

# After five weeks it's Seles again

OAKLAND, Calif., Nov 6: Top-seeded Monica Seles, playing her first match in five weeks, turned back Stephanie Rehe of the United States, 6-4, 6-1 on Thursday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the Bank of the West Classic, reports AP.

## Twisted ankle causes Wiranata's fall

HONG KONG, Nov 6: The world's top-ranked player, Ardy Wiranata of Indonesia, lost in the quarterfinals of the US \$100,000 Hong Kong Lipton Badminton Championships on Friday when he injured his ankle, reports AP.

Top-seed Wiranata, who won the first set 15-12 against defending champion Liu Jun of China, twisted his ankle while leading 14-13 in the second set, which Liu won 18-14.

Liu, the All-England champion, won the match after winning the third set 15-2. Indonesian Heryanto Arbie meets Liu in the semifinals on Saturday. The Indonesian beat South Korean Ahn Jae Chang 15-5, 15-9 in the quarterfinals.

Wiranata offered no excuses for his defeat although he was obviously in pain after the match and needed treatment for his swollen ankle.

"Liu Jun played well. He was too good for me," the Indonesian said.

Earlier, Wiranata's compatriot Allan Budi Kusuma, the Olympic champion and second-seed, was upset 10-15, 18-17, 15-5 by South Korean Lee Kwan Jin in a second round match.

Lee advanced to the semifinals with a 15-7, 15-9 victory over Hong Kong's Chan King Ngai.

Pam Shriver also gained a quarterfinal berth by upsetting No 8 seed Zina Garrison of the United States.

Shriver came from behind during a two-hour, 15-minute match to win 2-6, 6-4, 7-5. The victory broke the 7-7 career record between the two.

Rehe, ranked 64th, tried to capitalise on Seles' rustiness but was foiled by a twisted ankle and Seles' determination.

Seles raced to a 4-1 lead in the first set, but Rehe, matching Seles' blistering power

for a minor sprain. She resumed play with her right ankle wrapped, but dropped her serve and then the set.

"The sprain inhibited my movement," Rehe said.

Although Seles served eight aces and got 75 per cent of her first serves in, she wasn't particularly happy with her play.

"I didn't feel comfortable. I'll have to play better," said Seles.

In other matches, Natalia Zvereva of Belarus defeated her former Soviet doubles partner, Lella Meshki of Georgia, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-5), in a three-hour, six-minute match.

"I'm proud of myself," said the 26th-ranked Zvereva. "I didn't quit. I thought of it because of an injury I got (Wednesday). It's a stiff hamstring on the side of my left knee, inflamed, very tender. I thought it was a major injury, but it gets better with ice."

Also moving into the quarterfinals was 48th-ranked Patty Fendick of Sacramento, who beat the Netherlands' No 1 player, Brenda Schultz, 6-4, 6-4.

Zvereva has a mathematical chance of making the 16-player year-end Virginia Slims Championships, scheduled Nov 16-22, if she can beat No 2 seed Martina Navratilova, a four-time winner of the Oakland tournament.

Earlier this year, Zvereva beat Navratilova in straight sets in a tournament at Hilton Head, SC.

"Every time I have beaten her, it has been on the clay," Zvereva said.

The Oakland tournament is played on a rubberised carpet surface, which aids a serve and volley game such as Navratilova's.

from the baseline and volleying effectively, rallied to tie it at 4-4.

"Then I went wide for a shot and kind of tripped on the court," Rehe said. "The Supreme Court (the court surface name) is very tough on the body. But it's one of my better surfaces to play on."

Rehe lost the next game and was treated at courtside

adjusting his clothing and had to pull his shorts up after they slipped a little on his first serve.

The striptease distraction proved "no help to Krajkcek who was unable to break the tall Croat's booming serve in the entire match.

IVANISEVIC OUT-ACED But the Dutchman, who packs a mighty serve of his own, did have the rare satisfaction of serving more aces in a match than Ivanisevic — 13-8.

The crowd may not have understood exactly what was going on with Ivanisevic's hit-and-run game but they voiced their appreciation anyway of a player who has become a firm favourite in Paris.

"The French crowd was great," he said. "It feels great to know they are with you. I don't know why they like me but it means you are like two against one against the other player."

Ivanisevic meets unseeded David Wheaton in the quarterfinals. The American, who beat 14th seed Alexander Volkov of Russia 7-5, 6-4, lost to Ivanisevic last week in Stockholm where the on-form Croat took the title.

Earlier, top seed Jim Courier and third seed Stefan Edberg, duelling for the honour of finishing the year as world number one, both advanced to the last eight.

American Courier beat former Wimbledon champion Michael Stich of Germany 7-6, 6-1 and Edberg defeated American Derrick Rostagno 7-6, 7-6.

Defending champion Guy Forget, seeded 11, moved on to a quarterfinal meeting with Edberg when he beat fellow-Frenchman Arnaud Boetsch 6-2, 6-4.

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