## AC Milan's magic sinks Napoli

LONDON, Jan 7: Dutch in terna-tional Marco Van Baston believes AC Milan came as close to perfection as possible when the Italian league leaders demolished challengers Napoli 5-0, reports Reuter.

"We cannot claim that we were perfect, because in soccer perfection does not exist. liowever, this was one time when we came very close", said Van Basten, whose goal on Sunday made him joint leading scorer with Lazio's German Karl -Heinz Riedle on 10.

Milan's emphatic win was almost to good for their president Silvio Berlusconi.

" When the scoreline becomes as one-sided as this was, start hoping that no more goals will come, " he said. " It's not pretty to see an opponent down on his knees. "

Milan's all-conquering performance against third-place Napoli contrasted sharply with that of second- placed Juventus, who had to work hard to defeat Parma 1-0 at home and remain two points behind Milan.

Juventus coach Biovanni Trapattoni lost his temper with reporters who suggested that his side continue to experience good fortune.

" It's simply not possible that every time we manage to play badly but have luck on our side, Enough, people are simply exaggerating".

Juventus, grabbed both points thanks to a brilliantly executed long -range shot from Roberto Baggio following a poor defensive clearance by Parma in the 71st minute.

Bari president Vincens Matarrese was reduced to tears by his club's first win of the scason, when they descated Cagliari 1-0 in Bari.

I simply don't have the worlds. A new year, a new life, said the emotional Matarrese whose club remain second bot-

Genoa, watched by Liverpool manager Gracme Souncss whose team plays them in the quarte: -finals of the UEFA Cup, were held to a 1-1 home draw by Torino.

Coach Oscaldo Bagnoli admitted that Torino had dominated for much of the match, saying: " Suness will have seen what I saw, namely a very good Torino for 75 minutes."

In Rome, Riedle was the toast of Lazio fans after he ored two goals in his side's 5-2 defeat of Foggia, their first home win of the season.

Foggia were not helped by the dismissal midway through the first half of Salvatore Matrecano, who seemed to have forgotten the world's of Popc John Paul during a papal blessing of the team at the Vatican on Saturday.

"Conduct yourselves so that your game and your lives are ar example to young people and a spur for them to always try harder and do better", the Pope

Matrecano was sent off for deliberate handball

Real Madrid's first defeat o the season of City rivals Atletico opened up the title race and had the Spanish papers excitedly preclaiming the league leaders were beginning to

" Excitement is back in the league, " and " Madrid under stege" read the newspaper headlines after Real, previously unbeaten and cruising six points clear, crashed to a 2-0 away defeat to Atletico Madrid.

Atletico now trail Real by just four points, but coach Luis Aragones remained impassive.

Things haven't changed much. The league is a bit more open. Yes, but there is no way you can say who is going to torn out champions when there are so many points to play for. El Pais newspaper underlined the fact that Real Madrid, who dropped only one point in their first 13 games have now failed to win their last three matches.

" They are showing signs of weakness," the paper said. Right now they look vulnerable. while Atletico have recovered from their December slump with two straight wins."

Real's Yugoslav coach Radomir Antic remained philosophical. " Nothing went well. All your plans are useless when you give away a goal in the first eminute. The important thing now is that we do not lose our heads."

Barcelona kept up their growing challenge to the leading pair with a polished 2-1 win away at Real Mallorca to remain just one point behind Atletico in third place.

#### SA must wait, says FIFA

ZURICH, Jan 7: FIFA has dashed South Africa's hopes of a quick return to international soccer, reports Reuter.

FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said on Monday: "FIFA's Congress expelled South Africa in 1976 for their now-dismantled apartheid policies and only Congress can

reading them.
FIFA's next Congress meet-

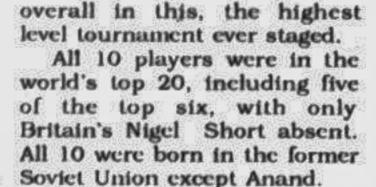
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## Anand wins title

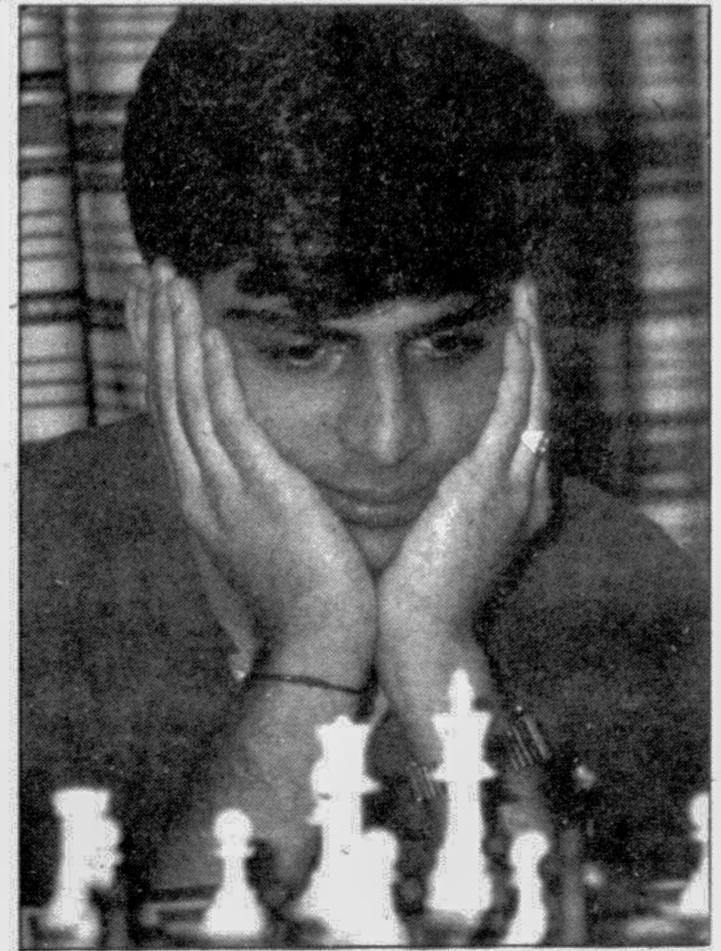


Italy, Jan 7: Indian Grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand won the star--studded

Emilia chess tournament on Monday when he beat Alexander Belyavsky of



Before Monday's games,



VISWANATHAN ANAND...upstaged all the bigger names

Ukraine in the ninth and final round, reports Reuter. World champion Garry

Kasparov, who drew his final with Alexander Khalifman, was joint second with Boris Gelfand.

Fourth was former world champion Anatoly Karpov who could only draw with Gelfand after eight hours of play, despite being a pawn up in a rook's end-game.

"This is my greatest ever success," an clated Anand told Reuter afterwards. "I confess I did not expect at first to win here with Kasparov and Karpov playing.

Anand, a 22-year-old prodigy from Madras who plays very quickly and never runs into time problems, reminded many seasoned observers of Cuban chess legend Jose Raul Capablanca.

His win over Belyavsky after 40 moves and three and a half hours of play gave him 6 points

Moscow is under

reports Reuter.

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Former world champion

Anatoly Karpov was pushed to

fourth place. Kasparov was

placed joint second with Boris

"Anand is at his peak now

and things should go the right

way for him," said Manuel

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Arrand was level on points with Gelfand and Kasparov. Ninth and final round results: Vishwanathan Anand Garry Kasparov

Valery Salov Vassily Ivanchuk **Anatoly Karpov** Alexander Belyavsky

Alexander Khalifman Mikhail Gurevic Lev Polugayevski Boris Gelfand

Final standings: 6 points Anand Kasparov and Gelfand Karpov

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and Anand's Mentor.

Sovict domination.

speed of his play.

Aron, a senior Indian player

chess player in the world.

"He is now the strongest

His win thrusts Asian chess

to the forefront. The current

world women's champion is

China's Xie Jun, a 20-year-old

from Beijing who defeated

Maya Chiburdanidze last

October to break 64 years of

Grandmaster is known as the

lightning kid because of the

comes after what was by his

standards a disappointing year.

Karpov in a quarter-final of the

world championship series in

Brussels in September. He was

the first Asian to reach the last

eight of the championships,

and many predict he will

mount a serious challenge for

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Jan Timman of the

highest echelons of chess,

which have prompted experts

But Anand's exploits in the

And he lost in the semi final

the title next time around.

Netherlands.

Anand narrowly lost to

The 22-year-old Indian

But his landmark win

Ivanchuk,

Polugayevski and

MILAN, Jan Internationale on Tuesday gave a vote of confidence to beleaguered German soccer star Lothar Matthaeus, who was said he is ready to quit the

Matthaeus not

happy at Inter

Italian club, reports Reuter. "Inter has no intention of letting Matthaeus go, "a club spokesman said.

Germany's World Cup-winning captain, Stung by Italian press criticism, said after a Monday training session he was ready to leave the club he has helped win the Italian championship and the UEFA Cup since joining them from Bayern Munich in 1988.

Confirming a report in the German daily Bild Zeitung on Monday in which he said that if Inter no longer wanted him he was willing to leave, Matthacus said.

"It's not that I want to go. I'm only saying that if I'm not wanted, then I can always lcave.

"Since I have offers both in Italy and clsewhere, Inter should let me know what I'm worth and what they want and I'll go off and find myself other employers."

Matthacus said he felt Inter had not protected him from the press, which has hounded him for most of a disappointing season, holding him up as scapegoat whenever Inter play

"You are carrying out a shameful campaign against me," Matthacus told reporters on Monday.

"Since no one from the club has intervened in the last few days to formally deny the allegations written about me, including that the club want to sell all three German players, then you could easily get the impression that these things (allegations) are well founded."

#### Jansher's revenge

CARDIFF, Jan 7: Jansher Khan avenged his loss of the world number one ranking to Jahangir Khan by thrashing his fellow-Pakistani in a British national squash league match on Monday night, reports Reuter.

Jansher won 9-5, 9-2, 9-1 in just under an hour, ending a run of four successive defeats against his great rival, who regained top place in the world rankings on January 1. Jansher, who was ranked

number one from late 1990. had last beaten Jahangir in the Spanish Open in March. lie now leads 20-18 in mutches against Jahangir

amental American genius

Bobby Fischer, now a recluse,

and Cuban legend Jose Raul

Capablanca, are little reflected

with his parents in the'

Southern Indian city of

Madra's, listing long walks as

his favourite relaxation. He

shuns meat and, friends say,

blushes when asked if he dates

day on the board, and works

out positions with the help of a

laptop computer. But, he says,

. It's an excellent way of re-

licying all tension on the

board," he said in an interview

last year. "You don't have time

to penetrate into the secrets of

a situation. I never get into

time trouble so I can be re-

laxed during the whole game."

porters, he says, are his par-

ents. He calls them after every

game he plays when he is not

at home in Madras and they

knew of his win in Italy min-

utes after he defeated

Alexander Belyavsky in the fi-

"It is unbelievable," said

nail round.

Ilis most energetic sup-

he plays intuitively.

Anand practices six hours a

He lives a near-monastic life

in his lifestyle.

to compare him with temper- Anand's father,

Indian boy shakes up the Soviet men's world

# Stale Stich, Lendl crash out

Top-seeded Michael Stich, showing little of the skill he used to Wimbledon last year, was bounced out of



the dlrs 560,000 New South

MICHAEL STICH

Tuesday by wild-card entry Todd Woodbridge, reports AP. Stich, ranked fourth in the

world, was plagued by errors. The German star lost six of his last seven service games to Woodbridge, the hometown favorite, in falling 4-6, 6-1,6-1. Ivan Lendl, the No. 2 seed,

lasted only a few hours longer, falling to hard-serving Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

Other high-ranked players also have found the tournament tough going.

Belgium's Sabine Appelmans, at No. 11, became the second women's seed to fall in as many days, losing 6-1,6-3 to

American Tami Whitlinger in a second-round match. Derrick Rostagno of the United States, the No. 6 men's seed, also lost

Monday. In other first-round matches Tuesday, American Gigi Fernandez, the No. 15 women's seed, downed qualifier Petra Thoren of Finland 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 while No. 16 Radka Zrubakova of Czechoslovakia beat qualifier Clare Wood of Britain 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia, the No. 4 men's seed, ousted qualifier Patrick Baur of Germany, 6-4, 7-5.

American Pam Shriver was ousted in a hard-fought threesetter by Manon Bolegraf of the Netherlands, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5.

Conchita Martinez of Spain. the No. 5, woman, also struggled to defeat Emanuela Zardo of Switzerland, 2-6,6-4,6-2 in a second-round match.

The top-seeded woman, Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, had a first-round bye and has her first match Wednesday. Lendl found himself out-

gunned by the 20-year-old Krajicek in a masterful showdown of power tennis before a packed center-court crowd. Krajicek blasted 13 aces and

26 other serves that his Czechoslovak opponent failed to get back into play. And when he wasn't ripping winners off his serve, the Dutchman was charging the net. Many of Lendl's strong baselines shots ripped past Krajicck, but at 6foot-4 (194 centimeters), he picked off enough to carve out

"I just didn't get any rhythm out there at all," Lendl said. "He served very well. What can you do? He has a big serve and he covers the net very well."

Davis Cup records, and doubles

specialist Rick Leach will join

previously announced players

Andre Agassi and Pete

Sampras on the team, the US

Tennis Association said.

McEnroe last played in

break to Stich, the 80th-ranked Woodbridge ripped off six straight games, including a streak of 13 consecutive points,

to take control. Stich briefly found his powerful form to win the opening game of the deciding set with two aces and a service winner before Woodbridge ran off the last six games for the match. Typical of Stich's day, he netted a backhand at match point for Woodbridge's seventh break.

"I didn't play too well," said Stich, who had not competed in the month since the Grand Slam Cup and was hoping for more match competition before the Australian Open starts next Monday in Melbourne. "It was a bit too hot for me. I just want to work on that and get used to it."

Although Stich arrived in Australia last Wednesday, the Rebound Ace courts at White City in midtown Sydney had been plagued by rainy, unscasonably cool weather until Monday.

Asked how much he had to improve before the Australian Open, a two-week Grand Slam event, he laughingly said: "75 per cent." But he said he remained confident and was looking forward to the event.

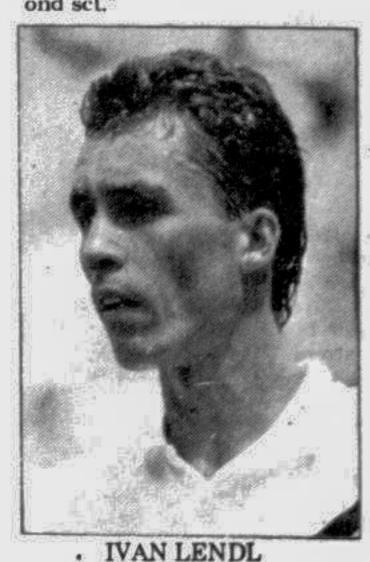
Stich made the finals here last year, but it was at the start of his march from relative obscurity to tennis upper eche-

"When you're seeded No. 1, everyone wants to beat you," he

It was the biggest victory of Woodbridge's career. He overcame carly problems with his forehand to take control with an aggressive style that had Stich

spraying shots long, wide and into the net.

"I didn't feel I was hitting the Sall as well as I could and that he wasn't playing as well as he could," Woodbridge said. 'I kept telling myself I had a chance, even down a break in the second sct."



Woodbridge said his victory coupled with Nicole Provis' win in the Danone Open last weekend, should help quiet criticism of Australian tennis, which has been down for several years.

"I've been very disappointed with the way people have been talking about Australian tennis in the past few months," he

"It takes a while to get these kind of results. They don't happen overnight."

"Last week we had Nicole Provis and Rachel McQuillan in the Brisbane final and this week I've beaten Stich, the number four in the world.

## Davis Cup call for McEnroe



7: John McEnroe. absent from the US Davis Cup team that fell in last years final to

was named on Monday to the team that will play Argentina in an openinground match later this month in Mauna Lani, Hawaii, reports Reuter.

The selection marks McEnroc's record 12th year of Davis Cup play. The 32-yearold McEnroe had shared the US mark of 11 years with Bill Tilden and Stan Smith.

" I picked him because of the fire he has deep down to win the Davis Cup again, " US captain Tom Gorman said of McEnroe, the cornerstone of

Vishwanathan. "I did expect

him to win, but when it turned

out it was an outright win, it

after 40 moves and 3-1/

hours of play gave him six

1/2, along with Gelfand.

points overall out of a possible

Anand's win over Belyavsky

Kasparov joint second on 5-

Boxer's condition

LONDON, Jan 7: British

boxer Michael Watson, in a

coma for 15 weeks, can now

move his right hand and leg

slightly and is undergoing

physiotherapy, a hospital

spokesman said late on

has been in St Bartholemew's

Hospital in London since he

collapsed on September 21

last year after a world title

knocked out by fellow-Briton

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tious about hopes for recovery.

Watson appears to respond

The spokesman was cau-

The middleweight fighter

Monday, reports Reuter.

fight in which he

Chris Eubank.

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became fabulous.

Sampras, Ken Flach and Robert Seguso. The defending champions United States were routed by France 4-1. McEnroe is expected to play doubles, with Sampras and

As we look at it now, chances are that Pete and Andre are going to play the singles but we have the option in case something happens,"

Gorman said. Leach, who compiled a 6-0 Davis Cup doubles record with former partner Jim Pugh, would seem to be McEnroe's likely partner, but Gorman was not

committing himself. " McEnroe will be the player I will be pairing people with' said Gorman who said Sampras was also a possible doubles player for the tie

starting on January 31. McEnroc, a four-time winner of both Wimbledon and US Open doubles crowns, has never played with Leach or Sampras, but could team with Sampras at next weeks Australian Open. Leach is committed to play in Australia with Kelly Jones.

Since playing his first Cup match in 1978, McEnroc is the US all-time leader with 56 singles and doubles wins. He also has played in the most ties (26), the most matches (56), has the most singles wins (41), and most singles matches (49) .

### Top seed Novacek bites the dust

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan 7: Top seed and defending champion Karel Novacck was knocked out of the 185,000 US dollar Benson and Hedges Open in the first round here today, reports AFP.

The Czechoslovak went down to Jacco Eltingh from the Netherlands in straight sets, both going to tie-breaks.

Two other seeds also left the tournament -- New Zealander Kelly Evernden, a wild card entry, beat eighth seed Renzo Furlan from Italy 7-6 (7/4), 7-5 and German Markus Naewie had a surprisingly easy 6-1, 6-1 win over sixth-seeded South African Wayne Ferreira.

Eltingh controlled the match against Novacek with a dominant service game and forced the Czechoslovak into a defensive role.

Novacek, who only arrived in Auckland in the early hours of Monday morning, found the windy conditions difficult to cope with and struggled with his first serve throughout. However, he took nothing away from the performance of

the 110th ranked Eltingh, who

reached the quarter-finals at Wimbledon last July. "I found it difficult to find a rhythm because of the wind," the world No 8 said.

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**CRYPTOQUIP** 

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UQD BUVAYQ. Saturday's Cryptoquip: YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN TO DRIVE IN A HÜRRY, YET NEVER TAKE A CRASH

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#### Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals N

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



German sprinter Katrin Krabbe (R), the world's fastest woman, relaxing with two unidentified persons at the Coetzenburg Stadium in Stellenbosch on Jan 6. Krabbe arrived in S Africa for a three-week training in preparation for the Barcelona Olympics.

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