

## 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.

Karbacher said he had been very nervous early on.

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

Germany now faces the second-seeded United States com-

bination of Ivan Lendl and Mary Joe Fernandez in the quarterfinals Tuesday night.

"The fact that we have already played matches will give us an advantage," Karbacher said. "We've got some confidence and we are used to the conditions."

In other quarterfinal pairings that have been decided, third-seeded Spain will tackle Austria and fourth-seeded France will play No. 5 seed Australia.

The remaining first-round match between former champion Switzerland and the Netherlands was scheduled

later Sunday.

Grand Slam Cup winner Petr Korda and Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic are the top seeds, ahead of the United States. Emilio Sanchez and Conchita Martinez of Spain, and Cedric Pioline and Nathalie Tauziat of France.

The 12-nation tournament is sponsored by Pepsi and continues through Jan 7. The winning pair collects \$134,000.

The Hopman Cup is one of a series of events leading up to the Australian Open, which begins Jan 17 at the National Tennis Center in Melbourne.

## Maleeva, Davenport head the entries

BRISBANE, Jan 2: Teenage stars Magdalena Maleeva and Lindsay Davenport head the entries for the US \$150,000 Australian Women's Hardcourt championship, which begins Monday at the Milton Tennis Centre, reports AP.

Bulgarian Maleeva, 18, is ranked 16th in the world, while 17-year-old American Davenport is No. 20. Both are using the 56-draw event to prepare for the upcoming Australian Open.

The top eight seeds have first-round byes but Maleeva will face either Audra Keller of the United States or Petra Ritter of Austria in the round of 32.

Davenport, who has improved her ranking more than 100 places over the past 12 months, will play either Ruxanda Dragomir of Romania or Lea Ghrirardi of France in the second round.

Davenport said she sees the tournament as an opportunity to continue her progress. She made the third round here last year before losing to Maleeva.

"My groundstrokes were much more consistent and I got more comfortable playing on the tour. My serve improved a lot and I was just feeling really confident. That was the key," said Davenport, from Palos Verdes, Calif.

Davenport, who scored a win

over Gabriela Sabatini last year and held match points against Martina Navratilova, said she expects problems adjusting to the intense Brisbane summer heat.

"It's been winter in California so it hasn't been that hot," she said. "It's really hard when you go from normal to extreme heat."

Maleeva, 18, arrived in Brisbane several days early to enable her to adjust to the sultry conditions.

"It's cold in Bulgaria at this time of the year and we've been playing indoors, so I need a week to get used to the heat," she said.

Maleeva has not played a tournament since the Virginia Slims Championships in New York in November but says she is already in the groove for the new season.

"I haven't really had a break because I've been practicing very hard," she said.

Maleeva said she could not recall being top seed in any previous tournament. "But there is no extra pressure. I don't think about it."

Defending champion Conchita Martinez of Spain will not protect her title. She is playing in the Hopman Cup teams championship in Perth.

Natalia Medvedeva of Ukraine is the No. 3 seed, ahead of Sabine Hack of Germany, Julie Halard of France and Shi-ting Wang of Taiwan.

## Wilander, Cash get wild cards

ADELAIDE, Jan 2: Former world No. 1 Mats Wilander of Sweden and Australia's Pat Cash are hoping the Australian men's hardcourt tennis championships beginning Monday will help them on their comeback trails, reports AP.

Wilander, 1987 Wimbledon champion Cash and former US Open semifinalist Darren Cahill of Australia have all been given wild cards into the 32-man field at Memorial Drive. Both Cash and Cahill have had long knee injury layoffs, while Wilander has been in semi-retirement at different times over the past three years.

The US \$133,000 draw includes top seed Thomas Muster of Austria, who is now ninth-ranked in the world, and Barcelona Olympic champion Marc Rosset of Switzerland.

Wilander, 29, will play Australian Richard Fromberg in a first-round match the Swede expects to be difficult.

"I just want to play a couple of tournaments and feel like I'm improving every time I play," said Wilander. "... But if I play well enough I have a chance to beat him."

Now ranked 330th, Wilander won seven Grand Slam titles in the 1980s, including the first Australian Open played on the Rebound Ace surface at Melbourne's National Tennis Center in 1988.

The Swede beat Cash in the final and in the same year went on to topple Ivan Lendl from the No. 1 ranking after adding the French and US Open titles.

Left-hander Muster, who won the Adelaide event in 1990 and seven titles in 1993, faces American Bryan Shelton in the first round. Rosset plays defending champion Nicklas Kulti of Sweden.

## Taylor to replace Bicknell

DURBAN, Jan 2: Left-arm seamer Paul Taylor is to fly out as a replacement for the remainder of the England A Cricket tour of south Africa. Team manager Bob Bennett said on Sunday, reports Reuters.

He said Taylor would arrive on Wednesday and Bicknell, who broke down after bowling only four overs on Saturday, would fly back to England the same day.

Bicknell has suffered both knee and side strain injuries since the tour began a month ago and has been able to play in only three one-day matches.

England physiotherapist Wayne Motron said Bicknell had an intercostal tear on his left side and would need at least six weeks rest for it to recover.

Bicknell commented: "It's just one of these things that happens. I've been in enormous pain over the last 24 hours, 10 times worse than the first injury. In fact, the pain was worse yesterday than coming off with a dislocated shoulder a few years back."

## FIFA punish Cameroon

YAOUNDE, Jan 2: Soccer's governing body FIFA has dealt a blow to World Cup final qualifiers Cameroon by suspending the main stadium in Yaounde for international games, the official Cameroon Tribune said on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

The newspaper published a letter from FIFA citing "poor general organisation and poor state of facilities" in Yaounde's Omnisports Stadium.

Built hastily for the eighth African Nations Cup in 1972, the 65,000-capacity stadium has not been maintained, its director Vincen Onana said.

## BSWA reception

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Sports Writers Association (BSWA) will accord a reception for all the sixteen sportsmen and women who secured gold medals in different events in the recent concluded Sixth SAF Games in Dhaka, says a BSWA press release yesterday.

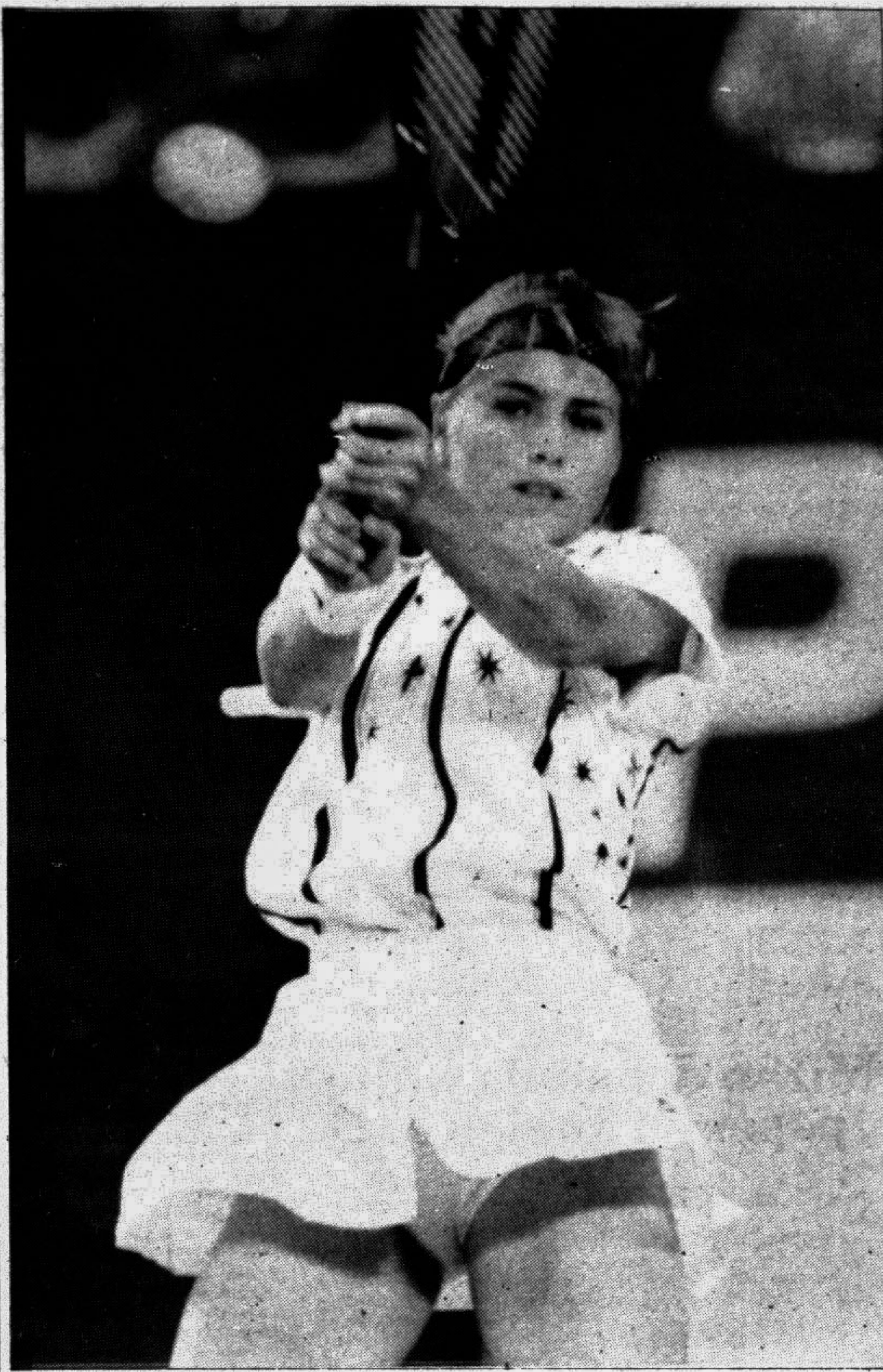
Those who will be honoured are: Bimal Chandra Tarafder (athletics), Mokhesur Rahman and Mizanur Rahman Karar (swimming), Ateequr Rahman, Saifur Alam Chowdhury Rink, GM Haider, Asif Hossain, Fazle Rabbi Elahi, Nasir Uddin, Abdus Sattar Nini, Kamrul Islam, Sayed A A Fayez, Kazi Sahana Parveen, Farzana Hossain Shoma and Sabrina Sultan.

The reception will take place on January 8 at 4 pm at the National Sports Control conference room.

## Aussie soccer

SYDNEY, Jan 2: Results of weekend matches in Australia's National Soccer League (home teams listed first):

South Melbourne 0, Wollongong City 0  
Morwell Falcons 1, Melbourne Knights 0  
Sydney United 0, West Adelaide 3



South Africa's Amanda Coetzer plays a double-fisted return against Germany's Anke Huber, not in picture during their Hopman Cup match in Perth yesterday. Germany won to advance to the quarter finals. — AFP photo

## Higuera set to be free

BOGOTA, Jan 2: Colombia's colourful keeper Rene Higuera is set to be freed here on Monday following seven months in jail for his involvement in a kidnapping, reports AFP.

Higuera, 27, who has been in Bogota Prison since June 4, has been given conditional bail for 10,000 dollars.

He reportedly received 50,000 dollars for obtaining the release of a friend's daughter from former drugs baron Pablo Escobar.

Higuera, one of the entertaining characters at the 1990 World Cup in Italy, was on hunger strike two weeks ago in protest at the slowness of Colombian justice.

Should Higuera miss the 1994 World Cup, he will be missed. The keeper was often seen as far out as the half-way in Italy to the delight of spectators.

But on one occasion, he went too far, and was possessed by Cameroon's Roger Milla in the centre circle, to give away a soft goal.

## Gebresilashe, Radcliffe shine

DURHAM, England, Jan 2: Haile Gebresilashe of Ethiopia and Paula Radcliffe of Britain scored convincing wins in the County Durham international cross country meeting on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Gebresilashe, the world 10,000 metres champion, completed the men's 8-km race in 26 minutes 27 second — 11 seconds clear of second placed Steve Tunstall of Britain, who pipped Rudy Walem of Belgium by just two seconds.

Like Gebresilashe, Radcliffe finished well ahead in the women's event — raced over the shorter distance of 5 kms — clocking 15 minutes 37 seconds, eight seconds clear of South African Zola Pieterse.

Olga Bondarenko of Russia, the former Olympic 10,000 metres champion and 10,000 metres world record holder, was third in 15:56.

The races were part of the International Amateur Athletic Federation World Cross Challenge Series, but the women's race will not count towards the final standings and the 10,000 dollar first prize.

The non-arrival of two Romanian athletes meant there were not enough suitably qualified runners on the start line.

Radcliffe, 20, was barely troubled by either the frosty, rutted ground or by Pieterse, the leading overseas challenger.

She secured her win on the second of 3-1/2 laps when she broke away from a tired looking Pieterse, who had just three days notice of the race and arrived on Friday morning.

Pieterse, who ran for Britain in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, agreed to run on Wednesday after American Lynn Jennings, the three-time world cross country champion, withdrew because of illness.

Pieterse, who won the world cross country title in 1985 and 1986 as Zola Budd, wearing an English vest, was generous in defeat.

"Paula had a fantastic race. If she keeps going like that I'm sure she'll have a good chance of winning a world senior title."

The IAAF world cross challenge continues next Saturday in Belfast.

## ACOG keeps a stiff upper lip

ATLANTA, Jan 2: Atlanta Olympic officials refused to comment Saturday on a published report that a revised budget for the 1996 Games will show a reduced margin between revenue and expenses, reports Reuters.

"The budget numbers are in review right now and it would be inappropriate to comment," Bob Brennan, a spokesman for the Atlanta committee for the Olympic Games, said.

The report in Saturday's Atlanta Journal-Constitution cited no specific numbers but said that when the revised budget is presented to Olympic board members later this month it will show a smaller margin between revenues and expenses than the 116 million dollars projected last February.

At that time, Olympic officials said they expected to spend 1.473 billion dollars to stage the 1996 Olympics but expected proceeds of 1.580 billion dollar. That would leave a margin of about 116 million dollar Olympic officials said 100 million dollars of that would be earmarked for contingencies.

Cost projections for the Games have risen with each successive annual budget the questions have been raised as to whether the committee has used rosy revenue projections.

In their 1990 bid to the International Olympic Committee, Atlanta officials said they could stage the Games for just over 1 billion dollar and show a surplus of 156.5 million dollars.

In the 1992 budget forecast, Atlanta projected a surplus of 132 million dollars.

In September, when the committee last disclosed budget figures, officials conceded they had commitments for only 700 million dollars of the nearly 1.6 billion dollar budget. Most of the commitments

already made stem from European and US broadcast rights. Olympic officials said they expect to rise more than 500 million dollars by selling 40 million dollar Olympic sponsorships to corporations. But so far only six corporations have bought the sponsorships.

## Bickering Brazilians

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Jan 2: The World Cup is more than six months away, but the highly ranked Brazilian team already is engaged in disputes over the team's lineup, reports AP.

Star forward Romario said Tuesday he wants his friend and former teammate Edmundo of Palmeiras to start on the national squad's front line.

"The manager can choose whomever he wants to play, but my choice is Edmundo to give class, art and scoring punch to the Brazilian offense," Romario told TV Bandeirantes on returning to Spain after spending Christmas in Rio.

Edmundo formerly played with Romario on the Rio Vasco club, and this year starred as the Palmeiras captured their first national championship in 20 years.

Romario should keep his opinions to himself, said TV Bandeirantes commentator Juarez Soares. "Players competing for a place on the team won't like his attitude one bit."

Romario was suspended from the Brazilian squad in late 1992 when he complained after being benched by manager Carlos Alberto Parreira.

## 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 Reuters.

"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.

## 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 Everison 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 I 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,

flashing him a smile and snuggling into his ribs. Her words are all encouragement and love.

"Give yourself time," she tells him. "You are a great ballplayer."

Sitting in the stands before a game, she does not hesitate to tell fans who might jeer Bradley that the big guy is her husband and she would prefer to hear them yell "Shoot."

Bradley was in the audience when his future bride, a nanny, was speaking at a Philadelphia Mormon church about her missionary experience in South Florida.

"It was love at first sight," Bradley said.

A Mormon and a native of Utah, Bradley delayed entering the NBA to volunteer for two years of missionary service in Australia. After a two-month relationship, they married in September.

"I knew Annette is who I wanted," Bradley said, "and I could not settle for it being less than forever."

Her response to his proposal: "What took you so long?"

"What has happened between Shawn and I just leaves me speechless," she added.

No one expected Bradley to be sensational his first season. But fans want big things from big people, and thus far Bradley has come up short.

He stands just 28 inches (71 centimeters) under the basket, and with his arm extended can drum his fingers on the backboard. But he has averaged just 8.7 points and 6.1 rebounds a game — not the numbers the 76ers expected when they signed him to an eight-year, \$14.4 million contract.

The Bradleys should be able to afford as big a family as they'd like. But that seems to be one thing the two don't agree on.

Shawn would like 15 children — three basketball teams. Said Annette: "I would settle for seven."

## Panthers stay unbeaten

UNDATED. Scott Mellanby and Scott Levins each had a goal and an assist Wednesday night as the Florida Panthers extended their road unbeaten streak to seven games with a 5-3 victory over the Hartford Whalers, reports AP.

Tom Fitzgerald, Stu Barnes and Andrei Lokakin also scored for the Panthers, who are 5-0-2 in their last seven road games. The first-year expansion team beat the Whalers for the first time in three meetings.

Randy Cunneyworth, Igor Chibirev and Geoff Sanderson scored for the Whalers.

After a 2-2 first period, the Panthers scored twice in the middle stanza. Levins scored an unassisted goal at 3:57, beating Hartford goaltender Sean Burke from between the circles. Florida went up 4-2 when Barnes, near the right crease, put home a pass from behind the goal line by Dave Lowry at 8:44.

Hartford made it 4-3 in the third period when Bob McGill's

rising centering pass from the right boards was deflected in by Cunneyworth, alone in front of the net. Florida responded with a goal by Lokakin, who stuffed it past Burke on a 2-0 break. Nordiques 5, Islanders 3.

In Quebec, Joe Sakic, who had two goals, and Craig Wolanin scored 18 seconds apart in the first minute of the

## Israel's first

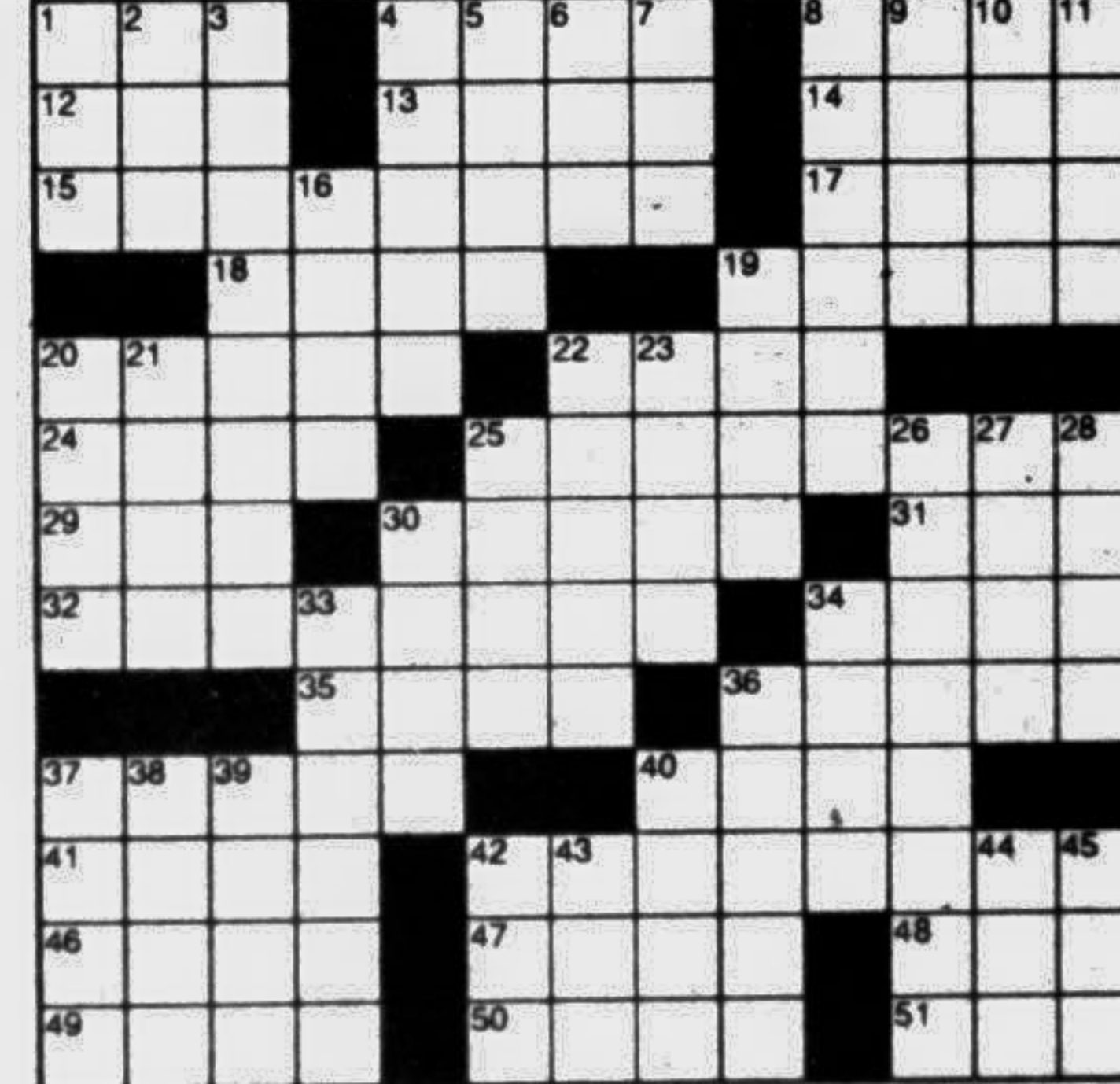
JERUSALEM, Jan 2: Israel will be represented at Winter Olympics for the first time in Lillehammer next month when Georgian immigrant Misha Shmerkin takes to the ice, reports AFP.

Shmerkin, 24, who arrived in Israel from Odessa two years ago, qualified for the Olympics with a 19th place at the World Figure Skating Championships in Prague.

His new home town of Metulla, on the border with Lebanon, expects to start work on a three-million dollar Olympic size skating rink during the Games in Norway.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 "My country, —"	35 Tom Joad, e.g.	5 — Mawr	22 Kitchen fixture
4 Quatrain rhyme scheme	36 Simoleons	6 "Cheers" locale	23 Responsibility
8 Wield a machete	37 Disgrace	7 Candle count	25 Singer Mitchell
12 Oklahoma city	40 Chopin's companion	8 "Gilligan's Island" nabob	26 Not continuous
13 Indulge in rodomontade	41 Mexican munch	9 Rose's beau	27 Music minutia
14 Reed instrument	42 They clean up at their job	10 New Year's Eve	28 Achromatic, in a way
15 Rochester's love	46 Humdinger	11 Piano array	30 Tour de France entry
17 Lean and sinewy	47 The gamut	12 Ogle	33 "That's enough!"
18 Moderate green-blue	48 Where: Latin	13 "La Cage aux Folles"	34 Word of admonition
19 Septets of a sort	49 Baseball's Boggs	14 Mahal	36 Yellow
20 Soda bottle size	50 Infant	15 Mrs. Eddie Cantor	37 Pack away
22 Disquiet	51 Ducats, in "Variety"	16 Actor Cobb	38 Tennis' Mandlikova
24 Novelist Bagnold	DOWN	17 Actor Cobb	39 Served perfectly
25 Spurs' noise	1 — Mahal	18 Actor Cobb	40 Uppity sort
29 "Foucault's Pendulum" writer	2 Mrs. Eddie Cantor	19 Actor Cobb	42 Item in Bowe's repertoire
30 Paycheck surprise	3 Authorization	20 Actor Cobb	43 — glance
31 Neither's partner	Solution time: 26 mins.	21 Peruvian	44 Hitter's stat.
32 Early Oscar winner Emil			45 Early evening hour



## CRYPTOQUIP

R M T ' Q B Y Q Z Y T R C L A S F B  
A D T Q S T O , M V B F U B  
C M D ' F F U Q S Z W Q M  
C M D V O D T U .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN CHIEF DOG-CATCHER WAS ACCUSED OF BRIBERY, TONGUES STARTED WAGGING.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals C

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.