

# Jones unhappy with time

REUTERS, Princeton

Five-times Olympic medalist Marion Jones ran a disappointing time of 11.12 seconds on Saturday in her first 100-metre race of the season, notably slower than her marks during the last few years.

"Sure I'm disappointed with the time," she said in an interview after the race at the Golden Spike Tour Open. "I would have liked to run faster than that."

Jones holds a personal best time of 10.65, which she ran in 1998 - still the fastest in nearly 13 years. The last time someone ran faster was in 1988 when Florence Griffith-Joyner set the world record at 10.49.

Despite the slow time, Jones won the race over a strong field and said she was happy overall. "I wanted to get the first 100 out of the way," she said. "I'm excited that the race went well, and now I can go home and iron out some of the kinks."

LaTasha Jenkins, who opened her season with an 11.02 last weekend, was second in a time of 11.36. Sevatheda Fynes of the Bahamas was third in 11.37.

Jones said her goal for the season was to run consistently at 10.6 and 10.7, adding that she was looking forward to competing at this year's world championships in Edmonton from August 3-12. She said she and her coach had not yet decided which events she would run at the championships.

Also at the meeting, Leonard Mucheru of Kenya set a season best in the mile with a time of three minutes, 53.64 seconds.

Pole vaulter Lawrence Jonson, who bruised his hip during a warm-up earlier in the day, took his event in 5.85 metres and narrowly missed an American record attempt at 6.04 metres, knocking down the bar with his forearms on his final leap.

Olympic gold medalist hurdler Angelo Taylor won the men's 400 metres in 1.16.8 while Cheri Kenah won the women's mile in 4:31.10. Olympic bronze medalist Melissa Morrison, who was heavily favoured to win the women's 100-metre hurdles, false-started twice and was disqualified.

# Rios arrested

AFP, Rome

Chilean tennis star Marcelo Rios, arrested by Roman police in the early hours of Thursday morning after an alleged fracas with a taxi driver and police officers, has always enjoyed a somewhat maverick reputation on the men's ATP tour.

The 25-year-old from Santiago, dubbed 'El Chino', is a regular winner of the lemon award offered by tennis journalists to the least co-operative interviewee and has been known to refuse handshakes from opponents after the match.

"Tennis bores me enormously," he once said. "Even my own."

He is also reluctant to sign autographs and one occasion reportedly snatched the pen from a boy's hand and broke it when asked to sign on.

In the Sydney Olympics he angered many in his homeland when at the last minute he refused to carry his country's flag at the Opening Ceremony when the Chilean Olympic Committee could not find extra tickets for his family.

His Davis Cup teammate Nicolas Pietrangeli stood in at the last minute.

But even his detractors would not dispute that Rios has a huge talent. In 1998 he made history when he became the first Latin American to top the world rankings when he beat Andre Agassi at Key Biscayne although he only stayed at the summit for six weeks.

# Key hundred

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But clearly needs to work on his run-up.

Though engineering the tourists' two early breakthroughs, he sent down no less than 14 no balls in his 14 overs, two thirds of the bonus runs and deliveries handed to Kent.

# SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the first day of a three-day tour match between Kent and Pakistan on Saturday:

KENT: First innings	3			
Fulton c Elahi b Sami				
Key c Inzamam b Wasim	119			
Smith b Sami	0			
Walker b Saqlain	98			
Hockley c Latif b Saqlain	0			
Nixon not out	42			
Golding not out	21			
Extras: (lb-4, w-4, nb-22)	30			
Total: (5 wickets declared, 85 overs)	313			
Did not bat: MJ McCague, MM Patel, A Khan, BJ Trott.				
Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-9; 3-216; 4-217; 5-250				
Bowling: O M R W				
Wasim	18	5	34	1
Sami	14	0	74	2
Razaq	14	2	59	0
Mshtraq	18	1	74	0
Saqlain	21	2	68	2
Pakistan: First innings 41/0				
To bat: Abdur Razaq, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Faisal Iqbal, Wasim Akram, Rashid Latif, Saqlain Mshtraq, Mshtraq Ahmed, Mohammed Sami.				

# Caddick fired up

Cricket

AFP, London

England paceman Andrew Caddick warmed up for the first Test with Pakistan next week taking 10 wickets in Somerset's convincing 161-run win over Yorkshire in their County Championship clash at Headingley on Saturday.

The New Zealand-born speedster got the all-important wicket of Australian Darren Lehmann (77) to dash Yorkshire hopes as he took five wickets to add to his five in the first.

While the hugely-talented Aussie left-hander remained at the crease, the home side could not be entirely discounted.

Caddick's pace partner Steffan Jones also shone with four for 91 on the final day of this Division One match helped bowl the Yorkshiremen out for 192 shortly before lunch despite some late resistance from Gary Fellows in a vain pursuit of 354 to win.

On a good day for Kiwis past and present New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming inspired Middlesex to a five-wicket victory against Division Two rivals Gloucestershire at Bristol.

Fleming remained undefeated on 121 as Middlesex reached their second-innings target aided by both Owais Shah (57) and South African Ben Hutton (59).

Openers Andrew Strauss (seven) and Mike Roseberry (10) both went with the score on 22, but when Kiwi Fleming teamed up first with Shah and then Hutton, Middlesex were well on their way, finally reaching 293 for five to take 16 points.

Gloucestershire's Australian all-rounder Ian Harvey did all he could to prevent the inevitable once Fleming and Hutton - who put on 129 for the fourth wicket - put Middlesex in the driving seat, but his haul of four for 83 came to nothing.

Irishman Mal Loye hit his first County Championship century for two years as Northamptonshire comfortably saved their high-scoring Division One contest with champions Surrey at Wantage Road.

The 28-year-old, who has struggled for consistency since enjoying a prolific season in 1998, stifled the visitors' faint hopes of forcing a victory with an unbeaten 167 which steered Northants to 304 for one at the close.

James Kirtley and Jason Lewry both claimed four wickets to send Sussex to their first victory of the season in Division Two.

Nottinghamshire, set a target of 371 in 80 overs on an excellent batting wicket, were dismissed for a disappointing 208 shortly after tea to go down by 163 runs.

The experienced Paul Johnson, with a defiant unbeaten 88, was

the only Notts batsman to sparkle, although he was let off the hook when dropped on 26.

Notts fought a desperate rear-guard action after losing their first six wickets for only 67, Johnson later put on 52 for the last wicket with Greg Smith (20) before Sussex's inevitable win.

# SCORES IN BRIEFS

English cricket scores on Saturday:

Somerset (17pts) bt Yorkshire (4pts) by 161 runs	Middlesex (16pts) bt Gloucestershire (1pts) by 161 runs
Division Two	
Gloucestershire 272 (K Barnett 99) and 265-4 dec (M Windows 106 no) v Middlesex 245 (S Fleming 52, D Nash 50 no, I Harvey 4-96) and 293-5 (S Fleming 121 no, B Hutton 59, O Shah 57, I Harvey 4-83)	
Middlesex (16pts) bt Gloucestershire (1pts) by 161 runs	

Middlesex's New Zealand star batsman Stephen Fleming executes a flowing drive during hundred against Gloucestershire on Saturday.

Division One	Division Two
At Northampton	At Hove
Northamptonshire 476 (A Swann 96, J Cook 80, A Penberthy 75, M Hussey 75, I Salisbury 4-130) and 304-1 (M Loye 167 no, M Hussey 67, J Cook 52 no) v Surrey 607 (G Thorpe 148, A Brown 122, I Ward 79, M Bicknell 56, A Hollis 50, A Penberthy 4-66)	Sussex (19pts) bt Nottinghamshire (5pts) by 162 runs
Northamptonshire (11pts) drew with Surrey (11pts) at Headingley	At Edgbaston
Somerset 257 (M Lathwell 65) and 327-8 dec (P Holloway 85, J Cox 80, M Burns 50, M Vaughan 4-47) v Yorkshire 231 (M Vaughan 79, G Fellows 63, A Caddick 5-81) and 192 (D Lehmann 77, A Caddick 5-92, P Jones 4-91)	Durham 329 (P Collingwood 153, A Pratt 52, A Richardson 4-61, V Drakes 4-83) and 102 (M Betts 5-22) v Warwickshire 205 (I Hunter 4-55) and 227-3 (M Wagh 104)
	Warwickshire (16pts) bt Durham (6pts) by 7 wks

# SA manager was tipped off

Cricket

REUTERS, Port-of-Spain

South Africa team manager Goolam Raja was tipped off that some of his players had smoked marijuana during the tour of the West Indies, United Cricket Board managing director Gerald Majola told Reuters on Sunday.

Five players - Herschelle Gibbs, Paul Adams, Justin Kemp, Roger Telemachus and Andre Nel - plus physiotherapist Craig Smith were fined by the UCB after they confessed to Raja.

They told him they had used the drug in the privacy of a single room at the team hotel after the series-clinching fourth Test in Antigua on April 10.

"Goolam has a background in pharmacy and he could see their eyes were a bit glazed when he saw them later that night," said Majola.

The following morning he called a team meeting and said that he had reason to believe that some players had smoked some daga (marijuana). All six went to him after the meeting and confessed straight away.

Hotel manager Ted Isaac said no member of his staff or other guest had lodged any complaint, officially or unofficially, leading to

media speculation in South Africa that one of the squad may have tipped off Raja.

"Goolam telephoned me in South Africa that morning and we discussed the right way to handle it," said Majola.

"It was agreed that the tour misconduct committee would meet and handle the position until I arrived for my scheduled visit during the fifth test in Jamaica.

The committee comprises Raja, coaches Graham Ford and Corrie van Zyl, captain Shaun Pollock and vice-captain Mark Boucher.

Majola added: "Once I arrived I was going to read Goolam's report, compile my own report after speaking to those concerned and then submit both reports to the executive committee who would then decide whether further action was appropriate and whether the matter would remain in-house or be made public."

The internal committee suggested a fine of 10,000 rand (\$1,255) which was ratified by Majola and UCB president Percy Sonn, though "Percy thought it was a bit lenient," Majola said.

Majola's arrival in the West Indies was delayed by his attendance at the memorial service for the victims of the Ellis Park soccer tragedy.

But the planned course of

events changed dramatically when UCB communications manager Bronwyn Wilkinson was informed that a South African national Sunday newspaper planned to run a story on the marijuana incident that contained factual errors.

"They were going to write that three coloured players were caught smoking daga and were going to be sent home in disgrace until the sports minister, Ngconde Balfour, intervened. That is just not true," Majola said.

"We were forced to make public everything we knew because someone told the newspaper a part of the story with a lot of exaggeration and some things that were just plain wrong."

Majola indicated his personal preference was for closure on the matter.

"I hope nobody would condone what they did but they have been caught, sentenced and punished," Majola said. "They owned up, took responsibility for their actions and apologised."

"Personally I think the fine is pretty substantial. It's a lot to pay for a puff."

What they did was silly and a consequence of the celebrations after winning a hard test series. I believe they have paid for their mistake."



Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Harun-Ar-Rashid poses with the participants of the Independence Day golf tournament which concluded at the Savar Golf Club on Saturday.

# Indian cricket camp on

AP, Bangalore

The buzz word for coach John Wright will be 'fitness' as 26 Indian probables assemble at the Chinnaswamy Stadium here Sunday for a week-long camp ahead of the hectic 51 day Zimbabwe tour.

The Zimbabwe tour coming immediately after taming the awesome Aussies in the home series, the Indians have a serious tour ahead and not to leave anything undone, Wright and team physio Andrew Leipetz landed in the city four days before the camp to ensure everything was in order.

Wright said India could not take Zimbabwe lightly. "Zimbabwe is a good playing side on home conditions. But the team will have to play well to win", he added.

Admitting with the coach, skipper Sourav Ganguly had also made it amply clear that the Indian players should improve a lot in their fitness and also increase to a great level their fielding prowess. Fielding is one segment in which India needs greater improvement and rightly the camp beginning here tomorrow would concentrate more on fitness and goading the tour probables with the technical aspects of fielding.

The other departments of the game would also be looked into, Wright said on the eve of the camp. Benchmarks would be set up for each player and their performance would be carefully watched, he added.

The players would be put on a fitness test on day one of the camp to ensure whether they had followed the workouts given to them for the off season, the coach had set.

Wright said the aim would also be to increase the level of endurance.

The Indian team would be selected on May 17. India will play a two test series against Zimbabwe and later participate in a triangular series in which West Indies is the third team. Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Secretary Jaywant Lele had indicated that some changes would be made for the triangular series.

Following are the probables: Sourav Ganguly (captain), Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, VVS Lakshman, Hemang Badani, Sadagopan Ramesh, Shiv Sudani, Mohammad Kaif, Yuvraj Singh, Virendra Sehawg, Dinesh Mongia, Samir Dighhe, Ajay Ratna, Deep D Gupta, Javagal Srinath, Ajit Agarkar, Zaheer Khan, Harvinder Singh, Ashish Nehra, Debasish Mohanty, Rakesh Patel, Reetinder Singh Sodhi, Harbajan Singh, Rahul Sanghvi and Rairaj Bahutule.

# Trinidad takes WBA crown

AP, New York

Felix Trinidad Jr. put on a sensational show before a roaring Madison Square Garden crowd, stopping William Joppy in the fifth round early Sunday to take the WBA middleweight title.

Trinidad, becoming a champion in a third weight division, just had too much power for Joppy, knocking him down in the first, fourth and fifth rounds as the pro-Trinidad crowd cheered itself hoarse.

The third knockdown came in the final minute of the fifth round when Trinidad landed a right. Joppy went down, came up almost immediately, and stumbled into the ring post. As he went along the ropes, referee Arthur Mercante Jr. stopped the fight at 2:25.

It was truly a stunning performance by the 28-year-old Puerto Rican, unbeaten in 40 fights with 33 knockouts.

The victory will put Trinidad into a fight for the undisputed middleweight title in the Garden on Sept. 15 against Bernard Hopkins, who retained the IBF title and won the WBC championship by outpointing Keith Holmes on April 14.

Trinidad became the first former welterweight to win a middleweight title since Roberto Duran in 1989. Trinidad also won the IBF and WBA 154-pound (69-kilo) titles, which he now will relinquish.

The 30-over-old Joppy, a 3-1 underdog, opened the fight by jolting Trinidad with a right hand with just 15 seconds gone. But with 12 seconds left, Trinidad knocked Joppy down for a fourth count with a right-left-right to the head.

The right hand was Trinidad's big weapon throughout. Joppy simply could not get out of the way of it.

Joppy, who weight 158 pounds (71.67 kilos), a half-pound less than Trinidad, got through the second round and appeared to have the best of the third when he landed several good right-lefts to the head.

Then, with 56 seconds gone in the fourth round, Trinidad landed a jarring right uppercut and moments later, he landed a right and left hook that sent Joppy sprawling to the canvas. Joppy got up quickly and by holding, running and ducking managed to finish the round.

# Hingis goes down

## Mauresmo, Capriati in final

Tennis

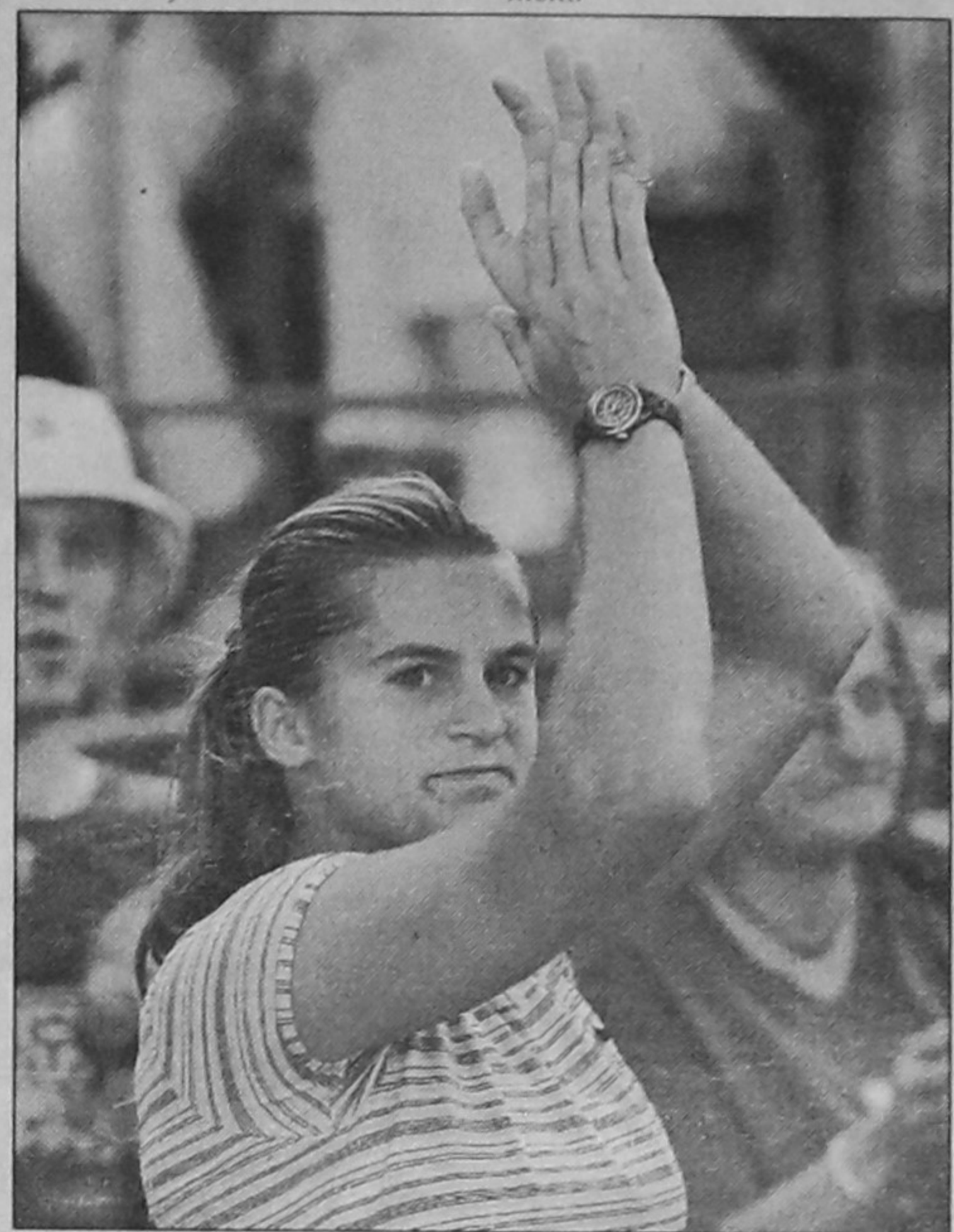
AFP, Berlin

French fourth seed Amelie Mauresmo dumped world number one and top seed Martina Hingis 3-6, 6-0, 6-4 to book a meeting with US third seed Jennifer Capriati in the final of the 1.2 million-dollar German Open.

The 21-year-old 1999 Australia

on coming until her victim netted forlornly on match point having only held serve once throughout the set.

Despite her second set aberration - Hingis said she wished she had dug in even at 3-0 down to try to tire her opponent - it seemed she would still bounce back but with two points for a 2-0 lead on serve she failed to seize the moment.



French Amelie Mauresmo acknowledges the applause from the crowd after winning the German Open semifinal clash against Swiss Martina Hingis in Berlin on Saturday.

lian Open finalist recovered from losing the opening set in half an hour by romping through the second in just 28min and showed the greater hunger to recover from an early Hingis break in the deciding to win in 1hr 35min.

Hingis lost her way after that break for 1-0, letting slip four successive games and although she broke back Mauresmo's incessant crunching backhand returns kept

The Swiss miss, with 38 Tour titles to her name, has now not tasted glory in five straight events but said her target was still the French Open and she was not unduly concerned about her loss to a player she had soundly beaten at Charleston before coming here.

"Last time it was my turn - this time it's hers. I don't see it as a setback. It happens and life goes on."

# Kuerten-Ferrero showdown

Tennis

AFP, Rome

Brazilian top seed Gustavo Kuerten and Spain's eighth-ranked Juan Carlos Ferrero will contest the final of the 2.45-million-dollar Tennis Masters Series tournament here Sunday.

Kuerten on Saturday brushed aside the semifinal challenge of surprise package Andreas Vinciguerra of Sweden 6-2, 6-4 to set up a confrontation with Ferrero who had earlier seen off Ecuador's Nicolas Lapentti 6-3, 6-3.

Kuerten, dubbed 'Guga', said: "He (Ferrero) is the one playing the best tennis after winning all the matches he has been winning. So I am looking forward to having a very nice match tomorrow. I'm sure it's going to be great tennis for this final."

It is a rematch of last year's French Open semifinal won by Kuerten en route to his second Roland Garros crown and the 24-year-old from Florianopolis continued: "I think it was the toughest match I had there."

"I knew sooner or later I would have to face him again so let's see tomorrow."

The 21-year-old Ferrero, nicknamed the 'Mosquito', had prevailed in a one-sided semi-final between two clay court specialists at the Foro Italico.

The Spaniard who burst on to the scene last year by reaching the French Open semi-finals and leading Spain to Davis Cup glory over Australia, always had the edge over Lapentti and soon silenced the large female following of the player from Ecuador by winning the first set.

Ferrero, who has won three times on the ATP tour this season at Dubai, Estoril and Barcelona, was equally competitive in the second set and deserved his triumph.

"I have had the best of preparations," said Ferrero who practised Saturday morning with Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov before his match with Lapentti.

"I am very happy especially when you consider that he (Lapentti) is one of the best clay court players."

With an eye on the forthcoming French Open, which is also played on clay, Ferrero said: "Having played so well at Rome gives me great satisfaction even if I end up playing badly in Paris because Rome and the Tennis Masters Series are very important too."

"I will have to work on my fitness levels because in Paris the matches are best of five sets."

In the final though he will find Kuerten in imposing form as he was no less convincing when he ended the fine run of Vinciguerra, who has been adopted by the Italian crowd because he is the Malmö-born son of a Swedish teacher and a Sicilian pizza maker.

The 20-year-old left-hander had no answer for the range of shots of 'Guga' who after his performances this week will narrow the gap on year 2001 ATP Champions Race leader Andre Agassi, eliminated here by Spanish journeyman Alex Calatrava in the first round.

Kuerten, who missed the recent ATP event in Barcelona through injury, was given a stern examination by Croatian qualifier Ivan Ljubicic in his first round match but has been ruthless with his subsequent opponents.

Asked how he fancied a crack at the French Open champion and year 2000 ATP Champions Race winner, Ferrero said: "It will be very difficult. He (Kuerten) is a very good player on clay courts."

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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