ternet): Arsenal's French midfielder Patrick Vieira has been charged with misconduct by English soccer chiefs after an alleged clash in the players' tunnel following a stormy premier league match at

 Sheffield Wednesday. The decision was announced by English Football Association (F.A.) spokesman Steve Double on Wednesday.

During the game last month Vieira was involved in the incident, which led to Wednesday's Italian Paolo di Canio being sent off.

Di Canio was later charged with misconduct for pushing the referee to the ground in one of the most spectacular sending-offs in English soccer his-

The problems began when Vieira angrily pushed Wim Jonk to the ground after the Dutchman pulled the Arsenal player's shirt, prompting di Canio to rush towards the Frenchman.

Arsenal's Martin Keown then appeared to catch di Canio in the face with his arm as he tried to prevent the Italian getting to Vieira. Keown was also sent off.

After studying videos of the incident, the F.A.'s disciplinary commission said on Wednesday that it did not plan to take any further action against Keown. "They (the commission) were

not convinced Martin Keown had acted deliberately," the F.A. said. "The sending off will stand, but the commission has decided that no further punishment will be appropriate."

Ronaldo not yet ready to return

MILAN, Italy, Oct (AFP): Injured Brazilian star Ronaldo is still doubtful to be back for Inter Milan's next league game against Lazio on October 18, the player said one Tuesday.

Ronaldo, who is suffering from knee tendon trouble, has only played one league match this season against Piacenza when he scored from a penalty. But he said on Tuesday: "It's

getting better, but there's no point pushing it." The official club doctor Piero Volpi confirmed Ronaldo's comments, saying: "He will try to run today but with a bandage on his knee but we do not

want to push things too far for

McManaman may leave Liverpool

him to play at any cost."

LONDON, Oct 7: England midfielder Steve McManaman may leave Liverpool should the English Premiership side fail to agree terms on a new contract with the player by January, reports AFP.

Although the 26-year-old's contract expires next June. FIFA rules allow him to sign a pre-contract for any club he chooses from the first day of the new year.

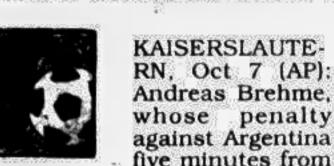
And this would open the door for Real Madrid who have already made McManaman aware that he is one of their most prized targets.

The Liverpool player indicated his willingness to experiment with Spain's star-studded Primera Division last season when he flew to Barcelona for talks.

McManaman has often spoken about his commitment to the club, but the test is now whether he believes that the emergence of Owen and the return of Robbie Fowler, plus the club's new managerial partnership of Gerard Houillier and Roy Evans is enough for him to commit his long-term future at Anfield.

Vieira charged Brehme hangs up his boots

The match before 36,825



retirement Tuesday in a star-

studded game.

Andreas Brehme, whose penalty against Argentina five minutes from time gave Germany the 1990 World Cup title, celebrated his

BYE BYE BREHME: Former German international

defender Andreas Brehme saying goodbye to the 36,000

odd fans present at the Betzenberg Stadium in

Kaiserslautern on October 6.

and field, has turned to racing

son's agent, confirmed Tuesday

that the 36-year-old sprinter

will participate in a bizarre

exhibition race Oct. 15 in

Charlottetown, Prince Edward

Johnson, who had the

Olympic gold medal and 100-

meter world record stripped af-

ter testing positive for drugs at

the 1988 Games, will run

against a standardbred pacer, a

thoroughbred and a stock car in

an event organized by the At-

go to the Charlottetown chapter

of the Children's Wish Founda-

tion, which organises trips and

celebrity visits for terminally

Randall said the idea for the

spectacle came from his organi-

sation, which holds a fundrai-

most unique event we've ever

had," he said, adding it will be a

horses are running to win and I

know the driver always drives

to win," he said. "It will be a lot

of fun but what's important is

we're going to be able to raise

Johnson hasn't competed

since receiving a lifetime sus-

pension from the International

Amateur Athletic Federation in

1993 after a second positive

drug test. His most recent ap-

peal of the ban was denied last

month in an Ontario court.

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"I'd say it's probably the

"Ben is running to win, the

ser each year for the charity.

Lottery spokesman Mike

Proceeds from the race will

lantic Lottery Corporation.

Morris Chrobotek, John-

against horses and cars.

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TORONTO, Oct 7

(AP): Ben John-

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- AP/UNB photo

Johnson's unique race

Johnson has continued to

train and Chrobotek contends

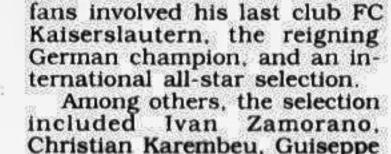
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the world's best sprinters. But

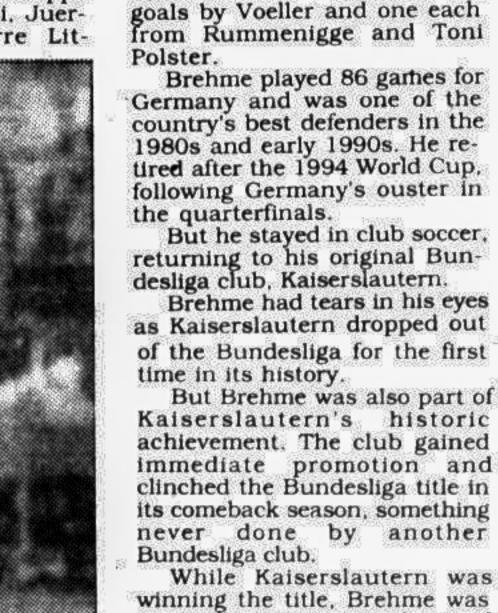
the charity race promises to be

a strange event, one that even

Chrobotek can't resist joking



Franz Beckenbauer as coach, and clinched a 4-4 draw on two Christian Karembeu, Guiseppe Bergomi, Franco Baresi, Juergen Klinsmann, Pierre Lit-



himself.

While Kaiserslautern was winning the title. Brehme was gradually being phased out of the team by coach Otto Rehhagel and retired at the end of the season.

tbarski, Nicola Berti, Karl-

Heinz Rummenigge, Rudi

Voeller, Toni Schumacher,

Thomas Haessler and Brehme

The all-star selection had

He also played for Bayern Munich, Inter Milan and Real Zaragoza, and later said his years in Italy were the most important for his career.

By a strange coincidence. Brehme's first international in 1984 — was against the same team as his last official game. the 2-1 quarterfinal loss to Bulgaria at the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

Brehme will be remembered in Germany for his cool poise when he took the penalty kick against Argentina at Rome's Olympic stadium in the 1990 World Cup final, driving a low shot inside the right post when no other German dared to take

Johnson wasn't available

"He's hiding out in training,"

Details of the race will be

announced at a news conference

Thursday, but Randall said the

four participants will cover dis-

tances ranging from 80 to 300

Chrobotek said. "He wants to

show you how slow horses are."

for comment.

PARIS, Oct 7 (Reuters/ Internet): France's Mary Pierce. who was kicked out of France's Fed Cup team this year after a row with Yannick Noah, will not reconsider her position next season despite Noah's recent resignation as captain.

Pierce, the world's number 11, said she had decided to shun the Fed Cup again next season to concentrate on her own

"I discussed it with Nathalie Tauziat and the other players and I told them I would not play next season," she was quoted as saying by French daily l'Equipe.

"It is not a revenge for what happened last year but I want to improve my ranking, and given the way it is calculated now, you have to play a lot of tournaments," she added.

Pierce made the comments after beating South African Amanda Coetzer in straight sets in Filderstadt on Monday.

Noah confirmed last month that he was resigning as France's Davis Cup and Fed Cup non-playing captain. He is likely to be replaced by another former player. Guy Forget.

"I do not have to make a choice but I like Guy. He's nice and I believe he can do well." Pierce said. Pierce was part of the France team, under Noah. who won the 1997 Fed Cup. beating the Netherlands 4-1 in

S Korea invited to Champs' Trophy

BRUSSELS, Oct 7: South Korea have been invited to play in the men's Champions' Trophy in place of England, field hockey's world governing body FIH announced here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

South Korea are expected to confirm by the end of the week whether they will participate in the tournament, which is to be held in Pakistan later this

South Korea qualify for the October 31 to November 8 tournament as the next highest ranked team after England in this year's World Cup.

England, who won the bronze medal at last month's Commonwealth Games, pulled out on Monday after government advice discouraging nonessential visits to the region.

Charbonnier shows his disgust

CLAIREFONTAINE, France, Oct 7: French goalkeeper Lionel Charbonnier on Tuesday stormed out of the French squad's training camp, apparently unhappy about not being the first choice for an upcoming European Championship qualifier, reports AP.

Charbonnier, who plays for the Glasgow Rangers, had hoped he would play against Russia on October 10 after Fabien Barthez pulled out of the squad this week with an injury.

But new coach Roger Lemerre instead called up experienced Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper Bernard Lama, with Charbonnier on the bench.

"The competition here wasn't to his liking," Lemerre told reporters at the camp outside Paris. "He came to my room this morning to tell me the news." Charbonnier was seen speed-

ing out of the training camp in his gray Mercedes. Lemerre immediately called up Metz goalkeeper Lionel Letizi

as cover. He declined to say whether Charbonnier would be fined. Four days after playing Rus-

sia, France are to play Andorra. In their first European Championship qualifier last month, France drew 1-1 away to Ice-

Lemerre, formerly the French team's number two, took over from Aime Jacquet. who quit after guiding France to victory in the World Cup in

No change in Ger-Tur match schedule

CÓLOGNE, Germany, Oct 7: Germany's Euro 2000 qualifier against Turkey this Saturday will not be affected by the tense stand-off between the Turks and neighbours Syria, reports

AFP. The German squad gathered outside Frankfurt on Tuesday and will fly to Istanbul on Thursday where they will then be taken by charter ferry and

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"We are in contact with the German embassy. We never considered cancelling," German Football Federation (GFF) di-

The bus and ferry option was chosen rather than flying directly to Bursa to offer the en-

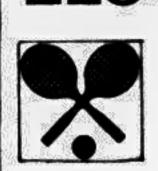
eye on what's happening but the Syrian border is 1,000 kilometres away from what's happening but the Syrian border is 1,000 kilometres away from

Turkey and Syria are at odds over water sharing and because of Ankara's increasing military ties with Israel.

real match since being eliminated in the World Cup quarterfinals by Croatia. It is also Erich Ribbeck's de-

but in charge since taking over from Berti Vogts. The 22-man German squad will move straight from Istanbul to Moldova for a second European Championships tie on Tuesday (August 14th).

Pierce sticks to her guns Kournikova scrapes thru' FILDERSTADT.



nine games and served three double faults in the seventh Germany, Oct 7: game of the second set to go 3-4 Anna Kouranikova needed ma-At that stage the world numximum effort and

suddenly helped by an opponent world number 29 Barbara who found it difficult to handle Schett in the Porsche Grand the prospect of winning. Prix tournament here on Schett produced her poorest Tuesday, reports Reuters. The 18-year-old Russian

a lot of luck to su-

rvive a first round test from

somehow beat the Austrian 1-6,

6-4 7-6 after serving erratically.

lacking concentration and

making a dreadful start.

game to drop serve for 4-4, and then lost the second set on a double fault. The third set saw

ber 13 looked too out of sorts to

pull the match round but was

Kournikova finally summon some passion for the contest to move 3-1 ahead before striking



Russian Anna Kournikova playing a backhand against Barbara Schett of Austria during their Porsche Grand Prix encounter at Filderstadt, Germany on October 6.

- AFP photo

another uncertain patch

Once she delivered a serve which hit the floor before the net, and double faults in both the fifth and seventh games contributed to breaks and a 3-5

deficit. It was at this crucial stage that Kournikova played her best tennis taking 11 points in a row, and recovering from a 1-3 deficit in the tiebreak with

some rousing forehand drives. At least I played the important points well. That was the way I should have played before," she said. "When I was behind I relaxed and then I hit the

ball better." Kournikova said that her game was not at its best even though Filderstadt is her fifth tournament since the eightweek absence cause by her thumb injury at Eastbourne in June.

The Williams sisters also had three-set escapes.

Venus, winner of the 800,000 dollars Grand Slam Cup prize in Munich on Sunday, nearly had to make do with a 2,600 dollar first round loser's cheque.

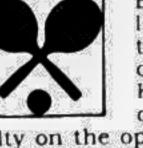
She went within one point of going a break of serve down in the final set before recovering to win 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 against a persistent Italian world number 24, Silvia Farina.

Serena needed almost two hours to eliminate an improving world number 64 Kveta Hrdlickova of the Czech Repub-

lic 7-6, 3-6, 6-0. "Our mum said I missed to

many opportunities in the second set but didn't criticise Serena," said Venus.

Kiefer knocks Korda out



BASLE, Switzerland. Oct 7: Australian champion Petr Korda was the only seeded casu

alty on the opening day of the Swiss indoor tennis championship on Tuesday when he fell in straight sets to Germany's Nicolas Kiefer, reports Reuters. Kiefer, a first-round loser in

Toulouse last week, never looked in danger against the third-seeded Czech, brushing him aside 6-2, 6-4. He will next play American Jeff Tarango. who beat Frenchman Nicolas Escude 6-3, 6-3.

"It's very satisfying to win against the world number five," said Kiefer, ranked 32. "It's likely due to my last three weeks of training which were very intense.

"I have a 100 per cent record against Petr and I've had very tight matches against the other top 10 players here, including Andre and Yevgeny

Korda has won just one match in his last three tournaments, and looks set to lose his bid for a place in next month's season-ending ATP Tour World Championship in Hanover, which brings together the world's top eight players.

Korda entered the one million dollar tournament trailing Tim Henman by 11 points in the fight for the eighth and final spot in Hanover. But the sixth-seeded Briton

solidified his position with a first-round win, recovering from a sluggish start to beat Australia's Jason Stoltenberg 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Fourth seed Agassi, who lost

to Marcelo Rios in the final of the Grand Slam Cup on Sunday, booked his place in the second round with a straight forward 6-3, 6-2 win over Roger Federer, the latest Swiss prodigy.

"I did what I needed to do, said Agassi, chasing his fifth title of the season. "But I didn't have to do too much. "I got in control of the match

and stayed in control." Coming off back-back gruelling five-setters in Munich. Agassi needed just 55 minutes

to dispose of the promising 17-

vear-old. Federer has dominated the junior game this season, winning the Wimbledon junior title and reaching the final at US

Federer exploded on to the professional scene last week in Toulouse, when he beat top-50 players Guillaume Raoux and Richard Fromberg in just his second senior tournament, his world ranking jumping from 878 to 396.

Born in Basle, Federer was noticeably nervous in front of a boisterous, near sellout, hometown crowd, allowing the 27-

year-old American to claim his opening serve.

But the hard-hitting Swiss quickly settled down and refused to be trampled by the world number eight, breaking Agassi's opening serve of the second set and bringing the crowd to their feet.

"I was very impressed with him," said Agassi, who last played in the Swiss tournament when he was 17. "He hits well, moves well, has good presence on the court — I like that combination.

"He missed some shots my opponents don't usually miss but I attribute that more to him being 17 than being nervous."

Veteran Swiss Marc Rosset, a first-round loser the last three years, gave himself and the home fans something to cheer about when he finally made it through to the second round with a 7-6, 4-6, 7-6 win over Germany's Tommy Haas.

Fifth seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia defeated Sweden's Magnus Norman 7-5, 6-3. The world's two top-ranked

players, number one Pete Sampras and number two Patrick Rafter, return to action today for the first time since the US

Sampras will open his account against South Africa's Wayne Ferreira while Rafter, the US Open champion, takes on the Czech Republic's Daniel

The French national football squad warming up on October 6 at Clairefontaine ahead of

Saturday's European Championship qualifier against Russia. — AFP photo

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When South showed 7-9 HCP in response to North's take-out double and rebid Hearts after North's cue bid of Diamonds, North reluctantly settled for 6 Hearts. He was hoping that partner would take some initiative so that a contract for Grand Slam was reached. For this, partner needed 5 card Hearts with A Q. He was confident that West, for his opening bid, was holding the King of Spades which was finessable. However, 6 Hearts were a good contract, particularly, as the opponent opened the bidding.

THE PLAY

Predictably West opened the King of Diamonds which was won with the Ace in the dummy. The declarer then played the Ace and Queen of Spades slapping the losing Diamond from the closed hand. Next he played a small Heart from the dummy. West won the 9 of Hearts with the Ace and played the Queen of Diamonds which was ruffed in the closed hand. Ultimately, the declarer made 6 Spade, 3 Heart, the Ace of Diamonds and two Diamonds ruff for 12 tricks.

Kremlin Cup at stake

test the horses.

MOSCOW, Oct 7 (Reuters/Internet) Five of the world's top 10 women tennis players are due in Moscow for the Kremlin Cup this month but Russia's

financial problems mean the court may not be ready. The indoor surface is beingshipped to Moscow this week. But organisers of the country's top tennis event said on Wednesday that they could not

BEN JOHNSON

"I want the Canadian Centre

for Ethics in Sport to test the

horses," he said Tuesday. "We

ask that he (centre director

Victor Lachance) personally go

out and take the urine from

them, I want him personally to

gine of the car to see if they're

putting any special gasoline in

"I want them to test the en-

afford the import duties. They are hoping customs officials will turn a blind eye. "I'nı hoping the customs people will understand our situation," general director Yakov Shakhtin told Reuters. "We simply don't have the

money to pay the duties." Corners have been cut elsewhere in both the women's event, which starts on October 19, and the men's, beginning on November 9, to keep the eightyear-old tournaments affoat in the midst of Russia's worst eco-

nomic crisis since communism.

"The main thing for us right now is that the Kremlin Cup should go on." Shakhtin said. "Fortunately, the cuts will not affect the competition side, nor the players. But costs in other areas must be trimmed dramatically or cut altogether

Prize money, which has lifted both men's and women's events into the top echelon in recent years, remain unchanged at \$950,000 for the women and \$1.2 million for the men. But the opening and closing

in order for us to survive.

ceremonies have been scrapped and there have been sharp cutbacks on handouts of souvenirs and free VIP passes have been all but eliminated. "If you look around Moscow,

metres during a live harnessracing card at the Charlottetown Driving Park. BskyB

clarifies LONDON, Oct 7 (Reuters/Internet): British Sky Broadcasting Pic said on Wednesday it had no plans to block any planned transfer spending by bid target Manchester United. "Clearly BSkyB has no in-

terest in preventing the successful running of Manchester United either during the offer period or once the acquisition is completed -- we have no intention of doing so," a BSkyB spokesman said, responding to recent press reports. "Decisions on the acquisi-

tion of players will be made by the Manchester United board," the spokesman said. BSkyB, the leading force in British pay TV, has made an offer valuing Manchester United

at about \$1 billion. The United board is recommending acceptance of the bid. Media reports highlighted a section in the offer document which said United could spend only one million pounds per player deal before seeking BSkyB's consent, pending com-

pletion of the deal. However, industry sources noted that such a clause was standard practice under

takeover rules.

vious years," Shakhtin said. "It all cost money, and we just don't have it now. If you come to the event -- you'll notice other things we've had to cut." Some of the tournament

you won't see as many adverts

for our event as we had in pre-

staff have not been paid on "It's not just a problem for us," he said. "It's a problem everyone has to deal with in our country -- the banks aren't working and our assets have been frozen, so we can't pay for

certain things. Czech defending champion Jana Novotna, Grand Slam Cup* winner Venus Williams and former world number one

Moscow's own tennis sweetheart, 13th-ranked Anna Kournikova, who has been at odds with the Kremlin Cup organisers in the past, has yet to confirm she will play at the Olympic complex.

about the future. "I'm a sports fan and so I'd love to see our event continue and not go the way of the Izvestia Cup," he said, referring to Moscow's prestige New Year ice hockey tournament, which

folded last year after three

decades.

"But it's not worth making predictions in our country." Rangamati

soccer

RANGAMATI, Oct 7: Nabin Sangha emerged champions defeating Bhedbhedi Eleven 3-2 in a tie-breaker in the final of Iqbal Smriti football tournament held yesterday at Old Court Building ground, reports

bus to the town of Bursa for the Monica Seles are scheduled to game. top the seedings this month.

rector Bernd Pfaff said. Shakhtin was cautious

tourage a sense of security. "Of course we have to keep an Bursa," Pfaff said.

This will be Germany's first