

Vogts to assist M'gladbach

COLOGNE, Germany, Feb 19: Former German national team coach Bert Vogts is to help out struggling Borussia M'gladbach...

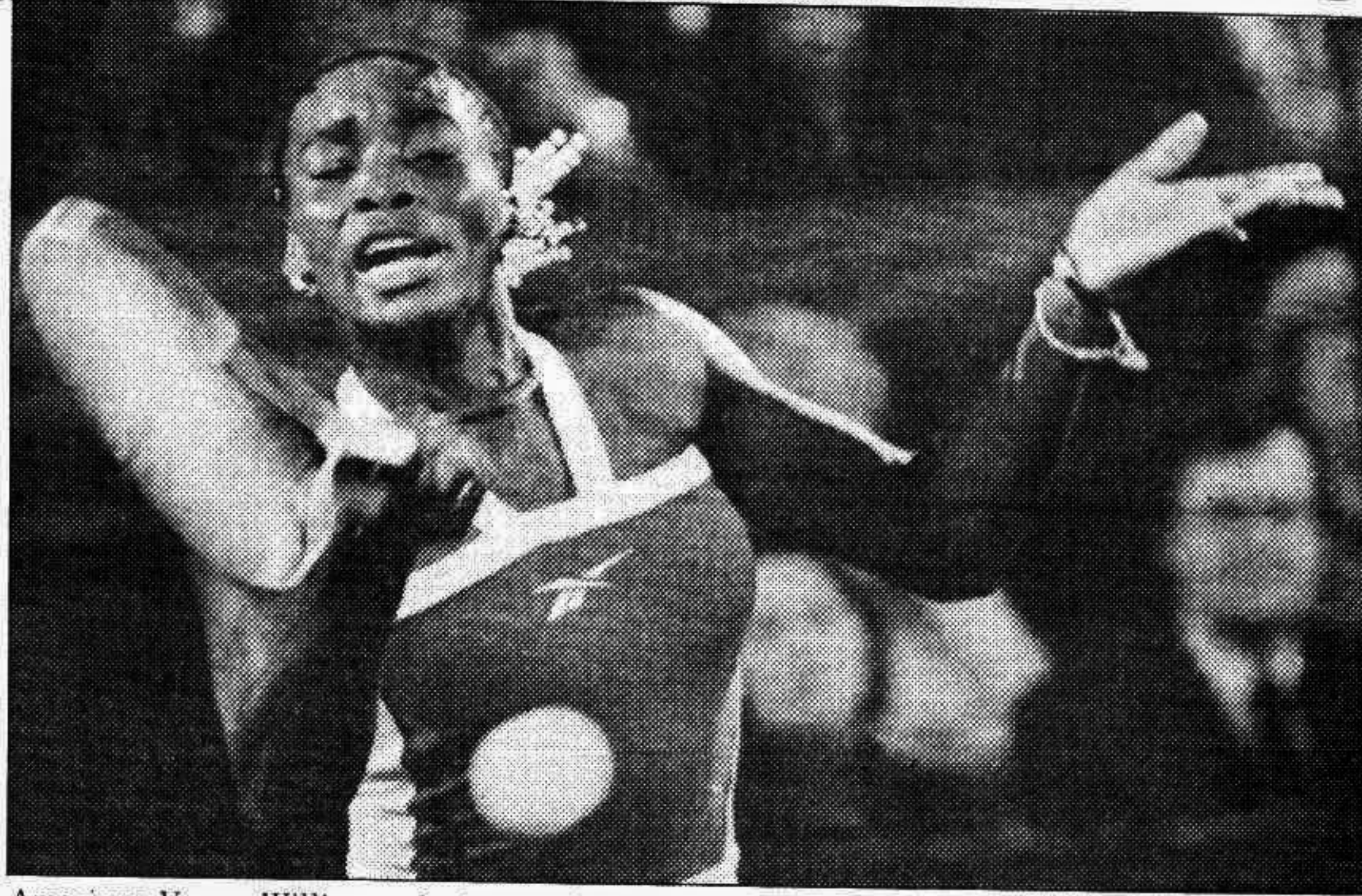
Keegan hits back at critics

LONDON, Feb 19: Glenn Keegan insisted on Thursday that he will not take the England manager's job on a permanent basis...

take it beyond the four games because of the commitments I've made. Keegan's four games in charge will be the European Championship qualifying matches...

Yevgeny, Greg in qtrs

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Feb 19: Second-seeded Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov and fifth-seeded Briton Greg Rusedski wasted no time Thursday in reaching the quarterfinals of the ATP Tour event here...



American Venus Williams playing against Ai Sugiyama of Japan at the Faber Grand Prix in Hanover, Germany on February 18. Williams won 6-4, 7-5.

Stockholm sends reply

STOCKHOLM, Feb 19: An IOC member expelled in the Olympic bribery scandal was consistently drunk as he checked out Stockholm's bid for the 2004 Games...

were cases of emergency needs, which it was obliged to pay. In other developments: The president of the International Skiing Federation said winter sports officials want a major role in choosing Winter Olympic host cities...

Graf reaches last four

HANOVER, Germany, Feb 19 (Reuters/Internet): Local favourite Steffi Graf crushed Austrian Barbara Schett 6-3, 6-2 to reach the semifinals of the Faber Grand Prix on Thursday...

Courier keeps going

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb 19 (AP): Jim Courier isn't ready to quit tennis just yet, and he has his sights set on rejoining the top ranks. Courier took a step in that direction Thursday night when he followed an upset of fourth-seeded Michael Chang in the second round...

Top-seeded Todd Martin said he isn't counting Courier out on his comeback attempt. 'Jim puts a lot of stress on doing his job well,' he said. Courier said he understands that he can't just turn his game on and off and that he needs to try and play well for several weeks at a time...

Davis Cup qualifier ROK take 2-0 lead

SEOUL, Feb 19: South Korea took two opening singles matches from India Friday in the best-of-five match competition in the Davis Cup Asia and Oceania Zone Group 1 qualifying rounds...

The IOC had asked bid cities to detail any cases of improper behaviour or requests by committee members. The letter, from bid officials Goeran Langsvad and Olof Stenhammar, said none of the members who visited Stockholm violated IOC guidelines...

made in its bid for the Winter Olympics. Howard Peterson, who stepped down as executive director of the US Skiing Association in 1994, called for Utah authorities to pay the money now to help get American athletes ready for 2002. The world's sports federations, led by the highest-ranking Olympic official implicated in the Salt Lake scandal...

Qualifier Barbara Rittner reached the quarterfinals when her Italian opponent Silvia Farina withdrew because of illness after losing the first set. The German will meet either American Venus Williams, the second seed, or Japanese Ai Sugiyama, the winner of that match will face Graf in a semifinal on Saturday.

Aussie MP backpedals

SYDNEY, Feb 19 (Reuters/Internet): An Australian politician involved in Sydney's 2000 Olympic bid backpedaled on Friday on claims that leading media figures had agreed to keep quiet about the wooing of Olympic officials. Bruce Baird, a member of the ruling Liberal Party, told parliament on Wednesday that the country's three biggest media companies had agreed to turn a blind eye to how Sydney sought International Olympic Committee (IOC) votes...

shocked. Baird said in his latest statement that he discussed with the three men what would be involved in the bid. 'Part of that was the issue of intense coverage of the costs and extensive activities involved in the Olympic lobbying process but I certainly did not ask them to censor anything or not to investigate matters if they considered it appropriate,' he said. 'What I sought was their support and to make them aware of the process that we did not have an incorrect perception of what was involved in the lobbying process,' Baird's statement said. Baird got no sympathy from other politicians, including Prime Minister John Howard, a fellow Liberal. 'Go and ask Bruce Baird about that,' Howard told reporters when asked for a reaction to Baird's claim. The Labour party now governs in New South Wales, and its Olympics Minister Michael Knight has ordered an inquiry into how Sydney won the Games. 'I think every politician would love to noble the media but I'm yet to see anyone do it successfully and I think Bruce Baird proves that,' Knight told reporters on Friday.

Moya, Kucera to play in Gold Flake Open

MADRAS, Feb 19: World No. 5 Carlos Moya of Spain and No. 8 Karol Kucera of Slovakia are both lined up for the Gold Flake Open, the first time two top-10 players will grace India's 430,000-dollar ATP event, the organisers said Friday, reports AP. French Open champion Moya will be the star attraction of the Gold Flake Open, to be played April 5-11 on a synthetic surface in the southern Indian city of Madras, said Mark McCormack, McCormack is chairman of International Management Group, which oversees the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP). Defending champions Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes of India were the doubles favourites in Madras. McCormack said the hot weather in Madras in April has discouraged players from coming, but the timing could change as a result of an ongoing ATP review of its calendar. The Gold Flake began in 1997.

Youth and Sports secretary ASM Shahjahan (C) handing over the national cricket trophy to the captain of the Narayanan team (2nd from right) after the final at the Sylhet Stadium on February 16. Narayanan defeated Chittagong by 59 runs



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