

## GOALSCORERS

ROTTERDAM, June 25 (Reuters): Scorers at Euro 2000 after Saturday's matches:  
 4 — Sava Milosevic (Yugoslavia).  
 3 — Zlatko Zahovic (Slovenia), Sergio Conceicao (Portugal), Nuno Gomes (Portugal).  
 2 — Thierry Henry (France), Hakan Sukur (Turkey), Alan Shearer (England), Alfonso (Spain), Vladimir Smicer (Czech Republic), Frank De Boer (Netherlands), Patrick Kluivert (Netherlands), Boudewijn Zenden (Netherlands), Filippo Inzaghi (Italy), Francesco Totti (Italy).

1 — Bart Goor (Belgium), Emile Mpenza (Belgium), Johan Mjallby (Sweden), Antonio Conte (Italy), Okan Buruk (Turkey), Laurent Blanc (France), Sylvain Wiltord (France), Viorel Moldovan (Romania), Mehmet Scholl (Germany), Paul Scholes (England), Steve McManaman (England), Luis Figo (Portugal), Joao Pinto (Portugal), Steffen Iversen (Norway), Ljubinko Drulovic (Yugoslavia), Miran Pavlin (Slovenia), Stefano Fiore (Italy), Youi Djorkaeff (France), Karel Poborsky (Czech Republic), Ronald De Boer (Netherlands), Costinha (Portugal), Raul (Spain), Joseba Etxeberria (Spain), Luigi Di Biagio (Italy), Alessandro Del Piero (Italy), Henrik Larsson (Sweden), Michael Owen (England), Cristian Chivu (Romania), Dorinel Munteanu (Romania), Ioan Ganea (Romania), Dejan Govendaric (Yugoslavia), Slobodan Komljenovic (Yugoslavia), Pedro Munitis (Spain), Gaizka Mendieta (Spain), Christophe Dugarry (France), David Trezeguet (France).

## BDR judo

BDR inter-sector judo competition began at the BDR headquarters yesterday, reports UNB.

## Totti, Inzaghi

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Totti had enough time to chest the ball down before volleying it past Romania goalkeeper Bogdan Stelea from less than 10 metres.

AC Milan's Demetrio Albertini supplied the through-ball for their second goal.

Romanian defender Julian Filipescu failed to move and spring the off-side trap, allowing Inzaghi time to run through, carefully choose his spot and then drill the ball past the stranded Stelea.

Inzaghi, who converted a penalty against Turkey, hadn't scored in open play in his 15 previous matches between the Serie A and international duty.

Italy will now face either co-hosts Holland or Yugoslavia for a place in the Euro 2000 final on July 2 in Rotterdam.

Zoff's side finished well after a slow start to the match at the King Baudouin - former Heysel stadium - their first half-chance coming in the seventh minute.

A neatly worked move started with an Albertini free-kick and finished with Inzaghi steering a first-time shot wide after Fiore had squared the ball across the Romanian defence.

However, Romania quickly settled down and started to knit together their neat passing game, while Italy struggled to find any obvious openings - despite Totti's two attempts to split the Romanian defence with a through-ball.

As the match became bogged down in midfield, Italy's fans had to wait 20 minutes for their team's next chance.

Totti sent the ball forward. Inzaghi hauled it down the right and scooped the ball back for the inrushing Fiore - who skied his first-time shot.

Romania's first real threat came when Florentin Petre's piledriver took a deflection off Paolo Maldini.

Two minutes later, Italy were in front when Totti smashed the ball past Stelea.

However, Romania nearly levelled immediately.

A long upfield pass caught the Italian defence napping and Hagi got to the ball a split-second before Francesco Toldo - chipping the keeper but then watching his shot curl agonisingly away from the open goal and onto the far post.

Midfielder Dorian Munteanu cracked in a searing drive from a corner which whistled only just wide of the left-hand post.

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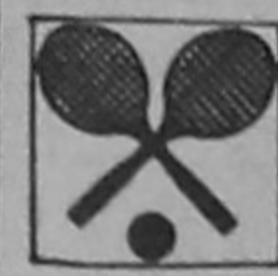
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## Wanted a Brit champion

Wimbledon begins today



LONDON, June 25: Over the next two weeks nearly half a million spectators will walk through the gates of the All England Club, many of them hoping at long last to see a home-grown champion lift a Wimbledon singles trophy, reports Reuters.

Virginia Wade was the last Briton to achieve that feat in 1977, but it is 64 years since a British man — Fred Perry — won the title.

Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski will be carrying the nation's hopes of success over the Wimbledon fortnight but the signs are not very encouraging. Both players are currently going through a lean patch and have enjoyed little success on

clubs. This allowed more ambitious countries to overtake in terms of training facilities and coaching schemes.

In the 1970s intensive training schemes produced dozens of world class players in the Eastern Bloc — from the former Soviet Union, Romania, and Czechoslovakia.

With increased media coverage, other countries followed suit and set up schemes to develop the sport, investing like the Swedes, in indoor facilities to deal with weather problems.

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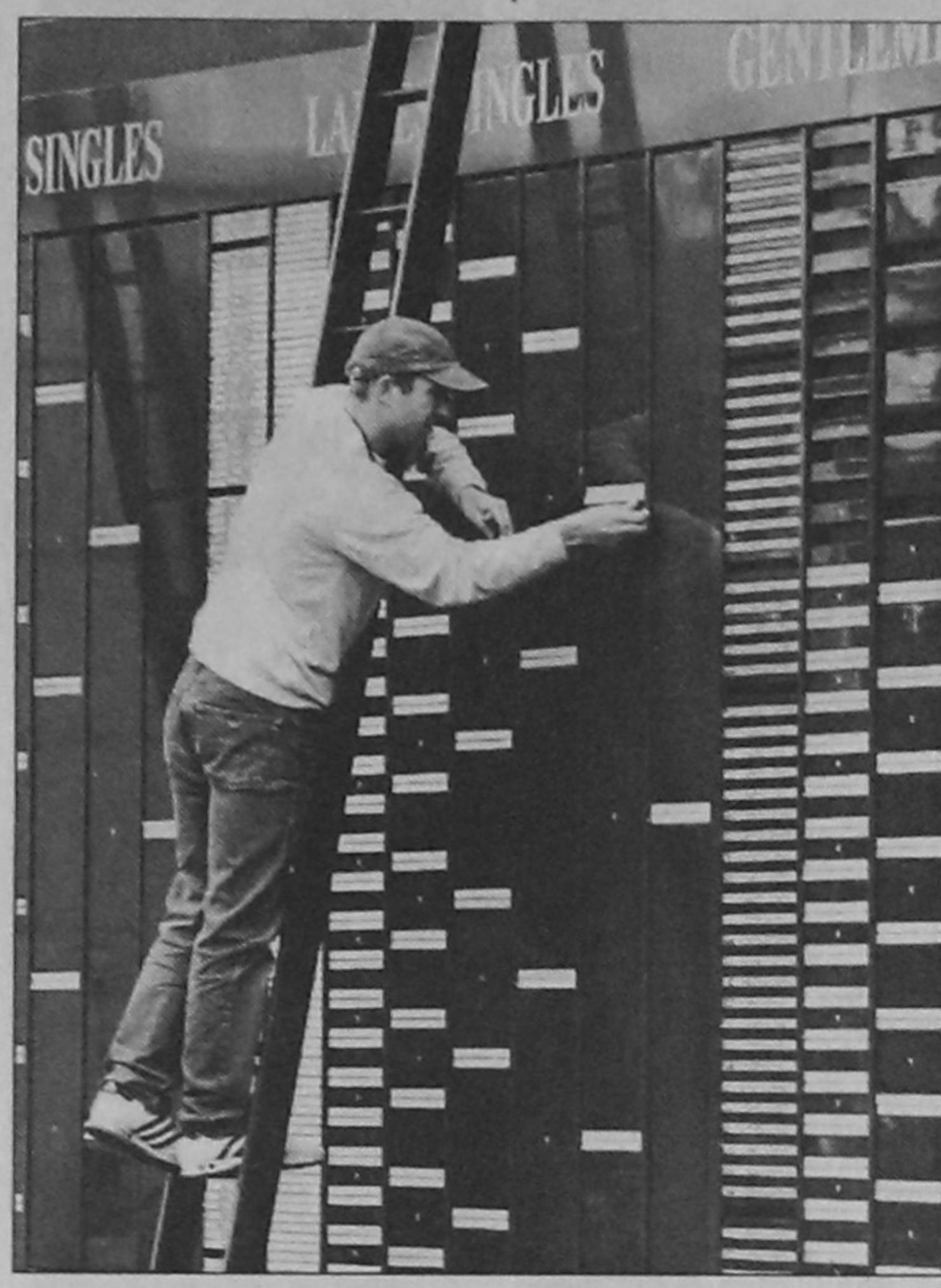
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British success at Wimbledon would boost the sport no end, but the stoical British public, many of whom queue all night to gain Wimbledon tickets, may have to be patient for children interested.

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An attendant at the All England Club on June 24, 1999, putting up the results board for the Wimbledon Championships which began today. — AFP photo

the ATP Tour this year.

There are no British women in the top 100.

Britain is not the only country to suffer from a barren period in its own Grand Slam tournament.

Mary Pierce's victory at this year's French Open finally ended a 17-year wait for a French champion, while Mark Edmondson was the last Australian to triumph in Melbourne in 1976.

But while France has revived with five women's seeds at Roland Garros this year and the emergence of Pat Rafter, Mark Philippoussis and Lleyton Hewitt has started a tennis renaissance for the Australians. Britain remains in the doldrums.

"A serious look needs to be taken at the LTA," Cash said. They haven't produced a world class player in 30 years. There was John Lloyd and before that was Fred Perry.

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## WIMBLEDON NOTEBOOK



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## BORIS BITES

Three-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker says tennis is in a big hole.

Becker, who has been critical of the game before, said the sport lacks personalities and it needs more players like Andre Agassi and Anna Kournikova.

"Tennis is in a big hole," said the German. "It's got a really big problem right now. There are not as many characters anymore. It is going through a dry spell and it's not as attractive as it was five years ago."

"We need more Anna Kournikova and Andre Agassi on the tour. Without Andre's

comeback in the last year and a half, tennis would be in an even bigger hole."

Becker puts the blame on the game's administrators. "The people responsible for it right now have to give up their power and that is very hard for them to accept. Tennis is by any means one of the most important and most popular sports in the world and it's just a pity we can't fulfil the potential that it has."

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## SUNNY ANNA

Britain's tabloid The Sun launched its annual "Kourna Corner" on Saturday, a page of photographs dedicated to Russian tennis star Anna Kournikova.

The photos on Page 3 — usually dedicated to topless models — will run as long as Kournikova stays in the tournament. Saturday's page featured four photographs, tasteful and tame by Page 3 standards.

Kournikova has yet to win any tournaments on the WTA Tour and the Sun reminded that she may be "more a pretty face than a tennis ace."

"So, if you want to see plenty

of Anna, you better keep your fingers crossed that she puts up a volley good show."

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With a quarter-hour to go, Gomes was roundly cheered by Portuguese fans when he was replaced by Ricardo Sa Pinto.

Figo might have hit a third for Portugal with less than 10 minutes left but keeper Rustu blocked the shot.

Turkey pressured hard in the final spell and had a soft penalty appeal turned down but when the dust has cleared on this defeat they ought to be delighted with their last eighth spot which has put Turkish football firmly on the map.

Dr Sheikh Abdus Salam (C), director general of the Press Institute of Bangladesh, delivering the inaugural speech at the workshop on sports reporting at the institute's seminar room yesterday.

Rosmalen Open  
Hingis'

ROSMALEN, Netherlands, June 25: Swiss top-seed Martina Hingis won the 170,000 dollar WTA event here Saturday when Romania's Roxandra Dragomir retired injured with Hingis leading 6-2, 3-0, reports AFP.

The two women had been playing for half an hour when the eighth-seeded Romanian pulled out with an injured foot.

"My big toe started to hurt during the quarterfinals. Yesterday in the semis it wasn't as bad because I didn't have to run too much against Brandi (Kristina)," said Dragomir.

David Lloyd, who was sacked as Britain's Davis Cup captain earlier this year after being critical of the LTA, says their methods are out of date.

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## Savarese no match for Tyson

GLASGOW, June 25: Mike Tyson maintains he's rusty, but he looked like a well-oiled machine for 38 seconds on a rainy night in Scotland, reports AP.

That's how long it took the former heavyweight champion to stop Lou Savarese outdoors at Hampden Park.

The crowd of about 20,000 fans at a cold, nasty Saturday night had barely stopped cheering