



South African Amanda Coetzer captured her career-best victory when she shocked local favourite Kimiko Date to win the 375,000-dollar Nichirei women's tennis tournament in Tokyo yesterday. The 21-year-old from Hoopstad, who produced a major surprise this week upsetting the 1989 French Open champion and world number two Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain, piled up another success with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Date. —AFP photo

## Kasparov goes further ahead

LONDON, Sept 26: Reigning world chess champion Garry Kasparov widened his already commanding lead over British challenger Nigel Short with a fifth unanswered victory in Game Nine of their title match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Kasparov now leads the 24-game contest 7-2 with five wins and four draws and admitted that he considers Short to be finished. The Azerbaijani Russian needs only a 12-12 tie to retain his title.

In Amsterdam, Russian former world champion Anatoly Karpov and Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman drew the 12th game of the rival FIDE World Chess Championship.

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Kasparov, speaking after winning London Game Nine, rated his

28-year-old opponent's chances of winning the match as: "Not very good. Practically none. I can't imagine myself losing six games."

Kasparov, 30, repeated his familiar refrain that they would fight in every game and produce exciting chess, but he seemed weary and subdued, as if he had lost interest in the position.

Experts considered Short's decision to repeat a risky but successful opening for the fifth game as an unwise challenge to the champion.

Kasparov is known for using huge amounts of time and energy — as well as a top-notch team of assistants — to hone his opening lines, and such duels of prepared analysis are a mere personal pride to him.

"Revenge is the name of this (ninth) game," English Grandmaster Daniel King said, noting that Kasparov grinned vaguely when Short finally decided to test the champion's framework.

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FIDE president Florencio Campomanes told a news conference on Saturday that the world chess body had set itself an October 2 deadline to find new sponsors for the match between Russian ex-world champion Anatoly Karpov and Dutchman Jan Timman.

The next game was scheduled for October 3, but with Oman cancelled, there is no venue.

"As far as I'm concerned, the whole thing is a disaster for FIDE and the chess playing world. FIDE is in a deep, deep crisis," said American Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan, Timman's confidant and assistant.

"Certainly FIDE is responsible. If there is no resolving this issue in two or three months, then I think, the players should take legal action," Seirawan said.

October 3. But on Thursday, after a series of rumours, a spokesman for the organisers in the Gulf State said Oman had never made a commitment to fund prize-money.

On Friday, Campomanes cancelled the Oman half of the match, without saying whether the match would be resumed elsewhere.

FIDE has since been in contact with chess organisations in the Hungarian capital Budapest and Belfort in France and has an offer from Amsterdam to play the remaining games here. But no prize-money has been offered.

Karpov, ranked world number two, and the Dutchman, 34th have been contesting the official championship after resigning champion Garry Kasparov and challenger Nigel Short broke away to arrange their own match now taking place in London.

Both Timman and Karpov had been defeated by Short in the title eliminators, before both he and Karpov were disqualified by FIDE in March for their breakaway.

But FIDE has already had to scale back its plans. The Dutch sponsors failed to reach their two million Swiss franc (1.39 million dollar) target, raising only enough to cover expenses.

The news of a new FIDE prize fund fiasco was received by the players in London with barely concealed glee.

## Sport

### Coetzer wastes little time

TOKYO, Sept 26: Amanda Coetzer of South Africa beat Japanese Kimiko Date 6-3, 6-2 to win the Nichirei women's tennis tournament on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Fourth-seeded Coetzer topped the tournament's top seed and world number two Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain in Saturday's semifinals.

The South African maintained relentless pressure on third seed Date, who reached the quarter-finals of the US Open two weeks ago.

"I'm elated," said Coetzer. "This has been the best week of my career. Not only did I beat Sanchez-Vicario, but I also won the tournament."

### Deng's daughter sees China as 2004 Games host

SEOUL, Sept 26: The eldest daughter of China's paramount leader Deng Xiaoping has expressed hopes that Beijing will stage the 2004 Olympics, saying her father's 100th birthday falls on the year, news reports said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Beijing lost its bid for the 2000 Olympics by just two votes in nail-biting finish in Monte Carlo on Thursday night.

Deng Lin, 52, was quoted by Seoul newspapers as saying during a meeting with parliamentary speaker Lee Man-Sup on Saturday, she welcomed Sydney's choice as the venue for the 2000 Games.

"But I hope China will host the Olympics in 2004 when my father's 100th birthday falls," she said.

Deng arrived in Seoul earlier this month for a Chinese art exhibition including some of her own paintings to commemorate the first anniversary of the normalisation of ties between South Korea and China.

### China lets media to vilify US and Britain

BEIJING, Sept 26: The Chinese Communist Party, renege on a pledge to refrain from finger-pointing and first move: "When I'm white, Short can't get a position he likes."

Most Grandmasters following the action at London's Savoy Theatre had to hope for Short, but did not think that he would cave in or give up.

"I don't think he is broken. Nigel will still continue to fight," English Grandmaster William Watson told Reuters.

England's number two, Michael Adams, a Grandmaster and widely considered to be England's next world title prospect, was more pragmatic.

"Broken or not, it doesn't matter. What counts in the end is the score, and I don't think anything is going to change that very much," Adams told Reuters.

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## In quest of a new identity

SYDNEY, Sept 26: Prime Minister Paul Keating does not want the British monarch to open the Olympic Games here in 2000, reports AP.

Keating said in a television interview broadcast here Sunday that the granting of the first Summer Games of the new millennium to Sydney has boosted his campaign to declare Australia a republic, with an elected president as head of state instead of Queen Elizabeth II.

Until now, Keating has suggested 2001 as the year for the change to coincide with the centenary of the federation of Australia's six states into one nation.

However, he told Channel Nine television that a president might be in a place before the Games.

"It is a possibility, it is," he said. "Somebody's got to open the Games. It is normally the head of state. I think the world would wonder, would they not, if Australia's Games are opened by the constitutional head of another nation."

Australia is an independent country. However, like some other former British colonies,

such as Canada and New Zealand, it has so far retained the British monarch as its head of state.

The Queen's husband, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, opened the Olympics in another Australian city Melbourne in 1956. The Queen opened the Montreal Games in 1976.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) awarded the Games to Sydney in a secret ballot in Monte Carlo on Thursday ahead of other candidate cities: Beijing, Berlin, Manchester and Istanbul.

Keating returned to Australia Sunday ending a two-week foreign tour which included talks with President Clinton in Washington. He also outlined his plans for a republic to the Queen at a private meeting at her summer residence of Balmoral Castle in Scotland. Later he addressed the IOC in Monte Carlo before it made its decision on the Games venue.

Keating said Australia got the Games because of its "good values."

He said Australia will benefit economically and socially from the event.

"On the net balance of

things, in economic terms, Australia will probably end up front," Keating said. "The key point is it will show the world Australia as we now are — as a multicultural country, as a successful independent country."

He said Australia will be much more confident and clearer about its national identity in seven years.

The holding of the Games will also boost government efforts for racial reconciliation with indigenous aborigines who rate at the bottom of most of the country's social indicators two centuries after European settlers arrived.

Sydney's Olympic bid team also returned here Sunday. Its head, New South Wales State Premier John Fahey told reporters all finances for the Games will be subject to "absolute scrutiny."

"I am determined to ensure that that occurs — a process and a mechanism that will ensure that we don't let go of this wonderful opportunity," Fahey said. "There will be no legacies left behind that will be borne by our children."

The cost of the Games is estimated at about 1.7 billion dollars (dls US 1.1 billion).

## Krabbe back on track

SCHWERIN, Germany, Sept 26: Banned German sprinter Katrin Krabbe was back on the track here on Saturday, competing in a decathlon exhibition competition, reports AFP.

Krabbe, who has been suspended until 1995 by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) for drug taking, said: "Returning into the sporting family, it's simply wonderful, it really moved me."

The 23-year-old former 100 and 200m world champion, accompanied by European 400m champion Grit Breuer who is also serving a drugs ban, recorded a 100m time of 13.14secs — way off her 1991 Tokyo winning time of 10.99 — before putting in a long jump of 5.13m.

"We want to start competing again at international level," added Krabbe, who is still hoping her ban will be overturned on appeal.

She said she would take part in all the decathlon events here, which ends on Sunday. "We'll see how I get on," she added. "I've never competed in most of the disciplines. I would like to improve my pole vaulting score."

Krabbe's last official appearance was in the summer last year, when she ran 11.7sec in the 100m during a regional championship in Germany.

The Krabbe drugs saga began when she was found guilty of manipulating urine samples with Breuer and Silke Moeller after a random test in South Africa in January 1992. The trio escaped on a technicality over testing procedures.

Krabbe and Breuer were caught again in August 1992 and admitted taking Clenbuterol. The IAAF recommended a four-year ban, but the German athletics body cut the ban to one year, arguing that it would not stand up in court.

The IAAF responded, however, by imposing a new two-year ban for bringing the sport into disrepute.

## Trason breaks 100km record

AMIENS, France, Sept 26: Ann Trason, already the world record-holder at 50 and 100 miles, broke the mark for 100 kilometres by more than nine minutes Saturday, reports AP.

Trason, 33, of Kensington, Calif., covered 100 kilometres (62.137 miles) in 7 hours, 9 minutes, 44 seconds, more than 21 minutes faster than runner-up Valentina Lachova of Russia in Amiens' annual long distance race.

## Italy win road race

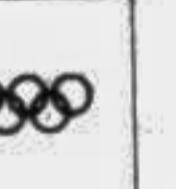
PERTH, Australia, Sept 26: Italy edged out Germany to win Sunday's team time trial, opening event of the World Junior Cycling Championships, reports AP.

The Italian quartet of Oscar Biasion, Ruggiero Tarraco, Flavio Zandarin and Giuseppe Martini covered the 70 kilometers (43.5 miles) on the Roe and Tonkin Highways outside Perth in 1 hour, 23 minutes, 19 seconds.

Germany were second in 1:23:35, ahead of the Czech Republic's 1:24:09. The United States were fourth in 1:24:12.

Italy also won the team trial at last year's World Junior Championships in Greece.

## China, graceful in defeat



BEIJING, Sept 26: China on Sunday declared a success in its bid for the 2000 Olympics, even though it failed to secure the Games, losing by two votes to Sydney on Thursday night, reports Reuter.

The country laid on a red-carpet welcome to the Olympic bid delegation when it arrived at Beijing airport on Sunday morning, with flowers, representatives of workers, students and athletes and speeches of praise.

The main address was delivered by state councillor Li Tieying, who delivered a speech given him by Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin and Prime Minister Li Peng, the Beijing Evening News said.

A front-page commentary Saturday in the Beijing Youth News singled out "unprovoked" opposition from the US Congress and British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, who opposed Beijing's bid on human rights grounds.

It was the first official anti-foreign rhetoric since the International Olympic Committee (IOC) last week awarded the 2000 Games to Sydney, which beat Beijing by just two votes.

State-run television, reporting the return Sunday of Beijing's delegation from the IOC meeting in Monte Carlo, said capital residents voiced "righteous indignation" over interference by the US Congress.

The newspaper, published by the Beijing Communist Youth League, said some "international forces" were uncomfortable seeing "socialist China increasing its strength daily" and accused them of "acting out a-fair."

"This disgraceful behaviour dirtied the purity of the Olympic spirit and further wiped clear the eyes of the Chinese people, especially the youth," it said.

Using a highly nationalistic tone, the paper said the Chinese nation had long ago escaped the "humiliating history" of western "military interference, encirclement, economic blockade and sanctions" over the last 40 years.

A day after IOC vote, the Communist Party said: "We blame no others and we won't give ourselves up as hopeless."

But a Chinese journalist said Sunday that "this is just the beginning" of an anti-western smear campaign.

Despite the attack on the United States and Britain, the newspaper commentary said China would continue to pursue its reform and opening policy and "march toward the 21st century."

Patterson retains WBC title

POUGHKEEPSIE, New York, Sept 26: American Tracy Harris Patterson retained his World Boxing Council super bantamweight title by stopping Daniel Zaragoza of Mexico in the seventh round on Saturday night, reports Reuter.

Patterson, the adopted son of former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, opened the cut with 33 seconds remaining in the sixth round.

Patterson improved to 48-2-1. Zaragoza, who said before the fight that he would retire if he lost, dropped to 44-7-2. After the bout, Zaragoza demanded a rematch.

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