Kazu returns to national fold

TOYO, Jan 29: Italian Serie A pleer Hidetoshi Nakata stayed away, but Kazuyoshi Miura eturned to the national team ir the four nation tournamer next month in Hong Kong, or Japan Football Assoclation aid on Saturday, reports AP.

It wilbe the first time "King Kazu," nw 32, has joined the nationa side since he was sacked sortly before the 1988 World Cp finals in France.

Miur joined Masashi Nakayara, the only Japanese goal scor in the World Cup fi-nals. Vnezia midfielder Hiroshi Naami, and nine members from the Olympic team led by Tomouki Hirase and Shunsuke Naamura.

Nakea, the two-time Asian Player i the Year, decided not to join s he is still battling to tie dow a place in the starting line-up t Roma after moving to the clu from Perugia earlier this math.

Japn's international striker Shoji Jo, who joined Spanishleague side Valladolid this math, was also sidelined by hed coach Philippe

quadragular tournament. which aso includes the Czech Republicand Hong Kong.



LAZU MIURA

The association will announce 20 members for the Asian Cip qualifiers in Macau

SQUAD

Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi (Yokohama Marinos), Seigo Narazali (Nagoya Grampus Eightl, Hitoshi Sogal ata (Kashina Antlers), Go Giwa (Nagoy: Grampus Eight), Toshihro Hattori (Jubilo Iwata, Atsushi Yoneyama (Verdy Kawasaki), Yuji Nakazava (Verdy Kawasaki), Naok Matsuda (Yokohama Marinos), Koji Nakata (Kashina Antlers), Masaaki Sawaiobori (Shimizu S-Pulse). Teru oshi Ito (Shimizu S-Puls:). Hiroshi Nanami (Verezia), Shigevoshi Moclizuki (Nagoya Grampus Eigh), Daisuke Oku (Jubilo Iwati), Tomokazu Myojin (Kasliwa Reysol), Shunsuke Nakanura (Yokohama Marinos), Jinichi Inamoto (Gamba Osaka) Shinji Ono (Urawa Red Diamoids), Kazuyoshi Miura (Kyoto 'urple Sanga), Masashi Nakayama (Jubilo Iwata), Takash Hirano (Nagoya Grampus Eight), Akinori Nishizawa (Cerezo Osaka), Tomoyuki Hirase (K.shima Antlers) *

Ottey pulls out of Karlsruhe meet

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

The ormer 200-meter world champon tested positive for the bained substance nandrolone at a July meet in Lucerne Switzerland. Ottey was later cleared by Jamaican authorities, but she still faces possible suspension from the IAAF, he track and field's world governing body.

The meet organizers said Ottey dopped out hours before the scheduled start of the competition. Karls whe organizers had re-

fused to bend to the pressure to stop Citey from running, saying the 35-year-old isn't under investigition at the moment.

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

The Karlsruhe organizers had been resisting the pressure and announced Friday they were dropping out of an association of German meet organizers which had threatened to expel

them for allowing Ottey to run. Karlsruhe said its decision to withdraw from the German Meetings, or GM, came in protest over ailing to get the date they wanted for their

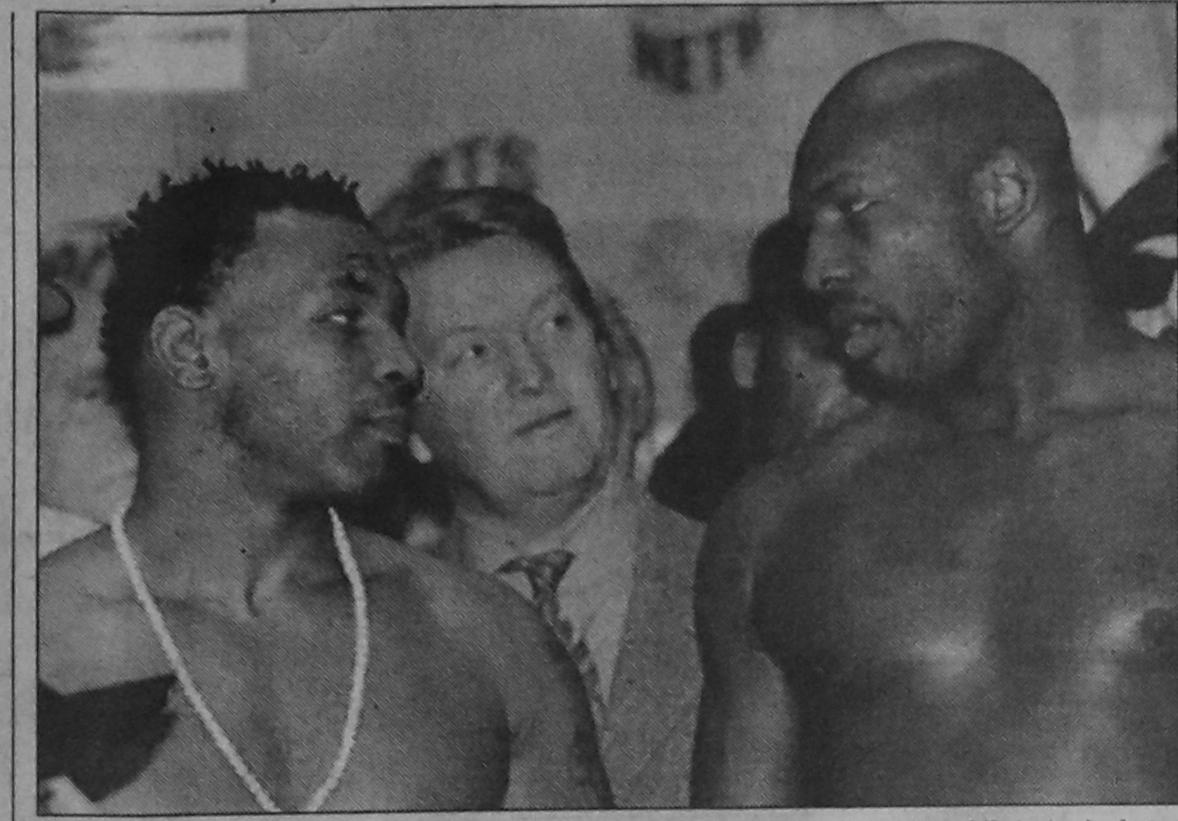
event, adding the action had been planned before the Ottey controversy erupted. But the decision was announced as the GM reaffirmed

its threat to expel Karlsruhe from the organization for allowing Ottey to run.

With great outrage, we have ascovered that Karlsruhe, a longtime member of the German Meetings, has invited Merlene Ottey, who tested positive for doping." GM president Ludwig Franz said in a statement Friday.

Also Friday. IAAF general secretary Istvan Gyulai criticized the Jamaican decision not to suspend Ottey for two years. adding the organization con-

sidered it a doping case. Reportedly, the IAAF plans to take action against the Jamaican - along with similar cases - before the Sydney Olympics in the summer.



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

The eam will fly to Hong Kong o Thursday and play Mexico on Saturday in the quadra-gular, tournament. Tyson cool, relaxed & ready



MANCHESTER. Jan 29 (AP): 1.80 Height: metres (5-feet-11). Weight: 101 1-2 kilos (223 3-4 pounds). Wrist: 1 million dollars. This was tale of the tape

Mike Tyson style. The former world heavyweight champion turned the weigh-in for Saturday's fight against Julius Francis into some kind of jewelry catwalk as he posed on the scales with the diamond encrusted watch and bracelet he had bought in Lon-

don last week. He tugged away at his hair with his left hand to show off the glinting gems for the cameras. It wasn't so much the pounds on his body than the dollars on his wrist that mat-

When the weigh-in was over and Tyson scaled 9.4 kilos (21 pounds) less than his opponent, he smirked as the two fighters came face to face for the photographers.

"He's kind of fat," Tyson said of his 110.9-kilo (244 1-2 pound) opponent as they tried to outstare each other.

"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. The reports suggested that he

flew into a tantrum and instructed his chauffeur to take him to the airport. Jay Larkin. leading official here of Showtime which is screening the fight in the United States, said that Tyson went to the airport to pick up a friend.

Tyson has to do something special if he is to prove he could still be the Mike Tyson of old.

His last few performances have brought scandal and ridicule to a fighter once considered one of the greatest heavyweights ever when he unified the championship at age 20 back in 1987. Disqualified and banned for

biting off a chunk of Evander Holyfield's ear in 1998, Tyson suffered another setback in his last fight in October. He floored Orlin Norris after the bell sounded to end round one and, with Norris unable to continue 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. Although Francis, 35, is the British champion, he has a journeyman's record of 21-7. He is reportedly collecting some 500,000 dollars for the fight compared with Tyson's 11 million dollars and was expected to become victim No 47 against three losses on Tyson's record.

Tyson also wants to come back to Britain and fight again so that he needs a clean performance to silence his critics.

Because of his rape conviction in 1992, which led to threeyears in jail, Tyson should have been turned away by immigration authorities whose rules say no one with a sentence of nore than 12 months should be allowed entry. They say they can't guarantee he'd be let in again next time.

But he has an even bigger problem back home. Tyson is far less marketable in the United States these days and he needs far more than a victory over Julius Francis to get back his credibility.

AUSSIE OPEN Lindsay outpowers Martina

MELBOURNE, Jan 29 (AP): Highlights Saturday on the 13th day of the US 8 million dollar (12.4 million Australian dollars) Australian Open tennis championships at Melbourne

Weather: Fine and mild with a maximum temperature of 73 F (23 Celsius)

Attendance: 15,413 Results: Women's singles final, No 2 Lindsay Davenport def No 1 Martina Hingis 6-1, 7-5. Stat of the Day: Seven, the number of points Hingis won while losing seven successive

games to Lindsay Davenport in

the final. Quote of the day: 'I hate playing you" - Martina Hingis to Lindsay Davenport after losing in the final, making it four consecutive wins for Davenport against Hingis.

Leach, Ferreira clinch doubles title

MELBOURNE, Jan 29: Doubles veterans Rick Leach and Ellis Ferreira toiled for more than four hours today to lift the Australian Open men's doubles trophy, beating Wayne Black and Andrew Kratzmann 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 18-16, reports Reuters.

After a final set lasting two hours and one minute, American Leach and his South African partner closed off the deciding set on their fourth match point.

Kratzmann bore most of the pressure in the deciding set, with all of his opponents' match points coming on his

If some in the crowd felt cheated after the women's ingles final in which Linusay Davenport overpowered Martina Hingis in just 65 minutes, the partisan crowd, pulling for Kratzmann and his Zimbabwean partner, got more than its money's worth out of the four hour 21-minute doubles battle.

The marathon fifth set alone lasted nearly twice as long as the women's singles final. But it fell short of the 49-47 record for the longest set, established in a match won by Leach's father, Dick Leach, and partner Dick Dell in 1967 in Newport, Rhode Island. The final scoreline in that

match read 3-6, 49-47, 22-20. The trophy gave Ferreira his

first Grand Slam title and Leach his fifth in a long career as a leading doubles player and mirrored his victory over Kratzmann's brother, Mark in the Australian Open doubles final 11 years ago.

Todd, Arantxa in mixed

MELBOURNE, Jan 29: Todd Woodbridge and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario breezed into Australian Open mixed doubles final with a 6-3, 6-3 semifinal win Saturday over David Adams of South Africa and

Kristie Boogert of the Netherlands, reports AP. Woodbridge, Australia's topranked doubles player, returned

a forehand winner to clinch the match in 65 minutes. Woodbridge and Sanchez-Vicario raced through the first set

in 32 minutes and then broke Adams' serve in the opening game of the second to set up the victory.

cario of Spain, who was a semifinalist in the women's singles. now meet Jared Palmer of the United States and Rennae Stubbs of Australia in Sunday's

Palmer and Stubbs edged Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden and Anna Kourníkova of Russia in their semifinal Saturday. Earlier Saturday, Stubbs had combined with American Lisa Raymond to win the women's doubles final, edging three-time champion Martina Hingis and her partner Mary Pierce 6-4, 5-

The men's doubles final, pitting Wayne Black of Zimbabwe singles final on centre court.

MELBOURNE, Jan While Hingis tried to settle 29 (Reuters): Marinto a rhythm and engage Davtina Hingis may enport in long baseline rallies, be one the smarthe American just went for test, most accomshots, smacking winners off plished players in both sides as a frustrated Hingis women's tennis but not even her started making simple misclever tactics can save her against opponents who hit the

takes. ball much harder than she does. Hingis is one of the best re-Lindsay Davenport, who gave Hingis a 6-1, 7-5 beating in today's Australian Open final, is one such player.

Davenport, who stands 19 cm taller and weighs 20 kg more than Hingis, is a far more powerful player. She can also set up points as well as Hingis does although she smashes the ball so hard she rarely has to bother.

Her serves, on average, were 20 kph faster than those of Hingis. Her groundstrokes

seemed to be even faster still.

turners in women's tennis. She stands up close like Andre Agassi to get an early swing on the ball. But today, as she fought for her fourth straight Australian title, she was mostly reduced to poking and blocking the ball just to keep it in play. That gave Davenport the

time and space she needed to go for her shots. Everything she went for seemed to come off. "It was just one of those days when it all came together for me," the American said.



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

"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. She moved to a 5-1 lead with an ace timed at 163 kph then

took the opening set after just 19 minutes when Hingis made another unforced error. Hingis, who threw a tantrum after losing last year's French Open final to Steffi Graf, started to show the first real signs of

distress when she was broken in the fourth game of the second set but managed to hold her composure, just. Her errors continued to mount as Davenport added to her misery with a flawless display to open up a 5-1 lead. Her

nerves in tatters, Hingis even hit a double fault on a break point. Serving for the match, Davenport, who went into the match under an injury cloud with her left thigh heavily ban-

daged, suddenly started to unravel. She had got within two points of victory when suddenly

she started making mistakes. hitting two backhands into the net and a forehand over the baseline and struggling to move freely. Hingis, sensing a comeback, perked up. She held her own

service then broke again, cleverly playing the ball shorter to make Davenport run more. The Swiss Miss got to 5-5 and her trademark smile was back. Lifting her head for the first time, she glanced at her

mother in the stands, loose ed up her shoulders and took in some of the applause. The crowd too were starting to shift in their seats before

Davenport slammed the door shut just as quickly as she had let it swing open. The world number two held

her serve for 6-5 with two stinging backhands down the line then broke Hingis to love when she hit another unforced error of the backhand. "Nobody is as consistent as

Lindsay. Probably Serena (Williams) at her best or Venus (Williams) but they are not as powerful," Hingis said of her great rival. "Lindsay is just no compro-

mise. You get a shorter ball, bang, boom.

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I had last year," he said.

tennis.

"She kills you right away, no mistakes."

WORLD FOOTBALL BRIEFS



VIENNA, Jan 29 (AFP/Reuters/Int ernet): Austrian international striker Toni

German second division side Borussia Monchengladbach to join Austrian clubSV Salzburg, the Austrian Foootball Federation said Friday.

The contract, valid until the end of the season, will be signed Monday according to Austrian agency APA.

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, the English Premiership side revealed Fri-



BEBETO

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. Polster is leaving temperament and sharpness to

play in the Premiership. "I understand that Bebeto is currently in the country and if that's the case, he will train with us next week," said Reid. "There is a possibility of him

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

PARAGUAYAN ROOKIE FOR NEWCASTLE

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

son and currently 15th in the premiership, said Gavilan had signed a contract until the end of the 2003/4 season. Additional payments may be made to the Paraguayan club

Newcastle, managed by for-

mer England coach Bobby Rob-

depending on Gavilan's appearances for Newcastle. 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.

Club treasurer Rainer Leben

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

An opposition group called "Initiative pro Frankfurt" is planning to topple the club's board of directors at the meeting and instal new manage-

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.

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 winterbreak practice matches. Treasurer Leben estimates

that Frankfurt need between 18 and 25 million Marks between now and the middle of March. which is when they must apply to the German Football Federation (DFB) for next season's operating licence. 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 One option is co-operating with the Hamburg based agency

International Management

Group (IMG) which would invest

a large sum in return for a con-

trolling say in the club's affairs.

doubles final

Woodbridge and Sanchez-Vi-

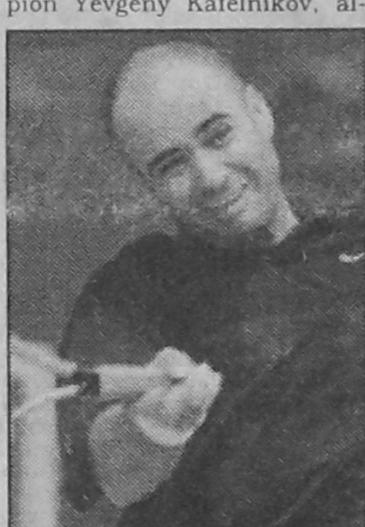
and Andrew Kratzmann of Australia against Ellis Ferriera of South Africa and Rick Leach of the United States, was scheduled to follow the women's

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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.

It will be an intriguing clash of cultures as defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov, al-



ANDRE AGASSI

ways eager to dent American tennis supremacy, meets world number one Andre Agassi. But the match itself is likely

to be an ugly baseline battle. After his five-set defeat of Pete Sampras on Thursday night in what was dubbed "the final before the final". Agassi will start the match as clear favourite.

At 29, Agassi has never been fitter and his self-belief knows no bounds.

successive Grand Slam final, a feat not achieved by any man since Australian left-hander Rod Laver completed the Grand Slam in 1969 The comeback king won the

French and US Opens last year, although he was blasted off the court by Sampras at Wimbledon. He has won five of his 10 Grand Slam linals, including the 1995 Australian Open. By contrast, 1996 French

Open champion Kafelnikov has been barely tested as he has eased through the draw in the year's first Grand Slam. Short of match practice before he arrived, he dropped the

first set of the tournament to German Jens Knippschild but has not conceded one since. Although he does not see himself as a rightful world number two - he even questions his status as a top 10 player - Kafelnikov is one of the grittiest competitors in the

And he is happy to have to face Agassi, whom he has beaten four times in 10 encounters, rather than Sampras. "I like to play him, t' t's the bottom line," Kafelnil v said

after his straight sets defeat of Swede Magnus Norman in the semifinals. "None of us can dominate each other, so every time we go we have a very tough battle," he

added. "I can play with him on the baseline all day long. Kafelnikov said last week he had arrived at the tournament with no expectations after los-

ing five matches out of five at warm-up tournaments. "But I won a few matches and then I started to believe in mySea town of Sochi rather than move to Monte Carlo of Fle ida

YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV

mark him down as sometiling of an eccentric. But he has spent as much time in Melbourne trying to bring down his golf handicap as practising his tennis and was out again on Saturday as Lindsay Davenport blasted away Martina Hingis in the women's

final. "I play every day when I have no tennis. It's routine ... it's good for planning, for relaxing,"

Growing up with age



for once the world No 1 was quick to praise her opponent. With Lindsay Davenport, she said, there was no compromise. "She kills you right away, no mistakes," said the 19-year-old. whose tantrum in last year's losing French Open final to

the past, but I'm very competi-

But the main point was she has now lost four times in a row to the American and she admitted she was at a loss as to how to "I'm faster, I have a quicker

as against other players. "She's bigger and stronger. She pressured me to play close

one of the biggest ever defeats in an Australian Open final today but

Steffi Graf at Roland Garros. was one of the year's ugliest displays of bad sportsmanship. Asked if she had grown up since then, she replied: "I hope I "I know I made mistakes in

tive and I know I can do better to improve myself," she said.

game but it's not that effective

to the lines all the time. And I missed. "I have big respect for her. Losing to Lindsay isn't like

losing to someone else.

Only 24 hours ago an Aus-29 (AFP): Fierce tralian opponent accused her of pride saved Mar- being rude and ungracious after

tina Hingis from losing the doubles final. At the 1999 French Open Hingis served underarm to save a match point, marched to the other side of the net to protest a line call, banged her head against the back covers and, after her last stoke drifted over the baseline, fled from the court to the jeers of the crowd.

> ceremony at her mother's insistence and only grudgingly gave praise to Steffi Graf in her aftermatch interview. Her reputation was left in tatters and she went out in the first round of Wimbledon two weeks later to Australian Jelena Dokic, minus her mother

Melanie, who is also her coach,

She admitted she only went

back out for the presentation

whom Hingis told to stay away. Mum is back and Hingis said she had told her beforehand not to worry if she lost. "After all, I'm only 19," she said. "I made mistakes in he

She did not believe she had

played that badly, simply Dav-

enport had played so well. "Even today some of the balls I got to, and the way I played them was good, but it just wasn't good enough against Lindsay," she said.



trophy of the Australian Open in Melbourne yesterday. -AFP photo

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