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Venus Continues Her Dominance of Seles in Acura Classic

BASEL, Switzerland - (AP) Firing 13 aces at speeds up to 113 mph, Venus Williams overpowered Monica Seles 6-2, 6-3 on Sunday to win the Acura Classic for the second straight year.

Williams extended her domination of Seles to 6-0 in their first meeting since Williams won their semifinal in the Sydney Olympics en route to the gold medal. She beat Seles in three sets last year at La Costa Re-

sort. Williams served four love games, including one she closed out with aces of 113 and 111 mph to take a 5-2 lead in the second set. Williams showed she can change speeds, too. She set up match point with an 82 mph ace down the middle, then won with an 88 mph ace.

Seles actually served a higher percentage (59 percent to 54 percent), but Williams hit 37 win-

ners and won 88 percent of the points on her first serve.

Still, Williams, the Wimbledon champion, sees improvements she needs to make heading into the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 27.

Seles had three break points on double faults by Williams in the opening game, but Williams got out of trouble with a 111 mph ace and then held when Seles' service return went wide. Seles

broke Williams once.

Seles tried jerking Williams from side-to-side in the backcourt, but a 6-foot-1 Williams stretched her long arms and legs to return several balls that seemed out of reach.

Playing just her second tournament since May, Seles reached the final by upsetting the top two players in the world. She beat No. 2 Jennifer Capriati in the quarterfinals, then No. 1 Martina Hingis in the semis.



Venus Williams served up 13 aces against Monica Seles to win 6-2, 6-3 and capture the title in the Acura Classic.

Maurice Greene, the World's Fastest Human

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) Maurice Green has been the world's fastest human for the past four years - and he left no doubt about it Sunday night. The always confident Greene shook off false starts by three of his opponents and won his third consecutive world title, in 9.82 seconds - the third-fastest time in history. He also owns the two fastest times - his world record of 9.79 and 9.80, both set in 1999.

Green also has been troubled by tendinitis in his left knee this year, and with all the injuries he said he would not defend his 200 world title later in the championships.

"If I'm not 100 percent, I'm not going to run," he said. "I'm not going to jeopardize the U.S. relay with my ego."

In winning, Greene led a 1-2-3 U.S. finish, with Tim Montgomery second at 9.85 and Bernard Williams third with a ca-



Maurice Green won the 100-meter with the third-fastest time in history - in 9.82 seconds at the Track and Field World Championships in Edmonton, Alberta. Green shook off false starts by three of his opponents in the 100-meter dash to win his third consecutive world title.

reer-best 9.94. He also became the second to win three straight 100 titles, joining Carl Lewis, the winner in 1983, 1987 and 1991.

"The most important thing is I finished the race," the ailing Greene said. "I would have to hurt all the muscles in my body to stop."

Greene never wavered or became ruffled. Keeping his focus, he waited patiently for a clean start, then burst out of the blocks with his customary ferociousness, and at the end he held off the fast-closing Montgomery.

Montgomery blamed the false start for not winning.

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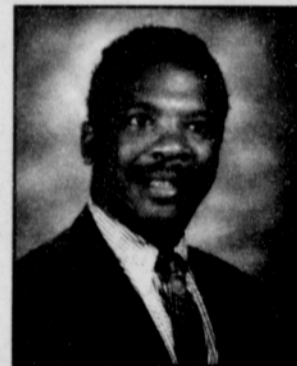
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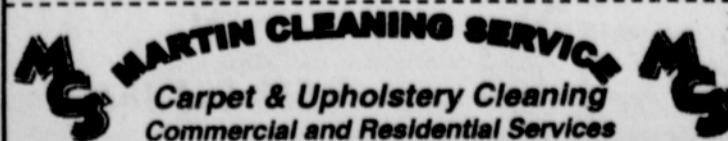
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