

SPORTS BRIEFS

USA Women Beat Canada in Soccer 4-2

Instead of the dominant performance it has come to expect, the United States women's soccer team got a wake-up call heading into the World Cup.

Mia Hamm had one goal and two assists Sunday as the United States fought off a tenacious Canadian national team 4-2 in the Americans' final exhibition before the third women's Cup begins play in less than two weeks.

"They did a good job of disrupting us from the beginning," said Hamm, whose 109th international goal extended her own record. "They played a very distinct style and won a lot of first and second balls, which we didn't do."

The U.S. team struggled with its timing and organization for much of the game. Canada led 1-0 and was tied 2-2 late in the first half, but Kristine Lilly's goal in the 45th minute gave the United States the lead for good.

"This crowd is getting us geared up and ready for the crowds that we're going to encounter in the World Cup, and the kind of game we're going to encounter," Milbrett said.

Portland is one of seven host cities for the third women's World Cup. A total of 425,000 tickets have been sold for the tournament.

Boxing-Jones Dominant in Unifying Light-Heavy Titles

Roy Jones Jr became the only current undisputed world boxing champion after dominating International Boxing Federation light heavyweight champion Reggie Johnson Saturday to win a unanimous decision.

Jones added the IBF title to his World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council crowns as he improved to 40-1.

Johnson, who lost every round on all three judges' scorecards and was dropped to the canvas in the first and third rounds, fell to 39-6-1.

Jones became the first boxer in nine years to hold the WBA, WBC and IBF titles in the same weight class, and the first light heavyweight to do it since Michael Spinks in 1985.

The 30-year-old champion, whose only loss came in disputed fashion to Montell Griffin in March 1997, further underlined his claim as best fighter in the world.

for 2000

The WNBA is growing up fast. Set to enter its third season this week, the women's basketball league on Monday added four teams that will begin play in 2000—Miami, Seattle, Indianapolis and Portland, Ore.

The expansion, yet another step up for a league backed by the NBA's money and marketing savvy, comes six months after the rival American Basketball League folded, leaving the WNBA the only pro women's league in the country.

"We had not anticipated expanding this quickly," WNBA president Val Ackerman said. "But the combination of the success of the league in the first two seasons and the strong interest expressed by NBA owners has convinced us that the time is right."

The additions will bring the league to 16 teams, double the number from the first season. Ackerman would not disclose the cost of the new franchises.

Charismatic OK After Leg Surgery

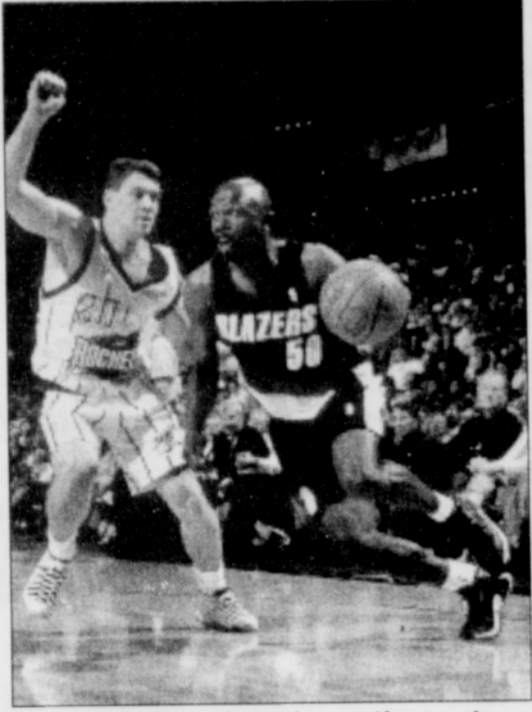
Sometimes fairy tales just don't work out.

The connections of Charismatic, a record crowd of 85,818 at Belmont Park and millions of TV viewers found out the hard way when the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner took a bad step near the finish line and pulled up yards short of a Triple Crown.

The charts will show Charismatic finishing third Saturday behind long-shots Lemon Drop Kid and runner-up Vision and Verse,

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WHAT'S NEXT?



Greg Anthony in action on the court.

BY LONDON HALL
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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)— When the Portland Trail Blazers recovered from the pain and embarrassment of getting swept in the Western Conference finals, they'll realize what a tremendous season they had.

For now, however, going higher in the playoffs only meant a harder fall for the Blazers.

"It's hard. I cried," Portland guard Damon Stoudamire said after

the San Antonio Spurs eliminated his team from the best-of-7 series 94-80. "I think a couple of other guys teared up, too. This team has been through so much this year, I don't think people realize all of what we've been through."



Damon Stoudamire

all come together, winning in Germany, then winning here."

Woods became the second youngest player to win nine times on the U.S. PGA Tour, behind Horton Smith, who had 10 victories by age 22.

"I'm starting to understand how to play the game a little better than before," said Woods, who even though he remains second in the world rankings, issued an emphatic reminder that he will be a huge threat at the U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2 in North Carolina in two weeks.

Tiger Woods Uses Short Game to Win Memorial

DUBLIN, Ohio (Reuters) - Tiger Woods showed there is more than one path to victory when he used a magnificent short game Sunday to win the \$2.55 million Memorial Tournament.

The 23-year-old American, known for his prodigious length off the tee, made a series of outstanding recovery shots to lead throughout the final round on his way to a two-stroke triumph over Vijay Singh of Fiji.

Five times in the first seven holes he made spectacular up-and-downs, twice for birdies on par-5 holes and the rest to save par.

Woods did not make a bogey until the final hole, but by then it hardly mattered as he posted a three-under-par 69 in steamy conditions at

Muirfield Village.

He finished at 15-under-par 273, while Singh also carded 69 for second place at 275, with world number one David Duval (70) another four shots back in a tie for third with fellow-American Olin Browne (65) and Paraguay's Carlos Franco (68).

Woods collected \$459,000 for his 12th professional victory, his second in a row after winning the TPC of Europe in Germany two weeks ago.

"I told everybody last year I was making (swing) changes in my game that were going to be beneficial for the long haul," said Woods. "The press was all over me, especially with David (Duval) playing well."

"The last couple of weeks it's

Tennis at it's Best

BY STEVE WILSTEIN
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PARIS (AP)— Tennis roared back to life just when it was looking so sickly, thanks to Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf and a pair of finals that will go down among the greatest finishes in Grand Slam history.

The French Open, often the least exciting of the majors, gave tennis just what it needed: compelling matches, historic moments and champions who thrilled the crowds.

There were so many tears from Agassi and Graf and Martina Hingis last weekend that Center Court looked like the kiss-and-cry area in figure skating.

But these weren't crocodile tears. They flowed from years of emotional comebacks by Agassi and Graf, and a performance by Hingis in which she blew near-certain victory and was booed mercilessly.

but somewhere before the finish line the former claimer turned champion fractured two bones in his left front ankle.

On Sunday, he underwent successful surgery, in which four screws were inserted to align the broken bones in the ankle. His career as a racehorse is over, but the great-grandson of Secretariat can look forward to a career as a stallion.

Magic Name Rivers New Coach

Doc Rivers was hired as coach of the Orlando Magic Monday, succeeding Chuck Daly and taking over a team that was upset in the first round of the playoffs.

Hesigned a four-year guaranteed contract worth about \$8 million.

Although Rivers has no previous coaching experience, he played for some of the league's best — Pat Riley, Larry Brown and Mike Fratello.

"He has demonstrated over the course of his career to be a true leader and has been preparing for this day for some time," Orlando general manager John Gabriel said. "He has a very magnetic personality and a sharp basketball mind. He is an outstanding fit for

There was unwarranted cruelty in the French fans' treatment of Hingis in the women's final.

Yes, Hingis complained about calls a little too much. And she played the part of the spoiled child when she didn't get her way, banging her racket on the court.

But in January she made a cutting remark about Frenchwoman Amelie Mauresmo's homosexuality, and on Saturday she was beating the popular Graf for most of the first two sets.

But Hingis is, after all, just 18 years old, and nothing she did deserved nonstop jeers. She wasn't John McEnroe cursing an umpire or throwing his racket across the court. She wasn't Jeff Tarango stomping away in midmatch or spitting at an umpire.

Yet, the boos toward Hingis, juxtaposed with the roars and chants for Graf, made for grand theater. It meant the fans really cared.

our organization."

Rivers, who played 13 seasons in the NBA, has spent the last three years as a television analyst for Turner Sports.

Williams Sisters Take Doubles Crown

Venus and Serena Williams took home the French Open women's doubles title on Sunday, but it didn't relieve the pain of going out in the singles tournament.

"No, I don't feel better," Venus said. Her younger sister said she was still "pretty bitter and resentful."

The Williams sisters, both knocked out of the singles in the first week, beat Martina Hingis and Anna Kournikova 6-3, 6-7 (2-7), 8-6 in the doubles final.

The first set came easy to the Americans, who broke Kournikova's service once on the way to a 6-3 win.

"They were killing us in the beginning. We had no rhythm, didn't know what to do out there," Hingis said.

In the second set, the Williams gained a 4-1 lead when play was suspended for rain. After a 20-minute delay, Hingis and Kournikova came out fighting.

"We've had people on our backs all year, talking that we would melt down. But the guys really do care about winning. We did pull together."

The Blazers entered the season having lost in the first round of the playoff six straight years, but by the end of the lockout-shortened season, they were evoking memories of Clyde Drexler and Terry Porter. The Blazers beat Phoenix in the first round and then toppled the two-time defending conference

champion Utah Jazz.

"Nobody expected us to get above seventh place (in the West) this year," Blazers guard Isaiah Rider told reporters. "The joke is on you guys and the others that doubted us."

As good as the Blazers were in the regular season and the first two rounds of the playoffs, the Spurs showed them just how far they have to go to be a championship-caliber team.

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