

EURO 2000 GOAL SCORERS

BRUSSELS, June 13 (AFP): Euro 2000 finals scorers after Monday's Group A matches:

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Only the best for Iraq!

BAGHDAD, June 13: Iraq's President Saddam Hussein has given instructions to hire the "best foreign coach" for the national team, without specifying what nationality would be acceptable, newspapers reported today, says AFP.

Saddam's eldest son Uday, president of the Iraqi Olympic Committee, said the decision was taken to "serve the sport and Iraqi sportsmen."

Iraq's team, which finished third after Iran and Syria in the King Hussein tournament in Amman in May, is currently coached by the Iraqi Adnan Hamad.

The proposed recruitment of a foreign coach has been at the centre of debate in Iraqi newspapers over recent months.

Kallis joins

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Symcox was not willing to divulge the name, he did not believe it was his place to do so.

"Also you hear of all these threats and death threats, so maybe it's not a good idea," he said to laughter in a room again packed with journalists and members of the public.

He was referring to a statement by UCBSA managing director Ali Bacher on Monday that both he and Cronje had been threatened.

Richardson also testified about the offer made to the South African team by Cronje in Mumbai before a one-day international in December 1996.

He said Cronje had first mentioned the offer to senior players during a meeting.

This was followed by a full team meeting at which Andrew Hudson, who has since retired from international cricket, led opposition to accepting the offer.

Then he stayed on in Cronje's room and there was further discussion between some senior players. He could not remember Cronje negotiating a higher offer on the telephone as testified by Symcox.

Richardson said he believed the team were vulnerable at the time because of dissatisfaction with the timing of the game, at the end of a demanding tour, and the fact that it had been upgraded to an official one-day international.

In any other circumstances such an offer would not have been entertained. It was the one and only occasion in more than eight years of international cricket where such an offer was discussed in a team environment," said Richardson.

Richardson said he recommended the appointment of people in team managerial positions who had the trust of the players and their "fear to the ground".

He admitted there was an "us and them" situation in India in 1996 when manager Robbie Muzell, a UCBSA board member, was not informed of the meeting about a bribery offer.

Richardson said too many meaningless international games were played which were open to abuse.

Kallis told the hearing that he was "absolutely shattered, totally shocked" when he first heard that Cronje had admitted receiving money from a bookmaker for providing match information.

"I thought he was the last person in the world who would do such a thing," he said.

Kallis also spoke about the fifth Test against England at Centurion Park in January which had been the subject of a deal between Cronje and England captain Nasser Hussain after three days had been lost because of rain.

Kallis said he was strongly opposed to the idea of contriving a result and said his view was shared by most of the team.

However, he said in the end the match had turned out to be one of the most exciting in which he had ever played.

India in a

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fearing a backlash from the CBI, were dumbfounded at Bacher's match-fixing claims.

"The match took place at the height of the Kargil border clashes between India and Pakistan," a former Test star said. "Only a cricketer with very low morals would have gone against his own country in those days."

"It's a relief India won that game because you can only be bribed for losing, not winning," he said.

Pakistan, chasing India's modest 227-6 from 50 overs, were shot out for 180 in the 46th over.

Indian seamer Venkatesh Prasad finished with five for 27 and Javagal Srinath took three for 37 as Pakistan lost wickets at regular intervals.

Inzamam-ul-Haq, who was in cracking form during the tournament, top-scored for Pakistan with 41 off 93 balls. Saeed Anwar made 36 off 44 balls, while Moin Khan hit 34 off 37.

Andersson's call for the '94 spirit



OISTERWIJK, Netherlands, June 13: Sweden's main target man Kennet Andersson said here on Monday his side should not be discounted after losing to Belgium and that his teammates should draw on the experience of the 1994 World Cup, reports AFP.

Sweden lost 2-1 to Belgium in Brussels in the opening fixture of this June 10 to July 2 event but Andersson was far from downhearted, talking to AFP at their training base in Oisterwijk to the north of Eindhoven.

The Bologna star, formerly of Bari, Mechelen, Lille and Caen, pointed out that in USA 1994 the Swedes also started badly. "We drew 2-2 with Cameroon and people were saying it was over but we came back and won third place," he said.

Andersson was a familiar feature in USA 94 where he made simultaneous cutting motions with facing palms every time he scored a goal in a gesture similar to that used by umpires in Australian Rules Football to signal a score.

That was quite a common occurrence, five times to be exact, as he kept finding the net in front of partying Americans.

He picked out Turkey's Hakan Sukur, who agreed to join Inter Milan Monday, as a man to watch in this tournament. "He has had a great season with Galatasaray, who won the UEFA Cup, and he could be dangerous."

Sweden's other remaining group B opponents are Italy and Andersson believes he can give



KENNET ANDERSSON

some of the other players pointers as he is a regular in Serie A.

"My other role is to try and keep some of the younger players, who haven't been in a tournament situation, motivated," explained Andersson. "A month is a long time and teams can start badly then run into form

just at the right time. That happens time after time at major tournaments so we should not be downhearted."

Andersson made his debut on February 17, 1990 against Saudi Arabia meaning he has a decade's international experience to hand on to the younger squad members.

Of the Italians Andersson said: "They always have a good team even if the people in Italy are critical and of course they are favourites for the group."

He admitted he did not know many of the Italian team very well, but added he was certain they were delighted to win the first game.

"It makes a big difference to get your first win and as they are such a big nation it looks like they will make the quarter-finals," Andersson added.

He may already be in the Pantheon of Swedish goalscorers with his 1994 exploits but the Kennet Andersson of the year 2000 is still eager to keep his country in this very open tournament.

"Many teams could win this event and it's one of the most open ones for years. I think that's because coaching techniques are getting better in the smaller countries and this can only be good for football," he said.

And a superb performance by Andersson in their final two group games can only be good for a Swedish side needing character by the bucket loads if they want to continue past the pool stage in this tournament.



DRAW SUITS 'EM FINE! Residents of the Romanian capital Bucharest celebrating their national squad's 1-1 draw against Germany in the Euro 2000 on June 12. —AFP photo

TOURNEY TREATS



UNDATED, June 13 (AP) Euro 2000 briefs on Tuesday:

HOME, SWEET HOME

Home, sweet home. Dutch players at the Euro 2000 were due back Tuesday from a day-long holiday for a little rest and recreation.

Most of the players, including striker Patrick Kluivert, Barcelona teammate Michael Reiziger and Manchester United defender Jaap Stam, recovering from a torn eyebrow, were allowed to leave the Dutch training camp Monday at noon, and were expected back in time for training Tuesday evening.

Confined together since May 29, the players scattered in every direction of the small low lands country, acknowledging they badly needed the break from football even if it were for only a short while.

"This is our third week together that we've been busy with football and training," Kluivert said. "It was good to be with my family. I needed this time off. We all needed to relax a bit."

The players were particularly agitated following their close call against the Czechs in their opening match Sunday. They barely salvaged 1-0 victory thanks to a late controversial penalty kick, resulting in a jumble of feelings for the players.

Speed said South African cricket boss Ali Bacher told him privately two weeks ago of a letter Bacher received from a South African cricket sponsor who had sat next to a Pakistani man, believed to be paceman Shoaib Akhtar, on a flight in South Africa.

The sponsor said that Akhtar had outlined to him Australian involvement and complicity in match-fixing.

Speed said he would have preferred if the allegation had not been made public, however he warned that the claim needed to be treated cautiously.

"It's hearsay on hearsay on hearsay," Speed told a press conference here.

Dr Bacher was good enough to tell me he'd received this letter from a sponsor about two weeks ago.

"It's disappointing it came out at a public inquiry, but there's nothing we can do about that," Speed said.

Speed said the climate of suspicion in world cricket meant Australia could be the subject of further such allegations.

"Don't be surprised if there are other allegations coming up from time to time about Australian cricketers, umpires or administrators," he said.

The victory over the Czechs was a relief but at the same time the players realize it was a pretty much because of luck that they won. It was a close call," Kluivert said.

"You have to make sure they are moving forward and not thinking only of their last match. They need to get their mind off things."

"It was a luxury only the Dutch and their Belgian hosts could afford, with most of the teams restricted to the two countries for the duration of the three-week event."

The Netherlands will face Denmark for their second match in the so-called Group of Death on Friday in Rotterdam.

LATEST ODDS

Portugal's odds on winning the European Championship for the first time shortened considerably from 22-1 to 10-1 with the bookmakers on Tuesday after their thrilling come from behind 3-2 win over England in Eindhoven.

Meanwhile bookmakers Williams Hill also shortened the odds on favourite and World Cup holders France to 11-4 after defending titlists Germany's poor performance in a 1-1 with Romania.

The French have taken over from the Dutch as title favourites after a confident 3-0 beating of Denmark while the Netherlands scraped a lucky 1-0 victory over the Czech Republic thanks to a late penalty.

The Dutch have slipped to 7-2 second favourite ahead of 11-2 Spain and 13-2 Italy. England's odds have lengthened from 8-1 to 12-1 after the loss in Eindhoven because Kevin Keegan's team now has to beat Germany and Romania to reach the quarter-finals.

The Germans, hopelessly out of form, have drifted in the betting to 14-1 along with co-hosts the Belgians.

The rest of the odds: 25-1 Norway, 33-1 Czech Republic and Romania, 40-1 Yugoslavia, 50-1 Sweden, 125-1 Turkey, 150-1 Denmark, 200-1 Slovenia.

CZECHS SO FRIENDLY

You couldn't wish them to be more friendly.

The entire Czech squad gathered in its improvised press centre at the local training ground, happy to speak not only to the media, but also to everyone who stops by.

Throngs of Czech supporters who attend its team's practice at the Olivier Stadium, have a feast.

On the way from the dressing room to the bus that takes them back to the hotel, not a single player passes by the crowd without a friendly chat. The towering Jan Koller happily records a video message to a fan's family, 19-year-old rising star Tomas Rosicky jokes with the crowd about his age, and even the biggest stars, such as Patrik Berger or Pavel Nedved, seem to be having a great time with their supporters.

"You can't imagine how much self-confidence these supporters give to our players," said coach Jozef Chovanec. "It's even more moving than at the World Cup in 1990."

During that World Cup in Italy, which took place shortly after the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, tens of thousands of Czech fans travelled hundreds of kilometres (miles) to support their side.

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An English newspaper accused Warne, whose wife and two children are with him in England, of leaving a series of unwanted and "disturbing" messages on the mobile phone of a young woman.

Croft recalled for first Test against WI

LONDON, June 13: There was good news for Robert Croft when England named their team here Tuesday for the first Test of five against the West Indies starting at Edgbaston on Thursday, reports AFP.

Having already released young leg-spinner Chris Schofield — allowing him to play in Lancashire's four-day match against New Zealand A — officials informed Kent all-rounder Mark Ealham and Durham fast bowler Steve Harmison they are also free to return to their counties.

It means a return to the Test arena for Glamorgan off-spinner Croft — 18 months after his last appearance — while Andrew Caddick, Darren Gough, Ed Giddins and all-rounder Andrew Flintoff will make up the seam attack.

Chairman of selectors David Graveney said: "Because the championship games are starting on Wednesday, it always leaves us in a difficult position about when we release players."

If players are not going to play in a Test match you want them to play cricket, although occasionally we hold people back in case of injury.

"But this time we are very clear about what we want to do. I don't think it's a bold move. We have nothing to hide and we have a fair idea of their side, so let's get on with the game."

TEAM

Nasser Hussain (captain), Michael Atherton, Mark Ramprakash, Graeme Hick, Alec Stewart (wicketkeeper), Nick Knight, Andrew Flintoff, Robert Croft, Andrew Caddick, Darren Gough, Ed Giddins.

Match drawn

C'paul hits another ton

LONDON, June 13: Shivnarine Chanderpaul warmed up for Thursday's first Test against England with a fluent unbeaten century as the West Indies played out a draw against Zimbabwe in the final first-class at Arundel Monday, reports AP.

West Indies settled for valuable batting practice and declared on 200 for five, leaving Zimbabwe 333 to win in 39 overs. Zimbabwe were 108 for one when the game was called off after 36 overs.

Chanderpaul, 103 not out, cracked 18 fours in his 149-ball knock and took control after the West Indies lost openers Adrian Griffith (17) and Ramnaresh Sarwan (19) in the first nine overs.

It was Chanderpaul's second century in three first-class matches following his unbeaten 161 in the tour opener against Worcestershire at New Road.

Chanderpaul added 62 in 14 overs with captain Jimmy Adams, who after scoring 21 attempted to drive left-arm spinner Dirk Viljoen and was stumped by captain Andy Flower.

Chanderpaul, having reached his 50 from 102 deliveries, needed only 45 more to score his hundred.

Zimbabwe had to make do without medium paceman Mutek Nkala (stomach muscle) and Neil Johnson (side strain) and tried seven bowlers on a slow pitch.

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Rusedski gets rolling



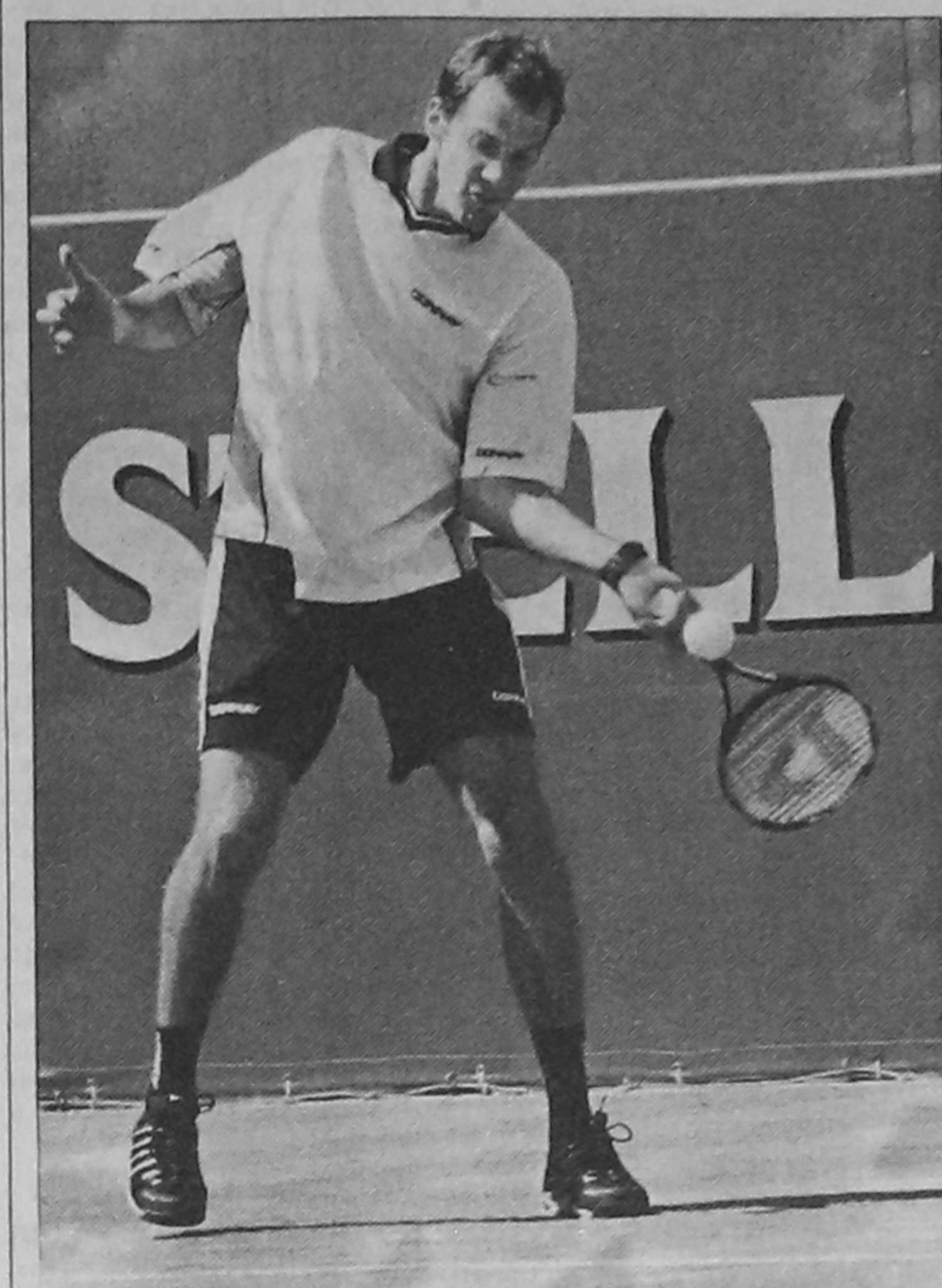
LONDON, June 13: Britain's Greg Rusedski celebrated the beginning of the grass court season with a straight sets victory over former champion Wayne Ferreira at the 800,000-dollar Queen's ATP tournament on Monday, reports AFP.

The number nine seed came from behind in the first set to win 7-5, 6-4, and was joined in the second round by Goran Ivanisevic, who claimed a rare victory at the expense of 1998 finalist Laurence Tielemans of

Italy. A break in the 11th game of each set earned the Croat a 7-5, 7-5 win.

Rusedski, who declared that he may have been a little hasty in stating after losing at the French Open that he would never again play on clay, relished being back on his favourite surface. But he struggled at first to overcome 1992 champion Ferreira. The South African led 5-3 in the opening set, before Rusedski rallied. Rusedski then took the second set and the match by breaking Ferreira at 5-4.

"I couldn't ask for more than



Britain's Greg Rusedski makes a forehand against South African Wayne Ferreira at Queen's Club in London on June 12. —AFP photo

Krajicek finds his feet



HALLE, Germany, June 13: Richard Krajicek, the former Wimbledon champion whose career has been threatened by persistent knee injuries, suggested that he may be on the way back by surviving a long hard tussle on the opening day of the grass court season here Monday, reports AFP.

The Dutchman who could yet be a contender for the world's most famous grass tournament once more, came from behind and endured a tense encounter of an hour and 52 minutes

Kuerten now No. 1

PARIS, June 13: Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten took the number one spot in the ATP Championships Race 2000 rankings here for the first time Monday from Swedish rival Magnus Norman, whom he defeated dramatically in the French Open final Sunday, reports AFP.

The 23-year-old Brazilian gained 200 points from the win giving him a total of 505 points and a 19 point advantage on previous world number one Norman, 24, who took the top spot from Andre Agassi on May 15.

Agassi continued his descent in the rankings with Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov replacing the American, who went out in the first round of Roland Garros to little-known Frenchman Anthony Dupuis, in third.

Agassi is now in fourth position.

Argentine Franco Squillari and Spaniard Juan Carlos Ferrero benefited from their semifinal placings in the French tournament, with Squillari moving up 16 places to 11th and Ferrero four places to seventh.

against American Jeff Tarango to reach the second round of the 975,000-dollar Halle Open ATP Tour event.

Krajicek's 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 win was a long way from being a classic, but it will have given him confidence in his ability to move on difficult grass and to hold serve when the pressure is on.

Three times Krajicek held set points in the first set, but after losing it 11-9 in the tie-break was always playing catch up against an opponent who tenaciously adapted to a surface which does not suit him.

One break of serve, in the opening game, was enough to decide the second set, and one more, in the penultimate game, was all that separated the two in the final set.

"I am not trying to think about Wimbledon at all at the moment," said Krajicek, understandably, since he has had only five wins in four tournaments all year prior to this.

"It takes some time to get used to the grass, which is a bit slippery. I will try to play as much as possible on grass before Wimbledon, but I just want to focus on the tournament in Halle this week first and then the tournament in den Bosch."

But though Krajicek is putting no pressure on himself to do well, Pete Sampras, who starts his attempt on a record 13th Grand Slam title at Wimbledon in two weeks time, will be observing carefully whether one of his most dangerous rivals recovers his confidence and match fitness.

Meanwhile Andrei Medvedev, who one week ago accused Wimbledon of being snobbish and over-rated, now appears to have altered his views.

The Ukrainian beat the German Davis Cup player Rainer Schuttler 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

coming out and getting a victory in two sets," said Rusedski, who in his black socks and shoes looked more like a player in the European Football Championships.

"He's one of the better grass court players in the world, and it's very nice to come out and win. Your first match on the grass is always tough, especially after the spell I had in the clay court season."

"I kept my head up and felt pretty good and knew I had a chance," he added, referring to his problems in the opening set, as he was still in the match and there was for the full haul. I knew it was going to be difficult, but I was feeling positive."

In other matches, 15th seed Marc Rosset of Switzerland retired with sinusitis against Haiti's Ronald Agenor when down 6-3, 2-0, and 16th seeded Australian Andrew Ilie fell to Andre Sa of Brazil. But there were straight set wins for 10th seeded American Todd Martin, 13th seeded Frenchman Fabrice Santoro and 14th seed Sebastian Grosjean of France. Romanian Andrei Pavel conceded the first set to Dutch qualifier Raemon Sluiter on a tiebreak, but won in three sets.

American Vince Spadea chalked up his 20th straight defeat when he was beaten 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 by fellow American Justin Gimelstob. That equals the record set by another American Gary Donnelly, in 1986-7.

With the Wimbledon seedings due to be announced early next week, Rusedski believes they should consider the grass court abilities of two players who have struggled this year.

Richard Krajicek has been injured and is ranked 32, and Goran Ivanisevic has gone through a poor spell and now languishes at 63.

"One person who if he doesn't get seeded I would be very worried about is Krajicek, because he's the only man to break Sampras in the last seven years," said Rusedski of the 1996 Wimbledon champion. "If he doesn't get a seed I'm sure a lot of players wouldn't be happy to hit him. You could make a case for Ivanisevic too. He has been a finalist three times and if you went by surface you could seed him."

The reason for that, Medvedev says, is that he had a "wonderful" talk with the All-England club chairman Tim Phillips who approached him in Paris, explaining the improvements Wimbledon has been making in its facilities.

Becker becomes Philippoussis' adviser

BERLIN, June 13: Three-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker has agreed to act as an advisor to Australian Mark Philippoussis during grass court tournaments this season, the German news agency DPA said Monday, reports AFP.

The collaboration, which begins at the Queen's tournament which gets underway in London Monday, will be on a part-time basis and will not involve any actual coaching from former world number one Becker.

Becker will divide his time between Wimbledon, which starts on June 22, and the Euro 2000 football championships in Holland and Belgium, where he hopes to see the German national squad retain their European crown.

The 32-year-old German, who retired last year, has previously refused to act as a coach even for his close friend German number two Tommy Haas, however he did coach the German side during the last Davis Cup.

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