Africa feels badly let down



mous in condemning FIFA's decision to award the 2006 World Cup to Germany, saying the treatment was "a shame to Africa."

In its editorial titled "World Cup choice a blow for Africa.' the Aga Khan-owned best-selling Daily Nation said that with the 2002 World Cup being played in Asia for the first time, many people, including the soccer world governing body's president Sepp Blatter, believed 2006 would be Africa's year.

"But now, Europe has won the right to host the event for the 10th time. This is flagrant injustice," the paper said.

"One has only to look at the number of African players in most European football clubs to realise that Africa has come of age in soccer. Lads of African origin played the key role in France's World Cup victory in 1998 and Euro 2000 last week," the paper pointed out.

"But the battle for Africa is not lost, though. We believe the continent will have its day. Maybe the best revenge will be for an African country to win the 2006 World Cup," it concluded.

The independent localowned daily. The People, charged in its editorial that the FIFA treatment of Africa was a shame and summed up South Africa's loss of the 2006 World Cup as "a continent's loss."

"It can be summed up as a case of betrayal. Africans feel they have been let down by Europe who have taken the World Cup as their preserve. They were against the 2002 championships going to Asia, and now they have taken it again. What selfishness they have portrayed!" it said, warning that going by history, "nobody out there wants Africa to host the World Cup."

"Morocco have been denied twice in her bid for 1994, which went to the United States, and 1998 to France. Now again South Africa. And, perhaps (sorry to say) the sad story will continue," it concluded.

The East African Standard, on the other hand, described Germany's choice as "heartbreak."

"That was the most disheartening news Africa could ever have heard from the mouth of FIFA president Joseph (Sepp) Blatter at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday," the paper said.

"Deutschland, German for Germany, is the name he used, and for the third time an African country is the loser. You know our disappointment if you read us yesterday," it said. "All those years of planning.

all those dreams, all those expectations have gone down the drain, it lamented. However, it urged: "We may

have failed in Zurich. Switzerland, but now is the time to win the five places reserved for Africa in 2002, the luck of the draw in Tokyo at the end of 2001 and go on to shine." Meanwhile, reaction in the

continent's football powerhouse Nigeria was also of anger and disappointment. In capital Lagos, top Nige-

rian sports officials Friday expressed outrage at the decision to hand Germany the World Cup describing it as an attack on the

WIMBLEDON,

"Maybe there were a few

nerves," the 17-year-old Aus-

tralian said after losing to de-

fending champion Lindsay

Davenport 6-4, 6-2, "Looking

back at the match, that's proba-

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was thinking about the occa-

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Dokic said.

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tina Hingis in the first round

and reached the quarterfinals.

She struggled on the tour after

that, but believes things will be

from this tournament, and my

level of tennis has probably

risen over the last couple of

months, so hopefully I'll do

well in the coming tourna-

Montreal and New Haven next

month before going to the US

tralian great Tony Roche as her

coach, preferring to keep things

in the family. Her father Damir

is the one who will guide her

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know what I need to do, and so

does my dad. We both know my

game more than anybody.

think both of us know how

should be playing and what I

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Dokic has to carry because of

the controversy surrounding

enport said. "Whether she plays

tennis or not, it's hard to have a

parent that distracts from the

overall good of what the child is

achieving. It's tough because

I'm sure she'll have to answer

"It's totally a shame," Dav-

Davenport said she feels

"I'm not looking for any-

"I've worked with a few

Dokic intends to play in

Dokic recently fired Aus-

"I 've got a lot of confidence

Last year, Dokic beat Mar-

intimidated

July 7 (AP): It was

her first Grand

Slam semifinal.

and Jelena Dokic

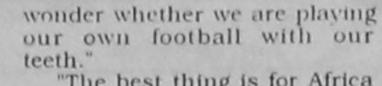
admitted she was

NAIROBI, July 7: entire African continent The secretary general of the Nigeria Football Association teeth. (NFA) Tijjani Yusuf said he was "devastated" by the surprise vote by the FIFA Executive Committee Thursday against

> "I'm completely devastated. This is a big blow to Africa. There is politics in sports and may be our administrators did not play the politics well," he

South Africa and in favour of

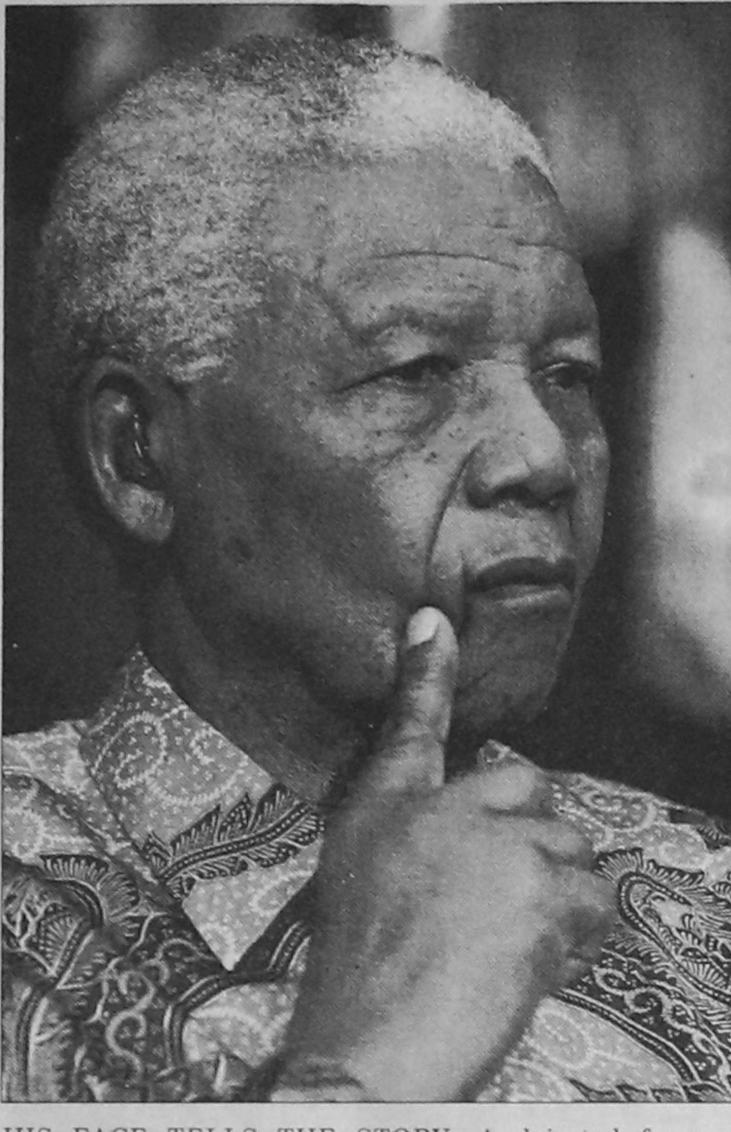
Africa was a vote by the world's in 2002, the right thing would rich against the world's poor, have been for Africa to get the and showed that while African players travel the world, the world is not prepared to give a chance to football on the conti-



"The best thing is for Africa to boycott the World Cup," local sports marketer Kunle Raji ad-Spokesman for the Nigeria Zvereva, reports AFP.

Olympic Committe Fabio Olanipekun said:"It's unfair, it's injustice. How can the same con tinent host the world Cup ten times when one out of five continents that form the globe hasn't hosted it once? Since The vote against South Asia is hosting for the first time nod for 2006.

The Nigerian media also expressed outrage. Daily sports paper Today Sports headlined



HIS FACE TELLS THE STORY: A dejected former South African President Nelson Mandela after hearing the announcement live on television that Germany have beaten his country in the race to host the 2006 football World Cup. - AFP photo

nent, said Yusuf.

"I know that financially we are not as buoyant as Europe but, all the same, we have contributed a lot to world football and that was why I was hoping we will be given a chance to host the world.

"I'm really disappionted" said Nigeria's former FIFA executive committee member Oyo Orok Oyo. "It is indeed very unfortunate."

Former Nigerian international Amusa Shittu roundly condemned the decision and blamed the rich European footballing powers for the vote.

"This is a conspiracy against Africa by Europe. Since 1930. only Europe and the Americas have hosted the competition. Even Asia will host the world in two years time. I'm beginning to

Better luck next time

the grounds of the All England

Club after shouting abuse and

smashing a reporter's mobile

out of the Edgbaston Priory

Club in Birmingham, England.

for drunken behaviour. He re-

sponded by sitting in the road

and stopping traffic, and was

In Melbourne earlier this

"I know it took Mary (Pierce

year, police visited him at his

hotel during the Australian

Open to recover a piece of cam-

era equipment from a TV crew.

) a long time to get out of the

shadow of her father," added

Davenport, referring to Jim

A year ago, he was thrown

its front page story 'Africa Bashed'

"Africans at home and in diaspora were stunned as the 24member FIFA executive committee awarded the hosting right for the 2006 World Cup to Germany," the paper said! The newspaper the Guardian

headlined its front page story 'Anguish, as South Africa loses World Cup bid' while Daily Champion's cover page report was titled 'FIFA shocks South | Viljoen, M. Nkala, B. Strang, G.

Africa' Nigeria hosted the FIFA World Youth Championships last year April and supported the senior games coming to South Africa in 2006 which would have marked the first occasion an African country had

Pierce, who was banned from

the WTA Tour for abusive be-

player, and it's just sad when

you get negative publicity for

something that could be really

Davenport considers that Dokic

know what's going to happen

with younger players, but she's

definitely very, very talented,"

Davenport said. "I don't think

we saw her best tennis today.

Maybe it's a bit overwhelming,

your first semifinal, but she's

has a glittering future.

When it comes to tennis,

"I've learned that you never

"Jelena is very young, a good

haviour.

hosted the event.

Venus on course for a double

LONDON, July 7: American Venus Williams is on course for a Wimbledon double after 18year-old sister Serena helped her into the women's doubles final on Friday with a 6-3, 7-6 victory over fifth seeds Anna Kournikova and Natasha

The Williams sisters showed no signs of tiredness following | toe in the women's singles final Venus' 6-2, 7-6 singles victory over Serena in Thursday's semifinal.

The number eight seeds attacked Russian Kournikova's serve throughout and broke in the eighth game of the match before taking the opening set 6-

The match looked secure when they broke Kournikova's serve early in the second set. However, backed by doubles

specialist Zvereva of Belarus.

Kournikova fought back well, deservedly breaking back. But the power of the Williams sisters came good in the tie-break, racing to a 6-1 lead and eventually triumphing

with their fourth match point. They share the gold

HELSINKI, July 7: Romania's Beatrice Caslaru and Ukraine's Yana Klochkova shared gold in a dead heat and brought the fourth day of pool action to a dramatic climax at the European Swimming Champiouships yesterday, reports Reuters.

The shared victory in the women's individual medley was the first occasion in the 74-year history of the championships that two golds had been awarded for a single pool event.

The pair embraced after they looked at the electronic scoreboard and saw they had posted the same time of two minutes 12.57 seconds, a championship

"I have never tied a victory. It was a new experience," said Caslaru, who had had to settle for the silver behind 17-yearold Klochkova in Monday's 400 individual medley as well as both 200 and 400 IM events at last year's European championships. "The time was good and so was the competition.

Johnson jolts

From page 13 Bowler Strang Johnson Brent Viljoen 15 Whittall G. Flower ZIMBABWE Johnson not out

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Did not bat: G. Whittall, D.

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Result: Zimbabwe won by six wickets.

ing a wide with his first deliv-

Man-of-the-match: Neil Johnson. Next match: England v Zim-

babwe, The Oval, July 8.

Zimbabwe want

From page 13 match. In the winter we were not on top of our game in the matches against England. Flower said. Flower hopes Mbangwa will

be fit to strengthen his side's bowling at the Oval. Skipper Nasser Hussain

(cracked thumb) and Nick Knight (fractured right index finger) have been ruled out of England's double-header this weekend. On Sunday, England take on West Indies at Lord's. In Hussain's absence, Alec

Stewart will play the triple role of captain, wicketkeeper and opener at least for the first two The home side is also

awaiting news on the fitness of batsman Graham Thorpe. The left hander injured his calf muscle playing for his county surrey and a decision will be made late Friday after the team's training. Thorpe has promised to be

completely honest about his level of fitness going into the

He has battled hard, overcoming a disappointing start to the season and being labelled as "surly" and "uncooperative" by former England coach David Lloyd in his recent autobiography, to rediscover his form and earn a recall to England's oneday squad for the first time since last summer.

With Hussain and Knight ruled out, injury cover Matthew Maynard and an uncapped Marcus Trescothick will get an England opening.

TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): Alec Stewart (captain), Graeme Hick, Graham Thorpe, Andrew Flintoff, Craig White, Andrew Caddick, Darren Gough, Alan Mullally, Vikram Solanki, Mark Ealham, Robert Croft, Paul Franks, Matthew Maynard and Marcus Trescothick.

ZIMBABWE (from): Andrew Flower (captain), Gary Brent, Craig Wishart, Alistair Campbell, Grant Flower, Murray Goodwin, Neil Johnson. Mluleki Nkala, Bryan Strang, Dirk Viljoen, Guy Whitta!l and Mpumelelo Mbangwa.

A duel between equals months ago and the US Open ti- ing her rival's beefy serve on the



tle-holder Lindsay Davenport can go eve to eye as well as toe to here on Saturday, reports AFP.

the final isn't, in fact, all the two have in common.

Height, talent and a place in

Neither player's relatives like to watch them add to the family silver, with Venus' father crying off watching her semifinal win against younger

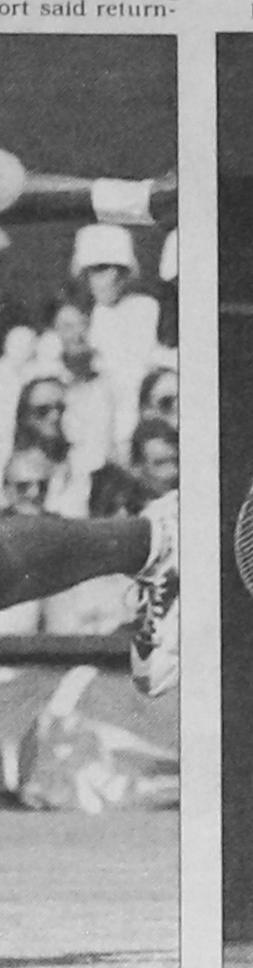
tle the previous year, says after the trials and tribulations of her recent fitness problems

Saturday will be payback time. "This Wimbledon I've had to fight a lot harder, come back in a few situations, really hang in serve.

more satisfying because I got through the first week not playing well. I was determined not to let it go easily.

other Grand Slam final, especially the second year here in a row. That means a lot to me." On her chances of beating

Venus. Davenport said return-



American Venus Williams reaches for the ball during her Wimbledon semifinal against younger sister Serena on July 6. -AFP photo

fast grass would be the key. "I've played her a lot of times

in the past. A lot of times I found the key was to find a way to get her serve back, and not let her get into a groove on her

"You've got to hold your serve "In some ways this is much and look for your opportunities to break and not let her step inside the baseline.

"I'll have to be at my sharpest. I'm going to be the one "I'm psyched to get into an- trying to get the balls deep so she doesn't have a lot of time." added Davenport, who sent Steffi Graf into retirement here 12 months ago.

Davenport's experience of said.

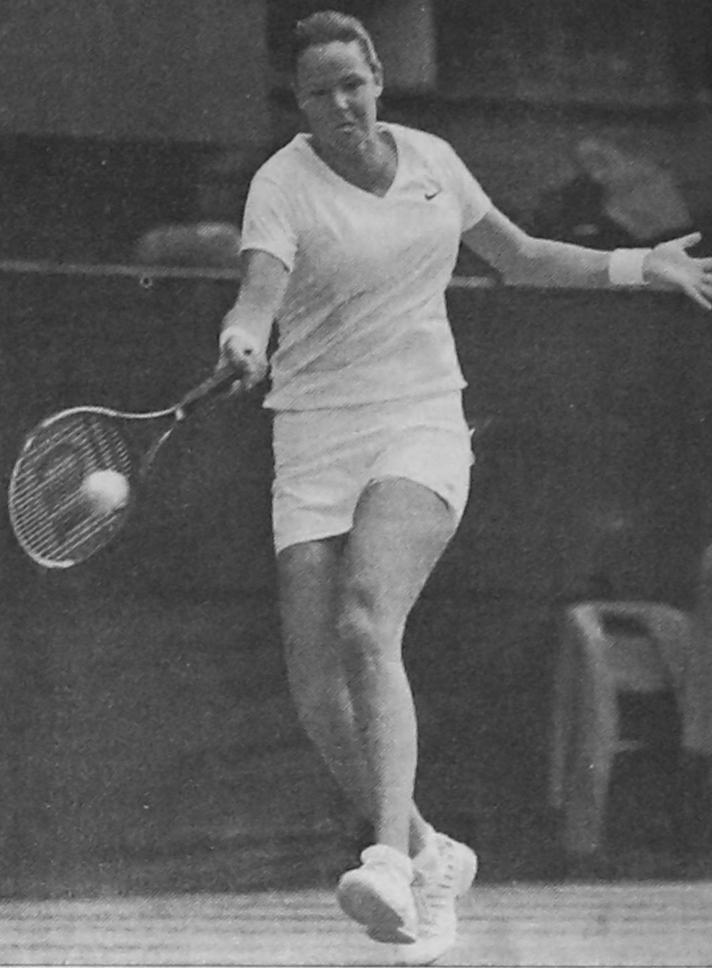
being there before should weigh heavily in her favour and held all-round game looks suffi ciently well-oiled on the evil

> her to pull off another win. But if Venus can ally sufficient subtlety to her undoubted power, the fifth seed will run

dence of the past few days fo

That's the very least she'll do, according to father Richard who after missing the semi is set to take his place courtside on Saturday -- and he gets the last word for now.

"Venus is ready to play. think it's Venus' party and Lindsay wasn't invited." he



Lindsay Davenport of the United States makes a forehand return against Jelena Dokic of Australia in Wimbledon semifinal on July 6. -AFP photo

FINAL ROUTE

to Saturday's women's singles final at Wimbledon between defending champion and second seed Lindsay Davenport of the United States and fifth-seeded compatriot Venus Williams:

1st rd: bt Corina Morariu 2nd rd; bi Elena Likhovtsev Rus) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3

3rd rd: bt Paola Suarez (Arg) 4th rd: bt Jennifer Capriati

QF: bt Monica Seles (USA

VENUS WILLIAMS 1st rd: bt Kvetoslava Hrdlickova (Cze) 6-3, 6-1

3rd rd: bt Nathale Dechy (Fra) 6-0, 7-6 (7/4)

QF: bt Martina Hingis (Swi "What? I can't get in now?"

tually allowed through.

GOOD EXCUSE

Alexander Popp, the pride of Germany, had a novel excuse for his straight-sets quarterfinal defeat to Pat Rafter -namely, all the attention he has been receiving from the media on account of his English mother.

"I've had a good tournament here but I'll probably be 60 or 70 in the world. Everybody was

focused on the 23-year-old as he has not explicitly ruled out playing Davis Cup for Britain. GIVE ME FIVE

LONDON, July 7 (AFP/AP): pion Martina Navratilova. Professional players love their whose quest for a recordtennis -- but do they love any- equalling 20th Wimbledon title ended with a women's doubles A steward at Wimbledon was defeat to the Williams sisters,

overheard telling his daughter: says it's time the women played because love means nothing to Navratilova says five-set Rusedski (134/214), American Perhaps the advice doesn't larly the more experienced ones dohansson and Pete Sampras apply to home players as Tim -- the chance to treat the first = (133/213). Philippoissis leads Henman and Greg Rusedski re- set as little more than a warm- with 154 aces in five matches.

> "For women, if you are not completely ready, you lose the

Then have one bad game in the second set, and you're fighting for your life. For years I've wished that the women could play three-of-five set matches for those reasons."

Then maybe they'd deserve equal prize money.

MATCH HEADLINES

The Williams sisters hogged the headlines in Friday's British newspapers.

Their Thursday match didn't live up to expectations - an impossibility, perhaps, when two sisters who've grown up together have to play each other in a high-pressured semifinal at tennis' most famous venue.

The headlines were mixed.

Some focused on the emotional struggle between siblings. Others weighed in over suggestions that Venus' victory was arranged by her father, Richard.

Family power struggle won by the Serener Williams," said The Daily Telegraph.

"Venus rises in Williams family affair," said The Guardian. "These girls weren't faking

it," The Sun headline said. "Put it this way," said The Sun. "If it was a put-up job ... then the Williams sisters are not only outstanding tennis

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WIMBLEDON NOTEBOOK

POWER BALL Mark Philippoussis. knocked out in the quarterfinals by Andre Agassi, has the fastest serve this year at Wimbledon: 137 mph (219 kph). He is followed by Britain's Greg

44 more than anyone else. Venus has clocked the fastes serve for women (119/190) fol lowed by sister Serena (116/185). Close behind are Jennifier Capriati (112/179) and Lindsay Davenpor (111/177). Serena leads with 49 aces in six matches followed by

Davenport with 45. DOUBLE TROUBLE

History will be on the side of the Woodies in their doubles final on Saturday against Paul

Woodforde have won 59 titles playing together. Haarhuis and Stolle have 0. The Woodies have 10 Grand Slam titles. The opposition 0. The Woodies have won Wimbledon five times and are 49-4 here. Haarhuis and Stolle are 5-0 at Wimbledon but, of course, have never won it.

John Oakley covered Wim-

nis Association honoured his memory with a brief ceremony in the press area at the new Millennium building with his wife Pat and sons Mark and David

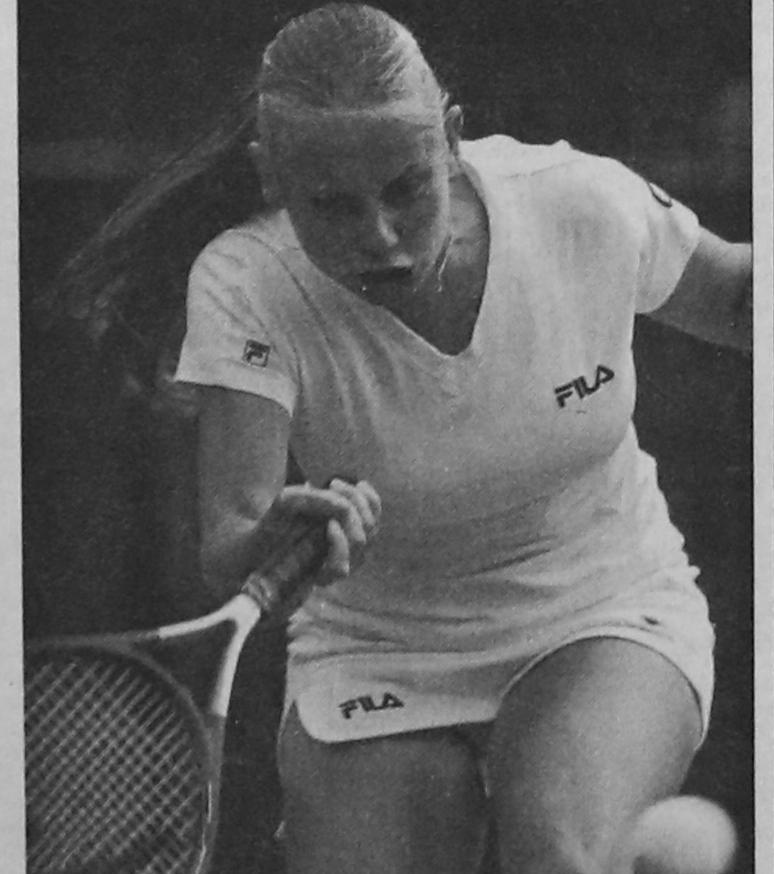
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OPENING AND CLOTHING TIMES.

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questions about him for a very Australian Jelena Dokic in action against American · Damir Dokic has had sev-Lindsay Davenport during their semifinal clash at the eral brushes with authority. Last week, he was escorted from Wimbledon on July 6. -AFP photo

LONDON, July 7 (AFP): Path

LINDSAY

DAVENPORT

6-4, 6-2 USA) 6-3, 6-3

x6) 6-7 (4/7), 6-4, 6-0 SF: bt Jelena Dokic (Aus) 6-

2nd rd: bt Ai Sugiyama (Jpn)

4th rd: bt Sabine Appelman (Bel) 6-3, 6-4

x1) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 SF: bt Serena Williams (USA x8) 6-2, 7-6 (7/3)

sister Serena and her mother watching on television back in the States, while Davenport's parents also remained in Amer-

Venus, the girl from the

ghetto in Compton, Los Angeles,

might hope to relax a little after winning her Centre Court pressure-cooker semifinal against Serena in straight sets. But she still yearns to measure up in the sibling stakes as her younger sister landed the

US Open crown last year while

Venus' trophy cabinet still awaits that elusive first Grand Slam title. A week ago neither Venus nor Lindsay could have been confident about making it this far, as both players came into the event with the worst possi-

ble preparation following in-

jury-ravaged clay court sea-Davenport, the easy-going Californian, lost in the opening round of the French Open as she succumbed to a strain in her lower back which first afflicted her at the Rome Open in May.

ond-set injury retirement of doubles partner Corina Morariu in the opening round. But by the time she ousted sixth seed Monica Seles in the quarters -- and particularly Jelena Dokic in the semis, she

Venus, at 20 four years

She gingerly came through

the first week, aided by the sec-

younger than her Californian rival, has seen her whole year blighted by tendinitis in both wrists which forced her to miss six months. Indeed, Wimbledon is only her fourth tournament of the

year -- so reaching the final --

on the back of a quarterfinal at

Roland Garros -- is some

was returning to her best.

achievement. "We're both coming off the same boat, coming back from injury. She's really picked up her court coverage -- but I've been working very hard and it's really paying off," said Venus, who made the US Open final in 1997, the first woman to reach the final there in her debut season since Pam Shriver in 1978.

Wimbledon is her first Grand Slam final since then. Davenport lifted the Australian Open in January to add to her Wimbledon tramph of 12

thing else?

"Never marry a tennis player five sets. cently got married. And look what that did for

WHO ARE YOU? Tim Henman went out in the first set," she said. fourth round here and the British number one's entourage

their tennis.

is already suffering the knockon effects. Now his coach David Felgate can't get in to the All-England

Felgate found his way into the press centre was barred by an over-keen security guard, determined to keep out anyone with incorrect passes.

asked a frustrated Felgate. Thankfully the mistake was spotted, and Felgate was even-

"Everybody was going crazy," Popp moaned. "I don't really know why.

behaving like I was number one now." British attention remains

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Haarhuis and Sandon Stolle. Todd Woodbridge and Mark

FOR JOHN

bledon for 52 straight years mainly for Britain's national news agency, the Press Association. His death 18 months ago. while playing a very competitive game of table tennis at 71. shocked his friends. On Thursday the Lawn Ten-

attending. A photograph of Oakley will hang permanently outside the Press Association office.