

Bayern ride on Elber

BONN, Oct 25: Brazilian striker Elber scored two goals and set up another two to help leaders Bayern Munich crush champions Kaiserslautern 4-0 in the German First Division on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Kaiserslautern, who beat Bayern twice on their way to the title last season, looked helpless this time as the impressive Bavarians extended their unbeaten run to nine matches.

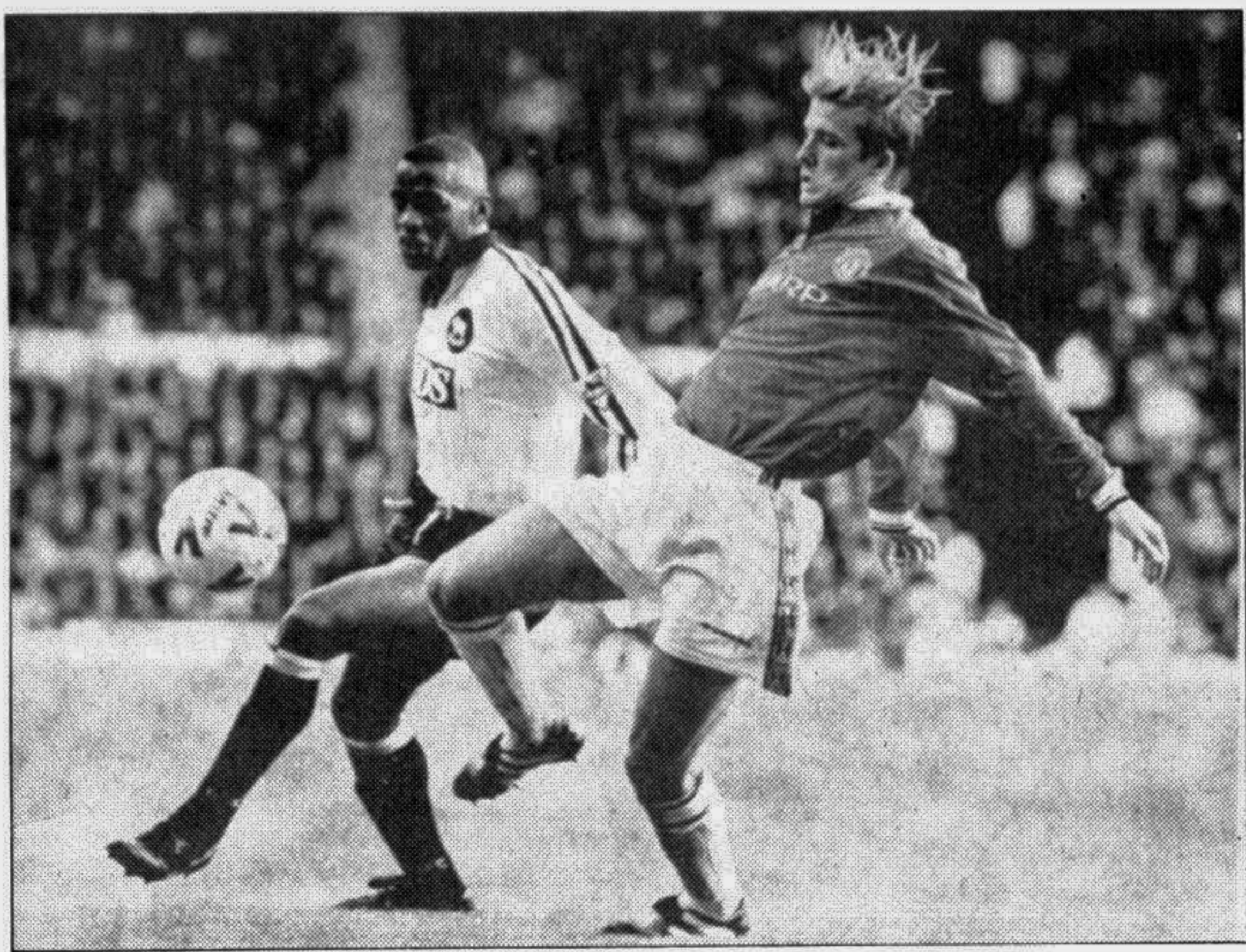
Bayern were already leading 2-0 when Elber raced in after a shot from midfielder Thorsten Fink bounced off the post to score his first goal of the match in the 52nd minute.

Four minutes later, Elber, who scored a hat-trick in Brazil's 5-1 demolition of Ecuador earlier this month, struck again from close range.

It was a fine pass by Elber that allowed midfielder Mario Basler to put the home side in front by coolly flicking the ball over Kaiserslautern keeper Andreas Reinke in the 10th minute.

Elber, unstoppable on a sunny afternoon, then set up Iranian striker Ali Daei, who gave Bayern a 2-0 lead from close range seconds before half-time.

The win allowed Bayern to move six points clear of second-placed city rivals TSV 1860 Munich, who visit Bayer Leverkusen today.



Manchester United's David Beckham (R) tussles with a Derby County player in their Premiership encounter on Oct 24. United were held to a one-all draw. — AFP photo

Owen sets Forest on fire

LONDON, Oct 25: Michael Owen fired a defiant message to the Liverpool management as he scored four goals in his team's 5-1 English Premier league demolition of Nottingham Forest on Saturday, reports Reuters.

League leaders Aston Villa lost their 100 per cent home record when they drew 1-1 with Leicester City but did not lose any ground on their nearest challengers as Manchester United and Middlesbrough both drew.

United needed an 86th minute equaliser by Jordi Cruyff to scramble a point in a 1-1 draw at Derby County while Boro drew 2-2 at Wimbledon.

Bottom side Southampton collected their first win of the season 2-1 over second-last Coventry. Tottenham Hotspur beat Newcastle 2-0 with two goals from Norwegian Stefan Iversen and Charlton beat London rivals West Ham 4-2.

Aston Villa lead the standing with 22 points, united are second on 18 with Liverpool moving into third on 16, ahead of Middlesbrough on goal difference.

Owen, rested against his will in Tuesday's UEFA Cup match against Valencia, made his mark immediately at Anfield with a superb curling shot after 10 minutes.



MICHAEL OWEN

Dougie Freedman briefly had Forest level but Steve Manaman restored Liverpool's lead in the 23rd minute.

Owen then took over with a trademark run and shot after 38 minutes and completed his hat-trick after 71 following a foul on Karlheinz Riedle. He added his fourth and Liverpool's fifth 14 minutes from time.

It was Liverpool's first league win in six games but one of their best performances for a long time.

Villa trailed to a 36th minute Tony Cottee goal but salvaged a point with a header by Ugo Ehiogu in the 68th minute.

Manchester United, still on a high from their 6-2 midweek thrashing on Borndby in the Champions League, looked destined for defeat after Deon Burton put Derby ahead in the 74th minute of a dour battle.

But Cruyff, one of three late substitutes used in a desperate move by Alex Ferguson, squeezed in a short from the edge of the box.

Matthew Le Tissier made the difference for bottom club Southampton. The former England midfielder headed them in front in the 23rd minute and then crossed for Egil Ostenstad to make it 2-0 just before half-time.

Coventry fought back with a goal by Dion Dublin on the hour but the Saints held on for their first win in 10 games.

Today, Blackburn host Arsenal while Chelsea visit Leeds.

Thugwane keeps his promise

NEWCASTLE, England, Oct 25: South Africa's Olympic marathon champion Josia Thugwane beat off a strong field to win the Great North Run, the world's biggest half-marathon, here on Sunday, reports AFP.

Thugwane, who entered the race after keeping a promise to race organisers made over two years ago, won in 62min 32sec, 18 seconds ahead of Kenya's Joyce Mireia, with last year's World Championship silver medalist Martin Fiz of Spain third in 63min 30min 30sec.

"I needed a fast race before next month's New York marathon and although I would have liked to run faster the conditions were against me," said Thugwane, the first black South African ever to win an Olympic gold medal.

In the women's half-marathon, debutante Sonia O'Sullivan defied the freezing, blustery winds blowing off the North Sea to clinch a comfortable victory.

It provided a triumphant end to the Irish racer's season in which she has won the long and short race World cross-country titles, completed a unique European 5,000 metres and 10,000 double and won the World Cup 5,000m championship.

O'Sullivan crossed the finishing line with a huge smile on her face in 71min 50sec, over a minute ahead of European marathon champion Manuela Machado of Portugal with Kenya's Pamela Chepchumba third.

"Obviously it is a great way to end my year," said O'Sullivan. "The only thing that spoiled it really was the cold. It was freezing out there and 13 miles is a long way to run."

Ethiopia pull out of the Nations Cup

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 25: (Reuters/Internet) Ethiopia have withdrawn from the African Nations Cup qualifiers rather than play against neighbours Eritrea, the Confederation of African Football confirmed on Wednesday.

The two countries, who have been involved in a bloody border dispute since May, were due to play in a one-off preliminary round match in neutral Egypt on August 23.

"Ethiopia have informed us this morning that the date is not suitable for them, so Eritrea get a walkover," said CAF press officer Viken Djizmedjian.

CAF ordered a single match between the two teams last month following requests from the two countries, whose border conflict is still not resolved.

Eritrea now get a walkover into qualifying group one, where they will play against Cameroon, Ghana and Botswana or Mozambique.

Mac on a roll

MELBOURNE, Oct 25: American John McEnroe claimed back-to-back Australian seniors tennis tournaments with a straight sets victory over peace-seeking Johan Kriek here today, reports AFP.

Super Mac added the Melbourne Park event to last week's Sydney triumph over Frenchman Henri Leconte when he overpowered South African-born Kriek 7-5, 6-3.

But McEnroe's crucial break came from Kriek's desire to avoid ugly histrionics by offering to replay a point after a disputed McEnroe return was called out.

It was at 5-5 in the opening set and the call would have given Kriek a 6-5 lead.

After McEnroe complained to the chair umpire about the line call Kriek offered to replay the point, which he lost. He then dropped the set 7-5 and McEnroe from there was unstoppable.

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"Instead of having the whole thing blow up and a nasty scene happen here for the next 25 minutes, I thought I'd defuse the situation.

"I feel like on this tour we have to be a little bit different and people seem to like that.

"If we see glaring mistakes, especially on clay we just change it."

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Jordan Rangers' hero

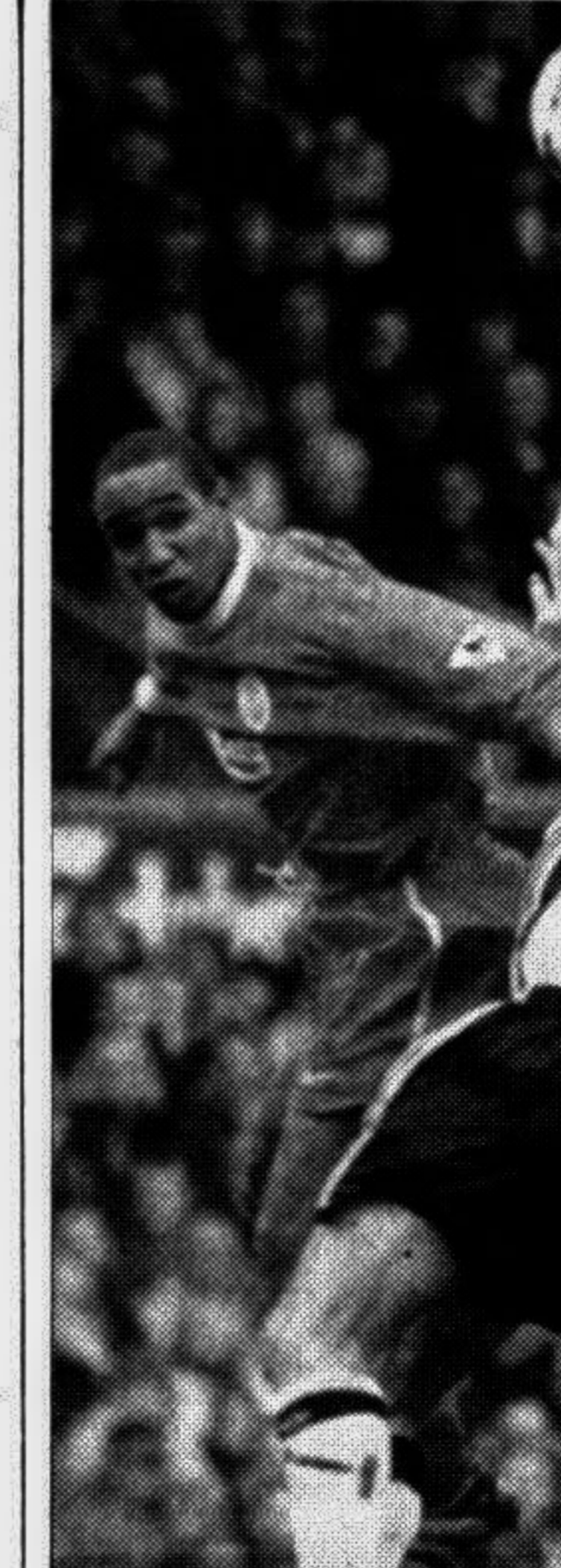
DURBAN, Oct 25: Striker Kerry Jordan scored all four goals as Manning Rangers of South Africa ran riot against young Africans of Tanzania in their African Champions' League Group B match in Durban on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Their 4-0 win puts Rangers top of the group for the first time in the mini-league competition but their closest rivals, Asec Abidjan, still have to play today against Raja Casablanca of Morocco in the Ivory Coast capital.

Jordan, who had missed much of the start of the season through injury and suspension, opened the scoring with a solo run in the eighth minute, sprinting down the wing, cutting inside and slamming the ball home from a tight angle.

His second and third came from headers, taking advantage of a static defence.

Jordan saved the best for last with a rasping shot after Solomuzi Ndumandazi's initial effort had been cleared off the line in the 67th minute.



Liverpool's Paul Ince (L) rises above a Nottingham Forest's Steve Stone during their Premiership encounter at Anfield. — AP/UNB photo

Pierce, Seles in Kremlin Cup final

MOSCOW, Oct 25: Mary Pierce battled from a set down to beat the suffering top seed Venus Williams 2-6, 6-2, 6-0 in the 1 million dollars Kremlin Cup semifinals on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Pierce plays Monica Seles, who defeated Sandrine Testud of France 6-3, 7-6, in today's final.

After losing the opening set, Pierce broke the tall American for the first time in the fifth game of the second set for a 3-2 lead and never looked back, winning the next nine games.

Williams had the match stopped for nearly five minutes two games into the decider for treatment to her injured left knee.

"I played a lot of matches in the last four weeks and I just wore down my knee," she said. "I don't like to withdraw and keep on playing, I did what I could."

The match ceased to be a contest when Williams returned to the court and Pierce needed only 20 minutes to complete victory.

"I wasn't really 100 per cent," Williams said. "I usually run down most of the balls and I couldn't do that."

Pierce questioned the severity of Williams' injury. "It looked odd when she stopped, being 0-2 down," said the fifth-seeded Frenchwoman. "It seemed to me that she was fine. I think it was more of a tactical thing."

Second-seeded Seles raced 3-0 ahead after she broke Testud in the second game of the opening set. The lone break was enough but it was more of a battle in the second, with seventh-seeded Testud serving well to force a tiebreak.

But Testud double-faulted at 4-2 to give Seles her chance and the American took it to clinch the tiebreak 9-7.

"I can't really explain what happened to me," said Testud, who was trying to reach her third final this year. "I had my chances. The most important point for me was when I missed an easy backhand volley during the tiebreak."

Seles, in action for the first time since she won the Toyota Princess Cup in Tokyo three weeks ago, looked smooth and focused during the crucial points.

"I just try to play a point at a time," she said, but added: "I served away too many double faults."

McEnroe yet atop

MELBOURNE, Oct 25: John McEnroe stayed top of the seniors tennis standings Sunday with a controversial victory over Johan Kriek in the final of the Melbourne tournament, reports AP.

McEnroe added the Melbourne Park event to his win in Sydney a week earlier when he overpowered South African-born Kriek in straight sets 7-5, 6-3.

The crucial break for McEnroe came from a line call at 5-5 in the first set with Kriek on game point. McEnroe's return was called out but he complained and Kriek offered to replay the point.

McEnroe won the point and was then unstoppable.

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"Instead of having the whole thing blow up and a nasty scene happen here for the next 25 minutes, I thought I'd defuse the situation.

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McEnroe extended his winning record over Kriek to 21-7, which includes 12-5 on the ATP Tour and 9-2 on the seniors circuit. Kriek was playing in his 20th final but slumped to a 2-18 record.

"You not only have to be good to win but you also have to be lucky and I got lucky today," McEnroe said.

Book on WC released

NEW DELHI, Oct 25 (India Abroad News Service): The World Cricket Cup in Britain is more than six months away but the cup fever is already catching on in India. As part of the build-up to the seventh version of the world's premier limited-overs cricket tournament, due to be held in May-June 1999, a colourful book capturing the excitement and achievement of the past World Cups was released by the Indian Cricket team at a glittering function here on Friday evening.

The "Wills Sports Cricket Book", authored by cricket journalist Kishore Bhimani, also gives a preview of the extravaganza expected in Britain next year.

"The book has tried to encapsulate all that went into creating the game's magical moments right from 1975," Bhimani said.

The book tries to give details of every match of the world cup interspersed with off-field stories including the Karry Packer phenomenon, advent of colour-dress for cricketers and day-night games.

"Caribbean Conquest" is the rightly the title of the first chapter which recounts the victory of the West Indies under captainship of Clive Lloyd in the first two World Cups held in Britain in 1975 and 79. The next two chapters "Indian intervention" and "Technicolour triumphs" gives details of how South Asian countries dominated the next four World Cups in 1983, 1987, 1992 and 1996 either by winning the coveted tournament or organising it.

The last section of the six chapters is some sort of a preview of the World Cup '99 which is expected to have the largest television audience in the history of the game. The other two chapters deals with some of the important venues and players.

"It has outlined the whole happening from uncertain beginnings to today's mega-event status of a sport that is a national passion, a binding force that unites an entire nation," International Cricket Council president Jagmohan Dalmiya said in a recorded message during the release ceremony.

Former Indian captain Kapil Dev was the chief guest of the function attended by almost all the Indian team members for the Wills International Cup Cricket tournament to be held at Dhaka from today.

Dev presented a signed copy of the book to Indian captain Mohammed Azharuddin wishing the team best of luck for the tournament at Dhaka and the next World Cup. A separate section has been devoted to the individuals known for their incredible achievements in the World Cup matches. Those from the West Indian include Clive Lloyd, Vivian Richards and Courtney Walsh.

Kapil Dev, Sachin Tendulkar, Mohinder Amarnath have made it from India while those from Pakistan include Imran Khan, Javed Miandad, Wasim Akram and Inzamam-ul-Haq, Sunil Gavaskar is a notable absentee in the list from India.

Sri Lanka, the present holder of the World Cup has three players in this section: captain Arjuna Ranatunga, his deputy Aravinda De Silva and explosive batsman Sanath Jayasuriya. The International Cricket Council aims at expanding and popularising the game in newer areas. Dalmiya in his foreword to the book writes: "...with the ICC's unflinching resolve to globalise cricket it is not far off when we will see 16 more teams participating in World Cup Cricket."

The first five tournaments was confined to nine countries only which was broad-based in 1996 when 12 countries were in the fray.

"The success of the 1999 World Cup will surely provide the right impetus and inspiration for many cricketing contests to follow in the new millennium," Dalmiya said.



France's Mary Pierce using her racquet to good effect at the Kremlin Cup on Oct 23. — AP/UNB photo

Vogts thinking of going abroad

BONN, Oct 25: Former Germany head coach Berti Vogts has said he might accept a coaching job abroad, reports Reuters.

"I have received several interesting offers and I'm considering them," Vogts told Sunday newspaper Welt Am Sonntag in an interview made available on Saturday.

Vogts, 51, stepped down last month amid intense media pressure following Germany's shock World Cup quarterfinal defeat by Croatia in France last July.

He said he was most likely to opt for a foreign country, and expected to make a decision soon.

"As a player, three times I had the opportunity to go abroad," he said. "If I don't do it now, I'll never do it."

Vogts, who was replaced by former Bayern Munich coach Erich Ribbeck, said he still felt bitter about what had happened to him.

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