

Sidhu overlooked for one-day series

Indian spin awaits SA



BOMBAY, Oct 14: South African cricket skipper Hansie Cronje admitted here today his one-day wonders could face a rude awakening during their Test series against India, reports AFP.

Cronje, who flew in with his squad for a limited-overs tournament also involving Australia before the three-match Test series said his side was "in cracking one-day form."

But he admitted: "The Tests against home side's spinners particularly on a turning track will be an entirely different ball game."

Cronje was speaking just after Australia's seven-wicket loss within four days in the New Delhi Test.

South Africa came off an impressive victory in the Kenyan Centenary four-nation cup in Nairobi last week, where they defeated Pakistan, world champions Sri Lanka and the hosts.

Cronje added: "Gary Kirsten is our best player of spin but for a good total, Dave Cullinan, Jonty Rhodes and myself will have to improve our record against the spinners."

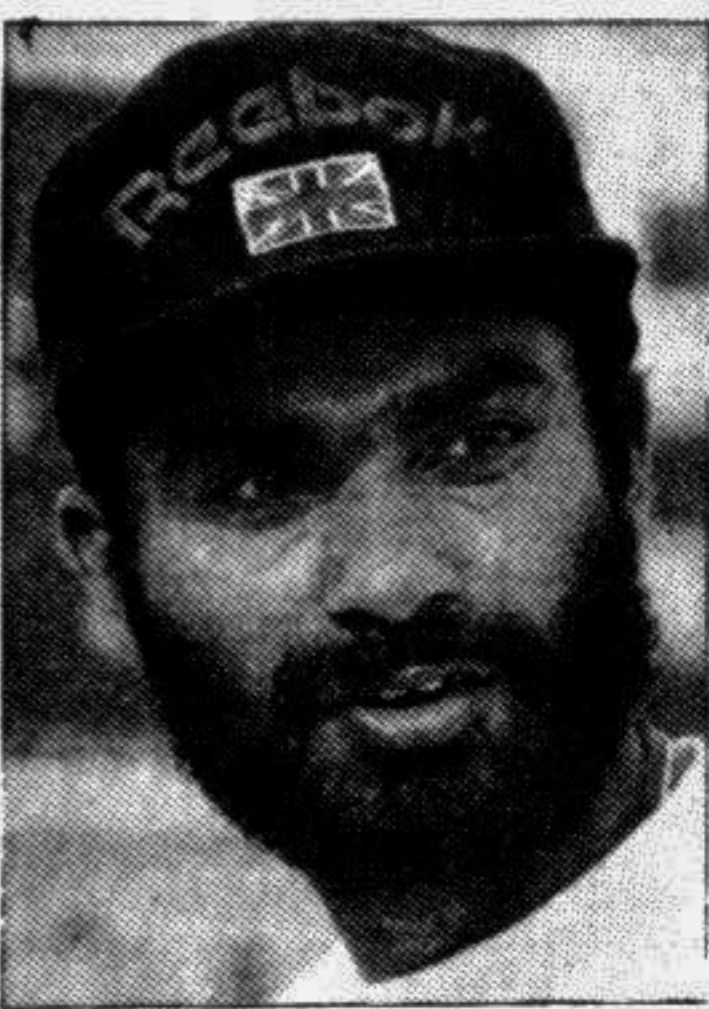
The South African captain confirmed the side could be overhauled for the Test series, with the injured Jacques Kallis (stress fracture) and wrist spinner Paul Adams (groin injury) candidates for a recall.

Cronje whose side must also do without injured pace bowler Craig Matthews and talented all-rounder Shaun Pollock added: "We have to put a brave face on the injuries but it will be difficult. We're hoping Kallis and Adams will be back by November 20 for the Tests."

South Africa launch the one-day triangular tournament on Thursday, when they take on India in a day-night match in Hyderabad.

Coach Bob Woolmer, who toured India with Tony Greig's successful England side in 1975-76, said there were some exciting prospects in his current side.

"Derek Crookes is a promising batsman and off-spinner. Niccy Boje is a left-arm spinner."



NAVJOT SIDHU

and an outstanding fielder. Both close in and in the deep," he said. "Lance Klusener is a left-handed batsman and a right-arm medium-pace. Herschelle Gibbs is a stylish batsman."

Woolmer also confirmed the South Africans had done their homework on their opponents. "Anil Kumble is already known as a world-class bowler, even though I have not seen

him. I have also heard of new-comer, spinner Sunil Joshi, so let us see," Woolmer said.

"All in all, we have come fully prepared."

Another report from New Delhi adds: Indian selectors on Sunday included two new faces in their 14-man squad for the triangular one-day series.

Punjab's wicketkeeper-batsman Pankaj Dharmani, who scored an unbeaten century for the Board President's XI against Australia last week, and Karnataka opening batsman Sujit Somasundar were named for the hosts opening three matches.

Selectors left out controversial opener Navjot Sidhu whose 50-day ban sidelined him from the one-off Test against Australia. Sidhu was banned for walking out during the tour of England in the middle of the year.

The squad for the remaining three games of the limited overs tournament will be picked on October 24. Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya told reporters.

The selectors wanted to gauge Sidhu's form before considering him for squad.

Medium-pace Sali Ankola and opener Ajay Jadeja were also recalled. Vikram Rathore, David Johnson, Narendra Hirwani and Vangipurappu Laxman were the players dropped from the Test squad.

SQUAD: Sachin Tendulkar (captain), Saurav Ganguly, Mohammed Azharuddin, Rahul Dravid, Sujit Somasundar, Ajay Jadeja, Pankaj Dharmani, Nayan Mongia, Javagal Srinath, Venkatesh Prasad, Sali Ankola, Anil Kumble, Sunil Joshi, Aashish Kapoor.



HER SMILE SAYS IT ALL... teenage Swiss sensation Martina Hingis exults after winning the maiden WTA title beating her more illustrious German Anke Huber in the final of the Filderstadt Grand Prix in Germany on October 13.

— AFP/UNB photo

Hasan Raza rises to Pak occasion

SAHIWAL, Pakistan, Oct 14: Fifteen-year-old Hasan Raza hit a 55-ball half-century on his first-class debut against Zimbabwe here on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Raza made 58, figuring in a century fifth-wicket stand with Azam Khan, as the Pakistan Cricket Board XI recovered to reach 236 for eight declared in reply to Zimbabwe's first innings 307 for seven declared.

Raza, who played for Pakistan in the under-15 World Cup in England earlier this year, hit his second ball from Andrew

Rusedski ends drought

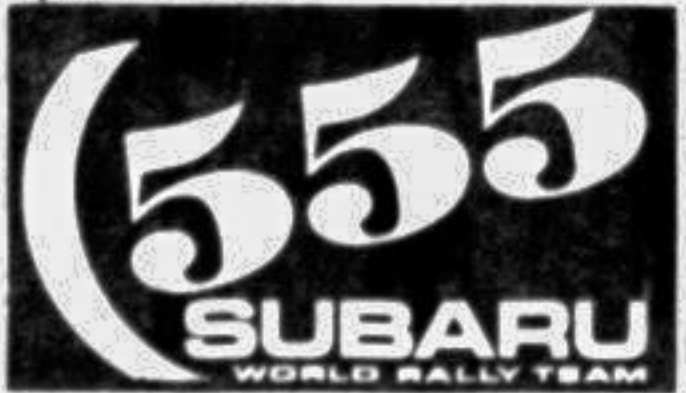
BEIJING, Oct 14: Britain's Greg Rusedski beat the Czech Republic's Martin Damm in straight sets Sunday to take his first tennis title of the season at the Beijing Open, reports AFP.

There had only been one previous winner of the Beijing tournament since it began, Chinese-American Michael Chang.

Rusedski, ranked 84th in the world, defeated Damm 7-6 (7/4), 6-4 before 4,000 fans obviously disappointed not to see their favourite Chang, the world's second ranked player.

HK-Beijing Rally from Oct 19

The epic seven-day 555 Hong Kong-Beijing Rally will host the final showdown of the 1996 FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship, an event where the 555 Subaru World Rally Team will be all-out to add the accolade of the 1996 Manufacturers' Cup to Kenneth Eriksson's Drivers' Championship title clinched in Australia on the penultimate round of this year's series, says a press release.



Although only five points separate the 555 Subaru team from arch-rivals, Mitsubishi, the 555 Subaru World Rally Team have the 'ace of the race' with Kenneth Eriksson — the 1996 event winner — heading the assault for the British-based team. Supporting the Swede is Piero Liatti in the second Subaru Impreza 555 and, although this will be Piero's debut event in China, the Italian is sure to eclipse the opposition with his cool and impressive style.

During the previous round of the Asia-Pacific Championship in Australia, Kenneth — now double FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Champion — revelled in a close fought battle with eventual 3rd placed finisher, Carlos Sainz, a mere four seconds separating the pair at the conclusion of the rally. The Swede is naturally in high spirits and will spearhead a determined attack by the 555 Subaru World Rally Team in rousing the opposition and taking home the Manufacturers' title for Subaru. But it will be no easy task.

The all Italian duo of Piero Liatti and Fabrizio Pans will add yet more strength to the 555 Subaru World Rally Team assault. Piero, proud first-time father of baby daughter Lucrezia, is making his debut on the event, however, Fabrizio contested the rally in 1995, co-driving for Ari Vatanen, and the pair finished 2nd overall.

The 555 Hong Kong-Beijing Rally starts in Hong Kong at the military base on Stonecutters Island on Saturday, October 19. The longest day of the event is Leg 5 which sees the teams facing an exhausting total distance of 888 kilometres incorporating 134 competitive kilometres. After passing through some of the world's most beautiful and atmospheric terrain, experiencing the spectacle of The Great Wall of China and traversing 485 competitive kilometres, the teams finally come to a halt in Beijing on Friday, October 25, after the final Superspecial Stage at Ming Tomba.

Marsh being merciless



NEW DELHI, Oct 14: Australian coach Geoff Marsh has accused his side of lacking professionalism following their seven-wicket defeat to India on Sunday, report agencies.

The unofficial Test world champions were outplayed on a spinner's pitch, losing the one-off Test by seven wickets with a day to spare.

"They have trained a little like millionaires instead of getting down to business," Marsh said. "Some of these guys have been very casual."

"The boys have got to tighten up on their professionalism. You can look for all the excuses in the world why we didn't play well, but these guys are professional sportsmen."

"The way they got themselves out on the first day when the wicket was pretty good was disappointing."

"If we'd applied ourselves to make a Test 100, which is made in over five hours by all great Test cricketers, we would have made a lot more runs."

"We only needed another 100 runs in the first innings but our batting never changed in the second innings."

But, Australian captain Mark Taylor lashed out at the uneven Kotla wicket after his team's defeat.

"It was a disappointing

wicket," said Taylor, as Australia crumbled for 182 and 234 against the Indian spinners.

"I have played 70-odd Tests in my career, but never seen such a wicket where the ball was grounded most of the time," he said.

His Indian counterpart Sachin Tendulkar, celebrating a win in his first Test as captain, said his side was hungry for further success.

"One win is not enough," the 23-year-old said. "The boys are in an aggressive mood."

"We have made the entire country happy by this victory, and I am confident we will continue winning from here."

Taylor and Tendulkar conceded Indian wicketkeeper



GEOFF MARSH

Nayan Mongia's monumental 152 in the first innings dictated

ACB asks for WC dues



NEW DELHI, Oct 14: Australian cricket officials today demanded 75,000 pounds (112,000 dollars)

held back by World Cup organisers for their team's refusal to play in Sri Lanka this year, reports Asian Cricket Board chief executive Graham Halbish said it was "improper" that the last instalment of the 250,000 pounds guaranteed to them for the World Cup was not paid.

Organisers of the tournament in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in February and March, have refused to release the money, citing financial losses incurred by the boycott.

West Indies, who also refused to play in Colombo following a January 31 bombing there which killed more than 90 people, were also fined by the organisers.

"Our contention is that the remaining 75,000 pounds should be paid to both boards and if there is a matter of some penalty or claim it should be dealt as a separate issue," Halbish said.

He also set a June deadline for payment of dues, and warned that the Australian board would not sit back if the organisers went to court or imposed a penalty or claim.

"We would defend any claim extremely vigorously," said Halbish, who came here to witness the one-off Test between India and Australia which ended on Sunday.

"I would think the matter would surely have to be resolved before the next meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in June. There's more than

enough time to solve that."

Halbish, however, declined to say what action the ACB would take if the dues were not paid.

Halbish said he had been "advised" recently that World Cup organiser Jagmohan Dalmiya had been suggesting that there could have been other reasons why Australia did not go to Sri Lanka.

"Hopefully he did not say that because that would be extremely offensive to my board. There was only one reason why we did not go, and that was the security risk was too great."

"We had very good reasons based on high level governmental advice. The security risk was too great and you can't ignore that."

"We are not a group of mercenaries, we are a sporting team."

Halbish cited the example of seven cancelled series between warring neighbours India and Pakistan, to underline that it was the right of any nation to determine the safety of its play-

ers.

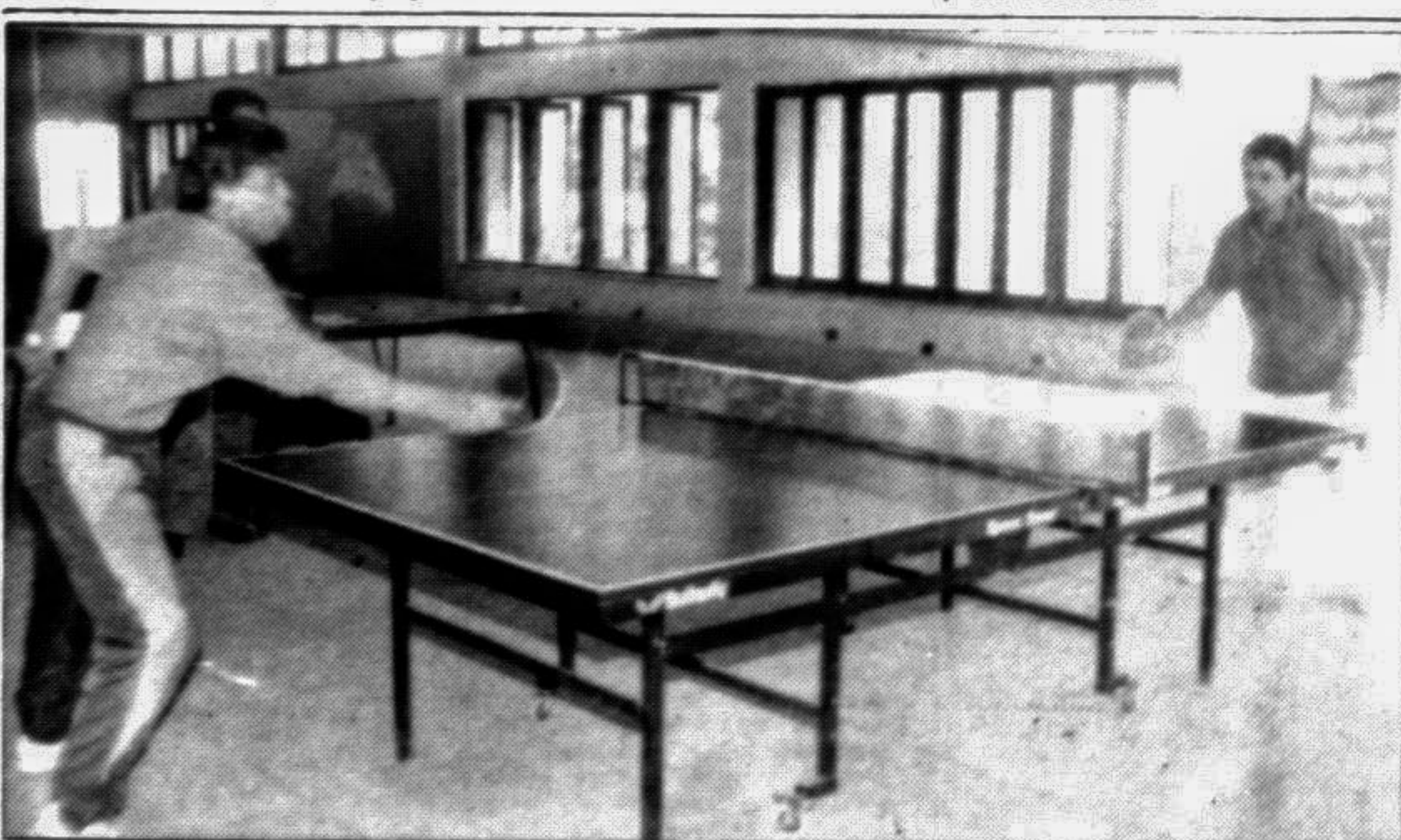
He said he had held "useful" talks with Indian cricket chief Raj Singh Dhangar during the present trip to resolve the issue.

Halbish revealed the ACB was "not unanimous" in approving Australia's participation in the recent four-nation Singer Cup tournament in Colombo, their first trip to Sri Lanka since the World Cup boycott.

The tournament, also featuring India, Zimbabwe and hosts Sri Lanka, went off without a hitch. The government imposed tight security around the teams hotel and match venues.

Relations between the Australian and Sri Lankan teams soured ahead of the World Cup when Australian umpires accused the Sri Lankans of ball-tampering and branded off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan a thrower.

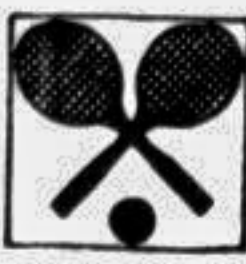
Sri Lanka went on to win both the World Cup and the Singer Cup — defeating Australia in the finals of both events.



Masud Ahmed Rumi, the winner of Jatiya Press Club table tennis meet, plays a forehand shot against FM Mozammel Haque during the final at the club premises yesterday.

— Star photo

Boris gets the booster



VIENNA, Oct 14: Boris Becker said after beating Jan Siemerink in the final of 800,000 dollars CA Trophy on Sunday that winning his first title since injuring his wrist at Wimbledon bordered on a miracle, reports Reuter.

A weary Becker, still far

Hingis makes the grade

FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 14: Swiss teenager Martina Hingis won the first WTA tournament of her career on Sunday when she beat Germany's Anke Huber 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in the Filderstadt final, reports Reuter.

Her winnings included a Porsche sports car but 16-year-old Hingis will not be able to drive the convertible home.

She doesn't have a driver's licence.

"I fell in love with that car as soon as I saw it and I kept looking at it all week long," Hingis said.

Hingis, seeded eight, had plenty of horsepower in Filderstadt to withstand the challenge of fifth-seeded Huber.

After losing the opening two games of the match, Hingis reeled off six successive games, her wide range of shots forced Huber into a number of costly errors.

The 21-year-old German recovered to win the second set 6-3 but Hingis was again dominant in the deciding set, gaining two service breaks.

Sunday's win is expected to lift her to ninth in the world rankings and capped a memorable week during which she bested Spanish top seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Olympic champion Lindsay Davenport of the United States.

Huber, winner of the WTA tournament in Leipzig last Sunday, was heartbroken to miss out on the Porsche.

from his best form, won 6-4, 6-7, 6-2 and 6-3 on the indoor hardcourt of Vienna's Stadthalle for his third title of the year after the Australian Open and the London grass-court championship at Queen's Club.

Victory came as a relief for Becker, who took a long break after rupturing a tendon in his right wrist in a third-round match at Wimbledon.

He returned to the circuit last month but recurring wrist troubles saw him pull out in the first round in Bucharest, lose in the second round in Basle and withdraw from a tournament in



BORIS BECKER

Lyons.

"For me this victory is like a wonder. I still don't fully understand how I did it. It is of great importance for me," Becker, visibly moved, said.

"I was never injured for such a long time and never on the wrist. I was never really sure if I would be 100 per cent again."

"I spent the last four months worrying about my injury. Now I want to enjoy this victory and have fun playing tennis."

World number seven Becker will be aiming for the 48th title of his career at this week's Czech Indoor Open in Ostrava where his first round opponent is Denmark's Frederik Fetterlein.

Becker made a good start against Siemerink on Sunday, planting a forehand on the line to convert his second break chance for a quick lead in the opening game.

The Dutch left-hander failed to capitalise on four break points in the following game and Becker went on to clinch the set.

The match lost momentum in the second set when games went with serves into a tie-break. Both players missed a set point before Siemerink profit form a backhand from Becker which went wide for 9-7.

The German had difficulty holding his serve in the opening game of the third set but stepped up a gear to gain a break and edge ahead 3-1 with a thundering backhand return.

Siemerink again dropped

serve and Becker clinched the set with a low forehand return.

Becker needed a single break in the fourth set to go 5-3 up and served for victory at the end of a match lasting two hours 38 minutes.

Nokia Open tennis on

BEIJING, Oct 14: Linda Wild of the United States will attempt to defend her Nokia Open tennis title when the tournament opens today in the Chinese capital, reports AFP.

Wild, the 32nd-ranked player in the world, is the number two seed here behind Indonesia's Yayuk Basuki, the world's 30th ranked woman player and winner in 1994.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Narsingdi Road Division, Narsingdi
Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender Notice No	: 27/NRD, Yr 1996-97.
2. Name of work	: Construction of flexible pavement at different kilometres of different roads divided in 8 (eight) groups under Narsingdi Road Division during 1996-97.
3. Estimated cost	: As per group list.
4. Earnest money	: The amount as per group list should be deposited through Bank Draft/Pay Order/Pratirakha Sanchaya Patra/Bonus Sanchaya Patra etc. from any scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer (R&H), Narsingdi Road Division.
5. Time for completion of work	: As per group list.
6. Eligibility of contractor	: As per group list.
7. Offices where tenders will be sold from	: Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H), Narsingdi/Dhaka/Gazipur/Manikganj/Munshiganj Road Division/Planning & Drawing Division, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Planning (Road & Bridge) Division, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Shibpur/Narsingdi Road Division.
8. Offices where tenders will be received at	: Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (P&D), Dhaka/Executive Engineer (R&H), Narsingdi Road Division, Narsingdi/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Shibpur & Narsingdi Road Division.
9. Last date of selling tender	: 23-10-96 up to office PM.
10. Date of receiving tender	: 24-10-96 up to 12-30 hours.
11. Date of opening tender	: 27-10-96 at 12-45 PM at the office of the Executive Engineer, Narsingdi Road Division.
12. Date of holding lottery	: 28-10-96 at 12-00 Noon at the office of the Executive Engineer, Narsingdi Road Division.

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1 (one)	Work of widening the road through construction of flexible pavement at 19th (part), 20th (part) km of Panchdona-Mathkhola Road under Shibpur Road Sub-Division during 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 12,16,485/=	Tk 24,330/=	'A' to 'D' General Class	50 (fifty) days.
2 (two)	Work of widening the road through construction of flexible pavement at 20th (part), 21st (part) km of Panchdona-Mathkhola Road under Shibpur Road Sub-Division during 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 12,16,485/=	Tk 24,330/=	-Do-	50 (fifty) days.
3 (three)	Work of widening the road through construction of flexible pavement at 21st (part), 22nd (Part) km of Panchdona-Mathkhola Road under Shibpur Road Sub-Division during 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 12,40,340/=	Tk 24,807/=	-Do-	50 (fifty) days.
4 (four)	Work of widening the road through construction of flexible pavement at 22nd (part), 23rd (part) km of Panchdona-Mathkhola Road under Shibpur Road Sub-Division during 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 12,40,340/=	Tk 24,807/=	-Do-	50 (fifty) days.
5 (five)	Construction of flexible pavement at 6th km of Narsingdi-Madanganj Road under Narsingdi Road Sub-Division during 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 17,33,200/=	Tk 34,665/=	-Do-	60 (sixty) days.
6 (six)	Construction of flexible pavement at 7th km of Narsingdi-Madanganj Road under Narsingdi Road Sub-Division during 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 17,28,460/=	Tk 34,570/=	-Do-	60 (sixty) days.
7 (seven)	Construction of flexible pavement at 8th km of Narsingdi-Madanganj Road under Narsingdi Road Sub-Division during 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 16,65,500/=	Tk 33,310/=	-Do-	60 (sixty) days.
8 (eight)	Construction of flexible pavement at 9th km of Narsingdi-Madanganj Road under Narsingdi Road Sub-Division during 1996-97 financial year.	Tk 15,71,800/=	Tk 31,440/=	-Do-	60 (sixty) days.

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Choi keeps his crown

TOKYO, Oct 14: Choi Yong-Seo of South Korea enjoyed an easy victory over eighth-ranked challenger Yamato Mitani of Japan on Sunday to retain his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior lightweight crown with a unanimous points verdict, reports Reuter.