

Sport

Bundesliga
Schalke 04
hold Bayern

MUNICH, Oct 4: Stefan Effenberg rescued Bayern Munich with seconds remaining to earn a 1-1 draw with Schalke 04 but they still lag five points behind Bundesliga leaders Borussia Dortmund in fifth place, reports Reuters.

Dortmund claimed their fifth victory courtesy of two goals from summer signing Victor Ikpeba of Nigeria which helped them to a 3-0 win over struggling Hansa Rostock. Bayer Leverkusen suffered their first defeat of the season to drop from top to third in the table as VfL Wolfsburg beat them 3-1.

Frank de Boer
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MADRID, Oct 4: Dutch international defender Frank de Boer is set to be out for up to three months with a right knee ligament injury following Saturday night's 2-0 win over Real Valladolid, reports AFP.

De Boer is therefore definitely out of the October 13 match against arch rivals Real Madrid. The Catalonian club defence will also have to do without Holland's suspended Winston Bogarde and injured Frederic Dehu of France for the Real fixture.

**Bout of
sexes**

SEATTLE, Washington, Oct 4: American Margaret McGregor will fight Canadian Lai Chow here Saturday in a historic four-round boxing match -- the first ever between a woman and a man, reports a woman and a man, reports AFP.

"Why not?" said McGregor, 36, the larger fighter at 5-feet-5 and 130 pounds. Chow, a jockey and weightlifter with a 0-2 boxing record, is three inches shorter and five pounds lighter than his female foe.

"This fight will be over within a minute," Chow said. "The first combination I land, the fight will be over."

McGregor also predicts a knockout victory. Regardless of the outcome, each will be paid \$1,500 dollars in a bout sanctioned by the Washington state licensing department and being watched by promoters.

"She took offence to the fact someone told her, 'You can't do it,'" said Vern Miller, McGregor's trainer. "She doesn't want to have a little asterisk by her name saying she is just a girl."

There are more than 1,200 registered female boxers in the United States alone, four times as many as just four years ago.

McGregor became a karate black belt after being hit by the man she loved.

"I felt so violated and helpless," she said. "I had a burning anger."

She had an 8-0 with one drawn record as a kickboxer, turned to boxing a year ago and has won three pro fights in six months.

The bout could be to women's boxing what the Billie Jean King-Bobby Riggs match was to tennis in the 1973 "Battle of the Sexes," even though these are novice fighters and not champions.

"Dead set against it," said Rick Kulis, president of the International Female Boxers Association, based in Torrance, California. "It's not Bobby Riggs versus Billie Jean King."

But it might have a greater impact. Indiana University sports sociology professor Gary Salses said.

"If the female boxer wins, it's going to be huge," Salses said. "I don't think women have anything to lose by this. It doesn't prove anything. This is the side-show."

**WTA's top
earners**

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Oct 4 (Reuters): Top 20 women's tennis players, according to WTA Tour Rankings:

Players	Points
1. Serena	2,564,171
2. Hingis	2,504,180
3. Davenport	1,960,363
4. Venus	1,828,082
5. Graf	1,193,367
6. Seles	726,680
7. Pierce	648,092
8. Novotna	606,154
9. Arantxa	596,221
10. Kournikova	548,624
11. Schett	530,385
12. Mauresmo	503,776
13. Likhovtseva	411,707
14. Halard-Decugis	386,645
15. Coetzer	386,470
16. Martinez	376,292
17. Zvereva	375,452
18. Morariu	354,730
19. Tauziat	350,582
20. Testud	328,746

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4. Serena	3,144
5. Seles	2,880
6. Pierce	2,628
7. Coetzer	1,929
8. Schett	1,918
9. Halard-Decugis	1,897
10. Van Roost	1,833
11. Tauziat	1,796
12. Mauresmo	1,753
13. Testud	1,721
14. Martinez	1,586
15. Arantxa	1,574
16. Kournikova	1,554
17. Likhovtseva	1,449
18. Novotna	1,421
19. Spirle	1,319
20. Frazier	1,300

Serie A**Shevchenko spoils Lazio party**

MILAN, Oct 3: Inter Milan found themselves two points clear at the top of the Serie A on Sunday after a night of madness in Rome ended with a memorable 4-4 draw between Lazio and champions AC Milan, reports AFP.

Lazio were 3-1 up and coasting for sweet revenge after Milan had snatched last season's league title from their grasp.

But Ukrainian signing Andriy Shevchenko promptly bagged a hat-trick in under half an hour's play to put the visitors in the driving seat.

Lazio's saviour was the man who has also dominated their European Champions League campaign, Chilean Marcelo Salas, dubbed "El Matador", who steered home his second goal of the night to earn a draw.

Not only did Lazio miss out

Roma skipper Francesco Totti and Fiorentina's German defender Jorg Heimrich being sent off in the closing minutes after

Lecce and we pushed hard all through match, even though we weren't always that lucid.

"But I think we deserved the result for all the work we put in."

Parma romped to a 3-0 win over Verona, with the UEFA and Italian Cup holders' first league victory being sealed in the first 10 minutes.

Argentinian playmaker Ariel Ortega set up the first goal for striker Marcio Amoroso, the Serie A's top scorer with Udinese last season, and then swept the second into an open goal in the seventh minute.

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great game, a great performance against a very good Fiorentina. We really deserved to win."

Team coach Sven Goran Eriksson tried to explain the night's bizarre events by saying: "These are two teams with great attacking capabilities."

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