

India meet SA today

Sports Reporter
Finalists South Africa will take on India in double-header day-night match of the three-nation limited-overs cricket tournament in East London today.

Star Sports will cover the game from 6:30 pm (BST) onwards.

SAARC cricket

Srikkanth to coach India A

NEW DELHI, Feb 3: Former Indian opening batsman Krish Srikkanth was today named the coach of India's cricket second string for the SAARC tournament in Bangladesh later this month, reports AFP.

Srikkanth will take charge of India A in the limited-overs tournament against Pakistan A, Sri Lanka A and Bangladesh's national team to be played in Dhaka from February 19-28.

Srikkanth is the second highest run-getter for India in one-day cricket behind Mohammad Azharuddin with a tally of a 4,092 runs from 146 matches.

He also scored 2,061 runs in 43 Tests and led his country on a tour of Pakistan in 1989.

Indian Cricket Board secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya said the 37-year-old Srikkanth was standing in for junior coach Aunshuman Gaekwad who will be accompanying the under 19-team on a tour of Sri Lanka.

SQUAD

Ajay Sharma (capt), Amay Khurasiya (vice capt), Wasim Jaffer, Nikhil Haldipuri, S Sharan, Hemang Badani, M S K Prasad (wicket keeper), Noel David, Debashish Mohanty, Sukhbir Singh, Harvinder Singh, Arindam Sarkar, Sairaj Bahutuale, Rahul Sanghiv, coach: Krish Srikkanth.

SCHEDULE

Feb 19: Pakistan A v Bangladesh

Feb 20: India A v Sri Lanka A

Feb 22: Sri Lanka A v Bangladesh

Feb 23: India A v Pakistan A

Feb 25: Pakistan A v Sri Lanka A

Feb 26: India A v Bangladesh

Feb 28: Final

Xia to lead Sino Davis Cuppers

BEIJING, Feb 3: China's top tennis player Xia Jiaping, ranked 375th in the world, will lead a Chinese Davis Cup team against Uzbekistan this week in a first round tie, the official Xinhua news agency said, reports AFP.

Walsh wrath sizzles Aussies

Windies wind up in style



PERTH, Feb 3: The West Indies salvaged some lost pride with a 10-wicket victory in the fifth and final cricket Test at the WACA ground on Monday, but Australia retained the Frank Worrell Trophy with a 3-2 win in the five-match series, report agencies.

Two of West Indies finest fast bowlers — skipper Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose — fashioned the victory for the visitors with match hauls of seven and five wickets respectively.

The duo were playing probably their last Test on Australian soil and systematically dismissed the Australian batsmen in both innings as the West Indies won inside three days.

Australia were faced with a first innings deficit of 141 runs and then collapsed on a pitch providing brutal bounce with widening cracks assisting the West Indies speedsters.

Australia were bowled out for 194 runs in their second innings and the West Indies then quickly reached the victory target by scoring 57 for no wicket.

Walsh bowled 19 overs on the trot to pick up five for 74 in the Australian second innings — his 13th five-wicket haul in 87 Test matches.

The West Indies built their match-winning 384 around a brilliant 132 from Brian Lara and a rollicking 208-run third-wicket stand he shared with opener Robert Samuels, who scored a watchful 76.

Samuels led the run chase in the second innings, belting eight boundaries in his unbeaten 35 off 38 balls while his fellow opener Sherwin Campbell scored 16 not out, all from boundaries.

The West Indies' win was their fifth in a row at the WACA — the last win in 1992-93 finishing inside seven sessions to give them the series 2-1 after having gone into the final two Tests 1-0 down.

Although the series was already decided, the sudden deterioration in relations between the two sides highlighted the intense, and occasionally bitter, rivalry that has been a feature of their meetings over the years.

The situation worsened as the match progressed, prompting umpires Darrell Hair and Peter Willey to speak to captains Mark Taylor and Courtney Walsh during play today.

Late in West Indies' innings, Hair spoke to Taylor and Walsh, who was batting at the time, at some length in the middle before the two players shook hands and played on.

International Cricket Council match referee Raman Subba Row said the two captains were told to control the situation.

The umpires said there was a fair bit of niggles from both

successive overs after the break. Australia had crashed to 47



West Indian fast bowler Curtly Ambrose (2nd from left) celebrates after dismissing Australian skipper Mark Taylor on the third day of the Perth Test at the WACA ground yesterday.

— AFP/UNB photo

sides and they told the captains, enough was enough", Subba Row said in a statement released by the Australian Cricket Board.

"They (the umpires) called the two captains together and said, 'It stops now or there will be a report'. It did stop and I am happy with that."

After being summoned by the umpires, Walsh returned later in the day in his role as senior fast bowler to claim five wickets despite a hamstring injury.

Walsh, who batted with Lara as runner during his side's innings, bowled unchanged through the afternoon session off a short run and perfectly exploited the extremely variable bounce to finish with five for 74.

Australia's collapse in the post-lunch session saw the home team lose six wickets for 101 runs.

After Ambrose had produced two brutal deliveries to reduce Australia to 32 for two at lunch, Walsh removed the Waugh twins Mark (9) and Steve (0) in

for four.

Opener Matthew Hayden put behind his third ball first innings duck with a fighting 47 and he and the in-form Michael Bevan then figured in a 37-run fifth wicket stand.

Ambrose, who complained of muscle soreness in his left thigh, didn't bowl again until after tea.

He finished with two for 50 in nine overs, including 19 no-balls and nine in one over.

Ambrose was troubled bowling around the wicket, either over stepping or cutting the return crease with his back leg.

Ian Bishop, the leading wicket-taker of the series for the visitors with 20, ended the threatening Hayden-Bevan stand and then mopped up the tail to take 2-44.

Ambrose and Walsh finished the series with 19 wickets apiece.

Ambrose was named man-of-the-match in recognition of his tally of seven wickets on his return from injury.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the fifth and final Test between Australia and West Indies at the WACA ground on Monday.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 243 (Michael Bevan 87 not out, Mark Waugh 79; Curtly Ambrose five for 43)

WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 353 for seven)

Campbell c Healy b Reiffel 21
Samuels c M Waugh b Warner 76
Chanderpaul c Reiffel b McGrath 3
Lara c Healy b Warner 132

Hooper c Healy b Reiffel 57
Adams c Healy b McGrath 18
Simmons c M Waugh b Reiffel 0
Browne c Warner b Reiffel 0
Bishop c Taylor b Reiffel 13
Ambrose run out 15
Walsh not out 5

Extras: (nb-28, w-1, b-5, b-10) 44
Total: (111 overs) 384

Fall of wickets: 1-30; 2-43; 3-251; 4-275; 5-331; 6-332; 7-332; 8-359; 9-367.

Bowling
McGrath 30 5 86 2
Bichel 18 1 79 0
Reiffel 26 6 73 5
Warne 19 8 55 2
Blewett 6 2 19 0
S Waugh 7 1 26 0
Bevan 5 0 31 0

AUSTRALIA: Second innings
Taylor c Browne b Ambrose 1
Hayden lbw b Hooper 47
Blewett b Ambrose 0
M Waugh c Browne b Walsh 9
S Waugh c Hooper b Walsh 0
Bevan c Simmons b Walsh 15
Healy c Chanderpaul b Walsh 29
Reiffel c Adams b Walsh 5
Warne c Simmons b Bishop 30
Bichel c Samuels b Bishop 18
McGrath not out 2
Extras: (b-2, lb-8, w-6, nb-22) 38
Total: (47.3 overs) 194

Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-17; 3-43; 4-48; 5-84; 6-105; 7-110; 8-133; 9-189

Bowling
Ambrose 9 2 50 2
Walsh 20 4 74 5
Bishop 12.3 1 44 2
Hooper 3 0 7 1
Simmons 3 0 9 0

WEST INDIES: Second innings
Campbell not out 16
Samuels not out 35
Extras: (lb-2, w-1, nb-3) 6
Total: (for no wicket) 57

Bowling
McGrath 4 1 14 0
Reiffel 5 0 24 0
Bichel 1.2 0 17 0

Result: West Indies won by 10 wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Curtly Ambrose (West Indies).

Australia won the five-Test series 3-2.

Martial arts ceremony

The seventh annual belt grading and certificate awarding ceremony of the Bangladesh Martial Arts Association was held at the National Sports Council auditorium yesterday, reports BSS.

State Minister for Youth Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Guder was present as the chief guest and distributed belts and certificates.

Lara lambasts Australians

PERTH, Feb 3: West Indies batsman Brian Lara accused Australian players of sledging his teammate Robert Samuels during play on Sunday, second day of the fifth Test at the WACA ground, reports AP.

But Lara said he was angry at the way Australian fielders baited Samuels who batted 5-1/2 hours for his 76.

"The Australians have won the series and I think congratulations to them, but they seem to be rubbing it in," Lara said after play.

"They admonished a youngster who's trying his best. His Test future is in a bit of a doubt."

"I was a bit disappointed with the Australians' approach to him."

The umpires did intervene and tried to calm things down but I don't think it was necessary to react in such a way, especially after you win a series.

"They talk a lot about losers and stuff like that. Well, it's not necessary."

Asked if the West Indies indulged in similar tactics, Lara replied: "There's confrontations, but when there's all day sledging and stuff like that on one particular player it's unnecessary."

El Guerrouj shatters Morceli's mark

STUTTGART, Germany, Feb 3: Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj shattered almost three seconds of the 1500m indoor World record here Sunday in setting a new mark of 3 min 31.18 sec — breaking Noureddine Morceli's six-year-old record, reports AFP.

Morceli set the old mark of 3 min 34.16 sec in Seville in 1991.

Ethiopian Olympic champion Haile Gebrselassie, second on Sunday, also edged Morceli's time finishing in 3 min 32.9 sec.

However, for El Guerrouj it was overdue compensation for the fall that cost him a medal in the Olympic 1500 metres final last year, and his superior pace and finishing speed say him easy way from the Ethiopian.

Britain's Linford Christie, the former Olympic and World 100-metre champion, enjoyed a sprint double at the meeting winning the 60 metres in a photo finish with Michael Green of Jamaica, who was given the same time.

Christie, who is going to Australia for two months instead of the World Indoor Championships in March, also captured the 200 metres in 20.70 sec.

There was an unpleasant surprise for American 100 metres Olympic champion Cal Lewis, suffered by 30,000 dollars in appearance money, who finished only fifth in the 60m behind Christie Opara of Nigeria.

Britain's Colin Jackson, World 110m hurdles record holder, won the 60m hurdles beating American Mark Crear by five hundredths of second in 7.47 sec.

The home crowd had something to cheer about as Grit Breuer set a world best for the year in the 400 metres in 51.50 secs, and compatriot Nico Motchebon achieved a similar feat in the 800m, finishing in 1 min 46.40 sec.

No Graf in Hanover?

FRANKFURT, Feb 3: World No. 1 women's tennis player Steffi Graf, who withdrew from the final in Tokyo with a knee injury this weekend, could also miss the WTA tournament scheduled in Hanover from Feb 17-23, her manager said Monday, reports AP.

Hans Engert said he was hoping that a medical examination at Heidelberg's University Clinic would show that Graf only had "an infection ... and that nothing more serious comes out of it. The results of Monday's exam were not immediately available."

"Since the tournament doctor in Tokyo already spoke of a training pause of 10 days to two weeks," Graf's appearance at the Faber Grand Prix tournament in Hanover "is seriously in doubt," Engert said.

Edberg, Henman swap places

PARIS, Feb 3: Only change in the top 20 in the latest ATP men's tennis rankings sees Britain's Tim Henman overtake by Sweden's Stefan Edberg — who retired at the end of 1996, reports AFP.

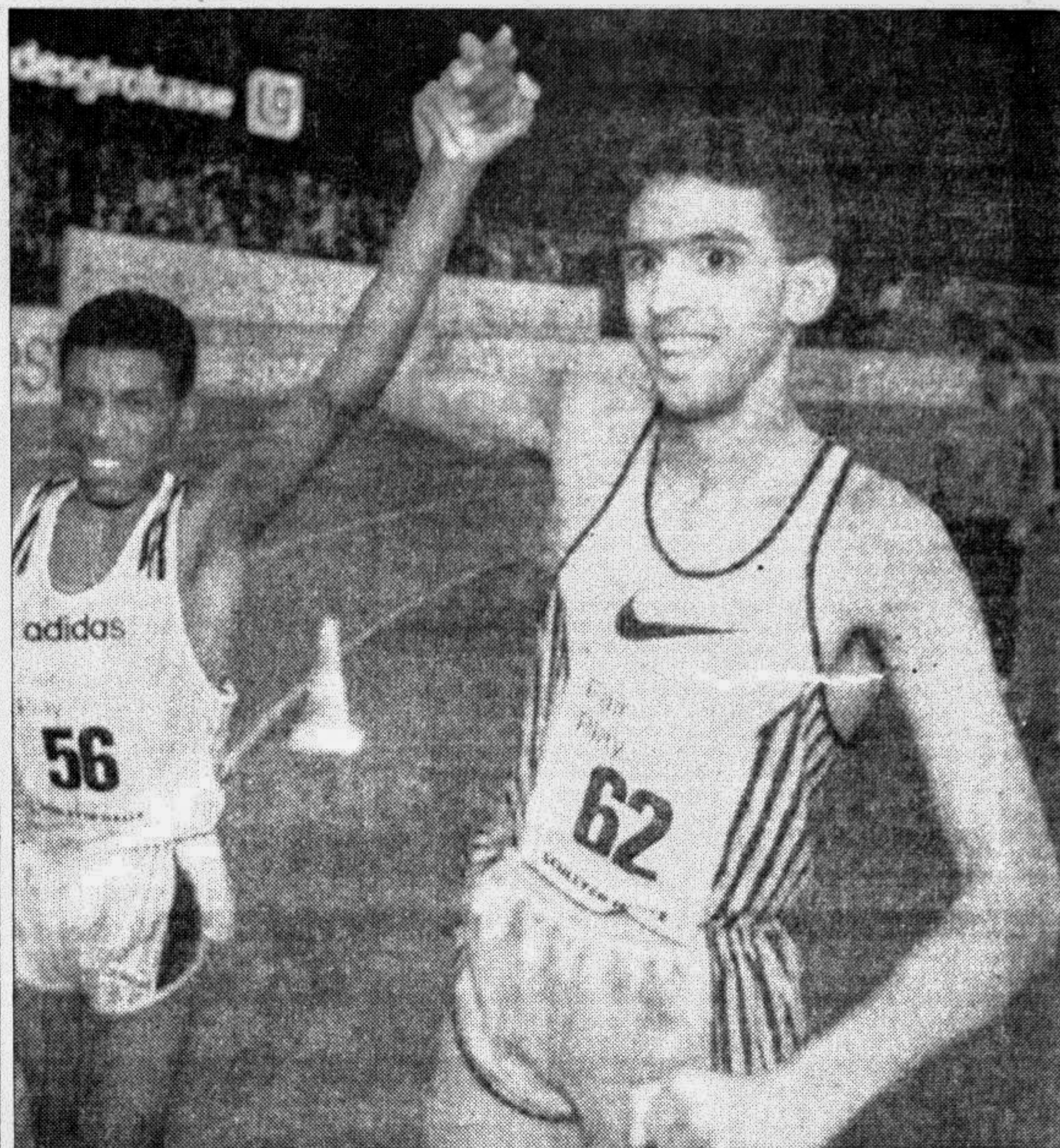
Henman and Edberg change 16th and 17th places in Monday's rankings.

"Edberg has not asked to be taken off the rankings even though he has retired. He's technically still in the lists and Henman lost points compared with his 1996 results," an ATP spokesman said.

Another non-player, Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland who also retired at the end of last year, is still ranked at 80th while Sweden's Mats Wilander, who plays two or three tournaments a year, is down at 196th.

Melinda, Emma included

SYDNEY, Feb 3: World indoor 200 metres champion Melinda Gainsford-Taylor and world pole vault record holder Emma George were Sunday included in a seven-member Australian team for next month's World Indoor Athletics Championship in Paris, reports AFP.



SPORTING SPIRIT! Moroccan Hicham El Guerrouj (R) and Ethiopian Haile Gebrselassie jointly go on a lap of honour after the Moroccan shattered Algerian Noureddine Morceli's six-year-old 1500 metres record during an indoor meeting in Stuttgart on Feb 2.

— AFP/UNB photo

Targeting last frontier



TOKYO, Feb 3 (AFP): Swiss teenager Martina Hingis, the youngest Grand Slam champion this century, sees a tough hurdle to get past Steffi Graf and become the youngest number one ranked player in tennis history.

"I just go from one to two tournaments and we'll see what happens. I think I have a pretty good chance to get as high as possible," Hingis said.

"Right now, I'm number two in the world but it's also hard to stay there," she added.

Monica Seles holds the record as youngest number one ranking after she reached the top spot in March 1991 at 17 years, three months and 19 days — seven days younger than Tracy Austin.

Seles was also the youngest Grand Slam champion by winning the 1990 French Open at 16 years, six months, but Hingis eclipsed her by winning the Australian Open a week ago at 16 years, three months and 26 days.

Charlotte "Lottie" Dod remains the youngest major championships winner, having won Wimbledon in 1887 when she was two months shy of her 16th birthday. A Grand Slam system of the four major events was not in place then.

"It's a big change," Hingis said of her victory at Melbourne. "I made a big step forward, especially, I won my first big Grand Slam tournament. It's great. It's something nobody can take it away from you."

Hingis said her turning point came last year when she

became the youngest Wimbledon champion by winning the doubles title with Helena Sukova.

"I practiced a lot since then and reached the semifinals at the US Open. I won my first tournament at Filderstadt in Germany after that, and just have kept going ... it's crazy. I've never lost before the semifinals."

Graf, 27, managed to play only 11 tournament last season because of injuries and withdrew from two of them with the knee problem in October, she said she plans to take part in the same amount of tournaments this season, while Hingis said she would play 20 events.

"Maybe I can gather a few more tournaments and hopefully my injuries going to be somewhat okay, but I'm only going to play if I'm fit and ready," said Graf.

"So that ranking system does not make me change my calendar or anything. I do think that it's a not very good system, but it's not up to me to decide that," she added.

The German star, who holds a 5-1 win-loss record against Hingis, said it was difficult to compare herself with Hingis, but pointed out that Hingis' backhand is her "biggest weapon," saying "she can play it extremely fast down the line."

"That's really uncommon in tennis. Most players play cross-court. She plays a lot of down-the-lines, especially off her backhand — that's what nobody is very used to, and that's definitely her strongest weapon," said Graf.

MARTINA HINGIS

nals. It's a kind of scary," she said.

Graf and Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic were the only players to have beaten Hingis since the US Open, while the Swiss star remained unbeaten this season winning at Sydney, Melbourne and Tokyo.

But a long awaited showdown between the current and probable future tennis queens

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Salt Lake sighs in relief



SALT LAKE CITY, Feb 3 (AP): The groans of disappointment have given way to sighs of relief. Salt Lake City's Olympic organisers know 2002 will be here soon enough.

Just over five and a half years ago, Salt Lake City promoters lost their fourth bid to host a Winter Games. The 1998

Olympics went to Nagano, Japan.

Those were sad times hereabouts. But with the Nagano Games just a year away now, Dave Johnson, a senior vice president with the Salt Lake Organising Committee, could give a belated thank-you to those who cast the four votes that sent the next Winter Games to Japan.

Raising money in the wake of Atlanta's Centennial Games would have been harder, too.

"We've had an opportunity to stay ahead of the curve with the amount of time we spent on bidding," Johnson said. "We got a good jump start. ... So many components have to come together."

Over the long, tenacious bidding effort undertaken by the state of Utah, of which Salt Lake City is the Capital, a ski jump and a speedskating oval were built, as was a 25 million dollars bobsled and luge run that officially opened last week.

A minor league pro ice hockey team moved in, prompting nearby West Valley City to build a second ice rink in the Salt Lake Valley. And the locations of all but one of the ski venues have been settled.

Some of the venues are in place at the behest of the US Olympic Committee, which wants bid cities to have some facilities built before the IOC picks an Olympic site.

A six-year breather between the last summer's Olympics in Atlanta and 2002 also may have been a factor in the Salt Lake Games generating a record 800 million dollars in commercial sponsorship, Johnson said.

"Absolutely, we would have had tremendous difficulty trying to get corporate sponsorships so close after the Atlanta Games," Johnson said.

No country ever has hosted a Summer and Winter Olympics two years apart.

USOC spokesman Mike Moran said the city's size alone sets it apart from past Winter Olympic sites, which were typically mountain villages. Salt Lake, population of about 808,000, will be the biggest city to host a Winter Games.

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Tender Notice

No-05/ADB/PSS & Madrasa/Tubewell/FD/SZ/96-97

Dated: 15-01-97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department's A-2/A-3 class enlisted contractors for installation of 2 (two) 1.5" dia shallow tubewell at the ADB school & madrasa educational institutions under "Secondary Education Development Project." List of the name of schools of each group will be available with tender document.

Group No.	Name of District	Name of thana	Number of Educational Institutions	Estimated cost	Time limit for completion of work
01)	Dhaka	Savar	04 (four)	58,160/=	30 (thirty) days.
02)	"	Dhamrai	05 (five)	72,700/=	-do-
03)	"	Keraniganj	06 (six)	95,358/=	-do-
04)	"	Nababganj	06 (six)	87,240/=	-do-
05)	"	Dohar	03 (three)	43,620/=	-do-
06)	Manikganj	Manikganj Sadar	05 (five)	53,860/=	-do-
07)	"	Doulatur	02 (two)	20,058/=	-do-
08)	"	Ghor	03 (three)	32,316/=	-do-
09)	"	Shibalaya	05 (five)	59,410/=	-do-
10)	"	Harirampur	05 (five)	53,860/=	-do-
11)	"	Saturia	04 (four)	43,088/=	-do-
12)	"	Singair	05 (five)	68,190/=	-do-

* Last date of purchasing : 16-02-97 (during office hours).

* Last date & time of receiving tender : 18-02-97 up to 1:30 PM.

* Date & time of opening tender : 18-02-97 at 2:00 PM.

* Tender to be had at :

Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Education, Building No-6 (six), Floor No-18 (eighteen), Room No-1825 (eighteen hundred twenty-five), Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka; Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Savar, Narsingdi, Dhaka, Narayanganj, Mymensingh, Kishoreganj, Tangail, Faridpur, Madaripur Zone and Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Manikganj district office.

* Tender to be received at : 400 (four hundred) taka only (non-refundable).

* Price of tender per set : 02% (two per cent) of the estimated cost should be submitted with the tender through Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Savar Zone.

* Earnest money :

Terms & conditions:

1) Enlistment renewal copy of 1996-97, current year VAT registration, income tax certificate should be produced before purchasing tender and attested copies of those documents