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Edberg is favorite

PARIS. It's not that easy to risk a prediction on the men's singles final, after assisting to the surprising match between Arantxa Sanchez and Steffi Graff. Healthy or not, Steffi was by far more favorite than Stefan is.

In the three previous head-to-heads, the Swede won the one in 1988, when Chang was still at the kindergarten: 6-3, 6-3 the score of that match, played in Cincinnati. In '89 the two are even, in Scottsdale the Swede won 6-2, 6-4, in Indian Wells the little Chinese did 6-3, 6-2.

These matches were played on hardcourt, which is the surface Chang is more used to. No doubt, though, that clay is the most suitable surface to his qualities of runner, regularist and improviser.

Edberg is 23 and is currently number three in the ATP ranking. Chang, who turned 17 last February 22nd, is number 19 (but he'll go upper). It's quite obvious to imagine that a couple Arantxa-Little Michael would be a joy for all of us tennis hard watchers. Then they could get married, and produce a 1.20 meter tall and elusive mini world champion. To be more serious, I say I bet on Chang at 3, only because I give him at 2½.