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'Wary' Seles ready to return to tennis

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — She still giggles like a schoolgirl, out on a first date. She smiles easily and seems bubbly and happy. And yet, Monica Seles admits that the knife attack on her more than two years ago at Hamburg, Germany, has left its scars.

"I always felt safest on a tennis court," she said. "That was taken away from me."

So now Seles is returning to tennis, still aware of the attack, still wary. She spent Saturday at the Special Olympics World Games, looking relaxed, tanned and trim, ready to resume her career. But there were reminders of the trauma she had experienced.

Media covering the event were asked to present two forms of identification, a requirement organizers of the Games said came from Seles' people. Beyond the normal Special Olympics credential, special wrist bands were issued for admission to the Seles events.

At her press conference, one credential and wrist-banded reporter tried to climb over a security rope as a shortcut to a water vendor. He was stopped and directed around the rope. It was a take-no-chances setting.

Padres ground Astros, end four-game skid

HOUSTON (AP) — San Diego pitcher Andy Ashby continued his recent superb stretch of pitching and Eddie Williams contributed a grand slam home run to send San Diego to a 9-2 victory over Houston Sunday.

The victory enabled the Padres to avoid a five-game sweep as they head home for the All-Star break.

Ashby continued a dazzling two-week run Sunday by handcuffing the Houston Astros on only five hits and striking out three in 7 1-3.

His 6-5 record is misleading, he's won four of his last five starts.

The Padres jumped on Astros starter Darryl Kile early as Steve Finley led off with a walk, Jody Reed singled and Tony Gwynn followed with a three-run homer, his sixth home run of the season.

Rangers edge Yankees despite six errors

ARLINGTON (AP) — Mickey Tettleton tied the game in the eighth with his 200th career home run, and hit an RBI single in the 12th inning to give Texas a 5-4 victory over New York on Sunday's 102-degree heat.

In failing to take advantage of six errors by Texas, the fourth-place Yankees fell to eight games behind division-leading Boston in the AL East.

Tettleton's ground single to left off Steve Howe (3-3) scored Mark McLemore from second base when Gerald Williams' throw to the plate was off-line.

Ed Vosberg (3-2) pitched three innings of two-hit relief. He struck out three and lowered his ERA at home to 0.61.

Mantle to hold press conference Tuesday

DALLAS (AP) — Baseball great Mickey Mantle has scheduled his first public appearance since undergoing a liver transplant.

The 63-year-old former New York Yankees star will hold a 1 p.m. news conference Tuesday at Baylor University Medical Center, where he underwent surgery on June 8.

The Hall of Famer has been recuperating in seclusion since his June 28 discharge from the hospital.

He was admitted to the hospital May 28, complaining of nagging stomach pains. Tests disclosed a malignant liver tumor, along with liver deterioration from decades of alcoholism and surgeries that probably gave him liver-damaging hepatitis C.

A&M track team's finest lend helping hands at camp

Over 50 campers are expected to take part in this week's activities.

By Nick Georgandis
THE BATTALION

This week, Texas track stars of tomorrow will get a chance to learn from the ones from today and yesterday.

Fifty young men and women, ages 10-18 are taking part in the Texas A&M Track and Field Camp which began Sunday and lasts through Friday. The camp participants' experience levels range from novice to high school varsity level.

"We have doubled our camp size from last year," Camp Director and Assistant Head Texas A&M Track Coach Greg Hinze said. "This is a good size for the camp. We don't want it to get too big because this is a very specific form of instruction, and having too many campers will cut down on individual time for instruction."

The coaches at the camp are former NCAA competitors, from A&M and other Texas schools. Besides A&M's normal coaching staff, former track standouts Stacy Zamzow and Gwen Buck are helping in their respective areas of expertise.

Zamzow was one leg of the Aggies' 1600-meter indoor relay team that pulled an upset victory

in the 1994 NCAA Indoor Championships. Zamzow was part of three All-American relay teams in his four years at A&M.

Buck holds three of the top 10 high jump marks in A&M history. Her best jump was 6 3/4 in 1989. Buck won three Southwest Conference championships and was an All-American in 1991.

Also helping out with the camp is A&M junior hurdler Larry Wade. Wade has quickly made his mark in the A&M Track and Field record books after only two seasons of competition.

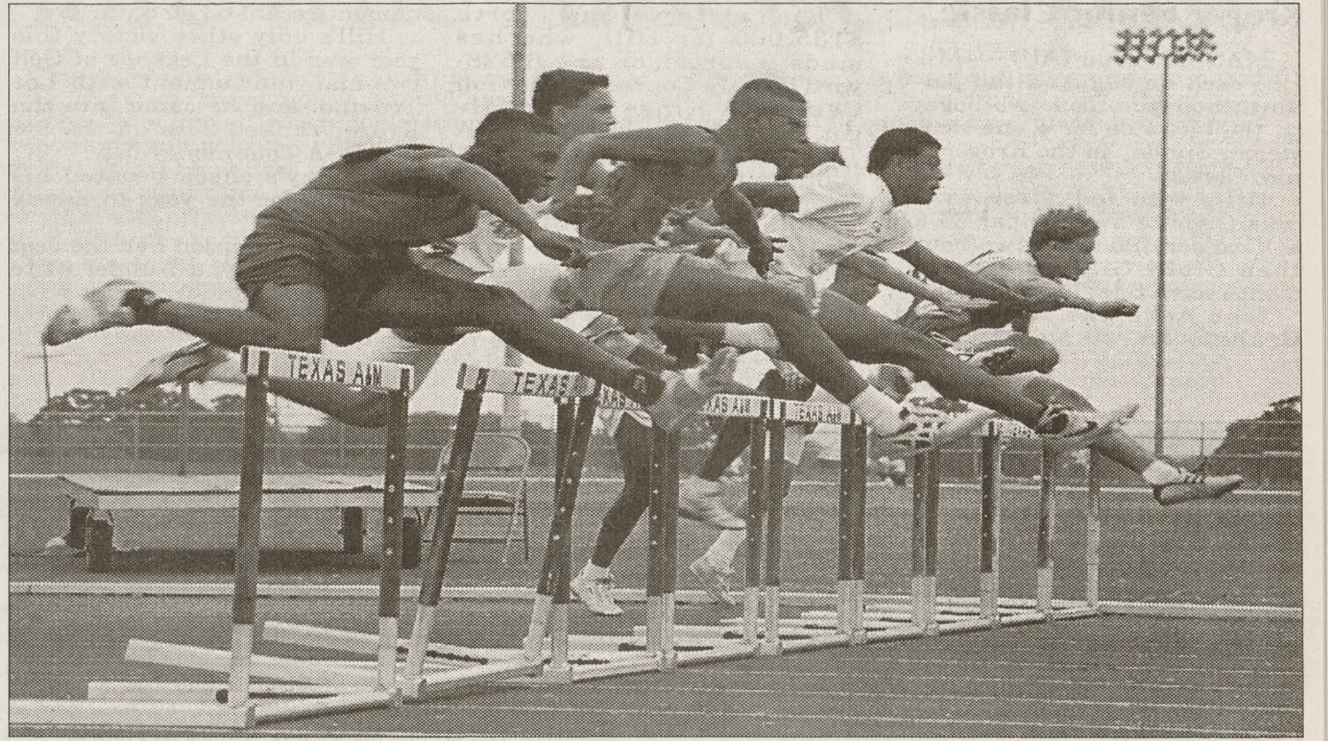
In May, Wade set a new A&M record in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 13.41 seconds at the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Knoxville, Tenn.

This camp is Wade's second, and he said the rewards he gains from it are worth all the hard work.

"I did this last year, and I really enjoyed working with the kids," Wade said. "Our main thing is to make sure the kids have a good time and have fun."

Although many of the campers are a long way from debating what college to attend, Hinze said the coaching staff takes the time to introduce the campers to the pluses of attending Texas A&M.

"We try to teach them a little about the traditions and show them parts of the campus," Hinze said. "Having a first-class facility (the Anderson



File Photo

The second Texas A&M Track and Field Camp is being held today through Friday. Camp attendance has doubled since last year's event. Several former and current A&M team members are helping with the camp.

Track Complex) also helps us sell the school."

The campers will participate in three work sessions per day, either in the weight room or on the track. At Sunday's registration, campers were asked what particular area of the sport — sprints, distance running, hurdles or field events — they would like to specialize in for the week.

Different coaches will work with each area's campers.

Although Wade is one of the premier hurdlers in the nation, he has no problem teaching fundamentals to others.

"I am always having fun with the kids, but it is not that tough to teach them," Wade said. "All I'm doing is teaching them the same things that they

(the A&M coaching staff) already taught me."

Wade said the camp is showing him how much he loves track and field and how it will be a part of his future.

"I've thought about being a track coach before," Wade said. "Track is my life right now, and I know that whatever I do, I'll always be involved with it."

Sampras takes third straight title

After upsetting Andre Agassi, Boris Becker lost in five sets on Sunday.

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Pete Sampras dusted the chalk lines with aces so fast and uncannily accurate Sunday that Boris Becker covered his eyes with his hand near the end and groped with his racket like a blind man carrying a cane.

Sampras, as strong and silky a player as ever graced Centre Court, became the first American to win Wimbledon three straight years by slugging serves that Becker couldn't see, much less return.

"It wouldn't have made a difference whether I had my eyes open or not," Becker said. "He would have hit the line anyway."

In a match of brutal power and efficiency, without a rally longer than seven strokes, Sampras hit 23 aces and 22 service winners to beat Becker 6-7 (7-5), 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 and reach an exalted position among the greatest Wimbledon champions.

The first player to win three consecutive Wimbledon titles since Bjorn Borg's run of five from 1976 to 1980, Sampras is only the second to do it since Fred Perry's third in a row in 1936. If Sampras had any British blood in him, Wimbledon would be erecting a statue of him by now to stand alongside the bronze of Perry near the main gate.

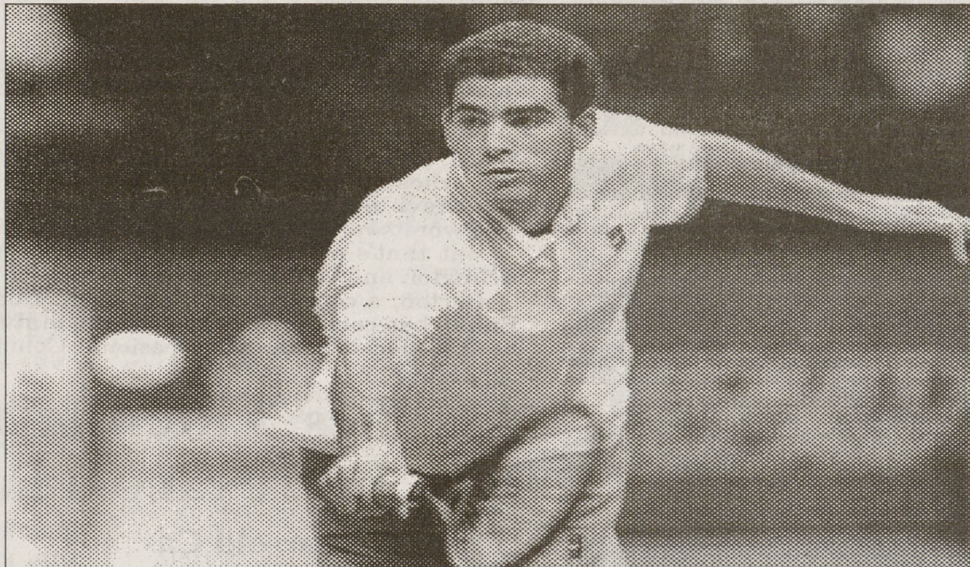
"He owns the Centre Court now. I used to own it a few years back, but it belongs to him now," Becker said of the 23-year-old Sampras, whose sixth Grand Slam title helped him move closer

to recapturing the No. 1 ranking he yielded early this year to Andre Agassi.

"He hits those bombs and you just hope for rain," Sampras never lost his service and faced only two break points the entire match as the scorching, 95-degree heat inflated the new, soft balls and negated the intention of slowing down the game.

Becker, who won the first of his three titles at 17 a decade ago and finished as runner-up for the fourth time, struck 16 aces of his own. But those were offset by 15 double-faults that cost him the third and fourth sets.

Throughout the match, Sampras heard a familiar voice urging him on with shouts of "Go, Pistol, C'mon Pistol." It was the voice of Tom Gullikson, twin brother of Sampras' coach Tim, who was home in Illinois watching the match between chemotherapy treatments for brain cancer.



File Photo

American Pete Sampras took his third straight Wimbledon title on Sunday, defeating Boris Becker in four sets, 6-7 (7-5), 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Spurs' demand classless

Thank you, Robert McDermott, for showing everyone how classless the world of professional sports can be.

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STAFF WRITER



them. The effects of the closing have not been felt yet. It most definitely won't kill the city, but it sure as hell won't be a walk in the park.

McDermott, the chairman of the San Antonio Spurs, recently said that the Spurs want a new, smaller stadium. He said the 35,000-seat Alamodome, where the Spurs have played for the last two seasons, is too big and is "unsuitable" to figure into the team's long-term plans.

McDermott even mentioned the possibility of selling the team to another party that could move the team somewhere else. The alternative involves the residents of San Antonio paying for a \$100 million stadium, probably funded by a tax hike.

All of this is nothing new in the world of professional sports, especially this year. The franchise merry-go-round has been spinning more than a drunken ballerina, dropping teams in cities across the nation.

Just two weeks ago, the news came that San Antonio was losing Kelly Air Force Base. The base was a victim of the federal government's initiative to trim the fat in defense spending. Along with Kelly, San Antonio also lost the 13,000 jobs and countless dollars that went along with

the Spurs' request for a new stadium is equivalent to rubbing salt in the city's wounds. San Antonio is faced with economic uncertainty, and a sports team flexing its muscle so a new stadium can be built is nothing short of financial terrorism.

The Alamodome is not exactly falling apart, either. People who say the Spurs need a new, smaller stadium need to have their heads examined.

If McDermott don't like the Alamodome, he should talk to Houston Rockets owner Leslie Alexander. I hear he's dying to get out of the Summit, and I'm sure he'd jump at the chance to trade arenas.

The Spurs aren't losing money at the Alamodome. The team made around \$4 million last season, proving the Alamodome is economically viable.

McDermott countered by saying that the Spurs' management is preparing for the time when the Spurs stop winning and All-Star center David Robinson retires. Then, the Alamodome could change from Eden to a burden, and cost the team big bucks.

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