

Karl to coach USA cagers at World C'ships

AFP, Colorado Springs

George Karl, coach of the National Basketball Association's Milwaukee Bucks, will coach the US team for the 2002 World Championships in Indianapolis, USA Basketball announced on Tuesday.

Karl's 12-man team of NBA players for the event, next August 9-September 8, will be announced later. It will be only the second time that NBA players have represented America at the World Championships.

Karl said he would leave the decisions on players to the selection committee.

"My primary job in the next few months will be coaching the Milwaukee Bucks," he said. "I'm sure I'll have a few conversations with the committee. I'm sure the players who are chosen I'll have a ball coaching. There are a lot of great players in the NBA."

"I think a lot of the committee's search is going to focus on who wants to play," Karl said.

Stu Jackson, chairman of USA Basketball's Senior Men's National Team Committee and the NBA's senior vice president for basketball operations, was asked if he'd had any hint that returning superstar Michael Jordan would be among those wanting to play in the World Championships.

Jordan was a member of two US gold medal winning Olympic teams, as an amateur in 1984 and on the original Dream Team at Barcelona in 1992.

"Certainly we don't have any knowledge of that presently, but it's certainly worth the ask," Jackson said. "Certainly Michael has represented USA Basketball and represented us as a league very, very well in competition."

"If he elected to take a pass, we'd understand. The pool of players we have to draw from is very deep."

The 1994 squad featured NBA players for the first time and won the gold medal in Toronto with an 8-0 record.

In 1998, the US finished 7-2 and won the bronze in Greece with a team comprised of collegians and professional players who were either competing overseas or in the Continental Basketball Association.

Jr WC hockey

POOL B provided the upset of the day when France unexpectedly lost to South Africa 3-2.

The South Africans broke a 2-2 deadlock with a diving goal by Ian Haley with 17 seconds on the clock after the French had shown their superior technical skills during the match.

Also in Pool B, The Netherlands unexpectedly drew with South Korea 2-2, blowing a 2-0 lead with 20 minutes to go and allowing Korean captain Jong Ho Seo to score a diving deflection with three seconds on the clock.

In Pool D, Germany had its first match and played nervously for a 2-1 win against a spirited Argentina, while New Zealand snatched a 3-2 in the last seconds of an ill-tempered game against Malaysia.

Malaysian skipper Boon Huat Chua earned himself a one match suspension for inappropriate behaviour towards officials following the game after receiving a yellow card on the pitch.

Tournament director Peter Lathouwers also issued an official warning to the Malaysian manager, Ariffin Mohad Ghani, after he refused to sign the match sheet after the game.

No matches were played in Pool C on Wednesday. Argentina takes on Malaysia in one of Thursday's key matches, with both needing to win to stay in the tournament.

Junior World Cup hockey standings



Russian Anna Kournikova plays a backhand return against Anne Kremer of Luxembourg at the Porsche Gran Prix yesterday.

Shaughnessy exits

Tennis

AFP, Filderstadt

Meghann Shaughnessy was upset in the first round of the Porsche Grand Prix on Tuesday, losing 6-3, 6-4 to Magui Serra of Spain.

Shaughnessy, seeded eighth, became the second American to lose in two days in the \$65,000 dollars WTA event, following Monday's ouster of Lisa Raymond.

Raymond, Many Americans had skipped tournaments in Europe following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Serra won four straight games in

the first set for a 5-2 lead. She broke serve for a 5-4 lead in the second set and converted her first match point with a backhand volley.

"I've beaten her before and that gives you confidence," Serra said. "I played one of my best matches of the year."

Chanda Rubin became the first American to advance to the second round, beating Barbara Schett of Austria 6-2, 7-5.

"We are good friends and it was important to have a solid start," Rubin said. "I started pretty well and I was more aggressive."

Two more Americans, second-seeded Jennifer Capriati and third-seeded Lindsay Davenport, had first-round byes.

Anke Huber of Germany downed Elena Likhovtseva of Russia 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. Likhovtseva received treatment on her right thigh between the second and third sets.

Huber won this event in 1991 and 1994. She will retire after the Australian Open early next year and this could be her last tournament in Germany.

In other first-round matches, qualifier Miriam Oremans of the Netherlands defeated wild card and former French Open champion Iva Majoli of Croatia 5-7, 6-2, 6-3, and wild card Patty Schnyder of Switzerland beat qualifier Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Seeds tumble

Tennis

AFP, Vienna

Two former world number ones Marcelo Rios and Carlos Moya were eliminated in the first round of the CA Trophy, as the number of seeds failing to survive the first hurdle rose to three.

The perennially controversial Rios appeared to lose interest in his contest with the improving 19-year-old Tommy Robredo, strolling around with a handgrip look throughout the final set as he went down 7-6, 1-6, 6-2.

Moya's 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 loss to a resurgent Thomas Enqvist earlier in the day effectively ended his outside chances of making the tour's season-end finals in Sydney.

The eighth-seeded Spaniard's demise followed the exits of the third-seeded Alex Corretja and the seventh-seeded Fabrice Santoro, who the day before had also lost cliff-hanging three-setters in the first round.

But the most extraordinary defeat was that of the unseeded Rios, who though not the player he was before his groin operation, retains more than enough ability to recover his place among the top 20.

But after unleashing a brilliant second set the unpredictable 25-year-old Chilean's commitment burnt itself out as quickly as it had caught fire, and in the third set he served up casually produced drives, baseline half-volleys, and moody-looking volleys from no man's land.

Robredo did little wrong, displayed some nippy court coverage, attacked whenever he could, and maintained his concentration despite the morose antics at the other end.

His reward is a possible meeting with the top-seeded Olympic cham-

pion Yevgeny Kafelnikov fresh from his win in the Kremlin Cup on Sunday.

Earlier Moya had not seemed in serious danger of defeat to Enqvist until the final stages.

He was well on top in the first set, led 4-2 in the final set, and often won big points by threatening with his fiercely struck forehand, sometimes even from the backhand side.

But 27-year-old Enqvist, who is still trying to make his way back after

shoulder and ankle operations last December, grew in confidence as the match wore on.

The match arguably hinged on a single point.

At 2-2 in the final set tie-break, 25-year-old Moya, trying to force a forehand away from his opponent's long reach, pulled it a fraction wide to give Enqvist a vital mini-break.

The former world number four from Sweden sensed the opportunity and grabbed it brilliantly.



Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten reacts after losing a point against Croat Goran Ljubicic at the Lyon tennis tournament on Tuesday.

Seles sails into qtrs

AFP, Shanghai

Monica Seles of the United States secured a berth in the quarter-finals of the 140,000-dollar WTA women's tournament here on Wednesday.

The 27-year-old American top seed defeated Japan's Saori Obata 6-4, 6-2 in a more demanding match than her swift 6-0, 6-0 triumph over Lenka Nemeckova of the Czech Republic on Tuesday.

Seles, who won last week's Japan Open, said afterwards the encounter had proved more testing than her first round match because Obata was left-handed like herself.

Elsewhere, Italy's seventh seed Rita Grande also advanced to the quarter-finals by beating Ludmila Cervanova of Slovakia 6-2, 6-4, while Taiwan's Janet Lee defeated Rika Fujiwara of Japan 6-0, 6-4.

In a first-round match played Wednesday, Japan's fourth seed Ai Sugiyama beat Hungarian Zsafia Gubacs 7-5, 6-2.

Kuerten bows out

AFP, Lyon

World number one Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil lost 7-6, 6-2 to Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic in the first round of the 800,000-dollar Lyon ATP tournament here on Tuesday.

Kuerten, a star attraction of this tournament in France's second city, was well beaten by 22-year-old Ljubicic, ranked 47 places below him.

The Croatian was the more assured during the rallies and played some exceptional shots. He won in an hour and nine minutes and even led 4-0 in the second set such was his domination.

Kuerten will have rued his failure to convert three break points at 4-4 in the first set and, from then on, it was all downhill for the 25-year-old French Open champion.

Ljubicic now meets 20-year-old Frenchman Julien Benneteau, who got through the qualifying rounds and is not even ranked in the ATP list. Benneteau beat 36-year-old Italian Gianluca Pozzi 6-3, 6-3 in his first round encounter.

Russian Marat Safin, ranked 11th in the world and the number three seed, beat Argentinian left-hander Franco Squillari 6-4, 7-5 and now meets Israel's 191st ranked Noam Okun, who beat Australian Wayne Arthurs 3-6, 7-5, 7-6.

At 8-8 in the tiebreak, Arthurs showed sportsmanship in granting his opponent a point though Okun's shot was given out by a line judge.

Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman beat Germany's Christian Vinck 6-2, 6-3 and meets the winner of the match between France's fourth seed Sebastian Grosjean and Julien Boutter played later on Tuesday.

Fear of flying cheers Clarke

AFP, Wentworth

American golfers' fear of flying has given Ulsterman Darren Clarke his best chance yet to win the World Match Play Championship which starts here on Thursday.

The 12-man field has been decimated by the refusal of America's finest to make the trip across the Atlantic so soon after the terrorist blitz on New York and Washington.

With no Tiger Woods, no David Duval and no Phil Mickelson, organisers have been forced to go back in time, giving spots to Seve Ballesteros, Nick Faldo and European Ryder Cup captain Sam Torrance to make up the numbers.

For the 31-year-old Clarke and his bank manager it is nothing but good news as the Ulsterman chases the 250,000-pound (\$362,000 dollar) prize.

At present Clarke is second in the European Order of Merit, nearly half a million pounds behind US Open champion Retief Goosen, but a win here would seriously close the gap.

However Clarke will have to hope that Goosen does not get beyond his first round match against Ian Woosnam.

While defending champion Lee Westwood and Colin Montgomerie are expected to face off in Saturday's semi-final, Clarke finds himself in the easier half of the draw, with a possible semi-final showdown against Vijay Singh.

Clarke, with already a million pounds in winnings already banked this season, will be looking to avenge his defeat at the hands of Singh last year in the quarter-final.

Clarke was hampered last year by the fact he was not seeded and had to play a marathon 40 holes to overcome Faldo in the first round. The effort drained Clarke but this year he has been seeded fourth and sits out the first round.

But he still may end up having to face Faldo who has a first round match against Ireland's Padraig Harrington.

For Harrington it will be first outing with his 'new' eyes.

The 30-year-old underwent laser surgery two weeks ago and says the outcome has been amazing. "I can see perfectly," said Harrington, who has now been able to put away his contact lenses. "I can see as well as the next guy."

British boss hits back at IAAF

Athletics

INTERNET, London

He said: "What we told the IAAF was that if they wanted to hold their Congress in London we would facilitate that."

"Also, if they want to see the

scending towards the IAAF's Senegalese president Lamine Diack when offering bursaries to African athletes.

Caborn described the claims as "grotesque" and said: "As a campaigner for equality in South Africa for over 30 years I was insulted by that."

"In his conference speech last week, the Prime Minister challenged us all to forge closer links with African states."

"That was why we made our offer of scholarships for young African athletes."

"It is a great shame the IAAF felt free to dismiss this so readily and in such a lofty manner."

Caborn said it would be better to question why the IAAF "only wants to stage the Championships in London."

"It would cost around £200m, with a stadium which would lie empty for all but two days a year."

"The best deal for the sport is a first-class championships in Sheffield and tens of millions of pounds to invest in a long-term legacy for athletics in the UK."



RICHARD CABORN

sights - Number 10, the House of Commons and so on - then we would help with that too."

The minister reacted angrily to suggestions he had been conde-

USA wishes fans supported

Tennis

REUTERS, North Carolina

The US Davis Cup team find themselves in a must-win situation in a qualifying match against India this weekend, but the timing of the event couldn't be better for the Americans.

The patriotic fervour sweeping the nation the past few weeks has made representing the country very popular. The US players and coaches and even the usually docile American tennis fans should be more excited than ever to cheer for the red, white and blue.

"I think the crowd will be there for us," said US Davis Cup captain Patrick McEnroe. "We have to put it in perspective that it's just a tennis match, but it's our way of standing up for the values we have in this country."

The match against India was originally scheduled for the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum from September 21-23 but was put back because of the attacks in New York and Washington.

McEnroe is expecting good things from his young team and hopes to erase the bad memories from their 3-2 first-round loss by Switzerland in February.

The Americans need to beat India this weekend to remain in the 16-team World Group. Defeat will mean they will be reduced to playing in zonal competition next year. Since the qualifying round began in 1981, the US have only had to play

three times and possess a 2-1 win-loss record. The Americans' only defeat came at the hands of West Germany in 1987 and relegated the team to zonal competition the following year.

Florida teenager Andy Roddick, who has had a spectacular season, will lead the US challenge. He has won three ATP singles titles at Atlanta, Houston and Washington and reached the quarterfinals of the US Open before falling in five sets to eventual champion Lleyton Hewitt.

Roddick will be joined in the team by veteran Todd Martin and the Wimbledon doubles champions Don Johnson and Jared Palmer.

The Indian team are led by veteran Leander Paes, who will join up with partner Mahesh Bhupathi in the doubles.

In 1999 the pair won the French Open and Wimbledon doubles titles and reached the finals of the Australian and US Opens to become the first pair to make all four Grand Slam finals in the same year since Frank Sedgeman and Bob Hewitt in 1952.

McEnroe said: "We don't want to go into Saturday's doubles at 1-1 with India because that's a pressure situation we don't need."

History is certainly on the Americans' side they are unbeaten in the six previous meetings between the two countries.

The last time they met was in the first round in 1994 when the Americans swept to a 5-0 victory on grass in New Delhi.

The hard-serving US team should also be comfortable on the quick indoor courts. It will be the 39th time that the Americans have played indoors and they have a 28-10 record on that surface, including

a 17-3 record on home soil.

Competing for the love of their country hasn't always been the strong suit of American Davis Cup players in the past, but it won't be hard for the US captain to motivate his team this time.

"I think for all the guys the emotional aspect will definitely be there," McEnroe said.

Lleyton doubtful

AFP, Sydney

Organisers of January's International tennis tournament here are waiting on a decision from Lleyton Hewitt whether he will return to defend his title.

US Open champion Hewitt is yet to commit to the tournament, preferring to focus on the Davis Cup final from France in Melbourne and Masters Cup here next month.

But organisers said Wednesday Hewitt may still include the event despite talk of a reduction of matches in his Australian Open buildup.

American teenager Andy Roddick, Switzerland's Roger Federer and Sweden's Thomas Johansson are among the entries for the men's draw for the tournament in early January.

The women's field will again include the majority of the top 10 with Martina Hingis, Jennifer Capriati, Lindsay Davenport and at least one of the Williams sisters expected to play.

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Danish swimming coaches quit

AFP, Copenhagen

Eleven coaches with the Danish swimming team on Tuesday quit their jobs, the national news agency Ritzau reported.

The resignations came at the end of six weeks of arguments between swimmers in the national team and the Danish Swimming Federation (DSLF).

The swimmers had drawn up a 120 page document criticising the current national set-up in the squad. "There probably won't be any more than three swimmers at the next European Championships," said Jesper Hansen, one of the coaches who quit.

Now Grant

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