

Top four men's seeds march into Wimbledon semis

□ Top seed Andre Agassi will face Goran Ivanisevic while Pete Sampras squares off against Boris Becker on Saturday.

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Andre Agassi led a historic march of the top four seeds into the Wimbledon semifinals today. Agassi was joined in the final four by two-time defending champion and No. 2 seed Pete Sampras, No. 3 Boris Becker and No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic.

It marks the first time since seeding began in 1927 that the top four men's and women's seeds have reached the semifinals at Wimbledon.

The women's semifinalists are top-seeded Steffi Graf, No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, No. 3 Conchita Martinez and No. 4 Jana Novotna.

Agassi, ripping returns and passing shots with devastating pace and accuracy, beat Dutch doubles specialist Jacco Eltingh, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, in a match that took just 1 hour, 41 minutes.

Sampras had a tougher time, losing the first set before rallying to beat big-serving Shuzo Matsuoka of Japan 6-7 (7-5), 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Ivanisevic, a two-time Wimbledon finalist, served 33 aces — and smashed one racket — in a 7-5, 7-6 (13-11), 6-3 win over No. 6 Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

But none of those victories matched the drama of Becker's five-set thriller over Cedric Pioline of France.

In one of the most compelling Wimbledon matches in years, the three-time Wimbledon champion overcame a stirring comeback before prevailing 6-3, 6-1, 6-7 (8-6), 6-7 (12-10), 9-7, in 4 hours, 11 minutes.

Becker appeared headed for

an easy victory after winning the first two sets. But Pioline, who was treated for a side strain during the second set, staged a remarkable comeback.

Pioline saved four match points — one in the fourth-set tiebreaker, another with Becker leading 5-4 in the fifth set, and two more in the final game, before he hit a backhand long to end the contest.

Pioline showed signs of cramping and looked exhausted in the final games, while Becker still appeared relatively fresh. When the match finally ended, Becker tossed his racket into the stands.

In Saturday's semifinals, Agassi will play Becker and Sampras will face Ivanisevic.

Agassi, showing the same form that took him to the 1992 title, was simply stunning from the baseline. He had 40 backcourt winners — 20 off the forehand and 20 off the backhand — and hit 21 passing shots and 18 return winners.

"Today was the best I've hit the ball yet, bar none," Agassi said. "I'm striking it cleanly, taking it early, playing offensively, not making too many errors."

It was Agassi's 23rd win in his last 24 Grand Slam matches — with his only defeat coming to Kafelnikov in the quarterfinals of the

"I stunned him a little bit with the pace in the first set," Agassi said.

"I was in command all the way. I was very much the dictator of the shots out there because I was hitting it so well."

Shaq, Hakeem ready for the silver screen

*Hakeem —
It ain't over between you and me.
Sure, you're pretty good
with your team behind you,
but I want you one-on-one.*
— Shaq

Ever since this advertisement appeared in newspapers last week, people have been trying to figure out what it means.

Is Shaquille O'Neal challenging Hakeem Olajuwon to a game of one-on-one? Is it going to be televised? If it is, you don't think Bill Walton will be the commentator, do you?

Media outlets reported that the ad was the beginning of a major publicity campaign for Taco Bell involving the two centers. My sources, however, have confirmed the ad is actually the start of a media blitz for a new movie the two 7-footers will star in.

Titled *Dream and Shaq's Excellent Adventure*, the movie is made up of several skits that will show Olajuwon and O'Neal's acting talents. The film is expected to thrash the rest of the summer movies when it is released in August.

Even though no one involved would comment on the project, my sources were able to get a working copy of the script. Here are some outtakes from the movie that will bring Shaquille and Hakeem to the silver screen.

Shaqman Forever

"Riddle me this, riddle me that, who's afraid of the big, bad Shaq?"
"I've discovered a way to stop you,

Dream. It's all over for you and that stupid costume you're wearing."
"What costume? This is the Rockets' new uniform design."

DAVID WINDER
SPORTSWRITER



Die Hard With a Midget

"Hakeem, Shaq, we've got a problem. Muggsy Bogues has placed bombs all over the city and he's about to start detonating them."

"Why do you need us then, captain?"
"He said we had to put you two guys on the case because of your height. If we do, he might not blow everything up."

"What do we have to do, captain?"
"Wear these basketball goals on your head. Set them so your face will be the backboard."

"This isn't hard, captain. We could do this all day if need be."
"I wish it were that easy, fellows. I believe you guys know Nick Anderson and Vernon Maxwell, don't you? They have to make 10 three-pointers each in one hour, using the goals on your heads. If they don't, Bogues starts blowing up New York City."

"Hakeem, we'll die from concussions from all those bricks before they reach 10."
"Look who's shooting, Shaq, they'll never reach 10."

"Hakeem, Shaq, we've got a problem. Muggsy Bogues has placed bombs all over the city and he's about to start detonating them."

White Men Still Can't Jump

Colorado silences Houston's big guns, wins 4-2

□ The Astros' offense was limited to four singles and two walks.

of the three batters he faced in the eighth and Darren Holmes pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

The Rockies scored twice in the seventh, snapping a 2-2 tie. With one out, Eric Young tripled into the gap in left-center, chasing Kile (3-8). Pinch-hitter Dante Bichete was intentionally walked by Ross Powell, and Walker singled to right-center. After Dave Veres replaced Powell, Andres Galarraga was hit by a pitch, loading the bases. Vinny Castilla then hit a sacrifice fly.

In the first, the Astros got to Ritz for two runs with three consecutive singles to start the game. James Mouton singled and stole second. Craig Biggio hit an RBI single to left and went to third when left fielder Ellis Burks' throw to the plate

bounced past the catcher. He scored on a wild pitch.

The Rockies managed only an infield hit off Darryl Kile until the fourth. Walker reached second when first baseman Jeff Bagwell misplayed a throw on a grounder. With two outs, Ellis Burks walked and Joe Girardi singled off Kile's glove for the first Colorado run. Jason Bates then singled to center to make it 2-2.

Kile wriggled out of a jam in the fifth. He walked the first two batters, then induced Walker to hit into a fielder's choice grounder, struck out Galarraga and retired Castilla on a groundout.

After giving up the fourth Houston hit in the third, Ritz retired 12 straight batters before walking Dave Magadan with one out in the seventh.

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Beginning Country & Western Dance
Mon. July 10, 17, 27(Th), 31
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\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

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Wed. July 5, 12, 19, Aug 2
6-7:15pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Ballroom Dance
Wed. July 5, 12, 19, Aug 2
7:30-8:45pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Bellydance
T/Th, July 11 - Aug 10
6-7pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

SELF HELP

Yoga I
M/W, July 10 - Aug 9
5:30-7pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

CPR
M/W, July 17, 19
6-10pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

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T/Th, July 18, 20
7-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

BUSINESS

Leadership Skills
Thurs. July 6, 13, 20
6-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

Basics of Investing
Tues. July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1, 8
7:30-9pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Retirement Planning
Tues. July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1, 8
6:30-8pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

ARTS & CRAFTS

Painting
Mon. July 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug 7
6-9pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Drawing
Tues. July 11, 18, 25 Aug 1, 8
6-8pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Matting & Framing
Mon. July 10, 17, 24
6:30-8:30pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Watercolor
Wed. July 12, 19, 26 Aug 2, 9
6-9pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Cake Decorating
Thurs. July 20, 27 Aug 3, 10
6-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Stained Glass
Wed. July 5, 12, 19, 26 Aug 2
6-9pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Leaded Glass
Mon. July 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug 7
6-9pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Woodworking I
Wed. July 5, 12, 19, 26
6-8pm
\$30/student \$45/nonstudent

Indian Bow Making
Tues. July 11, 18, 25 Aug 1, 8
6-9pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

University PLUS

POTTERY

Beginning Pottery Wheel Throwing
M/W, July 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24
5:30-7:30pm

T/Th, July 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
5:30-7:30pm

T/Th, July 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
7:45-9:45pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Pottery II Intermediate Wheel Throwing
M/W, July 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24
7:45-9:45pm
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PHOTO ART

Photography
Sat. July 8, 15
9am-12noon & 1-3pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Int. Photography
Sat. July 22 & Aug 5
9am-12noon
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

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Thurs. July 13, 20, 27
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\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

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Introduction to Macintosh Computer Training
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7-9pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Microsoft Word for Macintosh
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7-9pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Excel for Macintosh
M/W, July 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 Aug 2
7-9pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

SPECIAL INTEREST

Flower Arranging
Wed. July 5, 12, 19
1-4pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Wedding Flowers Bouquets Etc.
Wed. July 26, Aug 2
1-4pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Potpourri
Wed. Aug 9
2-4pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

Smocking
Mon. July 17, 24, 31
6-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Knitting
Tues. July 11, 18, 25
7-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

Drum Training
T/Th, July 11 - Aug 10
6-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Flyfishing
Thurs. July 6, 13, 20, 27 Aug 3
7-9pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

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Tues. July 11, 18, 25 Aug 1
7-8:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Texas Hunter's Safety Education
T/Th, Aug 15, 17, 22, 24
6-9pm
\$10/student \$15/nonstudent

Billiards
Sat. July 8, 15, 22, 29 Aug 5
2-4pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Intro To Falconry
Thurs. July 6, 13, 20, 27 Aug 3
6-7pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent