Dunga bound

for J-League

ternational midfielder Dunga

will play for Jubilo Iwata in the

Japanese Football League with

a two-year contract starting

from June, a team official said

TOKYO, Jan 18: Brazilian in-

## A relaxed Courier cruises



MELBOURNE. Jan 18: A superrelaxed Jim Cou-

rier was heading for an Australian quarter final showdown with world number one Pete Sampras after a stunning three-set demolition of Italy's Cristiano Caratti on Wednesday, reports

Reuter. The ninth seed, finding Melbourne the ideal venue to parade a new laid-back image. followed up his impressive first round victory over the Czech Republic's David Rikl with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 win over Caratti in just 80 minutes.

It's a different atmosphere here ... it's a lot more relaxed than the other three Grand Slams," said Courier, who has pledged to enjoy life more this year after a forgettable 1994 when his ranking slipped from number three to a year-end 13.

While Courier was having fun on Centre Court, Caratti was plainly suffering, particularly in the third set when the American took the first nine points before wrapping up the set in 23 minutes.

Courier, who said he wanted to put 1994 behind him and play to his strengths. namely his serve and forehand, that won the singles titles here in 1992 and 1993, lost to Sampras in last year's semifi-

And he is likely to face the number one seed again in the top half of the draw after his fellow-American gave a similar awesome second-round performance in removing Jan Kroslak of Slovakia 6-2, 6-0, 6-1.

You can't take anything for granted, but I'm pretty happy with the way I hit the ball today." Sampras said, adding that he gets encouragement from the amount of support he receives in Melbourne.

'A lot of Greeks live in Melbourne," he said. "Everyone knows I'm Greek and it's nice to have that sort of support."

the Australian Open despite

learning her family home was

destroyed in Tuesday's ear-

thquake and may have killed

her best friend, reports Reu

round match today only hours

after being told that Japan's

worst earthquake for nearly

half a century had demolished

her parents, home in Nishi-

IOC stands

by Sarajevo

national Olympic Committee

will help rebuild sports faci-

lities destroyed by fighting in

Sarajevo. IOC chief Juan An-

reconstruction of sports facili-

ties in Sarajevo," Samaranch

told a news conference in

Zagreb. We are waiting for the

budget and projects... we will

Olympics in 1984 but most of

the facilities have been de-

stroyed over the past three

years of fighting between Bos-

nian Serbs, Muslims and Cro-

The Serbs set up their

headquarters in Pale, once a

winter mountain resort. They

also control several other

sports venues around the town.

Olympic teams to leave the be-

sieged capital and take part in

the Games in Barcelona and

Lillehammer and Samaranch

himself visited Sarajevo last

would discuss a recent plea

from European women's

groups to ban countries which

discriminate against female

athletes and stop them com-

The Atlanta Plus Group has

charged Muslim countries with

discrimination against women

in defiance of the Olympic

charter and demanded that na-

tions barring women from

their delegations be stopped

from taking part in the next

demand," Samaranch told re-

position regarding women was

very positive with more of

them competing at every On-

in Barcelona 34 countries had

Zagreb to celebrate the third

anniversary of Croatia's becom-

former Yugoslavia in 1991 and

joined the IOC a few days after

it was recognised as an inde-

pendent state by the European

Union on January 15, 1992.

no women competitors.

ing a member of the IOC.

"We are dealing with the

Samaranch said the IOC's

At the 1992 Olympic Games

Samaranch was visiting

Croatia broke from the

Olympics in Atlanta in 1996.

porters in Zagreb.

lympic Games.

peting at the Olympics.

Samaranch also said the IOC

February.

The IOC helped Bosnian

Sarajevo staged the Winter

help with deeds, not words."

Tuesday, reports Reuter.

tonio Samaranch said on

The IOC is ready to help

ZAGREB, Jan 18: The Inter-

damage was greatest.

nomiya, east of Kobe where the

Sawamatsu won her first

MELBOURNE.

Jan 18: Leading

Japanese tennis

player Naoko Sa-

wamatsu will con-

tinue playing at

The defending champion said he felt he had 'nothing to prove" this year, but was Wary of suffering the same fate as third seed Boris Becker, who made a shock exit on Tuesday night to unseeded American

Patrick McEnroe. "You prepare as well as you can, but sometimes you just go out there a little bit flat." he said. "Watching Boris that

seemed to be what happened." Seventh seed Michael Stich lifted some of the German gloom on Wednesday with an



JIM COURIER

easy straight sets victory over unseeded American Alex O'Brien, but Carl Uwe-Steeb. first-round conqueror of fourth seed Goran Ivanisevic, fell to italy's Renzo Furlan.

Stich is likely to face Courier in the last 16 and, like the American, feels that 1995 could be the year he regains

Her parents, grandparents

and her brother are safe but

she had been told by a friend

early today that her best friend

who lived in a Kobe suburb may

have died in the quake which

was killed more than 1.800

was unconfirmed information

that my friend might have

with her family, said she had

decided to play her first-round

triot Ai Sugiyama after talking

by phone to her aunt Kazuko

Yoshida: a former top tennis

well in the tennis here would

It would be the happiest news

Her aunt in Tokyo had no

details on how her family

escaped injury and Sawamatsu

said she had been unable to get

through to them despite hours

said it might be hard to con

tinue playing if the news on

the earthquake continued to

"I don't know how I will

The disaster has cast a

feel tomorrow as, I get more

news on the deaths," she said.

The 26th-ranked player

of trying.

make them (the family) happy

they could have," she told re-

She suggested that doing

singles match against compa-

been killed," she said

"The friend told me there

Sawamatsu, 21, who lives

the top five ranking, posing a threat to Sampras and number two Andre Agassi.

"I believe I can raise my game another 30 to 40 per cent and do much better than I've done in previous years," Stich said after beating O'Brien 6-0. 6-3, 6-4 on Centre Court.

Stich. 26. the 1991 Wimbledon champion. emerged as Germany's only realistic hope for the men's title after Becker fell in straight sets to an inspired McEnroe, who last Saturday won his first-ever ATP singles title.

Germany also suffered a setback in the women's singles with 13th seed Sabine Hack tumbling out in the first round to American Audra Keller 7-5. 1-6, 6-0.

However, compatriot Anke Huber, seeded 10th, was barely troubled in despatching Australian Siobhan Drake: Brockman for the loss of just one game.

Hack was the only seed to fall in the women's event on Wednesday, which is likely to be influenced by the treatment table as two of the top 10 seeds have injury worries.

Number two Conchita Martinez easily defeated another German, Veronika Martinek; in a second round match but afterwards complained of a sore neck that had hampered her top-spin back-

Seventh seed Kimiko Date also complained of recurring pain from an abdominal strain. which forced her to retire from a semifinal match against American Lindsay Davenport in last week's New South Wales Open.

Fifth seeded American Michael Chang put away Moroccan Karim Alami in straight sets to advance to the third round later Wednesday

Chang downed Alami, 6-3, 6-4. 6-1 and will now play Martin Damm of the Czech Republic in the next round.

### A trial of endurance bourne and both Sawamatsu and the top Japanese player. Kimiko Date, said they had spent a sleepless night, worr ving about their families and

Date, who lived in Kobe for four years in her late teens. heard that the house of one of her friends had been destroved. "My family lives in Kyoto and they are Okay," she

friends.

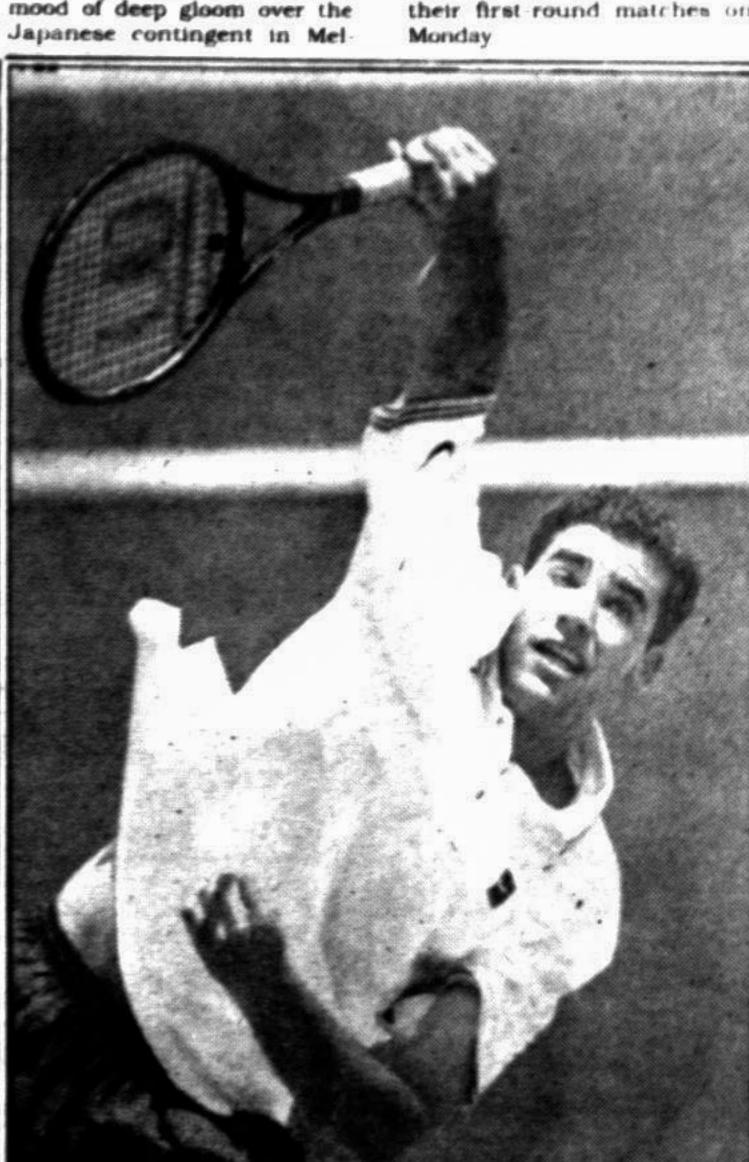
The tragedy overshadowed Japanese women's emergence as a tennis force at this years open with a record 11 players contesting the first round and four going through to the next

Date, the seventh seed and easy first-round straight sets win today against 58th ranked Elena Likhovtseva of Kaza khetan, despite a stomach strain which cramped her

The injury, which forced her to retire from last week's New South Wales Open semifi nal against Lindsay Davenport. affected her play from the first

"If the pain persists and it hurts more it would be difficult to continue (in the open) she told reporters

Yone Kamio and Kyoko Nagatsuka, both ranked in the world's top 100 also won their first round matches on Monday



Defending champion Pete Sampras of the United States serves to Jan Kroslak of Slovakia during his second round match at the Australian Open yesterday. Sampras used his blistering serves clocked at 190kph to cruise to a 6-2, 6-0, 6-1 - AFP photo victory.

# Kenyan dream

NAIROBI, Jan 18: Kenyan -athletics chiefs are investigating claims that young runners from Kenya have been lured to the United States where they have been cheated of some of their earnings and live in substandard accommodation, reports Reuter.

The investigation follows a letter from Lisa Buster of the US-based Promotion in Motion International in Norristown, New York.

The letter said: "They (the athletes) have been in the USA for more than a year. They live in... terrible conditions. An empty house with almost no furniture and only 12 mattresses on the floor. My dog lives in better conditions."

Buster, who did not identify the athletes, added that two Kenyan women at an American athletics base appeared "sad and homesick" and gave her the impression that they were kept in the United States against their will.

Kenyan Amateur Athletic Association (KAAA) secretary general David Okeyo said the association was greatly concerned at the reports.

"The KAAA has launched serious investigations into the matter," he said.

Okeyo said foreign promoters had in recent months picked any Kenyans showing running promise and lured them to the United States and Europe with promises of

He added recent reports indicated at least 15 Kenyan athletes had been cheated and as a result he had summoned one local representative of one athlete and demanded an explanation. "We have also not renewed

the man's agent contract until the matter is resolved." he Buster said she had given

refuge to some of 14 athletes who were flown to the United States last year by a US agent and Kenyan coach who charged them 35 per cent of their winnings and kept appearance money for themselves American race promoter

Richard Ronalter said in an other letter to Okeyo that he had given 4.000 dollars to a US club where Kenyan runners were based but was told the athletes had received nothing Your Kenyan athletes do

represent your country in a spectacular fashion. They are honest, hard working and just great people, but care needs to be exercised when matching them with American promot ers," Ronalter told Okeyo. The latest reports are likely

to fuel fresh acrimony between the KAAA and athletes' agents. The KAAA last year said it wanted agents to register with the association and give a detailed programme of athletes.

Agents and established ath letes have rejected this, saying the KAAA sought to interfere with their earnings.

### Vidmar voted Oceania booter of year

SYDNEY, Jan 18: Belgian based midfielder Aurelio Vidmar was Monday named the 1994 Oceania-footballer-of the year, reports AFP

Vidmar, who plays for lead ing Belgian club Standard Liege, finished with 83 votes over minor New Zealand's Wy nton Rufer (Werder Bremen on 56 and Australian Robbie Slater (Blackburn Rovers) on

The winning margin of 27 totes beat the previous record of 19 set by Slater in 1993

Vidmar, a 27 year old mid fielder, striker scored the goal in the 1-1 draw against Argen tina in a World Cup qualifier here in December 1993 and neatly put away the winner in Australia s 1-0 victory over South Africa here last June

He intends to spend an other three years in Europe and is planning to seek a new club in Spain. France or Ger many at the end of this season

## Tavares quits as nat'l coach for Vietnam

HANOI, Jan 18: Brazilian Edson Tavares, coach of Viet nam's national soccer squad said today he had decided to quit after only two months in the job reports Reuter.

The problem is first a per sonal problem ... the (football) federation has a 50 per cent problem the sponsors have a 50 per cent problem. I am in the middle of this 100 per cent," he told Reuters by tele phone from Ho Chi Minh City, where he has been supervising the squad.

Tavares said the problem related to implementation of the contract under which he started work last November as Vietnam's first foreign soccer coach for a decade.

Tavares said his decision was final although he would meet the Vietnamese Football Federation again over the weekend

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# Dark side of Kenyan dream Of papa and Mary Pierce



hour, day after day, for eight years. She hasn't forgotten him screaming at her, taunting her, goading her. Banned from watching his

daughter at tennis tournaments because of his disruptive behaviour toward her and her opponents, Jim Pierce remains on the outside looking



in from far away Yet, if there is one thing that Mary Pierce doesn't la ment about her relationship with her father, it's the attitude he instilled in her about working on her game, reports

He pushed me really hard. which I don't regret, she said Wednesday night after reaching the third round of the Australian Open with a 6-1. 6-2 victory over Elna Reinach. He gave me the hard work ethic. In the eight years that I was with him (as coach). probably played 15 years worth because I put so many hours in. perfected my strokes pretty much then. Though she once hired a

bodyguard to keep her father away from her and her mother. and still doesn't see him much. Pierce is not completely estranged from him.

"I talk to my Dad," she said. "Not every day, but I talk to him often sometimes."

The effects of being apart from him as she's traveled the WTA Tour and Grand Slam circuit the past year have been to allow her to blossom as an individual, to feel freer at 20 than she ever had been. She reached the final of the French Open and came into the Australian seeded No. 4.

"A lot has changed," she said. "As a person and as a tennis player. I'm more confident with myself and more relaxed.

"Almost everything in my life (has changed), everything from the training that I did. how many hours I train a day in tennis. I have more free time for myself. I realise that tennis is my main priority right now in my life, and I'm really enjoying it. I'm having lots of fun. Just how much fun she's

having was evident in practice just before the Australian started, when she worked out on center court wearing a skimpy gray bra shirt and hot pink shorts. She laughed between rallies, joking with her new coach and hitting partner Asked if she would wear such a risque outfit during the tournament, she giggled and said, "No. They won't let me." Her face, once so full of worry, has become more relaxed and happier Under her father's guid-

ance, training was often a cruel

All day along, until the sun went down and from early in the morning, that's what used to train," she said. "Now I finished earlier, sometimes 5 pm. sometimes 6. I have a break in between. I'm able relax in the evening, go to see a movie, or eat dinner with some friends, go to the beach or something. I don't think it was safe for

me to train so much I love

putting the hours in... but I think I was doing too much. And sometimes when you do too much, you don't enjoy it as much."

Jim Pierce recently was hired to coach a 14-year-old German girl, Marlene Weingartner, but that relationship ended quickly a few days ago. Mary Pierce declined to comment on why any parent would allow her father to coach another girl.

Pierce described herself as disciplined. "kind of a perfec-



tionist," who has learned to drive herself as much as she has to. But she has also learned her limits.

### **WEARY HINGIS** Her warning about training

and playing too much ought to resonate with 14-year-old Martina Hingis of Switzerland. who lost in the second round and sounded as if she's already weary of too much tennis. "I played so many matches."

Hingis said of a schedule that wore her down and made her feel tired in a 6-3, 6-4 loss to Kyoko Nagatsuka. "I have been away for so long. It has been tennis and tennis. Yesterday. I just watched other matches Perhaps I should have done something else."

Despite all the cautionary tales of other youngsters who burned out, became injured or had their careers shortened after turning pro at 14, despite the changes in the WTA Tour's age eligibility rules after a careful study of the problems. Hingis and her mother decided to go ahead full blast as a professional last fall before the new rules went into effect. Hingis, who still has braces

on her teeth, ticked off the next stops on her upcoming schedule as if it were normal for someone her age to travel the world for a living: Paris Indoors, Berlin, Hamburg, the French Open, Wimbledon and a dlrs 25.000 tournament in her native Czech Republic And what of school? She's

squeezing in an education, she said, at a private school in Switzerland between tourna-Hingis doesn't have the de-

veloped physique or talent of the top players. At 1.68 meters (5-foot-6), she is slightly built Her strengths are her steadiness in baseline rallies and her willingness to work hard, but her weak serves are an easy target. If she simply stayed in school, and turned pro when she was more grown up at 18, she might be a top player. For the moment, at least,

she is taking losing in stride. Perhaps, the most important lesson she should learn right now is the one Pierce learned at last in the past year: Too much tennis can take the fun out of the game.

Tuesday, reports AFP. The 31-year-old, whose real name is Carlos Verri, currently plays for VFB Stuttgart in the German Bundesliga and captained the Brazilian team to win the World Cup in the United States last year.

Jubilo, which also fields Italian striker Slavatore Schillaci, finished at seventh place in both two stages last season under the wing of former Japanese national team coach Marius John Ooft of the Netherlands.

### Trapattoni may replace Sacchi MUNICH. Jan 18: Italian

coach Giovanni Trapattoni intends to leave Bayern Munich at the end of this season, the German sports news agency SID reported Tuesday, reports Trapattoni could succeed

Arrigo Sacchi as coach of Italy's national team. SID said. quoting what it said were "sure sources." Sacchi, who took Italy to

the World Cup final, is believed to be in danger of losing his job after the team's setbacks in European Championship qualifying matches. Trapattoni reportedly told a

few close friends over dinner in Berlin recently that he would not extend his one-year contract with Bayern Munich. according to SID.

### Koss gets **Jesse Owens** award NEW YORK, Jan 18: Norwe-

gian speed-skater Johann Olav Koss has won the 1995 Jesse Owens international trophy award, the founder of the award announced on Tuesday. reports Reuter.



Koss, a triple gold medal

winner at the 1994 Winter Olympics, setting world records in the 1.500, 5.000 and 10,000 metres, was chosen by an international panel, said Herb Douglas, founder of the award. The annual award is for the

excellence in athletic performance and promotes sincere cooperation and understanding among peoples of all nations," a spokesman for Douglas said. The trophy will be pre-

athlete who "best personifies

sented to Koss next month at a banquet to benefit the US Olympic Committee and the Jesse Owens Memorial Fund.

Koss received 141 votes. US speed-skater Bonnie Blair was second with 86 points, and Algerian track star Noureddine Morceli was third with 71

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YDCATHUW RHU ZLCWZ KDHLJZD GKRZU. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE CHICKEN COOP

WAS REALLY IN AN UPROAR; FOLKS SUSPECT FOWL

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z emals G

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.

#### - AFP photo CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer **ACROSS** 42 Yon maid- DOWN men's 1 Burst 1 Snapshot. vesse en fair 21 Fellow 4 One of the 44 Eight for short 22 Verdi 2 Harem Jackson 5 English

Subme Appelmans of Belgium makes a backhand return

against Lura Golarsa of Italy during her match in the

Australian Open yesterday Appelmans won 6-2, 6-4.

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