AUSSIE OPEN

AT A GLANCE

MELBOURNE, Jan 22 (AP

Highlights of Wednesday's 10th day of the US 7.6 million dol-

fars Australian Open tennis

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Quarterfinals: No. 1 Pete Sam-

pras beat No. 10 Albert Costa 6-

3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; No. 5

Thomas Muster beat No. 3 Goran Ivanisevic 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

terfinals: No. 4 Martina Hingis

beat No. 8 Irina Spirlea 7-5, 6-2;

No. 14 Mary Joe Fernandez beat

Dominique van Roost 7-5, 4-0

vic had 54 unforced errors to

trying a jump The horse didn't jump and I jumped my-

self," - Hingis on her fall from

AUSSIE OPEN

SNIPPETS

Amanda Coetzer is the sec

ond South African to reach the

semifinals of Australian Oper

in the Open era. She has been in

great form and was responsible

for Steffi Graf's ouster. But the

media work room which has

representatives from 25 coun-

tries including Bangladesh

does not have anyone from

South Africa to see and report

been fined a total of \$ 16150

since the tournament began.

The biggest fines have been im-

posed on Australian Pat Cash

Argentinian Patriacia Tara

bini Tuesday said an umpire

laughed at her during a heated

exchange in a quarterfinal dou-

bles match. Tarabini made the

on-court accusation as she ar-

gued with English chair umpire

Mike Morrissey over a line call.

reported the Herald Sun today.

The tantrum which included

Tarabini smashing her racquet

against the umpire's chair.

lasted for more than 10 min-

utes, Tarabini, with Conchita

Martinez not only lost 6-4, 7-6

against Lindsay Davenport and

Lisa Raymond, but she had a

point deducted for abuse and

Norwegian aims

to be "Doctor

of Soccer"!

OSLO, Jan 22: 'Doctor of

Larsen, an assistant to

Soccer' - that's what Oyvind

Larsen hopes to call himself in

Norwegian national soccer

coach Egil "Drillo" Olsen, has

just started his doctoral studies

on that theme at the National

will be the different styles of

soccer played around the world.

uniform when it came from

England, but soon various spe-

cific styles developed," Larsen

Lack of communications

"The saying is that the

"I'll look into how they actu-

Videotapes of games played

As more teams focus on

Larsen's thesis is scheduled

winning as opposed to how they

play the game, the different

styles are likely to be threat-

Blatter bucks

up teenagers

LISBON, Jan 22: Sepp Blat

ter, secretary general of world

football's ruling body FIFA

said here on Tuesday there

should be no restrictions on

what club players of 16 and over

have the freedom to choose

which club he wants to play for.

choose the club and that is how

so many young African and

South Americans develop,"

His comments, which con-

tradict those of UEFA who are

believed to be drawing up a

charter to stop players upto the

age of 24 from moving, will

boost English Premiership side

Arsenal who are engaged in a

battle with French team Paris

Saint Germain over their

teenage striker Nicolas Anelka.

fusing to release the 17-year-

old, even though he says he has

signed a two-year contract with

Arsenal, because they say under

French rules an amateur player

must sign with the club that

while he sympathised with

France's predicament it was not

possible to have different rules

France who invest so much into

their youth policies but FIFA

cannot differentiate between

the different countries," Blatter

for different countries.

However. Blatter said that

"It is hard for countries like

Paris Saint Germain are re-

Blatter said.

trained him.

said.

It's a good thing that they can

"A young player of 16 must

could sign for, reports AFP.

ened, Larsen said.

in the European Champi-

onships and World Cup

tournaments since World War 1

constitute his main materials.

especially television, enabled

these different styles to develop

Germans play with their

brains, the English with their

hearts and the Brazilians with

told the news agency NTB.

and coexist, Larsen noted.

their hips," Larsen said.

ally play.

for 2002.

The focus of Larsen's studies

"Initially, soccer was quite

four years, reports AP.

Sports College in Oslo.

- From Tawfiq Aziz Khan

in Melbourne

was later fined \$ 1000.

and American Scott Melville

\$ 1500 each for verbal abuse.

Fourteen male players have

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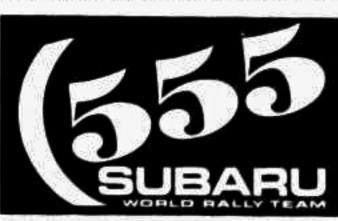
Sunil Govaskar (Indian cricket legend)

"A touring team must have three first class matches before the serious business of Test cricket Said recently in South Africa

Liatti moves into

second spot The 555 Subaru world rally teams hopes of success lie in the expert hands of Italian star. Plero Liatti, who has elevated himself to second position after a hard-fought close battle with Carlos Sainz on Leg 2 of the Rally of Monte Carlo. However, Monday's day of frustration for teammate Colin McRae continued early this morning when the 1995 World Champion crashed out of the rally, caught out by black ice on the opening state, says a press release.

By complete contrast to Colin's bad luck on the stage. Piero set a blisteringly quick time. 31 seconds faster than overnight leader, Carlos Sainz, and in doing so elevated himself to 2nd position overall after 7 of the total 18 stages on the Rally of Monte Carlo. However on the second competitive section, ice on a fast right hand corner unsettled the Italian. losing him around 20 seconds and his number two slot. "It was a bit of a scary moment and l decided it was more important to stay in the rally than push too hard," said Piero. However, undeterred, the Italian then went on to set two further fastest stage times, bringing him back up to 2nd position on



the final section of the day and a mere 24 seconds adrift of the new overnight leader, Tommi Makinen. "We have had some very good stages today. I took a gamble with dry asphalt tyres on two stages (SS9 & SS10) and it really paid off because the sun had melted the remaining ice and dried out the wet sections of the stage. We chose the same tyres on the last two stages and again it was good because of really clear advice from Pirelli. Tomorrow we will see what happens, but I will not put ev-

erything at risk," he added. The crews halted overnight in Gap and will start the final Leg at 10.00 hrs (local) on Wednesday 22 January. A further six stages, covering a total of 125 competitive kilometres. will take the teams back to Monaco for the final Super Special Stage around the Formula One Grand Prix circuit in Monte Carlo prior to the finish at 20:41 hrs (local).



Austrian Thomas Muster plays forehand against Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia during their Australian Open quarterfinal engagement in Melbourne yesterday. Muster won 6-4, 6-2, -Reuter/UNB photo

Hingis reaches last four

MELBOURNE, Jan 22: The Swiss sensation Martina Hingis brought up the rear of the women's semifinals at the Ford Australian Open as she swept past Irina Spirlea of Romania 7-5, 6-2 in the last quarterfinals on the

The number four seed who has been playing almost flawless tennis, was aided by a number of double faults by her senior opponent who is seeded eighth in these championships. In her seven years as a professional player this match was the furthest Irina could go so

Centre Court this afternoon.

By winning today Martina keeps her slate clean against Spirlea whom she has beaten in all three previous encounters. Hingis will now play the baseline specialist American Mary Joe Fernandez (14) in the semifinals as the latter reached the last four after the withdrawal of Belgian Van Roost in the second set — due to injury.

In her press conference Hingis paid rich tribute to her more experienced opponent and said she was looking forward to their match. Fernandez, who has been playing professional tennis since 1986 reached the finals of Australian Open in 1990 and 1997. For Hingis it will be her first semifinal in a Grand Slam.

AP adds: The other semifinal pits No. 12 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa, Graf's conqueror here, against 1995 champion Mary Pierce, unseeded after a dismal 1996.

The men's semifinal lineup also includes some unfamiliar faces for such a late stage in a hardcourt Grand Slam tourna-

No. 5 Thomas Muster, an undisputed master on clay but playing only his second grand Slam semifinal on any other surface, reached that stage by capitalizing on the errors of No. 3 Goran Ivanisevic for a 6-4, 6-6-3 victory.

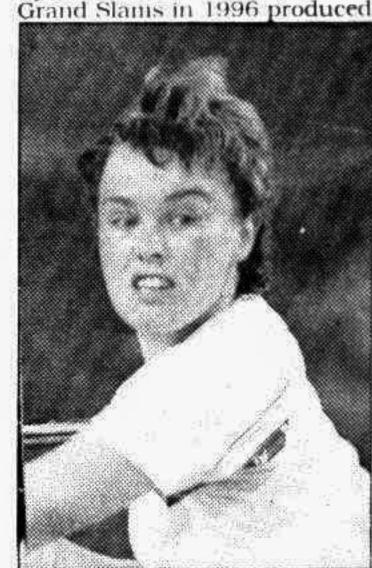
Ivanisevic hit 16 aces but won only 28 per cent of his second serve points as he tried desperately for winners and sprayed 54 unforced errors to Muster's 14.

Muster now faces No. 1 Pete Sampras, who needed five sets to beat No. 10 Albert Costa despite losing his serve only once. Sampras served 23 aces as he prevailed 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 in 2 hours, 52 minutes. The Spaniard, successful earlier on a number of drop shots, netted

one on match point. Also in the semifinals, fac-

ing No. 2 Michael Chang, is No.

From Tawfiq Aziz Khan 25-ranked Carlos Moya of Spain, whose first year of



MARTINA HINGIS

two first-and two second-round

Hingis said she won't do any more riding during the Open there isn't time.

The fall, she said, "wasn't dangerous at all. My mom was there and she was laughing. Everybody was laughing.

Van Roost was trying to become the first Belgian woman to reach a Grand Slam semifinal in the open era, after knocking out No. 2 seed Aranxta Sanchez Vicario and No. 15 Chanda Rubin, a semifinalist last year

But at 5-5 in the first set, an abdominal muscle injury that had bothered her for a week. along with back and forearm pains, flared up strongly.

With her serve and overhead shots fading, Van Roost fell behind 7-5, 1-0. She had the trainer rewrap her abdomen, but the pain still worsened and she quit after losing three more

DOWN UNDER DIARY



MELBOURNE, Jan 22 (AP): Women's tennis is entering a new and exciting era, with another generation of talented players making an assault

on the established stars, says South Africa's Amanda Coetzer. "We are at a very exciting time." Coetzer said after advancing to the semifinals in the seed-depleted women's draw at the Australian Open.

"You can see some players getting toward the end of their careers but luckily there are a lot coming up that can fill the

"A lot of interesting players, different types of players.'

None of the top three seeds -Steffi Graf, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez — made it as far as the quarterfinals. It is the first time since the 1986 Wimbledon that none of the trio had reached the last eight of a Grand Slam.

"I don't think I have seen a Grand Slam like this," said Coetzer, who beat Kimberly Po 6-4, 6-1 to make the last four.

GOLDEN WOODIES

Australia's champion doubles combination of Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge got the chance to relive their Olympic Games victory at the Australian Open.

Tennis Australia president Geoff Pollard presented the Woodies with framed photographs commemorating their

gold medal-winning pertormance at the Atlanta Games. The pair were given the

awards - three photographs showing them winning the Olympic final and with their gold medals — at a special ceremony on Center Court.

"Winning Wimbledon was the greatest personal thrill as a tennis player," said Woodbridge. "But winning the Olympics was by far the greatest achievement because everybody here could enjoy the moment and be part of it. That made it really special."

UNSEEDED ACE

Spain's Carlos Moya is aiming to become the first unseeded player to win the Australian Open since local player Mark Edmondson in

Moya, 20, a Barcelona-based right-hander, has been one of the stars so far in this year's Open. He beat Boris Becker in the first round and has since attracted the support of teen-age Australian women.

A handful of fans, two with "Carlos" emblazoned on their Tshirts, hung over the Center Court rail seeking his autograph after his quarterfinal win over compatriot Felix Mantilla on Tuesday.

Also aiming for a small piece of history is Austria's Thomas Muster. Should he win the title, it would be the first time a left-hander has won the men's title since Roscoe Tanner in 1977.

Belgian bows out in tears



22 (AP): Dominique van Roost mishit the simplest of smashes. clutched at her

MELBOURNE, Jan

stomach in pain, shook her head in resignation and walked from Center Court in tears. The fairy tale story of the

1997 Australian Open was over. Mary Joe Fernandez, the 14th seed, advanced to the semifinals of the women's singles Wednesday after Van Roost quit while trailing 7-5, 4-0. The pain from a long-standing abdmominal muscle injury was too much too bear, she said.

The victory propelled Fernandez toward a possible third appearance in the final of the Australian and left Van Roost pondering what might have been had she not been hindered by the stomach pain, a sore back and an injury to her right

forearm. "I did the best that I could until the end," she said. "I had to stop. It was just too much hurting for me.

At her press conference, Van Roost was smiling again, happy to look back on the most exciting three weeks of her life.

The 23-year-old Belgian late bloomer, ranked just 43rd in the world, won the Tasmanian International title in Hobart at the start of the month and then surged to the last eight at the National Tennis Center, eliminating No. 2 seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and No. 15

Chanda Rubin along the way. The exploits of Van Roost and compatriot Sabine Appelmans, who also reached the last eight, stirred excitement in Belgium.

Van Roost said she received dozens of faxes from home. "I'll keep all of them." she said. "It has been a great moment and I don't know if I'll do

it again. Van Roost, formerly Dominique Monami, began the match against Fernandez with her customary bravado.

She tattooed the lines with some fiery forehands as she



DOMINIQUE VAN ROOST

moved to a 5-4 lead, but her service game let her down. With her ball toss clearly hampered by the abdominal strain, she served a total of nine double faults, including one

that gave Fernandez the opportunity to take a break for a 6-5

lead. While she hit 20 winners to Fernandez's seven for the match, she also made 43 errors as her body said "enough."

Van Roost took a treatment break after the first game of the second set, having the injury restrapped, but the pain wors-The petite Belgian had won

only five points in the second set when she had to admit defeat, making her tearful exit. Fernandez, clearly concerned, moved quickly to com-

fort Van Roost. "I just said I was sorry, and she said she couldn't continue because of her stomach," said Fernandez, who realised Van Roost was in trouble early in

Van Roost appreciated the gesture. "She understood the situation," she said. "She is a very

the second set.

nice person, Mary Joe, and she was very nice about it." The American predicts a bright future for the diminutive

but strong Belgian. "She hits the ball great," Fernandez said. "If she can maintain her momentum. she'll be right up there. Off the forehand and backhand, she

out there." Van Roost, too, is looking to the future with great enthusi-

hits the ball as hard as anyone

"I feel like I've achieved something extraordinary at this tournament," she said. "It has made me realize I have the chance to be, a good player - even in a Grand Slam. It has given me a lot of confidence for the future.

Changing of guards

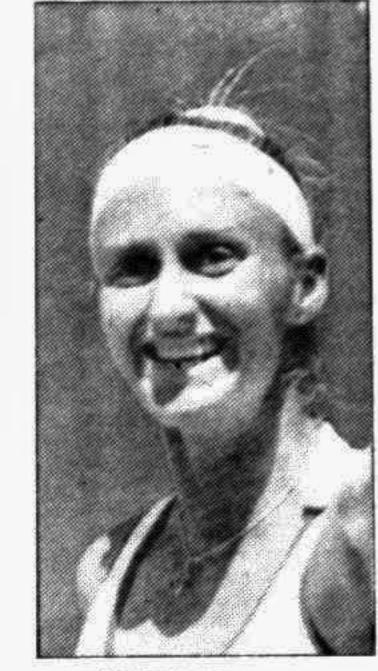
From Tawfiq Aziz Khan



AMANDA COETZER

MELBOURNE, Jan 22: There has been a strong feeling that time has come for a change of guards at the top of the women's tennis. The international scene which has been dominated by Steffi Graf. Monica Seles, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario. Conchita Martinez, Gabriela Sabatini is gradually undergoing a change. It is evident from the results of the Ford Australian Open quarterfinal lineup. Seles did not play. But look at the other names. Except Mary Joe Fernandez, a two-time finalist at Melbourne, the other girls are so very new. Applemans,

Coetzer, Van Roost, Kimberly Po. Fernandez, Spirlea and the favourite Martina Hingis are taking over the centre-stage. Mary Pierce, who is in her seventh year as pro won the 1995 Ford Australian Open and then went into oblivion she is also back this year having already booked a berth in the



MARY PIERCE

semifinals and will be playing against Coetzer. This list does not include the more illustrious of the tribe like Graf, Arantxa or Martinez. "I don't think I have seen a Grand Slam like this, here it is very strange to see," said Coetzer who demolished the 15-year-old Kournikova of Russia and also knocked out Steffi Graf in the fourth round. Coetzer believes that prospective top-10 players hold fewer fears today when facing Graf or Seles than in the past. Van Roost has disposed of Sanchez-Vicario, Applemans defeated Conchita Martinez the third seed, while Coetzer upset Graf, writes Herald Sun, think you see it all the way down to players ranked 100, you see a lot more physically stronger girls coming up", said Coetzer. Experts here at the Press Room feel that the most promising of the lot is Martina Hingis who is only 16 years of age.

Tyson recalls old trainer

NEW YORK, Jan 22: Richie Giachetti is training Mike Tyson for the Evander Holyfiled heavyweight title re-match

in May, reports AP. got a call last week, and I've been in camp for two days," Giachetti said by telephone

Tuesday. Tyson is training and living at promoter Don King's camp at Orwell. Ohion, for his bid to regain the WBA heavyweight title from Holyfield May 3 in the MGM Grand at Las Vegas

Holyfield, a 7-1 underdog. won the title by stopping Tyson in the 11th round Nov. 9.

Jay Bright has been head trainer for the first five fights of Tyson's comeback since he was released from prison March 25, 1995. Tyson beat Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds. stopped Buster Mathis Jr, in the third round, stopped Frank Bruno in the third, stopped Bruce Seldon in the first, then lost to Holyfield.

'You don't learn anything from just a knock-out. Giachetti said. "You've got to ask, 'was it easy, how did you do it, did you make it happen by setting him up for a knock-

Mathis simply was outgunned. McNeeley, Bruno and Seldon offered Tyson little opposition.

"We're going to work on sharpening his skills up," said Giachetti, trained Tyson for four previous fights. "He's become a one-dimensional fighter.

After Tyson lost the undisputed champion when he was knocked out in the 10th round by James "Buster" Douglas in 1990, Giachetti, a longtime trainer for former champion Larry Holmes, replaced Bright. He trained Tyson for easy firstround victories over Henry Tillman and Alex Stewart and two tough wins over Donovan

"Razor" Ruddock. Bright became trainer again after Tyson got out of prison. Giachetti declined to comment on what, if any, role Bright might retain in the Tyson camp.

Kamasky calls it a day?

NEW YORK, Jan 22: Gata Kamsky. the Russian-born US chess champion, is retiring at age 22 in what he calls a protest against those he says have blocked his chance to be world champion, reports AP. Kamasky's father, Rustam,

Tass on Tuesday that his son is retiring. "I will stress that my withdrawał is a matter of principle and a sign of protest against what modern chess has turned

confirmed a report in ITAR-

into," the younger Kamsky told the Russian news agency from New York. Representatives of the World Chess Federation in Lausanne, Switzerland, did not immedi-

ately respond to requests for comment. He aimed harsh parting words at the only two men to

have held the world chess title

Ince's ban reduced

MILAN, Jan 22: The Italian soccer league's disciplinary commission said on Friday it had reduced England midfielder Paul Ince's four-match ban to three games, reports Reuter.

Ince was suspended on December 30 for protesting with foul language and abusive gestures after he was sent off during Internazionale's 1-1 draw with bottom club Reggiana eight days earlier.

Inter had appealed against the severity of the ban.

In his original ruling, the Serie A sporting judge said in a report that Ince had applauded the referee mockingly after being booked, a gesture that brought him a red card and which prompted "vulgar and offensive language.

It added that Ince then repeatedly tapped his forehead with his index finger in front of another match official. He also "shouted further abuse while making an unmistakable gesture with his hand" from the tunnel.

Ince, sent off three times this season, has already served two matches of his ban.

since 1975, accusing them of "deceiving" the younger generation of players and robbing them of their own title opportunities. "It has been clear for some

time that Anatoly Karpov and

Garry Kasparov will do all they can not to allow any of the possible contenders to come near the chess Olympus," he told ITAR-Tass Kamsky's retirement had been expected since last summer, when his impending de-

Gata's life. But his bitter outburst was a surprise, especially considering

Karpov thoroughly outplayed

parture was disclosed by his

father and coach, the man who

dictates virtually every facet of



GATA KAMSKY

him last summer in retaining his World Chess Federation championship.

Kamsky lost to Karpov 10 1-2 points to 7 1-2 points in the World Chess Federation championship over the summer in Elista, Russia.

He won 562,500 dollars for finishing runner-up to Karpov but said he would have earned far more prize money in his career had he not been "robbed" by the organisers of world title Eric C Johnson, assistant

director of the United States Chess Federation, characterised Kamsky as the strongest US chess player today and said he was unaware that he had decided to retire.

"We would understand if he wanted to take a leave. Johnson said in a telephone interview from the federation's headquarters in New Windsor. "But we would encourage him to put his great chess talent to use in the future."

Kamsky was technically the first American since Bobby Fischer to challenge for the world chess title. He has been living in New York since he defected from the Soviet Union nearly a decade ago and has reigned as US champion since

But he came up short in his two biggest chances: last summer's defeat by Karpov and a 1995 loss to Viswanathan Anand that cost him a chance to face Kasparov, the world's top-ranked player, for the championship of the Professional Chess

Karpov was world champion for a decade until Kasparov defeated him in 1985. Top-level chess split into two competing bodies in 1993, and the two long-time rivals now hold those two titles.

Association.

Lennox won't let it happen again

NEW YORK, Jan 22: Lennox Lewis says he isn't taking Oliver McCall lightly despite McCall winning their first fight on pure luck, reports AP.

"I looked at the tape a couple of days after the fight and I realised Oliver McCall had his eyes closed when he landed that punch (a right to the jaw)." Lewis said of his second-round knock-out loss that cost him the WBC heavyweight championship Sept. 24, 1994. "There's no way he can get lucky again."

Lewis, however, admitted in a conference call Tuesday he contributed to the upset loss.

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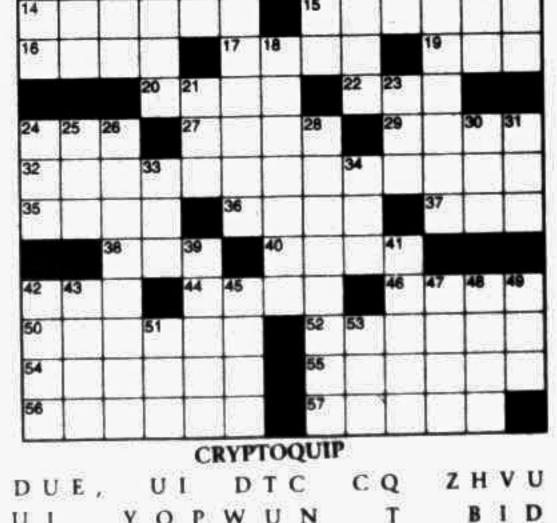
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