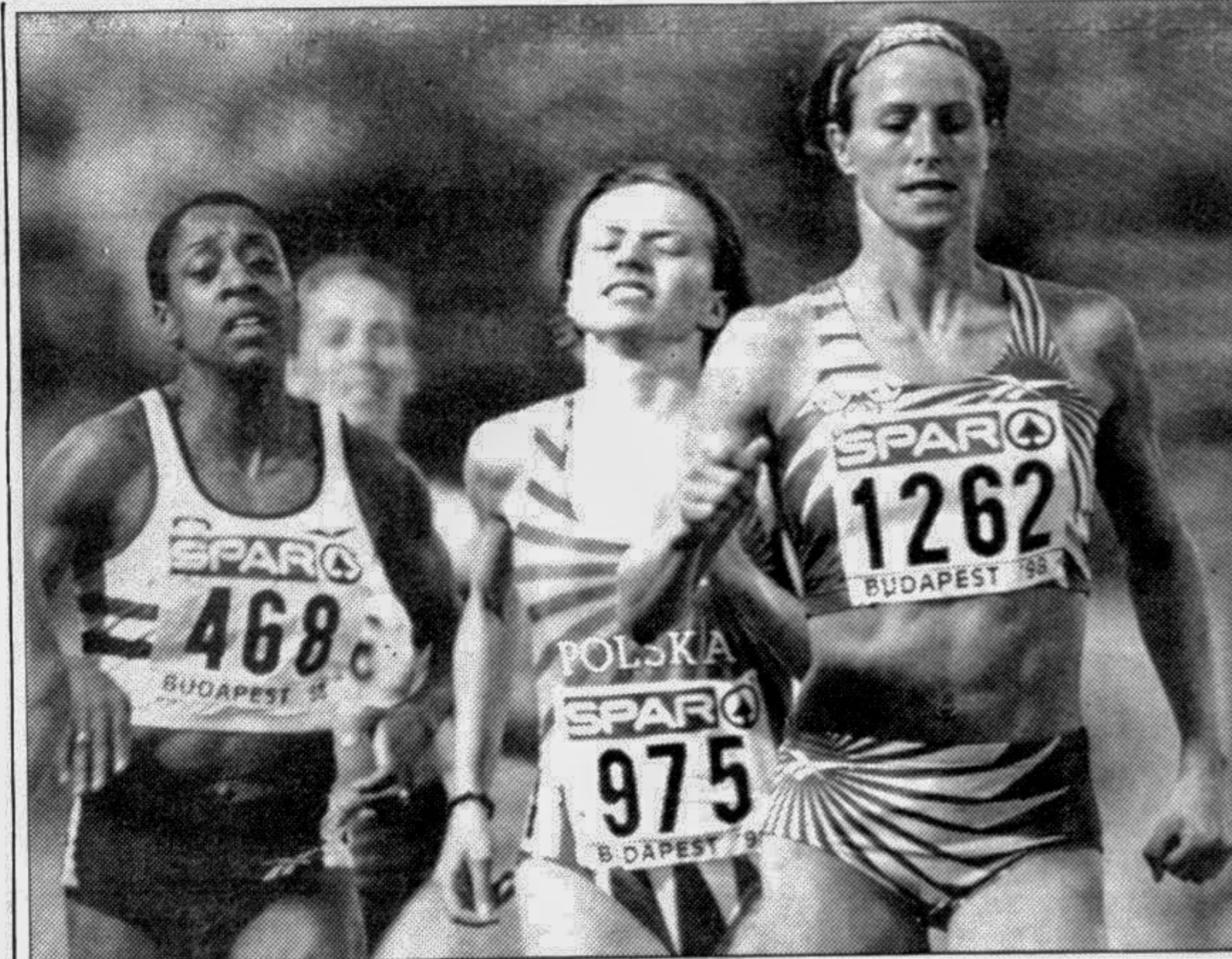
Kazu Miura, the undisputed star of Japanese soccer, managed only one unhappy season in Italy at Genoa in 1994/95.

The man who knocked in 54 goals in 86 games for Japan only scored once in the Serie A and even that came in a match which his team lost 3-2 to Sampdoria in a season which ended with Genoa's relegation.

Nakata's start to the friendly season could not be more different, and that despite coach Iliario Castagner's early reservation about the language barrier and his unhappy memories of a former Watford star.

Castagner, who coached AC Milan from 1982-84 said it's going to be a problem. He warned at the start, "I know that from past experience when I was at Milan we had Luther Blissett, and we needed an interpreter in the changing rooms every time I wanted to explain tactics to him."

However, Nakata has confounded the sceptics by immediately fitting in with Perugia's system of play. In his first outing Nakata provided three scoring assists for his teammates and also converted a penalty during his 45 minutes on the pitch.



Malin Ewerlof (R) of Sweden leads the field in the ladies' 800 metres at the European Athletics Championships in Budapest on August 18.



Sprinters getting off the block during the 100 metres at the European Athletics Championships in Budapest, yesterday.

European meet roundup

BUDAPEST, Aug 19: Grit Breuer of Germany, a former champion with a drug-tainted past, led all qualifiers in the women's 400 metres at the European Championships on Wednesday.

Breuer won the title in 1990 when she was still a junior and an East German. She resumed competing in August 1995, after serving a three-year drug ban.

Olga Kotlyarova of Russia took hers in 51.62 as the favourites advanced. In the men's 400, the three British sprinters — who are tops in Europe this season — all advanced without problems.

Stefano Tilli of Italy, one of the 100-metre semifinalists, was reinstated by the Jury of Appeal. Tilli had been disqualified for verbally abusing a referee who did not let the Italian run a lap of honor after qualifying Tuesday.

Tilli apologised and was reinstated. The jury also ruled that Aleksandr Bagach of Ukraine can keep his shot put gold medal.

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back as 1989. Bagach's winning distance Tuesday was 21.17 metres.

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Capriati gets US Open wild card

WHITE PLAINS, New York, Aug 19: Jennifer Capriati and Patrick McEnroe were among 16 players who received wild card entries Tuesday into the 1998 US Open, reports AP.

Capriati, who has battled off-the-court problems since leaving the WTA Tour in late 1993, has lost in the first round at the US Open the past two years. She has been knocked out in the first round six times in 10 Corel WTA Tour events this season and is ranked 110th in the world.

McEnroe has played only one tournament this year, losing in the second round at the American Red Clay Tennis Championships in May. McEnroe, who is ranked 653rd in the world, reached the quarterfinals of the US Open in 1995.

Other women receiving wild card entries were NCAA singles champion Vanessa Webb of Duke, Laura Granville, Kristina Brandl, Samantha Reeves, Lilia Osterloh, Alexandra Stevenson and Brie Rippner.

Other men receiving entries were NCAA singles champion Bob Bryan of Stanford, Richey Reneberg, Alex O'Brien, Andrew Park, Paul Goldstein, Taylor Dent and Geoff Grant.

Pouget pays the price

PARIS, Aug 19: French striker Cyrille Pouget on Tuesday was banned from soccer for six months after testing positive for an anabolic steroid, reports AP.

The French Football Federation found that the 25-year-old Le Havre striker had taken the steroid nandrolone. Traces of the drug were found in a urine sample given by Pouget after a match against Bordeaux last September.

Nandrolone is an anabolic steroid that helps muscle development and reduces fatigue, Jacques Liendar, president of the French Football Federation's anti-doping commission, said.

The Daily Star TV Guide

Thursday 20th August (All programmes are in local time but subject to last minute change)
BTB 3:00 Opening announcement, Holy Qur'an, Programme summary 3:10 Recitation from the Geeta 3:15 Patriotic song 3:20 Ujjal Uchhal 3:30 Cartoon film 4:00 Khabar 4:05 TV Coaching 4:45 Open University 5:25 Religion & Life 6:00 School Debate Competition 6:30 Khabar 6:40 Programme of Chittagong Centre 7:10 Health programme 7:25 Shandhya Maali 8:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Shabar Priya 9:00 Abhimat 10:00 News at Ten 10:30 Mini Series: A Son of the Good Earth 11:30 Khabar/The News 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary 11:45 Close Down
BBC 8:00am BBC News Followed by Weather 8:30 Asia Today 8:45 World Business Report 9:00 BBC News Followed by Weather 9:30 Asia Today 9:40 World Business Report 10:00 BBC News Followed by Weather 10:30 World Focus: Decisive Weapons 6/10 - Aircraft Carrier - Wings Over the Ocean 6:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 4:30 World Living: The Travel Show 5:00 The World Today 6:30 Wild World: The Living Planet 6:24 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report Followed by Weather 7:30 The World Today 4:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 4:30 World Business Report 4:45 Asia Today Followed by Weather 5:05 USA Direct 5:30 World Focus: Decisive Weapons - Aircraft Carrier - Wings Over the Ocean 6:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 6:30 World Living: The Skeleton Coast 7:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 7:30 Asia Today 7:40 World Business Report
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