

Kazu returns to national fold

TOYO, Jan 29: Italian Serie A player Hidetoshi Nakata stayed away, but Kazuyoshi Miura returned to the national team for the four nation tournament next month in Hong Kong...



IAZU MIURA

The association will announce 20 members for the Asian Cup qualifiers in Macau later.

SQUAD Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi (Yokohama Marinos), Seigo Narazaki (Nagoya Grampus Eight), Hitoshi Sogahata (Kashima Antlers), Go Gwa (Nagoya Grampus Eight), Toshihiro Hattori (Jubilo Iwata), Atsushi Yoneyama (Verdy Kawasaki), Yuji Nakazawa (Verdy Kawasaki), Naoki Matsuda (Yokohama Marinos), Koji Nakata (Kashira Antlers), Masaaki Sawamoto (Shimizu S-Pulse), Teruoshi Itahara (S-Pulse), Hiroshi Nanami (Verczia), Shigeo Mochizuki (Nagoya Grampus Eight), Daisuke Oku (Jubilo Iwata), Tomokazu Myojin (Kashiwa Reysol), Shunsuke Nakamura (Yokohama Marinos), Junichi Inamoto (Gamba Osaka), Shinji Ono (Urawa Red Diamonds), Kazuyoshi Miura (Kyoto Purple Sanga), Masashi Nakayama (Jubilo Iwata), Takashi Hirano (Nagoya Grampus Eight), Akimori Nishizawa (Cerezo Osaka), Tomoyuki Hirase (Kashima Antlers)

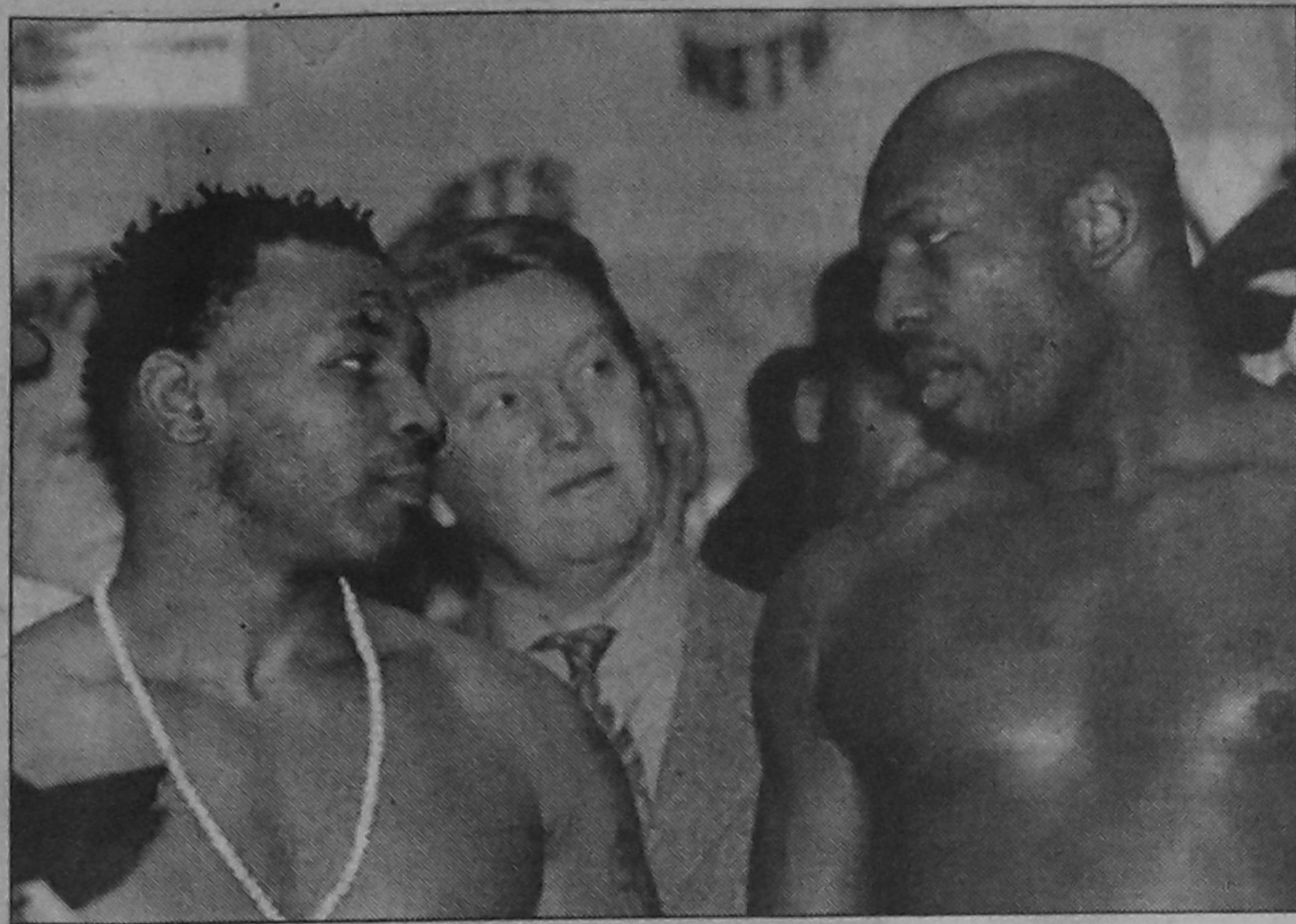
Otey pulls out of Karlsruhe meet

KARLSRUHE, Germany, Jan 29: Under fire from German and international track and field officials, Jamaican sprinter Merlene Ottey pulled out of a meet in Germany Saturday, reports AP.

The German athletics federation (DLV) and the IAAF had been putting pressure on the Karlsruhe organizers to withdraw Ottey's invitation for the meet.

Karlsruhe organizers had refused to bend to the pressure to stop Ottey from running, saying the 35-year-old isn't under investigation at the moment.

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SEE YOU TOMORROW: American Mike Tyson (L) and Julius Francis of Britain look to each other after the weigh-in at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Manchester on January 28. The boxers meet in a heavyweight bout at the Manchester Arena today. —AFP photo

Tyson cool, relaxed & ready

MANCHESTER, Jan 29 (AP): Height: 1.80 metres (5-foot-11). Weight: 101.2 kilos (223.3 pounds). Wrist: 1 million dollars. This was tale of the tape Mike Tyson style.

"He can't hit me with his eyes. I'm cool, I'm relaxed and I'm ready to fight." That contrasts with reports that Tyson fled his hotel and raced to Manchester Airport intending to fly home on the eve of the fight.

because of a knee injury, the fight was declared a no contest. Nothing less than a clear cut, early victory with no whiff of scandal will satisfy a skeptical fight public.

WORLD FOOTBALL BRIEFS

VIENNA, Jan 29 (AFP/Reuters/Inter): Austrian international striker Toni Polster is leaving German second division side Borussia Mönchengladbach to join Austrian club SV Salzburg.

SUNDERLAND EYING BEBETO SUNDERLAND: Brazil's former World Cup star Bebeto is set to train with Sunderland next week with a view to signing a one-year deal.

FOR NEWCASTLE LONDON: English premier league Newcastle United said on Friday it was buying 19-year-old Diego Gavilan from Club Cerro Porteno of Paraguay for two million pounds (3.25 million dollars).

FRANKFURT CLOSE TO BANKRUPTCY COLOGNE: Bundesliga club Eintracht Frankfurt announced they will have a 13.6 million Mark deficit come season's end and are counting on private sponsorship to save them from bankruptcy.

Peter Reid has confirmed his interest in the 35-year-old striker who, according to the Sunderland manager, must first prove he has the fitness, temperament and sharpness to play in the Premiership.

Bebeto, a World Cup winner in 1994, has recently been playing club football in Mexico.

They made a last desperate effort last month to turn things around by sacking coach Jorg Berger and bringing in Felix Magath, a renowned disciplinarian - yet there have been few positive signs in winter-break practice matches.

Failure to present a liquid budget plan would see the DFB withhold the licence and automatically relegate Frankfurt to the second division, regardless of how they perform on the field.

One option is co-operating with the Hamburg based agency International Management Group (IMG) which would invest a large sum in return for a controlling say in the club's affairs.

revealed the extent of Frankfurt's cash flow was just a few days before Monday's general meeting of club members which is expected to be volatile.

After surviving relegation by the skin of their teeth in the final minutes of last season Frankfurt pumped millions into a new side which has not performed.

At the halfway mark of the current season they lie second from bottom of the table.

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AUSSIE OPEN AT A GLANCE

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Lindsay outpowers Martina

MELBOURNE, Jan 29 (Reuters): Martina Hingis may be one the smartest, most accomplished players in women's tennis but not even her clever tactics can save her against opponents who hit the ball much harder than she does.

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seemed to be even faster still. While Hingis tried to settle into a rhythm and engage Davenport in long baseline rallies, the American just went for shots, smacking winners off both sides as a frustrated Hingis started making simple mistakes.

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"At times it seemed too easy. I just couldn't believe how well I was playing." Davenport held her opening service to love then broke Hingis for the first time in the next game when the defending champion hit a forehand long.

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American Lindsay Davenport gives the thumbs-up while holding aloft the champion's trophy of the Australian Open yesterday. —AFP photo

A clash of cultures

MELBOURNE, Jan 29 (Reuters): A Las Vegas millionaire with a sponsor's logo on his cap will try to steal the Australian Open title on Sunday from a Russian who says he's rich enough not to have to dress to order.

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He will be starting his fourth successive Grand Slam final, a feat not achieved by any man since Australian left-hander Rod Laver completed the Grand Slam in 1969.

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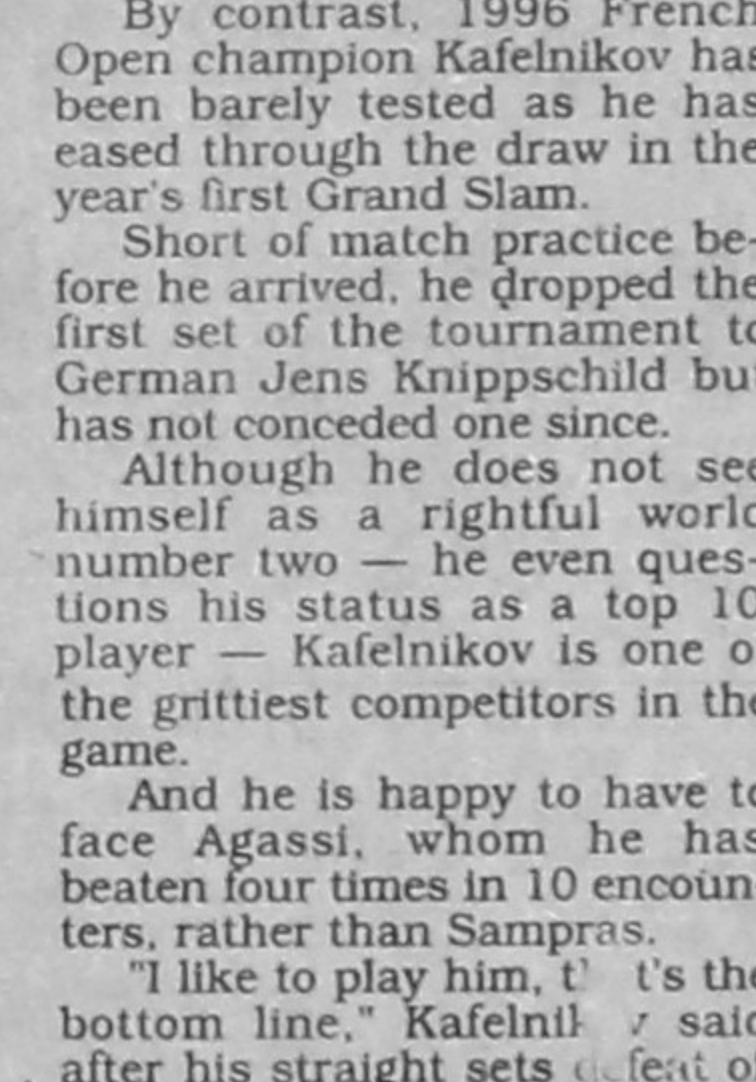
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ways eager to dent American tennis supremacy, meets world number one Andre Agassi.



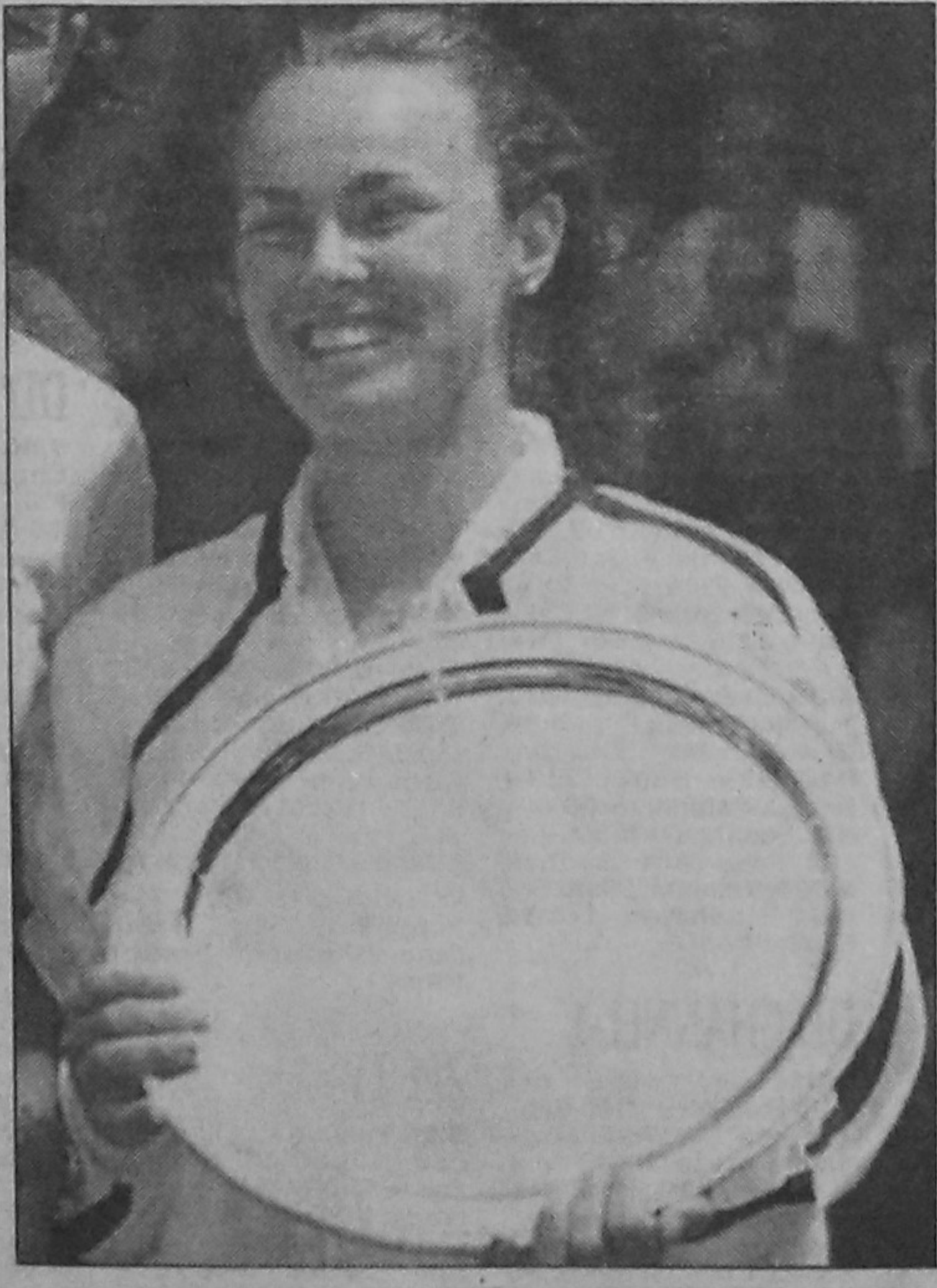
YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV

mark him down as something of an eccentric.

Growing up with age

MELBOURNE, Jan 29 (AFP): Fierce pride saved Martina Hingis from one of the biggest ever defeats in an Australian Open final today but for once the world No 1 was quick to praise her opponent.

Only 24 hours ago an Australian opponent accused her of being rude and ungracious after losing the doubles final.



A smiling Martina Hingis poses with the runners-up trophy of the Australian Open in Melbourne yesterday. —AFP photo

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