

# Arias, Shriver survive with other top seeds

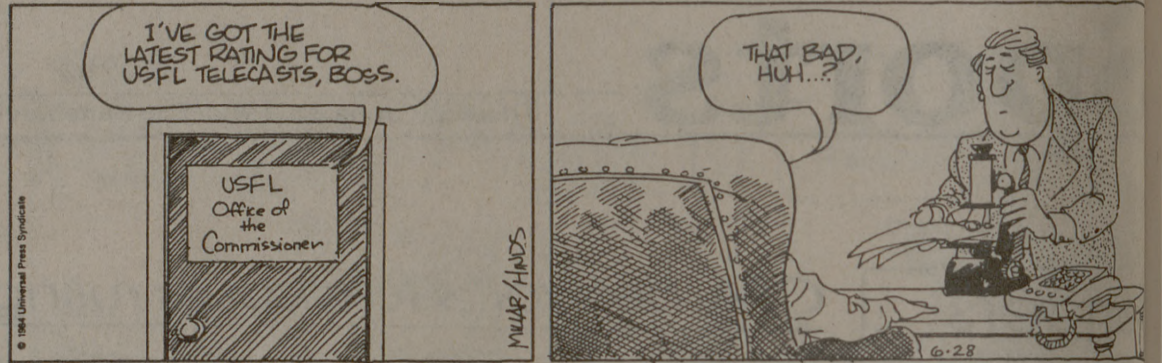
**United Press International**  
**WIMBLEDON, England** — Americans Jimmy Arias and Pam Shriver are the latest members of the Wimbledon elite to scale a treacherous path to survival.  
 While Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl and Martina Navratilova all enjoyed pleasant afternoons Wednesday to reach the third round, Arias and Shriver couldn't have made it much harder on themselves.  
 Arias, seeded fifth although playing at Wimbledon for the first time, struggled past Italian Gianni Occeppo, 7-5, 5-7, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, while Shriver almost ran out of luck on Court 13 before subduing chunky Gigi Fernandez of Puerto Rico, 3-6, 6-3, 9-7.  
 "I don't have the feel for the whole situation yet," said Arias, who made the decisive break in the fifth game of the final set. "I'm kind of lost out there, I'm not sure of myself."

Shriver, seeded fourth and a Wimbledon semifinalist in 1981, had less excuse than Arias for her troubles against Fernandez.  
 "I feel lucky that I got through, but in the end all you want to do is come off the court a winner," said Shriver, who recently was sidelined two months with a shoulder injury. "I didn't want to lose in the second round for the second year in a row to a player I shouldn't lose to."  
 Connors and Lendl, who are headed for a probable semifinal showdown, both made it to the third round in straight sets. Connors, the third seed and a two-time Wimbledon champion, needed only an hour and 37 minutes to thrash Stefan Simonsson of Sweden, 6-2, 6-1, 6-3, and the second seeded Lendl routed South African Derek Tarr, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.  
 "I hope I can play better than that," said Connors, who ran off a string of nine consecutive games to take control of the match, then over-

came a 3-1 deficit in the final set by winning the last five games.  
 Navratilova, in quest of her fifth Wimbledon crown, had more difficulty than anticipated in disposing of Amy Holton, ranked 108th in the world, 6-2, 7-5.  
 "I definitely felt challenged in the second set," the top seed said. "She pushed me and played well. I didn't expect it to be a laydown affair."  
 Despite the troubles experienced by some of the top players, all six of the men seeds and all eight women to see second-round action Wednesday came out winners.  
 Advancing along with Navratilova and Shriver into the third round of the women's singles, all in straight sets, were No. 6 Kathy Jordan, No. 7 Manuela Maleeva, No. 9 Wendy Turnbull, No. 11 Lisa Bonder, No. 13 Barbara Potter and No. 16 Carling Bassett.

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# Morton fired from Denver Gold

**DENVER** — Craig Morton was fired Wednesday as head coach of the U.S. Football League's Denver Gold, but was offered a monetary settlement and a job as a scout for the team, a television station reported.  
 Gold owner Doug Spedding met with Morton at 10:30 a.m. MDT to discuss the offer, KUSA-TV said. The station said the firing was definite, and Morton was considering Spedding's proposal to buy out the remaining year of his contract and take the offer of a scouting position.

Spedding, a millionaire Denver auto dealer, bought the Gold from Ron Blanding earlier this season. Morton was reached after the meeting with Spedding and said there was "nothing to be said yet."  
 Morton, who quarterbacked 17 years in the NFL, took over as head coach of the Gold midway through the 1983 season after Blanding fired Red Miller.  
 In his first full season this year, Morton coached the Gold to a 9-9 record and came under fire from Spedding for his laid-back methods.

He was also criticized for not spending enough time at Gold headquarters.  
 The team began the season with a 7-1 record and then suffered a collapse after Spedding took over the team.  
 Spedding's ownership has been marked by controversy. In one policy change, he ordered club secretaries to open players' mail in order to cut down on personal mail to team headquarters.

# Soviet-led boycott could lead to U.S. 'gold rush'

**United Press International**  
 It's been 136 years since Americans have had the chance to discover this much gold in California.  
 The great Gold Rush of 1848 is about to be re-lived, courtesy of the United States Olympic team with an assist from the Soviet Union.  
 With the Communist countries, led by their Big Brother, the Soviet Union, having pulled out of the Olympic Games, which will be held in Los Angeles July 28-Aug. 12, the United States is in the enviable position of collecting enough gold to fill Fort Knox.  
 Heck, King Midas never had it so good.  
 The United States should find gold as least as plentiful as the Soviet

Union did in 1880 when the Americans boycotted the Olympics in Moscow. Without Uncle Sam's boys to contend with, the Soviet Union won 80 gold medals (197 overall) and East Germany, the other powerful Soviet bloc country, took home 47 gold medals (126 overall).  
 The absence of the Communist countries certainly opens up the vault, so to speak, for the United States.  
 Without the Communist countries in the competition, the United States should be favored to take home the most gold medals in its Olympic history. While the United States is traditionally strong in such competition as track and field, swimming, basketball and boxing, the Communist

boycott makes the U.S. gold medal hopes much stronger in sports such as weightlifting, volleyball, rowing, gymnastics and shooting.  
 Track and field, referred to as "Athletics" in Olympic parlance, is the event which holds the public's interest the most and is the true glamour sport of the Games. The United States, most likely, would have won more gold medals in these events than in any other even if the Communist countries were participating. Without them, the gold should pour out quicker than a Las Vegas slot machine.  
 With such standout performers as Carl Lewis, Edwin Moses, Greg Foster and Evelyn Ashford, the United States probably is fielding its strong-

est track and field squad ever. Lewis, in fact, has an excellent chance of becoming the first track and field performer since Jesse Owens in 1936 to win four gold medals. He looms as the favorite for the 100 meters, 200 meters and long jump and will participate on what could be a world record setting relay team.  
 An American sweep is possible in the men's 100 meters, 200 meters and 400 meter hurdles, but then a sweep in those three events was possible even if the Communists were competing.  
 Where the United States will gain ground with the Communist pullout is in men's events such as the high jump, pole vault, javelin, shot put, hammer throw and discus, and in

virtually all of the women's events.  
 Sprinter Evelyn Ashford and distance runner Mary Decker already loom as gold medal favorites in the women's competition but suddenly the United States has a chance at the gold in previously Communist dominated disciplines such as the longer distances and weight events.  
 In addition to track and field, U.S. chances for a gold medal harvest have improved tremendously in swimming, too. The U.S. swim team, which won 25 of 29 gold medals contested in the Pan American Games at Caracas, Venezuela, last summer, could see a repeat of that performance at Los Angeles.  
 With Russia's Vladimir Salnikov, the world's outstanding freestyler

for the past six years, out of Games as well as East Germany's powerful team, the U.S. might dominate the 15 events to be contested in the men's events. On West Germany's Michael Gross, the butterfly, Canada's Victor Davis in the breaststroke and Canada's Alex Baumann, Brazil's Ricardo Prado and Italy's Giovanni Franzoni in the individual medley appear to have a chance of blocking a U.S. gold medal sweep.  
 East Germany has dominated women's swimming events for some time and figured to do so in Los Angeles. But with the East German team competing, the U.S. girls could practically float to the gold in one event.

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