

Martinez coasts at Gold Coast

GOLD COAST, Australia: Jan 2: Top-seeded Spaniard Conchita Martinez booked a quarter-final berth with a hard fought 6-4, 6-4 win over Italian Giulia Casano at the Australian Women's Hardcourt Tennis Championship here Tuesday, reports AFP.

The world no.5 five said she felt tense throughout the encounter as 22-year-old Casano pushed her repeatedly to break point.

"I was trying hard... my New Year's resolution is not to get too tense and to keep my head up all the time," she said.

Defending champion and No.3 seed Silvia Tafaja of Croatia set up a second round match with Spaniard Angeles Montillo with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Swede Asa Carlsson.

Tafaja said the win exceeded her expectations after she suffered stomach cramps in the first set.

"I have had a stomach bug three weeks ago and didn't expect much at all," she said.

In other matches, Belgian teen and eighth seed Justine Henin cruised into the second round after beating Virginie Razano of France 6-4, 6-2.

Arizona-based Meghan Shaughnessy won an all-US battle with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Sandra Cacic.

South African world No.59 Joanne Kruger ended the run of young Australian wild card Christina Wheeler 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

MacGill mystifies

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with just 46 runs for five wickets up to stumps.

MacGill immeasurably improved his chances of a place on next month's tour to India and further enhanced his stature on the turning SCG wicket, where he took career best 7-50 against England two years ago on the way to match figures of 12-107.

MacGill was dropped for Bichel in the last Test after he took a hammering from Brian Lara in the third Adelaide Test, going for 0-118 as Lara hit 182 in the first innings.

"When you are in form you've got good bowling rhythm, but for me rhythm is something that just comes with bowling, so I felt better the longer I bowled today whereas in Adelaide I was bowling in small spells," he said.

So it was with special significance that Lara was among MacGill's haul.

Lara had looked in ominous form, hitting four fours in his 35 off 73 balls, before he edged to Waugh — who clung onto the catch between two fingers.

There was a little skip in the heart beat... you like to make sure that you pick up class batsmen when you have the opportunity, and fortunately Mark was very athletic and he managed to keep the ball off the deck," said MacGill.

In contrast to their chaotic starts throughout the series, Campbell and Hinds gave the tourists the ideal start.

Vice-captain Campbell's marvellous innings came to an end when he was deceived by a leg-spinner and was caught and bowled by MacGill for 79 — more than his other eight innings scores combined in the series.

The 30-year-old Barbados right-hander was at the crease for 185 minutes, faced 162 balls and hit nine boundaries.

MacGill got some delight out of dismissing Rammresh Sarwan for his third duck of the series with what he calls a "back-spinner", a delivery which comes out from the front of his hand, trapping the hapless youngster lbw.

Marlon Samuels, who made a huge impression in his first two Tests in Adelaide and Melbourne, became MacGill's fifth wicket, for 28.

The ball hit Samuels' pad, reared up and appeared to roll off his shoulder to Justin Langer holding close in. The 19-year-old Jamaican stood his ground as Australian umpire Darrell Hair gave him out.

The wickets kept tumbling for MacGill. He had Jacobs stumped by Adam Gilchrist for 12 and next ball Nixon McLean was unlucky to be given out lbw to a leg break. Colin Stuart saw off the hat-trick ball.

Glenn McGrath, wicketless in the fourth Melbourne Test for the first time in 58 Tests, trapped Jimmy Adams lbw for 10.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the fifth and final Test between Australia and the West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Tuesday:

WEST INDIES: First innings

Campbell c & b MacGill 79
Hinds b MacGill 70
Adams lbw b McGrath 10
Lara c Ma Waugh b MacGill 35
Samuels c Langer b MacGill 28
Sarwan lbw b MacGill 0
Jacobs st Gilchrist b MacGill 12
Nagamootoo c Slater b Miller 12
McLean lbw b MacGill 0
Stuart not out 0
Walsh not out 0
Extras: (b-4, lb-4, nb-2) 10
Total: (For 9 wkt in 98 overs) 256

Fall of wickets: 1-147, 2-152, 3-174, 4-210, 5-210, 6-235, 7-240, 8-240, 9-252

Bowler O M R W
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MacGill 35 11 92 7
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AUSTRALIA: Michael Slater, Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh (captain), Ricky Ponting, Adam Gilchrist, Jason Gillespie, Colin Miller, Stuart MacGill, Glenn McGrath.

Umpires: Darrell Hair (Australia) and Rudi Koertzen (South Africa).

Asked if he thought he had

Zimbabwe zap Kiwis



TAUPO, New Zealand, Jan 2 (Reuters): Zimbabwe, primed by a third-wicket partnership of Flower and Stuart Carlisle, beat New Zealand by 70 runs in the first one-day international here today.

The touring side, who bated, bowled and fielded better than the home side, built a score of 300 for seven before rain held up play.

New Zealand's innings was reduced to 43 overs, and their target to 281, but they batted mainly in the face of tight bowling and were dismissed for 210.

Only captain Stephen Fleming shone, but his 64 was not enough.

After a rolicking start from Alastair Campbell and Trevor Madondo, Zimbabwe lost two wickets in quick succession to Carlisle and then by a direct throw from the boundary for 80.

Carlisle reached his fifth one-day half-century and carried on to 75 before he was caught by Fleming off Craig McMillan.

Flower and Carlisle fell within minutes of each other and the Zimbabweans ran out of steam until Guy Rennie (23) and Doug Marillier (24) pushed up the run rate again.

Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak (30 not out) attacked Scott Styris in the innings' final over, hitting 20 to take Zimbabwe to 300.

New Zealand's James Franklin enjoyed a fine debut, finishing with two for 28. He took a wicket with his fifth ball, ran out Rennie when he was sent back by Marillier and then had Marillier caught on the boundary by Martin.

Chris Cairns, in his first game back from a serious knee injury, bowled only three overs before retiring from the crease in some pain.

New Zealand were rarely in the chase, losing wickets too regularly to mount a serious challenge. There was a brief flurry at the end by tail-enders James Franklin (25 from 27 deliveries), a one-day debutant, and Chris Harris hit a cheeky 37.

Streak finished with two for 26, medium-pacer Guy Whittall 2-27, leg-spinner Brian Murphy 2-32 and off-spinner Doug Marillier 3-23.

The second of three one-day

Zimbabwe's Andy Flower paddle-sweeps during their first one-day international against New Zealand yesterday.

— Internet photo

NEW ZEALAND

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between Zimbabwe and New Zealand at Taupo on Tuesday:

ZIMBABWE

	O	M	R	W
Streak	6	1	26	2
Strang	6	0	37	0
Friend	8	0	62	1
Whittall	7	0	27	2
Murphy	9	0	32	2
Marillier	4	0	23	3
Result:	Zimbabwe won by 70 runs and take 1-lead in three-match series.			

(New Zealand faced revised target of 281 off 43 overs due to rain)

Total (All out in 40 overs) 210

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Martin 7 0 53 0

Styris 10 0 60 1

Franklin 5 0 28 0

Harris 5 0 41 0

Asle 10 2 39 2

McMillan 10 0 41 2

Total (For 7 wkt in 50 overs) 300

Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-48, 3-203, 4-211, 5-217, 6-262, 7-262

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Total (For 8 wkt in 50 overs) 319

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