

## Germany gun S Africa down

PERTH, Jan 2: Anke Huber and Bernd Karbacher each scored singles victories Sunday, lifting defending champion Germany into the quarterfinals of the Hopman Cup team tennis championships at the Burswood Dome, reports AP.

Huber won a roller-coaster struggle with Amanda Coetzer 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-1 and Karbacher downed Marcos Ondruska 6-4, 6-4 as unseeded Germany ousted No. 8 South Africa 2-1.

Ondruska and Coetzer won the mixed doubles 8-7 (12-10) in a contest reduced to one pro set.

The unheralded pair of Karbacher and Huber are replacing Michael Stich and Steffi Graf, who last year won the event for Germany.

Huber took 2 hours, 12 minutes to wear down Coetzer in a fierce battle between two baseliners blessed with whiplash forehands.

The pair slammed it out from the back court until Coetzer lost her composure in the final set and began to over-hit.

"I got frustrated and I wasn't moving that well," Coetzer said. "I was pretty disappointed because I had my chances."

Huber, ranked 10th in the world to Coetzer's 15th, was far more focused in the deciding set, racing to a 4-0 lead that proved conclusive.

Both players found it hard to find their rhythm and there were 15 breaks of serve.

Ondruska looked capable of lifting South Africa level when he took a 3-0 lead over Karbacher before losing five straight games. Once the momentum had swung Karbacher's way, he was able to maintain control, winning in just 77 minutes.

"He was hitting balls all over the place and then suddenly he got into a rhythm," Ondruska said.

"Once I got comfortable on the court, then I felt OK," he said.

Germany now faces the second-seeded United States com-

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Danville, Calif., scored a win

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## Kaiser's vow for Bavarians

BONN, Jan 2: Franz Beckenbauer pledged to make Bayern Munich German league champions after taking the helm earlier this week following the resignation of coach Erich Ribbeck, reports Reuter.

"I will prove that my Bavarians are number one," Beckenbauer told the newspaper Bild.

"We have only four months ... it depends on our preparation. That will lay the basis for our grand goal — the championship," the "Kaiser" said in his Austrian holiday home in Kitzbuehel.

Beckenbauer, who took over on Monday at the club he captained to three successive European Cup triumphs in the 1970s, said his first day at work would be January 6.

Beckenbauer, the only man to win the World Cup as captain and coach, said he had agreed to head the team only until the end of the season.

He said he would stress teamwork rather than dictating to the club.

"Decisions require a discussion of the situation. Even on the national team, I often talked with the players as a group," he told Bild.

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## Bradley's off-court guard

PHILADELPHIA, Jan 2: At 7-foot-6 (2.29 metres), there aren't too many people Philadelphia 76ers centre Shawn Bradley looks up to, reports AP.

But his 5-foot-3 (1.60 metre) wife is one of them.

Bradley, the still-legged, multimillion-dollar rookie, who is struggling through his first season in the National Basketball Association, credits the former Annette Everston with keeping his spirits up.

"I would not even want to think what things would be like without her. Things would be ... awful," said Bradley, 21. "I have told her, 'Annette, I doubt we could handle this without you.'

Annette Bradley, 25, guards Bradley off court the way New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing does on — but with an eye toward clearing his path, not blocking it.

She waits for him after games in the corridor outside the stadium locker room.

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