

Luxembourg Open Huber's

LUXEMBOURG, Oct 28: Top-seeded Anke Huber of Germany breezed past Slovakia's Karina Habudova here Sunday to win the final 164,250-dollar Luxembourg Open 6-3, 6-0 in less than an hour, reports AFP.

Huber, ranked four in the world, outclassed her opponent in all departments as she raced to her third tournament win after Rosmalen in the Netherlands and on home ground in Leipzig.

Raymond breaks the jinx

QUEBEC CITY, Oct 28: Fifth-seeded American Lisa Raymond ended the upset run of unseeded Els Callens of Belgium and claimed her first career title on the WTA Tour by winning the Bell Challenge on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Rosset advances

PARIS, Oct 28: Switzerland's big-serving Marc Rosset returned to one of his favourite hunting grounds on Monday and defeated Alex Corretja of Spain in the first round of the 2.5 million-dollar Paris Indoor Open, reports AFP.

Lyn calls it a day

PERTH, Australia, Oct 28: Former Olympic swimming champion Lyn McClements, 45, is to quit the sport which has dominated her life for more than three decades because of heart problems, reports AFP.

Raza's record at stake

LAHORE, Pakistan, Oct 28: Hasan Raza's claim to be the youngest Test cricketer may be false.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said on Sunday medical tests had shown Raza was "around 15" when he underwent the examination in June.

Raza claimed he was 14 years and 227 days old when he made his Test debut against Zimbabwe in Faisalabad last week.

That beat the existing record of Pakistan team manager Mushtaq Muhammad who made his debut aged 15 years and 124 days against West Indies in 1958-59.

But the PCB released a radiology report on Sunday prepared by Lahore's Shaukat Khanum Cancer Hospital. It revealed that an X-ray of the Karachi born youngster's left wrist indicated he was around 15 years on the date of the test on June 13.

A similar reports on another Pakistani youngster Shahid Afridi, who hit the fastest one-day international century off just 37 balls against Sri Lanka in Kenya earlier this month, showed him to be 19 instead of 16 as claimed.

Both Raza and Afridi underwent the tests with several other players because they did not have birth certificates.

Raza's X-ray was conducted before the selection of the Pakistan team for the under-15 World Cup in England. Afridi underwent his test before going to West Indies with the Pakistan under-19 squad in August.

PCB chief executive Majid Khan said the board did not acknowledge the ages given by Raza and Afridi and would stand by the radiologist's report.

Both players have been included in a squad of 12 for the first of the three limited-over internationals against Zimbabwe at Quetta on October 30.

Paceman Waqar Younis, a veteran of 128 one-day games, has been rested. His replacement Azhar Mahmood, an all-rounder, toured Canada and Kenya with the national team.

SQUAD Aamir Sohail, Saied Anwar, Ijaz Ahmad, Salim Malik, Azam Khan, Hasan Raza, Wasim Akram (captain), Saqlain Mushtaq, Shahid Afridi, Shahid Nazir, Moin Khan, Azhar Mahmood.



HASAN RAZA

Warne plans workouts

MELBOURNE, Australia, Oct 28: Mercurial Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne, buoyed by his five-wicket haul in a Shield game Sunday, is on course to play in the first cricket Test against the West Indies in Brisbane from November 22, reports AFP.

Warne's career-best limited-over spell of 5-35 in Victoria's 58-run win over David Boon's Tasmania, proved that his troublesome spinning finger, which kept him out of Australia's tour of the subcontinent, is recovering well from surgery.

The Victorian skipper said Monday he had mapped out a plan with his surgeon, physiotherapist, Australia captain Mark Taylor and national selectors in an effort to be ready to play against the West Indians.

"Before they left for India we mapped out a plan and at the moment it's starting to come off okay," Warne said.

Part of that plan was to play in the two opening national one-day cup games and the back-to-back Sheffield Shield games against New South Wales (November 8-11) and South Australia (November 15-18).

"I'd love to be in India... if I was 100 per cent fit at the start of the tour I would have gone there," said Warne.

"Unfortunately I wasn't right to go, my confidence wasn't there but I'm slowly getting my confidence back."

Warne admitted his finger was sore after Sunday's game here and had to be iced but it was his first solid work-out and it came through better than he had hoped.

Canada take a step closer to France '98

PANAMA CITY, Oct 28: Canada had two players sent off but still managed to hold on for a scoreless draw in a World Cup qualifying match with Panama on Sunday, a result that put them in the final round of the Concacaf qualifiers, reports Reuter.

Panama, who dominated the match, also had a player dismissed in a rough, bad-tempered clash.

Canada goalkeeper Craig Forrest, in possession of the ball at the time was shown the red card in the 82nd minute for kicking Panama's Nefit Diaz.

Twenty minutes earlier Paul Peschisolido of Canada and Rolando Botello of Panama had also been sent off for fighting. Panama, with an attack spearheaded by French-based striker Julio Cesar Delvaldez and his brother Jorge, created numerous chances and had a penalty appeal turned down but were unable to find a way past Forrest.

The draw was good enough to give Canada a top-two finish in the semifinal stage in Group Two, giving it a berth in the final stage of the Concacaf qualifiers.

Panama are in last place but could still go through by winning their last two matches with some help from other results in the group.

Six teams will take part in the final Concacaf qualifying round with the top three earning places in the 1998 World Cup.

Pay back time!

LONDON, Oct 28: Britain may get the last laugh after Germany's Euro '96 victory over England this summer, with tax officials claiming penalties of up to 21,000 pounds (33,000 dollars) for each player. The Times newspaper reported on Monday, reports Reuter.

It said Britain's Inland Revenue was checking to see whether the German players, along with some Czech and French players, had paid enough tax on their appearance money.

Players such as Jurgen Klinsmann, Oliver Bierhof and Christian Ziege, who earned 85,000 pounds (136,000 dollars) each from the tournament, topped the list, according to The Times.

Withholding tax of 25 per cent is routinely levied on foreign athletes such as golf and tennis players competing in Britain.

Flamengo's double trouble

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 28: Brazilian World Cup striker Romario's return to Flamengo went sour on Sunday when he hobbled off injured

before halftime while his team conceded two late goals and lost at home to Internacional, reports Reuter.

A 35,000 crowd was present for Romario's comeback at the Maracana Stadium in a Brazilian championship match, lured by the expectation of seeing him play alongside Bebeto, his striking partner in their country's 1994 World Cup winning team.

Romario was sold to Valencia in July but was resigned on loan by Flamengo on Friday after just 78 days with the Spanish club. During his stay with Valencia, Romario was twice dropped by coach Luis Agraones, the second time for oversleeping and missing training.

Flamengo took an early lead through midfielder Nello but things began to go wrong just before halftime when Romario pulled up clutching his thighs as he went for a challenge and had to be substituted.

It was not immediately known how long the pulled muscle would keep him out of action.

Flamengo's day turned to complete disaster when international substitute Fabiano scored twice in the last six minutes to give his team what could be a crucial 2-1 win.

The three points left Internacional eighth in the tournament and Flamengo 14th. The teams who finish in the top eight qualify for the quarter-finals.



ROMARIO

SOCOG rejects FIFA's plan

SYDNEY, Oct 28: Soccer's governing body has suggested that four Olympic matches be played before the official opening of the Sydney 2000 Olympics, a report said Monday, but organisers were quick to reject the idea, reports AFP.

The suggestion, made out of concern for players' health, could stretch the Games over almost three weeks.

In an interview in the upcoming issue of World Soccer Magazine, FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said one major problem at the Atlanta Olympics was the match schedule crushing the first-round groups into one week.

"Clearly, this is too much for both the health of the athletes and the quality of football," he said.

Vasco da Gama's Alcir Portela became the 14th coach to lose his job since the tournament started in August when he was sacked following his team's 3-2 defeat at home to Coritiba on Saturday.

Portela was replaced by Antonio Lopes himself a victim of the managerial merry-go-round when he lost his job with Parana earlier in the tournament. Lopes returned for his fourth spell at Vasco.

Sao Paulo coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, who led Brazil to their victory in 1994, was in danger of becoming the next victim after his team lost 2-0 to Victoria.

Sao Paulo early leaders have failed to win any of their last 10 games and have slipped to 17th. Palmerias regained the lead when they drew 1-1 away to Gremio to overtake Cruzeiro beaten 1-0 away to Goyas.



Artistes of the National Acrobatic Troupe of Pyongyang enact a bear fight during an international festival in Wuhan, China on Oct 27.

IOC ends 2004 bid review

ATHENS, Greece, Oct 28: A senior IOC official said Sunday his commission was not intimidated by the Greek president's threat to never again bid for an Olympiad if Athens failed to get the 2004 Games, reports agencies.

Thomas Bach, chairman of the 19-member IOC study and Evaluation Commission, made the statement at a news conference two days after President Costis Stephanopoulos made the stinging comment.

"It was a personal remark of the President... but it will not influence our opinion," said Bach, a German lawyer and

former fencing gold medalist, at the end of a three-day working visit.

Athens was the seventh stop in the IOC inspection teams' tour of 11 candidate cities vying to host the 2004 Games.

Bach refused to comment on the Commission's review of the Athens presentation but referred to a three-point list of what he described as positive impressions.

A recent nationwide poll by the Athens bidding committee showed 96.4 per cent of Greeks want the Olympics and thousands have already signed up as volunteers.

Bach also commended the support offered by the government and opposition parties to hosting the Games as well as Greece's proposed "creative cultural programmes."

If it wins the Games, Athens plans to hold the marathon on its original course — from the historic marathon battlefield to the capital — and relay the Olympic flame from Ancient

Olympia through all the significant cities of the ancient Greek world.

Greece eagerly bid for the 1996 Summer Olympics, which marked the 100th anniversary of the Games' revival in Athens.

Poor infrastructure, however, led the IOC to give the nod to Atlanta.

Athens' loss triggered public outcry, with then President Constantine Caramanlis accusing the IOC of selling out to American corporate interests such as long-time Olympic sponsor Coca Cola, which is headquartered in Atlanta.

It was not until this year that Greece set aside its grudge and bid to host the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

The IOC Evaluation Commission will visit San Juan, Puerto Rico; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Rio Janeiro, Brazil, in November. The tour will wrap-up in Cape Town, South Africa, on Dec 15. The host city will be selected on Sept 5, 1997.

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Corrigendum to Tender Notice (International) It is notified for information of all concerned that the Tender No. P&S-27 (186)/96-97 dated 29.09.96 appeared in the recent local dailies (Inqilab dated 09.10.96 and The Daily Star dated 08.10.96) has been modified as under:-

- 1) Sealed tenders should be submitted in 2 (two) separate envelopes one for "TECHNICAL OFFER" and another for "PRICE OFFER". Complete "TECHNICAL OFFER" and "PRICE OFFER" must be clearly written on the envelopes should be dropped simultaneously in the same tender box. 2) TECHNICAL OFFER should contain all requisite Certificates, all Printed Catalogues (in original), Un-conditional Warranty, Photocopy of Manufacturer's Original Proforma Invoice without showing any price, Reference/Serrial Number and date of Bank Guarantee/ Bank Draft/Pay Order as a proof of submission of Earnest Money with Price Offer. 3) PRICE OFFER should contain Manufacturer's original Proforma Invoice quoting price of each item showing total C&F Price showing necessary breakdown. Earnest Money @2% (two per cent) should be submitted with "PRICE OFFER". 4) OPENING OF TENDER:- "TECHNICAL OFFER" will be opened first for qualification. "PRICE OFFER" of those bidders will be opened whose "TECHNICAL OFFER" found technically suitable. "PRICE OFFER" of Technically unqualified bidders will be returned unopened in sealed covers. All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged and its CORRIGENDUM NOTICE will be the part and parcel of the tender.

বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয় কমন ও সমন্বয় শাখা সংসদ ভবন, ঢাকা ১১-১০-১৯৯৬ইং ২১-১০-১৯৯৬ইং নং-২(১)/৯৬-কমন-১২৭৮ তারিখ ০৬-০৭-১৯০৩বাং দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ ভবনের নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থা সুরক্ষিত করিবার উদ্দেশ্যে ২ (দুইটি) রঙীন ব্যাগে জ্যাকিং মেশিন, ১২ বারটি আর্টগেয়ে মেটার ডিটেলের পেট ২ (দুইটি) এগ্রাগ্রাসিট ডিটেলের মেশিন খরিস করিবার উদ্দেশ্যে ঐ সকল মেশিন গল্পুতকারী/সরবরাহকারী/এজেন্টদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। ১) দরপত্র আপাদী ০৬-১১-১৯৯৬ইং (২২-০৭-১৯০৩বাং) তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত অত্র সচিবালয়ের উপসচিব (হিসাব) মহোদয়ের অফিস কক্ষে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাজে দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে। এদিন অন্তর্ভুক্ত ১২-১০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্রসমূহ খোলা হইবে। ২) দরপত্রের সাথে বর্তমান অর্থ বৎসরের ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও আয়কর সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি এবং আর্নেস্টমনি হিসাবে মোট প্রাকল্পিত ব্যয়ের ২% মূল্যমানের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/চেক-অর্ডার (ফেরতযোগ্য) নিরাপত্তাকারী অনুকূলে দাখিল করিতে হইবে। ৩) দরপত্রের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও অন্যান্য শর্তাবলীসহ তফসিল আপাদী ০২-১১-১৯৬ইং হইতে ০৪-১১-১৯৬ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকার বিনিময়ে (অফসেটযোগ্য) ক্রয় করিতে হইবে। আর্থী প্রতিষ্ঠান তাহাদের নিজস্ব প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক চলিত অর্থ বৎসরের মূল ট্রেড লাইসেন্স-এর কপি প্রদর্শনপূর্বক সংসদ সচিবালয়ের কমন ও হিসাব শাখা-১ (দক্ষিণ-পশ্চিম ব্লক, কক্ষ নং ৫২৪, সেভেল-০) হইতে সন্মত করা যাইবে। একটি প্রতিষ্ঠানকে একটির বেশী তফসিল সরবরাহ করা হইবে না। ৪) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করিবার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন। আনু আহবান সহঃ সচিব (কমন) ফোন: ৩২৭২০৪ ডিএফপি-২৪০৬৫-২৭/১০ জি-১০৬৪

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STAR MOVIES 7:30am Action: The Package 16 (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Comedy: Throw Mama From The Train 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Adventure: Sherlock Holmes in New York 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Comedy: She-Devil 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Classic: Zorba The Greek 12 (Hindi Hum Honge Kaamyab 9:00 Insight 9:30 Gaane Anjaane 8:45 Jab (Drama Serial) 9:00 Break for Headline News 10:00 Khabarnama 11:00 VCD Top Ten (Pakistani Video Countdown) 12:30 Dr. Qain: Medicine 8:00 Filmi Cheat 8:20 Kinetic Haseen Pal 1 8:30 Casper Number One 9:00 Oriam Hit Thi Hit Hai 9:30 Instinct Puroshkshetra 10:30 Stand-by 10:40 Talaash 11:00 Mool Usha Ufup Show 11:30 Chalo Cinema 12:00 Kinetic Haseen Pal 12:10 Akanksha PTV 8:00 am Tilawat Aur Tarjuma-Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Beauty Care 8:50 Fun Kadhya 9:10 Dhanak & Health Tips 10:05 Har Taan Heli Deepak 10:30 English Film: Home Improvement 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Anila (Serial) 12:00 Sports Hour 12:55pm Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 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