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Moya, Venus sent tumbling

PARIS, May 31: Andre Agassi played one of the great matches of his stellar career to beat defending champion Carlos Moya in four sets Sunday and advance to the quarterfinals of the French Open men's singles, reports AFP.

The flamboyant American, fired up to win the only Grand Slam title that has eluded him, beat fourth-seeded Spaniard Moya 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, 6-1.

Agassi, a two-time beaten finalist here, trailed 6-4, 4-1 before his forehead caught fire and he turned the match around.

Agassi, without a Grand Slam title for over four years and the only American left in the men's draw, matched Moya shot for shot in a compelling Centre Court battle and eventually broke his opponent's will as Moya made increasingly numerous errors.

Moya maintained his unfortunate record of never having retained a singles title while 13th-seeded Agassi -- who broke Moya's serve six times -- moved to within three victories of becoming the first American to take the title here since Jim Courier in 1991-92.

Agassi's win over a man he described as "a huge, huge obstacle" took him 2hr 30min and he sealed it with a typically audacious lob. He left the court to a rousing ovation.

He now faces Uruguay's Marcelo Filippini, who ended the surprise run of 12th-seeded British serve-and-volleyer Greg Rusedski 7-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Filippini is a qualifier ranked 140, but he is very much at home on the clay -- despite four straight first-round losses here before this year.

Agassi's win over Moya was only one of two huge surprises.

Barbara Schwartz, an Austrian qualifier ranked 125th in the world, earlier sent fifth-seeded American Venus Williams tumbling out of the women's singles.

Schwartz saved three match points in the second set before winning their fourth-round match 2-6, 7-6, 6-3 in 2hr 14min.

The tall Austrian now plays top seed Martina Hingis of Switzerland, who beat Ruxandra Dragomir of Romania 6-3, 7-6.

Five-time champion Steffi Graf of Germany beat Russian Anna Kournikova 6-3, 7-5, 6-0 and now plays American second seed Lindsay Davenport.

Third-seed Monica Seles and Spaniards Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Conchita Martinez also sealed places in the last eight.

Agassi and Filippini were joined in the final eight of the men's event by ninth-seeded Marcelo Rios of Chile and unseeded Slovak Dominik Hrbaty.

Hrbaty, the man who knocked world number one Yevgeny Kafelnikov out of the tournament, beat Marat Safin of Russia 6-4, 3-6, 7-6, 6-3.

Rios, winner of recent tournaments in Hamburg and St. Polten, looks as a major threat to win the first Grand Slam title of his career.

He recovered from two sets down to beat Spaniard Alberto Berasategui 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Hingis said she had struggled against her close friend Dragomir.

"It was tough. It was very hot out there," she said. "But I'm enjoying it more and more on the clay."

Davenport, the US Open champion, beat erratic compatriot Jennifer Capriati 6-2, 6-3 but will expect tougher resistance from veteran Graf.

The German had to save three set points late in the second set but was like an old prizefighter as she largely kept 17-year-old Kournikova on the back foot, cleverly picking her

punches.

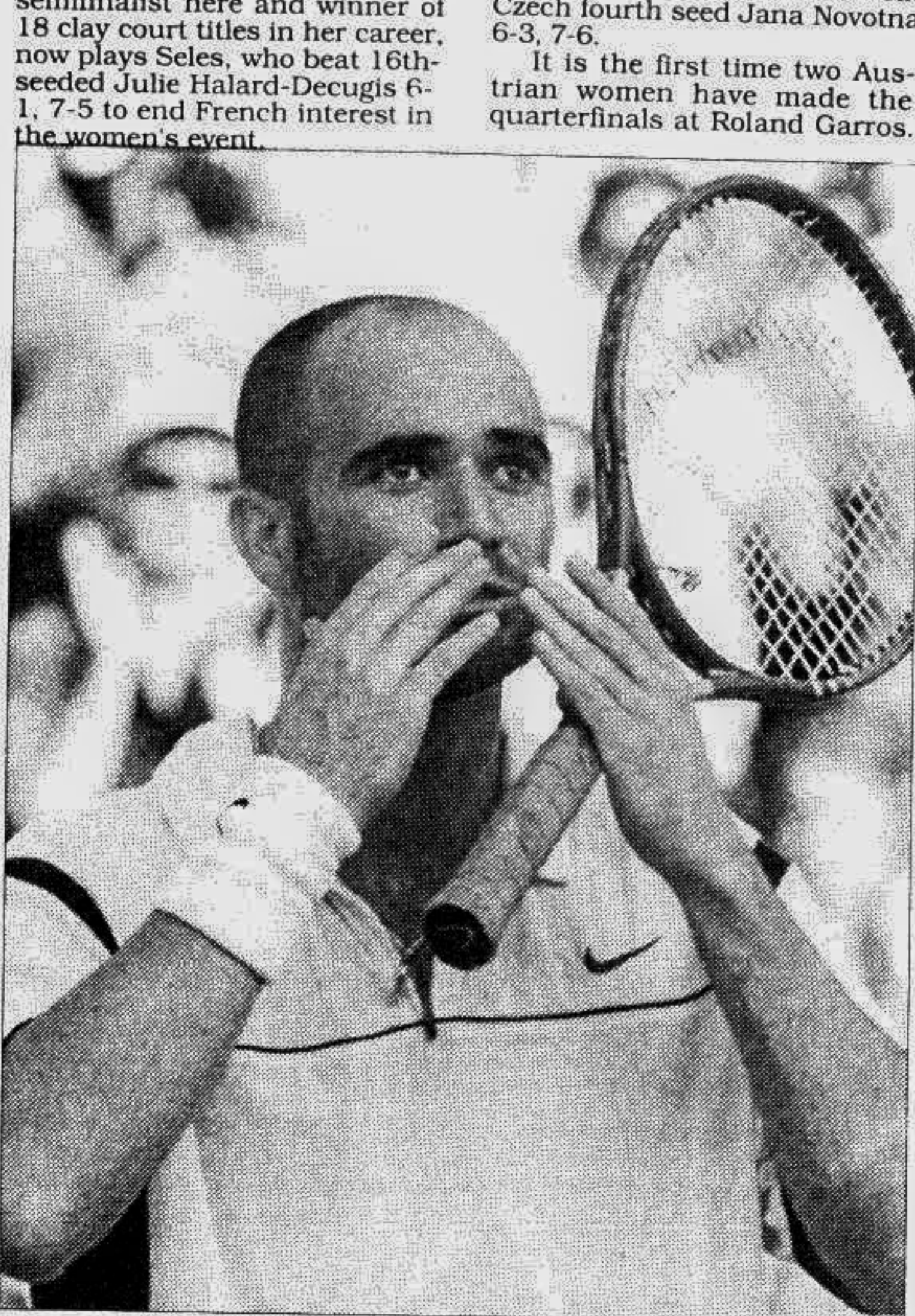
Former Wimbledon champion Martinez -- unseeded at a Grand Slam for the first time in a decade -- sealed her spot in the last eight with a straightforward 6-2, 6-1 win over her compatriot Gala Leon-Garcia.

Martinez, a three-time semifinalist here and winner of 18 clay court titles in her career, now plays Seles, who beat 16th-seeded Julie Halard-Decugis 6-1, 7-5 to end French interest in the women's event.

Sanchez-Vicario, seeking her fourth French title, advanced to the last eight when her fourth-round opponent Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States withdrew citing a groin injury.

She now plays unseeded Austrian Sylvia Plischke, who beat Czech fourth seed Jana Novotna 6-3, 7-6.

It is the first time two Austrian women have made the quarterfinals at Roland Garros.



American Andre Agassi blows a kiss to the crowd after his fourth-round victory over Carlos Moya of Spain at the French Open on May 30. Agassi won 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, 6-1.

— AFP photo

FRENCH OPEN FRIES

PARIS, May 31 (AFP): French Open diary for Monday: Chilean star Marcelo Rios has called for French Open matches to be reduced to the best-of-three sets instead of the current best-of-five.

Rios -- who beat Spain's Alberto Berasategui in a five-set fourth-round match on Sunday -- believes playing a five-set match can be an unfair disadvantage to players whose matches are scheduled late in the day.

"It should be best of three," ninth-seeded Rios said. "If you win 15-13 in the fifth and then have to play the next day you are dead."

NOTHING LEFT TO PEN

Stung by their surprisingly early exits from the women's singles, teen queens Venus and Serena Williams can't even take much consolation from their other job -- editing their own tennis magazine.

The early loss of their hero Pete Sampras was the end of one story, and the sisters aren't too sold on the idea of writing about their own demise.

"We aren't going to write about that. We're just going to forget it and move on," admitted Venus after her stunning fourth-round loss to Austrian qualifier Barbara Schwartz.

TENNIS COMES FIRST

Marcelo Filippini of Uruguay found his tennis interfering with his social life at the weekend.

Filippini, a keen rugby fan, had planned to watch the French championship final between Toulouse and Montpellier at the Stade de France -- but changed his mind when he qualified for the fourth round.

The South American decided practice and sleep were more important.

And the decision proved spot on as he ousted Greg Rusedski of Britain to seal a spot in the last eight.

PERFECT DAYS

The French Open has enjoyed almost perfect weather throughout the first week.

Not one hour of play had been lost to rain until a huge storm descended on Roland Garros on Sunday morning.

After a quick mopping up operation, play began just one hour behind schedule.

CAPRIATI KEEN ON GRASS

Jennifer Capriati, whose comeback continued with a fourth-round appearance at the French Open, feels she is regaining her enthusiasm for tennis.

The former American teen star, whose career has been blighted by personal problems and involvement with drugs, is clearly keen to playing at Wimbledon next month.

"Grass is one of my favourite surfaces and I play well on grass," she said. "I'm really looking forward to going there."

Capriati will be taking the long route from France to England. She plans a few days of rest and recreation at home in Florida before beginning her Wimbledon preparations.

Fed Cup first semi today

Holders Abahani will take on Badda Jagarani Sangsad in the first leg semifinal of the 15th Federation Cup football tournament today, reports APB.

The match will start at 6 pm at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Abahani emerged Group A champions, defeating Mohammedan SC, Farashganj and drawing with Rahmatganj.

Badda became Group B runners-up winning against Brothers and Arambagh to enter the last four.

The return legs will be held on June 3.

Sombre Hodgson leaves Inter

MILAN, May 31: Roy Hodgson is leaving Inter Milan a sad man after failing to earn the team a place in next season's UEFA Cup, reports AFP.

Club president Massimo Moratti recruited Hodgson as Inter's fourth coach of a bitterly disappointing season, with just four league games and a two-leg play-off with Bologna remaining.

But Hodgson, who took Inter to the 1997 UEFA Cup final, got mixed results in the Serie A, winning two and losing two.

And on Sunday night, his team lost 2-1 in Bologna, just as they had in Thursday night's first leg here.

"I am very sad," he said. "The work over the past five weeks has given me a lot of satisfaction, but unfortunately the results haven't. And for a coach, it's always hard to accept when good work doesn't lead to success."

He went on: "The players all reacted well to my arrival. But the bad luck that's been dogging Inter all season has continued during my short stay. I hope their luck turns next season, because Inter deserve it."

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Old guards still on top

PARIS, May 31 (AFP): For over a decade, three players have dominated the women's singles at the French Open.

Steffi Graf, who has been winning matches here since the age of 13, has won five times on the slow red clay of Roland Garros, while Monica Seles and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario have won three times apiece.

Since 1986, the trio has won all but one title here -- and the run was broken by a player who is absent this year: Croatian Iva Majoli.

As surely as a Parisian spring turns to summer, Graf, Seles and Sanchez-Vicario have again made it through to the quarterfinals -- which will be played on Tuesday.

And they are not ready to relinquish their grip just yet.

Despite all the talk of how women's tennis is tougher than ever, not one of them has yet dropped a set.

But for Graf and Seles, particularly, things are about to get a whole lot tougher.

Graf, seeded only sixth here after being plagued by injuries, faces second-seeded American Lindsay Davenport -- the US Open champion.

The 29-year-old German showed she is still a force to be reckoned with by beating Russian golden girl Anna Kournikova in the fourth round, but will need to be on her

toes against a younger rival who can match her for power.

Davenport, who has had tough matches against lower-ranked opponents here, is looking for improvement in her game against Graf, whom she has beaten in two of their last three meetings.

"I just have to be at a higher level if I want to stay in the tournament," said the American.

Seles, the third seed, meets Conchita Martinez of Spain, who has 18 clay court titles to her credit and would love to win here after making it to the quarters here nine times without ever making the final.

Seles would appear to have little to fear from Martinez, whom she has beaten in 15 of their 16 career meetings, but remains cautious.

Spanish opponents are always dangerous here because they understand how to play on clay," she said. "They're very tough opponents."

Sanchez-Vicario, seeded seventh, and top seed Martina Hingis of Switzerland both play unseeded but upset-minded Austrians in their quarterfinals.

Hingis faces 125th-ranked qualifier Barbara Schwartz -- who shocked fifth-seeded Venus Williams on Sunday -- while defending champion Sanchez-Vicario plays Sylvia Plischke, who ousted fourth-seeded Jana Novotna.

Hingis, who at 18 is the only teen survivor, will do well not to underestimate Schwartz as

Williams did.

The elegant but powerful 20-year-old has now won seven straight matches here after gliding through qualifying without dropping a set and then beating two seeds in Dominique Van Roost and Williams.

Van Roost believes Schwartz has the power to trouble any of the top women.

"She's even more powerful than Amelie Mauresmo," said the Belgian.

Former French star Francoise Durr says Schwartz has both grace and power