

Polgar pulls Anand down

WILKAN ZEE, Jan 23: Indian Grand Master Viswanathan Anand suffered a stunning defeat at the hands of Hungarian woman GM Judit Polgar in the sixth round of the Hoogendoorn International Grand Masters tournament here tonight, reports PTI.

World No 3 Anand, who shared the lead with Vladimir Kramnik of Russia after five rounds, has now slipped to the second place with four points.

Kramnik, who drew with Jan Timman of Holland in 30 moves, tops the table with 4.5 points after six rounds.

Anand, playing with black pieces used the Sicilian defence, which Polgar, the highest rated woman player in the world attacked with style in the latter stages of the game.

Anand, who could have played for a draw but he chose to try for a win against Polgar, who prefers to play in men's events, and ended up losing.

Bichel hits first hundred

SYDNEY, Jan 23: Australian pace bowler Andy Bichel scored his maiden first-class century today to steer Queensland to a commanding 405 for nine at the close on the first day of their Sheffield Shield cricket match against Victoria, reports Reuters.

Bichel, who was dropped from the Australian one-day team for the first tri-series final against South Africa, provided the selectors with a timely reminder of his ability with a career-best 110.

Bichel reached his first century from just 92 balls and faced 110 deliveries by the time he was dismissed three overs before stumps.

Along with Andrew Symonds, who made an even 100, Bichel helped to rescue Queensland's first innings after the defending Shield champions had slumped to 96 for four in the day.

Clough charged with misconduct

LONDON, Jan 23: Former Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough was charged with misconduct Thursday by the Football Association for accepting unauthorized transfer payments, reports AP.

Clough's former assistant Ronnie Fenton and the club itself were also charged following the Premier League's inquiry into kickbacks in English soccer.

Former Arsenal chief scout Steve Burtness was also charged in connection with his involvement in the transfers of four Scandinavian players in the early 1990s.

It is the charging of Clough, who has repeatedly denied any involvement in illegal payments, which will rock the sport most.

As a manager with Derby and Forest, Clough became a legendary figure within the game before his retirement following Forest's relegation in 1994.

Allegations about his conduct broke into the open in 1993 during the High Court battle between Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar and Terry Venables.

Sugar told the court that Spurs had paid Forest 50,000 pounds (£80,000 dollars) to ensure the transfer of striker Ted Sheringham to White Hart Lane.

Sugar's allegation prompted the inquiry which investigated more than 30 transfers in the late 1980s and early 90s.

Five of those transfers, including the Sheringham deal, involved Forest.

"We have concluded it must be in the interests of the national sport that serious allegations of wrongdoing in the past are properly considered by a disciplinary commission," FA spokesman David Davies said in a statement.

"Our conclusion under football rules is to charge three individuals — Brian Clough, Ronnie Fenton and Steve Burtness — with misconduct for accepting unauthorized payments. They have been informed of the details of the charges today."

Seeds continue to fall

MELBOURNE, Jan 23 (AP): Another tiger of that parentage is on the prowl in big-time sports.

Tamarine Tanasugarn mauled French Open champion Iva Majoli at the Australian Open on Friday, advancing to the round of 16.

An unknown compared to golfer Tiger Woods, who has a Thai mother, the Los Angeles-born Tamarine still made a big

two good rounds here.

Also ousted Friday were men's No. 11 Alex Corretja, who lost 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 to France's Cedric Pioline, and women's No. 13 Lisa Raymond, who was outlasted 2-6, 6-3, 8-6 by Swiss player Patty Schnyder.

Ten of the 16 men's seeds now have been eliminated, but only No. 3 Michael Chang among the top six. Five of the women's seeds are gone.

Among the lesser knowns who advanced was Hicham

Magnus Gustafsson 7-5, 6-3, 6-4, and now will play Arazi.

After allowing only one break point and serving 18 aces, Sampras said, "I have no complaints about the way my performance is progressing so far and in the future things are looking real smooth."

Korda moved toward a possible semifinal clash with Sampras by beating American qualifier Vince Spadea 6-2, 7-6, 6-2 and then doing three exuberant scissors kicks on Center Court to mark his 30th birthday.

"I couldn't do 30 of them because I would die," said the Czech left-hander, who lost to Sampras in five sets at Wimbleton last year and then beat him in five at the US Open. He next plays Pioline.

Tamarine now faces No. 9 Sandrine Testud, who advanced with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Czech player Adriana Gersi.

No. 2 Lindsay Davenport beat Italian Flora Perfetti 6-2, 6-2, but said she wasn't quite back to the good form she enjoyed at the end of 1997, a year in which she won six singles titles.

As No 2 seed, "you have more to prove and you want to play even better," she said.

She next plays No. 15 Ruxandra Dragomir, a 6-2, 7-5 winner over Argentina's Florencia Labat.

No. 8 Conchita Martinez beat France's Anne-Gaelle Sidot 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 and next meets Austrian Barbara Schett, a 6-3, 6-1 winner over Natasha Zvereva of Belarus.

Venus Williams, fresh from beating sister Serena, provided some lackadaisical play and high comedy. Just before finishing a 6-1, 6-4 victory over France's Amelie Mauresmo, she miss-hit a first serve high into the stands. Mauresmo had a point for a 5-2 lead in the second set before Williams charged back.

In mixed doubles, Serena teamed with Australian Lleyton Hewitt, who earlier this month became the third youngest male player to win a tournament in the Open era. The two 16-year-olds lost 7-6, 6-2 to Zvereva and Australian Andrew Florent.

Men's No. 4 Jonas Bjorkman had few problems in a 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 victory over France's Fabrice Santoro, advancing to a fourth-round meeting with Zimbabwe's Byron Black, who beat American qualifier Steve Campbell 6-4, 6-0, 6-2.

Unseeded Slovak Karol Kucera, winner of the Sydney tune-up last week, beat Canadian Daniel Nestor 6-2, 7-6, 6-1. He now faces Australian Richard Fromberg, who beat Canada's Sebastien Lareau 6-0, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Sampras defeated Sweden's Arzai, one of two Moroccans still in the field. He beat Spain's Francisco Clavet 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 in his second consecutive five-set match. Arzai had eliminated No. 15 Mark Philippoussis in the second round.

Men's defending champion Pete Sampras rolled on, as did Petr Korda, the man in the top half of the draw who most worries Sampras.

Sampras defeated Sweden's

Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario executes a backhand during her 6-0, 6-0 cake walk over Russian Elena Makarova in their second round encounter of the Australian Open at Melbourne on Jan 22.

— AP/UNB photo

impression, needing slightly more than an hour to eliminate the No. 4 seed 6-0, 6-2.

Majoli, the player who kept Martina Hingis from sweeping all four Grand Slam tournaments last year, was the highest women's seed to fall so far.

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

Martina Hingis from sweeping all four Grand Slam tournaments last year, was the highest women's seed to fall so far.

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

Martina Hingis from sweeping all four Grand Slam tournaments last year, was the highest women's seed to fall so far.

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

Martina Hingis from sweeping all four Grand Slam tournaments last year, was the highest women's seed to fall so far.

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning practice after

"I'm shocked. It's like I still can't believe that this really happened," said Majoli, who added that she had been playing well in morning