

## Sport

## Column One

## Sports

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3	The captain of PIA hockey team participating in the ongoing invitational international tournament is	Kamran	Khalid	Qamar
4	The number of hat-tricks recorded in ODI cricket till now are	11	12	10
5	Which team won the Bangladesh Cup football trophy early this month?	Malaysia Red	Ujung Pandang	East Bengal

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## SPORTS TALK



## 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, Piero 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 stage, 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 I 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 everything 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, 6-3.

## Hingis reaches last four

From Tawfiq Aziz Khan

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 Centre Court this afternoon.

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 far.

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 added: 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 tournament.

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, 6-2, 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.

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25-ranked Carlos Moya of Spain, whose first year of Grand Slams in 1996 produced



MARTINA HINGIS

two first-and two second-round losses.

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 Arantxa 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 games.

## DOWN UNDER DIARY



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AUSSIE OPEN  
AT A GLANCE

MELBOURNE, Jan 22 (AP): Highlights of Wednesday's 10th day of the US 7.6 million dollars Australian Open tennis championships:

**Weather** — Cool, raining. Afternoon temperature was 64 degrees (18C).

**Results** — Men's Singles. Quarterfinals: No. 1 Pete Sampras 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.

**Women's Singles, Quarterfinals:** 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 retired.

**State of the Day** — Ivanisevic had 54 unforced errors to Muster's 14.

**Quote of the Day** — "I was trying a jump ... The horse didn't jump and I jumped myself." — Hingis on her fall from a horse Tuesday.

AUSSIE OPEN  
SNIPPETS

Amanda Coetzer is the second South African to reach the semifinals of Australian Open 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 countries including Bangladesh, does not have anyone from South Africa to see and report on Amanda's success.

Fourteen male players have been fined a total of \$16150 since the tournament began. The biggest fines have been imposed on Australian Pat Cash and American Scott Melville — \$1500 each for verbal abuse.

Argentinian Patricia Tarabini Tuesday said an umpire laughed at her during a heated exchange in a quarterfinal doubles match. Tarabini made the on-court accusation as she argued with English chair umpire Mike Morrissey over a line call, reported the Herald Sun today. The tantrum which included Tarabini smashing her racket against the umpire's chair, lasted for more than 10 minutes. 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 was later fined \$1000.

— From Tawfiq Aziz Khan in Melbourne

## Norwegian aims to be "Doctor of Soccer"

OSLO, Jan 22: 'Doctor of Soccer' — that's what Oyvind Larsen hopes to call himself in four years, reports AP.

Larsen, an assistant to Norwegian national soccer coach Egil 'Drillo' Olsen, has just started his doctoral studies on that theme at the National Sports College in Oslo.

The focus of Larsen's studies will be the different styles of soccer played around the world.

"Initially, soccer was quite uniform when it came from England, but soon various specific styles developed," Larsen told the news agency NTB.

Lack of communications, especially television, enabled these different styles to develop and coexist, Larsen noted.

"The saying is that the Germans play with their brains, the English with their hearts and the Brazilians with their hips," Larsen said.

"I'll look into how they actually play."

Videotapes of games played in the European Championships and World Cup tournaments since World War II constitute his main materials.

As more teams focus on winning as opposed to how they play the game, the different styles are likely to be threatened, Larsen said.

Larsen's thesis is scheduled for 2002.

## Blatter bucks up teenagers

LISBON, Jan 22: Sepp Blatter, 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 could sign for, reports AP.

"A young player of 16 must have the freedom to choose which club he wants to play for. It's a good thing that they can choose the club and that is how so many young African and South Americans develop," Blatter said.

His comments, which contradict those of UEFA who are believed to be drawing up a charter to stop players up to 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.

Paris Saint Germain are refusing 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 trained him.

However, Blatter said that while he sympathised with France's predicament it was not possible to have different rules for different countries.

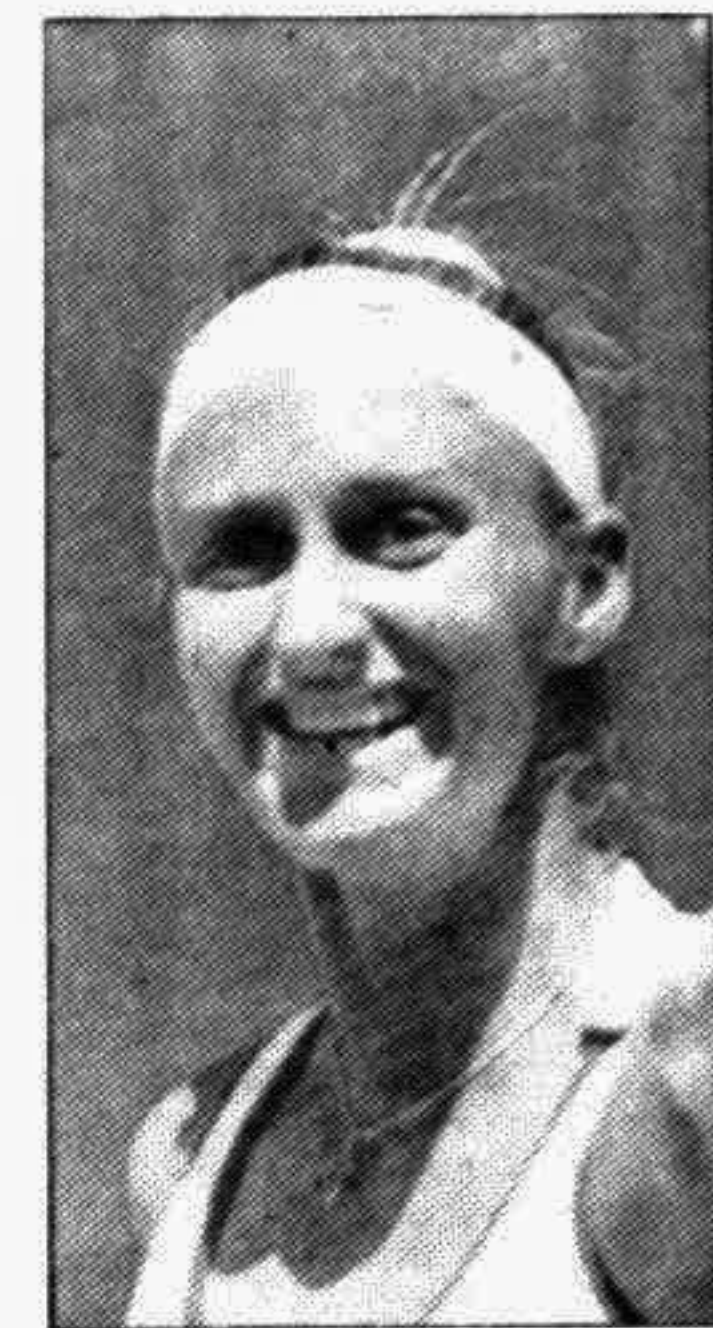
"It is hard for countries like France who invest so much into their youth policies but FIFA cannot differentiate between the different countries," Blatter said.

## Changing of guards

From Tawfiq Aziz Khan



AMANDA COETZER



MARY PIERCE

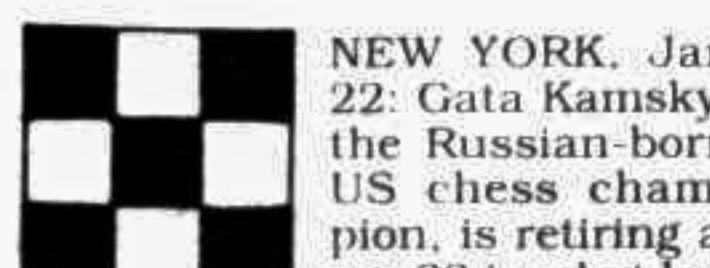
MELBOURNE, Jan 22: There has been a strong feeling that time has come for a change of guards at the top of the women's tennis. The international scene which has been dominated by Steffi Graf, Monica Seles, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Conchita Martinez, Gabriela Sabatini is gradually undergoing a change.

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

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. "I 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.

## 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.

Kamsky's father, Rustam, confirmed a report in ITAR-Tass on Tuesday that his son is retiring.

"I will stress that my withdrawal is a matter of principle and a sign of protest against what modern chess has turned into," the younger Kamsky told the Russian news agency from New York.

Representatives of the World Chess Federation in Lausanne, Switzerland, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

He aimed harsh parting words at the only two men to have held the world chess title

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 departure was disclosed by his father and coach, the man who dictates virtually every facet of Gata's life.

But his bitter outburst was a surprise, especially considering Karpov thoroughly outplayed



GATA KAMSKY

## 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 Reggina eight days earlier.

Ince 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.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Depression

6 Alcinder's a/k/a

12 Notre Dame legend

13 Scrape off

14 Gearing up for a fight

15 Defeated villain's outcry

16 Hammerhead part

17 Clumsy craft

19 Gelatinize

20 Actress Mulgrew

22 Inventor Whitney

24 Twisted donna

29 Erstwhile Peruvian

32 Intensely or impulsively

35 Bygone times

36 Carlesian conjunction

37 Earl Grey, e.g.

38 Entrepreneur's deg.

**DOWN**

3 Lizard

4 B&B

5 Pessimistic

6 Webb or Finney

7 Mistreatment

8 "It's cold out here!"

9 Cradle tribe

10 Zip — Doo-Dah!

11 Staff symbol

12 Seance sound

18 Gearshift choice

21 Hubbub

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CLAP BAYONETS  
AIDA OYER RAH  
BUZZ URNS ABE

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 Elstia, Russia.

He won \$662,500 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

## Tyson recalls old trainer

NEW YORK, Jan 22: Richie Giachetti is training Mike Tyson for the Evander Holyfield heavyweight title re-match in May, reports AP.

"I 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, Ohio, 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-out?"

Mathis simply was out-gunned. 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 first-round victories over Henry Tillman and Alex Stewart for 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.

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