HOUSTON, Oct 28: Olympic gymnast Dominique Moceanu and her parents ended a legal battle on Tuesday when they agreed she would be given her legal and financial independence, reports Reuters.

The 17-year-old Moceanu, a member of the 1996 gold medal Olympic team in Atlanta, ran away from home, then filed a lawsuit last week seeking to be declared an adult because her parents allegedly squandered the fortune she earned in sports.

In a joint statement, the family members said they had "resolved their differences" after meeting Tuesday and an agreement settling the matter would be presented for a judge's approval on Wednesday. Her attorneys said the settlement would give Moceanu the independence has sought.

Moceanu said her parents. Romanian immigrants Dumitru and Camelia Moceanu, robbed her of her childhood by driving her to gymnastics success, then spent all the money she began earning from the sport at the age of 10.

The amount of money was not know, but her attorney's said she earned nearly half a million dollars last year alone. Her lawsuit asked for a full

accounting of the money, which her father told reporters had gone toward construction of his Houston Gymnastics school where Dominique has trained.

The parents accused several adults, including Moceanu's latest coach, of convincing her to file the lawsuit, but she denied the accusation.

#### Venezia hold **Juventus**

TURIN, Italy, Oct 28: League champions Juventus of Turin, fielding several reserve players and two long-missing starters. were held to a 1-1 draw by lowranked Venezia in a third round first leg game of the Italian Cup Tuesday, reports AP. Striker Nicola Amoruso, re-

turning to action following a 11-month absence due to a broken leg and an ankle surgery, gave Juventus a 1-0 first-half lead heading in a perfect corner kick by Uruguayan Daniel Fonseca in the 12th minute.

Defender Gianluca Luppi converted a penalty kick in the 75th minute for Venezia's deserved draw at Turin's almost empty Delle Alpi stadium.

The game, played one day before other third round matches. also featured the comeback of veteran captain-defender Ciro Ferrara, sidelined with a broken leg since last February. Juventus were without their

regular strikers Alessandro Del Piero and Filippo Inzaghi, who were rested following last Sunday's successful league match against Inter Milan. "" Wednesday's matches in-

clude Lecce against league leader Fiorentina, Inter against Third Division Castel Di Sangro and AS Roma vs. Atalanta of Bergamo.

Defending Cup champions Lazio of Rome takes on AC Milan on Thursday. Second-leg games are sched-

uled on Nov 11.

#### Pillay rested NEW DELHI, Oct 28: The In-

dian Hockey Federation (IHF) yesterday announced a 16member team for the four-nation pre-Asian Games hockey tournament in Bangkok to be held from November 1 to 7, reports PTI. The IHF has rested certain-

ties like skipper Dhanraj Pillay and Mukesh Kumar. The team, picked in Banga-

lore at the Asian Games preparatory camp, was announced here without naming any captain.

#### SQUAD

Ashish Ballal, Jagdish Ponappa, Dilip Tirkey, Anil Aldrin, Rajeesh Mishra, Baljit Singh Saini, Tirumalvalavan, Nausher Singh, Sandeep Somesh, Ravinder Singh, Gagan Ajit Singh, Rajesh Chauhan, Sameer Dad, Kamal Horo, Mohammad Riaz, Sabu Varkey. Coach: Mervyn Fernandes and M R Negi.

#### Asian Games

#### New technology for drug testing

BANGKOK, Oct 28: The upcoming Asian Games will be the first major sporting event to use a sophisticated new technology to test athletes for drugs, a spokesman for the organizers said Wednesday, reports AP.

The Games' doping control centre will use a carbon isotope ratio mass spectrometer, said Torpong Sewatarmara.

The high-tech apparatus was tested at the Winter Olympics in Japan, said a news release from

the Bangkok Games Organizing Committee. "This is the most sophisti-

cated instrument to test athletes for drugs, said Torpong. "The technology has the ability to detect forbidden drugs even at a

very low quantity." Despite the high cost of such equipment, the organizing committee believes it will help make the games fair and clean

for all participants, the news release quoted Ruangsak Siripol, the committee's chairman, as saying. A list of forbidden substances will be given to the heads of all 43 participating na-

tional teams and they will be reminded not to let athletes use medications containing banned substances, it added.

Earlier this month. Thailand began random drug tests on its own athletes, hoping to keep them from using banned substances and to avoid possible embarrassment.

## Parents bow to Moceanu Anna: Identity crisis

MOSCOW, Oct 28 (Reuters): Anna Kournikova is down on her luck. The 17-year-old Russian has bombed out of tournaments in

Zurich and Moscow in the past two weeks with a staggering display of double faults that suggests something is not quite right with the temperamental belle of the women's Tour. "Kournikova made 20 double

faults but still fell short of her personal best," newspaper Sovietsky Sport said sarcastically after she made a first round exit at the Kremlin Cup last week.

That defeat, plus another first round defeat in the European Indoor tournament, helped shunt Kournikova down the rankings to 13th and into the Russian media's bad books even though her face still adorns promotional posters across Moscow.

Panned at home yet feted for her beauty abroad, Kournikova says she has no problems with other top players on the tour — it's just the media that portray her in negative light.

"It's always the journalists who make up things about me and my personal life," she told an obligatory news conference last week in Moscow after a doubles match.

On her way out of the interview room Kournikova clenched her fist and hissed to a friend: "I showed them."

While top players like Venus Williams, Monica Seles and Mary Pierce spoke freely to reporters in Moscow, Kournikova turned down all requests for interviews.

In return, the unforgiving Russian media have dubbed Kournikova "Kuritsa", or hen, among themselves — something of a change from her other nickname "the Lolita of tennis."

"So what's the problem?" Dominique van Roost, who beat her in Zurich, says it's all a matter of pressure.



KOURNIKOVA

Kournikova has yet to win a WTA title, despite being the sports' most photogenic asset since her arrival in 1996.

"She's the most famous player in the world right now, even more famous than (Martina) Hingis. Everywhere you go you see her in the newspapers and on television she's a

"But she hasn't won a tournament yet and she needs to everyone, her family, her management, her fans, wants her to

win," Van Roost said. Kournikova, who recently switched management teams served an incredible 17 double faults in Zurich against Van

In Moscow and seeded sixth. Kournikova stooped even lower, delivering 20 double faults and 36 unforced errors to lose to unseeded Silvia Farina of Italy 7-6, 4-6, 6-1.

"She is still a young person but she is not getting proper advice from people around her," said veteran reporter Yelena Rerikh of sports daily Sports Express, herself a former pro-fessional handball player.

Kournikova may grace posters around the Russian capital, but the public do not see her as one of their own, indeed, Kournikova is not sure where she belongs herself.

Born in Moscow, she spends most of her time abroad and lives Bradenton, Florida, as her home. She has turned down an invitation to represent her native country in Fed Cup matches on several occasions this year.

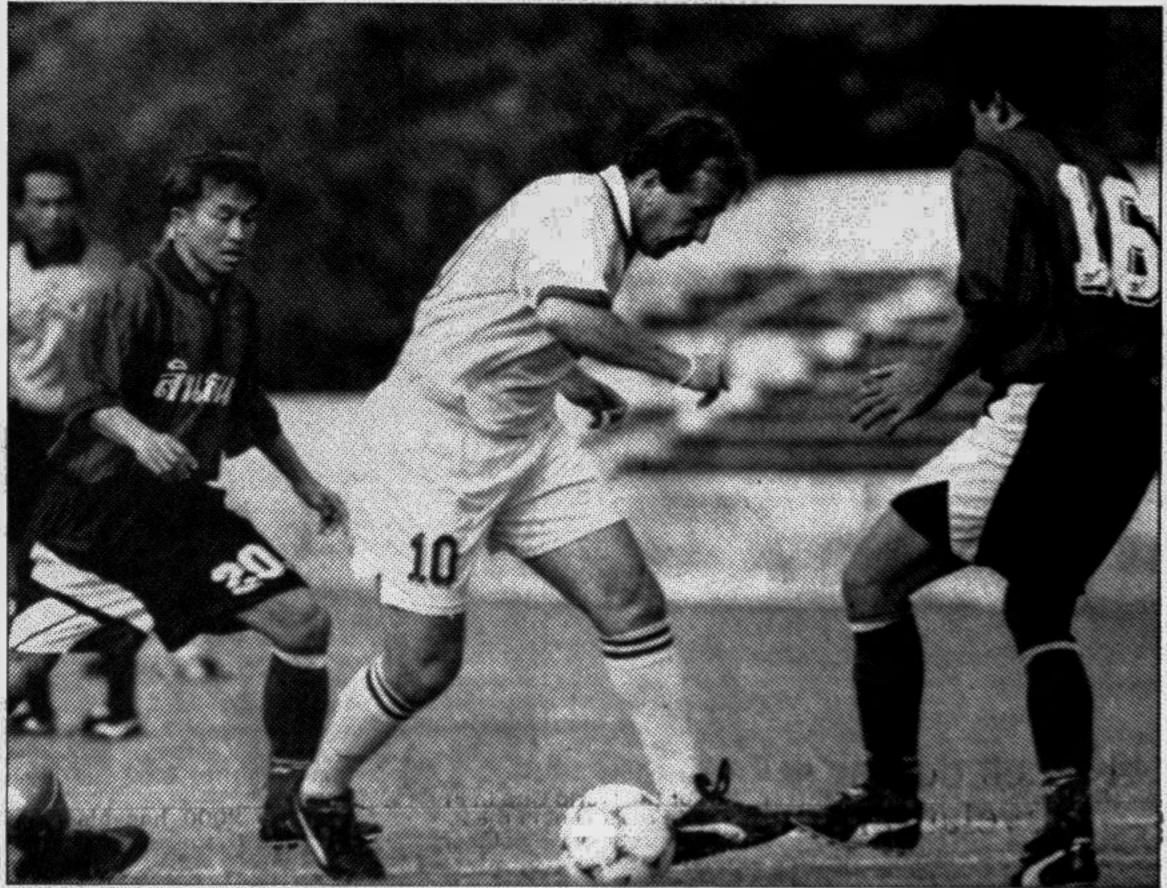
and without an accent, she occasionally searches for words and lapses into English. Valentina Krasnykh, who hosts a weekly radio sports talk

show in Russia, has a telling

While her Russian is fluent

anecdote. "To us, Kournikova said she

is Russian." Krasnykh said. "But when she appeared on Jay Leno's Tonight Show in the United States she called herself 'an American girl'."



Former Brazil star Zico (C), playing for Singha U-Star against VIP Sinthana in a charity match in Bangkok yesterday, tries to keep possession. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.

## SERVING AND VOLLEYING

UNDATED, Oct 28:(AP): This week's tennis at a glance.

- Andre Agassi captured the IPB Czech Indoor in Ostrava, Czech Republic, by beating Jan Kroslak 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

 Alex Corretja downed Tommy Haas 2-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-1 to win the Lyon Grand Prix in Lyon, France.

Mary Pierce won the Kremlin Cup by stopping Monica Seles 7-6 (7-2), 6-3 in Mox-

 John McEnroe defeated Johan Kriek 7-5, 6-3 to take the Harvey Norman Champions in Melbourne, Australia.

#### SPEAKING

"In this tournament I played some ugly matches, and I was just lucky to win them." Mary Pierce, after winning

the Kremlin Cup. "There is more interest in the personalities and rivalries in a sense with the women and you've got to give them credit for

John McEnroe, saying women's tennis gaining in popularity over the men's game.

"It's a stupid rule ... Jennifer (Capriati) can't come out and play four games of hit-and-giggle because there's a tourna-

ment in Moscow?" Chris Evert, upset with a Corel WTA Tour rule that prevents active pros from playing in charity events the same time a tournament is being held.

"For me deep down, I think it is I just love to play tennis. I love the game. I really enjoy the everyday practicing for it and the competition. As long as I have that passion for it I will keep playing." Monica Seles, asked what

motivates her tennis now. "In the last six games of the final set I played some of my best tennis this year. I think I was pretty lucky, too.

Andre Agassi, after rallying from a 0-4 deficit in the final set to beat Thomas Johansson 6-7 (6-8), 6-4, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the Czech Indoor.

#### SEASON-ENDERS

Mary Pierce along with firsttime qualifier Dominique Van Roost of Belgium and Sandrine Testud of France are the latest to qualify for the two million dollars season-ending Chase Championships of the Corel WTA Tour at New York's Madison Square Garden the week of Nov 16. Already in the field are US Open champions Lindsay Davenport, Australian Open winner Martina Hingis, French Open champ Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Wimbledon winner Jana Novotna, Venus Williams, Monica Seles Conchita Martinez. Anna Kournikova and Patty Schnyder. These 12 will

be joined by four more women in a lineup that features four different Grand Slam winners for the first time since 1990.

#### STRANGE DRAW

Tommy Haas had a lot of luck and very little match play on his second consecutive trip to the final of the Lyon Grand Prix. Haas won his quarterfinal when top-seeded Pete Sampras withdrew with an aching back. The young German then captured his semifinal when No 2ranked Marcelo Rios withdrew in the second set with a strained hamstring. "I have been very lucky this week," the 20-yearold Haas said. "But don't forget that I had to win matches to reach the quarterfinal." Haas lot to Alex Corretja in the title match.

SURGING With his fifth title of the year, Andre Agassi has regained a spot in the top five in the world rankings for the first time in more than two years. His victory in the Czech Indoor final also qualified Agassi for the year-ending ATP Tour World Championships in Hanover, Germany. Agassi, who has reached 10 finals this year, has not been ranked so high since 1996 - which also was the year he was No I for two weeks. Last year, he was ranked 141st in the world.

#### STYLISH SPANIARD

When Alex Corretja won the Lyon Grand Prix in Lyon, France, he became the first Spaniard to win a men's indoor tournament in 22 years. Manuel Orantes was the last Spaniard to achieve an indoor triumph, and that came at the 1976 Masters in Houston when he outlasted Wojtek Fibak in five sets. Corretja saved a match point in the second set of the 2-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-1 victory over Tommy Haas. The victory also qualified the Spaniard for the season-ending ATP Tour World Championships, which will be held in Hanover, Germany, next month.

#### SUNRISE CANCELLED

An event billed as the richest women's doubles exhibition in history, the 300,000 dollars Women's World Doubles Championship, has been cancelled. The event, scheduled for Nov 27 in Sunrise, Florida, would have featured Martina Navratilova. Steffi Graf, Annan Kournikova and Jana Novotna. According to the Fort Lauderdale, Floridabased promotions company run by longtime tennis promoter George Liddy, the exhibition was cancelled because "the proposed sponsor of the event had to withdraw its support due to changes in business and market conditions."

#### SITTING DOWN

Sebastien DeChaunac, the No 1 men's tennis player at the University of Mississippi, will sit out his team's first two matches next spring. The NCAA reprimanded DeChaunac for an outburst last May at the NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championships in Athens, Georgia, when at the end of a singles match he lost to John Roddick of Georgia, DeChaunac lost his temper and broke his racket The NCAA said it was reprimanding DeChaunac for unsportsmanlike conduct and accepted the two-match penalty imposed by Ole Miss.

#### SYNTHETIC FOR

SYDNEY The main tennis court in the Sydney Olympics will be mod-elled on Wimbledon's new No 1 court. The arena has been designed by Richard Rees, the man responsible for No 1 Court at the All England Club, but the surface in Sydney will be synthetic rather than grass.

#### SUCCESSFUL TOURNEY

The popularity of women's tennis worldwide was never more evident then in Moscow at the Ladies Kremlin Cup. The singles final, where Mary Pierce defeated Monica Seles. drew a tournament single-day record crowd of 14,911.

#### SITES TO SURF

Mexico City: www. abiertomextenis.com.mx Stuttgart: www.eurocardopen.de/ Quebec: www.tenniscanada.com

Luxembourg: www.seatopen.lu Tournaments this week:

ATP Tour 2,200,000 dollars Eurocard Open, carpet, Stuttgart. 315,000 dollars Abierto Mexicano de Tenis, clay, Mexico City. Corel WTA Tour

164,250 dollars Bell Challenge, hard, Quebec. Senior Tour Oct 30- Nov 1 150,000 dollars NTT Data

Champions, Tokyo Tournaments week of Nov 2 **ATP Tour** 2,300,000 dollars Open de Paris, carpet, Paris.

Colombia Open, clay, Bogota.

315,000 dollars Cerveza Club

Corel WTA Tour 450,000 dollars Sparkassen Cup, carpet, Leipzing, Germany. 164,250 dollars World Doubles Cup, Mexico.

#### Jansher skips US Open

BOSTON, Massachusetts, Oct 28: Pakistan's Jansher Khan, a three-time US Open squash champion, has pulled out of the event that starts here Saturday because of nagging injuries, reports AFP.

Khan had surgery on both knees in April after the British Open and withdrew from his comeback bid at the Hong Kong Open in August after suffering a strained groin in a first round match.

Scotlands Peter Nichol, the 1994 US Open winner who has moved ahead of Khan to world number one, will be the top seed here at Harvard University, where play continues through Tuesday.

Jansher said he hopes to return in November at the World Open in Qatar.

#### English teams to train French teens

LONDON, Oct 28 (AP): A group of French teenagers will arrive in Britain on Friday to train with some of the country's top soccer teams.

"We have invited children from France to train at the clubs that have French players." said a spokesman for Prime Minister Tony Blair, speaking

with customary anonymity. He did not have details of how many French youngsters had been invited or what the training programme would en-

But the spokesman said the teenagers would be training with teams such as the Glasgow Rangers in Scotland, Tottenham Hotspur and the Arsenal Gunners in north London and the Chelsea club in southwest London. Other teams were also expected to participate, but Blair's office did not have a complete list.

England is seeking to host the 2006 soccer World Cup. Organizers are pushing their bid by marketing this country's Premier League as the most cosmopolitan competition in the world, embracing more World Cup stars than any other. France hosted the tournament this summer.

A number of heroes from the victorious French World Cup team currently play in Britain. Emmanuel Petit and Patrick Vieira play for Arsenal, and the Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger is also a Frenchman. And French World Cup star Marcel Desailly and his World Cup teammate Frank LeBoeuf play for Chelsea.

#### Troussier starts on fine note

OSAKA, Japan, Oct 28 (Reuters/Internet): Japan made a winning start under new French coach Philippe Troussier on Wednesday; beating African champions Egypt 1-0 in a friendly at Osaka's 2002 World Cup venue of Nagai Sta-

The only goal came in the 25th minute when veteran striker Masashi Nakayama was pushed over in the penalty box by Mohamed Omara and South Korean referee Kim Young Joo awarded a penalty.

Nakayama, the 31-year-old Jubilo Iwata forward who scored Japan's only goal in the World Cup, drove the spot kick into the net to record his 14th international goal in his 31st appearance.

Troussier, in charge for

Japan's first post-world Cup game, handed international debuts to 22-year-old Jubilo midfielder Daisuke Oku, and Sanfrecce Hiroshima striker Tatsuhiko Kubo, also 22, who replaced Nakayama in the 59th minute.

Japan's Italy-based midfielder Hidetoshi Nakata was denied on two occasions in the second half as Egypt goalkeeper Nader El Sayed tipped a free kick over the crossbar and then dived to turn away a stinging left-foot drive.

Nakata was substituted in the 72nd minute to protect him ahead of Perugia's Serie A game away to Empoli on Sunday.

#### Bangkok's prep going well

BANGKOK, Oct 28 Organisers of December's Asian Games have dismissed press reports that a sports complex would not be completed on time, saying preparations are well in hand, a local newspaper said Friday. reports AP.

Santiparb Tejavanija. deputy secretary of the Bangkok Asian Games Organising Committee, said construction of the sports complex at the Maung Thong Thani housing estate is 95 per cent complete and will be finished this month, the Bangkok Post reported.

Liquidity problems at Bangkok Land, the company that owns the housing estate, threatened to prevent the company from finishing the complex in time for the Dec 6-20 Games. Deputy Prime Minister

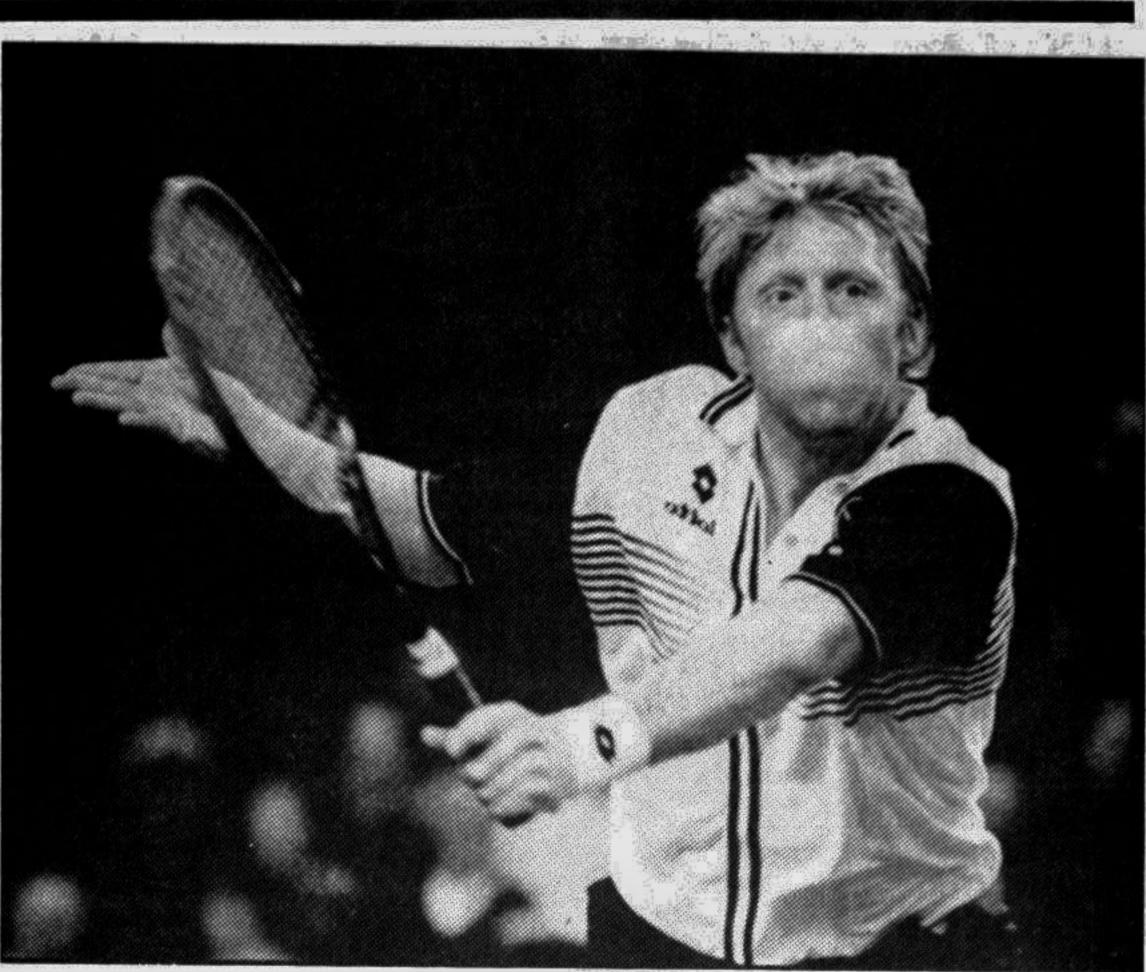
Bhichai Řattakul, who chairs the organising committee, expressed doubt last month that the complex would be completed on time because of the financial problems. Santiparb told the Post the

money problems had been overcome by shifting 200 million baht (5 million dollars) worth of credit guarantees from a project that had been scrapped to cover the construction cost of the complex. Preparations for the Games have been plagued by political

and incompetence. The decision to award the contract for the sports complex was controversial, with critics calling it an attempt to bail out the property developer's failed housing estate.

interference by previous gov-

ernment, alleged corruption



Boris Becker in action in his Eurocard Open match on October 27.

-AFP photo

## Boris, I'm breeze thru'



STUTTGART, Oct at home with a 6-

dollar Eurocard Open on Tuesday, reports AP. Becker, 30, is in semi-retirement and this is only his 10th tournament of the year. The three-time Wimbledon champion suffered an ankle injury and had not played between July and the Basle tour-

nament three weeks ago, where

he lost in the first round. "I was very glad to be back on the tennis court," Becker said. "I've played one tennis match in three months and I was able to put it away in two sets. I was very pleased with that."

In the last match of the day, ninth-seeded Tim Henman beat Mark Woodforde 7-5, 6-1, firing an ace on his first match point. Henman is in the running for the two last available spots in the eight-man World Championship next month in Hanover. Germany.

defeat that could spoil Kucera's hopes of qualifying for Hanover. Henman and Martin both

Todd Martin upset eight-

ranked Karol Kucera 6-2, 6-4, a

advanced to the third round. Becker's last victory on the tour was also in Stuftgart, when he beat Felix Mantilla in the third round of the outdoor clay-

court event, before losing to

Dutch qualifier. Becker was born in Leimen, not far from Stuttgart.

"It gives me great satisfaction to be able to do what I really love." Becker said. "I hope I can do it a few more times. I am very glad to be able to still come back and play decent tennis." Becker, who is also Ger-

many's Davis Cup team chief,

now plays only selected tournaments and his plans for next year are unclear, although the veteran sounded like he might continue playing some events. If the ankle injury had not healed quickly, Becker said, "I don't think I was going to be

"I wanted to play more indoors but it was very difficult to come back and actually play again because the muscles didn't work, the ankle hurt," he said. Becker, who has won the

Stuttgart tournament twice,

will play French Open cham-

pion Carlos Moya in the second

back next year."

round. He is also playing doubles here with Andre Agassi. Becker's Davis Cup team also had a winning day. Tommy Haas beat David Nainkin of South Africa. "lucky loser" from the qualifying round, 6-4, 6-4, and Nicolas

Kiefer defeated Byron Black 4-6,

7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-0).

Kiefer, who rallied from a 5deficit in the third set and saved five match points, will play top-ranked Pete Sampras

Albert Costa, the 16thranked Spaniard who has never won an indoor match in his career, stayed true to form by losing 6-2, 6-2 to Bohdan

#### Sugiyama, Huber advance LUXEMBOURG, Oct 28: Ai

Sugiyama of Japan and Anke

Huber of Germany advanced on Tuesday to the second round of the Luxembourg Open, reports Sugiyama, the No 5 seed, recovered from a weak second set to beat Kveta Hrdlickova of the

Czech Republic 6-3 3-6, 6-1. Hu-

ber, the No 6 seed, defeated Rita Kuti Kis of Hungary 7-5, 6-2. Defending champion Amanda Coetzer of South Africa opens play Wednesday in the \$164,000 tournament sponsored by the auto maker Seat.

Also, qualifier Sylvia Pliscke of Austria upset Spain's Virginia Ruano-Pascal 6-4, 6-2 and will next face top-seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France. Another qualifier, Evgenia Koulikovskaya of Russia. moved on when Poland's Magdalena Grzybowska retired.

Koulikovskaya was leading 6-1.

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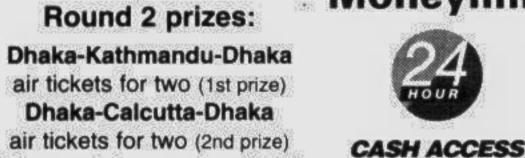
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