

If Gaudio wins

AFP, Paris  
Gaston Gaudio will dedicate victory to Argentine sports heroes Diego Maradona and Guillermo Vilas if he beats countryman Guillermo Coria in the French Open final here on Sunday.

"Maradona is one of Argentina's greatest idols and it's important that everybody gives him support to make him happy again," said Gaudio.

The former Argentinian football legend, who is battling a long-standing cocaine problem, narrowly escaped death last month with heart and lung problems.

Unseeded Gaudio will start Sunday's final as the underdog against his compatriot but if he does manage to upset the odds, he will also ensure that Vilas, the last Argentinian to win the men's title here in 1977 and who reached the final on another three occasions, will not go unnoticed.

"It is great that Vilas is up in the stands watching us because it is down to him that we started playing tennis in the first place.

"Everything we have achieved, we owe to him.

"Maradona and Vilas are our idols. If I win on Sunday, I don't think I will be an idol. I am not even close to them."

Poor service costs her dearly

AFP, Paris

Losing finalist in the French Open Elena Dementieva broke down in tears at her post-match press conference when asked to talk about her poor service game.

The 22-year-old Russian served up 10 double-faults in the top-sided 6-1, 6-2 loss to compatriot Elena Dementieva and her lack of overhead power for such a tall, powerful athlete had many heads being scratched.

Asked what she had screamed in Russian after yet another double fault in the second set Dementieva replied: "I hate my serve."

Asked next what the problem was she replied: "I just do not know how to serve," before bursting into tears.

The faulty Dementieva service action was analysed at length in Saturday's version of L'Equipe with the consensus being that she threw it too far to her right, did not use her legs and had no wrist action.

Dementieva admitted that her wobbly serve had not been helped by her nervous state in what was her first Grand Slam final.

"I just couldn't handle all the pressure and I was too excited. My concentration wasn't there," she said.

"I was rushing all the time and I couldn't stop myself. I was just losing point after point and couldn't change anything. But it's normal. It's my first Grand Slam final."

A tale of tails

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Total: (For 9 wickets in 90 overs) 264

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-37, 3-54, 4-88, 5-97, 6-145, 7-152, 8-192, 9-238

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Collins	18	2	54	2
Edwards	20	5	66	2
Best	18	4	50	1
Banks	29	5	80	4
Sarwan	2	2	0	0
Dwayne	3	1	3	0

**WEST INDIES:** Gayle, Devon, Sarwan, Lara, Chandrapaul, Dwayne, Jacobs, Banks, Best, Collins, Edwards.

**Toss:** Bangladesh.  
**Umpires:** Rudi Koertzen (South Africa) and Jeremy Lloyds (England).



PHOTO: AFP  
New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming works the ball on the on-side during his knock of 97 against England on the second day of the second Test at Headingley on June 4.

England reply solidly

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Openers Marcus Trescothick and Andrew Strauss hit half-centuries as England rattled up 164 for one in reply to New Zealand's 409 on the third day of the second Test on Saturday at Headingley.

Trescothick was 78 not out at tea, with Mark Butcher four not out as the home side scored at four an over.

Strauss made 62, the third time he has passed fifty in his first three Test innings, and shared in an opening stand of 153 before he topped spinner Daniel Vettori to Daryl Tuffey at mid-wicket.

Trescothick survived despite a series of risky attacking shots as well as an edge off a Vettori arm ball just past wicketkeeper Brendon McCullum's gloves.

He also had an early scare when Strauss, eager to get off the mark, called for a sharp single but Kyle Mills, on the field after Michael Pappas broke his finger, missed the stumps.

England quick bowlers Matthew Hoggard and Steve Harmison earlier cleaned up the New Zealand tail, the last three wickets falling without a run being.

McCullum followed up his 96 in the first Test at Lord's with a fluid 54 before he was bowled by a

pitched-up delivery from Hoggard. The Yorkshire swing bowler then trapped Daryl Tuffey lbw for nought and the innings ended when Vettori was bowled by Harmison for 35, looking for a big shot after a neat innings peppered with deft cuts and including seven fours.

Harmison, who ended with four for 74, also dismissed Chris Cairns early in the session after the touring side resumed on 351 for six.

The all-rounder, playing in his penultimate Test, lobbed a simple catch to Strauss at point without adding to his overnight 41.

England captain Michael Vaughan took the field after missing the last hour of Friday's play to attend the birth of his daughter.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at tea on the third day of the second Test between England and New Zealand at Headingley on Saturday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 351-6)	
Richardson b Sagers	13
Pappas lbw b Flintoff	86
Fleming c Vaughan b Harmison	97
Astle c Butcher b Sagers	2
Styris c Jones b Harmison	21
Oram c Thorpe b Flintoff	39
Cairns c Strauss b Harmison	41
McCullum b Hoggard	54
Vettori b Harmison	35

Tuffey lbw b Hoggard	0
Martin not out	0
Extras: (b-5, lb-14, w-2)	21
Total: (All out in 143.2 overs)	409
Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-202, 3-215, 4-215, 5-263, 6-293, 7-355, 8-409, 9-409	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hoggard	27	6	93	2
Harmison	36.2	8	74	4
Flintoff	27	7	64	2
Sagers	30	6	86	2
Trescothick	2	0	3	0
Giles	19	1	67	0
Vaughan	2	0	3	0

**ENGLAND: First innings**

Trescothick not out	78
Strauss c Tuffey b Vettori	62
Butcher not out	4
Extras: (b-8, lb-5, nb-7)	20
Total (for one wicket, 42 overs)	164
Fall of wicket: 1-153	

INDIAN STAR SPINNER Harbhajan Singh is due to arrive in England on Monday to play for celebrity side Lashings.	
Harbhajan	11
Martin	10
Styris	4
Cairns	8
Vettori	9

Olympic roof takes shape

REUTERS, Athens

Greece has confounded critics of its Olympic preparations after the futuristic roof over the main Games stadium took shape with the delicate meeting of two giant arches to support the translucent blue structure.

Three weeks after the first arch was pushed into place, the second 78-metre high white steel structure slid along tracks on Friday to meet the first arch to celebrations of construction workers.

"The sliding is done. It is finished," engineer Costas Mathiopoulos said.

"It happened in about 24 hours."

With the arches in position -- the greatest architectural and engineering feat of the Games -- workers have now just to install thousands of blue carbon plastic-like panels that will offer shading against soaring summer temperatures.

It also opens the way for urgent landscaping work around the stadium that still resembles a huge construction site 70 days before the August 13-29 Games.

The roof had been the International Olympic Committee's biggest worry about Games preparations.

Organisers see the roof, designed by award-winning Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava, as a Games' architectural legacy that will light up Athens skyline for the future.

Many architects regarded the roof as an engineering challenge bordering on the impossible because of weights involved.

The two arches span more than 300 metres each, are nearly as tall as the Sydney Harbour Bridge and spread across the stadium like a giant bluespinner's web.

They will carry 18,000 tonnes of panels and lights as well as broadcasting and security cameras.

Harbhajan on way back

BBC ONLINE, undated

Indian star spinner Harbhajan Singh is due to arrive in England on Monday to play for celebrity side Lashings.

The off-spinner has played no cricket in 2004, missing all but the first Test on India's dramatic tour of Australia, but he is keen to show he is fit again.

He had to receive surgery in December 2003 in Melbourne to repair a ruptured ligament in his bowling hand.

In April, Harbhajan said he was keen to play for a county. It seems he will have to settle for Lashings instead.

Lashings chairman David Folb told BBC Sport: "He's coming to the UK on Monday and will go straight into our match against Somerset on Tuesday.

"We are hoping he will play for us for about a month."

Harbhajan will be keen to show his fitness in some capacity ahead of India's next period of international engagement -- the six-nation Asia Cup starting in mid-July.

His match on Tuesday is a 20-overs-per-side affair in Bath.

Allan Donald, Courtney Walsh, Shahid Afridi and Richie Richardson are all expected to feature in the Lashings side.

Vaughan blessed

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been expected until Sunday.

The new father was expected to return to Headingley to take part in the third day of the Test, an England cricket team spokesman said.

"But I don't know yet if he will be able to be there from the first ball at 11:00 am," he added.

Vaughan is due to bat at number four in England's innings and under normal rules any absence from the field would affect where he could come in.

But before the Test began, match referee Clive Lloyd, the former West Indies captain, waived the usual regulations saying Vaughan's situation qualified under the "very exceptional" exemption clause in the playing conditions.

Marcus Trescothick took over the captaincy after Vaughan left, and the day ended with New Zealand well placed at 351 for six.

A fist full

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before Britain's Tim Henman took him to four.

Gaudio needed back-to-back, five setters just to get into the third round, but then produced two of the best performances of his career to hammer Australian Lleyton Hewitt and Nalbandian.

Gaudio, who has one of the finest single-handed backhands in the game, said that he would need to play "unbelievable" tennis to get the better of Coria.

"I have to play my best tennis and I have to be sure in myself that I can do it. I have to convince myself that I have the ability. If it happened, great. If not, what can you do?"

Coria said he hopes that the final will inspire more and more youngsters to start playing tennis.

"I hope they turn to sport and not drugs and I hope that one day tennis will be like football in Argentina. I also hope the best player wins on Sunday."

Why Ballack matters?



AFP, Berlin

When Germany reached the 2002 World Cup final a great deal of gratitude was owed to midfielder Michael Ballack for scoring the semifinal winner against co-hosts South Korea in the knowledge that he would be suspended for the final.

While Germany lost the final 2-0 to Brazil, Bayer Leverkusen ace Ballack came out of the competition a winner in a season where he lost the Champions League final, the German Cup final and finished runner-up in the Bundesliga.

Heading into the 2004 European Championship in Portugal questions are being asked about Ballack, 27, who has looked a shadow of himself since joining Bayern Munich from Leverkusen in the summer of 2002.

"Ballack is playing without enthusiasm," Bayern president Franz Beckenbauer claimed earlier in the season.

"There is just no initiative. It is as if he is just jogging without the ability to change."

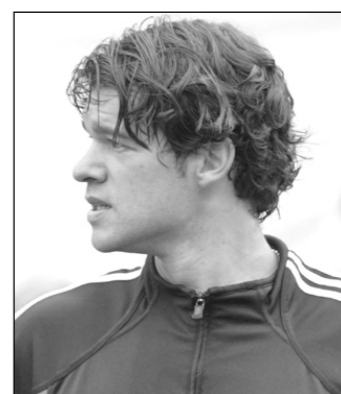
Calf and back injuries have plagued the German international this term and there have been claims that he has played through

the pain barrier adversely affecting his performances

"I have always said a player should not play if he is not fit," countered Ballack.

"I do not have an ego."

Ballack has struggled to win over the Bayern faithful -- with the club ready to sell him to Barcelona - but national coach Rudi Voller



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knows the attacking midfielder is the jewel in his crown.

"Ballack has not had his best season but he is hungry," maintained Voller.

"I hope he will be the same player he was in the 2002 World Cup."

If he is not, Germany are likely to be catching an early flight home with Ballack the main source of goals for a team that have a powder-puff attack.

An elegant midfielder who can see the killer pass, Ballack's main attribute is breaking into the penalty area from deep and finishing expertly with his head, right foot or left foot.

An international goals ratio of 19 in 39 appearances makes Ballack stand out as one of, if not the best, goal-scoring midfielders in Europe.

It is a haul most top strikers would be proud of and Ballack wants to continue his goalscoring streak in Portugal.

"Scoring goals is one of my strengths and I hope I can score some decisive goals in Portugal," declared Ballack.

The former Kaiserslautern man netted four times in a recent 7-0 annihilation of Malta, the first German player since the great Gerd Muller back in 1972, to bolster confidence, although Malta's defending was schoolboy standard.

There is a feeling that if you prevent Ballack from scoring you can stop Germany but the midfielder maintained he was not a one-man band.

"I am not a miracle worker," stated Ballack.

"It is not just about one player."

Saez confounds critics



REUTERS, Madrid

Despite his unprecedented record of success as head coach of Spain's youth teams, Inaki Saez was tipped by few people as a possible boss of the senior side.

Jose Antonio Camacho's unexpected resignation following Spain's World Cup quarterfinal exit against South Korea in mid-2002 changed all that.

With many of the leading candidates for the job unavailable because of club commitments, the Spanish Federation decided to look within its own ranks and hand the job to the low-profile former Athletic Bilbao defender.

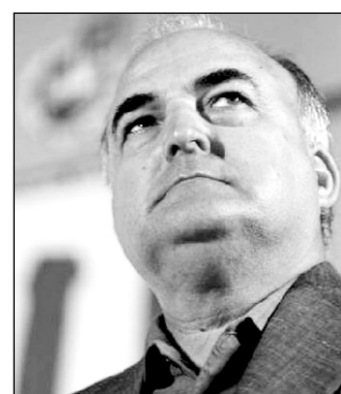
Saez had steered the under-21s to victory in the European Championship in 1998, the under-20s to the World Youth title the following year and led the Spanish team to a silver medal in the Sydney Olympics.

Ever since his first match in charge against Hungary in August 2002, the genial, 60-year-old Basque has shown faith in the youngsters who served him so well

in his previous job.

Former under-21 players such as Atletico Madrid striker Fernando Torres, Arsenal forward Jose Antonio Reyes and Real Sociedad midfielder Xabi Alonso have been given their debuts under Saez.

The coach, who has made a



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conscious effort to plan for the future rather than look for short-term results, has not included the 20-year-old Reyes in the squad for Portugal, saying he had not yet reached maturity.

"Reyes is a man of the future for the national side," said Saez, who has retained the core of Camacho's squad and rewarded leading scorer Raul with the captaincy following Fernando Hierro's decision to call time on his international career.

After a promising start Spain made hard work of qualification for the European Championship and Saez had to endure a barrage of criticism for his tactics when his team were forced to go through a playoff against Norway.

In the end Saez proved his critics wrong, his astute selection policy in the return leg in Oslo helping his side to secure a comfortable 5-1 aggregate win over the Scandinavians.

Even more importantly, he has always had the players on his side.

"We need a coach like this," said goalkeeper Iker Casillas.

"He stuck to his guns and it paid off. He always puts the good of the team before his own personal interests."

Some pundits still see his role as little more than that of a seat-warmer for a future big name coach. But if Saez can repeat the success he enjoyed with the youth teams he will have few concerns about his future employment.

Coria ends Henman run



AFP, Paris

Guillermo Coria crushed a brave Tim Henman challenge while Gaston Gaudio outclassed countryman David Nalbandian to reach the French Open final and set up the first ever all-Argentine Grand Slam title showdown.

Third-seeded Coria came back from losing his first set in these championships to shatter Henman's dream of becoming the first British man to reach the Roland Garros final in 67 years with a 3-6, 6-4, 6-0, 7-5 victory.

Unseeded Gaudio, meanwhile, breezed past eighth-seeded Nalbandian 6-3, 7-6, 6-0 to also book his first ever Grand Slam final.

Sunday's final will see the first Argentine champion here since Guillermo Vilas in 1977.

Coria, the title favourite, also had to come from 2-4 down in the second set, to record his 48th win in his last 50 matches on clay.

From that low point in the second set of their semifinal, Coria reeled off 13 games in a row to set up the platform for his first ever Grand Slam final appearance.

But he had to put down a brief

Henman fightback in the fourth set before he made sure of victory in 2hr 47min.

For ninth seed Henman, trying to become the first British man to make the final here since Bunny Austin in 1937, it was another sorry tale of what might have been as the 29-year-old fell to defeat for the fifth time in a Grand Slam semifinal.

"The final will be a really big occasion," said Coria who holds a 3-1 career lead over his compatriot.

"I have a lot of experience but I am really happy to be in the final. It has been my dream since I was a child.

"It's a historic moment for Argentina but it will probably be a long match."

For 29-year-old Henman, it was the fifth time in his career that he had lost a Grand Slam semifinal but he came close to a famous win.

Having lost those 13 games in a row, he rallied to lead 5-4 and even served for the fourth set to level the match but he was unable to crack the quicksilver Coria.

"I wanted a fifth set but couldn't go there," said the ninth seed.

"Who knows what could have happened if I could have played it under my terms."

The 25-year-old Gaudio, play-

ing in his first Grand Slam semifinal in 21 attempts, went into the match as underdog to his 22-year-old compatriot who had beaten both Marat Safin and Gustavo Kuerten, both former Grand Slam winners, on his way to the last four.

But it was Gaudio who took command from the start under cool, cloudy conditions on a half-empty Philippe Chatrier Centre-Court.

"This is a great day for me. It's my favourite tournament and I have always dreamed of getting to the final here," he said.

"Now that I am in the final I can dream of winning it all, but it will be very hard as Coria is an excellent player.

"This is the result of a lot of hard work and a lot of hard battles and it is just so satisfying to be able to experience it."

Nalbandian said that he had been bothered by a painful injury to his ribs that affected his serving.

"It happened in the last set against Guga (Kuerten) in the quarterfinals. We did everything we could with treatment over the last two days and today I felt better, but I was still in pain," he said.

"I had my chances in the second set, but then Gaston played so well. I just didn't seem to have any power or energy in my legs."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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29 Rye holder  
30 Diamond arbiter  
31 Marie, to Donny  
36 Kato (name in 1995 trial)  
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41 Italian river  
42 Long-running musical  
43 Reed instrument  
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45 Algonquian language  
47 Amorous look  
48 Jell-O creation  
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Solution time: 25 mins.

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SHORTCUT ALGA  
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LUST GORE TLA  
ADU PARIS LEI  
RAW ORAL DEAD  
LIP HOBBO  
SHADES AUDIE  
PANE HIGHBALL  
ALDA ONE TRIM  
MOSS ERKE SEES

CRYPTOQUIP  
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"L A E V Z K Y G N Z A A E A ."  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF I ADORED THOSE LITTLE FURROWS IN THE CHIN, WOULD THAT MEAN I'M A CLEFTOMANIAC?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals R

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short