

Hungary abide by rules

BUDAPEST, Sept 1 (Reuters/Internet): Hungary has banned defender Vilmos Sebok from Sunday's European championship...

Sebok received a red card playing in a first division match for his club Ujpest.

Hungarian Football Federation (MLSZ) rules bar players from representing their country while suspended from domestic competition...

It is in the rulebook and we are keeping to those rules, MLSZ president Attila Kovacs told the daily Magyar Hirlap.

Sebok, a talented sweeper who has attracted the interest of a number of top western clubs, was sent off for dissent after the end of Ujpest's game with Zalaegerszeg on Saturday.

It was the latest in a series of disciplinary problems for the defender who has been capped 16 times for Hungary.

Earlier this season he was sent off in a European Cup qualifier after he celebrated a last-minute winner by taking off his shirt.

He also came in for strong criticism after his shorts came off during a goal celebration in another game.

Sebok has had serious problems of late, Kovacs said. He has shown his backside, behaved in an hysterical fashion and he cannot control his nerves...

Hungary coach Bertalan Bicskei told the Hungarian press that he had accepted the MLSZ decision.

Gyor ETO defender Pal Lakos is likely to replace Sebok in the starting line-up for Sunday's group seven game.

War means word for word

NEW YORK, Sept 1 (AP/Internet): Don't invite Goran Ivanisevic and Mark Woodforde to the same party...

After absorbing 23 aces and 49 winners from Ivanisevic in a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 loss at the US Open on Monday, Woodforde sounded less than impressed.

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In a situation like that, you try to walk back and forth and get him to think, he said.

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The big serve took him to the fifth set before he lost the Wimbledon championship to Pete Sampras in the last Slam tournament.

Still, that type of tennis troubles traditionalists who prefer longer serve and volley points.

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"Pretty old. Can't move. With that backhand, you can't beat anybody," he said.

Ivanisevic said if he ever had a son, he would show the youngster Woodforde's picture and offer some advice -- "You can't play tennis like him."

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US OPEN AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK, Sept 1 (AP): Highlights of Monday's play in the 14 million dollars US Open tennis championships:

Weather: Partly cloudy and warm with a high temperature of 81.

Attendance: Day session: 23,384. Night session: 19,021. Total: 42,405.

Results: Men's singles, first round: No. 1 Pete Sampras, No. 8 Andre Agassi, No. 9 Karol Kucera and No. 14 Goran Ivanisevic won.

Women's singles, first round: No. 1 Martina Hingis, No. 6 Monica Seles, No. 9 Irina Spirelea, No. 11 Patty Schnyder, No. 14 Dominique Van Roost and No. 16 Ai Sugiyama all advanced.

State of the Day: Serena Williams served nine double faults to two for her opponent, Nicole Pratt, and committed 68 unforced errors to 23 yet still managed to edge Pratt, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Quote of the Day: "I am not trying to take anything away from Emerson and what he did, but the competition is probably tougher today than it was 30 years ago," he said.

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Seeds start smoothly

NEW YORK, Sept 1 (AP/AF): White for day, black for night. And on that fashion note, Pete Sampras and another pair of former champions got the US Open started on a run that could end in Grand Slam history.

Sampras, dressed all in white, but no country-club gentleman, starred on a sun-drenched Monday afternoon on the Stadium Court.

Showing a little more of his top-ranked game with each changeover, Sampras swag-

ged into the second round, tossing aside the big serves of Marc Goellner for a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory.

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the last match of opening day, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4.

The afternoon crowd didn't see the best Sampras, the one who took Wimbledon for the fifth time and is trying to add a fifth US title -- and record-tying 12th Grand Slam singles crown.

It didn't have to be Goellner, a 27-year-old German, last won a match more than two months ago.

Thomas Muster, three times an Open quarterfinalist, sent 15th-seeded Spaniard Alberto

Berasetegui over the edge by outting the 1994 French Open runner-up 7-6, 6-2, 6-3 in the day's first match at Louis Armstrong Stadium court.

The Austrian improved to 4-1 lifetime against the Spaniard as he avenged a defeat in the final of this year's clay event in Estoril.

Wimbledon runner-up Goran Ivanisevic, who fell to Sampras in the final at the All-England Club, avoided his usual US Open first-round jinx by ripping his way past Australian

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Boxer arrested

LAS VEGAS, Sept 1: Former heavyweight champion Michael Dokes was arrested Monday after police said he viciously beat his fiancée, then held her against her will before sexually assaulting her, reports AP.

Dokes, who has a history of drug problems and run-ins with police, was booked on several felony charges after the victim went to a local hospital for treatment of her injuries.

Police said the woman was viciously beaten in the face, and was treated for multiple facial fractures.

Monahan said the woman, whose name was not released because of the nature of the crime, was beaten after an argument with Dokes in the home the two shared in a middle class Las Vegas neighbourhood.

The victim told police she was beaten, and then held against her will for several hours. Prior to being released, she said she was sexually assaulted.

She was released from the hospital after being treated for her injuries.

Dokes was booked into the Clark County Detention Center on charges of sexual assault, attempted murder and false imprisonment.

Dokes won the heavyweight title at the age of 24 in December 1982, when referee Joey Curtis made a controversial decision to stop his fight with champion Mike Weaver with Weaver taking a beating in the first round.

An admitted problem with cocaine helped him lose the WBA title only nine months later to Gerrie Coetzee, however, and Dokes never held the heavyweight crown again.

Once regarded by many as one of the most promising young fighters in the game, Dokes succumbed to a cocaine habit that cut the promise short.

Having fought back from cocaine addiction to resume his career in 1987 after a layoff of 33 months, Dokes suffered a relapse in 1991.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader inaugurating the saline and 'rooti' project of the sports relief committee at the National Sports Council yesterday.

Reader's opinion Greenidge is peerless

Sharmin Sultan Joya

Sir, I was extremely shocked to learn from the Star Sport that some of our eloquent BCB officials have declared Greenidge as a 'rookie' coach for the Bangladesh team.

Every now and then our clever BCB officials try to prove that their steps were good but the coach was not perfect in his job.

Our cricket officials tend to take credit when our players earn fame from different tournaments and when the players fail to achieve any success they (the BCB officials) start to criticise the coach for his coaching

system. They have presented Greenidge as a national villain. I am astonished that BCB officials dared to declare him a rookie coach. I just want to ask them, do they have the credibility to criticise such a famous cricketer? Surely they don't.

After a long period we have got an efficient cricket coach who was a great player in his time.

We became champions in the ICC tourney and got the opportunity to participate in the World Cup for the first time. No other coach could do it before.

Greenidge's strong personality and judicious guidance helped to develop the ability of our players. Gradually we are im-

proving by his modern techniques. Our main fault is we want a quick success and don't want to give enough time for grooming.

Our media easily can make a person hero and also a villain. By blaming such a competent and skilled coach our BCB officials are digging the grave of our cricket. We want a permanent coach, and Greenidge is the best man. If Greenidge leaves this country with a broken heart, we can't forgive our cricket officials.

ANEMIC GIMELSTOB DEFAULTS AFTER CRAMPS

Two weeks after being diagnosed as anemic, fatigued American Justin Gimelstob was forced to drop out of the US Open with severe cramping.

"It was definitely the worst I have felt," Gimelstob said. "My muscles just started locking up everywhere. It came on so quickly."

"My muscles have been giving out and I haven't been able to fight it. I have to figure out what is going on with my body. That's the most important thing. I think this is just a temporary setback."

Zimbabwe's Wayne Black advanced 3-6, 7-5, 2-3, when Gimelstob retired. Black next faces former world number one Thomas Muster of Austria.

Three other men's matches in the heat of the day ended prematurely, with retirements by Australia's Andrew Ilie, Italy's Andrea Gaudenzi and Germany's Alex Radulescu.

Radulescu's pullout gave American Taylor Dent a 4-6, 7-5, 2-1 victory. Dent is the son of Australian Phil Dent, a men's star from a generation ago.

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deserve that anymore. I just want to play my tennis."

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Lucic finds refuge on court

NEW YORK, Sept 1 (AP/Internet): With each shot, each serve, each return, 16-year-old Mirjana Lucic

pushed her off-court troubles further away Monday night in a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Kristie Boogert at the US Open.

The tennis was the easy part. Reliving the abuse, physical and mental, that she had fled, was much more difficult.

"There were a lot of things going on all these years," Lucic said. "I try to forget everything that has been going on and focus on my tennis."

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Wednesday 2nd September

(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement, Al Qur'an, Programme Summary 3:10 Recitation from the Geela 3:15 Patriotic song 3:20 Documentary Programme 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Cartoon Film: Back to the Future 4:20 Open University 5:25 Documentary Programme 6:00 Geelbitan 6:30 Khabar 6:40 Programme of Chittagong 7:00 Krishni Tatta 7:25 Death of Annversary of Ayat Ali Khan and Alaaddin Khan 8:00 News in Bangla 8:45 Package Drama 9:25 Film Show: The Mysterious Island 10:00 News in English 10:30 Documentary Report 11:30 Khabar/The News 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary 11:45 Close Down

ATN BANGLA

7:00am Sur Sobi 8:00 Sat Number Bari 8:30 Dhun Dharrakka 9:00 Dhau -- EJP 9:30 Bangla Film Show -- Surjo Soggram, Farug & Bobita 12:30 Sapthathi Kemon Jabe 1:00 Indian 9:00 Gramme 7:00pm Sobh 8:00 Khabar 9:00 Shushu Thakun EP-5 9:30 Bangla Film Show: Nishana, Sabana & Bulbul Ahmed 12:30 Motamot-EP-4 1:00 am Closed Down

BBC

8:00 BBC News Followed by Weather 8:30 Asia Today 8:40 World Business Report 9:00 BBC News Followed by Weather 9:30 Asia Today 9:45 World Business

Report 10:00 BBC News Followed by Weather 10:30 World Focus: Reporters 11:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 11:30 World Living: The Travel Show 12:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 12:30 World Living: 1:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 1:30 World Living: Earth Report -- Central America, Mexico & Belize 2:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 2:30 World Focus: Reporters 3:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 3:30 World Living: The Air Show 5:00 The World Today 6:30 Wild World: African's Big Game 3/6 -- Where Elephants Call Home - Pt 1 7:00pm BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report Followed by Weather 7:30 The World Today 8:30 World Living: The Skeels Coast 9:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 9:30 World Living: The News 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary 11:45 Close Down

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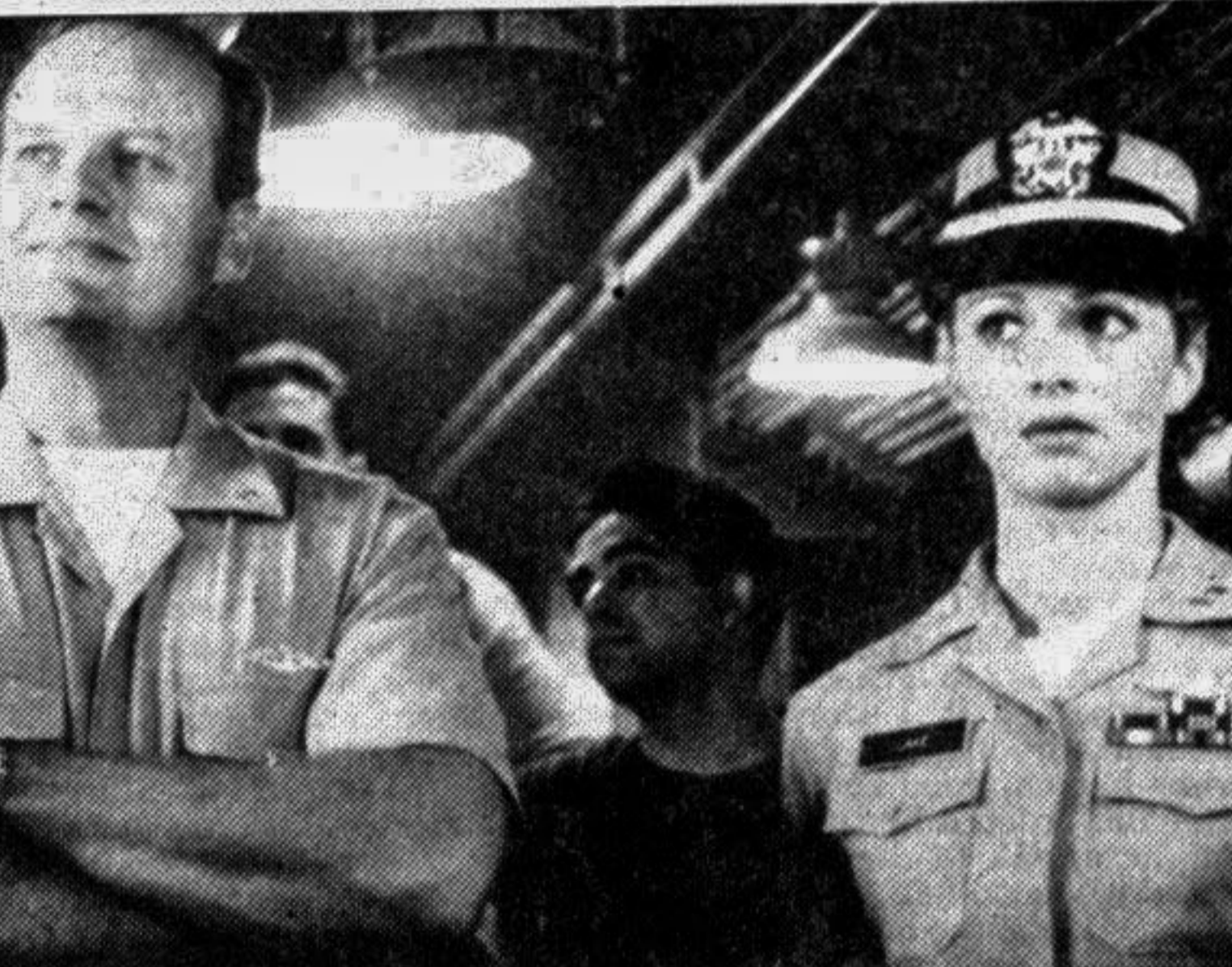
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STAR PLUS

6:30am Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:15 The Trial Show Series: The X-Files 11:30 A Mouthful of Sky 12:00 The Bold & the Beautiful 12:30 Star News 1:00 Newheart 1:30 Series: L.A. Law 2:30 Due South 3:30 Charles Angels 4:30 Santa Barbara 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 6:00 Mind Your Language 12:30 Heartbeat 1:30 Santa Barbara 2:30 The Bold & the Beautiful 3:00 Menz 3:30 Swabhimaan 4:00 Menz Awaz 5:30 Wild Encounters 5:00 The Wonder Years 5:30 Small Wonder 6:00 LG is Duniya Ke Sitare 6:30 Kabhi Kabhi 7:00 Reporter 7:25 The Trial Show 7:30 Star News

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Comedy: The Rocky Horror Show 15 9:00 Film Club: Young Mr Lincoln 12 11:00 Classic: My Darling Clementine 10 1:00 Comedy: Pirates 15 3:00 Action: Lock Up 15 5:00 Action: Surviving The Game 6:45 Fam-



Lauren Holly Double Bill: Down Periscope at 10 pm and Dumb and Dumber at 12 midnight tonight on Star Movies

CHANNEL 5

Hebat VJ Joey 3:30 A-Z of Rock 4:00 Billboard US Countdown

(Hindi) 8:00 This Week That Year 8:30 Fauji 9:00 Yeh Hai Raaz 9:30 Star News 10:00 Dawn 10:30 Series: The X-Files 11:30 A Mouthful of Sky 12:00 The Bold & the Beautiful 12:30 Star News 1:00 Newheart 1:30 Series: L.A. Law 2:30 Due South 3:30 Charles Angels 4:30 Santa Barbara 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 6:00 Mind Your Language 12:30 Heartbeat 1:30 Santa Barbara 2:30 The Bold & the Beautiful 3:00 Menz 3:30 Swabhimaan 4:00 Menz Awaz 5:30 Wild Encounters 5:00 The Wonder Years 5:30 Small Wonder 6:00 LG is Duniya Ke Sitare 6:30 Kabhi Kabhi 7:00 Reporter 7:25 The Trial Show 7:30 Star News

PTV

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ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 Zee News-Hindi 8:00 Zed it 9:30 Zee News-Hindi 9:00 Ghotma Aaina

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B & W Gems 8:30 All Time Hits (Hit Songs Show) 9:00 Old Tavern - Silzars 9:30 Aalaap 10:00 All Time Hits 10:30 Bagpiper-Jarokha 11:00 Raagaon Se Film (Trailer Show) 12:00 Cocacola Show 3:00 Zee News-Hindi 3:30 Best of India 4:00 Hindi Feature Film (BW)

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10:30 Janmadin (Birth Day Greetings) 10:35 Daily Sope -- Oga Priyatama 11:00 Daily Sope -- Rajeshwari 11:15 Adhunik Gaan 11:30 Parliament Hour 12:30 TBA 1:00 Daily Sope -- Simarekha 1:30 Daily Sope -- Asha 2:00 Kuasha Zakhan 2:30 Daily Sope -- Oga Priyatama 3:00 Serial: Maha