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## Petit put on sale

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept 27: Barcelona are prepared to part with French international midfield star Emmanuel Petit just weeks after signing him from Arsenal, reports AFP.

Sports daily Mundo Deportivo claimed on Wednesday that the Catalan club had canvassed Chelsea, AS Roma and Fiorentina to inform them of the player's availability.



EMANUEL PETIT

But Chelsea are reportedly no longer interested. Mundo Deportivo said, although big-spending Roma and Fiorentina, who also have money to spend, apparently asked for time to consider a renewed bid before the Italian League transfer deadline on October 31.

Petit missed Tuesday night's crushing 2-0 Champions League defeat at home to AC Milan due to a stomach problem.

"Barcelona will not force Emmanuel Petit to stay but the recent signings show that the club have more need of players other than the versatile Frenchman," Mundo Deportivo wrote.

## Venus' Olympic

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Venus. "I love the way her mind works."

"But Venus is getting stronger mentally with every passing week."

"Her belief in herself is at an all time high and she's becoming clearer and clearer about what her weapons are."

Williams' impressive physique — she stands 6'1" (1.85m) tall — already means that her opponents have to work incredibly hard to put the ball out of her reach.

If she can develop the ability to get to the net more regularly behind her 100 mile/hour serves, that task will be made much significantly harder.

"The more she becomes a serve-volleyer, the more unbelievable she will be to beat," said King. "With that wingspan, it's going to be very difficult to go over her or around her."

You should not forget that Venus has not had the experience that Hingis grew up with — she hardly played any junior tournaments so she is still very young in terms of the competitive moments she has had.

"That's why I think you are going to see a huge improvement over the next two or three years."

Whether or not Venus does go on to fulfil all of her enormous potential, will also depend on whether she sustains a desire to make the sacrifices required to keep on winning over a period of years rather than months.

King is among those that believe she can. "I think the more she wins, the more she wants it."

## A queen without

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son in Rome adding yet another chapter to the Dovers book of successful comebacks.

Last year she was cast in the unlikely role of the bad fairy when she stopped Swede Ludmilla Engqvist — who had just recovered from breast cancer — from completing a miraculous return in the world final.

Whether she can hang on till 2004 is very much in question even for this durable athlete, though retirement for the moment is very much on the backburner.

"People keep trying to push me out the door," she said.

"I will only use the R word once and it's still on the shelf somewhere."

Sadly the same is not and will probably never be the case for an Olympic hurdling medal.

## PSV burst MU bubble



EINDHOVEN, Netherlands, Sept 27: Depleted United lost 3-1 at PSV Eindhoven in European Champions League group G on Tuesday night in their worst loss in the competition for nearly six weeks, reports AFP.

Paul Scholes scored on three minutes from the spot for the 1999 champions but Wilfred Bouma, on 17 minutes and then Mark van Bommel on 38 had put the Dutch side in front at the break.

Midway through the second half Yugoslavia's Mateja Kezman hit a third to put the result out of reach for the Mancunians.

Ferguson, with Sunday's Premiership match at Arsenal in the back of his mind, left Ronny Johnsen, Beckham, Giggs, Andy Cole and Teddy Sheringham on the bench.

Denis Irwin was not even named among the substitutes.

In total Ferguson made six changes and in came Phil Neville, Nicky Butt, Wes Brown, Jonathan Greening, Ole Gunnar Solskjær and Dwight Yorke.

But United's new-look side were no match for PSV as the Dutch champions taught the 1999 Champions League winners not to underestimate the opposition.

The only thing that can be questioned is my team selection, but I was looking for a fresher team on Sunday and I have achieved that, said Ferguson.

"It puts us in a better position to face Arsenal on Sunday. Tonight was game in which I felt 10 points will qualify us and we have two home games and I think we can achieve that.

"I'm looking to win our two home games and we have to go to Anderlecht as well."

Ferguson continued: "I

thought we played well in the first half. We were the better side but we were caught twice with naive defending on the counter-attack. The problem was we had too many young defenders.

"In the second half PSV were the better side and we have no complaints about the result."

It had all looked so different for United when they got off to a dream start in their third Group G game.

Just one minute and 40 seconds had elapsed when Solskjær pounced on a misdi-

wide of Raimond van der Gouw's goal from a decent opening on the right.

Wilfred Bouma made no such mistake when he struck to haul PSV level on 17 minutes.

Yuri Nikiforov released

Bouma down the left with a terrific crossfield ball, which Beckham would have been proud of, and the midfielder held off Phil Neville before scoring in the bottom corner.

Buoyed by this goal, PSV be-

gan to increase the pressure on United's makeshift defence.

However Gary Neville was determined not to be beaten again and at times he was holding the Reds backline together singlehandedly.

United's defence continued to creak and groan, but Phil Neville made a great saving tackle on Arnold Bruggink in the box as the PSV hitman prepared to pull the trigger.

The PSV fans then screamed in vain for a penalty when Bruggink went down under a challenge from Brown.

PSV's pressure was rewarded when they took the lead in the 38th minute with a fine goal.

Kezman played Mark van Bommel, through on the right and the PSV skipper fired home right-footed through van der Gouw's outstretched legs.

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