

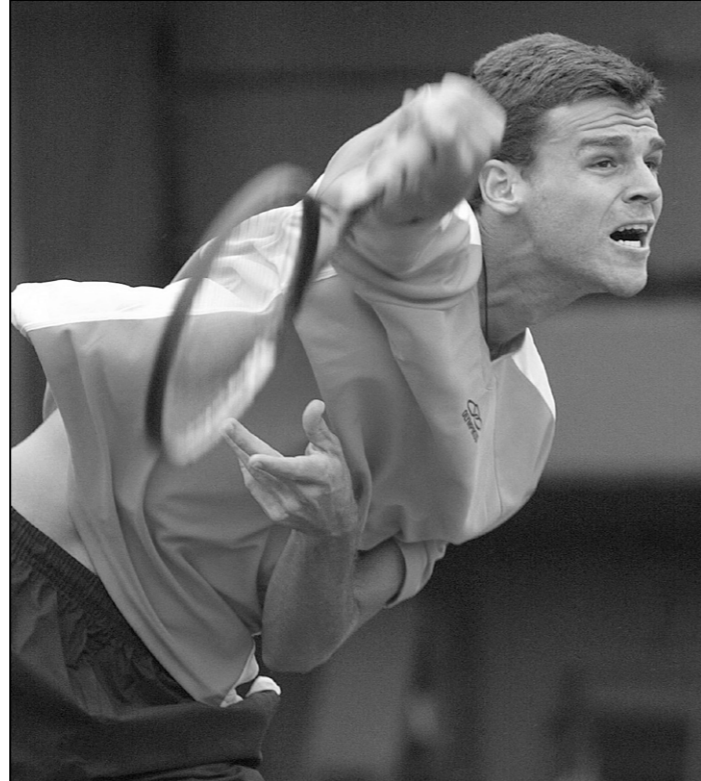
Cawley refutes drug claims

AFP, Sydney
Australian tennis great Evonne Goolagong-Cawley has defended women's tennis against drug allegations.

Rain rules at Stuttgart

AFP, Stuttgart
Gustavo Kuerten's return to claycourt tennis was delayed yet again on Wednesday after a third straight day of frustrating rain all but wrecked the programme at the 500,000-dollar ATP tournament here.

after his hip surgery of February, skipping the brief grasscourt season. Stuttgart, where he has won two titles, is his last stop on clay before the North American hardcourt season which starts next week in Los Angeles.



Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil in action against Stefan Koubek of Australia at the ATP tournament yesterday.

Row over Rios biography

AFP, Santiago
Former world number one Marcelo Rios is unhappy with his newly-published biography concerning details of his former bachelor lifestyle.

No where to run, no where to hide



AFP, Karachi
Pakistan's sportsmen and women are pessimistic about their medal hopes at the upcoming XVII Commonwealth Games, complaining their government is so bogged down in battling terrorism...

boxing is allowed only three spots," said Professor Anwar Chowdhury, the head of Pakistan's Amateur Boxing Federation. "Why we send athletes in sports who can never even dream of winning a medal is inexplicable..."

A lesson

FROM PAGE 13 with central defender Edmilson's back volley or bi-cycle kick (whatever you call it) against Costa Rica.

Woods in the rough

AFP, Scotland
Halfway to history and knee-high in the Scottish rough after his opening tee-shot.

Playing with rising English star Justin Rose and pugnacious Shigeaki Maruyama of Japan, Woods took out a two-iron on the difficult 448-yards, par-four opener where accuracy on a narrow strip of fairway is the priority.

BANGLADESH a la SENEGAL!

If Bruno Metsu can transform an unknown quantity like Senegal into world-beaters, isn't it only logical to hope that a competent coach could someday turn the fortunes of Bangladesh's football also?



Tiger Woods negotiating the rough at the British Open yesterday.

Trinidad grabs 100m jr title

AFP, Kingston
Trinidad's Darrel Brown took the world junior 100m title here Wednesday in the fastest time ever at the championships of 10.09sec-10 years after compatriot Ato Boldon won gold.

Top trio tumble

AFP, Umag
The third day of the 400,000-dollar ATP tournament in Umag saw all three seeds - Spain's Albert Montanes, Chile's Marcelo Rios and Czech Jan Vacek - dropping out from the first round Wednesday.

brushed aside in humiliating fashion. He played badly with the percentage of his first serve at only 56 percent, and making six double faults.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Cryptopquip puzzle grid with numbers and letters. Includes solution: YESTERDAY'S CRYPTOQUIP: DURING A GAME, DON'T SIT IN THE BLEACHERS, OTHERWISE YOUR CLOTHES MAY BECOME WHITE.

Hackett sets new mark

AFP, Sydney
Australian Grant Hackett broke the world 400 metres freestyle shortcourse record with a time of three minutes 34.58 seconds at a grand prix swimming meet here on Thursday.

Navy aquatic

FROM PAGE 13 Besides, Frigate Squadron, Patrolcraft Squadron and Haji Moshin trailed with 107, 37 and 32.

Sanchez sees golden route

AFP, Monaco
The Dominican Republic's 400m hurdles world champion Felix Sanchez has been in unstoppable form this season in the Golden League meets but here Friday he will be hoping he keeps on track for a share of the 50kg gold bar bonus.

Schaffter's

FROM PAGE 13 given as an excuse by a professional team." Sanath Jayasuriya's Sri Lanka lost 2-0 in a three-Test series and won just one of six league matches in a three-nation one-day series won by India.

Athletics

The American-born son of Dominican parents is probably competing in the most competitive event around at the moment with two of Friday's opponents, American James Carter and Briton Chris Rawlinson, chasing him hard in Rome and Paris respectively.



Star footballer of yesteryear Kabir Ahmed picks the first prize winner coupon of the fourth round of Prothom Alo Standard Chartered World Cup Quiz during the draw at the National Press Club Auditorium yesterday.

2005 ICC Trophy

FROM PAGE 13 Namibia qualified with top seeds Scotland just missing out. The venues for the tournament will be decided by the IUC's executive committee.